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Earth Day, May Day, Work for Justice Everyday

Shekeyna Black

“Behold, a sacred voice is calling you. All over the sky a sacred voice is calling.”

– Black Elk, holy man of the Lakota, born Dec. 1, 1863

Earth Day and International Worker’s Day take place annually during April and May, respectively, each year.

“Earth Day Network works year round to solve climate change, to end plastic pollution, to protect endangered species and to broaden, educate and activate the environmental movement across the globe.” Visit earthday.org for more information.

In 2006 May 1st was called a “A Day Without Immigrants” in the US, with marches for immigrant rights across the nation. The Committee for Immigrant Rights (now known as Comité VIDA) organized the Santa Rosa May 1st march in 2006 with 10,000 people in attendance. This year there will be a march & rally in Santa Rosa on Wednesday, May 1st. Look for details in this issue of the *Peace Press*.

May 1st is traditionally International Workers Day around the world. Many Unions in the North Bay represent and advocate for thousands of workers year round. The North Bay Labor Council is a hub for about 70 union affiliates. See ca.affcio.org/nblc. The Peace & Justice Center is a member of North Bay Jobs with Justice coalition which is currently campaigning for a \$15 minimum wage in Sonoma County. See northbayjobswithjustice.org.

The Peace & Justice Center will be participating vendors at two important events during the last weekend in April. The first one is

the City of Santa Rosa’s 10th Annual Earth Day OnStage celebration on Saturday, April 27 from noon to 4:00 pm in Courthouse Square. The free, family-friendly event draws over 4,500 attendees and according to srcity.org, is an “opportunity to enjoy great food, live performances OnStage, local and earth-friendly products, and eco-friendly crafts and activities for kids.”

The second event, Day Under the Oaks, happens the next day, on Sunday, April 28 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Santa Rosa Junior College, located at 1501 Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa. According to duo.santarosa.edu, “More than 200 booths will offer food, hands-on activities, displays, demonstrations, shows and fun for the whole family.” Additionally, “Day Under the Oaks is also home to the Native American Spring Celebration and the Hui Pulama Mau May Day Aloha Festival; multiple events, activities, vendors and presentations will be made by both groups.” This event is free to the public and parking will be free that day on campus. Be sure to stop by the Peace & Justice Center’s booths at both of these community events and enter to win two complimentary tickets to a show at Redwood Cafe in Cotati. Michael McCullaugh, owner of Redwood Cafe, serves on the Advisory Board of the Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County and regularly contributes to PJC events.

Consider making a tax-deductible donation or become a member supporter of the Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County in honor of Earth Day or International Worker’s Day.

¡El pueblo unido jamás será vencido! The people united will never be defeated!

Border Ecosystems Threatened by Wall

Linda Swartz

There is little discussion in the national debate about border security and its effect on our natural environment. Hundreds of miles of public lands – including six national parks – sit along the border. Our lawmakers need to consider the potential destruction of wildlife and plants that would be caused by additional walls and barriers.

Proponents of the wall are ignoring the fact that about a third of the southern border is already bisected by barriers. These barriers are causing significant harm to desert ecosystems. They are interfering with the migratory patterns of wild and threatened species, including the jaguar, ocelot, collared peccary, the endangered Sonoran pronghorn antelope, bison, black bear and the critically endangered Mexican gray wolf.

Barriers block access to scarce water and food sources and separate animals from their mates. Border security construction along riparian areas is causing habitat loss for many animals, including a highly endangered frog.

Border fences are compounding storm damage and causing the buildup of silt and debris which damages animal habitat and floods local businesses. Border patrol fences and lighting are disturbing the nesting habits and migration of the cactus ferruginous pygmy owl.

According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, an impenetrable wall could impact 111 endangered species and 108 migratory bird species, as well as numerous cacti and other plant species. According to the Sierra Club, it will eliminate any future chance of jaguars migrating from Mexico, hence ensuring their extinction (*Sierra Magazine*).

It’s important to note that the 2005 Real ID Act gives Homeland Security the power to waive all legal requirements, permitting them to completely bypass environmental impact statements and ignore the effects of barrier construction on both natural and cultural resources in parks. And it excludes the National Park Service, many federal land managers and the public from the review process (npca.org).

Misinformation about the effects of border

walls and fences is harming local economies along the border. According to the National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA), visitors to border towns near Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona and Big Bend National Park in Texas bring in millions of dollars of revenue to those areas. These gateway communities are among the safest border towns in the country. When our president and Congressional members describe the border as a dangerous place, they unfairly malign people who live there and discourage the tourism that they depend on. In testimony before the US Congress in January 2019, Christina Hazard, Associate Director for Government Affairs at the NPCA stated that “the border may create two separate countries, but the reality is an extensive, connected ecosystem and many connected communities” (npca).

The border wall could violate the sovereignty of Native American tribes whose lands are bisected by such barriers. The Tohono

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Some Practical Advice on Contemporary Recycling

Rebel Fagin

Recycling has changed in the last year or so. I saw a headline last year that read, “90% of all recycling goes into the landfill.” While I know that many people unnecessarily throw recyclable products in the landfill, that couldn’t be 90%. I looked beyond the headline and what I found was that China, where most of our recycling goes, used to accept 5% contamination per ton. Last year that shifted to 1%. If over 1% of the recycling is contaminated and dirty, they can reject the whole one-ton bundle. The onus is on the consumer to clean the stuff they recycle.

Please don’t contaminate by “wish cycling”! This is the hopeful practice where someone thinks something should be recyclable when it isn’t and recycles it anyway, hoping against hope that the recycler will make good on that wish. Pay attention to the guidelines provided by Recology. Sonoma County guidelines can be found at www.recyclenow.org.

Recycling standards in the immediate Bay Area are more liberal than those of the North Bay. This is due to the capacity of the processing facilities in each area. While Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco can take compostable plastic and waxy paper products, Sonoma and Marin counties can’t. So, around here put those compostable plastics and waxy paper cups and plates in the landfill. Recology will take milk cartons but not waxy cups and plates. Plastic eating utensils, straws and stirrers need to be land filled as they are too small to be processed. Cardboard should be recycled. Paper can be either recycled or composted.

Compostable plastic items are 90%+ vegetable material and less than 10% plastic. The 90% decomposes in 90-180 days. The plastic, never. Plastic breaks down to micro-plastic then no further. These plant-based plastics seemed like a good idea at the onset, but they don’t do what we need them to. We need to abandon these substandard items in favor of non-plastic, plant-based utensils made of birch or bamboo, for example. Better yet, use washable, reusable utensils. Bring stuff from home when you go out. You’ll feel bet-

ter about yourself for taking positive action. Last year the Progressive Festival offered a Green discount on meals you bought if you brought along your own sustainable dining



ware. Hopefully they’ll do it again this year.

Please do not mix compostable plastics with recyclable ones, as compostables melt at a lower temperature and can quite literally gum up recycling processing machines. Most

of the compostables items we see around here come from World Centric. These often feature a green band on them, the word compostable or a zero in the triangle. Other compostables get lumped into recycling #7, the “other” category. You can’t compost these even in the immediate Bay Area based on the #7 in the triangle alone, you need to know what they are made of. Best practice is to landfill them.

To complete the cycle we need to purchase recycled items, made from recycled content. Do you look for recycled products when you shop? For recycling to work in a market-driven economy it is crucial that the economic circle be completed. If you’re not buying recycled, you’re not recycling. There’s tremendous power in the purse/wallet and we as consumers play a vital role in effectively recycling.

Finally, recycling is good, composting better and reusing best of all. Remember to rethink, reduce, re-use, rot (compost), recycle.

Sources: Green Mary, Recology, www.thebalancesmb.com, www.ecologycenter.org, Washington State Department of Ecology.

What Will Our Children Say?

Chuck Sher

The last year or two has seen an unprecedented number of natural disasters in the US: major hurricanes and floods back to back, tornadoes ripping through the south, the most destructive wildfires in California’s history, record-breaking, subzero cold in the east and Midwest, some of the hottest years on record, etc. And overseas the rest of the world has suffered from ever-increasing drought, desertification, melting glaciers, typhoons, flooding, etc.

All these phenomena are not unrelated. They are all part of a larger pattern of climate change. According to the vast majority of climate scientists, these are the beginning effects of climate change that will, without question, get much worse in the foreseeable future.

For the next 12 years, according to the latest report from the US government, we have the chance to prevent the the worst case scenarios from coming to pass. After that, it will be out of our hands. (Look up David Wallace-Wells on youTube for state-of-the art information.)

It is easy to go into denial about the catastrophic nature of what humankind faces. But we need to ask ourselves one serious question: What will our children and grandchildren say about us 30 or 50 years from now? Will they curse us for willfully ignoring the clear signs of impending destruction of a livable planet for them? This question requires our active attention.

Chuck Sher is a musician, music book publisher, (SherMusic.com), and founder of the Petaluma Progressives, (facebook.com/petalumaprogressives).

The Value of Youth Curiosity



Lucia London and Kelley Tillman, organizers of the Santa Rosa Youth Climate Strike, harmonize on appropriate songs related to the urgency of climate change. Photo by Fabrice Florin

Lucia London

Speech given at the Youth Climate Strike in Santa Rosa, Friday, March 15

First of all, I'd like to honor the Pomo and Coastal Miwok tribes, whose land we now stand upon. The hardship that these, and so many other indigenous peoples had to endure is unimaginable to me, and so, regretfully, I tiptoe around speaking on the subject of the stolen land on which I live. However, today, I push past my discomfort to honor the original, best caretakers of mother earth. My intention for this strike is to hold the world as

sacred as these grounded beings do.

Thank you all for being here. Right now, we are standing on the mountains built by our ancestors and we are overlooking the great valley of freedom we possess. We are making history. Let us not destroy these mountains, but build them even higher. Today, I am here to enjoy the view, and to ensure that my children may enjoy a better one.

My goals for this strike can be narrowed down to three things: building political will for the Green New Deal and other necessary legislation to solve the climate crisis,

educating and learning from my community on how to take action on climate change in our lives, and finally, the most important of all, celebrating the mystery of life.

I'd like to briefly talk about the Green New Deal. The Green New Deal is a resolution proposed by congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, building on FDR's New Deal. It emphasizes the urgency of the climate crisis, while also addressing issues like economic inequality and unemployment. In five main resolutions, the deal takes huge steps in breaking the spiral of silence around climate change in the federal government today.

The five main statements made in the Green New Deal, are, investing in small, local, and sustainable businesses, shifting to 100% renewable energy by 2030, improving building efficiency, establishing a national "smart" grid, or meter for measuring energy consumption and greenhouse gasses, and finally, guaranteeing a job for all Americans. Though this may seem ambitious, this is the type of radical action we need to take in order to stop before we reach the point of no return. Therefore, I support this resolution, and I will be writing a postcard to Dianne Feinstein to show my support. I invite you to do the same, at our postcard writing station!

The reason I am here is because I care. I care because I believe in the magic that surrounds us, and is us. I think one of the reasons that youth are the most involved in this movement is because we are curious.

The value of youth is curiosity. It is the endless questions that initiate change: where does our trash go? Why do we keep harvesting materials that never go away? Why do we, as a species, feel so separate from our fellow animal species that we recklessly destroy habitats for our individual and corporate satisfaction? And why aren't we doing anything about it? These are the questions that bring hope, that bring change. My hope, for myself and all of you, is that we can re-develop and maintain our sense of awe for the world, that we see the magic in everything and ask how it got there and why it is there. And may we spread this wonder to everyone we meet.

Lucia London is a senior at Marin School of the Arts at Novato High, and is a resident of Petaluma. She is the cofounder and president of Novato High Earth Club, and is also a passionate singer and theatre student.

Asylum Seekers and Deported Veterans

Linda Sartor

I recently spent a week at the Tijuana/San Diego border with Meta Peace Team (MPT), an organization that provides an unarmed protective presence in places of potential violent conflict. MPT works closely with local organizations. In this case, we were with Al Otro Lado (AOL), Veterans for Peace and Unified US Deported Veterans.

For several years now, AOL has been providing asylum seekers with legal consultations

grant camps that are over-full with inhumane as well as dangerous conditions.

Newly arrived asylum seekers have to come back to the border at 7:00 am and line up to receive a number. After many weeks their number will eventually be called. Between 0-100 asylum seekers will get through any one day. On the four days we witnessed, 20, 33, 40, and 64 asylum seekers got through. There is no way for the asylum seekers to know exactly when their number and name

ters. Some people lose family members in the process. We witnessed parents writing their family names on their children's arms with indelible markers. Similar to the conditions I experienced only for 10 hours when I was detained (in Las Vegas for protesting drones) in which women who had been detained there before were looking forward to moving, or upgrading into the jail once the weekend was over, the asylum seekers are held in freezing cold, highly crowded centers for a couple weeks. (Four-year olds, for instance, are separated from their parents that whole time.) They have to give up all of their possessions, including all their layers of clothing beyond the first layer. In the end, most of them will not get asylum anyway and will be forced back out of our country.

We met many deported veterans. I find it difficult to believe that the US took, and even drafted into military service, immigrants without honoring their citizenship. Many of these vets have been deported in the last 20-plus years due to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. Many of these service people believed they had citizenship; they even had papers that referred to their citizenship, but they were never officially given the status. One to whom we spoke was convicted of felony for possession of marijuana and then deported. He said that a big reason for the 'crimes' that lead to deportation is veterans self-medicating their PTSD. Watch this 9 minute YouTube to hear deported vets telling their stories: (<https://youtu.be/dt1ZM3puS58>). If you want your heart further touched, watch this 3.5 minute YouTube, which has music and old photos of some of these deported vets with their loved ones at home in the US, homes they have been forced to leave and to which they cannot ever return: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRDy69UID6o>).

For more about our team's work at the border February 17-24, go to <https://mpt-border.blogspot.com>.

Linda Sartor is the volunteer coordinator for the Peace & Justice Center. Read her book, "Turning Fear Into Power: How I Confronted the War on Terror" to learn more about her life since 9/11.



Members of a Central American family traveling with a caravan of migrants prepare to cross the border and apply for asylum in the United States, in Tijuana, Mexico. A group of Central Americans who journeyed in a caravan to the US border resolved to turn themselves in and ask for asylum in a direct challenge to the Trump administration – only to have US immigration officials announce that the San Diego crossing was already at capacity. Hans-Maximo Musielik – The Associated Press

from bilingual immigration lawyers to help them prepare for the horrendous process they will face in their attempts for asylum. Tijuana/San Diego is the busiest border crossing in the world. People from all over the world (including from Russia, for example) come here to try to get asylum. Those in the caravans who came from Central America to escape the extreme poverty and violence there (the direct cause of which was US interventions in those countries in the past) faced the dangerous journey north only to find here that they must wait some six weeks. Most are staying in mi-

will be called.

The camps where they are staying are as far as 3 hours away, but if they aren't present with their families and possessions early in the morning the day their number comes up and their name is called, then they have to start the process over again, getting a new number and waiting again for weeks.

Once their number comes up and they get through, the asylum seekers face something akin to torture. The families are split up completely – men, women, and children over three years old are all sent to separate detention cen-

Profiting from Caged Innocent Children

Diego

We witness the terror that the US President enacts on our neighbors and on our communities. It is a uniquely violent kind of terror, where armed men rip children from their families and lock them in cages, where some die in those cages and the rest are left with brands of trauma with which they will have to contend for the rest of their lives. When we bear testimony to his violence, we ask ourselves – insufficiently, perhaps – why anyone would do this? Who enabled the murder of children and the separation of families? What motivates people to do this?

Among the many factors that drive people to evil, one stands out in this circumstance: these lives are a business opportunity. To ICE and the companies it contracts with, these kids and their families are worth more when they are imprisoned than as residents, workers and neighbors in the United States.

Two companies follow this logic – base as it is – and both are leaders in the industry of private incarceration. They are GEO Group and CoreCivic. Like many companies, they receive loans from banks that most people are familiar with: Wells Fargo, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Bank of the West (as BNP Paribas), Suntrust and Bancorp, as well as the pension giant Vanguard. In other words, banks that many of us interact with on a daily basis are largely responsible for funding the incarceration of children. They are responsible for ripping families apart, for the violence, deep and intransigent, enacted on our communities by the President of the United States.

The way it works is this: when ICE detains a child, she is separated from her parents and locked in a cage or behind bars or in an icy cell known as an heladera. She has a 3 in 5 chance of being sent to a privately run facility – the websites of which feature pictures of colorful classrooms and wide-open fields. Instead, she is given prison food and a Mylar blanket. If she needs it, it is unlikely that she will receive any medical attention. She does not know where her parents are and her parents do not know where she is. She is likely to be disparaged and dehumanized. ICE officials may assault her – a child.

Private prisons profit off of 15,000 such children in detention today. The banks that



Detention center in McAllen, Texas. Photo: RGV-FCB/Center for Border Protection

you might frequent profit off of these children in detention. These children belong with their families, in schools and to have good health with enough to eat every night before they go to bed. They deserve the love of their mothers and fathers, not the trauma and anxiety of detention at the cold hands of ICE.

This can end. Another world is possible. Under pressure from activists, Wells Fargo admitted to the risk posed by immoral lending and named the private prison industry in a report to shareholders as a source of that risk. JPMorgan Chase divested entirely. But there's more to do. These financial

institutions have yet to take action on their words and change their behavior. We – their customers, business owners, neighbors, community members, mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers – can continue to hold them accountable. Build the community you want to see in the world. “The arc of the universe is long but it bends toward justice.” We are not complicit in the tyranny of the President. We do not condone the evil of detention and the incarceration of children by our passivity. Instead, we choose to resist.

Diego is member of the North Bay Organizing Project and the Immigrant Defense Task Force.

Taking Action for Haiti

From facebook.com/HaitiActionCommittee

From mainstream news media, we have been subjected to the usual radicalized commentary about Haiti – “mobs in the streets,” “police outgunned,” “looters,” “riots.” And from far too many progressives, there has been complete silence. What is acknowledged as revolutionary social movement in other areas of the world is somehow dismissed as chaos in Haiti. Yet what we are seeing today in Haiti is the latest chapter in an unending struggle for democracy, dignity and justice.

In this time of rebellion, crisis and repression, we send our support to the people of Haiti, to the grassroots movement and to the people's party, Fanmi Lavalas. It is a time for our voices to be heard, for the silence around Haiti to be broken and for a dramatic increase

in solidarity – something that should be on all of our agendas.

Please visit the Haiti Action Committee website, www.haitisolidarity.net, to find action items including holding the US/UN Occupation Accountable. The United Nations, along with the United States and Canada, trains and supervises the murderous Haitian police and oversees Haiti's horrendous prisons where beatings, torture and killings are routine. Condemn the police killings of demonstrators in Haiti by the UN-supervised police and attachés and demand an end to the US/UN occupation. Contact UN representative in Haiti, Sophie Boutaud de la Combe via e-mail, boutaud-delacombes@un.org or twitter [@SBDLC](https://twitter.com/SBDLC) @MINUJUSTH.

WORKERS STRUGGLE HAS NO BORDERS

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY
Wednesday, May 1st

Mobilization to Protest Banks that
Invest in Private Detention Camps
Free and Reunite Children with their
Families • \$15 Minimum Wage
Climate Justice • Public Banks
Housing for All • End Homelessness
• Police Accountability •

BRING BANNERS AND SIGNS WITH YOUR DEMANDS

2:30 PM – Gather for Music and Speakers at
Roseland Village, by the Dollar Tree Store
777 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa

3:30 PM – March to downtown Santa Rosa

Annual May Day March & Rally in Santa Rosa

In the United States since 2006, May Day has been a day to take action for immigrant rights. Internationally, it has been a day to recognize workers rights. Recently the two have merged with the realization that we need both political and economic rights to achieve justice. This year the May 1st Coalition has expanded to include the Sonoma County Tenants Union and the launching of their membership drive. May Day will be a day to celebrate community. The importance of the day was most articulately stated by the historian Howard Zinn:

“The really critical thing isn’t who is sitting in the White House, but who is sitting in – in the streets, in the cafeterias, in the halls of government, in the factories. Who is protesting, who is occupying offices and demonstrating. Those are the things that determine what happens.”

We will gather in Roseland by the Dollar Tree store on Sebastopol Road, Wednesday, May 1st, 2:30 and swiftly form up to leave by 3:30. We plan on arriving at Courthouse Square by 4:30 with a rally featuring community speakers and music from 4:45 to 6:00. There will be solidarity actions throughout the day. All are welcome to join this family friendly celebration of community empowerment.

For more information go to March & Rally for Workers & Immigrants Rights on Facebook,

[facebook.com/events/842232389458666](https://www.facebook.com/events/842232389458666)

Good Friday Witness at the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory

Carolyn S. Scarr

At the annual Good Friday witness, people concerned about the continuing development of nuclear weapons gather at the corner of Vasco Road and Patterson Pass Road, outside the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory for an interfaith prayer service followed by nonviolent acts of witness.

Initiated by Berkeley seminary students inspired by Fr. Daniel Berrigan's nonviolence class, this action has been held for over 35 years. At 7:00 am music begins a prayer service incorporating spiritual inspiration from many traditions, including the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Archbishop Oscar Romero, theologian Dorothee Soelle, Cesar Chavez and Berta Cáceres.

Our speakers have included Revs. Phil Lawson, Sharon Delgado (on Earth Day) and Lee Williamson, Kathy Kelly, Phil Berrigan, Fr. Louie Vitale, Bishop Leontine Kelly and many other leaders in the struggle for peace and justice.

Our prayer service strives to be interfaith. We have opened with Muslim prayers and concluded with Jewish reflections. We honor the Native people on whose land we stand. We process to the main gate, stopping at the Stations of the Cross of Empire to mourn empire's victims. At the gate we engage in liturgical dance. We sing. Some of us block the gates, risking arrest.

Less than a month after Berta Cáceres was murdered we heard her words from 2015:

"Wake Up! Wake Up, Humankind! We are out of time! We must shake our conscience free of the rapacious capitalism, racism and patriarchy that will only assure our own self-destruction... Let us come together and remain hopeful as we defend and care for the blood of this Earth and its spirits."

These were very good words to hear at Livermore Lab, founded in 1952 to develop the hydrogen bomb and which is still the place where new weapons of mass destruc-

tion are designed.

Why Good Friday? Good Friday is the day we remember the execution by torture of a man who taught that God loves the poor and those who feed the hungry, clothe the naked and release the captive.

Walter Wink, who wrote that Jesus' instruction to carry the occupying soldier's pack an extra mile was designed to get the soldier in trouble because he was only allowed to force the colonized person to carry his load for one mile, informs our nonviolence. Wink wrote that turning the other cheek forced the assailant to treat his victim like a social equal. This nonviolence training and Jesus' for economic justice would have been recognized by the powerful in the Roman Empire as a threat – punished by crucifixion.

Consider the nuclear weapon. Remember the burned citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki struggling for water as their skin peeled

off their bodies. Remember the drawn-out deaths by cancer of those exposed to radiation poisoning. This death by torture awaits anyone whose country challenges the US empire. This is true especially now that we have a president who thinks that if we have nuclear weapons, we ought to be able to use them, and whose administration is systematically abrogating treaties limiting development and use of nuclear weapons. Recent projects include the "tactical" mini-nuke and the long-range stand-off missile, both of which could be tools of nuclear escalation in a future crisis.

The nuclear bomb is the cross of today. That's why we gather at the Nuclear Weapons Lab on Good Friday. Our main speaker will be Rev. Will McGarvey. Join us on April 19, 2019 at 7:00 am. Visit www.epicalc.org for details.

Carolyn S. Scarr is a poet and peace activist and is on the board of Ecumenical Peace Institute and Haiti Action Committee.

Allah Akbar

Carolyn Scarr

Allahu Akbar, a mother cries,
Grief and anger wet her eyes.
The child she holds to withered breast
hungry, sick and weak - at last
its suffering ends. The baby dies.

Allah is greater - a father sighs -
than all the wealth that oil buys,
crushed underfoot this hope holds fast:
Allahu Akbar.

Above the shepherds' village flies
the bomber fleet to terrorize
Moslem, Christian - here the least
of them my brothers, sisters lost.
Each broken body testifies
Allahu Akbar.

*Every gun that is made,
every warship launched,
every rocket fired signi-
fies, in the final sense, a
theft from those who hun-
ger and are not fed, those
who are cold and are not
clothed. This world in
arms is not spending
money alone. It is spend-
ing the sweat of its la-
borers, the genius of its
scientists, the hopes of its
children.*

– President Dwight D. Eisenhower,
1953

Deaths in Police Custody

Susan Lamont

Two decades ago, the California Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights came to Sonoma County to review an inordinate number of deaths at the hands of local law enforcement. In its May 2000 report, the Committee singled out three agencies of particular concern. "The Advisory Committee believes that the cities of Rohnert

wrote about crime rates and cases solved and declared his staff to be "professional, loyal and dedicated." And sticking with its refusal to allow any form of oversight by civilians, the city hired an ex-cop to review the department. No report has been made public.

Rohnert Park conducts an annual online poll which asks residents about the department.

A resident can vote any number of times, rendering the poll invalid, but the city cites it as proof of resident satisfaction. At one council meeting, a woman reported voting twice that year in favor of the department, but since then an officer had come to her door and it had been a terrifying experience. She had changed her mind.

Nowhere in recent *Press Democrat* articles or Mattos' piece will you read about that unarmed naked man, Branch Wroth. Wroth was killed because he couldn't leave the motel. In the throes of medical distress, he was afraid to put on his pants. He thought they were poi-

soned. The encounter with two officers began calmly, but after nine minutes they decided to arrest him instead of calling an ambulance or the Mobile Support Team of mental health specialists. Not surprisingly, the distraught man tried to escape. Three more officers were called and five "professional, loyal and dedicated men" beat Wroth's head with flashlights. They broke his ribs. They tased him five times and used prone restraints. Predictably, Wroth died of positional asphyxiation, calling out for his parents. Not one officer intervened to say this was wrong. And Mattos is proud of this department.

The coroner said Wroth died as a result of a drug overdose and would likely have died without the beating or restraint. District Attorney Jill Ravitch's report does not mention the beating. This is no surprise coming from a D.A. who hired an "independent" investigator in the Andy Lopez case who has never found against an officer.

Dear reader, please ask yourself, "Have I, consciously or unconsciously, accepted the deaths and intimidation of people in return for my illusion of safety?" If so, please speak up and say, "I get it now and I want this to end."

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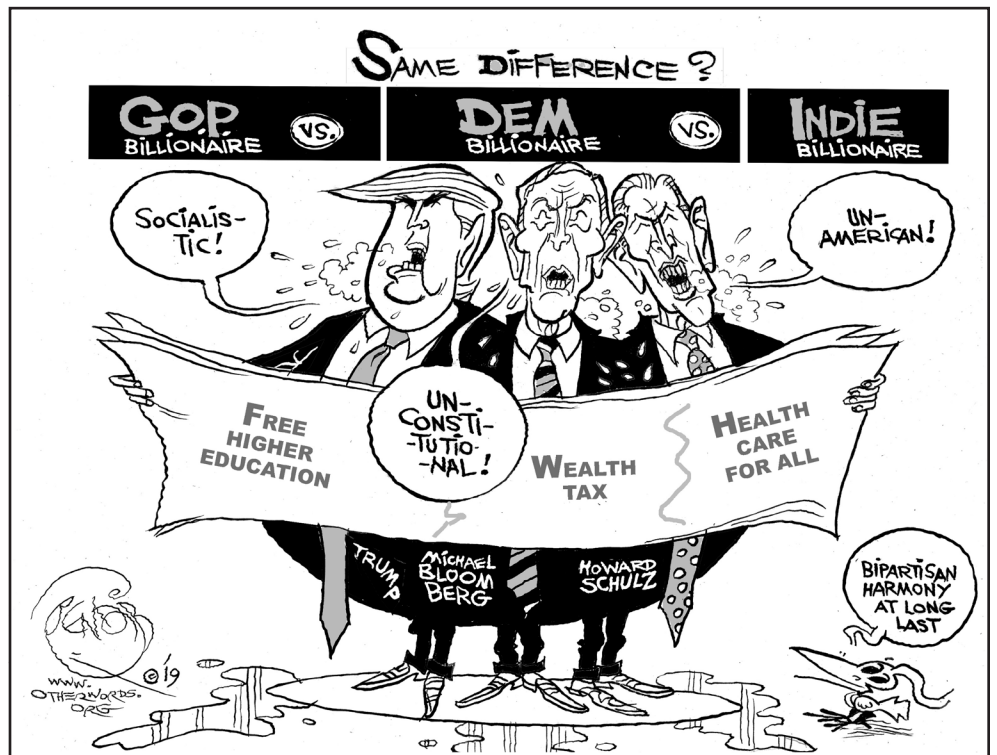
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Park and Santa Rosa and the county sheriff require the immediate creation of civilian review boards."

Andy Lopez was born one month later. It took his killing by Deputy Erick Gelhaus thirteen years later and considerable disruption of City Council and Board of Supervisors meetings for those bodies to create offices vaguely resembling what the Advisory Committee deemed necessary. And now Santa Rosa's City Council is gutting its auditor's position and the Sheriff's Office has recommended closing the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach. And Rohnert Park? Its City Council has steadfastly refused to even hold a discussion on the matter.

Rohnert Park's Department of Public Safety (RPDPS) has received considerable negative press. As a result of a lawsuit, a federal Magistrate Judge ruled "that there are systemic problems in the way that the City of Rohnert Park fails to train its police officers." Rohnert Park faces lawsuits over the seizure of cash and marijuana by officers. There is video of an officer drawing his gun on a man hitching his boat in his driveway; another of officers with guns drawn, rushing three Latino men buying bananas and coffee. And most seriously, there was the death of an unarmed naked man in a motel room at the hands of officers.

So, RPDPS Director Tim Mattos went into damage control mode and defended his department in a recent Close to Home. He



Redirecting War Taxes

Larry Harper

The War Resisters League estimates that about 48% of each income tax dollar for fiscal year 2018 went to military related spending. Is that where you would like your tax money to go? The Costs of War Planes list below details where some of this money is squandered.

I began protesting war taxes in 1985 by refusing to pay 20% of my taxes due. This was the amount that was spent on nuclear weapons at that time. I have continued to commit some form of symbolic tax resistance most years since. In recent years, I have refused to pay a mere \$104 of resisted tax. As Rabbi Michael Robinson, another War Tax Resister (WTR) said something to the effect of, "It is not going to stop the war machine, but it keeps the flame of resistance alive in my soul."

Most of us who resist war taxes either redirect this money to causes where we would like our tax dollars to go or we deposit them in an escrow account, retrievable in case the IRS seizes the funds from us.

As is often the case with civil disobedience, there can be consequences. The IRS has periodically seized funds from my bank account and from my social security payments. However, they have also missed some refusals, despite the fact that I include a letter stating my action and the reasons for it. Overall, I believe that they have seized less in penalties than I have refused. It is also my hope that they have spent more to collect from me than they have seized.

There are many ways to protest military spending. They can range from no or low risk to high risk. You can:

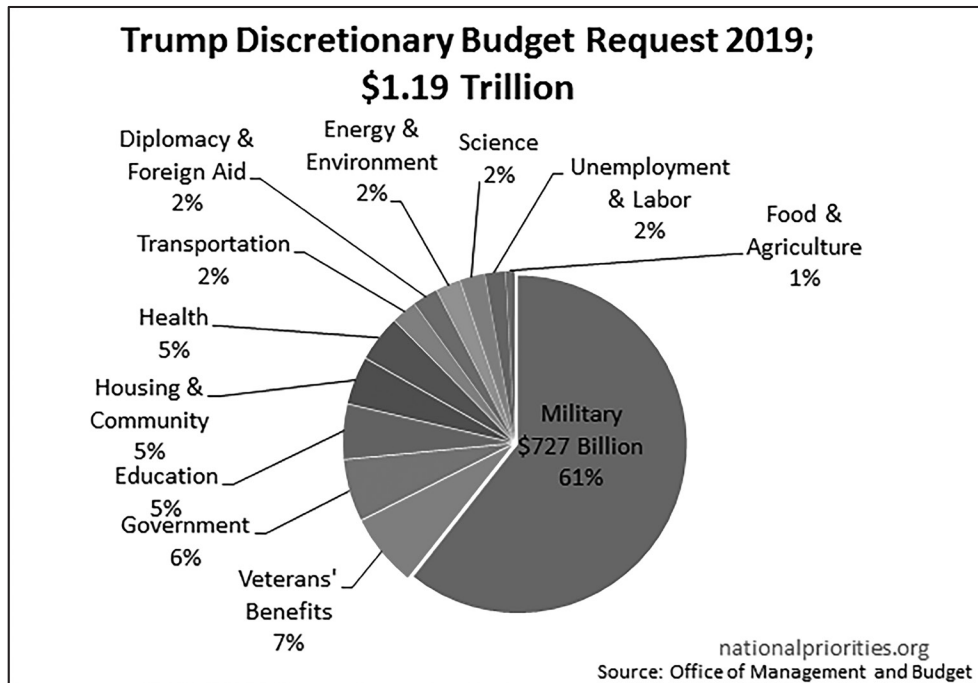
- Attach a protest letter to your tax return. However, do not write a protest note directly on your 1040 form.

- Reduce your taxable income by living simply, perhaps earning below a taxable income.
- Use all available deductions to reduce your taxes.
- Support the Peace Tax Fund bill, which would allow conscientious objector status for taxpayers. See peacetaxfund.org.
- Withhold a symbolic \$10.40 or more from your taxes due.

for a living pay the full rate of tax, while investors get a big tax break. (As Warren Buffet has stated, he pays a lower tax rate than his secretary.)

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez proposes to fund a Green New Deal with a tax rate as high as 70% on earnings beyond \$10 million. Her proposed rate is justifiably double today's highest rate of 37% for individuals who make more than \$510,300 and married couples who make more than \$612,350.

The other tax policy with which I disagree is the treatment of inheritances. For 2019, only estates over \$11.4 million are taxed. This continues the status quo of wealth inequality. Those who work for a living, if single, are taxed on income over \$12,000. Those who are privileged to be born to parents with wealth, get it passed along without taxes until millions are transferred.



- Declare extra allowances on your W-4 to reduce tax withholding and give you the option to refuse paying taxes.
- Refuse to file (highest risk option).

Any civil disobedience you pursue should be taken with full understanding of the consequences. You can learn more at the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee website, nwttrc.org.

There is also the issue of the unequal rate at which we are taxed. We should eliminate the preferential rate for capital gains and qualified dividends. Capital gains, that is, the profits on sales of capital assets like stocks and bonds and real estate, and qualified dividends, that is, income from investments in stocks or mutual funds are taxed at a preferential rate, capped at 15% or 20% depending on the amount of income. What this means is that people who work

Costs of War Planes

F-22 Raptor made by Lockheed-Martin
Cost of one F22: \$339 million including development costs

Cost of entire F-22 program: \$66 billion
Cost per hour to fly one F-22: \$50,000-\$67,000

Uses of the F22 plane: Killing people (wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockheed_Martin_F-22_Raptor)

B-2 'Spirit' made by Northrup-Grumman
Cost of one B-2 plane: More than \$2 billion, including development costs

Cost per hour to fly one B-2: Up to \$135,000
Uses of the B-2 plane: Killing people (wikipedia.org/wiki/Northrup_Grumman_B-2_Spirit)

Larry Harper is a retired woodworker. His political awakening came when he was subject to the draft and became a conscientious objector.

Sea Change on Palestine/Israel

Lois Pearlman

Five words and 22 senators just signaled a sea change in America's discussion about Palestine and Israel.

In an unprecedented move early February, 22 Democrats and one Republican voted against a Senate Bill 1, which provides additional weaponry and technology for Israel and also encourages states to pass laws penalizing companies and individuals for participating in Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel. That's nearly half of the 45 Democrats and 2 Independents, who caucus with Democrats, in the US Senate.

Not only were the numbers historic on this issue, but they also included all but one of the 8 Democrats and Social Democrats who are running for president in 2020. The exception is Amy Klobuchar from Minnesota. Both California senators voted against the bill, and Diane Feinstein, who is not running for president, issued a statement. She concluded, "If this legislation were signed into law, I fail to see how it could survive a court challenge... Additionally, I'm deeply troubled by the fact the legislation would apply to Israeli settlements in the West bank, territory that Israel has never claimed as its own. US recognition of the settlements as a part of Israel pushed the prospects of peace further out of reach, and undercuts our ability to remain a neutral arbitrator between Israel and the Palestinian people."

Of course the bill eventually passed, but not with the unanimity that previous similar bills have experienced. Still, its passage, despite

the fact that part of it violates the US Constitution, led to the second incident.

US journalist Glenn Greenwald tweeted newly elected representatives Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib, "It's stunning how much time US political leaders spend defending a foreign nation even if it means attacking free speech rights of Americans." Both women are Muslims and Tlaib is American-born of Palestinian decent.

Omar, who was born in Somalia, tweeted back the five words that brought a firestorm of anti-Semitism claims against her, "It's all about the Benjamins."

She was referencing to a Puff Daddy song lyric with Benjamins referring to \$100 bills that feature a picture of Benjamin Franklin.

When Batya Ungar-Sargon, an editor at the Forward (formerly the Jewish Daily Forward) asked her what she meant Omar responded with her sixth word, "AIPAC." She was referring to the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee, informally known as the Israel Lobby.

Ungar-Sargon quickly labeled Omar's tweets anti-Semitic, saying she was drawing upon the old "trope" that a cabal of rich Jews controls the world.

AIPAC, however, does not lobby for Jewish issues. It promotes Israeli interests only and includes Evangelical Zionists and other pro-Israel Christians as well as pro-Israel Jews.

But this did not stop the Democratic leadership in Congress, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, from jumping on Ungar-Sargon's bandwagon, calling her out for her allegedly

anti-Semitic comment until Omar apologized – not for condemning the Israel lobby but for possibly offending anyone. But others, including many prominent Jews, defended Omar, saying she was simply stating the obvious – that the Israel lobby funnels money to congressional candidates through a national network of organizations and individuals.

Writing in *The Nation*, former AIPAC staffer and congressional aide M. J. Rosenberg said, "One thing that should be said about Representative Ilhan Omar's tweet about the power of the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee is that the hysterical reaction to it proved her main point: The power of AIPAC over members of Congress is literally awesome, although not in a good way."

So what does this all mean? For one thing, most Democratic candidates for president no longer believe they can win their party's nomination with unswerving support for Israel, the way Hillary Clinton did in 2016. Now the conversation is more nuanced. Americans on the Left – the Democratic Party's base – want a more balanced approach. And they don't want their representatives to put Israel's interests before the rights of the American people.

And, oh my God, a 30-something freshman in the House of Representatives has blown AIPAC's cover and survived. That's because she is not alone in demanding a reexamination of America's support for Israel. Three invasions of Gaza and dozens of illegal Israeli settlements later, many Americans are wondering why we are footing the bill.

Border Ecosystems Threatened by Wall... from page 1

O'odham Nation is just one of many Native American groups expressing concerns that the potential path of the proposed border wall would forbid members to cross daily for basic necessities. It stands to dissect aboriginal lands and cut off access to burial grounds and areas of cultural and religious significance. A physical wall would also block the flow of water during monsoon season that could potentially threaten agriculture.

"These are our homelands and we want to protect them," states Nation Chairman Edward Manuel. Manuel says that tribal people don't own the land but they care for it, because every plant and animal there is sacred. He

cites facts and figures showing that the Nation has worked with federal government agencies, spending millions of dollars of its own resources, to enforce border security, detect and interdict illegal entries and seize illegal drugs and apprehend offenders. Together they have successfully reduced drug trafficking and violence and he believes that continued cooperation – not a border wall – is key to protecting safety and security.

The tribe was never consulted or notified before the president signed off on building this wall. Manuel emphasizes that walls have done little throughout history to bring national security. He concludes that the Tohono O'odham

Nation has no word for "wall."

Sources: *Sierra Magazine*, September/October 2017; A Land Divided, National Parks Conservation Association, <http://www.npca.org/articles/1770-a-land-divided>; Testimony: Border Wall Issues Forum, <https://www.npca.org/artoc/es2-08-tesimony-border-wall-issues-forum>; Border Wall Would Cleave Tribe, and Its Connection to Ancestral Land, <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/20/us/border-wall-tribe.html>, The Tohono O'odham and the Border Wall, americanindianmagazine.org/story/tohono-oodham-and-border.

Linda Swartz is member of Sonoma Solidarity with Standing Rock.

SheRISES Women's Activist Circle

Shannon Rogge

SheRISES Women's Activist Circle of the Russian River began with brainstorming on the car ride home from the first Women's March in Santa Rosa in January, 2017. Two of us who attended together decided it was a perfect time to create a new group to support women activists in the Russian River area. We were empowered by what we saw and experienced at the march, but most importantly we were motivated by feelings of anger, disgust and disbelief at the political debauchery that led to the election of the 45th president. We wanted to contribute to the newly momentous Resistance movement and we wanted to create an opportunity to engage with our local sisters as a way to educate ourselves and promote positive change. SheRISES was the result.

We have just celebrated our 2-year anniversary of meeting together in solidarity. We have hosted several deeply committed and impactful leaders in our community, including Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, and we have cultivated a unique and nurturing environment for discussion, camaraderie, and empowerment. We have organized trainings on topics such as dismantling racism and how to be an ICE observer in case of local raids. We have marched together, created a voter guide for the mid-term elections and celebrated political victories together. We have grown in numbers and now have a solid core group of women who attend meetings in person as well as a continuously growing Facebook group.

We continue to meet in circle format to empower, support, network, educate and strengthen each other in our collective and individual responses to the Resistance movement in this country. Our circle supports women who want to be actively engaged in working towards equal rights, environmentalism and the many social justice issues on the broad spectrum of current human and earth concerns. We provide a platform to share ideas, brainstorm, announce plans, protests and actions in the community, and hold each other accountable to continuing acts of resistance in the current political climate. We help one another to find sustainable, healthy, positive and peaceful means to follow our call to action.

Through our circle we hope to provide a means to network and connect with community organizations and groups in order to educate each other about local, state and national opportunities for engagement. We believe in a collaborative, collective and

shared approach towards engagement. We believe that power increases with each other standing shoulder to shoulder and we refute power "over" any individual or group. We are awake, aware and motivated to create positive change through non-violent and loving action. We will *not* be providing a hierarchy of issues to address but rather aim to support each woman in whatever way she feels called to act and engage. In this way we hope to activate within each other the true power and wisdom that is demanded of us in order to enact radical positive change *now*.

SheRISES meets monthly on the second Sunday at the Marshall House in Guerneville from 6-7:30 pm. It is behind the Russian River Senior Center on the corner of Watson Road and Armstrong Woods Road. On a bi-monthly basis we host local women activists to present ideas, policies and current projects of particular organizations. We join together in varying acts of Resistance on a local level as we are individually called to do so. We always welcome new members.

Shannon Rogge is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Visit her website at shannonrogge.com.

Remembering John Starkey

Alice Waco

John L. Starkey, a Man for all Seasons, "made a clean getaway" on December 30, 2018 with 83 years of Seasons. He ushered out the old year and slipped into the new year in a new form of life, adding another Season to the many diverse and meaningful works he performed while on planet earth.

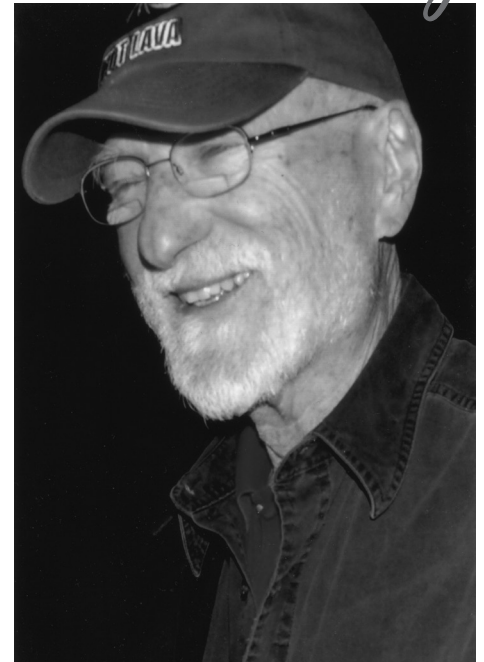
John's adult Season started by becoming an educator and he carried it into his passion to "live life fully." The Peace and Justice Center community holds him in gratitude that we became one of his Seasons.

John has been part of the Center since the 1990's, when we operated out of our rented space at 540 Pacific Avenue in Santa Rosa. We called him to be our realtor and he found a Center member with a building for sale. He negotiated a price we could afford with the help of the Glaser family.

John also had his community radio Season with the station KOWS out of Occidental, which he called Voices and Vision. He would advertise the Peace and Justice Center's projects and interview different activists about their work, especially during the Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan wars. He didn't wait for us to ask him; he sought us out.

John also dropped by the Center when he was in the area, connecting with those who were doing organizing work and just listened to them. We experienced his humanity and knew he cared.

John was a passionate person, which



helped guide him in his many Seasons. He had an M.A. in Political Science and embraced progressive politics. He had a great passion for swimming, an abiding love of art and music and a commitment to use community radio to bring change. He lived life fully in so many ways.

We thank you, Teresa Piper and the family, for sharing John with us and we send our loving blessing to you by committing ourselves to continue the work of Peace and Justice.

Donations in John's name can be made to Sonoma County Peace and Justice Center or KOWS Community Radio.

Could this be the year?

Larry Robinson

Could this be the year the troops come home
from every battle every land everywhere -
home to love healing peace?

Could this be the year we build more homes than
bombs
make more cookies than bullets
write more poems than balance sheets?

Could this be the year that no child goes hungry
no woman abused no man homeless
nobody unloved?

Could this be the year that the salmon swim
the songbirds sing the coyotes dance
in greater numbers than we have ever known?

Could this be the year we stop serving the machine
the machine begins serving us
we begin serving life?

Could this be the year the ancient promise comes true
you know the one I mean of peace on earth
good will to all?

Who Won this Election, Anyway?

Sally Churgel

If we live in fear
They won.

If we live in love
We won.

If we regret, blame, or discourage
They won.

If we grow vegetables and dance like fools
We won.

If we grow small and believe we're powerless
They won.

When we believe they won, the earth looks
Naked, scorched, and ashamed.


When we believe we won, life is full of
Dazzling sunsets and green hills.

When we stand in unity with
Immigrants, women, LGBT, the lost,
The hungry, the homeless, and the earth...
We remember we're not alone.

When we unite and reach across the divide to ask:
Who is hungry, sore or tired?
Who is lonely, sad, or broke?
Someone will dare to reach back.

Then we join hands and say
We are here, we are together.
Then everything opens.
At last we can declare:
We all won.

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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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LezResist! was formed to be a visible and unified Lesbian presence in support of each other, and to stand in solidarity with the many communities, causes, and policies under attack by the current U.S. administration. Info @ at LezResist@gmail.com.

Listening for a Change – Programs support listening and oral history to create a caring community. 578-5420, listeningforachange.org

MEChA de Sonoma – Student group that focuses on issues affecting the Chicano/Latino community. info@mechadesonoma.org

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

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

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) – Seeks to eliminate racial hatred, racial profiling and discrimination. 332-1573

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, facebook.com/pages/North-Bay-Jobs-With-Justice/922338944459410 Ph: 707-346-1187

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.

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. 707-765-0196, 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

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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.

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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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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AT THE PJC

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Mon	2nd & 4th • North Coast Coalition for Palestine, 3:30–5 PM 3rd • Occupy Sonoma County Earth Action, 7–9 PM 5th • Sonoma County Climate Activist Network, 7–9 PM
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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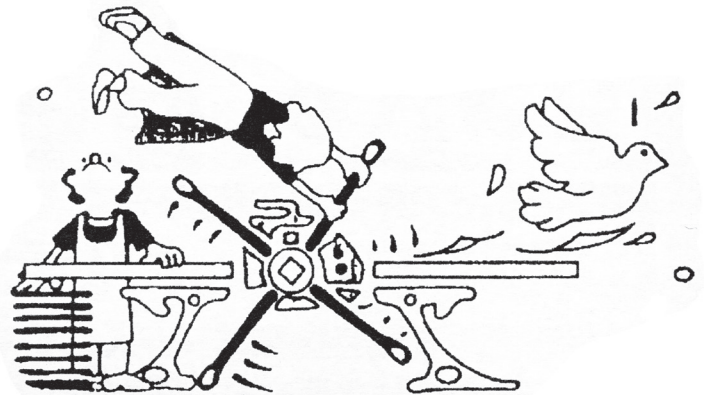
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