



# Merrimack Valley People For Peace

## Serving the communities of the Merrimack Valley

Merrimack Valley People for Peace, Inc. works for a sustainable future for all life on our planet. Our members commit themselves to the interrelated activities of education for peace and justice, the prevention of war, an end to arms sales, the abolition of nuclear weapons, and protection of the environment.

May - June 2008

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*Merrimack Valley People for Peace joins the United Nations and peacemakers around the world in proclaiming the years 2001-2010 to be the "International Decade for the Culture of Peace."*

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## GOOD NEWS

**West Coast Longshoremen strike against war.** On May 1st all ports along the West Coast were shut down as over 25,000 dockworkers went on a one-day strike to protest the war in Iraq. This was the largest labor strike since the invasion began. The workers from the International Longshore and Warehouse Union demanded an end to the war and immediate withdrawal of the troops. They brought the port operations to a halt in twenty-nine ports from Long Beach to Seattle in defiance of their employers, of an arbitrary ruling ordering them to report to work, and even of some of their own union officials. In solidarity with the ILWU, port workers in Iraq also went on strike that day, "most stunning, really a very courageous move, because they're literally under the gun of a military occupation there," said ILWU officer Jack Heyman from San Francisco.

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**"Winter Soldiers on the Hill"** On May 15, for the first time since the Iraq war began, combat veterans testified under oath before Congress about the human costs of the occupation. Nine members of Iraq Veterans Against the War gave eyewitness accounts before a panel of lawmakers from the Congressional Progressive Caucus. They presented testimony about loose rules of engagement, the killing and abuse of civilians, house raids and destruction of civilian property, racism, equipment shortages and media misrepresentation of the war and the "surge". The hearing was named "Winter Soldiers on the Hill", as it was a continuation of the Winter Soldier hearings held in Silver Spring MD in March this year. It came on the same day as Congress was debating a bill extending funding for the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan through 2009.

**SOA/WHINSEC** On May 22, thanks to the efforts and hard work in defense of human rights of thousands of activists, Congress approved with a 220-189 vote, an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2009. It is forcing the Pentagon to release the names, rank, country of origin, courses and dates of attendance of WHINSEC's (better known as School of the Americas) graduates and instructors to the public. The access to this information will allow human rights organizations to continue to monitor the school and identify those graduates and instructors who have violated human rights or taken part in criminal activities in their home countries. The legislative campaign is now moving on to the Senate. We hope that the victory in Congress brings us one step nearer to closing the SOA/WHINSEC!

On May 28, **111 countries agreed to ban cluster bombs** following 10 days of talks in Dublin, Ireland. This landmark treaty does not include the United States, which boycotted the talks. Russia, China, Israel, India and Pakistan were also absent. On the other hand, the deal got an important boost when the British government ignored US pressure and signed on in a last-minute move. Prime Minister Gordon Brown said Britain, the third-largest user of cluster bombs in the past 10 years, would "encourage the widest possible international support" for the treaty.

"In essence, we now have a worldwide ban on the use, production, stockpiling, and transfer of cluster munitions," said Marc Garlasco, a senior military analyst at the New York-based Human Rights Watch. "It is really going to stigmatize the weapon and its use in the future." The treaty also provides for the welfare of victims and the clearing of areas contaminated by unexploded cluster bombs. It will be signed in Oslo in the first days of December.

**Canadian support** On June 3, the Canadian House of Commons passed a motion urging the government to allow US war resisters to stay permanently in Canada and calling on the government to stop all removal or deportation actions. "This is a great victory for the courageous men and women who have come to Canada because they refuse to take part in the illegal, Immoral Iraq war," said Lee Zaslofsky of the War Resisters Support Campaign in Toronto.

Camilo Mejia, Chair of Iraq Veterans Against War's (IVAW) board of directors, wrote a letter to the people of Canada thanking them for this historic motion, sharing his experience as a war resister and expressing the hope that the Canadian government

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**MVPP Monthly/Annual Meeting – First United Methodist Church – June 27, 2008 – 6:30 PM.**

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will follow the lead of its people. As many as 200 US war resisters are currently living in Canada, some of them under the shadow of pending deportation.

**Media Reform** Over 3,500 participants gathered in Minneapolis during the weekend of June 6-8 for the fourth annual National Conference for Media Reform, organized by the group Free Press. They took part in panel discussions and discussed strategies to fight media consolidation and to democratize the airwaves. The highlight of the weekend was the electrifying keynote address by legendary PBS journalist Bill Moyers. It can be viewed and read at <http://i2.democracynow.org/2008/6/9/moyers> or <http://www.freepress.net/news/8120>

**Supreme Court on Guantanamo** On June 12 in a major rebuke of the Bush administration, the Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that Guantanamo Bay prisoners have the constitutional right to challenge their detention in civilian court. The Military Commissions Act of 2006 had stripped the prisoners of their habeas corpus rights. Some of the prisoners have been held without charge for more than six years.

This is the third time in four years the Supreme Court has ruled against the administration concerning the rights of Guantanamo prisoners. The decision was condemned by President Bush and welcomed by human rights groups in the US and across the world.

**Polar Bears listed as endangered** After years of legal wrangling, due to the long and dedicated efforts of environmental groups, the Bush administration has finally listed the polar bear as an endangered species. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said the loss of Arctic Sea ice could bring about the bears' extinction within forty-five years. The move marks the first time the Endangered Species Act has been invoked to protect an animal mainly threatened by global warming.

*editor: I hope this means any cause of global warming can be taken to court.*

**Keeping the truck running** And finally, closer to home, a heartwarming story of mutual support and solidarity. In the last days of May, a friend of Gold Star parents Carlos and Melida Arredondo sent around an appeal for small donations intended to help Carlos to repair and put back on the road his pick up truck. The truck is decorated as a memorial to the Arredondos' son Alex who died in Iraq. Carlos has traveled thousands of miles with it, reminding people around the country of the true cost of war. Within about two weeks, over \$3,000 came in, sent by people from all over the country! Carlos will be able to buy all the parts that need to be replaced and a Veteran for Peace who owns a garage has offered to donate the labor and the tools. The unique memorial for Alex Arredondo will soon be back on the road.

Boryana Tacconi

# Issues

## What Can I Do To End the War?



#1 – These little guys have quite a history! Several of us are buying bags of toy soldiers at 'dollar stores' and putting stickers on them that say "End the War" on one side and "Bring me home!" on the other side. They are in our communities, all up and down the east coast and across the country in food-mart gas stations, airports, rest stops, and even in courthouses!

In Denver, several people were recently tried for civil disobedience. As a result of the Rule of Law they were repeatedly silenced from communicating their personal histories, their experiences and knowledge of the destruction of indigenous peoples, cultures, and lands that were the motivation for their protest. Yet after five hundred years of colonialism, 371 broken treaties, more than one hundred million indigenous people killed in the Americas, more than 2 billion acres of land stolen in North America, it would be naïve to expect the same justice system that helped to perpetrate these crimes would exonerate indigenous people or any allies who stand with them in protesting these same crimes. These brave people were found guilty, received suspended jail sentences, a year of unsupervised probation and had to pay fines. Since the trial ended late in the afternoon, one of the defenders had to return to the courthouse the next day to pay her fine. When she was at the cashier's window, what does she see behind the glass? A little plastic green soldier that says, "Bring me home! End the War! It totally made her day!

#2 – Send a pair of worn-out children's sneakers or flip flops to your Senator's or Representative's office with a note saying: In the name of all children, in Iraq and at home, STOP THE WAR – De-fund it now. Leave the shoes as a reminder.

#3 – Talk with your friends. If they question why they should join you, ask them to think of the young people in their lives: children, grandchildren, cousins, friends. Ask them to remember the joys, the troubles, and the love in those children's upbringing. Then, reflect on those children wiped out, destroyed, in a war based on lies and wages against a country that offered no threat to us at all. Then, ask them again to join you in stopping the war now.

Do you have additional ideas? Send them to us and we'll print them in our next issue.

Mary Todd

## Weekly Vigils

**Andover:** Sunday, noon-1 pm; Shawsheen Square, Junction of Routes 133 and 28; Lawrence Friends Meeting/ Shawsheen Peace Witness; Allan Sifferlen, [asifferlen@sbra.com](mailto:asifferlen@sbra.com).

**Andover:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7-8 pm; Saturday, 10:45 am-noon (in good weather, 10-noon); Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; Merrimack Valley People for Peace; Lou Bernieri, [lbernieri@andover.edu](mailto:lbernieri@andover.edu).

**Andover:** Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 am; in front of Raytheon plant near Routes 133 and 93; Raytheon Peacemakers; Arthur Brien, 978-686-4418.

**Gloucester:** Saturday, noon-1 pm; Grant Circle.

**Marblehead:** Tuesday, 6:30-7:19pm in front of the high school and Community Center at the lights at the intersection of Humphrey-Pleasant and Lafayette Sts.; Tom Gale, 781-631-1218.

**Nashua, NH** in front of Nashua City Hall from 11 to Noon every Sat. [www.nashuapeace.org](http://www.nashuapeace.org)

**Newburyport:** Sunday, noon-1 pm; Market Square; Niki Rosen, 978-463-3208.

**Reading:** 2nd Saturday/each month, 11 am-noon; Reading Square; Reading People for Peace; Bob Connor, [bobconnor1@yahoo.com](mailto:bobconnor1@yahoo.com).

**Rockport:** Wednesday, noon-1 pm; First Congregational Church (silent for peace).

**Salem, MA:** Saturday, 11-noon; Riley Plaza (by the Post Office).

## Tar Sands

Extracting oil from tar sands (mostly for jet fuel) is highly polluting, requiring much energy to produce fuel. Large areas of wilderness in Alberta, Canada are threatened with strip mining and the process adds much carbon dioxide to the green house gasses. The Natural Resources Defense Council is organizing opposition to such extraction. To learn more and help, see [www.nrdc.org/naturesvoice](http://www.nrdc.org/naturesvoice).

## Article 9 of Japan's Constitution

Article 9 is the "no war, no military" clause in the Japanese Constitution that went into effect on May 3, 1947. It reads:

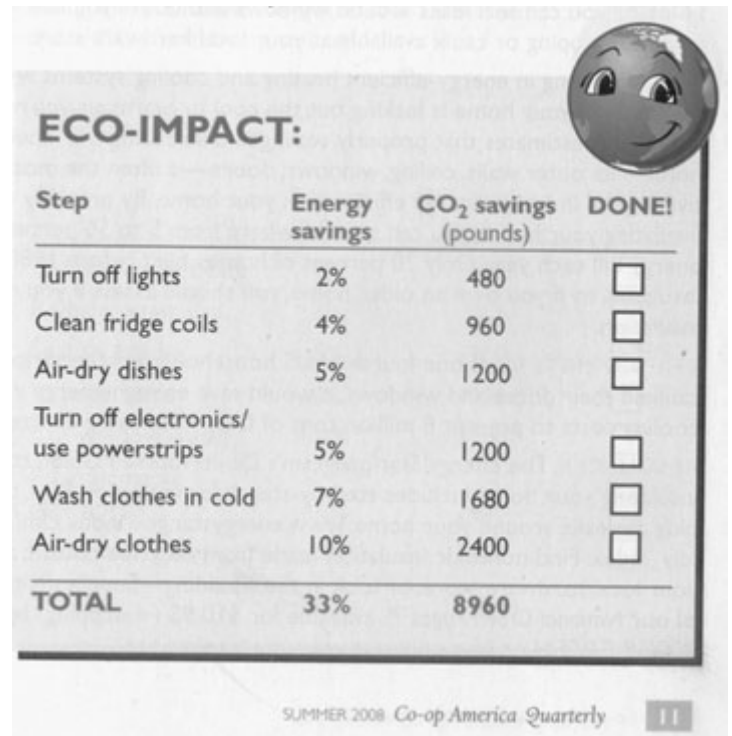
- 1) Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.
- 2) In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized.

Recently a Referendum Law was passed without sufficient discussion or explanation to Japanese citizens. We now face a serious situation of a national referendum in 2011 to amend the constitution.

The Leverett Monks went to Japan this spring to help raise support to preserve Article 9, and to help spread the wisdom of that article to other countries. Kato Shonin, Sr. Clare and six others went to help lead the Article 9 Peace Walk, from Hiroshima to Tokyo, February 21 to May 4.

## News you can use

Arthur let me borrow a copy of the "Co-op America Quarterly." It has believable information to help us conserve resources personally. One example is a series of checklists such as the one shown below, which summarize the accompanying article:



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Air-dry dishes	5%	1200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turn off electronics/ use powerstrips	5%	1200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wash clothes in cold	7%	1680	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air-dry clothes	10%	2400	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Letters

### Greed is behind the destruction of Iraq

"Newburyport Daily News" June 11, 2008

To the editor:

Numerous documents, reports, books, articles and interviews from all sides of the spectrum, including Republicans, Democrats, CIA operatives, members of the military and many more, have revealed the betrayal of Americans, Iraqis; and the world by the Bush/Cheney government and its neocon supporters. It has been shown over and over that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, no connection to al-Qaida, no nuclear programs - in fact, all the claims used to justify the invasion of Iraq were lies, misinformation and propaganda, developed in order to implement a plan worked out by neocons Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz years before 9/11.

As a consequence, millions of people have been slaughtered, maimed and made homeless, jobless and without hope in a destroyed land, through the horrors of the bloodbath that continues to this day. It seems the Bush/Cheney agenda has always been to cripple and enslave the entire Iraqi nation within their own land, with no recourse to justice or independence.

With the "agreement" that the Bush/Cheney people are currently trying to force on the Iraqi government, the true aims of this administration are apparent. In addition to control of Iraqi oil, the deal provides for over 50 permanent U.S. military bases and the right to conduct military operations from those bases (to almost anywhere in the world). It provides immunity from Iraqi law for American troops and contractors, but a free hand to carry out arrests of Iraqis, all without consultation with the Iraqi government. The Iraqis have been told that billions of dollars of Iraqi money held in a New York bank will never be released unless the "agreement" is signed.

Clearly wealth does not satisfy the people of the Bush/Cheney regime, for they have vast wealth. I do not understand their desire to turn the whole world into killing fields for the war industry, or their avid bludgeoning of weaker nations into absolute submission. Greed takes many forms; the greed that produced the Bush/Cheney government comes from the heart of evil. It brings only devastation and misery.

Diana Philip, Newburyport

## Recent Events

### New England United Conference

April 25-26, 2008, Boston  
Tufts University, Medford, MA

Bobbie Goldman and Boryana represented MVPP.

Over two days, an estimated 150 people from all six New England states gathered at Tufts University for the first annual regional conference of New England United (NEU). NEU had been formed to build the antiwar demonstration of October 27, 2007, in Boston. The purpose of the April conference was both to educate and to decide on united regional action campaigns for NEU through the rest of 2008.

The Friday night forum, *Where We Stand in the Middle East and at Home*, with speakers Max Elbaum, Stephen Zunes, and Ellen Frank, laid the groundwork for the conference.

Saturday started with seven **action campaign workshops**:

- National Assembly/Mass Action
- Palestine and the Anti-War Movement
- Campaign on the War on Terror/Defend Constitution
- GI Resistance & Counter-Recruiting
- Electoral/Legislative Action in an Election Year
- Building A Cross-Movement Agenda for Hope
- From Every Village Green (local organizing campaign)

The workshops were followed by a panel focusing on the four major **organizing strategies**:

- Cutting the Manpower Supply for Illegal Wars:  
Wayne Smith, Vietnam vet, U-U Service Committee, Nancy Lessin, MFSO, Liam Madden, IVAW
- Pressuring or Changing Congress and the Presidency:  
Paul Kawika Martin, Peace Action, Charley Richardson, MFSO
- Building a Mass Movement/Organizing Mass Actions:  
Ashley Smith, writer for *Socialist*, *Worker* and *Int'l Socialist Review*
- Broadening the Movement to End the War:  
Kim Foltz, Bikes Not Bombs, Mass. Global Action

After the panel discussion, eight proposals were brought from the seven workshops to the plenary. Each was presented and discussed, and voted on by the body. The four leading campaigns, supported by at least 2/3 of the voters, were selected. Working committees were set up to implement the campaigns.

The four **action campaign proposals** endorsed were:

**CREATE A CIVILIAN SOLDIERS OF CONSCIENCE SUPPORT NETWORK** NEU take the lead in creating a network of support utilizing five methods:

- 1) Outreach to military personnel
- 2) Provide key material assistance to service members considering resistance
- 3) Coordinate regionally to identify the drill and deployment schedule for local units to conduct outreach,
- 4) Maintain Iraq care package donation boxes to send to Iraq in tandem with GI resistance material
- 5) Work with military families to provide connections, support, and resources to service members. NEU supports counter-recruiting efforts among youth.

**MASS ACTION AND EFFORTS TO BRING UNITY TO THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT**

- 1) NEU endorses antiwar protests at both the Republican and Democratic national conventions to demand immediate withdrawal of US forces. We must step up pressure on both political parties and demand that they quit funding the war and end the occupation.
- 2) NEU endorses the open, inclusive, democratic, conference to be held June 28-29 in Cleveland – the National Assembly to Stop the War in Iraq – whose purpose is to bring the whole movement together and to demonstrate the grass roots support for unified national mass actions.
- 3) NEU is in favor of nationally coordinated fall/winter actions 2008-2009.

**PALESTINE AND THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT**

- 1) NEU integrates the issue of Palestine into the broader antiwar struggle.
- 2) Build solidarity with Palestinian and Israeli human rights activists.
- 3) Actively support the call of the Palestine Civil Society Movement for boycotts, divestments, and sanctions until Israel complies with international law and respects human rights.

**BUILDING A MAJORITARIAN MOVEMENT**

*Whereas* a majority of the public rejects the war in Iraq, [NEU] supports health care for all, favors government support for education, and looks to government to guarantee workers rights and increase good and green jobs;

*Whereas* social movements and organizations addressing these issues are complimentary and draw on many of the same people;

- 1) NEU will organize support for local and statewide summits of the social movements and organizations, independent of major parties.
- 2) NEU will sponsor a region-wide summit of the social movements and organizations with a view to joint and mass actions and campaigns to promote a common agenda for hope.
- 3) An NEU working group will establish criteria for identifying issues, partners, and beginning dialogues leading to local summits.

The campaign proposals that did not win enough votes were titled: From Every Village Green, NVDA at Congressional Offices, Support Third-Party Anti-War Candidates, and Defending the Constitution and Human Rights.

A final proposal, to organize an annual NEU conference, passed almost unanimously.

**An Unforgettable Musical Evening**



On May 17, violinist Ming-Chi Tsai and pianist Ernest Goldman gave a benefit concert for the Merrimack Valley People for Peace. The concert was held in the home of Maestro Tsai in Andover and included music by G.F. Händel, W.A. Mozart and Cesar Franck.

Both musicians have been known for years to New England music lovers as soloists, chamber music performers, and in recent years as a duo, which we hope to hear playing together again and again. Ming-Chi Tsai's musical career began in Taiwan and Ernest Goldman's in Vienna (he created real mirth in the audience when he mentioned how he first had played the Franck Sonata some 75 years ago) and we can only be thankful to life for bringing them together in Massachusetts.

Maestro Tsai and Maestro Goldman led the audience from a majestic Händel through the serenity of Mozart's B-flat major Sonata K 378 and finally to the great dramatic heights of Cesar Franck's A-major Sonata. It was an unforgettable musical experience for which all present were deeply thankful.

And of course, we can not thank them enough for offering their great artistry for a MVPP fundraiser. Special thanks to Ming-Chi Tsai and his wife and daughters, for opening their home to an audience of about fifty people who will remember for long time to come this great musical evening.

## Memorial Day by Veterans For Peace



*Carlos and Melida Arredondo*

At Columbus Park next to Boston Harbor, Veterans were honored. Speakers called for better treatment for returning vets and an end to -at least- the Iraq war.

About two hundred people gathered for another kind of Memorial Day: one that regrets the losses and wants to stop war.

Pat Scanlon introduced the program and speakers.

Nate Goldshlag read a statement from Major General Smedley Butler - USMC Retired, with 2 medals of honor. Butler said as a career military man in the 1930s he realized he was asked to fight for Wall Street, not for freedom.

Carlos and Melida Arredondo of Gold Star Families For Peace spoke about their activities since losing their son Alexander, who died fighting in Iraq.

From Military Families Speak Out, Joyce and Kevin Lucey, whose son Jeffrey killed himself after returning from the war in Iraq, insisted that returning vets be better cared for.

Pat, members Iraq Veterans Against the War, and others read the names of fallen comrades while flowers were dropped into the harbor, and the crowd added "presente" after every name.

The veterans did a good job of getting media people there, and there were reports in the Boston Globe, Fox News, and others.

It was a moving ceremony, resembling the spirit of the earliest Memorial Day events after the Civil War. Seven from MVPP were there. Brian played bagpipes.



## Andover Days

May 31 was an exercise in staying dry but we had a table at Andover days. Boryana, Faith, Peter, Brian, Anne, and Mary covered parts of the day. We distributed pins, stickers and literature, and donations were about \$80.

## Coming Events

**The Annual Meeting** will be **combined** with the regular June meeting and we will have a pot luck dinner and meeting beginning at **6:30 on Friday, June 27 at First United Methodist Church**. The Arredondos will be our chief speakers. They want to speak about next steps on the road to healing the wounds of war. Jane Cadarette will reflect informally on her trip to Jordan for the Peace Vision Project.

Aug. 15-16, Albany, NY. **Fr. Roy Bourgeois**, the founder of School of Americas Watch, will be speaking. For more information, call 518-312-6442.

## SOA DVD Available

DVD about the history of the movement to close the School of the Americas (SOA, WHINSEC). "On the Line" features Fr. Roy Bourgeois, Martin Sheen, Susan Sarandan, John Perkins, and Brian Deroun. It did well at the Cannes Film Market and has won a Silver Telly award. To purchase for \$20, call 202-234-3440, e-mail [info@soa.org](mailto:info@soa.org), or visit [www.soa.org/resources](http://www.soa.org/resources).

## Recommended Reading

"Torture Team" by Phillipe Sands

Bill Moyers (the Journal) interviewed Mr. Sands on May 9, and showed him being questioned by the House Judiciary Committee. Another hearing is scheduled for June 26.

Peter Cameron

## Dues

Our fiscal year ends June 30. Please pay dues soon to maintain membership in 2009. See the form on page 4.

# In Memory

by Boryana Tacconi

## Roslyn Zinn

Roslyn Zinn, 85, artist, musician, social activist and the wife of sixty-four years of the People's Historian, Howard Zinn, died on May 14 at their home in Auburndale, Massachusetts.

A being of light went back into the light.

She had been actively involved in what she called "all the struggles of our time." We saw her in the Civil Rights Movement and the anti-war movement during the Vietnam era, and up until last fall, at most rallies and marches protesting the war in Iraq.

As Howard Zinn has many times told and written, she had always been his first reader and editor. Roz urged him to go on working at "The People's History of the United States" at times when the project seemed overwhelming. All of us, who admire his writings and learn so much from them, owe her a lot of gratitude forever.

Roslyn Zinn had the most amazing talent for discovering the beauty, the joy and the funny side in all the big and small moments of which is made the fabric of our lives. She was also able to look deeply at people and see their best potential, and then to instill in them the inspiring feeling that they have already reached it. If it takes an artistic temperament for the first of these gifts, it takes a big and loving heart for the second. She was blessed with both.

During the last five years Roslyn was a good friend of MVPP and of our newsletter, very generous both with her encouragement and moral support and with her donations. We are saying farewell with deep sadness and with gratitude for her loving and radiant presence in our lives.

## Utah Phillips

The legendary folk musician and peace and labor activist Utah Phillips died of heart failure in his sleep on May 23, in his home in Nevada City, California. He was seventy-three years old.

During nearly four decades, Utah Phillips performed tirelessly throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, enrapturing large and small audiences both with his singing and his storytelling. He earned a Grammy nomination for an album he recorded with Ani DiFranco and was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Folk Alliance.

The son of labor organizers, Phillips was a lifelong member of the Industrial Workers of the World. As a teenager, he lived for a while as a hobo who rode the rails and wrote songs about his life. In 1956, he joined the Army and served in the Korean War, an experience to which he later referred to as the turning point of his life. In 1968, he ran for the US Senate on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket.

For the past twenty years he lived in Nevada City, where he started a nationally syndicated folk music radio show called Loafer's Glory, produced at community radio station KVMR. He also helped found the Hospitality House homeless shelter and the Peace and Justice Center in the town.

Utah Phillips was admired as a musician and loved as a human being by his large audience and by the folk musician and activist communities. We'll miss his voice and humor.

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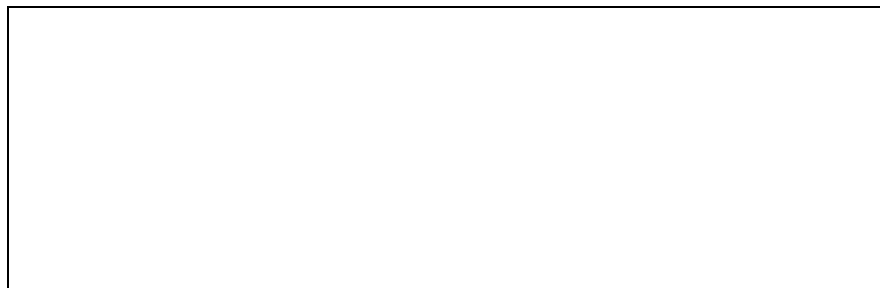
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June 27 6:30 PM See p. 6  
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