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Women Suffragists campaigning for the right to vote in 1920, just before the 19th Amendment was finally ratified.



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Celebrating Black History & Women's History

Shekeyna Black

"It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less."

– Susan B. Anthony, Women's rights activist who played a pivotal role in the women's suffrage movement.

Personally, this is my favorite issue of the *Peace Press* because it coincides with Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March. Some of us are old enough to remember the old Virginia Slims cigarette ads with the tagline, "You've come a long way, baby" that capitalized on the feminist movement. We have indeed "come a long way," however we still have a long way to go towards equal rights and justice for all.

August 2020 will be the Centennial Celebration of Women in the United States getting the Right to Vote. According to the National Women's History Project website, "The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality." I strongly encourage the *Peace Press* readers to learn more about the National Women's History Project that was founded by a group of women in Sonoma County. It is to those women that we owe gratitude for the fact that we even have a national Women's History Month. Thankfully, in 1987, "Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity." To read that quote and to learn more, visit: www.nwhp.org/womens-history-month/womens-history-month-history/.

During Black History Month in February, there are several Black History events presented by Petaluma Blacks for Community

Development. See page 3 for details. Also in Sonoma County, the Occidental Center for the Arts presents a juried art exhibition celebrating Black History Month during February on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 4pm and during auditorium event intermissions. See www.occidentalcenterforthearts.org for more information.

You may want to visit the Museum of the African Diaspora in San Francisco. According to their website, "MoAD, a contemporary art museum, celebrates Black cultures, ignites challenging conversations, and inspires learning through the global lens of the African Diaspora" (www.moadsf.org). Also, check out the Programming for Black History Month and Women's History Month at norcalpublicmedia.org/television/tv-22-schedule.

The public is welcome to attend the Social Justice Week Program at Sonoma State University happening February 25 to March 1. Look for the Peace & Justice Center's presentation on Thursday, February 28 from 3-5 pm. All events take place in the Student Union Ballroom A. We look forward to seeing you at the various activist events throughout the year.

Note by the editors of the *Peace Press*:

Isabel Wilkerson interviewed more than 1,200 African Americans for her excellent book, *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*. She describes this as the story of the Great Migration of black Americans to the North and West, of people who moved up from the South to escape Jim Crow, to follow a factory job, to chase a better life for their families. Wilkerson's book also explains the background for the current popular movie, *Green Book*. See also <http://www.bu.edu/bostonia/fall10/wilkerson/>. 🍀

Letter Regarding Nov. 28, 2018 Santa Rosa Police Incident

January 4, 2019

Dear Santa Rosa City Council, SRPD Chief Hank Schreeder, *Press Democrat's* Mary Callahan and Brett Wilkison,

We are a group of concerned citizens, who upon seeing the video footage of Jason Rougeau being assaulted by Santa Rosa Police Officers and a K-9 dog, are troubled by the excessive use of force and possible racial profiling.

It is our understanding that officers initially responded to a call by a passerby on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 5:40 pm regarding a couple having a verbal disagreement in their car in the parking lot of Safeway on 4th Street in Santa Rosa.

According to the Patch.com news website, "Rougeau's 20-year-old girlfriend told the *Press Democrat* in an interview that when police arrived, Rougeau, who is black, immediately felt at risk of being stereotyped as 'an angry African-American man' who needed handling." (Patch Staff, Nov. 30, 2018)

According to the *Press Democrat* article dated November 29, "he tried to reach in a pocket for the identification they had requested ear-

lier, they rushed him and slammed him into the car, she said. 'Nothing about last night should have happened at all,' said Whitlock, 20, Rougeau's girlfriend of nearly three years."

Certainly, African-American people in our community are very aware of the excessive use of force by Law Enforcement around the country towards people of color. It seems that Jason Rougeau's reluctance to get out of his car was out of fear of being assaulted or possibly killed by the police.

We would like you to release the video and audio from the officer's body cameras so that we can get the full picture of what occurred.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors & Center Coordinator,
Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County (PJC)
Racial Justice Allies (RJA)
Due Diligence Oversight Group (DDOG)
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)
Community for Oversight of Law Enforcement (COLE)

Our History Is Our Strength

An Interview with Molly Murphy MacGregor, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the National Women's History Project

Brad L. Smith

Following our discussion regarding the history of the National Women's History Project, I asked Ms. MacGregor the obvious question. "What is your hope for the future?" She was clear. She had come a long way. During the 1980's she and her colleagues successfully lobbied Congress to honor American women in history and the result is National Women's History Month. This is what she had to say about hope for the future.

Molly Murphy MacGregor:

When we first organized the National Women's History Project our primary goal was to encourage the recognition of women's historic achievements with a special focus being the schools. We knew that our lives had been transformed by the knowledge of the brilliant courage of women's lives and we were eager for our children to have the same opportunity. Women's history provides a more expansive vision of what women can do. This perspective encourages girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a better understanding of the female experience. With a full understanding of women's history, the #me too and #timesup movement would not be necessary.

Women's history is not some academic subject; it is the story of women moving forward, often facing misogynous opposition, outright lies and character assassination. Women have often had to overcome ridicule and humiliation and yet continue to move forward. When we say "Our history is our strength" we mean that we gain insight and encouragement from the women who came before us. They are true sources of inspiration. They give us hope and they make us stronger. Recognizing women's fearless persistence and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength. Knowing these stories provides critical role models for everyone. These role models are genuinely needed to face the extraordinary changes and unrelenting challenges of the 21st Century.

On a personal level, knowing the complex stories of women's lives – their determination, tenacity and courage – provided the road I have travelled. I graduated from high school in 1964 without any knowledge or interest in the Civil Rights Act that was signed the same year. My very limited view of the world was first challenged by the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement. This expanded with my examination of women's history and my participation in the women's movement. The knowledge of women's history exploded some of my most basic unconscious beliefs and provided brilliant, fearless role models whose lives have paved the way for my actions. Women's History not only encouraged my confidence and sense of power, but also my dreams. It is why I can state unabashedly that "Our History is Our Strength."



Molly Murphy MacGregor, with a poster from Sonoma County's Women's History Week in 1979.

PHOTO: BRUCE ROBINSON, KRCCB

Each year the National Women's History Project selects a theme for the year as a way to unify the country in their women's history celebrations and events. The theme for 2019 is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence." It was chosen to recognize and honor women who have led efforts to end war, violence, injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society.

For generations women have resolved conflicts in their homes, schools and communities. They have rejected violence as counterproductive and stressed the need to restore respect, establish justice and reduce the causes of conflict as the surest way to peace. From legal defense and public education to direct action and civil disobedience, women have expanded the American tradition of using inclusive, democratic and active means to reduce violence, achieve peace and promote the common good.

From women's rights and racial justice to disarmament and gun control, the drive for nonviolent change has been championed by visionary women. These women consciously built supportive, nonviolent alternatives and loving communities as well as advocating change. They have given voice to the unrepresented and hope to victims of violence and those who dream of a peaceful world.

We have many, many women in our community who are champions of peace and nonviolence. We should honor them every day."

For more information, visit the National Women's History Alliance website at nwhp.org.



Founding families of Petaluma Blacks for Community Development

The History of Petaluma Blacks for Community Development

Faith Ross

Petaluma Blacks for Community Development (PBCD) was formed 41 years ago with the purpose of sharing black history and culture with the community. It was our desire to show others the significant contributions that we have made to this country and the world. We strive to bring to the community our joy and appreciation of our rich history. Even in talking about slavery, we understand that our people are strong and persistent, moving forward to overcome many disadvantages and stereotypes.

Through our efforts to uncover our history, we have learned a lot about the first black settlers in Sonoma and surrounding counties. We continue to follow the efforts and contributions of more recent blacks to our community.

Gloria Robinson is our founding member. She dreamed of starting a black organization

that would bring black families together in Petaluma for both social and educational activities. She found that there were other families here that shared her dream.

Our initial Black History Programs were held in the schools in the Old Adobe School District, since most of the black families lived on the East side of Petaluma. In addition to our annual Black History Program, we have sponsored Senior Night to recognize high school graduates, a Saturday tutoring program, a census workshop and many picnics and other social activities. In 2005 we obtained our non-profit status.

The purpose of our group today is still the same as it was 41 years ago: to share black history and culture with the community. The makeup of our group has changed to include anyone who wishes to be a part of the organization. 🌿

Black History Activities in Petaluma

FRIDAY, FEB. 1, 7th Annual Jazz Concert featuring The Dorian Mode at the Petaluma Historical Library & Museum, 20 4th Street, Petaluma. Cost is \$25 downstairs, \$30 at the door, which includes treats and beverages and \$35 upstairs, which includes an amazing view, champagne and treats. Doors open at 6:30 pm with the concert starting at 7 pm.

The following is free and open to the public:

THURSDAY, FEB. 7, Black History Exhibit "The Great Migration" opens at the Petaluma Historical Library & Museum. The exhibit tells the story of over 6 million African Americans who migrated from the Southern United States to the urban Northeast, North, Midwest and West between 1910 and 1970.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9, 10 am to noon is Children's Story Time at the Petaluma Historical Library & Museum. A parent must be present.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10, 1 pm is a Lecture by Sharon McGriff-Payne, author of John Grider's Century – African Americans in Solano, Napa and Sonoma Counties, 1845-1925. She will talk about some of the amazing African Americans that migrated to Sonoma County.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23, 41st Annual Black History Program at 5:30 pm in a new location, the New Life Church Auditorium, 1310 Clegg Street, Petaluma. The program will continue our theme of "The Great Migration," with portrayals of people who journeyed from the South, including some who settled in Sonoma County. We will also have a tribute to the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24, Annual Gospel Hour, 4 pm at the Petaluma Christian Church, 1160 Schuman Lane, Petaluma.

Check the Petaluma Historical Library & Museum website for updates to the schedule (petalumamuseum.com) and the PBCD facebook page (facebook.com/pb4cd). To help with these events or get involved with PBCD, contact missross-056@comcast.net.

HOMELESS: America's Canary in the Coal Mine

Brad L. Smith

Around 1913 British coal miners began taking canaries into the coal mines to warn them of odorless toxic gases like carbon monoxide. The canaries were an effective early warning system because they took oxygen into their lungs when they inhaled and again when they exhaled because of their physiology. So, the canaries got an extra dose of oxygen and if there were toxic gasses, they would get a double dose of toxic gasses coming and going! Apparently, the miners would whistle at the little songbirds to see if they were alive. If the birds stopped chirping or died, it was time to leave!

In America one can easily imagine homeless people are like canaries in a coal mine. When a homeless person gets sick or dies, they are showing us something is wrong with our American coal mine! The problem, however, is no one's yelling, "Watch out! Get out of the mine!" What to do? There's nowhere to run. America is one big coal mine. Good luck, homeless people!

More often than not, someone might speculate when a homeless person dies, "They froze or they overdosed." They might say "They need more low-income housing so they don't freeze to death!" This is all well and good, however, these great ideas are, by themselves, not a solution to homelessness. They are a part of the solution. They can never be the fix. So what is the critical part of the solution? It is obvious that the prime ingredient to beginning to solve homelessness is to provide homeless people ongoing access to health care! It would be cheaper in the long run, I believe.

Here is the deal: We have watched America's commitment to devise an adequate health care plan go nowhere. Besides 500,000 people homeless, there are 43 million Americans who live below the poverty line (see website below). Meanwhile, America's corporations get a huge tax cut! So, do we let the weight of the poor drag the country down so the 1% can continue to dance a jig? Is that practical? Don't they need healthy workers?

To be sure, homeless people have a myriad of problems and we know most of them – child abuse, broken hearts, drugs, mental health, alcohol, injustice, etc. The list goes on and on. But we all know one cannot run away from oneself. You need to deal with it!

The only thing that will begin to solve homelessness is if homeless people have access to medical and mental health care on an ongoing basis. And since we cannot provide more than half a million homeless people with health care and not provide it to others, why stop?

Remember, there are 43 million poor people out there, including 16 million children who need help! Of course, at that point it is a no brainer – National Health Care. Overall, it will be much cheaper!

And don't panic when someone shouts "socialism" like it's a disease. The word "socialism" seems to scare a lot of people, as if the Earth's about to be attacked by aliens! Relax, we already have limited "socialism" in America – Social Security, state by state Medical programs, Federal Medicare and Medicaid, etc., and it seems to be working! Ask people who are using these services this question: "Do you like it?" Can you imagine Trump's supporters who say they want to do away with the Affordable Care Act, also say "I don't want my Social Security check"? Can you imagine the

older Trump supporters saying, "Take me off Medicare! Send me the bill instead!"

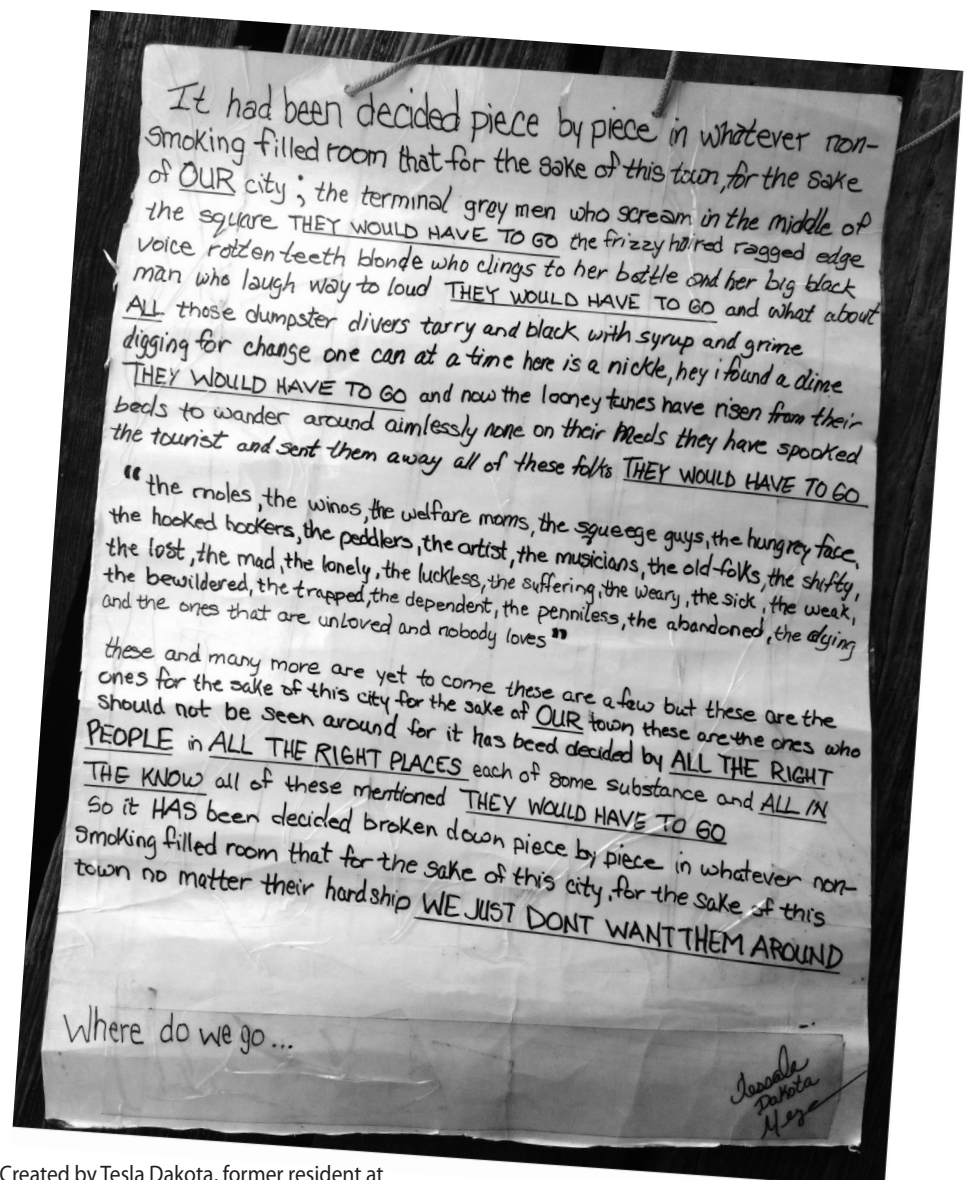
I don't think so!

Currently, homeless people, like canaries, have found their way into the depths of the American coalmine. We pray they stay alive! But right now all we can say is "Good luck down there!"

We can whistle and call out, "Sing! Sing little bird!" and cross our fingers. But until homeless people have ongoing access to health care, there will always be canaries in the coal mine. It's a cold truth.

Check website <https://poverty.ucdavis.edu/faq/what-current-poverty-rate-united-states>

Brad L. Smith worked for Catholic Charities from 1992-1999 at the Santa Rosa Homeless Service Center & Family Support Center as the Adult Education Coordinator.



Created by Tesla Dakota, former resident at Camp Michela where her words were posted, then read at the Santa Rosa City Council meeting after the community for homeless was destroyed by the City and County.

Building Power Through the Sonoma County Tenants Union

Beatrice Camacho

This is a similar story, different place. In our county, we have witnessed the climbing of rents to all-time highs and renters are closer and closer to making up half of the population. Many of those renters are rent burdened, paying well over the recommended 30% of their monthly income for their rent. In the past years, we have seen many individuals from Sonoma County pack up and move to more affordable cities or states. As renters in the city of Santa Rosa, a city that tends to make it toward the top of the “most expensive cities to live” list, we have brought to light the need for livable and affordable housing. We have witnessed multiple attempts to push for rent control, just-cause eviction and tenant protection policies.

In May and June of last year, the North Bay Organizing Project made another rent control attempt by gathering signatures to get a rent stabilization and just-cause eviction policy on the November 2018 ballot for the city of Santa Rosa. For 56 days, people from all over the county came together and gathered 11,565 signatures within the city. Many stories of struggle, hardship and need were shared over the gathering of those signatures. This deepened the ties we have as community, knowing that there are many of us who share similar stories.

Even though 2,580 more than the 8,985 signatures needed were submitted, signatures fell short of the valid number of signatures that were required. This was due to a variety of reasons, including individuals not being registered to vote, registered at a different address than what

they signed with, or registered outside of the Santa Rosa city limits, to name a few. Although those efforts did not produce a rent control policy for Santa Rosa, we know that pushing for tenant protections, tenant friendly rental policies and affordable and livable housing all over Sonoma County continues to be a dire need.

Knowing very well that coming together we can create change, the North Bay Organizing Project, Legal Aid of Sonoma County, SEIU 1021 and community leaders have come together to start the formation of a county-wide Tenants Union. This has begun by holding monthly Tenant Rights Clinics around the county to ensure that we know our rights as tenants. In November of last year, many Santa Rosa tenants and allies showed up at the November 27th Santa Rosa City Council meeting where we encouraged

and expressed the need to vote to extend the 10% anti-price gouging cap and make it known that 10% in itself, is still high. Many individuals in support of the Sonoma County Tenants Union spoke to the importance of its extension. With a unanimous vote, the Santa Rosa City Council extended the moratorium until October 9, 2019. In December of last year, tenants and allies from the county came together for a Tenant Service Announcement (TSA), where we heard from a tenant in Santa Rosa who shared her negative experience with a previous landlord and where we shared information around a Santa Rosa

neighborhood to inform both tenants and homeowners about tenant rights and our intolerance of landlords that treat their tenants badly.

In the upcoming months, we will be rolling out the Sonoma County Tenants Union. As we move forward, we know that there are many pressing tenant issues and policies that need to be addressed and pushed at the local, county, state and national levels. We will be pushing for tenant-friendly policies while listening to one another to ensure that our voices as ten-

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ants are heard. We may not have the millions of dollars that our opposition does, but we have the dedication and power of our people, people who are not giving up.

If you are interested in attending our Tenant Rights Clinics, want to support the formation of the Sonoma County Tenants Union and the national renter power movement or want to share your story as a tenant in the county, please contact Beatrice Camacho at bcamacho@northbayop.org.

Beatrice Camacho is Tenant Organizer for the North Bay Organizing Project (NBOP).

Remembering Tula

Tula Jaffe (1939-2018) was a woman with many causes, never stopping until done, and she was really never done until now. Tula passed away on November 5, 2018.

She was a very important part of the beginnings of the Sonoma County Peace and Justice Center. In 1982, Tula directed the Sonoma County Chapter of WAND (Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament), founded by Dr. Helen Caldicott. She helped bring WAND and other activist groups – People for Peace in Central America, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Educators for Social

Responsibility, Unitarians, Quakers, and others – together to form a coalition with a more powerful voice in the community.

Tula was a passionate advocate for social justice and humanitarian causes. She spent more than fifty years of her life fighting for global peace and working to elevate the causes of social, political, environmental and economic issues. She led the Sonoma County Task Force on the Homeless during the 90's, never letting go of her overall commitment to other causes needing her passionate attention. She was

present at most demonstrations and educational events and made sure her voice was heard.

A 1998 profile of Tula in the *Press Democrat* described her this way: “Call her a radical, a progressive, a thorn in the side of the affluent; Tula Jaffe has little patience or subtlety when it comes to fighting for society's poor and dispossessed.”

She was a professor of Social Psychology at Santa Rosa Junior College until May of this year. There she educated and inspired her students to be globally and socially aware citizens. She believed that every



member of the community has the power and responsibility to fight for justice and create a better world.

The Peace and Justice Center holds Tula in high esteem and is grateful that she helped us build a true foundation with integrity and commitment that has lasted for over 35 years.

DISPATCHES FROM THE WEST BANK: A Palestinian BBQ

J.D. Benoit

I worked most of my life as a civil engineer, designing utility infrastructure projects. Beginning in 2004, I worked several years in the Middle East, first in Iraq and then in Palestine. In both places, I was struck by the contradiction between what I was observing and what Americans heard back home. As a veteran of

Israeli settlers were “launching wild boars into Palestinian farmlands” to wreak havoc on their crops. The Palestinian farmers couldn’t shoot the pigs (like the Israeli’s could) because of return fire from the occupation’s checkpoints and monitoring towers in the area.

US Special Forces in Vietnam, this kind of institutional dishonesty struck an especially deep emotional chord.

In response to my experiences in both places, I wrote a routine series of emails to my friends back home. I jokingly called them “dispatches.” This one is entitled “Palestinian BBQ.”

For a couple of years my wife Ginger and I lived in Ramallah, Palestine West Bank, while I worked under a water and sewer design contract with USAID. In April 2014, we went to a bar-b-que at my landlord’s country home in rural Palestine. As a successful businessman in Palestine and in the US, his big home had 7 bedrooms for 9 children! The two youngest, a girl age 6 and boy age 8, were still at home, while the others were either married, working in the States or away at school.

The meal was fabulous – big servings of traditional Palestinian dishes! Everything except the meat (steak and chicken) was grown in his wife’s spice garden or his 90 year-old mother’s big vegetable garden behind the house. As we were outside grilling, his two younger children ran up and down the stairs and out to the spice garden to fetch things for their mom. After dinner, we had cardamom coffee and spiced mint tea and smoked a hookah on one of the verandas. His brother stopped by to chat and

pointed out a nearby hilltop that had some stacked rock fortifications dating to the Roman occupation. In the distance were the concrete security walls of a more recent occupation, the Israeli Settlement of Bayt Rima. Beyond that, the terrain dropped away toward Israel and the Mediterranean. It was hazy and the visibility was only about 10-12 miles.

As we were leaving, the little girl spoke up. Standing in front of her big brother and in a child’s very serious tone, she told me not to go outside the low wall surrounding the compound after dark. “There are very bad wild pigs out there,” she said, “small ones and real big ones. I asked if they had ever seen them; they said no, but they’d heard them at night. I looked at the barren, rocky slopes and thought this might just be a story to keep the kids close to the house. Remember, Israeli settlers sometimes shoot at

Palestinians around here.

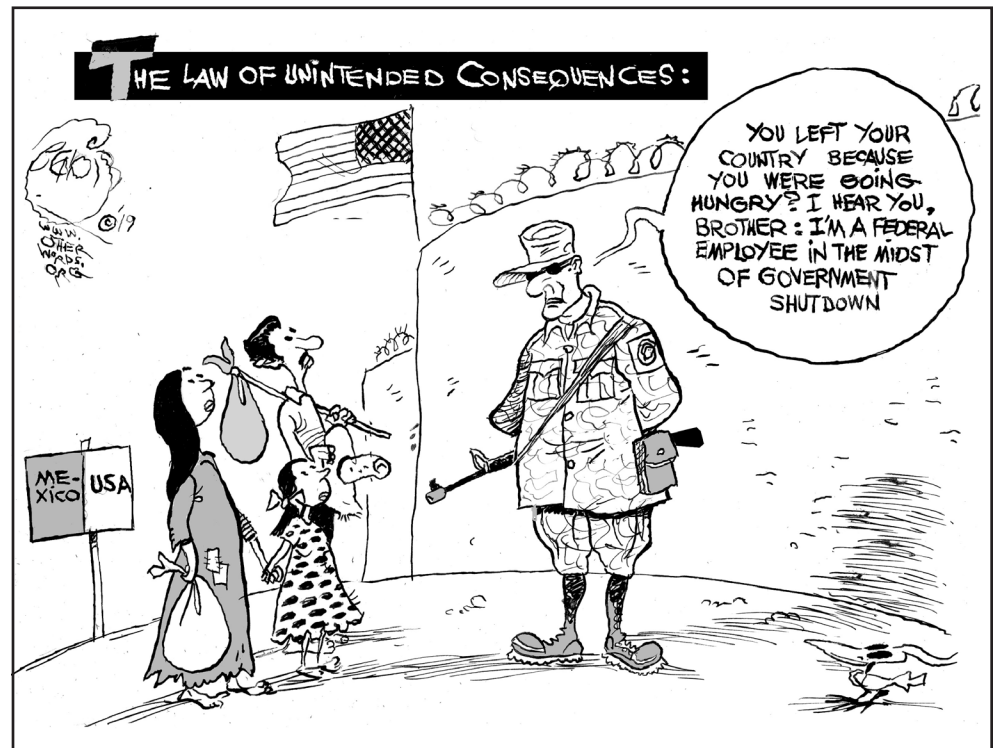
On the way home, I asked the dad about it and he kind of ducked the question. Later we googled “wild pigs in Palestine.” The story

below popped up from *Haaretz*, an Israeli newspaper of wide circulation in both Israel and the West Bank. The paper said their sources placed the center of the activities (of wild pigs or boars) in the Bayt Rima region. Essentially, the story said that Israeli settlers were “launching wild boars into Palestinian farmlands” to wreak havoc on their crops. The Palestinian farmers couldn’t shoot the pigs (like the Israeli’s could) because of return fire from the occupation’s checkpoints and monitoring towers in the area. I don’t know how it may strike others, but I found it nothing less than totally appalling.

Check out the International Middle East Media Center website that ran the story: <http://www.imemc.org/article/67604>.

As quoted in the article, Israeli settlers released wild pigs on Palestinian farms (IMEMC 21 April by Chris Carlson). Palestinian farmers said, “We have encountered heavy losses in our wheat and barley crops where the pigs destroyed them completely. We tried to get rid of the pigs with all available ways but we have failed.” The farmers pointed out that the only way is to shoot them, which is difficult due to the military’s monitoring towers and checkpoints in the area.

The US gives Israel over \$4 Billion a year in aid. Well, I don’t want to pay for this. 🐷



Born Palestinian

Therese Mughannam-Walrath

It is no small or easy thing to be a refugee or an immigrant. I've been both as a child – a leaf on an ancient olive tree, uprooted.

I don't remember when we fled the war in Palestine in 1948. I was less than a year old. But when we finally were able to leave Jordan for America, I was ten, and my eyes recorded many things and stored the memories in my bones.

I struggled and grew and learned and felt alien everywhere I tried to plant myself in this brave new world. The soil of the land we settled in called San Francisco was rich and welcoming enough. But it wasn't the earth of my Giddyat, my grandmother, in my native land. Giddyat let me be at her side when she baked bread over stones in an outside earth oven, a taboon. And she had a special nickname for me which to this day, when I recall it, makes me feel her tenderness and love.

We left Jordan to come to America in 1957. This time I did feel the pangs of rupture in leaving home and everything familiar. I looked back at our home for the last time while driving away in the back of an old pickup and wondered if I would ever see it again. For some time after we arrived in America, my child's mind would also wonder who is watering the vegetable garden we left behind and

the beautiful green onions I cared for.

Well, these days I think of the tent cities of families from Central America at our southern borders – individual human beings with hope in their hearts for a new life, a chance to pursue minimal human needs, opportunities lacking in their countries through no fault of their own. I think of the hundreds of children cruelly separated from their parents, waiting in cage-like structures, waiting, waiting – to be reunited with their loved ones, to regain their dignity as human beings.

What has happened to this country? It was so much more welcoming for me and my family decades ago. Have we forgotten on whose backs this country was built, is being built every day? Do we not understand that all humans have the same basic needs? Shelter, safety, opportunity to work and improve oneself and family – basic, basic human needs.

Does anyone ever leave the land they love without being forced to? To say nothing here of US complicity as a root cause in a major way of why conditions are so bad that people have to flee the place they love. That's another story needing more time and space...

Again, I think of the Palestinians, especially those in Gaza under great stress and deprivation inflicted on them by the Israeli

government. I know something about their steadfastness and perseverance in their struggle and fight for justice. It is the same story of indigenous people everywhere throughout history – being driven off their ancestral land by settler colonialists with big plans for themselves and their own, at any price – usually the price being the suffering and ethnic cleansing of the indigenous people. This is the story of what is happening to the Palestinians today at the hands of the Israeli government and its supporters.

Generally, I tend not to be lacking in active hope, and it seems to me that more and more people in our world are thinking about these realities today than ever before. We do need to learn more about them and to think deeply about them. Thought, as someone famous said, is mother to the act. Pope Paul VI said, "If you want peace, work for justice." It can't get any clearer than that. I ask myself: can there be more redeeming and meaningful work on this planet for any of us than to work for justice and peace for all? I know what my answer is. How about you? 🙌

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Disappearing Palestine

5 million Palestinians are classified as refugees by the UN

Green & Greener – A Green New Deal

A. Nan O'Miss

Winds of change are blowing with gale force intensity. 2018 saw the election of predominately young, brown, female Representatives to Congress with a whole new agenda. One of them, New York Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, has proposed a massive government intervention dealing with climate change and economic imbalance. You can tell how good her plan is by the trashing she's receiving from corporate media.

Locally, many of these values, albeit scaled down, are reflected in *Voices From the Grassroots*, a document created in 2018 by a coalition led by North Bay Jobs with Justice.

Ocasio-Cortez' plan for a Green New Deal requires 100% renewable energy within "10 years from the start of the execution of the Plan." It calls for a Green infrastructure while decarbonizing transportation, agriculture and energy. She says that the US can be a world leader in Green technology by investing in this already successful field. This will require training. Her plan focuses this training on current victims of environmental injustice and historically marginalized communities: communities of color, indigenous and isolated rural and impoverished urban communities. The Federal Reserve can extend credit for this investment much the same way that they did for the original New Deal.

She is also calling for a basic income for all and universal health care to help promote economic security. Unions are to take a leadership role in this process. This is good. Want to know what's better? Ocasio-Cortez' Green New Deal didn't come out of the blue.

Part of the platform for the Green Party in the 2012 and 2016 elections included a Green New Deal. Upon reading it, representatives of the corporate class stated that Green Party Presidential candidate, Jill Stein was unfit to hold any office in America. I can't think of a better endorsement. The plan calls for a full-

employment program and clearly establishes that corporations aren't people and money isn't speech. With an expansion of sustainable agriculture and the healthy foods this produces, health costs would plummet. The plan establishes the right to a free, public education for all from pre-kindergarten through college and forgiveness for college debts.

We can have decent, affordable housing supported by a mandated living wage for all workers. We can provide Green jobs and equity-based access to training while ending fossil fuel development. We can replace failed private banks with public ones and democratize monetary policy. There should be no more bank bailouts. Wall Street needs to pay a sales tax just like any other business. We need to restore

the Glass-Steagall Act and protect the right to vote for all citizens with a Voters' Bill of Rights. We must protect our civil rights by repealing the Patriot Act and ending the war on immigrants. To pay for this the US needs to reduce military

spending by 50% while closing overseas bases. The War on Terror secures resources for the corporate class while making Americans less safe. The US military is the world's leading polluter. Cutting their funding by 50% will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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When FDR introduced his tax plan for the New Deal, the bankers descended on him in protest of the 90% tax on excessive income. FDR is reputed to have told them that if they didn't give the American people 90%, the people just might take it all. The bankers backed down.

The roar of the current demand for change better be heard by the ruling elite and acted on if they know what's best for them. Either they make the necessary changes or maybe we do get our revolution.

Sources: <https://ocasio2018.com/green-new-deal/>; <https://gp.us.org/organizing-tools/the-green-new-deal/>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MURpobtJnfl>; *Voices From the Grassroots*, 2018, North Bay Jobs with Justice. 🐿

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THE PLANET PEOPLE PROJECT

a series about building resilient communities and ecosystems

The Northwest Library at Coddington Mall in Santa Rosa is thrilled to announce the Planet People Project. The project is a pro-active program series about building resilient communities and ecosystems. Each month, the library will explore a different theme on the topic of sustainability, such as Alternative Economies, Ecosystem Restoration, Food Systems, Grassroots Community and more!

Local experts and leaders will give presentations that educate and inspire.

Choose from curated lists of readings, documentaries and websites about taking care of the planet and its people.

Participate in discussion circles hosted by Librarian Jenny, who has a passion for bringing people together to catalyze social change and green living.

People from all walks of life are invited. Meet your neighbors and get involved in the Planet People Project!

Saturday, February 16, 2 PM - The Sebastopol Time Bank will talk about a local reciprocal service network where everyone's time has equal value!

Saturday, March 2, 2 PM - The Occidental Arts & Ecology Center will talk about their Bring Back the Beaver Campaign.

For a complete, online flyer about guest speakers, discussion circle materials, meetings and more details about upcoming programs, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y9yprdpt>. For more information, contact Jenny Rockwell at Northwest Library, 150 Coddington Center, Santa Rosa, 707-546-2265 or email jrockwell@sonomalibrary.org.

The American Auction

Economic disparity in the U.S. is over the top. How'd that happen and what can we do about it?

Rebel Fagin

In 1971 corporate America began organizing with the goal of unregulated capitalism. The primary author of their plan, *Attack on American Free Enterprise System*, aka the Powell Memo, was future Supreme Court Justice, Lewis Powell. Realizing that political power was necessary, it called on corporations to dominate media reality while demonizing regulations and unions: "Nor should there be reluctance to penalize politically those who oppose it." (Corporate takeover) And further, "The judiciary may be the most important instrument for social, economic and political change."

Ultimately corporate America must own government at all levels. Business Roundtables began buying up Congressional votes. In 1971 there were 175 corporate lobbyists in DC. By 2008 there were 33,000.

In 1980 the Heritage Foundation, a corporate think tank, sent President Reagan a plan to further the corporate takeover called *Mandate for Leadership*. Reagan adopted it whole hog. In it were plans to alter language so it was favorable to corporate dominance. Freedom now meant the right of capitalists to exploit everything in pursuit of personal gain. Capitalism became free markets. The inheritance tax became the death tax and contributing financially to the

nation became a burden. They even convinced many Americans that tax cuts for the obscenely wealthy were good for average Americans.

January 21, 2010, *Citizens United* established that money equated speech and corporations were people. Money doesn't always win elections, but it does frequently enough for people to notice. The capitalist class began large anonymous donations in support of the corporate agenda through 501c4s, 501c6s, Donors Trust and Donors Capital Fund. They began bundling these funds so that each donation had a greater wallop.

From at least 2003-2016, the Koch Brothers have hosted bi-annual donors summits at Rancho Mirage near Palm Springs. Here, together with a double handful of peers, they plan the future. At their 2010 summit, the Brothers convinced the other donors that their common cause could best be furthered if the Brothers were in control of all the money


raised. The others agreed. The estimated wealth of those present was \$129.1 billion. They raised \$25 million this time with the Brothers kicking in half of it. They bundled the money for greater impact. At the 2015 summit, this group raised what experts believe was closed to \$1 billion to further their goals.

The known cure for too much money in politics is people on the ground knocking on

What excites me here is that *Voices from the Grassroots* reflects the needs of our community through working collectively toward a common vision of what our future can be. It is one example of effective resistance.

doors and talking with voters. This is how the people of Richmond beat Chevron. There are other ways, too. Go local and build coalitions. One fine example of this is North Bay Jobs with Justice's post-fire rebuild plan, *Voices from the Grassroots*. It merges labor, faith, environmental, immigrant rights and community together with a common, localized agenda that favors hiring locally and paying prevailing wages, extending the 10% rent cap while capping future rent increases and enacting just-cause eviction legislation. It calls for a \$15 per hour minimum wage while requiring all new construction to include affordable housing, be all-electric capable and confined within urban growth boundaries. House homeless people. To pay for this the city of Santa Rosa needs to raise the bed tax from 9% to 12%, including vacation rentals, raise real estate transfer taxes of high-end properties and float a bond.

There is much more to this document. What excites me here is that *Voices from the Grassroots* reflects the needs of our community through working collectively toward a common vision of what our future can be. It is one example of effective resistance.

Sources: Heist (video); Dark Money, 2016, Jane Mayer; *Voices from the Grassroots*, 2018. Read more at gml.org. 

WISE SAGES-IN-TRAINING Retreat in Petaluma

Saturday, Feb. 9, 10 AM – 9 PM & Sunday, Feb. 10, 10 AM – 4 PM

All are invited to join in all or part of the Wise Sages-in-Training festivities. The event will include most or all of the following: short guided meditation, circle discussion, potluck meals, inspiration, laughter, group art project, music, peace gift trade, brain storming for ideas to let people know that peacebuilding and nonviolence work, movement for relaxation and a video/movie. The movie will probably be scheduled for Saturday evening. There is no charge to attend.

Peacebuilding is the focus of this year's annual gathering of northern California Peace Alliance members and anyone interested in attending. Our goal is to create a culture of peace by researching the root causes of violence and promoting effective peacebuilding tools, programs and policies in our personal lives, our communities and schools, both at the national and international level. Last year we decided to work on a new Peacebuilding and Violence Prevention state office or commission. There have been very effective temporary commissions in California in the past.

You can read more about our grassroots advocacy organization at www.PeaceAlliance.org. If you would like to learn more or to attend all or part of the retreat, please contact Kendra Mon by calling 707-347-6800 or emailing kendramon@comcast.net.

"We can talk about ending war and we can march for ending war, we can do everything in our power, but war is never going to end as long as our hearts are hardened against each other." – Pema Chodron

A New Low in US History

Will Shonbrun

Reviewing a year in which the presidency was held (squeezed lifeless, I'd say) by a bizarre, unstable and horrifically cartoonish version of a tin-pot dictator is challenging enough without picking an outstanding moment. It's almost like asking what was the lousiest movie or music recording of the year. There's just so much juicy material from which to choose, it's overwhelming. Where to begin?

To wit: collusion with Russia to throw the election; obstruction of the government to determine the breadth and depth of that enterprise; how the president and his chosen cabinet heads have acted corruptly to enhance their self-interests; the border wall farce; labeling the press as "enemies of the people"; insane, hysterical pronouncements and flat out lies by the president via twitter, and on and on it goes. It's just a random sampling in a sea of lies propagated by the country's leader and his minions, all enabled by a spineless, fawning and amoral Republican Congress. Again, where does one even begin?

In retrospect, I'll have to pick the atrocity perpetrated by Trump and his henchmen and women (Sessions, Nielsen and Sanders) to name but a few. I use the word 'atrocity' as I think it aptly describes those actions taken to separate children of any age, including babies and toddlers, from their families and holding them indefinitely in makeshift detention centers. This was done to families seeking asylum in our country from threats of death and violence. These are cruel and inhumane actions directed at people in desperation seeking sanctuary, carried out by our government and shamefully done in our name. In my view this is so far beyond the pale, and done purposely for political reasons, as to be the nadir of 2018, in a sea of other outstanding moments of political and social depravity.

A dictionary definition of atrocity is: "An extremely wicked or cruel act, typically one involving physical violence or injury." The results of these actions taken by the Trump administration have been the deaths of some of these children and incalculable psychological and emotional damage to thousands of children and their families. In my view it is tantamount to torture and crimes against humanity as outlined in the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Separating children from their mothers and fathers is a new low for a country that's supposed to welcome immigrants in dire straits. Some of the children will never be reunited with

their families because the government agencies in charge neglected to keep records of their whereabouts or to whom they belonged, purposely or inadvertently. This is an abomination that ranks with the turning away of immigrant children and asylum seekers to our shore from Eastern Europe prior to WW2. It's up there with the forced incarceration of Japanese-American citizens during that war. In the former notorious incident the children and adults not permitted to land on US soil were sent back to concentration camps and almost certain death.

I'm no longer shocked by America's past history and haven't been since becoming aware of what truly happened in our past, centuries ago and up to current times. I'm no longer surprised by the obscene and sometimes monstrous actions of human beings in practically all societies and I reckon that's true of many of us who've

been around for a while and bothered to seek the truth. But when the stories from the Texas borders and elsewhere broke on TV I found myself yelling obscenities at the screen directed at those politicians and putative "leaders" responsible, with tears in my eyes and filled with rage. Yes, almost comical, but I felt the fear and horror those children were subjected to and I felt the utter desperation of those parents as I would were they my own children. And despite all my years of trying to detach from the inhumanity of human actions such as this, I was engulfed in outrage and hot anger toward those who perpetrated these cruelties on the most vulnerable of victims. Frankly, I can still feel it now. 🙄

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BOOK REVIEW:

Pictures of a Gone City

by Jonah Raskin

Bringing peace and justice to Sonoma County and to all the counties of the San Francisco Bay Area is well worth the effort. It's also a tall order. For one thing, as geographer Richard Walker argues in his new book, *Pictures of a Gone City* (PM Press, \$26.95), the San Francisco Bay Area is made up of thirteen counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Merced, Napa, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma. Pull on any one of these counties and it affects the other counties. If there's gridlock crossing the Golden Gate Bridge there's probably gridlock in the city. And if there's a fire in Sonoma it will likely mean smoke in the whole region.

What also makes the San Francisco Bay Area a challenging place to align with the goals peace and justice, as Walker explains, is that it's home to some of the biggest and most powerful corporations in the world, including Google, Facebook and Apple. Profits have soared and incomes for some employees have risen, but thanks in large part to the big players, the gap between rich and poor has widened. "Inequality is growing and so is the class divide," Walker writes in Chapter Two, which is titled "Boom Town." As he shows, bust goes along with boom, and recession and depression can follow times of economic growth and prosperity.

Walker saves the best for last. In Chapter Ten, "The Right Fight," he provides some of the dynamic history of social protest movements in the San Francisco Bay Area in the twentieth-century. He's enthusiastic about the emergence of "Indivisible," the grassroots organization that has chapters from Sonoma to San Mateo. Walker was also elated by the battle to retake the House of Representatives. *Pictures of a Gone City* came out before the 2018 mid-term elections, but Walker writes that "Promising organizing has emerged in pursuit of a Democratic majority in Congress." He adds, "the focus is to flip Republican house seats in California's interior." Indeed, months of organizing led to Democratic victories at the polls. Democrats not Republicans will be going to Washington, D.C. Walker tends to be gloomy.

He argues that "capitalism maintains a firm grip" on Bay Area citizens. Still, he looks forward to "collective action" and hopes for "a new upsurge of radical organizing." *Pictures of a Gone City* might lead some readers to feel down about the prospects for activism, but it will also inspire others to take on the challenges that lie ahead and to work together for peace and justice.

Emma's Tears

e.g. singer

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

– Emma Lazarus, Poet

Jakelin Caal Maquin was a seven year old Guatemalan girl celebrating her 7th birthday on the road with a caravan of migrants with her first pair of shoes. She was on her way to a better life. Now she is dead!

She was not killed by a physical assault or a vehicular accident. No! The official cause of death was septic shock – a result most likely from poor nutrition or a bacterial, fungal or viral infection. She is yet another victim of the global diaspora occurring daily, where people are forced to leave their countries of origin due to the repressive and ineffectual policies of those governments and rampant domestic lawlessness under which they live. So, desperate to escape war, political oppression and poverty, they depart with just the bare essentials, but with much hope and faith, to find a more compassionate land to live in, and to escape those intolerable conditions.

Those conditions are only further exacerbated by the failure of the "global community" to address adequately the ongoing environmental degradation of natural resources and lands, and the continuing impact of technology in disrupting those peoples' lives. Without a radical reevaluation of what needs to be done to alleviate the human misery that inundate us daily in our media, we will continue to see a further exodus of people fleeing for their safety and security.

This child's death may seem extraordinary... it is not. In fact, it has become the norm. The media happened to be following this migratory event and the timing was synchronistic – the story got told.

Those elected officials, so quick to cast aside this current group of people south of our border, should look to their own heritage and realize that perhaps two or three generations ago, they too came from immigrant stock. Perhaps Mr. Trump should lead an excursion with those elected officials to that small island near the New York City Harbor where that great lady statue resides and read or reread Ms. Lazarus' inscription. 🌿

A World of Hope, A World of Despair

Lilith Rogers

"And we've only got these times
We're livin' in
Only got these times we're livin' in"

What are these times?

Hope or despair?
Love or hate?
Joy or grief?
Beauty or ugliness?
Happiness or sorrow?
Exuberance or sadness?
Companionship or loneliness?
Abundance or scarcity?
Optimism or pessimism?
Renewal or destruction?
War or peace?

All of these at once.

I know
There have been times
Like these before
When the people
Looked about them
And said,
"No, this can't be.
Will we leave
THIS
To our children -
This war,

This hatred,
This devastated
Landscape?"
The people
Looked about them
And said,
"No.
This is NOT
What we will leave
To them.
YES, we CAN
Fix this.
We have climbed out
Of this nightmare before.
We have woken
To our best selves in the past.
We have realized that
We can not leave this mess
To our children.
We know that
The time is NOW!"
And
"We only have these times
We're livin' in.
We only have these times
We're livin' in."*

So,
"Let's get together
And FEEL ALRIGHT."

*Quote from singer-songwriter Kate Wolf

As a black woman, my politics and political affiliation are bound up with and flow from participation in my people's struggle for liberation, and with the fight of oppressed people all over the world against American imperialism.

~ Angela Davis

Crossing the Border

Granny Vee

Southern borders to be crossed.
 Much to be gained and much to be lost.
 Refugees stuck there in the burning sun,
 From worse trials they are on the run.

Why do the ICE-men deployed down South
 Cause anguished cries from so many mouths?
 Kid ripped from kin. Families torn apart.
 Orders are orders. They have no heart.

Now is the time for the throngs to surge,
 For the strong to fight for what all deserve.
 Time to fuel hope for humanity.
 Time to stop all the cruelty.

The Good Old Boys

Laure Reichel

The good old boys
 have circled their wagons
 around their "fraternity,"
 Surprised at the resistance
 of the native inhabitants
 to the invasion and rape
 of their lands and bodies.


Again and again

unable to feel, hear, see
 the pains caused to others,
 their deeply ingrained feeling
 of superiority and exceptionalism
 perpetuated by their
 exclusive, selective, male education.

Enough is enough

May Mother Nature
 cause them to be reborn
 as the OTHER of any
 group or species they have
 offended, demeaned, exploited
 harmed, injured, ignored
 or knowingly, purposefully
 caused to disappear.

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Allies Safety Network – compiling a phone chain/helpline to build a safety network for those at risk of harassment to provide a supportive presence in situations of hateful threats. Join the Network Call List: 583-9168

Alternatives to Violence – Presents experiential workshops in personal growth in the community and prisons. 545-1798

Comité VIDA – Defends the human and civil rights of immigrants. 523-1740, cirsc@yahoo.com,

Daily Acts – Offers sustainable solutions rooted in the power of inspired daily actions. 789-9664, dailyacts.org

Fukushima Response – works to inform about the Fukushima melt downs, monitor the consequences, advocate for the shut down of Diablo Canyon. fukushimaresponse.org. 823-9203

Green Party of Sonoma County – sonomagreenparty.org

Green Sangha – Spiritually engaged environmental action. info@greensangha.org

H-PEACE – Health Professionals for Equality and Community Empowerment. hpeacesonomacounty.wordpress.com

Healdsburg Peace Project – Peace and social justice action group, Healdsburg. 431-1129, healdsburgpeaceproject.org

Hate Free Petaluma Progressive organization. www.facebook.com/hatefreepetaluma/

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Metta Center for Nonviolence – Works to promote nonviolence worldwide and to build a nonviolent culture. 774-6299

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National Women's History Project – coordinates observances of Women's History month around the country. 636-2888, nwhp@aol.com

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North Bay Organizing Project – a regional faith and values based peoples' organization. 318-2818

North Coast Coalition for Palestine – Brings greater awareness to the plight of the Palestinian people and works to end US military support for Israel. 575-8902. www.nccpal.org or find us on Facebook.

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Progressive Sonoma – Peaceful Resistance Network. An umbrella association to network Sonoma's local progressive action groups. peacefulresistance9.wixsite.com/progressivesonoma. Facebook at Peaceful Resistance Sonoma

Project Censored/Media Freedom Foundation – Publishes the top 25 most censored news stories each year. 874-2695, Peter@projectcensored.org, Mickey@projectcensored.org. projectcensored.org.

Racial Justice Allies – Developing anti-racist practices among white social justice activists. 795-2890 racialjusticeallies@gmail.com, www.racialjusticeallies.org

Sonoma County Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP). In support of single payer health insurance. 763-1925. sngold@juno.com. www.pnhpca.org.

Sonoma County Climate Activist Network (SoCo CAN!) Groups and individuals working address and reverse climate change. Meet in months with a 5th Monday, 7-9 PM at the PJC. Info: 595-0320 or SonomaCounty-CAN@gmail.com (email preferred).

Sonoma County Coastal Hills: gardens@mcn.org

Sonoma County Nonviolence Training Collective offers free trainings in methods and principles for progressive social change and peace. soconvtc@gmail.com.

Sonoma County Resistance via change.org

Sonoma Solidarity with Standing Rock – Supporting indigenous rights and fossil fuel resistance. SonomaSolidarity.org, Facebook: Sonoma Solidarity with Standing Rock. ph. 792-4422.

Sonoma Valley Peace & Justice – Peace and social justice group for Sonoma Valley. audreyvh@sbcglobal.net

SURJ (Showing Up For Racial Justice, Sonoma County) – facebook.com/SURJSonomaCounty

United Farm Workers – 1700 Corby Ave., Santa Rosa 528-3039

United Nations Association – Builds public understanding and support for the United Nations. Facebook

Veterans for Peace – Organization of vets working together for peace and justice through nonviolence. 536-6002

Women in Black – Women who stand in silent vigil to protest war and human rights abuses. 576-6676

Women's Justice Center – Advocacy for victims of rape, domestic violence, and child abuse, particularly in the Latina community. 575-3150, justicewomen.com

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Tues	4th • Nonviolence Training Collective, 7:30–9 PM
Wed	1st • Raging Grannies, 4:30–6 PM 3rd • 350 Sonoma, 7–9 PM
Thur	1st • Peace & Justice Center Board, 6–8 PM
Sat	3rd • Solidarity with Standing Rock, 3-5 PM

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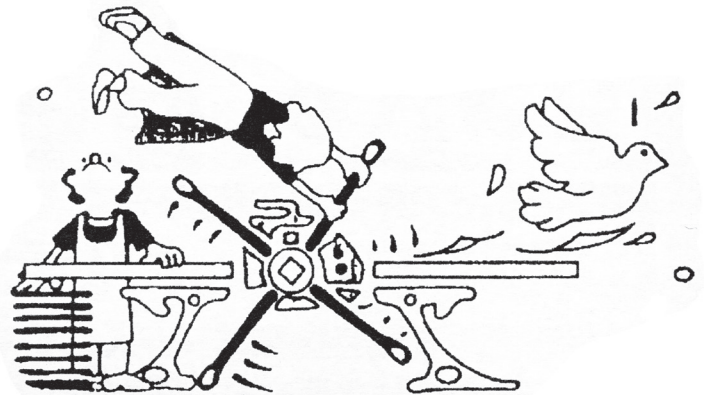
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