

Baseball Story a Home Run (Letter to Santa Cruz Sentinel 1/20/09)

Hurray for Wallace Baine's terrific "Ballads on Baseball," and for the stand-up-in-tough-times, hang-in-there Sentinel staff that published it. On the sports page, no less. John McCutcheon, a splendid performer with a deep commitment to the ongoing struggle for human rights and human welfare, has for at least two decades been a hallowed institution for several hundred Santa Cruz County residents, our kids and our grandkids.

We've appreciated the Resource Center for Nonviolence for inviting him, and the First Congregational Church for hosting him at two unforgettable concerts every winter. But I don't remember his ever before having received this kind of warm and respectful, sustained attention from our local newspaper. Well done all around.