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Help Us Fulfill Our Mission

by *Shekeyna Black*

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

– Quote by Nelson Mandela

We are saddened by the recent loss of several people in our community who were committed to peace and social justice throughout their lifetimes. The poignant quote by Nelson Mandela is a tribute to the activists we have lost this year. Please see the lovely tributes and obituaries in this issue of the *Peace Press*.

The Peace & Justice Center has slowly but surely started back in

person meetings by groups who are in alignment with our Mission statement. Pre-pandemic, we hosted numerous groups on a regular basis. Please send an email to peacejusticesonoma@gmail.com to inquire about our room rental rates and policies. We are grateful to be able to offer low-cost space to groups in our community.

We are seeking people interested in joining the PJC to serve on the Board of Directors. To learn more about the Board, email us at peacejusticesonoma@gmail.com.

The Mission of the Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County is to inform, support and energize the Sonoma County community to create peace and social justice through active nonviolence. 🌱

Passing the Torch

by *Susan Lamont*

The local peace and social justice community has lost seven women activists during the past two months. These descriptions are much too brief and can't do justice to the incredible body of work these women leave behind.

Fred Hampton said, “If you walk through life and don't help anybody, you haven't had much of a life.” These women helped enough people to fill multiple lifetimes!

Terra Freedman, who was a member of the Peace & Justice Center's Board and whose passions were many, but especially world peace and the environment.

Ann Gray Byrd, longtime president of the local NAACP, the matriarch of her legendary family of activists and who was an encouraging supporter of many others across a broad range of causes.

Kathleen Finigan, whose energy was unbounded and who worked on law enforcement accountability and to improve the lives of the county's unhoused residents.

Edythe Briggs, a member of Women in Black, who was a

steadfast presence on the corner in Sebastopol and worked for world and personal peace her entire life.

Maria Cañas, a leader in the social justice movement for the local Latinx community, who was also a poet and prolific artist for *el pueblo unido*.

Corinne Thornton, who died just shy of her 100th birthday and who worked alongside her husband, a member of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion, on many causes, particularly labor and civil rights.

Barbara Briggs-Letson, a strong voice for Code Pink Women for Peace, who held Code Pink gatherings at her home in Sebastopol and traveled the world for peace.

When honoring the author Barbara Ehrenreich on her death, her son said, “You can honor her memory by loving one another and by fighting like hell.” Please do the same in honor of these women.

As the members of the older generations pass, it has been a joy to see younger women stepping forward with great energy and passion. The work will continue!

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Why Unions Matter

by Martin J. Bennett

A wave of labor organizing and worker militancy is sweeping numerous industries and large companies. Amazon workers in New York, Apple workers in Maryland, and Starbucks workers at 140 stores nationwide voted to affiliate with a union this year. Organizing campaigns have spread to a dozen Amazon warehouses and hundreds of Starbucks coffee houses. Employees of Target, Trader Joe's, REI, and Chipotle Mexican Grill, and other grocery stores, retailers, media outlets, and hospitals have petitioned the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to hold union elections.

Locally, Sonoma Valley Museum of Art employees recently voted to join Cultural Workers United American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

A 2021 Gallup poll indicated that 68 percent of Americans approve of unions, the highest since the mid-1960s. Why is the labor movement surging now? Can this uptick reverse the decline of union membership, which fell from more than one in three workers in the 1950s to barely one in ten today.

Aside from the low unemployment rate, there are two main explanations for the surge.

The first is soaring inequality and workers' heightened awareness that the economy's gains are accruing to the top. The upper one percent in the 1970s owned twenty percent of the nation's total household wealth (aggregate value of all assets). Today the wealthiest households own 35 percent of the wealth. The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) reports that CEO compensation at the 350 largest firms skyrocketed by 1322 percent between 1979 and 2022, while that of the typical worker rose just 18 percent.

Moreover, according to the Congressional Research Service, inflation-adjusted wages between 1979 and 2019 (latest comparative data) barely budged for the typical male worker. An Oxfam America 2022 report concluded that one in three workers earn less than \$15 an hour. The most recent U.S. Census data show that 140 million people, or 43 percent of the population, are poor or low-wealth. Nonetheless, the U.S. Commerce Department reported that profits were at a seventy-year high last year. The upshot is that

workers believe the economy is fundamentally unfair, especially for essential frontline workers and the lowest paid.

Second, the pandemic has exposed workplace inequities. Essential workers who cannot work remotely have disproportionately suffered fatalities, adverse health effects, and economic loss. Consequently, grocery clerks, food delivery and Uber drivers, fast food, and hospital workers have engaged in protests and job actions. The lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) sparked walkouts at the Staten Island Amazon warehouse, where workers later successfully organized. Unionized nurses and other hospital workers waged numerous strikes in many states in 2020-2021 to protest understaffing, long hours, extreme stress, and PPE shortages.

The pandemic has slammed low-wage essential workers in agri-

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culture, nursing homes, home care, restaurants, fast food, and meat packing. According to the Brookings Institution, many were unable to socially distance themselves at work, only 30 percent received paid sick leave, and most lacked access to affordable health care. Essential workers comprise nearly half of all workers earning less than \$15 an hour. Their low wages meant they had no financial cushion if they had to take off work to quarantine or care for children at home following school closures.

In May, 2020, as the economy reopened, COVID transmission at the workplace raced through service sector industries. Workers at McDonald's, Whole Foods, Instacart, Target, and FedEx staged coordinated one-day strikes and sickouts to protest their employer's record profits at the expense of worker health and safety. These protests laid the groundwork for the current organizing wave. Workers are demanding a strong voice on the job, enhanced health and safety protections, a living wage and hazard pay, and paid sick leave.

A 2018 PBS poll found that nearly half of nonunion workers, if given the opportunity, would join a union. Why? Because a union gives workers power at the workplace to engage in collective bargaining for better pay, benefits, and working conditions. According to the EPI, a union worker earns 11.2 percent more than a nonunion worker with the same education and experience in the same industry. Union workers are far more likely than nonunion to receive employer-provided health care and retirement. Unions improve health and safety conditions by providing health care and paid sick leave benefits, enabling workers to report safety hazards without fear of retaliation, and requiring safety equipment and training.

Today, unions matter more than ever before. 🌱

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SOLIDARITY AS CLIMATE JUSTICE ACTION: *My Role as a Community Safety Observer*

by *Paulina Lopez*

I was born in the municipality of Miahuatlán, Oaxaca, Mexico and raised in different rural and urban places in Oaxaca until the age of 10. My best memories of growing up in Oaxaca were the connection to the land, the water, the people and my culture. One of my earliest memories of being connected to the land was when my parents would take us to my abuelita's house in Chiapas, Mexico. We would spend days in my abuelito Rene's rancho. There, my abuelito would teach us about tending the land, treating it with respect and enjoying its abundance of fruits. I always remember playing with

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the water that would run through my abuelito's rancho, being surrounded by the cacao trees, tasting the sweet fruit of the jinicuil and spending time with family and friends in community.

Arriving in el Norte at age 10, not knowing any English and being made fun of because of my piel morena was a shock. I suddenly felt disconnected from the land as it was difficult to adapt. All that surrounded me were rows and rows of vines, no access to water, and everything was private property. I was no longer the wild child who would spend hours climbing trees, hiking to nearby waterfalls, playing in nature with my friends by the creek until the light of the moon would shine. Although my connection with the land was not the same, the connection was to be outside when my tia would have us plant squash seeds and seeing the abundance of chiles, squash

blossoms and tomatoes in the backyard.

My first actual job was working at the farmer's market where I learned about agriculture and the many issues within our food system. Every summer, I experienced our changing environment. The summer's hot temperatures kept rising and every rainy season kept getting drier. I began to ask questions and start searching why. I found myself learning about climate change and the plenty of environmental and social issues it brought. It was clear that we began to experience the unbalance in our environment as we began to witness environmental disasters.

During my first evacuation in the Tubbs Fire in 2017, I knew I needed to take action. I began my journey of organizing with Sunrise Sonoma County. Within the past year and a half, I began to hear the personal stories of farmworkers on the frontlines of climate change fueled wildfires. Farmworkers are the core of our economy in Sonoma County and have been challenged in every way by wildfires. Many farmworkers have no choice but to harvest under ashy skies surrounded by the burning trees.

As unpredictable environmental disasters continue, I know we can't have climate justice without farmworker justice. That's why I stepped up to be one of the core members of the Community Safety Observers (CSOs). As a CSO, our role is to back up farmworkers who are fighting for safety, respect and protection during wildfires. The CSO is a direct ask from workers, we will make it clear that as a community we have their back and will be ready to deploy and monitor working conditions. Dangerous working conditions are a human rights violation and the CSOs will be ready to hold the industry accountable when they fail to care and respect the workers.

Want to learn more about the Community Safety Observers?

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Teachers Reach for Economic Justice

by *Rebel Fagin*

People not directly involved in public education might be surprised to learn that Social Security takes up to 60% of a teacher's non-educational retirement funds when they retire.

Each state determines its own education plan including retirement. In some states teachers can finagle retirement funds so that the money they earned as teachers can be applied to both their pension and Social Security. This is double dipping. This is not the case in California.

In California we have State Teachers Retirement System (STRS). For example, if you looked at my Social Security profile it drops to nothing for the years that I was paying into STRS, not Social Security. Since retiring as a teacher, I have returned to non-educational employment and paying into Social Security. These are two different piles of money. They are funded separately yet Social Security is allowed to take up to 60% of my Social Security money due to what they call the Social Security Offset. I should receive \$902 a

month. After applying the offset, I receive \$352 a month. This is the case with all teachers who served in public education and worked at non-educational jobs.

This is unjust and has been opposed by organized teachers for at least 40 years. Things may be changing, but only with your help.

HR 82 is a bill that repeals the Social Security Offsets so teachers who worked outside of education get their fair due. HR 82 has 291 cosponsors. It is coming up for a vote. There is a companion piece S 1302 in the Senate. Senators Feinstein and Padilla are cosponsors. This bill is currently stuck in the Senate Committee on Finance.

We need folks to contact Representatives Thompson or Huffman, depending on where you live, to vote for HR 82. Also, please urge Padilla and Feinstein to continue to push this bill in the Senate.

It's not about getting a little extra, it's about getting the money we put into the system. It's about economic justice. 🌱

County Supervisors Nullified Your Vote – Demand It Back!

by Susan C. Lamont

Since the killing of 13-year-old Andy Lopez by Sonoma County Sheriff's Deputy Erick Gelhaus in 2013, those of us who have been demanding law enforcement reform and civilian oversight have been told that the Board of Supervisors is powerless to make any serious headway in that direction. "The law gives us no power over another elected official" has been the standard line.

But over the last few years, the California legislature has enacted several new laws which force greater accountability on law enforcement and give local governments greater say over both their police departments and sheriff's offices.

In addition, the voters of Sonoma County voted overwhelmingly for more oversight through passage of Measure P almost two years ago. I will focus on one of the changes granted through the ballot box. Measure P gave the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO) the right to conduct independent investigations of serious incidents, such as death at the hands of an officer.

The Police Accountability Task Force of the North Bay Organizing Project is gathering signatures for a petition to the Board to authorize IOLERO to open an independent investigation of the killing of David Pelaez Chavez.

Former Directors of IOLERO Jerry Threet and Karlene Navarro had found many instances of incomplete investigations conducted by local law enforcement. Initially, the director could only review those faulty investigations well after they had been conducted, and point out the errors, but it was too late for an accurate report. Measure P gave IOLERO the right to investigate from the beginning, putting additional and independent eyes on the ground and hopefully avoiding some of the previous omissions and errors.

With all these legal changes, the Board was free to do some of the things that they had previously said they couldn't do. So, with this new power, what did the Board of Supervisors decide to do? It decided to nullify your vote. You know – what Trump tried to do, but these folks have succeeded, at least so far. The audacity is stunning and it's time to put an end to it.

And why did they do this? First, most of them hadn't been enthusiastic about the measure from the beginning. This was an important reason for taking the measure to that ballot box, instead of asking the Board to pass it themselves. A measure passed by the voters is supposed to be permanent unless the voters revoke it in a new election. If the supervisors had passed it, they could undo any part or all of it any time it suited them (and, apparently, it suited them

sooner than we'd have expected!).

But also, the Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) had taken them to court. And when did they announce the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the DSA eliminating the investigations? On the same day that the County and the voters won that lawsuit in court.

Why is this particularly important right now? Because Sheriff's Deputy Michael Dietrick just killed David Pelaez Chavez. Under Measure P, IOLERO could have been on the scene immediately, doing its independent investigation and, essentially, keeping things honest. The track record says this is necessary, but the Supervisors have pulled the rug out from under IOLERO and the residents of Sonoma County.

Activists and concerned residents are asking the Board of Supervisors to revoke the MOU. The Police Accountability Task Force of the North Bay Organizing Project is gathering signatures for a petition to the Board to authorize IOLERO to open an independent investigation of the killing of David Pelaez Chavez. You can find that petition at northbayop.org. Please consider signing and sharing this petition.

You can add greater impact to your petition signature by writing to the Board. C.L.E.A.N. (Committee for Law Enforcement Accountability Now) has created a list of talking points:

1. Where an investigation involves an incident resulting in the death of a person either in custody or by the actions of a Sheriff's employee, Measure P authorizes IOLERO to conduct an independent investigation. Under the Letters of Agreement, IOLERO can only begin that investigation after the Sheriff sends its completed investigation to IOLERO for review. This provision should be renegotiated to allow IOLERO to begin its investigation immediately after the incident occurs.
2. Measure P authorizes IOLERO to receive and investigate whistleblower complaints involving the sheriff-coroner. The Letters of Agreement only provide procedures for "intake" of whistleblower complaints, not the investigations of the complaints, and require IOLERO to "determine the necessary and appropriate referral of the complaint to the agency responsible for enforcement of any rules, regulations, policies, or laws which are the subject of the complaint." The Letters of Agreement should be renegotiated to explicitly authorize IOLERO to conduct investigations of whistleblower complaints and explicitly prohibit IOLERO from making any referral to an enforcement agency without permission of the complainant.
3. Measure P requires the Sheriff to cooperate fully with IOLERO in providing "direct, unfettered access to information of the Sheriff's Office." The Letters of Agreement only require the Sheriff to grant access once the Sheriff's Department has completed its investigation. These provisions should be renegotiated to require the Sheriff to provide "direct, unfettered access to information" at any point the IOLERO director requests access.

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IOLERO Should Be Investigating the Sheriff's Office NOW!

Speech given by Robert Edmonds at the Press Conference about the Deputy Shooting of David Pelaez Chavez.

The reasons for overwhelming support and passage of Measure P at the ballot box could not be clearer than in the case of David Pelaez Chavez. Sonoma County Sheriff's Deputies continue to be beyond the control of the elected Sheriff, elected Supervisors, and the will of the people. They continue to needlessly take lives under the color of law.

The Independent Oversight of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO) should have been on site the morning that this deputy took David's life. Waiting around for the Sheriff, Santa Rosa Police, and the District Attorney to find some wrongdoing that they can't just brush under the rug, is a fool's errand. This we know from the dozens of lives that have been taken by law enforcement in Sonoma County, all reviewed and signed off on by cops and a justice system that depend on one another for their livelihoods.

Measure P's purpose was clear: "to expand IOLERO's oversight authority and independence," but the the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has illegally curtailed IOLERO's

ability to realize this purpose. They handed back the authority to investigate deputy involved deaths independently of law enforcement.

Community Advisory Council of IOLERO has informed the BOS that its decision to enter into letters of agreement with law enforcement unions subverts the will of the 64% of voters that codified Measure P.

Measure P explicitly granted independent investigatory authority to IOLERO, and did not limit independent investigation review of other agencies' completed investigations, nor did Measure P require that such an investigation take place at the will of the Sheriff, or of the Sonoma County Deputy Sheriff's Association. The authority written into Measure P is not subject to labor negotiations, as has definitively now been recognized by the courts.

What the Board of Supervisors has done is to illegally remove "the teeth" of Measure P. This is illegal and shall not stand.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors must tear up these letters of agreement. None of the provisions agreed to in those letters are fodder for debate. Everything we need to know about IOLERO's authority to investigate *now* is contained in Measure P. 🗳️

New IOLERO Director Arrives During Oversight Firestorm

by Jim Duffy

John Alden, a veteran oversight practitioner with over 13 years' experience leading and managing civilian oversight agencies, has been appointed as the new Director of the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO). IOLERO is our civilian oversight agency for the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. In addition to his time spent working in civilian oversight, Alden, who received his JD from UC Berkeley and has been practicing law since 1997, has served as a deputy district attorney in Sonoma and Marin counties.

JD: What attracted you to apply for and accept the position as Director of IOLERO?

JA: *I was drawn to Sonoma County's IOLERO because of its strong support from the Board of Supervisors and the community, as evidenced by Measure P. I also am impressed that Sonoma County has led the state in creating a successful model of Sheriff oversight, a challenging task in many counties. Moreover, I am optimistic that our new Sheriff, Eddie Ingram, is willing to work collaboratively with the community and IOLERO.*

JD: The Community Advisory Council (CAC) recently sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing their concern that the Letters of Agreement between the Sheriff's employees associations and the County substantially undermine the intent of Measure P and the will of the voters. This is a position shared by several community-based organizations (CBO) including the Sonoma County ACLU, the Santa Rosa - Sonoma Chapter of the NAACP, the North Bay Organizing Project, and the Committee for Law Enforcement Accountability Now (CLEAN). Particular areas of concern that are highlighted by the CAC and the CBOs are alleged changes

made to Measure P in the following three areas: the whistleblower provision, the provision authorizing independent IOLERO investigations of civilian deaths involving deputies, and the section providing IOLERO unfettered access to the Sheriff's investigative files during investigation. The CAC letter asks the Supervisors to seek changes to the Letters of Agreement in order to minimize the risk of further litigation. Do you agree with the CAC's letter? If so, what do you plan to do about the Letters of Agreement? If not, how do you plan to educate the CAC and substantial portions of the general public that they are mistaken?

JA: *I fundamentally agree that negotiated agreements should never undermine a voter-approved initiative like Measure P. One of my reasons to take this job was that I was inspired by Measure P, so I am committed to implementing it fully. Letters of Agreement are not permanent. Over time, we will need to, and can, improve upon them. I see IOLERO as the most appropriate agency in the County to lead that process.*

As Director of IOLERO, it is not my role to either agree or disagree with stakeholders, but rather to listen to, and collaborate with, them. In that regard, I hear loud and clear that the Community Advisory Council and others are concerned about the recent Letters of Agreement. I am committed to hearing out all stakeholders on this topic, and collaborating on a path forward. As I write this, I still have many people to hear from.

Furthermore, we should keep in mind that while certain provisions of the Letters of Agreement have been disappointing to many, these Letters of Agreement do have significant advantages. For example, both the Public Employment Relations Board and

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A Most Cynical War and the Power of Nonviolence



New Israeli Prime Minister, Yair Lapid, same brutal Zionist apartheid.

by Rebel Fagin

For the fifth time in four years, Israel has elected a new government. Theirs is a parliamentary system in which those with the majority of votes in their legislature, the Knesset, rule and select the prime minister. Israel has a multi-party system so coalitions are necessary to command a majority. They have just selected Yair Lapid as Prime Minister. Following Netanyahu and “The Butcher of Gaza” Bennet, Lapid is seen as a bit of a wimp, kind’a like Bush senior, and like Bush senior, Lapid has sought out a war of choice to show what a man he is. In August he attacked Gaza and like his predecessors, “mowed the lawn”.

On August 5 Israel attacked Gaza with war planes killing at least 44 people, nearly all of whom were civilians, including five-year-old Alaa Qaddoum.

“Her mother Rasha is in great shock. She lost her daughter and her husband in the blink of an eye and left behind three children. We are all shocked. What is the fault of an innocent five-year-old girl to be killed in this way?” family member Mohammad Abu Jalal told *Al Jazeera*.

The air attacks continue. “We haven’t finished yet,” Israel military spokesman Richard Hecht explained.

The Biden White House: “The US fully supports Israel’s right to defend itself against terrorist groups that have taken the lives of innocent civilians in Israel.” For the record, no Israelis died or were significantly wounded in Israel’s most recent attack on Gaza.

By August 7, 55 Palestinians, including 15 children had been killed. All but a few were civilians. Forces within Gaza retaliated with rockets that never reached Israel. Israel has the Iron Dome. This air defense system intercepts and destroys both short-range rockets and artillery. 90% of the rockets from Gaza were destroyed this way. The US tax payers – you and I – spent over \$2.6 Billion to create and install Iron Dome. The only protection the people of Gaza had was to cower in their homes and pray. Nonetheless the *Washington Post* ran this headline, “Mililitants keep firing rockets at Israel as strikes in Gaza killed at least 24”. The 24 mentioned

are Palestinians from Gaza. When forces within Gaza shot rockets, Israel responded with rockets, jet fighters and 25,000 troops. By August 8 Lapid’s popularity had grown.

“Lapid is in a much stronger position than he was before because the main claim against him is that he is not experienced enough,” said Gayil Talshir, a political analyst from Jerusalem’s Hebrew University.

“It’s crucial to his campaign,” said Tal Schneider, a veteran Israeli political correspondent. “It’s helpful when you have more of a military activity experience when you go into an election.”

There you have it. 55 murdered so a prime minister can keep his job. This is one of the most cynical war crimes conducted in recent years.

Then, in the early hours of August 18, Israeli forces raided, ransacked and welded shut the doors of 6 nonviolent human rights organizations located in the occupied West Bank. They were shuttered because of their work exposing and holding Israel accountable for its ongoing war crimes, including the illegal occupation of the West Bank.

Al-Haq, Addameer, the Bisan Center for Research & Development, Defense of Children International - Palestine, the Union of Agricultural Workers Committee (UAWC) and the Union of Palestinian Women’s Committee (UPWC) were raided. None are terrorists. All use nonviolence to relentlessly pursue justice for the Palestinians. They lend support to farmers, women, children and families. An Al-Haq representative stated: “In targeting the Palestinian civil society organizations, Israel is dismantling the very fabric of the Palestinian Society and systematically removing the

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critically vital monitoring and oversight institutions necessary for a viable and functioning society based on the principles of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.”

Al-Haq and the others call on the international community to pressure Israel to reverse its military order. Governments should “take concrete measures such as trade restrictions and arms embargoes, to ensure that Israel is held internationally responsible for its ongoing systematic inhumane acts of apartheid, including the persecution of human rights defenders.” Israel knows what to do with armed resistance – just kill them. They are at a loss on what to do with nonviolent resistance so they try to stifle their voices instead.

Sources: truthout.org, washingtonpost.com, apnews.com, Aljazeera.com, Wikipedia.org 🌱



The Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant Extension!

by Barry Barnett

"Nuclear waste is the most toxic substance ever created by man," asserted a spokeswoman from Alliance For Nuclear Responsibility on KPFA News, Aug. 12, 2022.

I tweeted, "I didn't spend six days in jail for blockading Diablo (Devil) Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, along with ~1900 others, only for CA Gov. Nab'em Gruesome to extend the power plant's life by 5-10 years, when the state's last nuclear plant had been scheduled soon for decommissioning."

(Our own *Peace Press* editor and writer Rebel Fagin was also in jail there near San Luis Obispo in Aug. 1981, but we didn't meet until later, so my name didn't make it into his book, *Tales from the Perpetual Oppositional Culture: A Journey Into Resistance*.)*

Governor Gavin Newsom's bill would carve out an exemption from state regulators to allow the plant to operate without conducting extensive technical analyses of its environmental impacts. (Sound familiar?) Regulators may possibly extend the life of Diablo Canyon's two reactors, which have been producing electricity – and nuclear waste – since 1985 and 1986, until Oct. 31, 2035 (scary). The governor's environmentalist allies are angry.

The plant is owned and operated by the privately owned utility corporation Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E).

Newsom's rationale is that California needs the energy (definitely non-renewable... clean?). The two Westinghouse-designed pressure water reactors produce 16-18 TWh (terawatt hours) annually, 7.6-8.6% of CA electrical generation. California's climate goal is 100% carbon-free energy by 2045.

On 9/1/22, the CA legislature passed a bill proposing that California (read "taxpayers") provide PG&E with a \$1.4 billion "forgivable" loan for the first 5 years of continued operation. The utility is also seeking funding from a \$6 billion federal program supporting nuclear plants facing closure.

The operating licenses for Units 1 and 2 expire 11/2/24 and 8/26/25, respectively. License renewal was slated for cancellation – in fact, PG&E requested it, stating it was in conflict with California state environmental goals concerning renewable energy.

After disasters at Chernobyl, Three Mile Island, Fukushima, Hanford (Washington State) and others – the latter two still leaking and dumping radioactive materials – planned nuclear plants in the US and other countries were canceled. (And note the new Russian roulette being played by two armies at Europe's largest nuclear plant, the six reactor, 5.7 gigawatt Zaporizhzhia plant in Ukraine.) However, with worldwide energy concerns, such as Western sanctioning of Russian methane ("natural" gas), there is a burgeoning nuclear movement in the US and other countries, with 53 reactors being built in 16 nations, China far leading the pack. And these are only the countries presently building plants; many others are planning ones, especially in Asia with growing electricity demand – about 30 countries in all, proposing or ordering 90 plants.

However, many have closed around the world, including in the US, Japan, Ukraine, and Brazil. In 2021, ten reactors were permanently shut down. The US had 110 reactors but now has 93 operating in 28 states (still the most of any country).

Nuclear reactors and power stations are notoriously exorbitant to build and operate, requiring vast government subsidies, and running

into multiple cost overruns before completion. Also note the inextricable connection to the military-industrial complex.

The issue of constantly produced nuclear waste, which no one knows what to do with, and nobody wants in their state, is conveniently swept under the rug. These continuously piling up tonnes (metric tons, 2204.6 pounds) of radioactive isotopes are mostly strontium-90 and cesium-137, with half-lives of ~30 years; plutonium-239, with a half-life of 24,000 years, and uranium-235, with a half-life of a whopping 703.8 million years! 2000 tonnes of spent fuel is produced annually in the US alone.

The EPA (Environmental "Protection" Agency) of the US, the nation that created the first nuclear reactors and power plants (and bombs), was required to set radiation exposure limits in permanent waste storage facilities for one million years. Ten years after use, a spent fuel assembly releases 10,000 rems/hour, while a dose of 500 rems of radiation all at once is lethal to humans. Obviously, even storage of one million years – longer than the existence of our species – is not even adequate.

Furthermore, Diablo Canyon sits on four earthquake faults – and so is well named.

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American nuclear power plants were launched partly to vindicate producing weapons of mass destruction.

The US Department of Energy (DOE) should decommission Diablo Canyon on schedule.

For a petition urging shutdown, and more information including updates and actions concerning Diablo Canyon, plus many more petitions, go to change.org. Also please see greenamerica.org.

*Notable personalities in jail with us were musician Jackson Browne, Native activist John Trudell, actor Robert Blake, and Glide Memorial Church pastor emeritus Cecil Williams; with comic and activist Wavy Gravy (Hugh Romney, Jr.) and his "cheerleaders" outside supporting us.

Sources: KPFA News, 8-9/22; Wikipedia, Diablo Canyon Power Plant; Plans for New Reactors Worldwide, World Nuclear Association; 10 Reasons to Oppose Nuclear Energy, Green America; California proposed to extend life of last nuclear plant at cost of \$1.4 billion, Lara Corte 8/12/22, Politico; Nuclear Energy Factsheet, Center For Sustainable Systems. 🌱

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Passing the Torch

Kathleen is now EVERYWHERE!

On Saturday, September 3, 2022, the Earth let go of a beautiful Human and the Universe gained a powerful Soul.

Kathleen Susan Finigan was a fighter. She was an avid activist who never backed down. She fought with kindness, love and respect in keeping with her Buddhist traditions.

She fought tirelessly with Homeless Action and was an esteemed Commissioner on Human Rights and never stopped seeking justice for Andy Lopez.

Kathleen Finigan was many things to many people. She was a Mother, a Teacher, a Leader, a Friend, a Mentor, a Beacon, a Feisty Powerhouse and an Honorary Sister to name some of the roles she had in this life.

She was and always will be Love personified. Kathleen Susan Finigan is not gone.

Kathleen is now everywhere!

As she often said: "Onward..."

This poem is dedicated to Kathleen, my beautiful Sister:

In the Garden by Katrina Phillips

fill my shoes with flowers	
bury me upside down	of the slimy things
my hair	– they will tell you
will sprout roots	of my travels –
my skin	postcards written
will split	on blades
cocoon	of grass
don't forget to water me	don't forget to feed me
...onward!	



In Memoriam, Terra Freedman 5/31/1955, Boston, MA – 7/11/2022, Brandon, FL

Terra, aka Terri, lived her adult years in CA in the SF Bay area, Humboldt County and Sonoma County working for non-profits and small businesses. After retiring from The Living Room woman's shelter to her house in Eureka, she was diagnosed with ALS. She spent her last year in Florida so she could be close to her family.

During her time in Sonoma county she was involved with many political and social action groups, including being on the board of the Peace & Justice Center of So.Co. and being a member of the Editorial Collective of the So. Co Peace Press where she was our lead editor. She also worked with the Peace Crane Project, Sonoma County Taxes for Peace, The Department of Peace, Servas and Progressive Democrats of America. She marched to oppose U.S. wars and aggression, to support immigrant's rights and to protect the natural world from plunder and pollution. There was so much more she did so willingly, bringing her joi de vivre wherever she went

She loved and believed in the beauty and wisdom of the Earth, our collective home. "Live Simply so that Others May Simply Live" was a favorite saying. She became a burgeoning conservationist-environmentalist shortly after moving to the San Francisco area at age 20 in 1975. She started college at UMass Amherst in 1974 and finished her BA in Sociology, graduating from Sonoma State University in, 2003.

Her passions grew over time to include flower and vegetable gardening, spending quiet time with friends at the Ocean or in the Forest and singing folk songs with others. She always loved to read and follow politics. "I believe in the oneness of all things, all creation. I believe that we are all connected, that this life is miraculous and wonderful, and I am trusting that this new journey will be as well."



Some Say He Was A Dreamer

by Robin Latham

Long-time activist and political organizer Barry Ponneck (aka Barry Latham-Ponneck) left his body on September 15th. Barry was at home, with family and friends around him during the last weeks. Consciously choosing Hospice, he went peacefully, listening to John Lennon's song Imagine. Barry himself would have written that as a perfect ending to his story. Barry was recognized and awarded by our community for his life of dedication. His name is on the Sebastopol Living Peace Wall and he is a past recipient of the Peace & Justice Center's Peacemaker of the Year Award. He was proud to be seen as one of those valuable people who made a difference.

Barry spent most of his life here in Sonoma County after growing up in Los Angeles. He moved to Cotati to attend SSU. He graduated from Sonoma State as a double major, Psych and Philosophy, his college years helped radicalize him and he found himself. He was a thinker who enjoyed reading all kinds of books and literature, he wrote poetry, articles and stories, loved music, he was a spiritual person and a very gregarious and friendly politically minded man.

We were in the affinity group the Radical Ions that also acted as part of a larger Non-violent Civil Disobedience movement throughout the 80's and into the 90's – a movement that spent hours and hours in meetings, organizing, and taking action together with thousands of others all over Northern California. It was an exciting time to be involved in left wing politics, it felt fresh and urgent and seeded abundant creative ideas. We fought hard against injustice, to make a difference and challenge the status quo of our system and raise consciousness. I know that Barry loved this part of his life and that it was empowering for him.

Barry met me when I picked him up hitchhiking, that's another longer story. He was charming, intelligent and a well-known and

liked personality in Cotati, part of SoNoMoreAtomics, loved, the local music and party scene in Cotati and was as good at having fun as he was at putting on a benefit concert, raising consciousness about a good cause, or waking up the public to the issues of the day.

His mind and heart were dedicated to many causes and issues. Barry jumped into the Anti-nuclear movement and was Anti-War, before I met him. Over the years Bar' also organized to protect human rights, brought attention to the Bohemian Grove, and together with friends we committed civil disobedience, and did street theatre to draw attention to all these things, as well as to our government's political intervention, or to labor issues, and to the always ongoing efforts to expose and educate about global corporatization and the connections between government and business, and the military industrial complex. Although Barry had a day job which paid the bills, it was movement work that that fed his spirit, and was his true calling.

He lived with Parkinson's Disease for over 30 years, which was an unkind and hard reality that eventually robbed this wonderful man of his quality of life. Even when life got really tough, in terms of movement and speech, he did not let the limitations of his physical body keep him from actively trying to make the world a kinder place. Barry rallied family and friends to raise money for Music & Memory, and for the Bernie Sanders Campaign. He was a warrior for peace, a loving husband for 30 years, a sweet and caring dad. Barry's family, (myself, our kids Erin & Noah, his sister Karen and Bro-in-law Steve) have all been feeling the echo of his well lived life. Thank you to all his friends for sharing your memories and messages.

"Imagine all the People Living Life in Peace", we know that this is the best way for us to remember him.

A Celebration of Barry's Life is scheduled for the afternoon, time TBD of October 30th, at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center, 390 Morris Street.

'HomeComing' a Poem for Ann Gray Byrd

by Enid Pickett

HomeComing Holds
Encapsulated Memories,
Bronze Ebony shines shadowless,
Leaving jealous shade
Playing Hide and Seek.
Air Blushes
With the scent of her
Very first Kiss.
Glimmering at first,
Then glowing warmer, warmer
Deep down in between
Oxygen Onyx.

Sista Queen Sirens sit
At her feet and Sing Steadfastly.
Silent Echoes Ending
Soulful Sojourn Sorrows.
Hear them Hum.
Yes, They Hum.
Humming so smooth,
Thousands & Thousands
Of Honey Bees freeze in Midair.
Humming in Heavenly Harmony.

Listen, Only
Your Heart Ears can hear.
Trembling, Trembling
Trembling Voices.
Her Voice Too.
Memories Melt.
Memories Mesmerized
In the corner of your Eye.
In the back of your head.

She...
Cakewalks, Strolls,
Straight Up Struts.
Effortlessly Electric Slides
Smiling in Silence, She dances.
Smiling in Silence, She sings,
She Laughs, and She lives,
Right in the middle of your Third Eye.

Bond Safely for Eternity, Endless
Yesterdays were born.
Each Ornate, Each Ancient, Each African.
BlackBlood codes cut paths on their journey.
While Motown Melodies
Loudly play on the car radio.

Her secret codes reveal Mysteries and Miracles.
Each Code set inside
Blood Diamonds encrypted with
A Precious Pattern
Somewhere in Sankofa's
Timeless Time.
Yesterday's Ring Out Loud
Glorious Gales kiss Gentle Breezes
Syncopated Scats Sing Downwind
Into your Backdoor Kitchen Window.
Clarity. Consciousness.
Like a Sudden Rain in Early Sonoma Spring.

Walk down any street in South Park,
Listen to her giggling echoes.
They Laugh and Dance with you.
She is waiting.
We are waiting.
HomeComing.
ComingHome.

My Roots (poem in honor of Ann Gray Byrd's legacy)

by *N'gamé*

My Auntie Ann taught me moxi and what tenacity is
reminding me that I come from a strong tree of advocacy.

I am Planted inside the soil of Greatness and Humility
From Head Start to Kawana Elementary, our Community
was centered around its youth.

My Roots are strong and an infinite
Beginning as an action to Civil Rights
advocating, aunties voice yowling for Justice
knowing that it would take just us, the people with the
power to make the difference.

For the unheard the unseen voice at bay
The seeds my family planted for me are here and staying.

Because inside of me lives the legacy that my grandparents,
and Family the Ancestors, the ones before me, their mark was left
for me.

Seeds metamorphosed into the Roots that have sustained these
grounds.

And as you witness the ones that came before us fighting on the
forefront of the civil injustices standing up for the rights, even if just
for one of our people... the Community we still cease to be unmoved.

Her smile was inviting and her voice invited all to the table of
change

These Roots have sprung into a grounded tree of fixtures with each
member of the
village influencing and reproducing each branch as the products of
WE.

Each Branch has a name which serves a purpose leading me one
step closer to my own Legacy.

As my world my village change my vision of the world at fifteen.
Gene Calhoun opened my mind and heart to difference and diver-
sity along with Isoke

Teaching me to shout out fear and open my heart to the world and
humanity in it.

Thru New Bridges and appreciating new faces and lifestyles that
incubus me.

The close mind and fear no longer bounded me to ignorance and
intolerance

I too was able to SEE.



South Park a place of HERstory
for those who invested blood, sweat and tears for me and the gen-
erations to come that came into existence, they too have Roots and
so do you.

It was the Village that raised this child and as this child stands
before you, she too is planting the seeds to produce the Strength,
integrity, the Moxie of the future.

See My Roots lay beneath the soil on the backs of my ancestors and
are richly embedded to the community's threads of voices.

As do your Roots as they intertwine with mine and with the threads
of our circle's crest we become defined by them as they continue to
breathe life into the seedlings that will come after us.

My Roots are our Roots and as we keep watering the trees that
bring life to these lands and communities we will then see change
that will suggest that climate is quite right within and then it's time
to harvest again.

Why? Because her Roots became My Roots that are Your Roots
don't you see We are the products of those before us and I am She.

Nov. 22 – Celebrate the Lives of Andy Lopez and Kathleen Finigan at Andy’s Unity Park

Andy’s family invites you to celebrate the lives of Andy Lopez and Kathleen Finigan on Saturday, October 22nd at 4:00. This will be the 9th anniversary of the killing of Andy by Deputy Erick Gelhaus. Kathleen, who died a few weeks ago and who like so many of you on this list, fought courageously for justice for Andy. October 22nd is also the National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation.

The gathering will take place, as always, at Andy’s Unity Park, at Moorland and West Robles, the site of Andy’s killing. All are cordially invited - activists and friends and community. Celebrate activism and celebrate the lives of Andy and Kathleen.

If you want to bring a dish or a drink to share, please do. Music, poems, and songs are also encouraged. Organizations are also invited to set up tables. Activities for children and art are particularly welcome.



– **Demand it Back!** from page 4

Contact the Board of Supervisors by email and please write to all of them:

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You can also attend a Board of Supervisors meeting – most Tuesdays – in person or by Zoom and make a comment during the time for Public Comment for Matters Not on the Agenda. You will need to check the agenda for a given week’s meeting to find out the estimated time for comments – it varies. You will be given 90 seconds to speak. Yes, it used to be three minutes, but, over the past few years, the Board has been eroding your right to speak (just as they have eroded your vote). Instructions for attending the meeting in person or by Zoom (as well as the agenda) can be found at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> – look under Upcoming Meetings and click on “Agenda.”


There is talk of a lawsuit against the Board of Supervisors over this issue. Let’s hope that is possible. But in the meantime, please put pressure of them to give you back your vote! 🗳️

Peace Press Collective Seeking Editors, Proof Readers and Writers

The Peace Press Collective produces the bi-monthly (every other month) publication of the Peace & Justice Center. The next issue will be out in December. Deadline for submission of articles is November 15. Articles are proofed and lightly edited for grammar, spelling. Then the finished Peace Press is to be proofed at the end of the month before publication.

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New IOLERO Director... from page 5

the courts have agreed that we were obligated to meet and confer before implementing much of Measure P. If we withdraw from the Letters now, we'll have to stop implementing those parts of Measure P. For now, the Letters allow IOLERO to be part of key interviews, access databases at the Sheriff's Office, see the disciplinary history of Deputy Sheriffs, and make disciplinary recommendations, among other powers. Without the Letters of Agreement, these powers would not have been available to IOLERO anytime soon.

JD: David Pelaez Chavez was a farmworker who was killed by a sheriff's deputy on July 29. His family along with many faith, labor, immigrant rights and police accountability organizations and individuals have called for IOLERO to immediately use its independent investigative powers established by Measure P to look into this killing. Have you reached out to David's family? What do you plan to do about this call for an immediate investigation by IOLERO?

JA: IOLERO's current power to investigate this case is limited by the Letters of Agreement such that we cannot start that investigation until both the Santa Rosa Police Department and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office have completed their investigations. This limitation in the Letters of Agreement is the one about which I hear the most disappointment from the community, and I absolutely understand that. For the time being, IOLERO and I are bound by the Letters of Agreement in this regard, and thus are prohibited from beginning an investigation now.

I come to the work of oversight informed by much work with victims of crime. Just as victims of crime experience deep trauma, so do those whose family member has been killed by law enforcement. Some may see these circumstances as quite different, but I find the pain and distress are quite similar. My heart goes out to David's family. They deserve to control how and when they discuss their loss; few want a stranger asking them to recount the worst experience of their life. For this reason, I have asked some in the community who may be in touch with David's family to please tell them that I am ready to hear from the family at a time of their choosing. If David's family is reading this column, know that I am here to listen when you feel it's the best time to talk. Cuidense mucho primero.

In the meantime, know that all of us at IOLERO are firmly committed to justice for all people upon whom force is used in the public's name. 🌱

Jim Duffy worked with the Task Force's Law Enforcement Accountability Subcommittee for Civilian Oversight of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. Also with the campaign for Meas. P to strengthen the role of IOLERO.



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'Or, the whale' (or 'a Mount Rushmore of capitalism')

Mural at Sebastopol Center for the Arts Gallery



by Susan Lamont

Inspired by a whale watching trip, Berkeley artist Jos Sances re-read Herman Melville's novel, *Moby Dick*. The result is a 51' by 14' life-size rendering of a sperm whale on 119 panels of scratchboard. Titled "Or, the whale," (the subtitle of Melville's book) the artwork is currently on view at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts and it really is a must-see (I've seen it three times!),

Viewed from a distance, it's a whale. But you could spend a couple of hours up close viewing all the small drawings – portraits and scenes - within the form of the whale. In keeping with the anti-capitalist theme of *Moby Dick*, these drawings include portraits of "captains of industry" – a regular rogue's gallery – John D. Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan, Henry Ford, Leland Stanford and Steve Jobs. Sances calls it "a Mount Rushmore of capitalism."

The scenes move in roughly chronological order through the human and environmental devastation which has resulted from the exploitation of the earth's animate and inanimate "resources" by these specific men and their ilk. The drawings within a drawing begin with the decimation of the indigenous population, the first having been the Pequot people killed by the Pilgrims. The whaling vessel in *Moby Dick* is named after the Pequot.

Too much history is depicted to list here, but included are slavery, subjugation of workers, and climate change catastrophes. There are very specific scenes of enslaved people on the auction block, pigs in slaughterhouses, the napalmed girl in Vietnam, the Kent State murders, children in coal mines, fire-ravaged forests and so much more.

When you go to see "the whale," you aren't going for a biology lesson; you're going to see the carnage that the United States and its capitalist demagogues have wrought upon the world.

Everyone should see "the whale," but be prepared to be uncomfortable – very uncomfortable. As James Baldwin said, "Artists are here to disturb the peace." Jos Sances delivers.

The Sebastopol Center for the Arts is located at 282 S. High St., Sebastopol. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Call 707-829-4797 for details.



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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, circs@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

HPEACE – 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 and build a nonviolent culture worldwide. 774-6299

MOVES-Minimizing Occurrences of Violence in Everyday Society – Stresses nonviolence as the answer to society's ph. 524-1900

NAACP - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Seeks to eliminate racial hatred, racial profiling and discrimination. naacpsantarosasonomaco.org Email: naacp.srsc1074b@gmail.com 707.536.1047

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

North Bay Jobs with Justice – organized for better conditions and a living wage for workers. Email: northbayjobswithjustice@gmail.com, Website: northbayjobswithjustice.org, www.facebook.com/nbjwj Ph: 346-1187

North Bay Organizing Project – a regional community organization. www.facebook.com/NorthBayOrganizingProject 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.

NOW of Sonoma County – local chapter of the National

Organization for Women. 545-5036

Occupy Sonoma County – Embraces the egalitarian, deep democracy principles of the Occupy Movement with a regional strategy for effectively organizing county-wide social justice campaigns that are globally relevant. 877-6650, OccupySonomaCounty.org

Organizing for Action: Progressive organizing project. Contact Linda Hemenway: whatisworking@gmail.com or 707-843-6110 and Facebook

Peace Alliance – Mission is to campaign for a cabinet-level US Department of Peace. 838-8647, maggik3@sonic.net, thepeacealliance.org

Peace Roots Alliance – We seek to create a peaceful, just and sustainable world for future generations. 765-0196, Linda@peaceroots.org

Petaluma Blacks for Community Development – facebook.com/pb4cd

Petaluma Progressives – Grassroots, political education and action group. Producers of the Progressive Festival. 763-8134, info@progressivefestival.org

Praxis Peace Institute – Peace Education organization, 939-2973, praxispeace.org

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. 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 Black Forum: Our mission is to lead, serve, and thrive, by promoting positive community and youth engagement events. Monthly meetings. sonoma-countyblackforum@gmail.com

Physicians for a National Health Program, Sonoma County (PNHP). In support of single payer health insurance. 763-1925. sngold@juno.com. 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 Sonoma-CountyCAN@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.com/SonomaNoDAPL. 792-4422.

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

Sunrise Movement, Sonoma County Hub – Our hub believes in the power of mobilizing youth, taking direct and indirect action, building political power, civic engagement, and partnerships. More info: www.sunrisesoco.org and facebook.com/SunriseSoCo

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

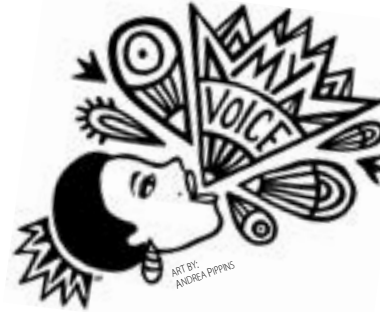
Women in Black – Women who stand in silent vigil to protest war and human rights abuses.

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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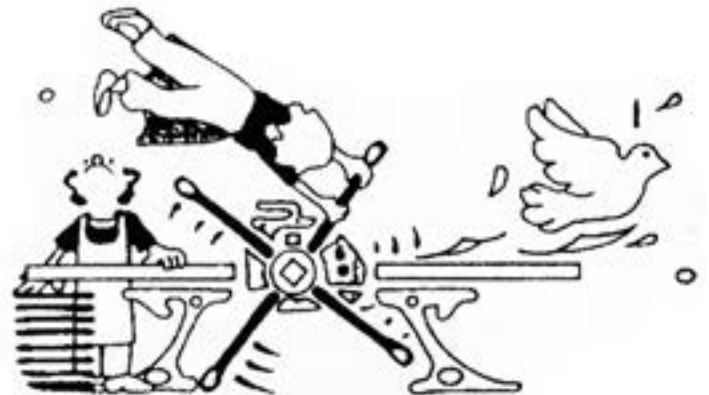
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