**COMING EVENTS + ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES
on MANY ISSUES**

* **Events on SPECIFIC DATES are LISTED IMMEDIATELY BELOW.**
* **After that I list events occurring EVERY DAY,** **every WEEK,** **and** **EVERY MONTH. These are listed in THESE sections only, BUT VERY FEW of them are listed also on the “SPECIFIC DATES.”**
* **Occasionally I post just a few items to the “COMING EVENTS” category in the right column of my blog’s home page at** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)
* **Also, I keep posting new information and resources at the various issue categories of my blog,** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)**, which are listed alphabetically in the lower right corner of my blog’s home page.**

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**On various dates you can learn about Ranked-Choice Voting. See** [**https://www.mobilize.us/fairvotewa/event/434070/?followup\_modal\_context=email\_shift\_followup\_other\_events**](https://www.mobilize.us/fairvotewa/event/434070/?followup_modal_context=email_shift_followup_other_events)

**Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) has a calendar listing many climate-related and environmental activities throughout the month.** See their list of coming events at this link**:** [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/upcoming-events/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/upcoming-events/)

**See many events on a variety of peace-related issues and other issues at this list:** [**https://worldbeyondwar.org/events/?link\_id=15&can\_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-wbw-news-action-new-anti-war-pro-peace-resources-database&email\_referrer=email\_1341959&email\_subject=wbw-news-action-nowarnowarming**](https://worldbeyondwar.org/events/?link_id=15&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-wbw-news-action-new-anti-war-pro-peace-resources-database&email_referrer=email_1341959&email_subject=wbw-news-action-nowarnowarming)

**SAT SEPT 30 through SUN OCT 8: Global Days of Action for Peace In Ukraine:** [**www.peaceinukraine.org**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/69753043/427154822/531035371?nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNS8xLzk0MjIzIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImE2ZTkyZTg2LTQwNTMtZWUxMS05OTM3LTAwMjI0ODMyZTgxMSIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ2xlbkBwYXJhbGxheHBlcnNwZWN0aXZlcy5vcmciDQp9&hmac=9uJkLRBCLnBMiQT6hjfg3l3EwQDIjac-0qvqOlPX-BU=&emci=1042da3a-be52-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=a6e92e86-4053-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=13947300)

**SUN OCT 1: Ukraine Eyewitness:  Report from the Front.” Peter Lumsdaine speaking in Olympia on his recent experiences there.** Washington state resident Peter Lumsdaine, who travelled through Ukraine just before the start of this summer's military counteroffensive, will report on his experiences there, the views of Ukrainians who he and fellow team members interviewed, the global resource issues at stake, and the rapidly rising danger of escalation to nuclear world war.  Both sides increasingly shift towards military systems that are enabled by Artificial Intelligence (AI). The talk and discussion will start at **4:30 pm Sunday October 1 at New Traditions, 300 5th Avenue SW (west of Water Street SW) in downtown Olympia**.  The event is sponsored by Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW).  We invite the public.  It is free, but we invite donations to support the educational work of a planned national *Ukraine Eyewitness* tour. Lumsdaine serves on the national Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) committee for abolition of nuclear weapons.  He was in Ukraine with three other delegates from the Zaporizhzhia Protection Project, an informal spin-off of PSR.  The global affiliate of PSR, International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985. This past summer Lumsdaine has spoken about this in various places in the U.S. For more information or interviews with Peter Lumsdaine, contact:  **tierralinda@live.com** 360-344-8350. For information about the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**

**SUN OCT 1 to SAT OCT 7: “Banned Books Week”:** Our regional public library system, Timberland Regional Library ([**www.trl.org**](http://www.trl.org)) celebrates this annual event supporting free and open access to information. This event brings together the entire book community in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas. As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Freedom to Read statement, Timberland Regional Library encourages all citizens to support the fundamental right to read freely. See [**https://www.trl.org/Intellectual-Freedom**](https://www.trl.org/Intellectual-Freedom) Nationwide, right-wing extremists have been banning books from schools and public libraries. Book bans have radically increased in just the past few years. PEN America reported that in the 2022–23 school year, a staggering 3,362 book bans were documented in public schools nationwide, marking a disturbing 33% increase from the previous year.

**MON OCT 2: International Day of Nonviolence:** Organize local activities to promote nonviolence today (Gandhi’s birthday). Consider holding nonviolence teach-ins at your local schools, faith centers, workplaces, and/or community groups. See much info here: [**https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o22dhZ--Z1SZBmS2arcIo\_ZT7K\_-2gQo4\_c48tUEpZw/edit#heading=h.l8sxxy3qh6rq**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o22dhZ--Z1SZBmS2arcIo_ZT7K_-2gQo4_c48tUEpZw/edit#heading=h.l8sxxy3qh6rq)

**MON OCT 2 at 7 pm in Olympia: *Light in Gaza: Writings Born of Fire, with speakers Yousef Aljamal and Jennifer Bing*:** Come and hear Yousef Aljamal, Palestinian writer and translator from Gaza, speak about the ongoing struggle for Palestinian liberation, freedom of movement, and the impacts of the Israeli occupation. Joining the events will be Jennifer Bing, National Director of the Palestine Activism program at the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). We hope to see you as we take advantage of this unique opportunity to focus on Gaza, where Rachel Corrie, a young Olympia woman took strong nonviolent action and was murdered by an Israeli military bulldozer while she was protecting a Palestinian family’s home. 7:00-9:00 p.m. atNew Traditions Fair Trade, 300 5th Ave SW (west of Water Street), Olympia, WA 98501. This is presented by the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice and the Tacoma part of Jewish Voice for Peace. More information about the book and the overall issues are at [**www.rachelcorriefoundation.org**](http://www.rachelcorriefoundation.org)

**MON OCT 2: Learn about the movement and organizing to stop “Cop City,” the huge site for training police in Atlanta GA, which also would seriously hurt the environment:** Tonight’s presentation and workshop will be conducted by organizers of the Atlanta Forest Defense, centered around stopping Cop City, which if built, would be the largest police training facility in the U.S. Police and politicians there have been brutally oppressive. 6:00 p.m. at Sem 2, D 1105 at The Evergreen State College, Olympia. Sponsored locally by Economics for Everyone. Info: **peterbohmer@gmail.com**. Nationwide: [**www.blockcopcity.org**](http://www.blockcopcity.org) and **blockcopcity@gmail.com**

**TUES OCT 3 at 12 noon in Tacoma: *Light in Gaza: Writings Born of Fire, with speakers Yousef Aljamal and Jennifer Bing*:** Come and hear Yousef Aljamal, Palestinian writer and translator from Gaza, speak about the ongoing struggle for Palestinian liberation, freedom of movement, and the impacts of the Israeli occupation. Joining the events will be Jennifer Bing, National Director of the Palestine Activism program at the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). 12 noon in Building 11, Room 119 (Senate Room) at Tacoma Community College, 6501 South 19th Street, Tacoma WA 98466. Facebook Event Page, please share & invite friends: [**https://fb.me/e/3NcErQL4q**](https://fb.me/e/3NcErQL4q) This is presented by the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice and the Tacoma part of Jewish Voice for Peace. More information about the book and the overall issues are at [**www.rachelcorriefoundation.org**](http://www.rachelcorriefoundation.org)

**TUES OCT 3: What are endocrine disruptors? Why are they dangerous? How can we avoid them? How could state governments protect us? FREE WEBINAR from 4 to 5 pm Pacific Time. Register here:** [**https://www.beyondplastics.org/events/endocrine-disruptors-state-policies?link\_id=3&can\_id=e62e762c26877f0fe538cb355533a954&source=email-join-us-ny-senator-pete-harckham-dr-pete-myers-to-discuss-endocrine-disruptors-in-plastics-policy-options-2&email\_referrer=email\_2052658&email\_subject=what-are-endocrine-disruptors-why-are-they-dangerous-how-can-we-avoid-them**](https://www.beyondplastics.org/events/endocrine-disruptors-state-policies?link_id=3&can_id=e62e762c26877f0fe538cb355533a954&source=email-join-us-ny-senator-pete-harckham-dr-pete-myers-to-discuss-endocrine-disruptors-in-plastics-policy-options-2&email_referrer=email_2052658&email_subject=what-are-endocrine-disruptors-why-are-they-dangerous-how-can-we-avoid-them)

**WED OCT 4: How and Why to Support Electric Vehicles – Register now:** The Union of Concerned Scientists invites you to a webinar on the facts about how electric vehicles are part of the climate solution. Register now for this webinar from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time. Register here: [**https://secure.ucsusa.org/a/2023-10-4-national-ev-webinar?contactdata=vRZwhlHmS3fRByYLNnGlY7FSmJPgYiMOmlAef35wvdLk2%2fwwks6i0WcQoTOAgbrr1OMk683lIiAmEC84qpu7Wa4MjuhXioWzOOE2RS3%2fHiQDRJiIzDa9UU4TyKnO7uC1svOV9qav8fKxUsC6oqIqFjXKIDCXQ2Hh6E%2fr9EwlwK1KgUq28oFSkn%2f178k7F2cQtFP4mmiwTnwstdiR%2fEjh%2fVVH7zkBj3sJ6KDoRHtA93ZzJudTAcwgXo18CvPKNUy3&emci=93b48b62-ce5e-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&emdi=a9b42b7e-f15e-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=2380919**](https://secure.ucsusa.org/a/2023-10-4-national-ev-webinar?contactdata=vRZwhlHmS3fRByYLNnGlY7FSmJPgYiMOmlAef35wvdLk2%2fwwks6i0WcQoTOAgbrr1OMk683lIiAmEC84qpu7Wa4MjuhXioWzOOE2RS3%2fHiQDRJiIzDa9UU4TyKnO7uC1svOV9qav8fKxUsC6oqIqFjXKIDCXQ2Hh6E%2fr9EwlwK1KgUq28oFSkn%2f178k7F2cQtFP4mmiwTnwstdiR%2fEjh%2fVVH7zkBj3sJ6KDoRHtA93ZzJudTAcwgXo18CvPKNUy3&emci=93b48b62-ce5e-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&emdi=a9b42b7e-f15e-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=2380919)

**WED OCT 4: “Water Guardians: East to West” Join this virtual panel discussion at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time.** We are connected through our Waters, and if Water is threatened, the repercussions will be felt around the world. Activists from across Turtle Island (what is now known as North America) will join together to discuss the past, present, and future of Water. The speakers will address how communities can navigate the current Climate Crisis, while at the same time building networks of solidarity. They also will delve into the complexities of the Rights of Nature movement and the necessity of advocating for the rights of the more-than-human world. **Join this virtual panel discussion at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time.** REGISTER HERE: [**https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_8sPjldKHR9Kf3yN5te7oyg?emci=d6c77e14-5056-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=addf0dc7-e55d-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=28935982#/registration**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8sPjldKHR9Kf3yN5te7oyg?emci=d6c77e14-5056-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=addf0dc7-e55d-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=28935982#/registration)

**WED OCT 4: This will help you organize locally to transition away from fossil fuels and secure a safe and equitable future for communities and the climate.** The SAFE Cities Organizing Network will help you transform anger into meaningful, winning climate actions that phase out fossil fuels in our cities and beyond. This is another smart activity of [**www.stand.earth**](http://www.stand.earth). Join today’s SAFE Organizing Network Campaign Orientation Call at 4:00 pm Pacific Time on Zoom. Register here: [**https://stand-earth.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcemrrzMiHNwBQCOIcca4wlp5rIte0uZv#/registration**](https://stand-earth.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcemrrzMiHNwBQCOIcca4wlp5rIte0uZv#/registration)

**THURS OCT 5: One-hour webinar supporting Pope Francis’ bold efforts for the climate:** Join Catholic Climate Covenant and Laudato Si’ Movement-US at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time to learn about and respond to Pope Francis’ very anticipated Apostolic Exhortation (*Laudate Deum* is scheduled to be released on October 4th) and what it means for the US. They invite people to learn, pray, organize, and take urgent actions. This one-hour webinar will include presentations summarizing the main themes of the Apostolic Exhortation, and lift the voices of scientists, young people, and those most impacted by the ecological crisis. Register here: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_sQrLb-DhQ5e\_nY83Q7jFdw?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=83f27185-d7d5-411d-94d7-13ad343e7286#/registration**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sQrLb-DhQ5e_nY83Q7jFdw?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=83f27185-d7d5-411d-94d7-13ad343e7286#/registration)

**THURS OCT 5: FREE 4:00 pm WEBINAR: Stop utilities from using our money to oppose us:** We who want solar power are being vigorously opposed by powerful monopoly utilities that use the money we pay them in our electric rates to pay for their lobbying, campaign donations, and other political tactics. This results in our funding the utility’s anti-solar advocacy efforts. Let’s stop this abuse! Join us for a webinar where we will explore how three forward-thinking states – Connecticut, Colorado, and Maine – have successfully passed laws to stop utilities from using our money against our own interests. The webinar also will discuss how Washington State could take similar action to protect the interests of us ratepayers. 4:00 pm Pacific Time. Register here: [**https://solarunitedneighbors-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_LRiQ\_2KlS52vXem5r02kVA#/registration**](https://solarunitedneighbors-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LRiQ_2KlS52vXem5r02kVA#/registration)

**THURS-FRI OCT 5-6: Online Conference on Ending Homelessness:** Washington Low Income Housing Alliance presents **The Conference on Ending Homelessness**, an annual event that brings together over 800 people from across the state who are working to end homelessness to learn from each other, exchange ideas and share advice, get inspired and re-energized, and organize to grow the movement to end homelessness in Washington and beyond. This conference is for everyone – whether you are a service provider, a long-time housing justice advocate, an organizer, an elected official, or someone who wants to start learning more about how we can end homelessness in Washington, we extend a warm welcome for you to join us. We will provide multiple spaces for identity-based caucusing to reflect and process with others who share similar identities. Info:[**https://wliha.org/conference**](https://wliha.org/conference)or (206) 442-9455 or**info@wliha.org**

**FRI OCT 6 (6-10 pm) and SAT OCT 7 (12 noon to 6 pm): Fall Arts Walk includes the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice:** They will mark the 20th anniversary of the Foundation and Rachel Corrie’s bold nonviolent action in Gaza. The Foundation will re-dedicate the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural Project [(**ORSMP**)](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0012X_4_f8I5KjLz0C1-R-HrzkFMQR_RQCvC10qmzmgD6DlNQHagWtUgbNst_DJSrnoODpqOVr8hRi3qeJq1mAsrs_BTOXyuq6YB1SaBAIauW_GRoSinn8KDBywsDe8xDXKjgeN1jOP0v3dxrlUp3Nk42m4v9yjkV2l&c=-osS_LnXMabQRktqijNfKT05SiqhEK7PhMFxFX-168ynY7uJaKqkHg==&ch=lJeGnXYzaKAhSPqfvSuCrA7xuvfOe3J6NX5LQeyHpZtY5O4NDmHDuA==), 119 ½ Capitol Way N near State Ave, downtown. Community activists will speak of the mural’s history, its impact in our community, and its future. See a photo exhibit from RCF’s partners at the Palestinian Cultural Palace. This gathering place for Gaza’s young people celebrates Palestinian cultural heritage. Also at the Arts Walk location near the mural, the Foundation will be selling beautiful Palestinian embroidery, handcrafted olive tree wood carvings, Middle-Eastern jewelry and artisan olive oil products from Canaan Palestine. Info: Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice, [**www.rachelcorriefoundation.org**](http://www.rachelcorriefoundation.org) and (360) 754-3998

**SAT OCT 7 through SAT OCT 14: OCTOBER 7–14 International Keep Space for Peace Week:** Each year the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space holds Keep Space for Peace Week in early October. This year our theme is the dangers of crowded orbits. Information: [**www.space4peace.org**](http://www.space4peace.org) and [**space4peace.org#095294**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/69753044/427154823/1321677099?nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNS8xLzk0MjIzIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImE2ZTkyZTg2LTQwNTMtZWUxMS05OTM3LTAwMjI0ODMyZTgxMSIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ2xlbkBwYXJhbGxheHBlcnNwZWN0aXZlcy5vcmciDQp9&hmac=9uJkLRBCLnBMiQT6hjfg3l3EwQDIjac-0qvqOlPX-BU=&emci=1042da3a-be52-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=a6e92e86-4053-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=13947300)and Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, P.O. Box 652, Brunswick ME 04011 **globalnet@mindspring.com** (207) 844-8187

**SUN OCT 8: Glen Anderson speaks about “Active Nonviolence in Daily Life”:** He will share insights and experiences – and practical ways to live nonviolently in our daily lives and throughout society. Westminster Presbyterian Church (1925 Boulevard Road SE, Olympia) invited Glen to speak at 12:15. Everyone is welcome. Info: Glen at (360) 491-9093 or **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**

**MON OCT 9: Reduce gun violence:** Since 2016, our local Thurston Gun Sense has been meeting and taking smart actions. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm through Zoom and also in person at The United Churches, 11th Ave SE between Capitol Way and Washington Street SE. Info: Stacy Steck **steckstacy@gmail.com**

**TUES OCT 10: World Day Against the Death Penalty:** People across the globe will gather and work to oppose capital punishment. Many religious and secular organizations are working to educate about and abolish the death penalty. For many years a savvy, ambitious group in Olympia worked. Our WA State Supreme Court UNANIMOUSLY ruled the death penalty unconstitutional in October 2018 because of a century of pervasive racial bias. In early 2023 the state legislature finally repealed the death penalty law. Glen Anderson continues to work with people elsewhere in the U.S. to abolish the death penalty in their states. For information, contact him at (360) 491-9093 **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**. Some nationwide and state-level organizations continue working, including (but not limited to):

* Abolish The Death Penalty | Amnesty International USA (amnestyusa.org) <https://www.amnestyusa.org/issues/death-penalty/>
* Death Penalty | Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) (catholicsmobilizing.org) <https://catholicsmobilizing.org/death-penalty>
* Death Penalty Action <https://deathpenaltyaction.org/>
* Death Penalty Information Center | Death Penalty Information Center <https://deathpenaltyinfo.org/>
* Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (fadp.org) <https://www.fadp.org/>
* L'chaim! A Jewish Anti-Death Penalty Group <https://deathpenaltyaction.org/jewish-action/>
* Ohioans to Stop Executions: ww.otse.org
* Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty <https://tcadp.org/>
* The Case Against the Death Penalty | American Civil Liberties Union (aclu.org) <https://www.aclu.org/documents/case-against-death-penalty>

**TUES OCT 10: FREE ONLINE webinar about “The Torture of Solitary Confinement” features experts.** As of 2020, 12 states automatically housed death-sentenced people in indefinite solitary confinement, in violation of the UN’s Nelson Mandela Rules. The rules “restrict the use of solitary confinement as a measure of last resort, to be used only in exceptional circumstances.” California’s organization working to abolish the death penalty – Death Penalty Focus – invites everyone to participate in the 21st World Day Against the Death Penalty with this webinar featuring experts, including DPF President Mike Farrell, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture Juan E. Méndez, and Rachel Meeropol, who, as a lawyer with the Center for Constitutional Rights, represented those imprisoned in solitary confinement in California in their landmark lawsuit, Ashker v. Governor. Register now for this FREE discussion at 12 noon Pacific Time: [**https://deathpenalty.org/event/the-torture-of-solitary-confinement/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=f9d9ee22-6c26-4f20-b251-2afd488b36de**](https://deathpenalty.org/event/the-torture-of-solitary-confinement/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=f9d9ee22-6c26-4f20-b251-2afd488b36de)

**WED OCT 11: Monthly speaker series about reforming our health care system:** On the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm a different speaker provides fresh, interesting information about a different aspect related to health care reform. This series is FREE on Zoom. It is organized by our statewide organization Health Care for All – Washington. Info: [**https://www.hcfawa.org/**](https://www.hcfawa.org/)

**THURS OCT 12: STATEWIDE meeting: Abolish nuclear weapons! Join today’s online meeting of Washington Against Nuclear Weapons:** This statewide coalition meets from 6:00 pm on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. Participants are well informed and keep pushing ahead toward abolishing nuclear weapons. (The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is an active member of our statewide coalition.) Info: [**www.wanwcoalition.org**](http://www.wanwcoalition.org) or (206) 547-2360

**THURS OCT 12: Wholemakers: A Journey in Ecological Conversion for Young Adults:** Developed for young adults, by young adults, this resource weaves together the latest climate science with insights from the Catholic tradition to equip young adults to be the faithful protagonists of transformation the world needs. Online at 5:00 pm Pacific Time. Register Here: [**https://mission.maryknoll.us/2023-advanced-missionary-disciple-formation-program-0-0?\_hsmi=275885449&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=f10fd3ae-85d1-4e5a-9003-6a48674d60aa**](https://mission.maryknoll.us/2023-advanced-missionary-disciple-formation-program-0-0?_hsmi=275885449&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=f10fd3ae-85d1-4e5a-9003-6a48674d60aa)

**THURS OCT 12:** [**A Supreme Fact-Check: How the Supreme Court Gets U.S. History Wrong**](https://go.brennancenter.org/e/557782/-aff-Briefing0928/7tdwll/1426008389?h=FaDRjYvKF5pzHEjBH3_v3wr70ug5thyyHhFVkTfKlLc): The Supreme Court’s conservative supermajority has appealed to history to justify its recent opinions that have eviscerated reproductive freedom, gun control, and affirmative action. But should history be the sole source of rights? And what if the history cited by the Court is flat-out wrong? Examine these issues with several expert historians. 3:00-4:00 p.m. Pacific Time. **Register here:** [**https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-supreme-fact-check-tickets-726184396077?aff=Briefing0928**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-supreme-fact-check-tickets-726184396077?aff=Briefing0928)

**SAT OCT 14: “Women: The Heart of the Village” – Learn about efforts to help people in Africa and other places to get safe drinking water through smart, low-tech ways that empower the local people:** This event is sponsored by “Friendly Water for the World,” an Olympia-based effort that has accomplished great things in the past several years. They invite you to RSVP to their invitation for a complimentary authentic Kenyan lunch and a celebration of women from the villages of Kenya. Keynote speaker Dr. Imali Abala will provide context. This academic editor of a professional journal about Kenyan tudies is a native-born Kenyan teaching in the United States. He builds bridges between our two nations by providing a global perspective on issues we confront in our contemporary world. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia Street NW in downtown Olympia. [**www.friendlywater.org**](http://www.friendlywater.org) (360) 214-3145 **PLEASE RSVP** so they’ll know how much food to prepare.

**MON OCT 16: Let’s improve public policies to deal with WA state’s youth mental health crisis:** The Children’s Alliance ([**www.childrensalliance.org**](http://www.childrensalliance.org)) invites you to register in advance for this 1:00-2:00 Zoom event featuring two knowledgeable doctors. Info: (206) 324-0340. REGISTER HERE: [**https://www.childrensalliance.org/events/path-forward-2023**](https://www.childrensalliance.org/events/path-forward-2023)

**TUES OCT 17: Get corporate health care money out of politics:** The Nurses' Campaign To Win Medicare For All (**info@medicare4all.org**) invites you to attend their “Patients Over Profits” event in Shelton at PUD 3 Meeting Room 3, 2621 E Johns Prairie Road, Shelton, at 6:30 pm. RSVP: [**https://act.medicare4all.org/event/pop\_attend/3811/signup/?akid=191724.1516698.D8k-N7&c0=pop\_attend.SFzUTC&c1=3811.HkIwBa&rd=1&source=em20230929-191724&t=4**](https://act.medicare4all.org/event/pop_attend/3811/signup/?akid=191724.1516698.D8k-N7&c0=pop_attend.SFzUTC&c1=3811.HkIwBa&rd=1&source=em20230929-191724&t=4)

**THURS OCT 19: Abolish nuclear weapons! Join today’s online meeting of the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons:** The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW) meets on the third Thursday of each month. You may join as early as 4:45 pm to make sure your video, audio, etc., are working OK and enjoy informal social conversations before we start promptly at 5:00. I hope you will join us! Our monthly meetings are informative, productive and enjoyable. **To join this Zoom meeting, e-mail me so I can send you the Zoom link.** If you can’t use video and must call in by telephone, call (253) 215 8782 through Tacoma WA. Info: **glen@parallaxperspectives.org** or (360) 491-9093

**SAT OCT 21: Health Care for All – Washington: “Lowering Drug Prices”:** This annual educational conference and meeting will also preview our 2024 state legislative agenda for reforming health care. The in-person event will occur in Seattle from 1 to 3 pm. Register online to get the Zoom link: [**https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAP0W2jQY44IBhl6t0GuYO7BCuLzG8uL0VrnWBJuyqB904-w/viewform**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAP0W2jQY44IBhl6t0GuYO7BCuLzG8uL0VrnWBJuyqB904-w/viewform)

**SAT OCT 21: Restore the Deschutes Estuary to replace 5th Ave Dam: Celebrate and raise funds at this annual event supporting the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Team (DERT):** Join them for an evening of celebration and camaraderie at Octapas (610 Water Street SW). The evening will include dinner (You may buy your own drinks), live music performance by Marena Lear and Ale Fleites, a great silent auction, and also a live auction hosted by State Representative Beth Doglio. Buy tickets in advance: [**https://givebutter.com/UlyWVq**](https://givebutter.com/UlyWVq) Info: [**http://deschutesestuary.org/**](http://deschutesestuary.org/)

**SUN OCT 22: Daniel Ellsberg's Celebration of Life:** 1:00-3:00 Pacific Time on Zoom. For info, contact his family at**contact.ellsberg@gmail.com**

**SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE: Glen Anderson will invite you to sign up FREE online workshops will help you strengthen your skills and strategies for organizing big, strong grassroots movements for whatever issues you care about.** Nonviolent grassroots organizing has been proven to be effective in the past on a wide variety of issues. Now we need experienced activists and new people to strengthen their skills and strategies so we can make much more progress on the issues YOU care about. This series of workshops really can help us build a stronger, savvier, more effective grassroots movement to abolish nuclear weapons! These user-friendly workshops are good for people of ALL ages and ALL levels of experience. People who have taken these workshops have found them informative, inspiring, practical, and empowering. For more information, see a FLYER about a previous series of these workshops and a SUMMARY of the topics each workshop covers. SEE THEM HERE: [**https://parallaxperspectives.org/free-online-workshops-will-strengthen-your-skills-for-abolishing-nuclear-weapons**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/free-online-workshops-will-strengthen-your-skills-for-abolishing-nuclear-weapons) For more information,e-mail **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**or phone (360) 491-9093.

**EVERY DAY:**

**Here is an easy way to learn about important federal legislation and policies about nuclear weapons (including the powerful Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons):** Glen Anderson compiled information and posted it to his blog: [**https://parallaxperspectives.org/nuclear-weapons-legislation-and-policies-need-our-actions-now**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/nuclear-weapons-legislation-and-policies-need-our-actions-now)

**Democracy Now! broadcasts news from a progressive perspective on TV and radio and e-mail.** See [**www.democracynow.org**](http://www.democracynow.org). For example, in Thurston County WA people can watch cable channel 22 every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., and listen to KAOS 89.3 FM from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time (and through [**www.kaosradio.org**](http://www.kaosradio.org), adjusted for your time zone).

**Here are sources of alternative and progressive media covering many issues.
Visit their websites and/or sign up to receive their frequent e-mails with multi-issue news:**

**Alternet:** [**www.alternet.org**](http://www.alternet.org)

**Common Dreams:** [**www.commondreams.org**](http://www.commondreams.org)

**CounterPunch:** [**www.counterpunch.org**](http://www.counterpunch.org)

**Democracy Now!** [**www.democracynow.org**](http://www.democracynow.org)

**Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR):** [**www.fair.org**](http://www.fair.org)

**Mother Jones:** [**www.motherjones.com**](http://www.motherjones.com)

**Nation of Change:** [**www.nationofchange.org**](http://www.nationofchange.org)

**Op Ed News:** [**www.opednews.com**](http://www.opednews.com)

**Parallax Perspectives (Glen Anderson’s multi-issue blog):** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)

**Popular Resistance:** [**www.popularresistance.org**](http://www.popularresistance.org)

**Progressive Populist:** [**www.populist.com**](http://www.populist.com)

**Public Citizen:** [**www.citizen.org**](http://www.citizen.org)

**The Intercept:** [**www.theintercept.com**](http://www.theintercept.com)

**The Nation:** [**www.thenation.com**](http://www.thenation.com)

**The Progressive Magazine:** [**www.progressive.org**](http://www.progressive.org)

**The Young Turks:** [**www.tytnetwork.com**](http://www.tytnetwork.com) **and** [**www.tyt.com**](http://www.tyt.com)

**TomDispatch:** [**www.tomdispatch.com**](http://www.tomdispatch.com)

**Truthout:** [**www.truthout.org**](http://www.truthout.org)

**Waging Nonviolence:** [**www.wagingnonviolence.org**](http://www.wagingnonviolence.org)

**EVERY WEEK:**

**Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (and anytime online): “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” TV programs are on CABLE TV in THURSTON COUNTY WA – Each month a new TV interview program focuses on an issue related to peace, social justice, environment, economics, or other progressive issue. It airs three times a week on Thurston Community Media (cable channel 22 in Thurston County WA): Mondays at 1:30 pm, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, and Thursdays at 9:00 pm.** **Also, people anywhere can watch at any time through Glen’s blog,** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org).
Each program is posted to the blog’s “TV Programs” category and also to categories related to the topic (*e.g*., “Peace” or “Economics”). Each blog post includes a link to the video and a link to a thorough summary Glen typed up, so you can read what we said during the interview. The thorough summary also includes links to many sources of information. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093 **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**

**OCTOBER TV PROGRAM: “How to Communicate Your Issues to the General Public.”** The October episode of the “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” TV series provides a wealth of information, insights, and practical ways for you to strengthen your skills and strategies, so you will be more effective in reaching out to the public and decision-making bodies so you can achieve the goals you want for the issues you care about. The TV program and blog post include several easy-to-understand visuals. The blog includes more resources. **This TV program will help you make much better progress on the issues you care about.** In order to achieve our goals for the issues we care about, we need to change public opinion and build a strong, smart movement from the grassroots up to accomplish our goals. This means we need to communicate our messages effectively to the general public. To be effective, we must design our public outreach strategically and carry it out skillfully. This TV program provides a wealth of fresh insights and practical methods.

**Every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time): Speakers and discussions about peace, international issues, transcending nationalism by becoming “world citizens,” etc., on Zoom:** Hosts Arthur Kanegis and Melanie Bennett provide this informative and often inspiring opportunity to connect. For information about upcoming programs and previous ones, visit [**theworldismycountry.com/club**](http://theworldismycountry.com/club). Click on JOIN US at the top for the current program for previous ones. This is **The World is My Country Club’s People-Powered Planet Podcast.** The organization promotes world citizenship instead of narrow nationalism. **See** [**TheWorldisMyCountry.com**](http://TheWorldisMyCountry.com) and [**People-Powered Planet Podcast**](https://www.theworldismycountry.com/club)

**Every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Peace Vigil in downtown Olympia WA** in NW corner of Sylvester Park (at Legion & Capitol Way) has persisted every Wednesday since March 5, 1980, regardless of weather or holidays. Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a friendly way for peace and nonviolence. **We provide plenty of signs, including some about nuclear weapons.** Info: **glen@parallaxperspectives.org** (360) 491-9093

**Every Wednesday at 5:00 pm Pacific Time: Democracy Happy Hour summarizes the week’s news and reform opportunities related to electoral-related matters – AND ALSO features a special topic near the end of the session.** It is organized by Fix Democracy First, [**https://fixdemocracyfirst.org**](https://fixdemocracyfirst.org) **Register for the Zoom session here:** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uJAlc-yppjstDIEL3JGv7m62A9TlapYR6g?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=80dc3c9f-f3f6-446c-8027-a97c71f4e19c**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uJAlc-yppjstDIEL3JGv7m62A9TlapYR6g?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=80dc3c9f-f3f6-446c-8027-a97c71f4e19c)

**Every Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm (Pacific Time): Kim Dobson’s “Parallel University”** on KAOS 89.3 FM interviews knowledgeable, interesting experts on peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: Kim Dobson. 951-4382 **parralleluniversity@yahoo.com** Listen locally at 89.3 FM or anywhere at [**www.kaosradio.org**](http://www.kaosradio.org)

**Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in downtown Olympia WA: Peace Vigil** at Percival Landing’s south end and SW corner of 4th& Water. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs (including some about nuclear weapons, nonviolence, human rights, etc.), so you can choose one that resonates with you. The Artesian Rumble Arkestra street band joins us at 5:00 with lively music to support our vigil! The vigil has persisted every Friday regardless of weather or holidays since November 1998. Info: 491-9093 Info: **glen@parallaxperspectives.org** (360) 491-9093 and [**www.oly-wa.us/artesianrumble**](http://www.oly-wa.us/artesianrumble)

**Fridays from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in Olympia WA: “Women in Black” Silent Vigil for Peace** on the south side of W 4th Ave near the fountain (across the street from Olympia Oyster House). Women only. Please wear black. They provide signs. Since 1988 “Women in Black” has been a loose network of women worldwide opposed to war and violence. Info: (360) 866-6468 or (360) 866-4768 or **rosemary.b@comcast.net**

**EVERY MONTH:**

**Climate: Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) has active committees that meet monthly and other activities about the environment and climate:** Their website provides information about what is happening: [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/) and [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/upcoming-events/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/upcoming-events/)

**Climate: Carbon Free Thurston (Thurston County WA) meets every third Wednesday of the month,** alternating from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information and Zoom link please email **info@thurstonclimateaction.org**

**Climate: Climate** **Lobby’s Olympia group invites you to their monthly meeting on the second Saturday** from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Citizens’ Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to relieve the climate crisis, especially by putting a price on carbon-based fuels. [**http://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-resolution**](http://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-resolution) Info: [**www.citizensclimatelobby.org**](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)

**Divest public employees’ pensions (and other entities) from fossil fuels:** A savvy group of people in Washington State has been increasing its efforts through our organization Divest-WA. Not only is the Washington State Investment Board (WSIB) using public employees’ pension money to invest in fossil fuel projects that seriously hurt the climate of Planet Earth, but these also are increasingly risky investments. See these recent sources of information: (1) “Public Pension Funds Have Lost Billions on Their Fossil Fuel Investments: New Analysis” at [**https://www.desmog.com/2023/06/27/public-pension-funds-lost-billions-on-their-fossil-fuel-investments/**](https://www.desmog.com/2023/06/27/public-pension-funds-lost-billions-on-their-fossil-fuel-investments/) (2) “The Financial Sector Is Failing to Estimate Climate Risk, Say Two Groups in the UK” at [**https://insideclimatenews.org/news/22072023/the-financial-sector-is-failing-to-estimate-climate-risk-say-two-groups-in-the-uk/**](https://insideclimatenews.org/news/22072023/the-financial-sector-is-failing-to-estimate-climate-risk-say-two-groups-in-the-uk/) and (3)“California’s pension funds are wrecking the planet and losing billions. It’s quite a trick” written by Bill McKibben: [**https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-06-28/climate-change-divest-california-fossil-fuel-pension-funds-senate-bill-252**](https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-06-28/climate-change-divest-california-fossil-fuel-pension-funds-senate-bill-252) To connect with Divest-WA, e-mail **barbmcoly@comcast.net** or **donna.albert@gmail.com**

**Gun violence:** Since 2016, our local Thurston Gun Sense has been meeting and taking smart actions to reduce gun violence. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm through Zoom and also in person at The United Churches, 11th Ave SE between Capitol Way and Washington Street SE. Info: Stacy Steck **steckstacy@gmail.com**

**Health care reform: Interesting speakers on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm:**  A savvy statewide organization working for Universal Single-Payer (“Medicare for All” without insurance companies) hosts speakers every month on Zoom. (See WED JAN 11 below about Norway’s health care system.) Contact Health Care for All-WA at [**http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/**](http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/)

**Immigrants’ rights:** The Olympia area’s Strengthening Sanctuary Alliance meets from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month. New members and ideas welcome. Contact**:** **olympia.sanctuary@gmail.com** or email direct to **zeiglerbob@msn.com** or call (360) 570-0848

**Nuclear weapons: Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons** meets on the third Thursday of each month from 5:00 sharp to 7:00 pm by Zoom video. Info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**

**Nuclear weapons: Washington Against Nuclear Weapons – Our statewide coalition** meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm by Zoom video. (The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is an active member.) Info: [**www.wanwcoalition.org**](http://www.wanwcoalition.org) or (206) 547-2360

**Ranked-Choice Voting – Meeting of Thurston County’s chapter of statewide organization FairVote:** Meet on Zoom on the first Saturday morning of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Info:[**Thurston County Chapter Meeting**](https://email.mg.mobilize.us/c/eJxNTrtuxCAQ_BpTWjzW2C4o0txvRNi7-JAwWJgcSr7-VldlNNI8itGgCx4koIhOS60-sHJWZkSjVwC9GwSp7BwGkOcxnmWLKf7R-HOLp1v2ZZp3QKtwC2Y2OCmpbdhhMdsEPojknq1d92C-Bv1g9t7_T3ATfKyv0qh7DvSi3FiNtetq2YjqjkTZZ6R6l8wfYm50VD9maqK5XmpCXr9qQY50-pi-2-9F3MHyBvPMRKI)

**Veterans for Peace Chapter 109 (the Rachel Corrie Chapter) meets on the first Sunday of each month** from 12 noon to 2 pm. Info about the meetings – or about joining the local mailing list: Mark Fleming **vfp109@protonmail.com** or (360) 357-1060. Their website is [**www.vfp109.com**](http://www.vfp109.com)

**🡪 Look for another calendar within a few weeks for future dates.**