

# **Dallas Peace Center records, 1988-2010**

Overview

**Creator:** Dallas Peace Center

**Title:** Dallas Peace Center records

**Dates:** 1988-2010

**Abstract:** The Dallas Peace Center records contains artifacts from the Dallas

Peace Center. Included are newsletters issued by the organization covering many topics relating to war, peace, and non-violence,

amongst many other things; a Vietnam War era member list (included in the donor file as it contains personal information); a banner hung at the Dallas Convention Center during the 1984 Republican National

Convention.

**Identification:** 2017.25

**Quantity:** 0.418 linear ft.

Language: Material is in English

Repository: Dallas Historical Society

#### **Historical Note**

The Dallas Peace Center was an organization focused on peace and non-violence within our highly weaponized and industrialized world. The Center can trace its early history to the Vietnam War, of which there were many organizations opposed. They continued through to the 1980s, when the United States was involved in what this group deemed dangerous and violent, involvement in Libya and the Contra affair, nuclear weapons production and testing, human rights violations, and weapons/gun control issues within the US. Among many other issues, they felt the need to speak out. This was accomplished through their newsletter, the "Dallas Peace Times."

In 1991, the publication went through a name change, to the "New Peace Times." Then in 1996, another name change was implemented, back to "Dallas Peace Times." The rest of the organizations history is somewhat of a mystery. An internet search of this group brings up an old webpage, last updated around 2005, and copies of some of the newsletters included in this

collection; other than that no other information can be found. There is no "about us" or "history" section on their page. Other organizations with similar goals do obviously exist.

Sources: Dallas Peace Times/ New Peace Times newsletters.

## **Arrangement of the Collection**

The collection is arranged into one series: Publications.

Series 1: Publications, 1988-2010

#### **Restrictions**

#### **Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research use.

## **Publication Rights:**

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### **Index Terms**

This collection is indexed under the following terms.

#### **Subjects**

Peace movements -- Texas -- Periodicals.

Nonviolence -- Periodicals.

#### **Places**

Dallas (Tex.) -- Periodicals.

### **Corporate Names**

New Peace Times newsletters.

Dallas Peace Times.

#### **Administrative Information**

#### **Preferred Citation**

Collection of the Dallas Historical Society, (collection name).

## **Acquisition Information**

Gift of Mavis Belisle.

## **Processing Information**

Collection arranged chronologically, with undated items included after the last recorded year of newsletters.

# **Detailed Description of the Collection**

## Series 1: Publications, 1988-2010,

The items and documents found in this collection are from the organizations' existence - mid to late 1980s through 2010 (seen through the last newsletter included in the file). The collection is organized into one series: Publications.

Publications (1988-2010), contains newsletters issued by the Dallas Peace Center. Its title is the "Dallas Peace Times" with a name change coming in 1991, "New Peace Times," with a second name change in 1996 back to the "Dallas Peace Times." It includes two folders of undated newsletters that do not appear to fit into the included articles. However, further research shows that at least two of them are from an earlier time than the first included newsletter based on events written about and mentioned in articles.

Box	Folder	
1	1	Dallas Peace Times, December, 1988

- Nuclear weapon component shipments, Dept. of Energy radiation facility leaks, state executions, raising awareness for the poor through its link against military spending.
  - 2 Dallas Peace Times, November-December, 1989

War in El Salvador (US involvement), Nicaragua, Dallas refugees from South America.

3 Dallas Peace Times, January-December, 1990

		Violence and cruelty in game shows, Panama, Salvadorian-grown coffee boycott, "clean" nuclear plants, Middle East peace, Canadian/Mohawk land rights, NRC dumping procedures, weaponlike toy procedures.
	4	New Peace Times, January-December, 1991
		Name change of publication, air pollution illnesses, Gulf War, Texas Blackland prairie, unity against death penalty.
	5	New Peace Times, January-December, 1992
		Haiti, Gulf War, new public park initiatives, rethinking Columbus in light of the 500th anniversary of his "discovery", recycling programs, NAFTA/NATO, hazardous waste disposal, race riots and Rodney King.
	6	New Peace Times, January-December, 1993
		Post-Soviet Russia, Somalia, peace and Clinton, EPA issues, tax and war, Yugoslavia, foreign aid, Guatemala.
	7	New Peace Times, January-December, 1994
		Iran-Contra, arms exportation, NAFTA, Cuba, Rwanda, tobacco, toy weapons. May is missing from folder.
	8	New Peace Times, January-December, 1995
		Immigration, transformation of war, Nigeria, Palestine.
	9	Dallas Peace Times, January-January, 1996-1997
		Landmines, ozone attainment, Burma, gun violence, Trinity River action, UN security council actions.(Feb., Oct., Nov. missing)
	10	Dallas Peace Times, February-December, 1997
		Middle East, torture and survival, death penalty and its Texas numbers, botched executions.
	11	Dallas Peace Times, January-December, 1998
		Africa, Iraqi victims, Canadian rainforest destruction, living simply.
Box	Folder	
2	12	Dallas Peace Times, February-September, 1999
		Yugoslavia, Exxon/Mobile merger and global warming, Martin Sheen protest in Dallas, East Timor, Iraq. (No Jan., OctDec., June missing pgs. 1 and 2)
	13	Dallas Peace Times, January-January, 2000-2001
		WTO, Amnesty International and NATO, Kosovo, anniversary of atomic bomb drop on Japan.
	14	Dallas Peace Times, February-January, 2001-2002
		El Salvador, Colombia, Richland College peace studies program, 9/11, Middle East war.
	15	Dallas Peace Times, February-January, 2002-2003

Military reservists and conscientious objector status, civil liberties, human trafficking.

Dallas Peace Times, February-January, 2003-2004

Protest of War in Iraq, Earth Day activities, weapons and profiteering, Patriot Act proposals, green policies.

Dallas Peace Times, February-January, 2004-2005

Protest at Pres. Bush ranch, UT bid to make new, usable nukes at Los Alamos, CAFTA and NAFTA, war on terror, 2004 election.

Dallas Peace Times, April-December, 2005

Exhibition showing the cost of war on soldiers, West Bank/Israeli/Palestine peace and pullout.

Dallas Peace Times, January-December, 2006

Dallas Peace Center meets with Cindy Sheehan, human rights day events, military recruiters scout high schoolers, protestors visit George and Laura Bush during Dallas visit, U.S. schoolyard bully of world community.

Dallas Peace Times, January-December, 2007

3,000th military death brings on peace surge, calling for closure of Guantanamo Bay, Texans take part in Iraq war march, detention center troubles, immigrant contribution to society, genocide, Darfur.

Dallas Peace Times, January-December, 2008

Civil disobedience and civil rights in Dallas, nuclear activity in Texas, reviews of peace related books and literature, DNA exonerations evidence of broken system, immigration crackdown threatens Texas businesses.

Dallas Peace Times, February-December, 2009

Death penalty, medical marijuana, continued protest against the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Dallas Peace Times, January-December, 2010

Cesar Chavez Blvd. naming, non-violent action or civil rights. (No Sept.-Nov.)

24-25 Dallas Peace Times, undated

Dallas churches offer sanctuary to refugees, religion and military/national power, Joan Baez speaks on Libyan attacks, defense contractors in Dallas. UTD protests Reagan's Star Wars research grant on campus, nuclear pollution, how to prevent nuclear war, is peacemaking worldwide plausible, Nicaragua.