**Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of May 19th, 2019**

reporting on events & issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on **Sundays, 8am & 6pm** on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!

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<td><em>To Contact your Elected Public Officials, see lists of contact information at the end of this news brief</em></td>
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<td><strong>May 19</strong></td>
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<td>This week the Alaska Legislature started a special session (which can last up to 30 days) to focus on:</td>
<td>Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448</td>
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<td>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info at akleg.gov</td>
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<td>- and there are opportunities to testify; Contact your LIO for more information &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</td>
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This Week Opportunities for Action

**Sunday May 19**

**10am** Arbor Day Tree Planting

**5pm** FNSB Trails Advisory Commission Trail Plan Rewrite working group mtg. Agenda includes Citizens’ comments, & Address Issues with & Procedure for a Comprehensive Rewrite of the FNSB Comprehensive Recreational Trail Plan.


**7:30 pm** Arbor Day tree planting, honoring Chris White, Alaska Peace Center board member, Laborer, member of IWW - International Workers of the World, aka Wobblies - and persistent defender of workers’ rights. For more information: 457-5578.
**Wednesday May 22**

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<td>5:30pm</td>
<td>Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9 FM) volunteer training <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a></td>
<td>3535 College Rd, suite 203</td>
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<td>6:30pm</td>
<td>FNSB Sustainability Commission mtg. Agenda includes Citizens’ Comments; Resolution Supporting HB81 An Act Prohibiting Disposable Plastic Shopping Bags”</td>
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<td>4pm</td>
<td>Regenerative Economy Working Group mtg. “If our current economy is producing climate change, pollution, and inequality, what kind of economy can provide good livelihoods that work both for people and the planet? This working group is focused on finding answers to that question that make sense for Alaska—we seek to redefine the goals of the economy away from maximizing income for the wealthy few towards achieving broad-based equity, community health, and ecological sustainability…” Get in contact or get involved!</td>
<td>Native Movement 1327 Hayes Ave</td>
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<td>6pm</td>
<td>Fbks North Star Borough (FNSB) Special Assembly mtg. will include Citizens’ Comments; info re Waiver of Conflict of Interest; appointment to Health &amp; Social Svcs Commission; liquor licenses; introduction of ordinances for future consideration.</td>
<td>Borough Bldg. 907 Terminal St.</td>
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<td>6:30-8:30p</td>
<td>Training in Tenderness - Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche will be giving a talk about his new book “Training in Tenderness: Buddhist teaching on tsewa, the radical openness of heart that can change the world.” The talk will be followed by a book signing. Suggested donation of $15, but no one will be turned away. For more information, contact Alice Stickney 907-479-3425 or <a href="mailto:aastickney@gmail.com">aastickney@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbx 4448 Pikes Lndg</td>
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<td>10-2</td>
<td>Fairbanks Youth Advocates: The Closet Door program is an employment training service for local youth. Every month, they open the 'Closet Door' to share from the abundance they're blessed with. At $5.00 a grocery bag (FYA provides the bags) take home teen and young adult size clothing, shoes and outerwear. All proceeds benefit The Door's youth programs. [Believed to be the last Saturday of the month from 10-2, but could be mistaken. Their number is (907) 374-5678.]</td>
<td>122 Tenth Ave.</td>
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<td>11am-4pm</td>
<td>Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District will host its annual tree and shrub sale. <a href="http://www.fswcdtrees.com">www.fswcdtrees.com</a>. Pre-orders were due by Friday, May 17, and will be available for pick up at the event. Supplies are limited! For all questions, contact FSWCD directly at 907-479-1213, Ext.108, or <a href="mailto:FSWCD.trees@gmail.com">FSWCD.trees@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>590 University Ave. (USDA parking lot).</td>
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<td>10:30am</td>
<td>Showing Up For Our Refugee Neighbors - Susan Fitzgerald, who spent much of her life in Alaska, has dedicated herself to providing relief to refugees and asylum seekers who have crossed the border into New Mexico. Join us in welcoming her for a special program to learn about how we can show up for our refugee neighbors. During the service we’ll take up a special collection to support her life-saving work. For more info contact 451-8838 <a href="mailto:admin@uuff.org">admin@uuff.org</a>.</td>
<td>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd</td>
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<td>4-7pm</td>
<td>UAF Arctic Research Open House. Researchers from all UAF research institutes will be available to talk to the public and other researchers about their work. Research from the Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station will be highlighted on posters and several researchers will be on hand in the Arctic Health Research Building “head house” to talk about their work. The head house is located near the building’s greenhouse. Enter the west side of the building and look for signs. Refreshments.</td>
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Friday
May 31
Deadline

“Rotary Foundation Accepting Applications for Peace Center Fellowships” - Each year, the Rotary Foundation selects up to a hundred professionals from around the world to receive fellowships to study at one of its peace centers. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops leaders who serve as catalysts for conflict prevention and resolution. In just over a decade, Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than a thousand fellows for careers in peace-building, many of them serving as leaders at international organizations or who have started their own peace-building organizations.” Read more about it at [http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp9477-rotary-foundation-accepting-applications-for-peace-center-fellowships](http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp9477-rotary-foundation-accepting-applications-for-peace-center-fellowships).

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<td>3-7pm</td>
<td><strong>:: May 31: Pebble Mine Town Hall::</strong> The US Army Corp has neglected to host public hearings anywhere in the Interior on their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This means our voices haven’t been heard by the agencies in charge of permitting this project, or Senator Lisa Murkowski who has the power to defend and protect our communities. It’s time for that to change. The Alaska Center is hosting a public Panel and Town Hall for Interior communities to get the latest information about the Pebble Mine Project and to testify about our concerns about the mine. Agenda - 3-4pm - Open for Testimony; 4:30-5:30 pm - Presentation/Panel; 5-7pm - Testimony</td>
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<td>12-2pm</td>
<td><strong>7th Annual Peace Feast</strong> - All Welcome! <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> for more information. View, print, share the Peace Feast flyer!</td>
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<td>9am-2pm</td>
<td><strong>:: National Trails Day Volunteer Day at Denali::</strong> Want to know what it takes to provide trails for visitors in Denali National Park? Come join the Denali trail crew and celebrate National Trails Day by helping with maintenance activities on the park’s trail system. Volunteers will help the trail crew lop, cut and haul brush and perform routine maintenance. Volunteers may choose from a variety of projects ranging from easy to difficult, depending on their skill and comfort levels. This year's project is limited to 20 people; please contact the Volunteer Office at 907-683-9504 to register.</td>
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Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events

Starting Tuesday June 4

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<td>4-7pm</td>
<td><strong>South Side Farmers’ Market</strong> - The South Side Farmers’ Market (715-833 24th Ave) will be open on Tuesdays from 4-7pm starting on June 4th and going until September 24th. The annual BBQ will be July 16th, but there will be events every day of the market. Anyone with food stamp coupons can purchase locally grown food items at half price. Vendors can be members for $50 for the entire summer.</td>
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Jun 6 at 8:30 AM – Jun 7 at 5 PM

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<td>Leading Conversations that Build Community - Hosted by Alaska Humanities Forum, building a community of facilitators committed to leading meaningful conversations about vital issues in Alaska that connect people across differences, beliefs, and backgrounds. These discussions help build resilient communities and strong organizations. Participants take part in interactive, reflective discussions in large and small groups, learn techniques to lead them, and then have the opportunity to plan and facilitate a conversation and receive feedback from trainers and other participants. Learn more online at <a href="http://akhf.org/facilitation-training">akhf.org/facilitation-training</a>.</td>
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Good News category:

“Alaska Innocence Project gets @250K federal grant... The organization that helped free the Fairbanks Four... plans to use the money to research possible exoneration cases in rural Alaska... ‘If anybody out there knows of a likely wrongful conviction, they should have that inmate contact us,’ [said Bill Oberly, Alaska’s Innocence Project executive director]...” Read the article by Sam Friedman at newsminer.com 5/17/19.

“UAF students propose guidelines for Fairbanks-area climate change response plan” Read or listen to the Tim Ellis report at Alaska Public Media.
Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

Join Alaska Peace Center in signing on to this letter from National Lawyers Guild.

“Our government has already broken down the doors and [illegally detained or] arrested everybody inside, but it's important to register an objection:”

“SIGN ON: Letter to U.S. Government Denouncing Attacks on Venezuelan Embassy*

/*Sign on to the letter at bit.ly/VZembassy

[To] Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, U.S. Special Representative to Venezuela Elliott Abrams, U.S. Department of State...;

Randolph D. Alles, Director; William J. Callahan, Deputy Director, United States Secret Service...;

Chief Peter Newsham, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department...;

Mr. Idriss Jazairy, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights...

May 13, 2019

The undersigned write to condemn the violations of law which are occurring at the Venezuelan Embassy in Washington D.C. and to demand immediate action be taken. Prior to April 25, 2019, a group of peace activists were invited to the Embassy by the government of Venezuela – recognized as such by the United Nations - and continue to be lawfully on the premises. Nonetheless, the United States government, through various law enforcement agencies, have condoned and protected violent opponents in support of an attempted siege of the Embassy. In so doing, the U.S. government is creating a dangerous precedent for diplomatic relations with all nations. These actions are not only illegal, but they put embassies around the world at risk. It has been no secret that the United States government has been interfering in the internal affairs of Venezuela, openly supporting “regime change” and the promotion of a coup d'état. Regardless of differing opinions of the Maduro government, the U.S. government’s failed attempt at an orchestrated coup in Caracas is now being directed at the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Washington D.C. Secret Service agents, tasked to protect the inviolability of foreign embassies under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, are currently permitting violent opposition demonstrators to physically attack the Embassy, assault the peaceful invitees and prevent them from entering the Embassy with supplies of food and water. Video footage discloses multiple and on-going episodes of mob violence, including physical assaults, theft of food supplies, and the hurling of racist, sexist and homophobic slurs at those expressing to support the peace activists inside the Embassy. The president of Veterans For Peace was tackled, bloodied and arrested by Secret Service agents to prevent him from delivering food to the invitees. This week, apparently at the behest of the U.S. State Department and with no notice or due process as required by law, the utility company Pepco cut off electricity to the Embassy.

U.S. law enforcement authorities, including the Secret Service, have allowed the mob outside the Embassy to encircle the building with tents and canopies and place sentinels 24 hours a day at the doors to physically block food from entering the building. They have attempted to break the Embassy doors down or drill through them and have allowed the mob to paper over the outside windows so that those inside cannot see out and protect themselves from attack. Repeatedly, members of the violent opposition have been allowed to break into the building and cause destruction and damage to Embassy property, windows and doorways, as well as threatening the persons inside with death and rape. The Secret Service has refused to arrest these persons even though they have been directly apprehended undertaking these unlawful acts. The refusal to arrest, and the immediate release of these violent persons back into the surrounding mob, is emboldening violent actions. On May 12, 2019, at 3:15 a.m. and again at 12:45 p.m. there were two more attempted break-ins. Despite these actions occurring in front of law enforcement, police refuse to act to protect the diplomatic compound, arrest, or even move the violent offenders away from direct proximity.
The United States’ failure to provide guarantees of security and protection to diplomatic personnel, the Embassy and its guests is in clear violation of the most basic tenets of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, in particular Articles 22 and 45, which was ratified by the United States in 1972. It is well-established law that the people inside the premises of an Embassy, the Embassy’s property and its archives are covered by the Vienna Convention.

The United States, by its actions towards regime change and threats of violence against Venezuela, also violates Article 2.4 of the United Nations Charter which was ratified in 1945 and which is binding upon all members states.

The contempt shown by the Trump Administration for these principles and for international law puts at risk the entire system of diplomatic relations which could have a reverberating effect in nations throughout the world.

The undersigned demand that the United States immediately cease its on-going state-sponsored assault and illegal intervention in Venezuela and against its government, which continues to be recognized by the United Nations and the majority of the world. We demand that local and federal law enforcement immediately refrain from exposing the peaceful invitees and their supporters inside and outside the Embassy to harm in violation of their fundamental human rights.”

“Sign on to the letter at bit.ly/VZembassy”

-- “The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) is the oldest human rights bar association in the United States, with members in every state and a mission to value human rights and the rights of ecosystems over property interests. For more than a decade, the NLG International Committee has sent numerous delegations to Venezuela to observe...”

from “The National Lawyers Guild (NLG), whose membership includes lawyers, legal workers, jailhouse lawyers, and law students, ... formed in 1937 as the United States’ first racially-integrated bar association to advocate for the protection of constitutional, human and civil rights.
The NLG International Committee seeks to change U.S. foreign policy that threatens, rather than engages, or is based on a model of domination rather than respect. The Guild provides assistance and solidarity to movements in the United States and abroad that work for social justice in this increasingly interconnected world.”

NLG has a “Know Your Rights” pamphlet available for free download in several languages via https://www.nlg.org/know-your-rights-english/.

from Annika via info@winwithoutwar.org: “[F]or almost my entire life, the United States has been fighting an endless worldwide brutal war. And it’s all because Congress signed over a blank check when it passed the “Authorization for use of Military Force” — or AUMF — in 2001.

Luckily, longtime champion of ending the Forever War, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, is pushing a bill to revoke Congress’ two-decade-old authorization for the failed wars following 9/11. And it could get voted on as soon as next week. If we can get Rep. Lee’s bill as many co-sponsors as possible, we’ll have a chance of winning this vote and helping block Trump’s war cabinet from starting even more wars, from Venezuela to Iran...

Tell Representative Don Young to cosponsor Rep. Lee’s “Repeal of the Authorization of Military Force” bill to end endless war this week.

Presidents from both parties have distorted Congress’ 2001 AUMF beyond belief — to justify global war and counterterrorism operations in 80 countries over 18 years. The never-ending war in Afghanistan. Hidden drone strikes across Africa. Torture in Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib prisons. The erosion of civil liberties across the United States.

We’re sending people in uniform to fight and die in wars that the majority of current members of Congress have never even voted on. That's unconscionable and it's unconstitutional. So let’s demand they finally do their job by joining Rep. Barbara Lee in ending endless war.”

from CodePink: “Send a Message to the New York Times - Stop Selling War between the U.S. & Iran! From 2002 to 2003, the media was responsible for selling the false narrative of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. Now, the New York Times is doing it again. National Security Advisor John Bolton has been itching for war with Iran for decades. Bolton’s reason for dispatching warships and his plans to send 120,000 troops to the Middle East are based on lies. Just like prior to the Iraq war, the New York Times is helping sell Bolton’s war to the American public by publishing misinformation [with] no proof that there is a possible Iranian attack or threat, besides statements from Bolton... You can also call the New York Times to report errors and send feedback on coverage and stories at 844- NYTNEWS (844-698-6397) and please also contact your representatives in Congress and ask them to cosponsor S.1039 and H.R. 2354 to prevent an unconstitutional war with Iran. Please help us spread the word by sharing this campaign with your network: Post to Facebook ▶ Share on Twitter ▶ Share by email ▶”

from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): “In his State of the Union address in January 2019, President Trump said, “Great nations do not fight endless wars.” If that is true, it must also be true that great nations do not start endless wars. Yet here we are, with warships in the Persian Gulf and the Administration reviewing
plans to send some 120,000 troops to the Middle East. The State Department ordered a partial evacuation of the US embassy in Iraq and oil tankers are now being attacked in the Persian Gulf. All of this comes to a head roughly one year after the President pulled out of the nuclear agreement and re-imposed sanctions on Iran. This is a well-worn path to war—one that would have catastrophic effects if we continue down it. Our government’s separation of powers between the three branches of government exists for just this reason. A war with Iran would be a disaster.

Members of Congress have been working to make it clear that the Trump administration cannot go to war with Iran. In April, Senators Tom Udall (NM), Rand Paul (KY), and Dick Durbin (IL) introduced the Prevention of Unconstitutional War with Iran Act of 2019 (S. 1039). At a hearing with Secretary of Defense Mike Pompeo, Sen. Paul said in no uncertain terms: “You do not have the permission of Congress to go to war with Iran.” ... Tell your Senators and Representatives to warn the president that he cannot unilaterally declare war without their approval.”

from Alaska Public Media: “Dunleavy administration’s decision to redefine PFAS levels considered safe in drinking water ...” [lead to a hearing; no updates yet...]

&... “Bob Penney spent more than $300,000 to get Gov. Dunleavy elected. Then his grandson got an $8,000-a-month no-bid contract... READ MORE”

&... “Eielson GPS signal-jamming exercise may affect navigation devices, cellphone apps... a around the Interior over the next couple of weeks. READ MORE”

Around 10,000 service members participate in [biennial military training exercise] Northern Edge, which lasts from May 13-24... primarily above the Alaska Range and in the Gulf of Alaska. Environmental groups have criticized both the timing and scale of the trainings, which take place as fish and marine mammals are passing through the waters around the state. The military says this time of year provides an abundance of daylight, along with relatively mild weather that is conducive to the large-scale effort... In a press release, the Air Force says around 250 aircraft will take part. And, for the first time in a decade, an aircraft carrier from the Pacific Fleet will be on hand.” from Alaska Public Media 5/13/19

“Have you seen this Pebble video yet?” from Stand for Salmon. “Our friends at Defend Bristol Bay have a new video that explains the latest on what is happening in the battle to stop the Pebble Mine... We hope that it helps bring you up to speed on what's happening with Pebble and why we cannot take our foot off the gas pedal. Our leaders need to know we won't back down. And of all our leadership, Senator Lisa Murkowski needs to hear from you, your friends, your family. Watch this video. Then take action and send an email to Lisa’s office [& Sullivan’s] and let her know Alaskans need her leadership now. Each day, each month, this fight gets more urgent and we need you every step of the way! So watch the video, take action, and then share this email and video with your friends!

Thanks! Stand for Salmon, 921 W 6th Ave, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99501”

from Native Movement Alaska: Use your voice to stop toxic mining in Bristol Bay. Our friends at United Tribes of Bristol Bay created this helpful form to quickly submit your comment on the draft environmental impact statement. Click the delicious salmon photo to learn more and to share your comment today!

#NoPebbleMine #DefendtheSacredAK #ProtectBristolBay No mining in Bristol Bay! Customize this letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers to weigh in on Pebble's plan to send some 120,000 troops to the Middle East. The State Department ordered a partial evacuation of the US embassy in Iraq and oil tankers are now being attacked in the Persian Gulf. All of this comes to a head roughly one year after the President pulled out of the nuclear agreement and re-imposed sanctions on Iran. This is a well-worn path to war—one that would have catastrophic effects if we continue down it.

“The administration of Gov. Mike Dunleavy has sided with the Pebble-backed plaintiffs in a legal dispute over whether the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association can fund groups opposed to the proposed mine. In an amicus brief filed May 6, the state holds that BBRSDA should have no involvement in Pebble’s permitting process, and should instead confine its activities to marketing.” READ MORE from Alaska Public Media.

“Second whale found dead in Turnagain Arm within two weeks... NOAA Fisheries is monitoring the spike in gray whale deaths along the West Coast this spring. As of May 13, 52 gray whales have been reported dead. Of those necropsied, several have been emaciated or malnourished...” Read the rest of the KTUU article at this link.

“The Social Justice Committee is collecting bedding, towels, and basic kitchen necessities to support the successful transition of previously incarcerated community members with assistance from the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition. The collection box is in the foyer. Contact Alison Carter at alisoncarter2@yahoo.com for more information.” from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks

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from Northern Alaska Environmental Center. *Fairbanks: Time to weigh in on air quality* - The Fairbanks PM2.5 Serious SIP has been released by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. In the coming weeks we will have substantive talking points for commenting on the Serious SIP, but in the meantime, please note the following:

--- **How to comment:** You can comment on the proposed regulation changes by submitting written comments to Cindy Heil, Division of Air Quality, ADEC, 555 Cordova St, Anchorage AK 99501; or by facsimile at (907) 269-7508; or by e-mail to dec.air.comment@alaska.gov; or by the electronic comment form here. The comments must be received not later than 5pm on Friday, July 26, 2019. Comments received after this date will not be considered in final action on these rules and the air quality plan.

--- **Open House:** The Department of Environmental Conservation will hold a public presentation and open house regarding the proposed regulation changes. The public presentation and open house will be held in Fairbanks on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019, from 6-8pm** at the **Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Conference Center, 813 Noble Street, Fairbanks, Alaska**. The Department will give a short presentation at the beginning of the open house. Formal oral testimony will not be taken at the open house, but written comments and questions may be submitted to Department staff.

--- Fairbanks **public hearings** will be held as follows: **Wednesday, June 26, 2019, from 12 – 1:30pm and 5-8pm** at the Fairbanks North Star Borough, 907 Terminal St., Assembly Chambers. Formal oral or written comments also may be submitted at the hearings.”

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from info@americanpromise.net: “The **Democracy for All Amendment**—introduced with bipartisan support in January in the U.S. House of Representatives—is moving to the U.S. Senate. It will be introduced by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM), who is currently seeking Republican co-sponsors to join him in leading the way toward transforming our government, a movement with overwhelming support among Americans of every political persuasion. We need your help today to encourage your Republican senators to become co-sponsors of the Democracy for All Amendment and join Sen. Udall in calling for change in our political system, so our elected officials listen to We the People rather than wealthy individuals, corporations, unions and special interest groups. **Contact Your Senator.**”

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Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News and Opportunities:

-- Hello, this is Rob Mulford welcome to the Asymmetric Moose music picks for the week of May 19, 2019. Todays theme is, “Damn, I thought we’ve been over that before, made it quite clear, time and time again; what part of, “No! No! No!” don’t you understand?

We’ll start with the Pebble Mine. The “**Pebble Partnership**” is now saying, “Hey we’ve downsized the plans for our toxic footprint; won’t be leaching near as many reds now. Hey, you won’t even notice us, cept for the jobs we create, con-jobs that-is. Lets not let this camel gets its cyanide nose in our precious salmon habitat. The tune is **Please Don’t Let Them Build The Pebble Mine** by Lola Lavoy and Freddy Cardenas.

A little over two hundred years ago a courageous Latin American freedom fighter by the name of Simone Bolivar led a revolution that ousted the Spanish Monarchy and the European Holy Alliance out of what are currently the states of Venezuela, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. He later participated in the foundation of the first union of independent nations in Latin America. Bolivar’s aim was for a strong and united Spanish America able to cope not only with the threats emanating from Spain and the European Holy Alliance but also with the emerging power of the United States. Two centuries later that fight continues. United States - Hands-Off Venezuela. The tune is **Simone Bolivar** by *Inti Illimani & Milva*.

I recently heard a talking head, one of those subject experts from the US government’s psychological warfare department - you know, the ones that National Public Radio interviews when called upon to disseminate the latest propaganda in global capital’s war of primitive accumulation - She was explaining how the U.S. needed to act because Iran was involved in the criminal activity of money laundering to keep its economy afloat. This laundering apparently involved Iran making deals that let it get around U.S. sanctions, selling oil to other countries. The last time Iran elected to do something with their own natural resources that flew in the face of their colonial masters the CIA overthrew their democratically elected president. Now there’s a carrier and battleship fleet headed for the Persian Gulf. **Tell me!** “Who are the real criminals in this affair?” In the next tune American Iranian band *Niyaz* sings about the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people. It could very well be sung for the struggling Iranians, the Bolivarian in Venezuela, or the people of Bristol Bay. No matter how many borders you lay down; no matter how many soldiers you line up; forever we raise the flags of perseverance’ **Rayat Al-Sumud.**

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