Trident Three: "Guilty"

Leonard Eiger

On April 12th, The Trident Three were found guilty of trespassing in Federal Court. Larry Kerschner, Gilberto Perez, and Bernie Meyer appeared in United States District Court, Western District of Washington at Tacoma. Magistrate Judge David C. Christel presided over the proceedings. A large number of supporters witnessed the trial.

The defendants had their cases consolidated; their cases were all tried at the same time. Attorney Blake Kremer, who has supported and represented Larry Kerschner and acted as standby counsel for Meyer and Perez. All parties had already agreed to and signed the "statement of facts" that defined the events that occurred.

On May 7, 2016, during a vigil held by the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, the three demonstrators engaged in a peaceful protest. They entered the main highway and briefly engaged in a peaceful protest. They were arrested at the Bangor base, granted the government's motion in limine, which disallowed presenting any defense involving the use of nuclear weapons. At Blake Kremer's request, however, the court agreed to give some leeway in the defendants' testimony.

The developers, builders and large landowners (of the 1% affected properties) who contributed money to the elections of our current Commissioners do not want to pay mitigation fees outlined in the HCP. The Commissioners can instead propose a tax for all of us. The problem with that is they know their Freedom Foundation/Tea Party supporters may rebel and they risk losing those constituents.

Response to the conflict?

It appears the Commissioners intend to stall, holding onto hope that the new Federal Dept. of the Interior administration will do away with the Endangered Species Act. Meanwhile, this becomes a blame game that challenges environmentalists in our County, and also vilifies the integrity of those trying to plan for and enforce those protections.

F. R. Knell, longtime resident of Thurston County, is a fan of protecting threatened and endangered species.
Open letter to Gen. H.R. McMaster

General H.R. McMaster
National Security Adviser
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear General McMaster,

I just finished your book, Devolution of Duty. Your book was a courageous indictment of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) for their refusal to give President Johnson the benefit of their military advice in 1964 and 1965 as civilian policy makers Americanized the Vietnam war.

You stated their refusal to advise splendidly ended a flawed policy leading to the Americanization of the war and the deaths of over 50,000 US soldiers and over one million Vietnamese.

You state the Vietnam war was lost in Washington, D.C. Now you are in Washington, DC, our National Security Adviser. Devolution of Duty must be on your mind as you watch civilian policy makers Americanizing war in Iraq, Syria and probably Iran that could lead to another massive misuse of those brave soldiers you have commanded in the field.

The analogies between what you recorded in your Vietnam history and today are many and alarming, aren't they?

You know the Iraq war of 2003 was based on a lie, just like the Gulf of Tonkin incident.

The US installed the Catholic Diem as South Vietnam's Prime Minister. He started killing Buddhists. The US installed the Shia al-Maliki as Iraq's Prime Minister. He started killing Sunni.

When the US civilian policy-makers overthrew Diem, the replacement Prime Minister dismantled the governing institutions, just as US Presidential bremer did in 2004, making Iraq ungovernable.

US military advisers were sent to "train" the army of an illegitimate South Vietnamese government, just as US advisers were sent to train the army of an illegitimate government headed by Iraq's al-Maliki. US advisers couldn't counter the governmental corruption that led to the Viet Cong gaining support in the countryside, anymore than US training prevented a Sunni insurgency in Iraq, or kept al-Maliki from abandoning Mosul in June 2014 to fight a shorter war.

The current President fits your description of LBJ, "a profoundly insecure man who craved and demanded affirmation." President Trump's civilian advisers have a messianic purpose to defeat Islam, just like LBJ needed an affirmation. LBJ's ideological blinded him to the reality of the Vietnamese resistance, just as Trump's will blind his.

You criticized LBJ for hiding what was going on in Vietnam in order to save his Great Society. Now President Trump proposes a $54 billion budget increase, not to strengthen the military but to hide a domestic assault on all the governmental constraints to corporate profits.

You have a President who says kill "radical Islamic terrorists," just as LBJ said kill more Viet Cong. You said in your book that such a demand was simply "a tactical mission" and, without a clear political purpose, a waste of military equipment and soldiers' blood. In your book you denounced the very things happening today. "graduated pressure," "hit and run," "pinprick" "limited war," advisers in combat situations, and combat troops being introduced "without consideration of its long-term costs and consequences."

I know you are in a difficult spot. There is no one equivalent to a Mike Mansfield pushing President Trump to clarify his war policy, no anti-war movement that can, with or without a strong political party, a waste of military equipment and soldiers' blood. In your book you denounced the very things happening today. "graduated pressure," "hit and run," "pinprick" "limited war," advisers in combat situations, and combat troops being introduced "without consideration of its long-term costs and consequences."

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Sincerely,

Daniel B. Leahy
1461 8th Avenue SW
Olympia, Washington 98502

May the Fourth
May 4, 6 pm

Free Radio Olympia May Day Benefit Show

Monday, May 1, 4:30 PM
Olympia Film Society
920 Steil Avenue, Olympia

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Our Revo & Scheduled Sightings, Gallery Boom, and the audience were all justly endorsed a flawed policy lead- ing to a mutually agreed upon solution. We're also looking for graphics, poetry, cartoons, and articles that push the boundaries of conventional journalism.

WIP reserves the right to publish in whole or in part all submissions. For editing purposes, please enclose your phone number. Articles may be reprinted. Please cite sources. If your issue isn’t being covered in Work in Progress, it’s because you’re not writing about it! (Or haven’t found someone else to cover it for you.)

Send submissions to: olywip@gmail.com

We march against the City's continued suppression of the anti-fuckback protesters of the Olympia Stand encampment. It's time to continue our report and employment of officer Ryan Don-aldson and alter him from musing with the brothers Andre Thompson and Bryson Fortt. Our Revo, Free Radio Olympia, and the Olympia Neighborhood House invites the community to attend this benefit show. This money is all being donated to the Olympia Neighborhood House. All are welcome to attend.

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**Olympia Slam Poetry Contest winners**

Thursday, April 13 Olympia’s eight top-ranking performance poets went head to head in Olympia’s biggest poetry event for one of four spots on the 2017 Olympia Poetry Slam Team.

The winning team of Dan Evans, Rachel Greene, Brian McCracken, and Taylor Beretzel will travel to the 2017 National Poetry Slam in Denver, CO. Olympia People’s Mic sponsors a weekly spoken word poetry community, and the Olympia Poetry Grand Slam highlights accomplished poets who have competed in slams throughout its 2016-17 season.

For three years, Olympia People’s Mic has nurtured the creative writing and performance skills of Olympia poets and sent representatives to national poetry events. Old Growth Poetry Collective is raising money to help send the Slam Team to Colorado—a link to contribute is [www.paypal.me/ogpoetrycollective](http://www.paypal.me/ogpoetrycollective).

**Carry your keys by Rachel Greene**

If there’s a mini van parked near to the driver’s side of your car, crawl in through the passenger seat. There might be someone behind the dark glass waiting to open the door and snatch you.

When you’re walking through an unknown place, hold your keys in your fist with the point sticking out between your fingers. Unlike a knife or gun, your keys are less likely to be turned against you.

Always be aware of your surroundings. You never know who might be hiding in the forgotten alley. Be alert when you walk alone, make sure you pay attention.

My mom teaches me what all mothers must teach their daughters in this ongoing assault on our bodies.

When it happened to me, I checked a list. It was the list of experiences that make woman. It was just enough of a sacrifice, anxious taste to let me relate to all those rape poems.

When it happened to me, it didn’t run at me from out of the dark, all muscle and grab. It came from the familiar. It came with an ask. I let it have the right ask. It came with other people in the room. After being trained to act like prey for wolves, I wasn’t ready for boa constrictor.

Sexual assault is four times more likely to give you a birthday present, discuss social justice, he invited into your home or even your bed, than it is to run to you from out of the dark. It’s easier to fear the monster under your bed than the one sitting on your living room couch.

We teach our children not to take candy from strangers, but at the same time teach them to ignore their own boundaries. "Don’t be shy sweetie, give Auntie a kiss. Give Daddy a small kiss please, say please, thank you." He gave me a ride home afterward.

If I have a daughter, I will teach her everything she needs to know. More, if I had to be prepared but I’m sorry I have to tell you that it is our necessity.

Make sure you carry your keys when you walk through uncharted places. You will discover doors to new opportunities you will need to unlock.

Always be aware of your surroundings. You never know what sweet, ripe mysteries might be hiding in the forgotten spaces all around you.

When you climb into your car, remember you are the driver. You’ve got to know who you are and where you’re going.

Most importantly, know that there is nothing more sacred than your own blissful aspiration, so when someone else’s desire tries to consume you in unholy ways, let your own self love burn through.

Rachel Greene, a member of the Old Growth Poetry Collective, has been published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Vanishing Point.

**People’s Tribunal against the NW Detention Center in Tacoma**

Tacoma, WA—At noon on April 10, over 100 immigrants incarcerated at the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) refused their lunch, launching a hunger strike to protest their treatment inside the immigration prison. The Tacoma, Washington facility, located on a superfund site, is the largest immigrant detention center on the West Coast, caging over 1500 immigrants who are facing civil deportation proceedings. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) contracts with the GEO Group, a multinational private prison corporation, to run the facility, and hunger strikers demanded their release.

The NWDC has been a frequent target of immigrant activists since a March 2014 hunger strike involving 1200 detainees first brought international attention to the facility. A demand letter that circulated around the facility prior to the launch of the strike echoed many of the concerns raised in the 2014 strike, and includes demands by hunger strikers for adequate remedies for cases of abuse or injustice. The testimony [in February] demonstrated the importance of using the People’s Tribunal, because our system is clearly failing.

Based upon the testimony of the detainees, the Tribunal submits these written Findings of fact.

**II. General Findings:**

A. The immigration and detention system is a part of a broader dehumanization of migrants.

B. There is no distinction between good and bad immigrant: we are all human and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity.

C. All migrants are economic, political, and/or social refugees of some kind.

D. Trade agreements allow for the free flow of capital and products, but not human beings.

E. The tribunal finds on all evidence presented before it that the United States Government, including both the ICE/CBP Trump Administration, State of Washington, City of Tacoma and all counties and cities and GEO Group and all contracted agencies are responsible for gross, wide-spread, and systematic violations of human dignity and human rights.

F. The immigration and criminal system are one in the same and directly target people of color, immigrant communities and indigenous communities of this land whose bodies are used for labor and profit. As it concerns to the United States Immigration and Customs Service (hereinafter “ICE”) and GEO Group, City of Tacoma and the State of Washington:

1. The two organizations (ICE and GEO Group) passing the responsibility for inmate safety makes accountability more difficult to achieve.

2. There are currently inadequate food/calories provided during meals;

3) Better hygiene (with the clothes) and floor wax because they cannot spread, and systematic violations of human dignity and human rights.

4) Increase rec-time

5) Bring programs such as: school and career

6) Increase wages for working detainees

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8) Better medical treatment

9) Improve living conditions (waxing floors, painting, cleaning, cooking, laundry)

E. The subcontracting of phone and commissary services (www.nwdcresistance.org

F. Medical care is atrocious and people have died in detention and after they are released or deported because of it.

G. The use of retaliatory solitary confinement is a cruel practice.

H. The contracting of phone and commissary services is at exorbitant rates for a captive population.

I. There is inadequate complaint filing.

As it Concerns only ICE:

A. Wages of $1 a day for “voluntary work” is an ongoing practice.

B. The Environmental Impacts: The Tacoma Northwest Detention Center is located on a superfund site (abandoned dump) in an industrially polluted zone, where the administrative detainees are drinking the tap water without the knowledge of the long term effects of this exposure. They are also breathing in the toxic fumes of wet paint and floor wax because they cannot move to a different location when those conditions exist.

Second People’s Tribunal against the Immigration System and The Northwest Detention Center.

**Statement of demands by hunger strikers**

The motive that we write this is to ask you by favor that we all participate united, and on Monday April 10, 2017, from noon on and until we not eat, use the phones, neither will we bunk up on the late night count or lights out. The objective is to make some changes in the institution which are the following:

1) Change the food (menu)

2) Lower the commissary (reasonable prices)

3) Better hygiene (with the clothes)

4) Increase rec-time

5) Better medical treatment

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7) Improve living conditions (waxing floors, painting, cleaning, cooking, laundry)

8) Faster and better court proceedings (speed up the process.

We please ask for our help and participation. Because it is not just for them to treat out the way they want without them respecting our rights! And as we speak #Not1more let the world speak up. We’ll always be the same.

NWDC Resistance is a volunteer community buing group that emerged to fight deportations in 2014 at the now-infamous Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, WA as part of the #Not1more campaign. When it was supported people detained who organized hunger strikes asking for a halt to all deportations and better treatment and conditions (www.nwdcresistance.org 1-800-357-3196)
Denny Heck does not represent the people

Jeff Sowers

If we are ever going to get the kind of progressive change our society so desperately needs, we are going to have to elect people who will stand up to corporate power and fight for the progressive agenda that the majority of Americans want. We want things like a living wage for all, universal single-payer health care, serious criminal justice reform, transition to a clean energy economy, and no more endless wars and regime changes.

Unfortunately, our congressman in Washington’s 10th District, Denny Heck, is far from progressive. He is a quintessential example of why the Democratic Party and why the Democratic Party is increasingly losing to Republicans (who get far more money from big corporations). The Democrats have historically depended on the support of working-class people, but, it turns out that consistently selling out your constituents—while good for bringing in PAC money—is a losing political strategy in the long run.

Follow the money

Denny Heck’s campaign finance information reveals who he really represents. This information is easily accessible thanks to the website opensecrets.org. What really stands out is that his largest source of funding, over $500,000, comes from the banking finance, and insurance industries. It is also notable that 78% of his total PAC donations come from business interests vs. 18% from labor and only 4% from single issue groups.

This campaign finance record stands in stark contrast to progressive representatives like Rep. Pramila Jayapal and Rep. Andy Ramilda, who get far more money from small donors and single issue groups, and labor, and she gets comparatively little from the banking finance, and insurance industries. Only 4% of Jayapal’s PAC funding comes from single issue groups, while 62% comes from labor and 33% from single issue groups.

Selling out the people

So, what do all these campaign finance records tell us about the corporate interests bankrolling Heck? The answer is they buy him a congresswoman who will vote for corporate interests over the people’s interests on a consistent and ongoing basis.

Denny Heck has sold the people out to the corporate interests on a wide range of critical issues. He has failed to support progressive bills in Congress that would enact Medicare for All, create defense spending at the expense of social services, for arming groups in Syria fighting to overthrow the Syrian government, for at least three bank-

deregulation laws, in an early vote in favor of fast track trade agreement approval (though he later changed his position), and for huge corporate tax cuts at the expense of social services.

Denny Heck’s town meeting

In a recent Town Meeting, Denny Heck was challenged by a number of his constituents on a few of these issues. Before the meeting, some of us banded out flyers listing many of Heck’s anti-progressive votes and positions.

Medicare for All

One audience member asked why Heck was not supporting the Medicare for All bill currently in the US Congress. With 93 representatives now co-sponsoring it, which is almost half of all Democrats currently in the House, it is a $15 per hour living wage, reduce mandatory prison minimum sentenc- es for nonviolent and drug offenders, increase social security benefits to keep up with the cost of living, stop the US from providing arms to terror- ist groups in Syria, end marijuana prohibition, renegotiate NAFTA to include stronger environ- mental and labor rights standards, and strengthen workers’ rights to recover lost wages and increase penalties for wage theft among other important progressive measures.

During this same time, he has helped to enact a number of regressive laws. He voted to reduce food stamps by $8.7 billion, to expedite natural gas exports from fracking, in favor of fed- eral subsidies for fossil fuel research, and development, for building more nuclear weapons, against a 1% reduc- tion in defense spending, for expand- ing this bill has substantial support. But Heck refuses to support the bill. Could it be because his largest single source of campaign funds comes from the in- surance industry which gave his cam- paign more than $100,000 in 2016?

Heck’s justification for not support- ing the bill is that it has several flaws, and is not “fully formed.” Even if this is true, he did not say that he would support Medicare for All with some improvements or whether he support- ed the idea of single payer healthcare in general. He did not offer an alter- native vision for how we are going to make sure everyone has full access to complete, high quality health care which is a basic human right in mod- ern society. His focus, he said, was solely on preserving Obamacare.

Regime change in Syria

I challenged Denny Heck on his votes in favor of regime change in Syria and asked why he was supporting the regime change war. He has voted at least two times in favor of funding arms to the CIA to arm and train groups fighting to overthrow the government of Syria. This policy has played a major role in fueling the hor- rific war there. His response was that he “misconstrued” his votes and that he opposes regime change. But this is not true. Heck was not supporting the Medicare for All campaign more than $100,000 in 2016? Did this money played a major role in fu-

ing arms to al Qaeda and other terror- ist groups in Syria who are fighting to overthrow the government. He did not respond to this at all.

Campaign financing and corruption

Tamborine Borrelli, a progressive “Berniecrat” who has stepped forward to run against Denny Heck (see be- low), asked Heck whether he thought his source of campaign funding reflected his decision making. He said he be- lieves he represents the people well and, “he sleeps well at night.” Unfor- tunately, the same probably cannot be said for the thousands of Muslim chil- dren raised in an endless war, or people with serious medical conditions and no health insurance, or those whose water has become unsafe due to frack- ing.

Time for progressive change

Unseating Denny Heck is elect- ing a real progressive representative who refuses to take corporate money will be far easier than this extraordinary political development. But are we not in extraordinary times? From immigration toapidly hallowed prison populations, un- checked climate change to endless war, the crises we face are real and suffering is genuine, and the situation is continuing to get worse. The suc- cess of the Bernie Sanders campaign needs to be our wake-up call, and the election of Trump our anooze button. The 2016 presidential campaign and the America we are frustrated with government and thirsty for progressive change. But for people to be able to vote, we will need more than having public opinion on our side. A well orga- nized mass movement will be required. We will need tens of thou- sands of small dona- tions and thousands of people to get out and help with a campaign. We must mobilize the progressive majority in our district and get them to vote in the Pri- mary election in Au- gust, 2018.

Tamborine Borrelli steps forward

Former state senator candidate and national Sanders delegate Tamborine Borrelli has stepped forward to run as a progressive in our District against Heck in the 2016 Congression- al election. She has declared that she will take no corporate money. She has the courage to stand up to corporate power and fight for real progressive change. She will be the opportunity to hear more about Tamborine’s vision at an upcoming Town Hall Meeting at Traditions Cafe in Olympia on T ues- day, May 16th from 7-9pm. This event will be an opportunity to discuss Den- ny Heck’s voting record, what real progressive representation looks like, and what people want from their con- gressional representatives. I hope to see you there.

Jeff Sowers is a high school teacher at East Grange High School, a volunteer with WIP for more than a decade, and a long time nonviolent peace and criminal justice reform activist from Olympia, WA. He was active in organizing against the first round Gulf War. Last year he has joined the Thurston County Democrats to support Bernie Sanders’ campaign, and is currently serving as a progressive, “Berniecrat” precinct committee officer.
Denny Heck: The candidate of Wall Street, banking and insurance industry, big oil, big pharma, endless war, and neocolonialism.

If progressive voters of Washington's 10th Congressional District wish to support the Green Party, we must develop an agenda for transformation. If we choose to support a candidate who is beholden to Wall Street, the military-industrial complex, and the pharma industry, we would be choosing to support Clinton, Gore, or Obama in 2016.

Denny Heck: The candidate of Wall Street, Democratic Party Pied piper for the pharma, endless war, and neocolonialism.

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What he didn’t make clear to most of his voters was that he had always tipped his hat to the Democratic Party establishment. This bill includes a grab bag of good intentions for the good of Big Pharma and medical device companies that would undermine real progressive requirements for ensuring safe and effective new drug and device approvals. In opposition to this bill Elizabeth Warren stated, “When American voters say Congress is owned by big companies, developing new long range nuclear cruise missiles, and disaster relief, we have no choice but to support a candidate that is beholden to the most powerful lobbies in this nation. In 2016, Denny Heck votes yes for endless war on terror with approval of the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act by supporting HR 524, the Investment Advisers Modernization Act, a bill that gives the government oversight of private equity and hedge funds.

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Bernie Sanders: Piped piper for the Democratic Party

by Chris Stegman

Bernie Sanders’ call for a ‘political revolution’ against the establishment brought out millions of support- ers who voted for him in primaries and caucuses. I joined his campaign in April 2016 and left on the day he publicly endorsed Hillary Clinton. What he didn’t make clear to most of his supporters was that the Democratic Party campaign was that he had always tipped his hat to the Democratic Party establishment—Clinton, Obama, and Bernie. In 2016 there would be no different.

Once Bernie endorsed Hillary, his supporters had several choices. The millennial neighbor I had recruited to help lead my precinct programa tore up her sign and threw them in the garbage. Most of those who remained active followed Bernie’s lead. They stayed in the Democratic Party to fight to change it from a neoliberal party controlled by corporate/wealthy donors.

Borelli, who was a national Bernie campaign outreach coordinator for the Berniecrat group, stayed in the Democratic Party to fight to change it from a neoliberal party controlled by corporate/wealthy donors to a ‘party of the (working) people. ‘ They are the ‘Berniecrats’ .

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Heck votes for 12 Progressive Bills Denny Heck Does Not Support:

- H.R.2502 Police Training and Independence Act of 2015 (114th Congress), 13 sponsors, including Adam Smith(WA) and Jim McDermott (WA). H.Res.708 - Protect immigrants rights resolution. Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the immigration policies of the United States should reduce automatic removal and detention, restore due process for immigrants, and repeal unnecessary barriers to legal immigration.(114th Congress), 34 cosponsors.

H.R.1391 - Social Security 2100 Act (114th Congress), 105 cosponsors, including progressives, Kilm er, but not Heck. Increases Social Security taxes by a given amount, links future increases to cost of living index.

H.R.373 - Sentencing Reform Act of 2015 (114th Congress), 79 cosponsors, including McDermott, Ellison, and Lee, Larsen (WA), and DeBlaire (WA). Increases judicial discretion in sentencing below mandatory minimums for nonviolent and drug offenders.

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The duplicities of capitalism

If Alice from Through the Looking Glass could see Spencer's daily verbatim contours, she probably would think of him as Humpty Dumpty's reincarnation, equally scornful, but in a less talented presentation. The White House press briefings conducted by Spicer constitute the distressing quotidian proof of how those in power try to control the communicative process in America society by distorting facts and views. With regard to Spicer, President's main role is not to disseminate the truth, but to construct narratives that are in line with the political interests of this administration and its wealthy allies.

At the same time, Spicer is an example of how capitalist isn’t simply to the reproduction of exploitation and the repressive apparatuses of the state, when facing an oppositional critical discourse, strategically react by assimilating and neutralizing the dissonant message in order to subsume it into the mainstream narrative of the time.

The ideological apparatuses of the state, when opposing the fossil fuel industry and its nefarious relationship with the police departments, prosecutors, and federal courts, use language to deliberately distort reality. This is precisely what the ‘valve turners’ of Shutdown.org are doing. They arrest people with potential sentences of decades in prison and thousands of dollars in fines. Courts and state prosecutors are actively trying to frame theʃ

Pepsi-Cola and eco-terrorism

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We need to hold true to the progressive ideals of social progress, scientific advancement, and economic development. We must also be willing to make fundamental changes and create new ways of pursuing those objectives. This is Radical Progressivism.
On the two bombers of Syria: Bashar al Assad and Donald Trump

Some possibilities for the future

Peter Bohmer

The needs of Syrian people come first

The evidence has continued to mount that the Syrian Air Force dropped Sarin gas on a town in Idlib province in Syria on April 4th, 2017 killing at least 80 people and seriously wounding hundreds. Evidence includes eyewitness accounts, statements by doctors and other medical personnel in Turkey who treated the wounded, statements by various scientific organizations that it was Sarin gas dropped from the air, the past use of Sarin by the Assad regime in 2013 gas and the im- plausibility and obvious falsehoods of the Russians and Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad about the attack. It is dishearten- ing that so many on the left deny that Syria did these horri- fic killings or say we have no idea who did it. Although there is close to but not 100% proof of the Syrian government carry- ing out this horrendous attack, I fear that those who deny or cast doubt on Syrian government responsi- bility would not accept any evidence that challenges the preconceived notions and ideology.

I also disagree with many people who report Syria and the U.S. have turned to geopolitics and begin and end their position by being opposed to any U.S. military intervention in Syria. The arguments against U.S. military inter- vention in Syria and other countries are very compelling but they are not absol- utely nor is the U.S. the only aggressor in other countries. The U.S. is the major aggressor globally and given that we live in the United States, it is our main responsibility to oppose our inter- vention. Nonetheless, for people or organizations, which are commit- ted to global solidarity, we should not ignore extreme oppression and repres- sion of people in other countries. This is not saying the United States gov- ernment should not take the war there but that we, the people, should care- fully examine what is going on and consider the ways in which it can be in solidarity with democratic and left struggles, that intervention although almost always wrong is not an absolute.

My starting point in thinking about Syria and suggesting actions and de- mands is the needs of the Syrian peo- ple, realizing they are important dif- ferent from our own. We should ask ourselves if there is anything that can be done by people in the United States to help the people of the U.S. government to reduce their suf-fering and increase their possibility of peace. It is important to recognize the Quarterly of the Syrian population refugees in other countries, desperate enough to risk their lives in transit and knowing that they are usually not welcomed in the countries they seek refuge in. Another quarter are internally dis- placed by the war and at least 250,000 Syrian civilians have been killed since 2011. According to the Syrian Network for Human Rights, http://sNHr.org, a credible source, 15% of the documented deaths of civilians in Syria since 2011 have been caused by the Syrian government or by the Russian bombings in support of Assad, i.e., I am excluding Russian bombing attacks on the Islamic State. The Syrian regime is an extremely murderous government. As I will explain below, I do not support increased U.S. military involvement in Syria but that should not be the starting point of the analy- sis.

I have no tolerance for those who visit Syria for a week at the invit- ation of Bashar al-Assad and come back praising his government or talk- ing about the liberation of Aleppo in December, 2016 or Syrian stability. What kind of stability is there when half of the population displaced, with torture as state policy, with more than 15,000 people put to death in Sayd- naya prison alone, https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2017/02/syria-investigation-uncov- ers-genocide-secret-campaign-of-mass-hangings-and-ex-termination-at-saydnaya-prison/. For those who claim Bashar al-Assad is an anti- imperialist, why did he work closely with the George W Bush ad- ministration to torture prisoners that the U.S. sent to Syria such as Maher Arar in 2002. The enablers of the al- Qaeda movement’s democratic uprising in Syria in early 2011 that was met with murder, torture and re- pression by the Syrian state, the subsequent increasing militarization of the opposition to Assad. It is false that outside arms and interventions by the conservative Gulf States caused the Syrian government’s attacks on its own people, their military interven- tion followed. As the struggle got in- creasingly militarized the Gulf States including Saudi Arabia, also Tur- key and the United States have got- ten increasingly militarily involved but on a smaller and less lethal level than the Russian, Iranian and Hezbol- lah alliance with the Bashar al-Assad regime. This is another rewriting of history, they deny the mass uprising in 2011 of the Syrian people in order to claim the murderous role of the Syrian government is a response not to a popu- lar uprising but to invasion by outside countries and local and foreign jihadists. A related rea- son that we are supposed to ac- cept the Assad regime is that they are the only alternative to the Islamic State and jihadists groups such as al-Nusra. Assad and the various jihadist groups are both horrible alternatives but this also denies any agency of the Syrian people including the struggle in the area of Rojava for autonomy and self-governance, led by the PYD-YPG. Although weaker than in 2011, opposition to the Assad regime and the jihadist organizations continue inside Syria and by Syrian exile groups.

The United States military attack of the Syrian airbase

On Friday morning, April 7th, 2017, the United States military attacked the Shayrat Airbase, where the Syrian Air Force bases that Al Qaeda Khan Shina was attacked with 59 Tomahawk Cruise missiles, killing according to the Syr- ian government several soldiers. Bashar al-Assad, 10 to 20 civilians, two of whom were civilians. I do not support this April 7th bombing by the United States although I find very hypocritical those in the U.S., who are horrific and continually denounce this recent bombing, while not strong- ly opposing the 8000 bombing attacks that the U.S. has launched in Syria against the Islamic State and other oppo- nents of Assad, killing a few thou- sand Syrian civilians since the fall of 2014. This April 7th bombing was the first U.S. bombing directed against the Assad regime. Also and even more importantly, why then the inability of Assad not show outrage at his massive killing, wounding, torture, imprisonment, mass extermination and displacements of Syrians?

It is clear that the Trump administra- tion has no concept of the needs of Syrians, for example his barring from the U.S. of all Syrian refugees. Note also Trump’s-false assumption re- strictions on the killing of civilians by the bombing of the Raqqa region of Syria. In Syria and Iraq, killing is even more civilians than un- der Obama. The attack on the Syrian Air base was the most likely an attempt by Trump to gain popular support and to demon- strating that he is a decisive leader, to divert attention from his adminis- tration’s daily attacks on the people of the United States and the environment and to demonstrate that he is in- dependent of Putin and Russia. Just a few days before the Assad’s regime use of nerve gas, two of the leaders of the Trump administration said they could live with Bashar al-Assad as the president of Syria, which may have further encouraged Assad to use his- Partnership. Demonstrating his hypocrisy and instability, Trump strongly denounced any possible use of military by President Obama in 2013 when Syr- ian military use of Sarin killed 1300 people in Eastern Gouta, per- haps. I am against further escalation of the war by the United States in Syria and advocate for increasing involvement, to increase the number of Syrian casualties, possibly increase support for the Assad regime or Syrian leader and government put in power by the United States will prob- ably just another repetition of oppressive one with the likelihood that the Syrian security state apparatus will continue.

The Trump administration is a very dangerous one for the people of the United States and the globe and its actions must be strongly re- sisted. We can not continue to support U.S. military involvement and war only to its intent, we must also consider the likely outcomes of these ac- tions. For example, it was right to criti- cize the U.S. war on fascism in World War II, al- though we did not enter the war for entering the war were not primarily to save the Jews, Roma people and oth- ers from extermination. Much of the criticism of the recent bombing of the Syrian air base by the Trump admin- istration criticizes correctly his moti- ves. The United States government is also using a double standard when it condemns Syrian and other weapons when it used them on a much larger scale against Vietnam. Still, if increased U.S. military involvement in Syria would bring peace and the possibility of economic and social jus- tice to Syria, I would support. How- ever, U.S. military escalation against the Assad government is likely to only further Russian expansion on the Syrian population, thus increasing ca- sualties and not bringing Syria closer to peace.

The United States bombing of the Syrian Shayrat airbase will not reduce the bombing and war only to the Assad regime and his allies. It may make President Assad hesitate to use nerve gas again worse than that is not definite and the barrel bombs, torture, disappearances, hunger and death will not cease.

Demands, solidarity, the future

If all military equipment including arms were kept out of Syria and also

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The 2nd annual Indigenous Climate Justice Symposium will be held on Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5 at The Evergreen State College’s Longhouse Education and Cultural Center (10 am-4:30 pm). The evening’s keynote speaker will be key leaders of Native-led alliances to stop oil pipelines. Faith Spotted Eagle on Thursday and Rueben George on Friday. The event is free, and open to the public. For more information see the Climates Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Project at https://sites.evergreen.edu/indigenousclimate/.

This multifaceted event will engage our community in deeper dialogue and understanding about the experiences of People of Color in Thurston County and beyond. Workshops will give participants a chance to explore their own personal work and potential skills to strengthen their community through fostering a deeper awareness. Come prepared to have a meaningful experience. Attending this beautiful event will also financially support important Racial Justice work in our community.

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President Trump’s “targeted reductions” and our Thurston County communities

A Preliminary Report

Dan Leathy

The core of my first Budget Blueprint is the rebuilding of our Nation’s military without adding to our Federal deficit. There is a $54 billion increase in military spending in 2018 that is offset by targeted reductions elsewhere.

- President Donald Trump. (America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again, March 16, 2017, page one)

I reviewed President Trump’s Budget Blueprint. Part of his proposed “reductions” to shift $54 billion to the military, are eliminations. I noted and “charted” all the independent agencies marked for elimination and all the programs marked for eliminations. These eliminations do not include other proposed budget reductions.

I then began to ask local governmental agencies, non-profits and unions in Olympia and Thurston County what those eliminations might mean to our communities. So far, I have barely scratched the surface of the implications of these eliminations. Thanks very much to all those people who responded to my requests for information.

Community Services Block Grant

Elimination of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) of the Office of Community Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, a targeted reduction of $4.2 billion dollars.

Senior Services of South Sound, operating out of the Olympia Community Center, depends on federal funding from CSGB to support the Department of Health and Human Services. As well as other federal sources. The proposed 17.9% cut in funding for this Department would mean a loss of $73.928 million for Senior Services. This would force a decrease in meal service to seniors, a closure of two or three rural meal sites, 800 fewer meals/month for 100 seniors and the need to begin a waiting list for new Meals on Wheels clients.

National Endowment for the Arts

Elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). NEA distributed $5 billion in 120.00 grants between 1965 and 2008. It had a $1.46 billion dollar budget in 2015.

Some of the recipients of NEA grants via the Washington State Arts Commission (Arts WA) in Thurston County over the last several years include: beans and gels school districts, Harlequin Productions, Rachel Corrie Foundation, Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia, Ballet Northwest, Masterworks Choral Ensemble, Olympia Film Society, Olympia Choral Society, the Evergreen State College Foundation and the Washington Center for the Performing Arts.

Corporation for National and Community Service

Elimination of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). With a budget of $1 billion dollars (2013) and 485 staff (2006),...
Justice

Eliminates approximately $700 million from programs including the State Crime and Criminal Assistance Program. These programs are either outdated, met their goal, or exceeded their usefulness.

Labor

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). With this elimination and other grant reductions, there is a savings of $434 million from the 2017 annualized CR level.

Ineffective in meeting its purpose to transition low income seniors into unsubsidized jobs.

Labor

Eliminates grant funding of the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, saving $60 million from the 2017 annualized CR level.

(L) does not say all such centers, just those doing a poor job).

Labor

Job Corps Centers for the disadvantage youth, that do a poor job educating and preparing students for jobs

Largely noncompetitive and unproven.

Labor

Eliminating technical assistance grants from the Office of Disability Employment Policy

The Budget launches an early intervention demonstration project allowing states to evaluate methods to help.

Labor

Eliminates the training grants from OSHA, a savings of almost $11 million from the 2017 annualized CR level.

These grants are unproven and will focus the agency on its central work of keeping workers safe on the job.

State, USAID, Treasury

Int’l Programs

Global Climate Change Initiative and US funding of Green Climate Fund and its two precursor Climate Investment Funds

Fulfills President’s pledge to cease payments to US climate change programs.

State, USAID, Treasury

Int’l Programs

Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance account

This is a duplicative and stovepiped account.

State, USAID, Treasury

Int’l Programs

Complex Crisis Fund and direct appropriations to the East-West Center.

Programs like the Complex Crisis Fund are overlapping and duplicative and the East West Center can continue with other funding sources.

Transportation

Eliminates Federal support for Amtrak’s long distance train services

Inefficient and incur the vast majority of Amtrak’s operating losses.

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Essential Air Service (EAS) program that subsidizes commercial air service to rural airports, a discretionary savings of $175 million from the 2017 annualized CR level.

Flights not full, too high a subsidy/passenger, close to major airports, other modes available.

Transportation

TIGER discretionary grant program, saving $449 million from the 2017 annualized CR level.

Unauthorized and awards are available from existing surface transportation formula programs.

Treasury

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund grants, a savings of $210 million from the 2017 annualized CR level.

The industry that CDFI was intended to jump start 20 years ago is now mature.

Veteran Affairs

NONE MENTIONED

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Eliminates federal funding for the Clean Power Plan, international climate change programs, climate change research and partnership programs, a savings of $100 million from the 2017 annualized CR level.

The Budget reorients EPA’s air program to protect the air we breathe without unduly burdening the American economy.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Eliminates federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the Chesapeake Bay and other geographic programs, a savings of $427 million.

Returns responsibility to state and local entities and allows the EPA to focus on its highest national priorities.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Eliminates Energy Star, Targeted Alished Grants, the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program, infrastructure assistance to Alaska Native Villages and the Mexico border and more than 50 EPA programs, a savings of $347 million.

Lower priority and poorly performing programs.

National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)

No funding for a multi-billion-dollar mission to land on Europa. (Dan: smallest of the four Galilean moons orbiting Jupiter.)

Other missions more important according to the science community.

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Cancels the multi-billion-dollar Asteroid Redirect Mission. (Dan: robotic visit to near-earth asteroid, collect a multi-ton boulder and use in deflection costs.

To accommodate increasing development costs.

National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)

Terminates four Earth science missions (PACE, OCO-3, DSCOVR Earth-viewing instruments and CLAREO Path Finder).

Has experienced challenges in implementing a NASA’s education strategy and has functions that are duplicative.

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The Office of Education, for a savings of $15 million.

The private sector provides effective mechanisms to foster local business development and investment.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

PRIME technical assistance grants, Regional Innovation Clusters and Growth Accelerators.

Youth Services, Vet Corps, Washington Conservation Corps, Washington Reading Corps and Washington Service Corps... The total value of these services approximately $25 million. Then Mayor continued, “If the CYS (Community Youth Services) Youth in Services program was discontinued, 650 youth and families would not receive individualized educational and life skills support.

The elimination of this program would mean no more AmeriCorps volunteers for these programs: Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, Center for Community-Based Learning and Action, Cuyahoga Coal, CYS’ Rosie’s Place, Family Support Center, Mercy Housing, Pear Blossom Shelter, Community Youth Services, Big Sound Reading Foundation, Thurston County Food Bank, TOGETHER and YWCA. Girls without Limits.

Loss of CNCS funding would also mean no more AmeriCorps volunteers for these schools: Garfield High, Shan- sen, LP Brown and Madison elementary, Olympia High School and Wa He Lt Indian School.

Department of Labor’s YouthBuild

The elimination of the Department of Labor’s YouthBuild Program at Olympia’s Community Youth Ser- vices would eliminate the workforce for these completed affordable housing projects: Homes First (Tumwater), Emanuel Lutheran Church (Yelm) Dis- same Preparedness Center, Habitat for Humanity (Lacey) storage sheds and fencing for a 30 unit housing de- velopment, Fuma storage shed for 24 unit homeless adult community, Vet- erans Assistance Fund (Yelm) Tiny Home for a homeless veteran.

The elimination of the National and Community Service and Department of Labor funding at Community Youth Services of Olympia would mean a $1.4 million dollar decrease in its bud- get.

Legal Services Corporation

Elimination of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). With a budget of $375 million (2015), the LSC is the largest single funder of civil legal aid. It distributes 98% of its funding to local independent, non-profit legal aid pro- grams.

Here in Washington State the Legal Services Corporation funds the North- west Justice Project (NJP). NJP works with clients by challenging institu- tions and practices that disproportionately affect low-income communities and perpetuate poverty. It’s main of- fice is in Seattle with 17 offices around the state including one located here in Olympia. In 2015, NJP celebrated its 20th anniversary. In the same year it helped 14,395 cases, helping 32,987 individuals including 14,546 children, 2,605 seniors and 1,642 vet- erans. The Olympia office closed 14,395 cases last year in the areas of public housing, domestic violence, return of drivers’ licenses, and termination of public services.

The Community Development Block Grants

The elimination of Community De- velopment Block Grants (CDBG)—a program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development—will mean a “targeted reduction” of $3 bil- lion dollars.

Olympia is the only city in Thurston County that receives CDBG grants di- rectly from the federal government. It does not receive CDBG grants via Thurston County. The City receives approximately $350,000. Federal CDBG funds have provided: training and coaching of small business entre- preneurs, acquisition of vacant buildings (e.g, Griswold’s), Alley lighting and ADA sidewalks, trash compactors for solid waste, and the downtown Ambassador program.

Thurston County became a direct CDBG recipient in about 2007 when it reached the 200,000 population threshold and thus became an Urban County. In 2015, the County received about $1.1 million each year in CDBG Grants. In 2016, CDBG grants were for solid waste, a single family repair via Habitat for Humanity (Lacey) storage sheds and fencing for a 30 unit housing development, Fuma storage shed for 24 unit homeless adult community, Veteran Assistance Fund (Yelm) Tiny Home for a homeless veteran.

The City of Lacey, like all cities in Thurston except Olympia, receives
What will it take to break away from this juggernaut?

Minnie Wisper

The "insane and dangerous" campaign

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The first two weeks of the Trump presidency captures our memories as if in granite. Politics is a blood sport and the far right takes its vows—except apparently, those it intends to torture. The Republican Party has demonstrated for a long time now that it has no use for a single one of the nice-
ties of bipartisanship. Yet most Demo-
cratic politicians and talk shows as though living in a different political era altogether.

We witness to three simultane-
ous crises: a crisis of the working class, which is fractured by race, by region, by class and by religion, by religious belief, and which lacks political cohesion or organizational representation. A crisis of the ruling class, which was bullied and backed into a corner by a megalomaniac kleptocrat who stole their candy and who has no respect for the core institu-
tions of class rule or for the stories his class brothers and sisters tell each other about the delights of the prevail-
ing world order. A crisis of the state, in which liberal think tanks and liberal ac-
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A highly consequential debate about the future direction of the Democratic Party rages among activists, pundits and politicians. This debate is most ac-
tive among liberals, but it ranges both right and left. Liberals for the two months now liberals have been ru-
miming on the role of “identity pol-
ics” in the 2016 election. In my experience, advocates and organizers for racial justice don’t mention “identity politics” as part of the “identity politics” conversation. Nor do immigrant rights organizations, advocates for LGBTQ rights or women’s rights activists. Rather, in fighting for the expansion of democracy for particular groups they refer to the movement for racial gen-
eration, for democracy for the whole. And they know from experience that purportedly universalistic solutions often work to make already embedded inequalities even more rigid.

Unnaturally adopting the “identity politics” language of the right is the equivalent of dropping our guard and wafting onto their terrain. Master’s tools, master’s house anyone? We need to keep our collective nerve. When we see one and refuse to be a party to its proliferation.

The terminology of “identity politics” is part of a whole vo-
cabulary including “thought police,” “politically correct,” and “liberal elites,” whose main intention is to under-
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land? The degree of traction this post-
election wave gets in the national con-

cerns, impact the direction of the flow of attention and resources of the party, the party’s public opinion strategy, its philanthropy, as well as the focus of progres-
sive organizations. It will likely determin-
te whether the Democratic Party’s politi-

cal positions itself relative to 2018 and 2020, and whether that position has anything to do with creating a sufficiently broad electoral coalition to roll back Trumpism. With the tenor
Haven't we had enough?

J. Glenn Evans

In recent elections, the Electoral College has reversed the will of the majority of those who voted. It is time that we people here in the United States exercise our sovereign right to self-rule and take the federal system granted by our constitution. Our rights have been stolen from us by the passage of such laws as the Homeland Security Act, the USA Patriot Act, the Military Commissions Act, and now the National Defense Authorization Act. Our Supreme Court, also known as the Supreme Court, does nothing about declaring such laws unconstitutional.

You will note that above I said, “voted.” Laws, rules, regulations, and customs deny some people their right to vote. Why should anyone who is debarred with any other encumbrances, legal or otherwise, not matter. War criminals, or those who have caught committing crimes, but they are paying for it by being in prison. What about those who bribe government officials? Or those who accept such bribes? Aren’t they still voting? Furthermore, permanent residents who have resided in a country more than five years also should have the right to vote while they remain there. They, like all citizens, must obey the laws that have been passed. Therefore, all people affected by laws must have a say in who is elected to make such laws.

The resources of this world are here for all life and are not restricted exclusively for the few successful exploiters, speculators, and leeches. The present system of capitalism is creating too much inequality among the peoples of the world. Capitalism, like feudalism, has run its course. It is time to move on to a more earth-friendly and people-friendly system. These problems must be addressed, or there will be dire consequences in the future that may not be pretty.

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Fishburn enters race for Olympia Port Commissioner

By Janine Gates

WIP note: The following is a small portion of a much larger article by Janine Gates. It appeared May 19 on her Latina Hollywood blog (janineslittlehollywood.com).

Bill Fishburn, 47, of Rainier, has formally announced that he is challenging Port of Olympia Commissioner Bill McGregor for his District 2 seat. He made the announcement in front of a group of community members at a meeting on Sunday night in downtown Olympia. About 35 people were in attendance.

According to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, McGregor has raised $24,600 to date for his reelection campaign. The filing deadline was May 19.

For Fishburn, the decision to run wasn’t rocket science, but luckily, he is a relatively well-read guy. He has a bachelor of science in aeronautics and astronautics engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Employed for 21 years with the Intel corporation in a variety of capacities, Fishburn was a senior technical manager at Intel’s DoPunkt office in Germany, a division that was downsized out of his job during a recent restructure. While at Intel, he earned a division recognition award for creating two new processes that saved the division more than two million in time and resources.

Unemployed since October 2016, he recently decided to go into business for himself as a consultant.

These notes should in no way be read as an argument against address- ing the concerns of the working class communities. It’s an argument for not addressing those concerns as part of a larger story about the declining fortunes of the class as a whole. (2) It refers to the proposition that “the culture of poverty.” xenophobia, Christian supremacy, misogyny or heterosexism while addressing those concerns; (3) it’s clear that the dis- place- ment of the white economic anxiety on black people and immigrants and is neither warranted nor wise; (4) being clear that the post-war deal of expanding economic fortunes for a wide swath of white workers is completely off the table, what is on the table is the search for new forms of multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-gendered worker organizing that applies itself to the riddle of extracting significant conces- sions from 21st century capital, (5) understanding that winning the white working class away from thoroughly reactionary politics, is not principally an issue of crafting the best messages to produce results in the next election cycle but a long-term, revolution-moving proposition to which a battalion of people and organizations will need to commit.

We’ve only just begun.

Fortunately there are organizations doing the hard-on-the-ground work in communities and states that are overwhelmingly white and/or red. They know the importance of place and how history and culture shape their political economy. They understand that no matter how many conversations it takes to get a first-time or infrequent voter to the polls. They know that race and gender bigotry, while tough to eradicate, are not immutable. They have mastered the craft of building complex coalitions in which no constituency feels abandoned and all can move forward to greater political gains. These organizations and make sure their les- sons are widely shared, their efforts resourced and replicated, rather than throwing buckets of money to Demo- cratic Party consultants and opera- tives whose actions have much to do with the crisis we’re in today.

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Linda Burnham is an activist and writer whose work focuses on women’s rights, social justice and national politics.

Train tracks sabotaged to stop fracking equipment

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ObamaCare repeal raises fears in local transgender communities

By Kit Gertje

As the Republican-dominated fed-eral government pushes forward its plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), concerns about losing both healthcare and protection from discrimination are rising in the trans-gender community.

When asked if anybody was afraid of losing coverage if ObamaCare is repealed, several people at the February support meeting of the Gender Alliance for the South Sound (GASS) said, “Who isn’t?” GASS is a confidential, Tacoma-based organization that supports local transgender people. The group offers a space to discuss the process of transitioning, to offer solidarity, and to feel accepted and validated. At the mention of health care coverage, several people explained that ObamaCare is crucial to their ability to access the care they need.

Until July of 2016, when Section 1557 of the ACA came into effect, trans people had little protection from discrimina- tion. This provision specifies that, “individuals must be treated consis-tent with their gender identity, in- cluding in all medical settings,” making healthcare more attainable for many trans people.

Without this anti-discrimination pol-icy, many trans people struggled to get insurance companies to cover their medical needs. In a small, local sur-vey conducted by this reporter, partici-pants described instances of gender-based discrimination by healthcare providers. One trans woman said that until the non-discrimination clarifica-tion, “my hormones were discounted, making healthcare more expensive.”

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Some practitioners, however, are working to support trans patients. “I would often see [trans patients] pro-bono,” said Julie Dybbro, an ARNP, hormone expert, and owner of Com-plete Women’s Health Care in Olym-pia. “Oftentimes they were homeless, they didn’t have any money. I’d give them samples, I’d do whatever I could, but when insurance started paying, all the sudden it was a viable part of my practice.”

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The order states that “very high levels of denning medical care when sick or injured due to discrimination (20%) or inability to afford it (48%),” and “50% [...] reported not knowing much about transgender providers.”

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Nancy Armstrong, an ARNP in Olympia, expressed concern that reli-gious freedom legislation would allow providers to deny patients care. “There are people who are really uncomfort-able with [treating trans and gender nonconforming people],” said Arm-strong. “I’ve been a nurse for thirty-six years and I was never taught that way. I took care of people no matter what.”

Trans individuals are more likely to experience gender-based discrimi-na-tion in medical settings than cis (non-trans) people. In the same local survey, 96% of trans participants re-ported facing discrimination based on gender identity compared to 28% of cis people. All of that 28% were wom-en who reported experiencing sexism.

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Recycled asphalt is still a threat to the Nisqually Valley

by L. Riner

The Lakesides Industries plant was built in the Nisqually Valley area of Thurston County. This Nisqually Valley area has zoning regulations prohibiting RAP (Recycled Asphalt) in asphalt manufacturing. Now the Thurston County Commissioners, this GOP Tea Party group, is going to change all of this, and allow Recycled Asphalt into the Nisqually Valley.

Recycled asphalt is more polluting than new asphalt. The recycled asphalt has more facets than regular asphalt. These facets of the rock are what dissolve in exposure to water.

Environmental and public hazards

The hitmen boundetter in asphalt paving applications contains a relatively high concentration of a family of organic compounds that has the potential to pose human health and environmental concerns in certain circumstances, especially when asphalt materials are long-term.

Targeted

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CDG grants on a rotating basis via the County. In 2017, the City of Lacey will receive $667,000 in CDG grants. These funds could be used for housing, capital improvements, community facilities and public services that benefit low and moderate income residents of the city.

HOM Investment Partnership Program

Elimination of HOM Investment Partnership Program, a program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program and two others (Choice Neighbors & Homeownership Opportunity) will mean a “targeted reduction” of $1.1 billion dollars. These funds could only be used for affordable housing programs.

Two bombers

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foreign troops including the fighters for ISIS, most of whom are not Syrian, left Syria, I believe the Assad regime would collapse and the jihadist conflict would be won. The homegrown people would have the opportunity to create their own future and type of so-called democracy. That is why I wanted to call for a cease-fire. However, the Assad regime includes is not limited to the United States. While the U.S. has placed some sanctions, but the Middle East, more than any other country, it is not the main cause of the plight of the Syrian people. It is a state failure. I support U.S. military aid and training to the YPG, a Kurdish organization in northern Syria. Although the Assad regime would be a threat to democracy and human rights, it is not humanitarian for reasons many less to support an agreement to result, such an agreement could result in a vindication of the Syrian people, peace, and the possibility of a future rebuilding of Syria with the remaining Assad regime.

There should also be solidarity of all kinds for progressive and left groups inside Syria and of Syrian exile groups by grassroots global justice, peace and left groups around the world. I believe the U.S. should be sending aid to the government of Rojava. This is happening right now.

Five points for the U.S. to consider

We should also demand although very, difficult to achieve, the kind of U.S. support, military aid and sales of military equipment to react against regimes in the Middle East such as Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, etc. I support the campaign waged by Saudi Arabia, supported by the United States in Yemen, is also horrific, which mass hunger and water murder and we should organize and act against it as we oppose the current Syrian government, under their international supporters’ role in Syria.

People in Syria are hungry, wounded, sick and unemployed. We should support non-military, humanitarian aid that gets to the Syrian population.

Currently the Lakesides Industries company has tried to get Thurston County's approval to allow asphalt manufacturing, which is part of the Nisqually Sub-Area Planning Area, amended to allow recycled asphalt. This is happening right now, April 2017. Lifting Thurston County's RAP prohibition would open the door to RAP asphalt. This is happening right now, April 2017. Lifting Thurston County's RAP prohibition would open the door to RAP asphalt. This is happening right now, April 2017. Lifting Thurston County's RAP prohibition would open the door to RAP asphalt.
More money to make war on people far away – and at home too

“People of the United States are the single biggest military spender in the world. But there is an analog here at home: spending on federal prisons and immigrant enforcement, and the war on drugs. In 2016, the militarized budget was $741 billion, amounting to 64 percent of discretionary spending. Our report shows how U.S. spending on federal prisons and immigrant enforcement has skyrocketed in recent decades, all while the military machinery churns along.

For the report, go to https://www.nationalpriorities.org/2017/militarized-budget-2017/

Trident Three: Guilty

Fifty years later, we still face the same threats of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism.” One year to the day after that speech, he was assassinated. Fifty years later, we still face the same demons. National Priorities Project has released its first analysis of the U.S. “militarized budget,” showing how use of force abroad and at home limits our capacity to realize human potential.

The Suits

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As much as the defendants attempted to bring light to the real crime—the continuing threat of use of Trident against other nations—justice was not served in the courtroom on this day. Instead, the National Security State protected its narrow interests rather than upholding the Constitution of the United States along with the rights and humanity to be free from the threat of nuclear annihilation.

The Trident submarine base at Bangor houses the largest concentration of deployed nuclear weapons in the US and is the home port for eight of the Navy’s fourteen Trident nuclear powered submarines. More than 1,900 nuclear warheads are deployed on Trident D-5 missiles on SSBN submarines based at Bangor or on the Trident submarine base at Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific (SWFPPC) at the Bangor submarine base.

One Trident SSBN submarine at Bangor is estimated to carry about 100 nuclear warheads. The W76 and W80 warheads at Bangor are equal, respectively, to 545 and 455 kilotons of TNT in destructive force. One submarine deployed at Bangor is equal to more than 1,400 Hiroshima-sized nuclear bombs.

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The remaining threats are not alone.

Larry Kechner: “Twenty miles west of Seattle is the largest concentration of deployed nuclear weapons in the US. It is clear that the actual use of nuclear weapons would grossly violate the international laws of humanity and international armed conflict under any conceivable circumstances. How can the US threaten the use of nuclear weapons without violating international law? The Nuremberg Principles absolutely prescribe crimes against peace, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. How can the US Government lawfully establish a threat to commit such heinous offenses?”

May we all know where we stand, and stand there.

Leonard King is a member of Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action. The Ground Zero Community launched itself in 1979 with inspiration from Robert Aldridge, who quit his job at Lockheed directing the development of the Trident system’s sea-launched first-strike capability, and in response to the US Navy plans to expand the Bangor base to accommodate Trident-class nuclear weapon warships.

The Suit

I joined the army and they gave me a suit
Said kill those who wear different suits
I ran with the bulls and they gave me a suit
I too wore a suit or two
I too wore a suit and tie
All my friends on the grab wore a suit
Those talking heads in law
Who strip you clean always wear suits
Even those who would lock you up wear suits

That siren behind you heralds a suit or two
You see the suits on the talk shows Republicans will sometimes smile
Through pinched lips like it hurts
Democrat smile too
They look like they’re on your side
But they too have their eyes on big bucks
But always be wary of those in suits
When they come to plant you
They’ll wear suits too

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National Priorities Project
Exposing fear and anger so we can make progress

By Glen Anderson

May 2017

Throughout the 2016 election campaign, Trump was provoking fear and anger. He provoked fear of various groups to try to get people to rally behind him to protect themselves and to retaliate against them. He exploited people’s fear of economic and physical danger to exploit people’s antagonism at the wrong targets. After making people afraid and angry, he would then say he would elect him — the big, strong man — to protect us from Mexicans, Muslims, uppity blacks, feminists, gays, Iran, and so forth.

Trump’s provocation and exploitation of fear is exactly what dictators do. Make people afraid of “the other” and then elect him — the big, strong man — to protect us from whatever frightens us. Other dictators have followed the same approach to target Jews or Communists, and now Trump has used it against the targets that he chose.

Notice that nothing that Trump has said or done would actually solve people’s problems, but all about provoking fear, anger and blame targeted at vulnerable people. It’s all negative. The few remedies he has proposed are all baloney.

EXAMPLE #1: The Trumpcare/Ryan-authored ACA was incredibly cruel to people and was actually a scam offering massive tax cuts to the rich (but was non-binding laws and regulations to protect the vulnerable).

EXAMPLE #2: Trump’s proposed wall along our Mexican border is a plan to inflame fear and anger toward Mexicans — and to distract white Americans from reality. Actually, most of the people — who are in the U.S. without documentation — arrived here legally and simply over-stayed the visas. They have no voice or vote. They came from many different countries. Immigration from Mexico has declined sharply in recent years. So Trump’s wall would not solve any real problems, but it would serve as a palliative for inciting fear and anger. Of course, such a big project would need to be built by big businesses.

EXAMPLE #3: His radical trashng of governmental “regulations” actually is a radical elimination of protections for people and the environment. Big business has been polluting our environment with non-boundary laws and regulations to protect the environment and public health. Big banks and credit card companies have been ripping off consumers, so government has passed laws and regulations to protect ordinary people from financial and legal abuse. I remember the 1950s and 1960s when very serious coal mining accidents occurred frequently and killed many people, and we used to have governmental “regulations” that protected miners from those dangers. When right-wing politicians denounce “regulations,” they mean to accept only the protections for people and our environment.

Throughout history other politicians promoted their public image as a strong man, so government has passed laws and regulations to protect the Nisqually valley used to generate power people, and cynically refusing to move ahead.

This article’s first two paragraphs I quote out that the people’s hierarchy of needs for every person. Having achieved that, a civilized nation helps people meet the higher needs in various ways. Tyrants and abusive economic systems push people downward on the hierarchy so people will have less self-esteem and be less able to “self-actualize,” be able to fulfill their potential. They will have to scramble harder for mere subsistence, which says their energy and self-respect so they will be less able to organize to protect their rights. This in turn makes people more dependent on the right-wing oppressors.

When people are trapped upon in their lives, they can feel disempowered. We have an alternative. Let’s strategize to expose and dismiss fear, so we can make progress. Many of the issues that politically progressive people work on: climate, racism, nuclear weapons, death penalty, etc. — have emotional complexities that we must address, in addition to advocating the public about the facts. For example, if somebody is so deeply afraid of crime that they demand knee-jerk “tough-on-crime” laws, they will not be psychologically open to learning about how unjust the death penalty is. Their fear of crime is a psychological barrier to help people and to abolish the death penalty. So besides presenting the facts, we must simultaneously devise strategies to reduce fear and other psychological barriers that prevent people from learning about the death penalty and pushing to abolish it. In fact, even the very topics of murder and death are unmentionable to many people, so we must figure out how to reduce those barriers too.

We need to recognize the fears and other psychological barriers that make people avoid acknowledging the vital problems with nuclear weapons, the climate crisis, etc. We can make progress on these issues only if we understand and develop ways to reduce fear and other psychological barriers, in addition to devising ways to educate the public and politicians about the facts. No amount of facts can penetrate a person’s psychological defenses, so we must strategize about how to deal with psychological factors before people will be able to hear and absorb our message.

This psychological factor is a crucial “missing link” in progressive movement’s organizing. This article may help us have compassion for people who are stuck in their psychological frights and defenses by a lack of factual knowledge. In order to move the grassroots toward organizing and taking action for change, we must start where people are now, understanding the psychological factors that make people become and consciously help them get un stuck and move ahead.

Many organizing neglects this crucial first step.

Prolonged nonviolence and compassion are absolutely vital parts of strategies for helping our nation recognize the cruelty and oppression of Trumpism and right-wing politics. If we are strategically and psychologically savvy together, we can turn things around.

See interesting and useful writings and resources about nonviolent grassroots organizing and “nonviolence” part of www.olympiafor.org

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Standing with the trans community

Below is an editorial from the April-May issue of Freedom Socialist newspaper.

When the Supreme Court refused to hear a case brought by a young trans man and in fact overturned his victory in a lower court, they sentenced trans youth to continuing harassment, beatings, illnesses, suicides, and murder.

This deplorable decision was engineered by the Trump regime when they overturned the nationwide guideline requiring schools to allow transgender students to use the bathroom matching their gender identity.

Bigoted claims of “religious freedom” or false stories of threats to the safety of cisgender people in bathrooms are ludicrous in the face of the documented epidemic of violence transgender people face on a daily basis. Especially trans women of color who are being murdered in increasing numbers each year — they are at the dangerous intersection of racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia.

The Supreme Court even refused to deal with trans rights, which let loose each state’s right to decide about the issue. Wrong. Trans people are entitled to basic civil rights, dignity and safety no matter where they live, and at school or work, in housing and healthcare, or at leisure. Human rights don’t change at every state’s borders or every city’s limits! And what could be more basic than the right to be yourself and live your life?

— The Freedom Socialist

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