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ROOTS OF PEACE HOSTS AMBASSADOR SICHAN SIV, AUTHOR, *GOLDEN BONES* JOURNEY OF HOPE FROM MINEFIELDS OF CAMBODIA TO CHERRY BLOSSOMS OF THE WHITE HOUSE

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA UNITES TO SUPPORT HEALING OF BONES LOST TO LANDMINES

July 29, 2008—Marin County, California—Ambassador Sichan Siv is the author of "GOLDEN BONES: An Extraordinary Journey from Hell in Cambodia to a New Life in America" (Harper), which recounts the journey from humble beginnings in the landmine-riddled villages of Cambodia, to the White House, and the United Nations. Roots of Peace, a California based non-profit organization, will host a special event featuring the compelling story of a timeless and universal tale of love, dreams, hope and freedom, as the author will speak at BOOK PASSAGE, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera, Marin County, California on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Cambodia is one of the most heavily mined areas in the world—some estimates run as high as 5 million landmines in a country with a population of 11.5 million people, according to the Cambodian Mine Action Center (CMAC). "The legacy of three decades of war has taken a severe toll on the Cambodian people; some 40,000 people live as amputees – among the highest rates in the world. This is why Roots of Peace salutes the efforts of the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Ambassador Sichan Siv from the heart of Marin County—where the vision of the United Nations began in 1945 beneath the towering redwood trees of Muir Woods. Together, we invite our community to continue to remove landmines, which hold the farmers' land hostage in Cambodia, truly sustaining "golden bones" rather than shattered bones—for future generations," says Heidi Kuhn, Founder/CEO, Roots of Peace.

This special Book Passage signing represents the various Marin County organizations who have joined together during the past 10 years to "plant the roots of peace,"—replacing the scourge of landmines with bountiful agricultural crops worldwide. Roots of Peace has already demined in the village of Battambang in the Kamreang Region of Cambodia through a generous donation by ChevronTexaco—turning "toxic minefields into ricefields."

San Francisco Bay Area communities will continue their sincere efforts to "demine, replant and rebuild" in war-torn countries. For every book purchased on this day, Book Passage in partnership with Bank of Marin, Burns Florist, and the Rotary Club of San Francisco, will contribute 15% of total sales of the "GOLDEN BONES: An Extraordinary Journey from Hell in Cambodia to a New Life in America" (Harper), personally signed by Ambassador Sichan Siv. The Roots of Peace Penny Campaign led by American students will expand to Cambodia – replacing minefields with schools/soccer fields – one penny at a time!

Additional contributions may be made towards demining and replanting in Cambodia through Roots of Peace. For further information on Roots of Peace, please visit www.rootsofpeace.org or call 415-455-8008.

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AMBASSADOR SICHAN SIV

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Sichan Siv was nominated by President George W. Bush in 2001 and unanimously confirmed by the Senate as a US ambassador to the UN, serving till 2006. In June 2005, Ambassador Siv addressed the 60th anniversary of the UN in San Francisco, following a tradition set by Presidents Truman in 1945, Eisenhower 1955, Johnson 1965, Secretary of State Schultz 1985, and Clinton 1995.

From 1989 to 1993, during the administration of the 41st president, George Bush, Ambassador Siv served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia. In the private sector, he has held positions in social services, educational exchange, financial management, and investment banking.

Ambassador Siv holds a master of international affairs from Columbia University. He escaped Cambodia's killing fields in 1976 and was resettled as a refugee in Wallingford, Connecticut. He and his Pampa, TX born wife Martha reside in San Antonio. He recounts his American dream in *Golden Bones*, published by HarperCollins in July 2008 in honor of America's 232nd Independence Day.

