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From the Right to Vote to a Right to Govern

Shekeyna Black

“To me, it was shocking that a government of men could look with such extreme contempt on a movement that was asking nothing except such a simple little thing as the right to vote.”

~ Alice Paul, Suffragist (1885-1977)

August 26, 2020 (next year) will mark the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment being signed into law, giving women in the United States the *Right-to-Vote!*

Let us not take for granted this right to vote. Let us continue to use our voting power to elect people to all levels of government who will strive for equal rights for everyone... not just a select few. Let us use our vote for Ballot Measures and Propositions that benefit society as a whole.

Women’s Equality Day is celebrated every year on August 26 “to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment (Amendment XIX) to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. It was first celebrated in 1973 and is proclaimed each year by the United States president.” (Wikipedia)

The Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County welcomes our newest board member, Audrianna Jones! She joined the board in May 2019. She hopes to bring more diversity and technology skills to the PJC so that we can reach as many people as possible. Jones appreciates being part of a “strong network of resourceful, empathetic people in our community.” She has a passion for food quality and nutrition and currently manages St. Vincent de Paul’s Community Kitchen, which provides around 6,000 meals monthly for people in Santa Rosa. She has done a complete overhaul of the menu and atmosphere by working around the clock with neighboring businesses and residents in Railroad Square to bring a cleaner, safer neighborhood for all; as well as a more balanced daily meal for people who don’t have the means.

Join us on Sunday, August 18 from 6-8 pm for a benefit for the Peace & Justice Center at “The Loft” at Lagunitas, located at 1280 North McDowell Boulevard in Petaluma. DJ Loisaida will provide music. Enjoy tasty beer, good music and community while supporting the PJC. Bring a friend!

And enjoy an evening of music on Tuesday, August 27 from 7-9 pm at a benefit concert to raise funds for both the Sebastopol Living Peace Wall and our Sonoma County PJC, at Redwood Café in Cotati, featuring Michael Gillotti & The Peacemakers. They are a Folk-Rock trio that blends original songs of peace and love with the Beatles, Dylan, Oldies and more. Founded by singer/songwriter Michael Gillotti, the creator of the Sebastopol Living Peace Wall, the band features Ron Deghi on drums, Brett Palm on bass and guitar and vocals by Gillotti. The band is now working on its eighth CD Album of original songs. Their motto is: “Creating a More Peaceful World, One Song at a Time.” Visit the artists at: michaelgillotti.com/music. There is no charge for admission, however donations in any amount are greatly appreciated to help support the missions of both organizations – the Peace Wall & the PJC.

Save-the-Date! The Peace & Justice Center’s Annual Awards Celebration and Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 9 at Redwood Café, time TBA. There will be entertainment by AfroFunk Experience and DJ Loisaida. In addition to the Awards Ceremony, there will be a Silent Auction. Redwood Café is located at 8240 Old Redwood Highway in Cotati. Advance tickets can be purchased online at Evenbrite.com or in person at the venue.

Be sure to register and cherish your Right-to-Vote because it is precious. As we gear-up to a Presidential Election year, let us not lose sight of the common-ground values we share with others, despite the differences we may have regarding candidates. Let us each do our part towards shaping the world, our country and our community into its greatest potential. 🌱

Demand That Our Taxes Not Fund Private Detention Camps

David Salm and Dinah Bachrach

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Letter from Birmingham City Jail, April 16, 1963

Everyday we hear more horror stories about children separated from their parents and held in detention centers. We see more photos of them in rows in big cages, covered only by space blankets and hear reports from friends who come back from the border.

Lawyers who recently interviewed detained children report that they are living in “traumatic and dangerous” conditions – insufficient

food and water, going weeks without bathing and children as young as 7-years old being told to care for babies and toddlers.

Parents and other adults in detention aren’t faring any better. In one processing center in El Paso, a cell designed for 12 people was crammed with 76, causing migrants to stand on the toilets for breathing space. Up to 900 migrants were held at another facility designed for 125. In another case, a teenage mother holding a sick and dirty premature baby spent 9 days detained without access to medical care for her newborn. They “wouldn’t give her any water to wash the baby.”

This past year a group of concerned citizens from health care, labor and faith organizations came together, sharing our common outrage

and horror about these children and families in detention centers. We researched and uncovered a chain of responsibility. Our county of Sonoma has invested approximately \$195 million of our money with Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Bank of the West. Those banks are the primary funders of private, for-profit prison companies, mostly Geo and CoreCivic that run about 250 detention centers all over the country.

Here are some mind-boggling statistics: The *New York Times* estimates that 15,000 children are in Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody in these facilities. The Department of Homeland Security puts the number of immigrant children separated from their

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Reasons for Anger in the Ranks!

Ever J. Flores-Deras

I have worked as an educator in Sonoma County for over 20 years and I have never seen my fellow educators so righteously angry. We are tired of being overlooked, undervalued and disrespected in our workplaces by highly paid administrators and by rubber-stamp school boards.

We are sick of having more and more work

US News and World Report ranked Santa Rosa as the 5th most expensive city in the entire United States for educators...

piled on us even as our real wages continue to decline year after year. Administrators who disregard the well being of our students while they squander millions on lawyers and consultants as learning conditions in our classrooms degrade dispirit us.

We are disillusioned year after year to see scores of colleagues leave the teaching profession or leave Sonoma County because they simply cannot provide for their families with our meager wages here. Things have to change or Sonoma County students and their teachers will continue to suffer. This week our anger is especially acute as Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education voted to approve an absolutely shocking \$35,000 raise for the superintendent, while Santa Rosa teachers had to battle to the brink of a strike for a mere 7% raise over two years.

To add insult to injury, during the public comment about the \$35,000 raise, a highly paid Santa Rosa administrator vilified teachers of the District by calling them "the opposition." His comments, unfortunately, seem to suggest the contempt felt by certain administrators and school board members for the everyday heroes who are actually teaching our children. Sonoma County's highly paid educational bureaucracy appears rotten to the core.

Also this week, our anger is heightened because *US News and World Report* ranked Santa Rosa as the 5th most expensive city in the entire United States for educators, behind Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Jose and Honolulu. Yet our pay ranks far below the state average teacher's pay. In fact, according to the California Department of Education, as reported by the *Sacramento Bee* in December 2018, we earn on average 17% less than other

educators in California or a total of \$11,682 less than our peers. In response to this lamentable statistic, the SRCS Board President and her allies lamented the sorry state of Santa Rosa teachers' pay, for which of course they are responsible, and then characterized the fat raise to the superintendent as "low hanging fruit" in their alleged ongoing efforts to raise the wages of all District employees. In response to their final 6-1 vote to approve the cash windfall for the boss, teachers replied en masse, "Shame!"

Throughout Sonoma County, school boards and superintendents

appear largely unmoved by the urgency of teachers' financial situation. In fact, this past school year, many districts including Geyserville, Forestville, Bellevue and others, have proposed no increase in pay at all to teachers. In response, many teachers in various local unions here in Sonoma County have begun to stand together and say "Enough!" The tiny but mighty 16-member Forestville Teachers

Association/CTA/NEA is the furthest along towards standing up for their students and their profession and unanimously authorizing a strike. Those 16 brave teachers earn, on average, 33% less than the state average teacher pay. The District sits on almost \$2 million in its unrestricted savings account and has found resources to hire not one, but three law firms to fight against the 16 teachers' attempt to secure a living wage.

What is the solution to this dire situation? Teachers should organize for power in their worksites and in our community. Also, educators and our allies must run and serve on local school boards, and in doing so reprioritize students and the classroom over lawyers and consultants. Stay tuned and show up and support your local educators as we fight to right the ship of public education here in Sonoma County. 🙌

Ever J. Flores-Deras is a school counselor at Healdsburg High and the current president for the Healdsburg Area Teachers Association. For the last 20-plus summers he has worked with the Adelante Migrant Education program at SRJC as its director. Ever emigrated from El Salvador in the late 1980s at the height of the Salvadorean bloody civil war as a teenager along with his dad and older brother. He also plans to run for the Santa Rosa City School Board Area 1 in 2020.

He Could Have Been My Son

Hank Mattimore

He sits across the table from me, this nice looking young man of 15 years, attired in his juvenile prison grays. I'll call him Alonzo.

"Do you shave yet, Alonzo?" I ask him. He self-consciously touches his face. "Yea, once." He smiles and adds, "but I really didn't need too." I smile back. "Yea, believe it or not, I remember the first time I borrowed my dad's razor and made my first attempt to shave. That was a heck of a long time ago." We both share a laugh.

My mind drifts to some lyrics from the musical, *Les Miserables*. An aging Valjean is standing over the wounded young man, Marius. He sings from the depth of his humanity, "God on high, hear my prayer... he's like the son I might have known... bring him peace, bring him joy. He is young. He is only a boy."

Alonzo is only a boy, too. Some would call him a "bad boy," a "rotten kid" who, urged on by gang members, tried to rob a 7/11 store. I would not call him a "bad kid." Life is never that simple. We have all made our share of mistakes.

But yes, he committed a crime and justice demands that he pay for it. However, I ques-

tion whether taking a kid from his family, his neighborhood and his school and isolating him in prison is the best way to punish him.

As parents, didn't we figure out other forms of discipline for our errant kids than taking a belt to his backside? Didn't we find that a judicious combination of taking away privileges or giving our kids extra work or withholding allowances worked better? I am convinced that we can find better ways of rehabilitating our kids than locking them up. Incarceration should be the last resort, not our punishment of choice. Teenage kids can and do change if we give them a chance, if we work with them. It's not a case of being soft on kids who screw up; it's just being smart. It's also being compassionate and willing to give a child a second chance.

Kids like Alonzo didn't come here from Mars. He came from a family here in Sonoma County. He is a product of our local schools, our own community. He is one of our kids. He could have been my son. 🙌

Hank Mattimore met "Alonzo" while serving as a spiritual adviser at the Sonoma County Juvenile Hall for many years. He is also past chairman of the Juvenile Justice Commission of Sonoma County. He lives in Windsor and can be contacted at hankmattimore12@gmail.com.

Demand That Our Taxes Not Fund Private Detention Camps

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families at 5,600 – a substantial percentage of whom are held in private prison facilities.

- Over 60% of people held in private detention facilities report medical issues.
- More than 40% don't get enough to eat.
- One in 20 reports sexual abuse at the hands of ICE agents.
- There have been 5 deaths of immigrant detainees reported this year in privately run detention camps.

We have begun a campaign to do all we can to Divest from Immigrant Detention Centers, hence our name DIDC. And we are bringing our case to our Board of Supervisors (BOS). The prison companies make money, the banks make money and we in Sonoma County are unwittingly complicit in those violations of human rights by allowing this allocation of our tax dollars to continue.

These are not uncharted waters. In the 1980s, Sonoma County's BOS voted to divest from apartheid investments in South Africa. It was a political decision that demonstrated that obtaining the absolute highest return on County monies does not trump human rights nor our County's dignity and self-respect. And divestment from the private prison industry is not a fringe concept. In March of this year, JP Morgan Chase (the nation's largest bank) announced that they will no longer fund the private prison industry. And many cities have divested from Wells Fargo, among them Seattle, Portland and Berkeley.

These are decisions that today's BOS can emulate if they have the will to do so. All that is required is that the County decline to renew those investments as the loans begin to mature in November of this year. Placing the matter on the BOS agenda and allowing for discussion can advance this initiative. Three of the 5 votes on the BOS will transition Sonoma County from being complicit to being socially responsible. Time is of the essence. Please contact your Supervisor.

David Salm and Dinah Bachrach are members of the Sonoma County coalition, Divest from Immigrant Detention Camps (DIDC). ☸

Witnessing Racism at the Border

Linda Sartor

Among the asylum seekers at the Tijuana border, there have been an increase in Cameroonians recently. They come from Cameroon's English-speaking south with horrifying stories of rape, murder and torture that have been committed since late 2016 by soldiers of the country's French-speaking majority. Cameroonians generally fly to Ecuador because no visa is required and from there it takes about four months to travel across land to reach Tijuana.

The Cameroonians at the border express distress about the racism with which they are faced while attempting to cross legally. I observed the truth in that while 'witnessing' at the border for three days in late June. At 7:00 am each morning, new arrivals to the Tijuana border line up to record their names and get their numbers. Then these asylum seekers must wait months for their names to be called so they can cross the border and start the immigration process. Anywhere from 0-100 names are called in the morning. If a family misses hearing their name called, they must start the whole process over again by getting a new number.

When the names were called on Wednesday morning that week, the Mexican officials only allowed 15 individuals to enter the US

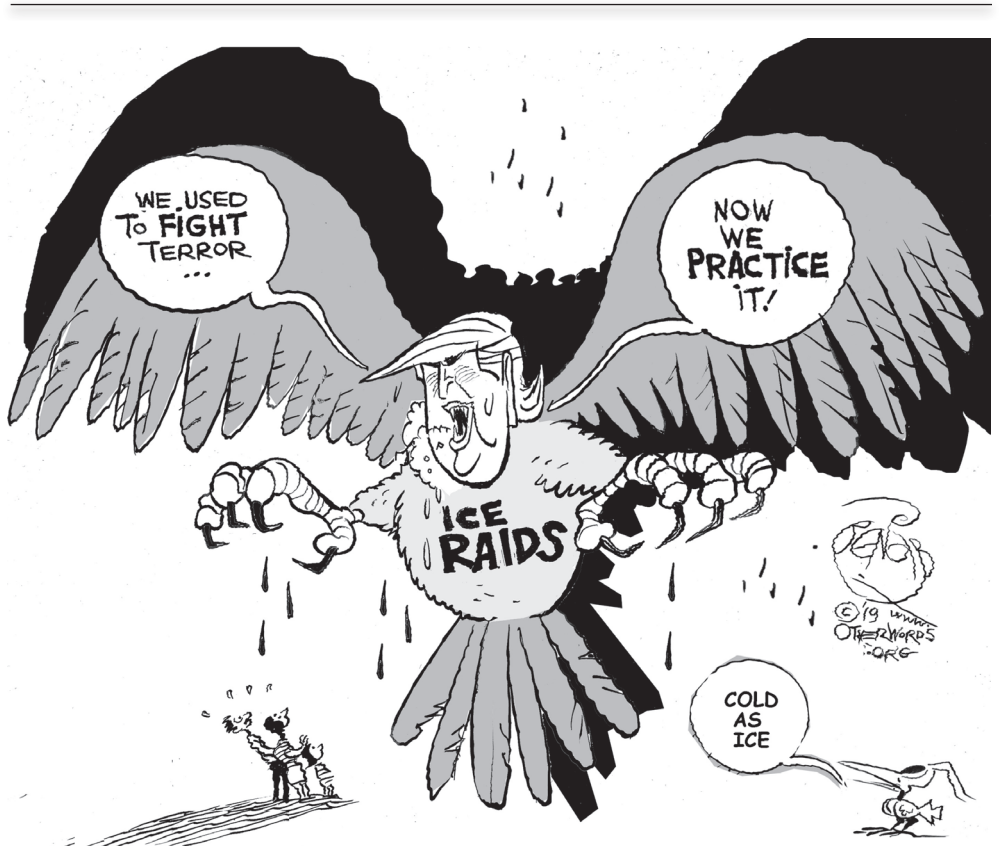
that day. When they had only one space left, they called the next name on the list. It was a Latinx* family of 3, so they said "No" and called the next name. This time it was a Cameroonian family of three, so again they passed over them and called the next name, and so a single man from Argentina was the last to enter that day.

The two families expected to be the first to be called the next day. I was there again the next morning. The Latinx family did get through that day, but after 16 asylum seekers were allowed to pass, the list managers closed their notebook and turned away. The Cameroonian family had not been called. I overheard two journalists interviewing the man of the family. He explained that when he complained about what happened, the officials told him "Your name was already checked off the list."

This is one of many unjust atrocities that are occurring at the border. The worst, I believe, are the detention centers. They are the first stop for the people who come across the border legally after traveling so far from their homes out of desperation. ☸

*Latinx is a gender-neutral term increasingly used in lieu of Latino or Latina.

Linda Sartor is author of "Turning Fear Into Power: How I Confronted the War on Terror."



BOOK REVIEW:

'It is Worse, Much Worse, Than You Think'

Anna Jacopetti

David Wallace Wells warns his readers in the opening sentence of his new book, *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming with these words:* "It is worse, much worse, than you think." Wells lays out the cascade of exceptional events – from mass extinctions and migrations, unprecedented droughts and

When the threatening enemy at our door is a way of life that we have been conditioned to celebrate and desire, changing course isn't easy.

storms, sea level rise, heat waves and wildfires – that have caused scientists to call our time the Anthropocene, a period in natural history in which human activity has become the dominant force affecting the environment. Wells documents how we have been brought to the brink of catastrophe in one generation, with 85% of all fossil fuel emissions occurring since the end of World War II. He writes, "We have all already left behind the narrow window of environmental conditions that allowed the human animal to evolve in the first place... What will it mean to live outside that window, probably quite far outside it? That reckoning is the subject of this book."

I consider myself a well-informed climate activist. I put this book down after reading the first chapter, realizing that I hadn't fully connected the dots. Wells does just that. The tipping point for the probable collapse of the planet's ice sheets, flooding hundreds of major cities around the world, is said to be two degrees. We are currently on track for 4.5 degrees of warming by 2100, according to the UN. Worst case scenarios project 8 degrees of warming with unimaginable consequences, yet none of the countries that signed the Paris Agreement are on track to meet the two-degree objective. The United States has withdrawn from the agreement and our carbon emissions spiked 3.8% in 2018, a result of Trump administration policies.

I could not bear to read more than a chapter or two at a time. I learned that at four degrees rise, the deadly European heat wave – which killed 2,000 people – will be a normal sum-

mer. Corn yields in the U.S. will drop by half. 2.4 million American properties will be underwater with global damages of \$100 trillion dollars a year (more than the current global GDP). The U.S. could be dealing with sixteen times as much devastation from fire. New York could expect seventeen times more events such as Hurricane Sandy. Five billion people will have poor access to water by 2015.

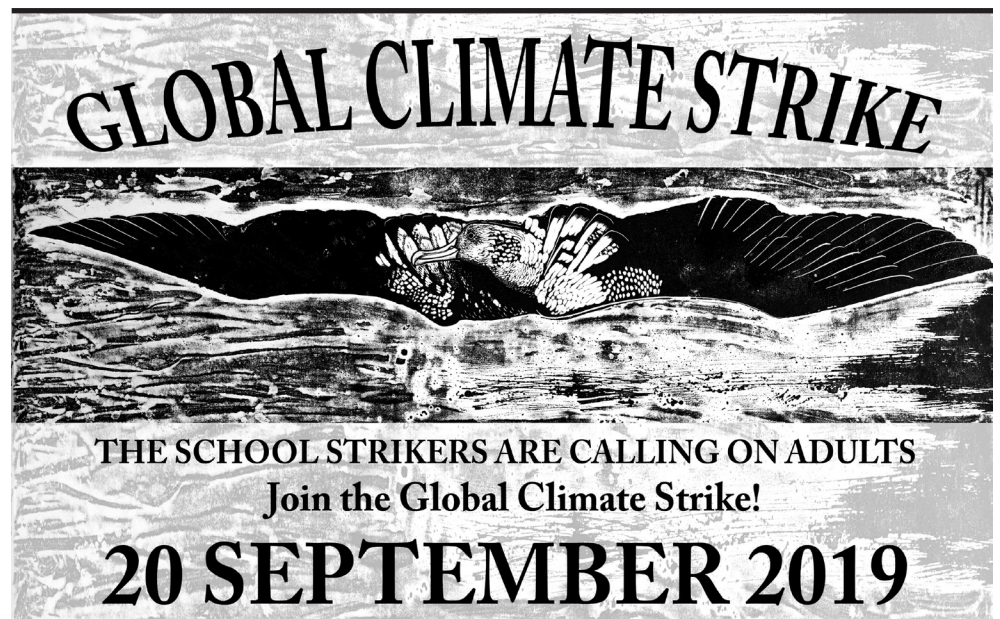
Ocean acidification is destroying of coral reefs and fisheries. Air polluted with small particulates is already responsible for the premature deaths of 10,000 people a day while affecting the cognitive abilities of entire exposed populations. As the tropics creep northward, mosquitoes carrying yellow fever, malaria, zika and new plagues will affect new populations. Economic systems will likely collapse under these enormous pressures, producing failed states and millions of climate refugees. At the end of this section, Wells describes the probable violence in a

world filled with climate refugees, all looking desperately for a survivable spot. He also congratulates readers who made it this far and calls us brave.

It took courage to keep reading. Each chapter contains enough information to induce a panic attack. Wells reminds us, however, that we are now living the consequences of our inaction. We have the tools to transform our energy system and regenerate our forests and soil. If we act decisively, we can protect ourselves and our families from experiencing the worst outcomes. We need only to overcome the complacency and denial that prevent us from realizing the gravity of our situation and from mobilizing globally.

We need an urgent inquiry into how we can make this shift in consciousness. The call for debate about climate change by progressive supporters of the Green New Deal is a start.

I urge you to get a copy of this book. Read it and act on your alarm by sharing it. Let's demand that our county, state and federal officials read it, become alarmed and take action. Let's act as if our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren depend on it. They do. 🙌



This September, millions will walk out of workplaces and homes to join young climate strikers on the streets and demand an end to the age of fossil fuels.

Mark your calendar for Climate Crisis Actions, Sept. 20 thru Sept. 27

For more details see – <https://globalclimatastrike.net>

Report-Back from Occupied Palestine

Sam Tutelman

It is early on a May afternoon in the Palestinian village of Um al-Khair. Thirteen of us are waiting with our Palestinian partners to see if the Israeli Army is on its way to demolish buildings in the village. We have been up since 6:00 am working to make the village's common areas more attractive. Despite having

two more days for armed soldiers to arrive and bulldoze an animal pen that they say was built without a permit, conveniently ignoring the reality that Palestinians are routinely denied building permits.

Imagine if you lived under a military occupation that would not allow you to access an existing water system. If you build a cistern to

when you accompany your sheep and goats to the fields, and attacked your children as they walked to school.

At the beginning of May, 2019, I was one of 45 North American Jews who went to the South Hebron Hills as part of a delegation organized by the Center for Jewish Nonviolence to co-resist the occupation. The area consists of 30 villages with 4,000 residents who largely earn their living as shepherds and farmers. The South Hebron Hills are under extreme threat. The threat is part of the ongoing effort to force Palestinians who live in rural communities to leave, so that when the time comes it will be easier to annex the land.

On the same day that the Army arrived in Um al-Khair, our group joined 80 Palestinians, Israelis and Jewish justice seekers in the South Hebron Hills to repair a road. The road is the only way a number of villages can access food, water, etc. The road is in a state of disrepair due to the unwillingness of the occupiers to grant a repair permit, despite an Israeli court ruling that Palestinians should be able to use the road. Repairing the road was a way for us to support the Palestinian's refusal to give in to the constant pressure of settler and military harassment.

Committed to non-violent resistance, we arrived with buckets but no picks or shovels, not wanting to be accused of possessing weapons, and began to fill in potholes. Within an hour of our arrival over 18 military and police vehicles were on site and we counted 31 soldiers in full combat gear, including automatic weapons. We were soon presented with an order declaring the road a closed military zone and told that we had ten minutes to leave. We did not leave. The soldiers threw several concussion grenades and then preceded to attack, arresting 17 Palestinians and Jews including 2 credentialed Palestinian journalists.

This is the brutal reality of the occupation, an occupation that is supported by the current and past governments of the United States. I am a third generation Jewish-American. The occupation does not represent my understanding of Jewish values, universal human rights or international law. If it doesn't represent yours or you want to learn more, contact the North Coast Coalition for Palestine through Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/North-Coast-Coalition-for-Palestine-NCCP-138852502866805/>, or the Center for Jewish Nonviolence at <https://cjin.v.org/> 🌱



Um al-Khair is a small Bedouin village located in Area C in the South Hebron Hills of the West Bank. People live in fear, not knowing when bulldozers will come for their homes. Demolition orders extend to wood-burning stoves where villagers bake bread and lavatories. People live in fear, not knowing when bulldozers will come for their homes. *(Good Shepherd Collective)*

ownership of its land, Um al-Khair's buildings are constantly under threat of demolition. The village is home to 150 members of a Bedouin clan who were displaced in 1948 after Israel became a state. The village is next to an illegal Israeli settlement, which was built on confiscated land. On the settler's side of a barbed wire fence are lush gardens, water systems and a 24-hour electricity grid that residents of Um al-Khair cannot access.

I am sitting in a large tent next to an older Palestinian woman. We are watching an online live stream of a demolition occurring in the neighboring village of Susya. The villagers believe that Um al-Khair may be the Army's next stop. My home has never been demolished. No one I know has ever had their home demolished. I try to imagine how I would feel. I am amazed at how calm the residents of the village are. Then I remind myself that this is their daily reality.

The Army did not come that day. It took

collect ground water it will be demolished and you may be arrested. Imagine that you can't connect to the electric grid and have to use a generator or rely on solar panels donated by the European Union. The Army can demolish the panels at any time. Imagine that most structures in your village are under a demolition order. You never know when soldiers will tear your house down... you only know that one day they will.

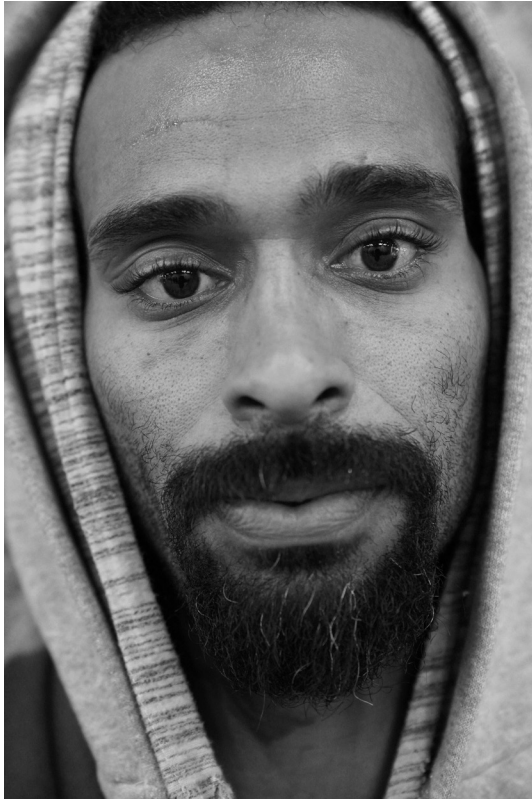
At the end of 2017, 413,400 Israelis live in settlements built on Palestinian land. They live in 131 settlements, as well as 110 settler outposts that are illegal under international law. These are the lands that the current Israeli Prime Minister states he will annex. These are amongst the lands that were to serve as part of a Palestinian State. Imagine that the settlers live on land that in many cases has been taken from you and your people. Many believe they have a biblical claim on the land. They can and have uprooted your olive trees, attacked you

Second Annual Festival of Belonging

Kathleen Finigan

The Second Annual Festival of Belonging will be held on September 13 & 14 at the Glaser Center, Santa Rosa Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 547 Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa.

The Festival of Belonging is a yearly tradition that brings neighbors together to renew the health of our community by strengthening social ties and mutual understanding. Wit-



Jonathan

this year's focus on homelessness and how it affects the entire community, the means for fresh dialog and understanding will be offered through art and thought-provoking conversation. The Glaser Center, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Rosa, is graciously hosting the two-day event and you are all cordially invited.

We'll kick off the Festival on Friday, September 13 with the opening of FACES, a photographic exhibition. FACES is a vibrant collection of 40 color images created by Santa Rosa photographer extraordinaire Salvador "Pocho" Sanchez-Strawbridge. These portraits of dignity in the face of adversity reflect the humanity of people experiencing homelessness who fully deserve our respect, compassion and dedicated assistance. Please join us for the opening celebration from 5 to

7 pm. For more information on Pocho's work, see Pocho Media Consulting and Studios on Facebook. FACES is a Homeless Action!/Justicewise joint project. Our sponsor is the Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights.

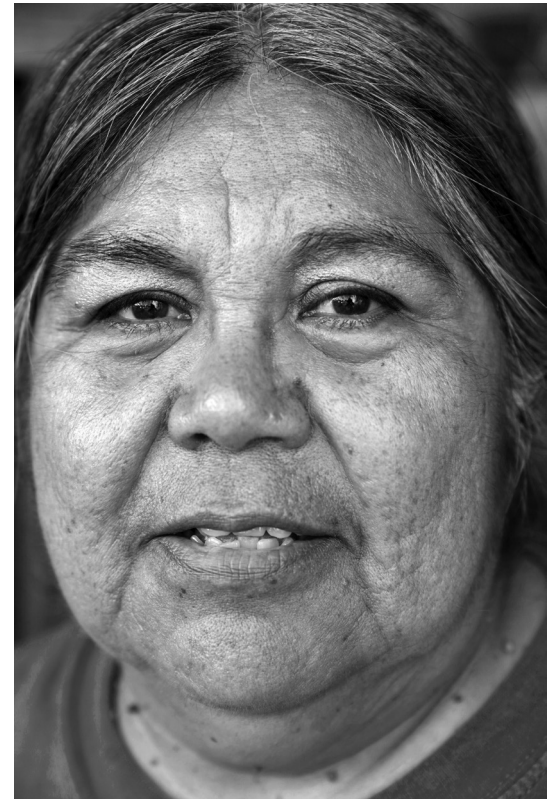
On Saturday, September 14 the Festival continues with fine art photographer Robert Sadler from Monterey. He'll be sharing his presentation, Inherent Worth, in the main sanctuary from 4 to 5:30 pm. The work is based on black and white portraits of homeless men that were shown in the Weston Gallery, in Carmel, California. Bob's focus is on using photography and essays as means to take a deeper look into the inherent worth and dignity of those who live in the shadow of negative stereotypes. Visit www.inherentworth.blog to learn more.

On Saturday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm join us for light refreshments and an informal Community Conversation Cafe hosted by the iBelong Project following the presentation. You're invited to relax and have a bite to eat as we deepen our connections through lively conversation about our experiences and insights from the Festival.

A few homeless service providers and individuals featured in the photo exhibits have

been invited to join us.

We invite you to further be a part of the solution with a contribution to help us meet our costs for producing the Festival. Please make a tax-deductible contribution via Paypal. Go to your Account Summary, click on Send and write in justicewise@inquiringystems.org.



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Jenny "Rocky" Rockwell

"Americans throw out 416,000 cell phones per day; only 15-20% of electronic waste is recycled."

Northwest Regional Library's "Planet People Project" explores sustainability, building resilient communities and ecosystems. In August, the theme will be "Reuse and Repair." The library will host a Repair Party on August 31 from 2-5 pm at 150 Coddingtown Center in Santa Rosa.

Participants are invited to bring bikes and electronic devices to be repaired, clothing to be mended and small appliances to be fixed. The idea is to keep reusable items out of the landfill, build community and empower everyday folks to help each other fix things.

The event is part of the "Right to Repair" movement. Many believe that when you purchase a product, you should be able to repair it yourself or have a third party repair shop fix it for an affordable rate. But there are many barriers, with some companies insisting that only their technicians can fix their products.

A company might pressure a customer to throw away salvageable products and replace them with unnecessary upgrades. According to US Public Interest Research Group, "Americans throw out 416,000 cell phones per day, and only 15-20% of electronic waste is recycled."

The "Right to Repair" movement advocates for legislation that discourages companies from creating obstacles for their customers who want to extend the life of their belongings. Part of the movement is also a growing number of enthusiasts who volunteer their time fixing stuff at events known as "Repair Cafes" and "Fix-it Clinics."

Northwest Library is inviting members of the community to volunteer at the August 31 repair event. Volunteers can sign up at tiny.cc/repairvolunteer for any of the following jobs:

Fixers – to work on bikes, electronic devices, small appliances and clothing

Greeters – greet, orient and event support

Interpreters – for Spanish-speaking par-

Northwest Library Repair Party

Bring your broken stuff!

ticipants

Runners – make trips to the hardware store for last minute supplies

I-Fixit troubleshooter – layperson to use the ifixit.com site; tools provided

Important information for attendees of the Repair Party:

It is a drop-in event, which means first come, first served.

There is no guarantee that we can fix your item; we may need to refer you to other resources.

Help the event run smoothly by filling out a Repair Party Request Form at tiny.cc/repairparty or call 707-546-2265 and ask for Jenny.

Event flyer available en Español: tiny.cc/repairpartyspanish

Repair party request form in Spanish: tiny.cc/reparar

If you would like to learn more about the repair movement, explore these organizations and get involved!

Chimera Arts Repair Cafe in Sebastopol, every third Saturday

The Repair Association: <https://repair.org/association>

Culture of Repair: <https://www.cultureofrepair.org/>

I Fixit, the free repair guide for everything, written by everyone: <https://www.ifixit.com/>

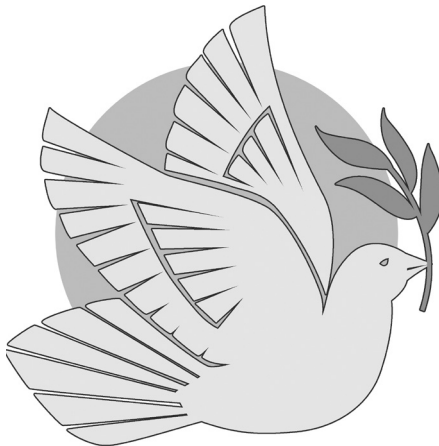
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For more information about Northwest Library's Planet People Project series, visit tiny.cc/planetpeopleproject or contact Jenny Rockwell at jrockwell@sonomalibrary.org or 707-546-2265. 🐦



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Fascism Relies on Secrecy

Barry Barnett

First fascism was sleeping, then it was creeping and now it is leaping.

It didn't begin with electoral college-voter suppression-gerrymander-elected Donald Trump. But our new proto-fascist prez has assembled a kakistocracy – government by the inept and corrupt – that is deconstructing the institutions, oversight and democracy that hold our officials to the rule of law.

The first step fascist leaders usually take in leaping over established laws governing all citizens, including the president, chancellor, etc., is secrecy. Fortunately, in our age of instant, worldwide and still largely unregulated communication, it is harder to hide covert information. Stories tend to come out eventually.

But with the American public fed and fattened on Fox "News," MSNBC partisan bias, lies by the *NYT* and plutocrat Bezos' *WaPo* pushing pretexts for war, and so much "infotainment" long on entertainment and short on info, citizens can become like sedated cows and sheep penned to be eaten. Example: While Rex Tillerson and Exxon knew all about the threat of global warming in the early 1970s because they commissioned oil company scientists to study it, they kept the results secret and began a campaign of disinformation. US citizens have not protested to the extent that is needed – as they have against the two Iraq invasions, against Muslim nation travel bans and for reuniting separated migrant families.

Six corporations control 90% of media in the US. They are General Electric, NewsCorp, Disney, Viacom, Time Warner, and CBS. Five behemoths dominate the Internet: Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Facebook, and Alphabet (Google). Remember Mussolini's definition of fascism, a word he coined from the military symbol of the Roman Empire: corporatism, the merging of the state and corporations.

Some recent instances of secrecy: During the Trump regime, the military has #1: Ended reporting the number of nuclear weapons in "our" arsenal. #2: Classified Afghanistan War data, including total area of Taliban control, Afghan casualties, performance assessments and anti-corruption efforts. And #3: Classified the calendar of US missile tests in 14 time zones. Similarly the number of troops, locations and missions in the Middle East and AFRICOM's 50 of 53 African nations cannot be determined – at least by the public. So the only people who are uninformed are the ones paying for these

never-ending interventions and subsidizing weapons manufacturers: the taxpayers.

It is estimated that the Missile Defense Agency alone – not counting \$10,000 jet toilet seats – has wasted \$200 billion since 1983. Litton Industries overcharges defrauded the government of \$6.3 million. No competition, high-bid, instant approval, no trust busting – the American way (with corporations, financial institutions, and the military)!

Then there are the phony pretexts for war, from "Remember the Maine;" Gulf of Tonkin; the five reasons we must invade Iraq (twice) – yellow cake uranium, aluminum tubes, stealing incubators and throwing out the babies, Saddam Hussein's nonexistent link to 9/11, and his never found WMDs – to Syria's Assad "gassing his own people." US-funded al-Nusra "moderates" did that, assisted by the whitewashing White Helmets. And Libya's Gaddafi supposedly committed mass arrests and mass murder of his own citizens. The truth is that Hussein, Assad and Gaddafi nationalized their oil and replaced the US dollar as their reserve currency – the Empire's worst no-nos.

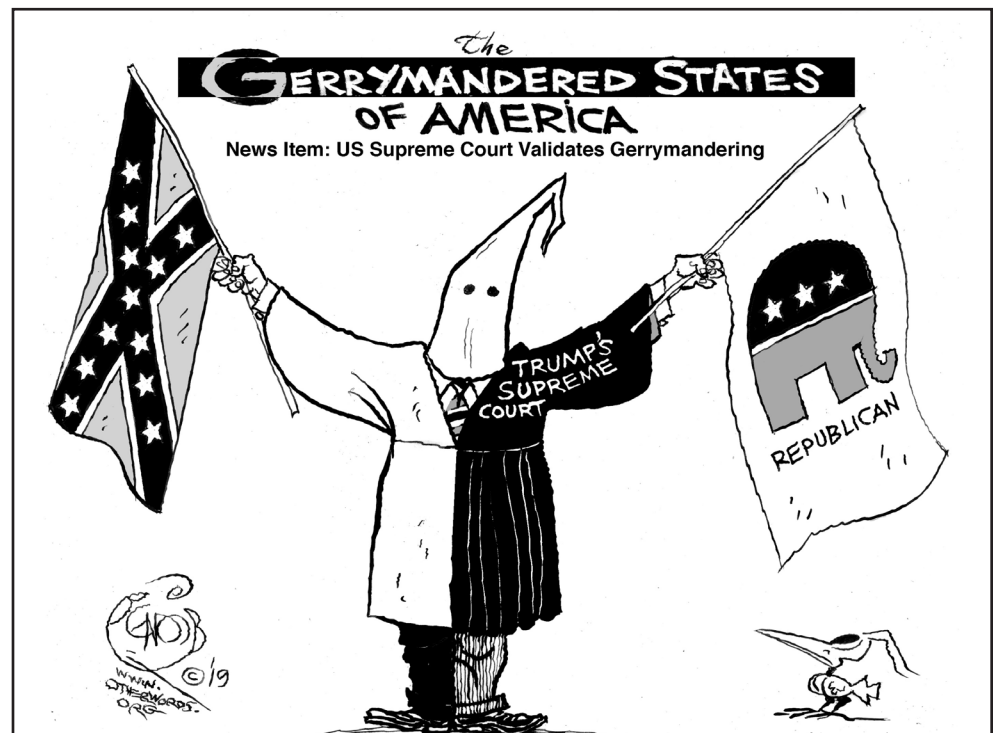
Now we're asked to believe a blurry video of alleged attacks on Japanese and other tankers while Japan's Prime Minister Abe was negotiating in Tehran. The crew attests they were beset by "flying objects," not mines. Then Iran's shooting down of a US spy drone,

clearly over their own airspace, is further "proof" of Iran's guilt – all pretexts for war. And there are a secret number of covert bases ringing Iran.

There is more, much more. There is unprecedented massive deregulation of environmental and financial rules, decidedly nationalist, cruel, aggressive immigration and foreign policies, including illegal abrogation of international treaties and massive strangulation of economies and people's health with punishing sanctions. In short, acting above the law, abetted by increasing surveillance and secrecy, is advancing the dreaded, fought over and supposedly defeated ugly face of fascism right here in our own country. And Trump is encouraging it as many nations veer starboard around the world. We must resist.

Sources: *New York Times* 5/10/17: Farhod Monjoo, Tech's Frightful Five: They've Got Us; Morris Creative 6/14/19: Marketing by Brian, 6 Corporations Control 90% of the Media in America; Al Masdar News 5/12/19: *Newsdesk*, Here is Where all the US Bases are Located in Iran; *Washington Times* 7/10/18: Stephen Dinan, Senator Demands Answers on Pentagon's \$10,000 Toilet Seat; Counterpunch 6/26/19: John LaForge, Trump's Ministry of No Information. ☸

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Empowerment at Autistic Rebel Family

Derek Hearhtower

Autistic Rebel Family (ARF) is a group for autistics and our allies that will be meeting at the Peace & Justice Center. We are proudly autistic and hope to inspire others to feel that, too. We may have problems fitting into this society, but they are only a result of others failing to understand or accept us. We have much to offer: we think deeply and feel deeply, we innovate with divergent thinking and we don't normalize injustice just because it's a daily event. Frankly, we're a treasure of humanity.

Despite that, we are facing dehumanizing oppression. It begins with how autism is introduced. They show stats and 'flaws' that lead one to ponder if humanity is devolving. The result is fear. By the way, there aren't more of us now; the diagnostic criteria merely changed. Vaccines don't cause autism, but anti-vaxxers would rather we be dead than autistic. Institutions gate-keep accommoda-

tions by requiring us to jump through hoops to prove that we need them. People hear about the challenges we face and decide we need to be 'cured' so we're not a burden. Our privacy is consistently violated. Many of us are trapped with abusive parents. We're even being tortured into submission at the Judge Rotenberg Center (JRC).

'Treatments' like electrocution are exclusive to the JRC. However, we're commonly trained like pets to stop doing behaviors that serve our needs like flapping or avoiding eye contact to better serve others' intolerance. This is called ABA therapy and a person who worked on gay conversion therapy and didn't even believe we were people developed it. To ensure their control, we're taught not to defend ourselves. For example, a therapist told me to never reveal that I'm autistic.

All of this carries a toll. Autistics commonly have suicidal thoughts, with a TEDx talk putting it as high as 64% of us. Of course

we're suicidal when it's drilled into us that we're broken or incomplete. Finally, when oppression drives us to consider suicide, we get reported to the police who abuse us even more. Coercive treatment seems to be the theme.

We're not going to take it. ARF will empower autistics to raise our power in opposition. We will advocate for our own interests in ways that are accessible to us. Our battle for acceptance is something everyone should care about. Rewards and punishments, such as capitalism and the carceral state, are means of control, coercion and colonialism. Control destroys individuality, whereas equity and acceptance empowers it. The former might not seem like a problem to those who view humanity as a sickness, but anyone can see beauty when they choose to look. ✨

Derek Hearhtower is a caregiver for people with developmental disabilities and organizes the local autistic group.

Immigration Horrors and Monsanto's Poison in the Fields

You are invited to hear Mitchel Cohen, Sallie Latch, and Dennis Bernstein talk about these major issues, seemingly unrelated, nevertheless, intersectional.

Mitchel Cohen coordinates the No Spray Coalition in New York City. His long list of activist involvement includes editor of the Red Balloon, former editor of the national newspaper Green Politix, and he chaired the WBAI radio Local Station Board. He is author of many books, including 'The Fight Against Monsanto's Roundup: The Politics of Pesticides Against the Peddlers of Chemical poisons.' He will talk about the dangers of pesticides, Monsanto, and read his award winning poetry about things you care about. He will also talk about what we need to do to create the world we want.

Dennis Bernstein is well known as the producer and co-host of KPFA Flashpoints. He has extensive first-hand experience at the border and will share his impressions, experience, and thoughts about what he saw and knows. Dennis will also share his poetry and read from his latest book about immigration.



Sallie Latch is a local activist, author, and artist. She will read from her book, 'Hear Me: Rare, Raw Interviews With Syrian Refugees and Other Heroes of the Refugee Crisis' – giving voice to those suffering forced migration...mothers, fathers, and children she met while volunteering in Greece.

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Another Country

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It was not so many years ago in our country's history that we were looked upon as the bastion of freedom, both politically and economically. When asked, we assisted our allies through our international agreements in two world wars, against tyrants' intent upon releasing their totalitarian and nationalistic philosophies on their neighbors. And although there were US "isolationist" tendencies to avoid those conflicts, we chose to engage with the world and fight the good fight!

We read in our history books Abraham Lincoln's compassionate words to reunite this country at the conclusion of our own civil war, "with malice towards none and charity for all." And so we assisted in the political and economic resurrection of Western Europe and Japan. Why would we do this? After all, to the victor go the spoils, right? We acted not only from a strong moral imperative to address the terrible consequences of human suffering during World War II, but to acknowledge to ourselves and the world that we were still a part of the league of nations – the family of man – that constitute this world.

Again, we did not subscribe to an "isolationist" philosophy. We contributed because our country's enduring social and political philosophy was based on not only realizing the importance of competition in an economic system much of the world lived in, then and now (whether you believe in that system or not), but as importantly, that cooperation with our allies and establishing connections again with former adversaries was the best way to insure positive relationships while minimizing the conditions that would lead to future conflicts.

While not a perfect role model, (we have certainly made our share of domestic and foreign policy blunders along the way), we have attempted to address and correct important issues through our own system of governance. Unfortunately, that system of governance over the past two and a half years has been sorely tested and strained. Our stature and reputation in the world and at home has been greatly diminished by the current administration's many shortsighted decisions and policies, as it impacts our own population and nations around the globe. Non-proliferation treaties, international environmental agreements and accords have been replaced by withdrawals

from pacts, threats of tariffs and saber rattling. Former domestic and foreign policies, in place for decades, that had assured our domestic populace and the world of safety, have been characterized as useless and antiquated.

Political and economic legislation that could have been fashioned to attempt to assist the most vulnerable members of our society seems now designed to bring maximum suffering. The social and economic safety net for middle and working class people, racial and cultural minorities and immigrants is shredded, while continued lack of affordable healthcare and student debt relief are left off the agenda entirely or kicked down the road. Continued reversal of environmental regulations, "tax reform" and maximization of corporate profits also continue, with little trickle down for the majority of Americans, who struggle to tread water in an increasingly choppy sea.

Where once we were considered the leaders of the free world, we now seem to be continually regressing to an "America First" ideology, designed not for partnership with other nations, but to a "nouveau isolationist" mentality. It is reminiscent of past historical eras, represented by 19th and early 20th cen-

tury attitudes towards mankind and nature, with its current motto sold to the populace and the world as, "Make America Great Again." Being geographically isolated can no longer be an excuse to act in an impudent and impetuous manner. We are linked wirelessly to every point on the globe. Within seconds, bellicose statements can have severe ramifications, like a shot literally heard round the world and whose dangerous waves lap at every shore around our planet.

Yes, we have become another country. We are no longer the nation that kneeled to help millions, both domestically and overseas, with programs to assist and raise the quality of life and to acknowledge that human beings should be treated in a dignified manner, no matter their background and history.

There was much hope in the second half of the twentieth century for that country back then; a country willing and up to the task of providing some answers. But in the last few years another country has emerged.

Another country and its new "vision" has seemingly replaced the former one and is unrecognizable to my eyes and ears. I wonder what has become of that country I remember not so many years ago? 🙌

NAACP

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Santa Rosa Chapter

Join our recently re-established Santa Rosa Unit of the NAACP as we organize to address the NAACP's Mission locally.

NAACP MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

Santa Rosa Unit of the NAACP meets monthly at Prayer Chapel Outreach Mission, 1295 S. Wright Rd., Santa Rosa, CA

Meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM
(2nd Monday in September)

The Return?

Rebel Fagin

I was at the dog park when
 A homeless man began talking to another man
 asking, "Do you have a family?"
 The other man tried to back away
 Lightly striking the homeless man with his shovel
 The homeless man advanced asking
 "Do you have a family?"
 Suddenly a white man leapt out of a white van and
 Sucker punched the homeless man in the head
 from behind with a cop-sized flashlight (WHAM!)
 The homeless man hit the street with a thud
 "Stop." I shouted "He's had enough!"
 As flashlight man and a white woman kicked the downed man
 Ordering him out of their town
 The man staggered to his feet then collapsed to the curb
 holding his head. Crying
 I approached and asked him how he was doing
 He looked up and his tears were a litany of pain,
 a rosary of loss, the Eucharist
 He tossed his wallet toward me and it fell open
 Revealing a photo of a small girl
 His words came back to me "Do you have a family?"
 His tears a litany of pain, a rosary of loss, the Eucharist
 I stared at the picture.
 "She's in Colorado and I'm stuck out here
 in California. I don't know Santa Rosa."
 We went to the Gospel Mission seeking sanctuary
 I left him there
 With his pain, his loss and little hope for justice
 As the Eucharist fell from his eyes



Pass It On

Audrianna Jones

You want to racially profile me?
 I don't think you'll find what you want to see.
 You tell me to be all I can be,
 But even that comes with the fee,
 Of proving myself meticulously.
 When really it should be about who raised me:
 Two sets of DNA combined inconceivably
 For an amazing life opportunity.
 Parents working together to leave a legacy;
 A heart full of love, not the size of a pea
 Used for treating ALL people with respect religiously.
 Your lens of color can ONLY be changed without plea,
 So I'll surround you with love unconditionally.
 Show you love isn't manifested physically;
 It's reciprocated and modeled continuously.

Audrianna Jones works at St. Vincent de Paul, making nutritional meals available for homeless people. She is a Peace and Justice Center Board member, and works to keep our community sustainable, respectful and clean for everyone.

got a gun

Richard Nichols

actually I got two guns
 they been in the sock drawer for years unused
 but sometimes I think
 what if I have to shoot someone
 what if the assault weapon people
 the NRA and that lot
 decide to attack peaceful people
 who want guns out of society
 would i violate my own peace and shoot back
 would i violate a natural instinct to defend those i love

why should I even have a gun
 a little 22 lugar six shooter was my dad's
 and a handsome gun at that
 nice to hold
 nice to look at and admire
 for its smooth lines and simple design

but guns are only the smaller suggestion of deeper stuff
 of fear and greed buried deep in the human mind
 of paranoid fantasies of being gotten
 of being attacked and dominated
 so what to do but attack and dominate
 a gun in hand gives power
 the false kind that the weak must use

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 they sell guns by breathing life
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God and My Right (Dieu et Mon Droit)

Laure Reichel

Motto of the Plantagenet kings. Adopted late 12th century in the reign of Richard I (1189-1199), second Plantagenet king. Still one of the most recognized symbols of England.

Like late English princes,
our present aspirants
believe they were given -
by God and parentage -
the right to rule the world.

They know each other
by their abilities
to persuade millions
to accept their leadership.

Their arrogance is admired
as righteousness,
their ruthlessness
as strength,
their utterances
that all will be great
during their reign.

The more primitive ones
still wear the gold braids
of ancient admirals
to differentiate themselves
from ordinary mortals.

Today's oligarchs carry
the heavy weight of their portfolios
and the number of battalions
at their command as
the blazon of their office.

Heraldry may have changed,
symbols of exceptionalism may have changed,
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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. hpeaceasonomacounty.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/

Homeless Action – Advocating for people without shelter. 795-2890

Indivisible Goups – All the groups are on Facebook.

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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: 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

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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. 874-2695, Peter@projectcensored.org, Mickey@projectcensored.org. projectcensored.org.

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

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

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

Sonoma County Coastal Hills: gardens@mcn.org

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

Sonoma County Resistance via change.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Tues	4th • Nonviolence Training Collective, 7:30–9 PM
Wed	1st • Raging Grannies, 4:30–6 PM 2nd • Peace & Justice Center Board, 4–6 PM 3rd • 350 Sonoma, 7–9 PM
Sat	3rd • Solidarity with Standing Rock, 3-5 PM

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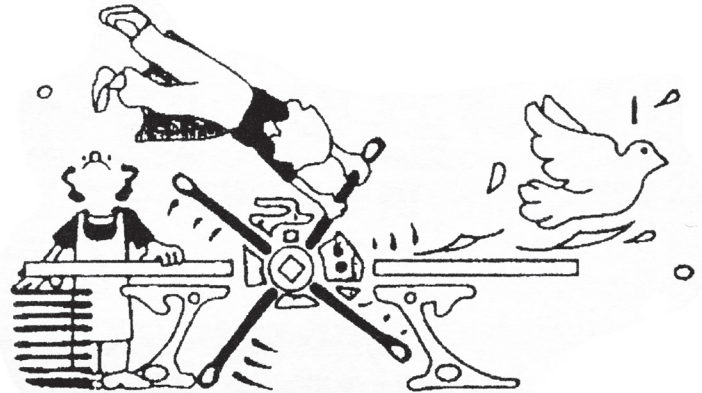
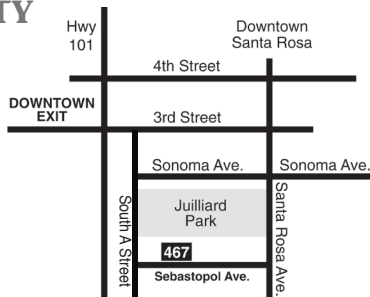
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