

CULTURE

New documentary film looks at the life of farmworker union leader Dolores Huerta

Dolores, a documentary about celebrated United Farm Workers union leader Dolores Huerta, is coming to Portland and Eugene, Oregon.

Huerta was co-founder with Cesar Chavez of the organization that later became the United Farm Workers. She helped lead the historic boycott of California grapes, and it was she who coined the phrase “Sí se puede” (“Yes we can”).

The documentary will screen Sept. 29-30 at the Northwest Film Center in Portland. Director Peter Bratt will attend several showings and answer audience questions afterward. [For tickets and show-

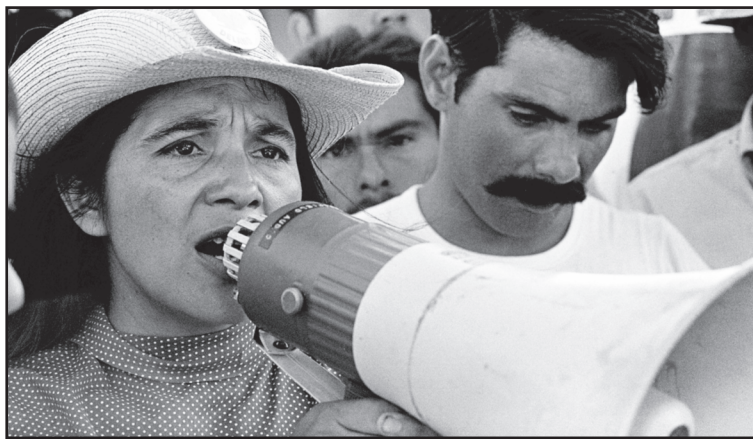


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COMING TO A SCREEN NEAR YOU United Farm Workers leader Dolores Huerta at a march in Coachella, California in 1969.

times, visit nwfilm.org/films/dolores.]

It will also appear October 6-12 at the Broadway Metro theater in Eugene. [For details, visit

broadwaymetro.com]

And it will air on Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) at 10 p.m. Feb. 26, 2018 — on the PBS series Independent Lens.

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BUILDING COMMUNITY

Coos Bay nurses donate over 1,000 books to kids

For the second year in a row, union nurses at Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay have partnered with nonprofit First Book to sponsor a book drive for children ages 2 to 13. They expect to distribute more than 1,000 books to children Sept. 16 dur-

ing the Bay Area Fun Festival Parade. The parade begins at 1 p.m. at the corner of 4th St. and Golden Avenue in downtown Coos Bay.

Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) represents more than 350 registered nurses at Bay Area Hospital and more than 14,000 RNs statewide.

OPEIU Local 8 strike at Welfare & Pension Inc. continues

Members of Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) Local 8 who work at Welfare & Pension Administration Service, Inc. (WPAS) in Mercer Island, Washington, were still on strike as this issue of the Northwest Labor Press went to press.

After 11 months of negotiations and seven months without a contract, 95 workers who administer health and pension benefits for thousands of Pacific Northwest union members walked off the job Aug. 23.

Employees there have had a union contract since 1973 and last struck in 1988. Workers are fighting to maintain seniority

rights, cap the medical premium cost share, and reestablish their retirement after losing their pension benefit last year.

WPAS is a private for-profit corporation. The company has continued to administer union benefits with a skeleton staff that includes temporary scab workers.

Picketing is held from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the WPAS office at 7525 SE 24th St. in Mercer Island.

Washington State Labor Council is calling on supporters to call WPAS owners and tell them to settle a fair contract now: 1-800-732-1121.

SAFE JOBS

Washington L&I offering grants to help workplace safety and health innovations

TUMWATER, Wash. — Every year, hundreds of people are hurt or killed on the job in Washington. The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) is always looking for ways to make workplaces safer and lower that number. One of those ways is to provide grants for projects and ideas to improve workplace safety and health.

A new round of safety and health grants is now available through L&I's Safety and Health Investment Projects (SHIP) grant program. Applications will be accepted until Oct. 31, 2017.

The agency is looking for innovative ideas for training, equipment or strategies to protect workers and prevent injuries. In the past two years, SHIP grants funded 19 safety and health projects at a total of \$2.5 million.

Recent grants have funded projects to prevent injuries

among special education teachers and to create a best practices manual to reduce the risk of cancer in firefighters.

SHIP grants are meant to encourage innovative solutions to occupational health and safety challenges, as well as to promote labor and management working together to make workplaces safer.

Grants are also available for return-to-work projects. The goal of these grants is to encourage new ways to help injured workers get back to work so that employers can have the processes in place before an injury occurs. The return-to-work grant period is open until further notice.

The grants are capped at \$150,000 and the projects must be completed in 24 months.

For more information, go to www.Lni.wa.gov/SafetyGrants or call 360-902-5588.

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Albert Einstein, Time magazine's "Person of the 20th Century" was a visionary scientist, philosopher, teacher — and a union member.

In fact, he was a founding member of the Princeton Federation of Teachers Local 552, signing its charter in 1938. Pretty smart guy, huh?

(From the Washington State Labor Council)