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Sat Mar 3 Intl Women's Day March & Rally, 11a

Thurs Mar 8 International Women's Strike LA

Mon Mar 12 Culver City City Council meeting on Oil drilling

Sat Mar 17 If Not Now workshop on Hard Conversations

Fri Mar 23 Homeless Care Day MacArthur Park

Sat Mar 24 Norooz Persian New Year celebration

Sat Mar 31 Jericho Movement to free All Political Prisoners 20th anniversary commemoration

Why White Supremacy Means White MALE Supremacy

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When Donald Trump lamented at the loss of one of his White House employees' career, a bomb of female protests went off, for he (not surprisingly) ignored the suffering of his employee's ex-wives.

The only real surprise here was, why the surprise?

After the Roy Moore debacle, of a US Senate candidate's Lolita complex (as in a hankering for young girls), who can plead 'surprise'?

Only someone who hasn't really been paying attention.

Trump's central program is to somehow return America to the (mythical) 1950s, when Negroes were quiet, women were submissive and Hispanics knew their place (y'know, Mexico - or Puerto Rico). This fevered dream, a back-to-the-future reality show, is the focus of Trump World.

To do this, you have to ignore history, to build a new history, in imitation of the supposed old days.

Yes, it's crazy; but it ain't the only time the US went crazy. Consider the war mania that resulted from 9/11! War -- on anybody -- to quell the beating heart, drunk with fear. Iraq (check); Afghanistan (double-check). War -- to save the worried American soul.

In Trump World, Blacks don't count. Hispanics don't count. Women don't count, either. Yes -- not even white women.

It's time for the good ole boys.

WOMEN MARCH, WOMEN STRIKE!

Women's March 2018: Asian American Commentary on Building Unity

by David Monkawa, Progressive Asian Network for Action

The LA Woman's March Inc. turned out an impressive 650,000+ people on Jan. 20! It was inspirational and I was proud of being in a contingent of about 110 people initiated by the "Nikkei progressives."

(Nikkei means the Japanese diaspora, such as immigrants in the US and their descendants.)

The ethnic composition of the group was about 60% Nikkei, the rest bi-racial Asian, Chinese, Korean, Filipino and other non-Asian people.

We contacted the Women's March Inc. to ask if we could speak but there was no response so we held our own mini-rally. MC's introduced a Japanese immigrant woman who spoke out against US militarism in Okinawa and a Filipina women's group GABRIELA speaker also talked about US military crimes against women.

The Women's March Inc. organizers did a good job including many "people of color" (POC) on stage, about 21 out of 28. After the March I saw a video of the program, since you couldn't get near the stage. Viola Davis stole the show. She disclosed that she was "#MeToo" and overcame poverty to become a famous actor. She said that African American and Hispanic women are more likely to be raped than white women and revealed how human trafficking victims are 70% women. I wished she would have said that most of the billions made from human trafficking came from just 19% of those trafficked for sex from the Asia-Pacific region. But it was a good speech anyway.

In LA County, Latinos are 48%, Whites 28%, APIs including Native Hawaiians 16%, African American 10%. There was a disparity between what LA County looks like and the racial composition of the March which appeared to be about half white. On the other hand, cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oakland had a turnout of 10 to 16% of the population of the city participating, which was proportionately better than major cities in the Midwest and Red States with a March turnout of 1% or less of the city's population.

How could the LA March have gained more POC participation? Some grassroots POC leaders believed the Women's March Inc. organizers were not sensitive to their issues, such as the aforementioned problems of US militarism in Asia, abusive treatment by police or ICE agents, or the ongoing evictions in Boyle Heights and Chinatown. They felt the organizers didn't reach out to working class communities and that a small unknown group did the planning.



Step Up Global Resistance: March 8 International Women's Strike

by Global Women's Strike LA

On March 8, join women in over 50 countries for a So Cal March and Rally, 4-7pm, at the Downtown LA Federal Bldg, 300 N. Los Angeles St. There will be speakers, music, poetry and spoken word, and Healing, Art & Action areas.

Defending Afrin Means Defending Women's Revolution

Source: ANHA / The Dawn News / February 8, 2018

The women of Afrin canton confirmed during a statement that the Turkish occupation army targets the resistance of women in Rojava, because behind each tree is a heroic epic set by women in their struggle, believing that the world solidarity of women is the most powerful weapon in conquering the enemy.

Kongra Star today issued a statement to the public condemning the attacks by the Turkish occupation army on the region and targeting women, where dozens of women gathered in the Afrin canton in Azadi Square for that purpose.

The statement was read in English by Aytan Sheikh Issa, in Arabic by Fatima Lakto and in Kurdish by Hevin Hassou. The text of the statement reads as follows:

"The Turkish occupation army bombed populated towns and villages and refugee camps with guns and warplanes day and night with the aim of displacing the population and occupying the area. It also targeted places of worship and historical places amid the silence of countries regarding the massacres and crimes committed against civilians every day.

"Recep Tayyip Erdogan publicly declared that the aim of his military aggression against Afrin is to strike at the gains of the Kurdish people, break their will and occupy their lands, to restore the glory of the Ottoman Empire and extend its fascist control over neighboring countries alongside racism and religious origins.

"Afrin was one of the first places of settlement and agricultural wealth in the Fertile Crescent, where women played a leading role in this historical process, which was described as the first women's revolution and symbolized by the mother goddess Ishtar in the ancient heritage common to the peoples of the region and can be found in many Afrin archaeological sites.

"The Turkish fascist is trying to target the resistance women in Rojava because behind every tree and hill are dozens of heroic epics that women have set out to fight.

"We as Afrin women are determined to defend our heritage and the revolution of

See "Afrin Women," p. 7

Women in at least 51 countries so far are taking action on M8 as part of the International Women's Strike 2018 for a caring society, a feminism of the 99%. We are striking for: Reproductive Justice, Labor Rights, A Living Wage for All Workers including Mothers & Caregivers, Full Social Services, Environmental Justice, Anti-Racist & Anti-Imperialist Feminism. We are striking against: Sexual Abuse, Domestic & State Violence, Poverty, War, Discrimination, Incarceration, Criminalization of Survival, and Environmental Devastation.

All are welcome. We urge you to wear Purple. Bring Signs, Banners, and Noisemakers. Where we can, women will be going on strike for 1 hour, withholding our labor both waged and unwaged. And at 6pm join sisters around the world in making LOUD NOISE together!

For more on the So Cal event, check us out on Facebook: <https://www.tinyurl.com/iwsla2018> and share widely. To support the event - donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/M8-Intl-Women-s-Strike-LA>.

Read the International Women's Strike-US Platform at <https://www.womenstrikeus.org/>.

And come out on March 8, be part of women's global resistance! Cosponsors and endorsers include Global Women's Strike LA, A3FIRM, WP4BL and a host of other organizations. IWS-LA is in support of the Poor People's Campaign: Learn more at <https://poorpeoplescampaign.org/>.



Women fighters in Afrin defending the Rojava revolution against Turkish army.

See: "Asian-American," p.7

Indigenous Women's Delegation to Zapatista's 1st International Gathering for Women's Struggle

by Corine Fairbanks, Oglala Lakota, American Indian Movement Southeastern Ohio

"Revolutionary struggles cannot achieve collective liberation for all people without addressing patriarchy, nor can women's freedom be disentangled from racial, economic, & social justice."-Victoria Law

The Zapatista women will host the 1st International Gathering of Politics, Art, Sport, and Culture for Women in Struggle in Chiapas, Mexico from March 7-11, 2018. A delegation of women from all walks of life, racial, social-economic, and cultural backgrounds strongly feel that we could learn much from our Zapatista sisters. Their indigenous perspectives and willingness to decolonize and reshape the political landscape into something that works for all people speaks to us as we look at the challenges we face in the US and Canada.

Here is the original notice that the women of the Zapatista Movement put out:

<https://chiapas-support.org/2018/01/05/zapatista-women-convoked-international-womens-gathering/>

The desire to go to this gathering and to form this delegation came after much discussion

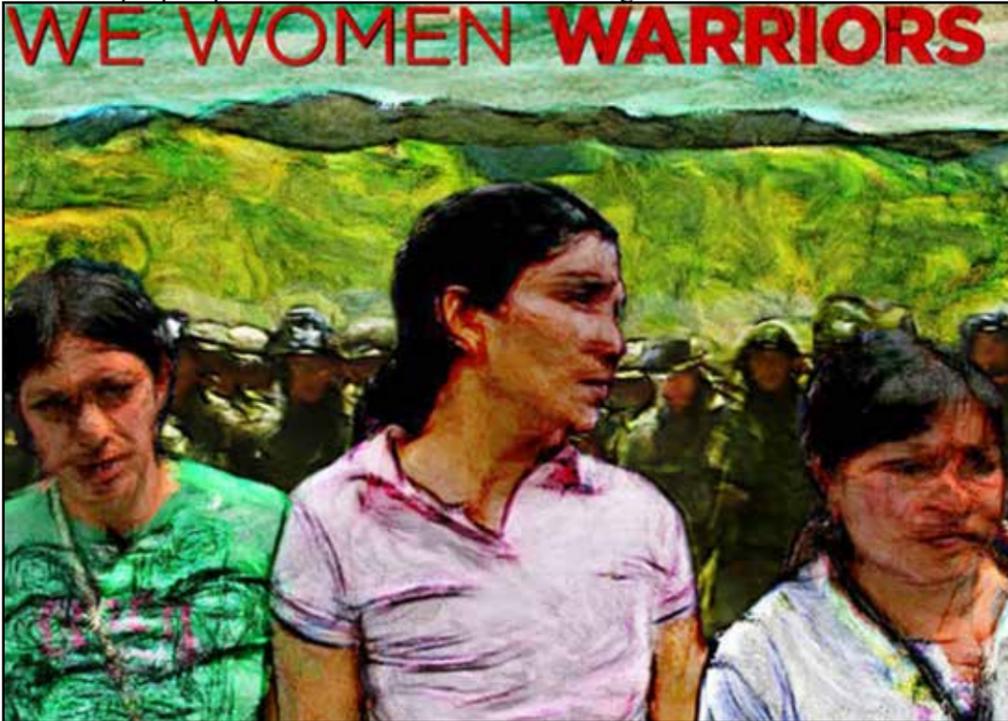
regarding women's liberation and women's voices after the January 20 Women's March. The national theme and platform for Women's Marches across the US was "Hear Our Vote." Many of us were disappointed with this because we felt it marginalized women that couldn't vote, or chose not to participate in voting. In response, Black Lives Matter Cincinnati (not affiliated with National BLM) organized an open forum discussion about how to fight for women's liberation. The dialogue was approached from several different angles, ideas, and points of view, addressing the problem of believing that voting is the greatest power of oppressed and exploited people.

The forum was a huge success with almost 300 people in attendance, standing room only. Featured panelists were from Black Lives Matter Cincinnati, American Indian Movement of Southeastern Ohio, Concerned Citizens for Justice, Cincinnati Revolutionary Students, and Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) Metro Cincinnati. Video footage of this panel can be found at Black Lives Matter Cincinnati Facebook group page; <https://www.facebook.com/BlackLivesMatterCincinnati/> They concluded that there needs to be more discussion on Women's liberation, community empowerment, and teaching our people how to organize around these issues.

A few of us within the radical justice community in Cincinnati saw a call for the Women's gathering by the Zapatista Women. In the Zapatista Army, women play an equal role in leading armed resistance and use the "Revolutionary Law of Women." This document gives an overview of the combination of social and political struggles that the Zapatista women identified as needing to change. Some of these factors included Poverty, Rape, Domestic Violence, Access to Health care, Medicine and Treatment, Alcoholism, issues of sovereignty over bodies and land, and to be treated fairly and with equal political voice at home, in the community, and in the Zapatista Army.

The women I spoke with about going to this gathering in Chiapas, agreed that our work in our own communities largely encompasses the same issues with that of the Zapatista women. An Anishinaabe Elder who lives in a rural area of Canada commented that these are the same issues she deals with in working with Residential Boarding School survivors. A Dineh young woman living in LA, a Social Worker for LA County, said the same thing. It became obvious that to continue discussion on women's liberation, we had to go to this gathering to get more tools and bring them back to our communities to analyze and have critical discussion.

This delegation is led by Native women. We are fundraising for 12 women to attend this gathering in March, Some Native, some not. Some of the Elders and Native women identify with "Indigenous



feminism," some do not. Some of the non-Native women identify as feminists. Yet all of us are working in our communities to better it; to keep our air clean, our waters protected, our lands from being raped by fuel extraction, and collaborating with various grassroots radical and revolutionary organizations on rural and urban landscapes and with social justice issues too. As activists and organizers, we are women, and we too are fighting to destroy patriarchal systems and structures, even within our own movements and within our Nations/Tribal structures.

We believe that what we can learn from the experiences of the Zapatista women can be applied to our everyday struggles and within the current movements in our communities. In addition, we will have fundraisers and encourage attendees to write messages to take and share with the Zapatista people. We have also made this request and offer on social media. "We women attending the gathering would like to bring our Zapatista Relatives offerings from our homes. If you have any words of solidarity you would like us to share with our Zapatista sisters, please let us know. Upon our return, we hope to have community meetings and discussions to share what we have learned & our Zapatista Relatives' responses to your messages as a way to provide a connection to them through us."

If you are reading this before March 7th, and would like us to include your message, please send me an email at corine68@yahoo.com to be included in our presentation in Chiapas.

Please invest in our communities. Invest in us. Our Delegation is small but our women are from various areas of the US and Canada represented: American Indian Movement, Big Mountain Dineh Nation, Black Lives Matter Cincinnati, Biindigen Healing & Arts, Feminactivist, Idle No More Canada, Idle No More Detroit, Women of All Red Nations (WARN) and Water Protectors North/South Dakota.

Any amount you can spare to help us reach this goal would be appreciated. Any effort to spread this message is greatly appreciated. Below is a link to our go fund me: <https://www.gofundme.com/women039s-liberation-education-event>

Perhaps this endeavor of getting 12 women to Chiapas for this gathering is a bit ambitious. Perhaps the main purpose is to also role model to other communities that it takes a spark from an idea, and collectively working together, we can make it happen. Our Native Elders have taken this to ceremony and prayer and we feel that the women that are meant to go on this trip, will go. We believe the 2 most important components to this mission are to show solidarity because our Struggles are similar, and to bring back what we learn from our Zapatista Sisters, and share with our families and communities.

As diverse as this delegation is, we all agree that when women are free, communities are empowered, and everyone is free.

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Our next meeting is Wed., Mar. 14, 7:30pm, at the Peace Center, to plan the April 2018 issue. The last weekend each month, we gather at the Peace Center on Thursday at 7:30 PM for a mailing and bundle-distribution party and a discussion about the following month's issue. The next such meeting will take place Thurs., March 29, to distribute the April issue, assuming we can produce it, and discuss the May issue.

We have poetry in each issue; send submissions to: changelinks2@gmail.com. Please include a bio & photo.

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Listings subject to change. Contact sponsor to verify date, time & venue. See www.change-links.org for full late listings, recurring events, & resources.

On-Going or continuing Events

Peace Vigils <http://change-links.org/on-going-peace-vigils/>

Through March 31 (extended) To Protect and Serve? 5 Decades of Posters Protesting Police Violence at SPARC (Social Public Art Resource Center) in old Venice Jail, 685 Venice Bl, Venice 90291. 310-822-9560 <http://sparcinla.org/projects/sparc-hosts-center-for-the-study-of-political-graphics-exhibit/>

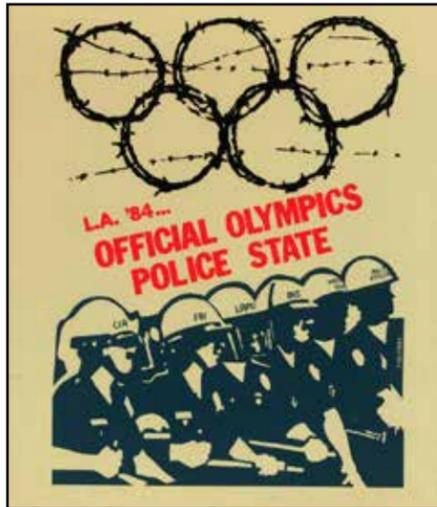
Mar 4-6. UC Santa Barbara, the Center for Black Studies Research, MultiCultural Center, and Division of Student Affairs present **Free-Dem Foundations: Black Former Prisoners speaking on Wrongful Incarceration and Community Mobilization**, featuring Robert Jones, Jerome Morgan, and Daniel Rideau. Contact Professor George Lipsitz glipsitz@blackstudies.ucsb.edu or Diane Fujino, CBSR Director, at fujino@ucsb.edu or 805-893-3914

Mar 8-11, Southern California Linux Expo, Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E Green St, Pasadena 91101. \$85 for the full pass, \$20 for Exposition Hall. Largest volunteer run Open Source/Linux convention in North America. Expo's educational focus includes technical seminars and booths where commercial software and hardware vendors and local non-profit groups (for example, Linux Users Groups), participate in product display, software demos and tutorials. <https://socallinuxexpo.org/>

Mons, Mar 12-Apr 16, Study Group on "Labor History: A Key to Unlocking Workers' Power Today", 6:30p. 6-week study group will examine power of workers, underscoring how strikes can win demands. The historic leadership role of radicals, women, people of color, and queer & transgender folks in building the labor movement will be highlighted. Discuss threats to organized labor's survival today and what's needed to revive a militant fight-back. Snacks at 6:30p. Discussion at 7p. 2122 W. Jefferson Bl, LA, 90018. (wheelchair accessible) Donations requested for reading materials and snacks. Freedom Socialist Party. 323-732-6416, fspla@earthlink.net, www.socialism.com or [Facebook.com/fspla](https://www.facebook.com/fspla)

Mar 16-17, Inside Outside – Curated By Suchi Branfman, 8:30-10p, \$20-\$25, Highways Performance Space, Santa Monica. In 2017, a group of choreographers and visual artists shared their work and process with incarcerated men in California Rehabilitation Center, a medium-security men's prison in Norco. Inside Outside is a sharing of the dances performed, and work created, over 8 weeks, and a dialogue about the experiences of moving and making with folks in prison. Hosted inside the prison by longtime activist choreographer Suchi Branfman, were Alex Almaraz, Lukaza Branfman-Verissimo, Jay Carlon, d. Sabela Grimes and Tom Tsai. In Branfman-Verissimo's Preserved Stories, the incarcerated participants recalled and preserved the histories and stories of a loved one, family member and/or friend, using a simple zine structure. The constructed paper books, filled with the men's archived stories, will be re-purposed for this evening. <https://highwaysperformance.org/event/inside-outside-curated-by-suchi-branfman/>

Sundays, RAC-LA Food Program (La Programa Comida) Revolutionary Autonomous Communities, 1-5p, SE corner of Wilshire Bl & Parkview St, LA 90057, fruit and vegetable distribution. <https://www.facebook.com/raclanla/>



Poster from CSPG exhibit at SPARC Sundays, Serve the People LA, 4-6p, Mariachi Plaza, 1817 E 1st St, LA (Boyle Heights) 90033. STPLA has weekly free food & clothing distributions (along with books, shoes, and anything else we can get donated) every Sunday. We distribute food, learn about any grievances & see how we can best address them, invite people to community events, and provide legal services with the help from the LA Center for Community Law and Action <https://servethepeoplela.wordpress.com>

Tuesdays, 9:30a, Join Black Lives Matter LA, Stop LAPD Spying and allies at LA Police Commission meeting at LAPD HQ, 100 W. 1st St (may have to enter from 2nd & main), 9:30a Tuesdays to speak out against racist police murders with impunity. Check http://www.lapdonline.org/police_commission for agenda and re-scheduling.

Tuesdays, Stop LAPD Spying Coalition <http://stoplapdspying.org> - see website for meeting locations and times. <https://www.facebook.com/stoplapdspying>

2nd Tuesday monthly, 12 – 2 PM, a free Resource event to formerly incarcerated Men/Women/Youth and their families, seeking reunification back to the community to rebuild their lives. 1137 E. Redondo Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90302 Resources offered: Medical-HIV-STD Info/Waivers for I.D. & Birth Cert./Clothes-Interview attire/ Buss Pass/Hot Catered Meal/ Access to other orgs providing services for Housing/ Felon-Friendly Employment/Mental health and much more! Volunteers and donations welcomed. Email: jade@4youth4justice.org 424-285-5233

Wednesdays, LA CAN Legal Clinic, 6-7:30p, LA CAN, 838 E. 6th St. LA, CA 90021. Free Legal Clinic for Low-Income Residents. Must sign-in before 6:15p. For more info, call 213.228.0024

Fridays, Los Angeles Poverty Department's Movie Nights at the Museum, 7p, Skid Row History Museum and Archive, 250 S. Broadway, LA 90012. movienights@lapovertydept.org

1st Friday of the month, LA FOR YOUTH has an aggressive campaign, 4- 6p, 1726 N. Spring St, LA 90013. E-mail: action@youth4justice.org Register: 323-235-4243

Thu 1

Prof. Santiago Garcia presents "Queering The Curriculum" Professional Development curriculum at LA Mission College, 13356 Eldridge Ave, Sylmar 91342. Don't miss this great, educator led PD opportunity! Register free: [http://www.lamission.edu/Learning-/Eagle-s-Nest-\(Faculty-Learning\).aspx](http://www.lamission.edu/Learning-/Eagle-s-Nest-(Faculty-Learning).aspx)

Film: Now is the Time: Healthcare for Everyone, special guest Dr. Bill

Honigman California State Coordinator of Progressive Democrats of America, 7-9p, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 7056 Washington Av, Whittier 90602. Park on Washington (additional parking behind church). N/E corner of Wardman St. & Washington Ave. Washington Av (not Blvd) runs north-south 2 short blocks east of Greenleaf. Walk thru 2nd gate n. of Wardman. While the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) has helped some, many are feeling the pinch of rising costs and narrowing networks. Insurance-based healthcare is not effective for keeping costs down and giving everyone access to care. There's a better way. Whittier Area Peace & Justice Coalition Info 562-587-6270 or 562-233-8579 <http://whittierpeace.org>

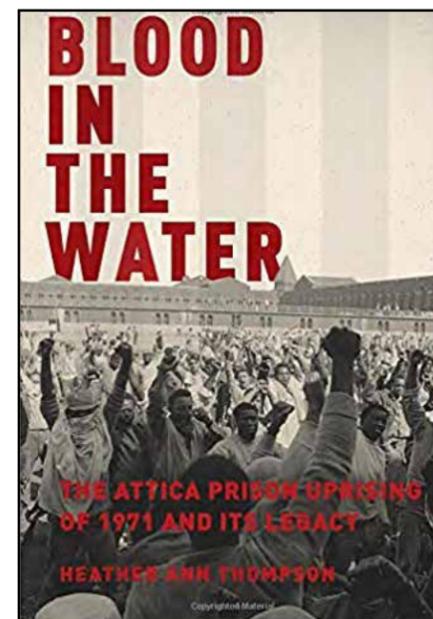
Immigrants Stay #TrumpPence MustGo! Speak Out & Moment of Silence, 2:30-4:30p, Fullerton College, 321 E Chapman Ave, Fullerton 92832, Refuse Fascism Orange County. <https://www.facebook.com/events/180965305741890/>

Fri 2

Topanga Peace Alliance film: The UnAmerican Struggle, 7:15 pm, Topanga Library, 122 N Topanga Canyon Blvd, Topanga, 90290. 7:15p potluck; 7:30 film, \$10 donation requested but no one turned away for lack of funds, action oriented discussion after film. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/53323228710> <http://topangapeacealliance.org> Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/184553828810190/>

Trump & Future of White Supremacy, with Tarso Luis Ramos of Political Research Associates, LA CAN, 838 E. 6th St, cr. Gladys, LA 90021, stoplapdspying@gmail.com, 424-209-7450.

Politics, Prisons, and Policing: Rethinking Power in Postwar America with Heather Ann Thompson, 2:30-4p, USC Social Sciences Building (SOS), SOS Room 250, free, Dr. Heather Ann Thompson is a historian at U of Mich Ann Arbor in Afro-American and African Studies, and History. Her book, Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and its Legacy, won the Pulitzer Prize in History, the Bancroft Prize in American History and Diplomacy, and a book prize from the NYC Bar Association. Thompson has written



on the history of policing, mass incarceration and the current criminal justice system. <https://dornsife.usc.edu/events/view/1206986/politics-prisons-and-policing-rethinking-power-in-postwar-america>

Film: Wattstax, 7p, Skid Row History Museum and Archive, 250 S. Broadway, LA 90012, free. Running time: 1h 35m. Wattstax was a benefit concert organized by Stax Records to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the 1965 rebellion in the African-American community of Watts. It took place at the LA Memorial Coliseum on August 20, 1972. Performers included all of Stax's prominent artists. The genres of the songs performed included soul, gospel, R&B, blues, funk, and jazz. The concert was filmed by David Wolper's crew and made into the '73 film titled, Wattstax, directed by Mel Stuart and nominated for a Golden Globe award for Best Documentary Film in 1974.

Sat 3

50th Anniversary, 1968 East La HS Walkouts, 10a-2p, Lincoln Heights Senior Center, 2323 Workman St, LA 90031. The Chicano Movement gained national momentum when 15,000 students participated in an 8-day series of protests known as the East L.A. Walkouts. Student Leaders from Lincoln, Wilson, Roosevelt, Garfield and Belmont High Schools sparked a generation of Chicanos. www.facebook.com/events/1984827278439867/

International Women's Day March & Rally, 11a-3p, DTLA. Organized by AF3IRM <https://www.facebook.com/events/150645588921993/> <https://www.facebook.com/AF3IRMLA/losangeles@af3irm.org>

AWARE-LA (Alliance of White Anti-Racists Everywhere) drop-in Saturday dialogue. 1-4pm, Santa Monica. awarela@gmail.com.

Justice for Anthony Weber! March on D.A. Lacey! 1-4p, Office of CA Attorney General Becerra, Dept of Justice, 300 S Spring St, LA 90013, march on LA DA Jackie Lacey. Coalition for Community Control Over the Police. <https://www.facebook.com/events/171664526807973/>

ELA Walkouts: 50 Years Later, Benjamin Franklin Branch - LA Public Library, 1-2p, free. 2200 E 1st St, LA 90033. Moderator: Sol Marquez; Panelists: Vicky Castro, Mita Cuaron, John Ortiz, Carlos Montes. The four panelists participated as in the historic ELA Chicano Walkouts of March 1968 and share their first hand involvement.

IfNotNow Film Series at the Echo Park Film Center, 1200 N. Alvarado, LA 90026, 7:30p. The first event will feature **9 Star Hotel**, a documentary that follows a group of Palestinians living in secrecy in the hills near an Israeli city. <https://www.facebook.com/IfNotNowLA/>

Sun 4

Rally Against Rape Culture #OscarsSoComplicit 9:30-11:30a, Hollywood Blvd at La Brea. Bring

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your protest signs and join the Campaign to Abolish Statutes of Limitation on Rape and Sexual Assault for a Rally Against Rape Culture outside the Academy Awards in Hollywood. #OscarsSoComplicit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1998347517154019/>

California for Progress Platform Summit, 12n-5p. Johnie's (AKA Bernie's) Coffee Shop, 6101 Wilshire Blvd, LA 90048. Join California for Progress as we develop our Policy Platform. What does PROGRESS look like in California, and what is the Legislative Agenda that will get us there? Help us build the framework for our vision in the world, a tool to vet and educate potential candidates who want to represent the Progressive Agenda in California politics.

Justicia para Berta Cáceres, by Solidarity House of the South/Casa Solidaria del Sur, 12n-2p, MacArthur Park, 6th St & Alvarado, LA. It'll soon



Berta Cáceres

be two years since the assassination of Berta Cáceres, bringing up again the memory of that blow to the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras - COPINH, the popular resistance in Honduras and all humanity. www.facebook.com/events/222933868271179/

Forensic Science Seminar: Wrongful Convictions, 12n-4p, Hertzberg - Davis Forensic Science Center, Cal State LA, 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, LA 90032. LA Visionaries Association, Esotouric's Secret LA and Prof. Don Johnson invite you to CSULA's teaching crime lab for an inquiry into forensic science in So Cal, in support of research by the Criminalistics Department. Workshop is hosted by California Innocence Project, who seeks to identify and overturn wrongful convictions. Among exonerees expected are Kimberly Long, Rafael Madrigal, Guy Miles and Luis Vargas. Brian Banks and Uriah Courtney may also attend. <http://www.lavatransforms.org/event/crimelabmarch2018/> www.facebook.com/events/180711919170050/

Mr. Fish in conversation with journalist Robert Scheer, about the future of art and journalism. Discussion sponsored by Code Pink, 1-3p, Robert Berman Gallery, 2525 Michigan Ave, B7 Santa Monica, CA. http://www.codepink.org/fish_scheer

NOLympicsLA working group, 2-4p, 1545 Wilshire Blvd. (3rd floor). NOLympicsLA.com

Rally and March: Protest U.S. War Threats Against Korea, 3-5p, CNN - 6430 W Sunset Blvd, L.A./March to Hollywood & La Brea. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1210159745783453/>

DSA Labor Committee: Solidarity with Renaissance Workers! 4-6p, Renaissance Long Beach Hotel, 111 E Ocean Blvd, LB 90802. We will be at a picket line to support workers at the

Renaissance Long Beach as they fight to unionize in an atmosphere free from management pressure tactics.

Mon 5

Immigration Forum: Students Speak Out! hosted by Dream Resource Center, 4:30-6:30p, UCLA Northwest Campus Auditorium, 200 De Neve Dr, LA 90095. www.facebook.com/events/1917012651946509/

Suzy Williams, Steve Weisberg & Friends - Jazz 7p at Surfside, 23 Windward Ave, Venice, CA 90291, 424-256-7894 Free <http://www.laughtears.com/mess.html>

Tue 6

McLuhan-Finnegans Wake Reading Club at Marina Del Rey Library, 4533 Admiralty Way, MdR. <http://laughtears.com/McLuhanWake.html>

Political Conversation: Anthony Scaramucci, 5:30-7p, Tommy's Place, 3607 Trousdale Pkwy, LA (USC). USC Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, in a discussion with Institute Director Bob Shrum about a topic of particular interest. Former White House Communications Director, Anthony Scaramucci has appeared as a commentator on CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC. Free food at 5:30p. Conversation will run from 6-7p. <https://allevents.in/los%20angeles/political-conversation-anthony-scaramucci/125957328183774>

North Korea, Nuclear Weapons & Prospects For Peace, featuring Christine Ahn, founder of Women Cross DMZ, A Global Movement of Women Organizing For Peace in Korea, 6:30-8:30p, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Westminster Chapel 3300 Wilshire, LA 90010 (enter on Berendo) \$10 Suggested Donation. No One Turned Away for Lack of Funds. Sponsored by



So. Korean Peace Rally

Physicians For Social Responsibility-LA and Beyond The Bomb-LA.

Wed 7

Queenfest 2018: IWD Variety Show, 7-9p, Bootleg Theater, 2220 Beverly Blvd, LA 90057. In honor of International Women's Day, Bootleg Theater presents QUEENFEST: A Women's Day Variety Show benefiting charity! <https://www.facebook.com/events/1172950589506943/> Musical comedy by BO\$\$ Lady, the Sapphire Sisters, LEX the Lexicon Artist, and Nals & Tess. Stand-Up performances by Kari Assad, Rebecca Greenberg, Alysia Brown, Danielle Perez, and Dalia Malek. Slam Poetry by Jaynese Poole, Giovannie Espiritu, and Helena Doub. \$15 General Admission

Thu 8

International Women's Day - Women's Strike <https://www.facebook.com/womenstrikes/> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Women's_Day (see article p. 1)
We the Corporations: How American Businesses Gained Their Civil

Rights, Adam Winkler In conversation with Rick Wartzman, 12:30p, Mark Taper Auditorium-Central Library, 5th & Flower. UCLA law prof. Adam Winkler offers a portrait of how US corporations seized political power over time. He traces the 200-year effort of pro-business court decisions that give corporations the same rights as people and details the roots of recent cases like Citizens United and Hobby Lobby. Winkler discusses with Rick Wartzman of the Drucker Institute how businesses have transformed the Constitution and changed the course of US politics.

Conference: Policy Meets Practice-Implementing California's New Election Laws, 8a-6p, The California Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda St, LA, 90012. Tickets \$100 (groups of 5 or more, \$75). Future of California Elections (FoCE) brings together election administrators, reform advocates, civic engagement groups and civil rights organizations each year at its annual conference to discuss and share strategies for modernizing elections and expanding voter participation. <http://futureofcaelections.org/foce2018> Breakfast, lunch, and reception appetizers are included. Registration: <http://ow.ly/B1Av30idXc0>

Health Care for All-LA Chapter screens "Pay2Play: Democracy's High Stakes", 8p with executive producer Holly Mosher in person for Q&A. This engaging documentary cleverly takes us through our political system as if it were a game of monopoly, where insiders and moneyed interests quell the public voice by "gaming us." Healthy CA SB-562 has been kidnapped and placed in "solitary confinement" by Assembly Speaker Rendon where it can't be accessed for review, amendments or discussion. Call your "representatives" to contact their Anthony Rendon to ask that SB562 be released to the normal democratic process. Call Rendon 916-319-2063. Tweet, post and insta your demand @Rendon63rd to free #SB562 now. #HealthyCa #SinglePayer #Medicare4All. Let's win Health Care Justice for us all. 7p materials preparation. Bring a stapler. 7:30p Reports, Announcements. 8p "Pay2Play". 9:30p Q&A with filmmaker Holly Mosher. 10p ADJOURN

Fri 9

Small Work Auction supporting Everytown for Gun Safety, 6-9p, The VAST Lab, 5151 Whitsett, LA 91607. www.eventbrite.com. Pint-sized, elfin, trim. An army of work graces The Vast Lab for our second show of 2018. 6p snacks, sips, + small talk; 7p Live auction with proceeds supporting Everytown for Gun Safety; 8p performance by Perilune, CTHTR, and Pacoima. <http://www.thevastlab.com/small-works-feb-2018/>.
Cocktails for Causes: A Watts

Community Center Fundraiser, 8p-12m, Filifera, 1550 N El Centro, LA 90028. Tickets by Eventbrite, Presale Donation w/Free Raffle Ticket: \$16.62. Join LA's most purpose-centered, socially vibrant citizens on an immersive experience combining a rich soundscape with breathtaking views from Hollywood's tallest rooftop bar. Dance your face off while helping save the Watts Community Center and Youth Mentoring Programs from national government defunding. www.facebook.com/events/164892067638820/ <https://www.generosity.com/emergencies-fundraising/save-the-watts-community-center>

Sat 10

MESS - Filmmaker Megan Williams interview 2p at 212 Pier, Santa Monica, free. <http://www.laughtears.com/mess.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harriet_Tubman_Day

Screening of "Nuclear Cattle" and Forum on No-Nukes Future, 2p, Art Share-LA, 801 E 4th Pl, LA. 2016 documentary about Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster directed by Tamotsu Matsubara, is the story of innocent cattle farmers forced from the hills they've called home due to the nuclear disaster at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. The farmers decide to keep their cattle alive as a symbol of resistance in the fight to rid Japan of nuclear power. The film examines the personal turmoil and inner conflict of embattled cattle farmers in the years following the disaster. Trailer: <https://youtu.be/kuhzhjWPBms> <https://allevents.in/los%20angeles/screening-of-nuclear-cattle-and-forum-on-no-nukes-future/1813264615640222>

SEIU Local 1000 Environmental Committee Movie Night: "Awake, a Dream from Standing Rock", 4:30-6p, Manhattan Beach Marriott, 1400 Parkview Ave, Manhattan Beach 90266. Please join the SEIU Local 1000 Environmental Committee for a free showing of this important documentary co-written by Floris White Bull. www.facebook.com/events/766040490259605/

Film: FATTITUDE, 8p, Echo Park Film Ctr, 1200 N. Alvarado, LA 90026. (213) 484-8846, www.echoparkfilmcenter.org. In honor of Women's Month, Les Femmes Underground International Film Festival (LEFUFF) presents Fattitude, a feature length documentary that examines the representation of the body in media and popular culture. It explores how the term "Fat" is used and its negative stereotyping. Proceeds go towards Books for Babes, aimed at providing feminist books to kids in under-resourced communities. Panel discussion on women's body image and how it's represented in media.

Sun 11

Jericho Movement to free all political prisoners, planning meeting for 20th anniversary commemoration (see March 31), 12n-3p, Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City 90230 btwn Washington Pl & Venice Blvd. Free parking in rear, dial 22 for entry. Info: 323-636-7388

The Conversation Continues: CRJ Replies to the SMMUSD Equity Plan, 6-8:30p (singing group meets at 5:30pm in Thelma Terry Bldg). Potluck



at 6p, program at 6:30p, Virginia Avenue Park Thelma Terry Bldg., 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica 90404, Free Workshop. At the February 11 CRJ Workshop, the Santa Monica/Malibu USD Supt. Dr. Ben Drati, Asst Supt Dr. Jacqueline Mora, and Santa Monica HS teacher Sean Arce presented a new Social Justice Action Plan that has as its foundation social justice standards derived from both the CA State Framework and the Teaching Tolerance Framework, part of the Equity Plan for the school district. At this workshop, we will share the CRJ Steering Committee response, so in both small group and whole room settings you can share responses to the District Plan and the CRJ reply.

Racism and the Logic of Capital, 6:30-8:30p, Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, near Venice Blvd. (free parking in rear), Suite 101-102, press #22 for entry. Peter Hudis with a comment by Lilia Monzó. In light of worsening income inequality, job insecurity, and a looming climate crisis, recent years have seen a return to Marxism's examination of the impact of capital's drive to maximize profits. At the same time, developments in critical race theory, postcolonial critique, and inter-sectionality studies have given us new insights. Hudis teaches at Oakton Community College in the Chicago area. He's author of *Frantz Fanon: Philosopher Of The Barricades* & co-editor of *Power Of Negativity* (selected writings of Raya Dunayevskaya). Lilia Monzo teaches at Chapman Univ, where she uses Marxist-Humanist and de-colonial approaches to confront capitalism, imperialism, racism, and the hyper-exploitation of women of color, while envisioning a socialist alternative. <https://www.imhojournal.org/events/racism-logic-capital/> Sponsored by the West Coast Chapter, International Marxist-Humanist Organization, arise@internationalmarxisthumanist.org <https://www.facebook.com/LAMarxists/>

Mon 12

Culver City City Council meeting, Culver City City Hall, Culver Blvd & Duquesne, 7p, Mike Balkman Council Chambers, 9770 Culver Bl. They will be voting on whether to authorize drilling 30 new wells in their section of the Inglewood Oil Field, off La Cienega Blvd. north of Slauson Av. www.culvercity.org/inglewoodoilfield, www.frackfreelacounty.com/iof

We the People Theater Action:



"Our Posterity", 8-11p, Sacred Fools Theater Company, 1076 Lillian Way, LA 90038. Tickets Available: tickets.sacredfools.org. WE THE PEOPLE is a bi-monthly theatre action featuring curated staged reading series of new works exploring social and political concerns facing our country. Where artists and audiences come together to Resist, Persist, and Express It. Every other month, artists receive a prompt and a deadline. The 3-5 minute pieces are curated into a night of theatre. Proceeds go to a related non-

profit. The prompt explored this evening is 'Our Posterity'. Proceeds to Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America <https://momsdemandaction.org/> <http://www.sacredfools.org/misc/wethepeople/> Reserve a Donate What You Can ticket soon at tickets.sacredfools.org and make your donation at the door. We look forward to seeing you!

Tue 13

Misfits Unite, Lidia Yuknavitch and Amber Tamblyn In conversation with Ann Friedman, 7:30p, Mark Taper Auditorium-Central Library, 5th & Flower, DTLA. <http://fla.org/event/misfits-unite/> "What if, for once in history, a woman's story could be untethered from what we need it to be in order to feel better about ourselves?" writes visionary author Lidia Yuknavitch in her latest work, *The Book of Joan*. In this provocatively reimagined Joan of Arc story set in the near future, the world is ravaged by war, violence, and greed, and it brings into question art, sex, gender, and what it means to be human. Amber Tamblyn, known for her work as director and actress, including her role as a modern-day Joan of Arc in the TV series *Joan of Arcadia*, has written several collections of poetry. Yuknavitch and Tamblyn, two misfits who have spurned literary, cultural, and societal expectations, share the stage with fellow misfit Ann Friedman, journalist and co-host of the podcast *Call Your Girlfriend*, to discuss the art of nonconformity.

Wed 14

CopWatch Santa Ana General Meeting/Community Forum, 7-10p, El Centro Cultural de México, 837 N. Ross St. Santa Ana (new address) Participate in direct-action based barrio organizing against the police state. Every 2nd Wed. of month at 7p. Professional childcare provided. Agents of the state are NOT welcomed. <http://ocprogressiveevents.info>

Culver City Democratic Club Assembly District #54 Candidate Forum, 7p. Democratic candidates for the Special Election to fill the 54th State Assembly District seat vacated by Sebastian Ridley-Thomas. CCDC Members in good standing will vote on endorsements. Veterans Building, 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City.

Zocalo: Is the Public Destroying Democracy? With Yascha Mounk, 7:30p, National Center for the Preservation of Democracy, 111 N. Central Ave, LA. Paid parking available at Little Tokyo Mall Public Parking Lot (318 E. First St.) Enter from San Pedro Street. A Zócalo/Daniel K. Inouye Institute Event Moderated by Joe Mathews, Zócalo Columnist and Co-President, Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy. Authoritarian populists have seized power—from Turkey to Poland, and India to the US. Trust in democracy is wilting in many societies, to the point that rising numbers in Western democracies prefer military to representative rule. Yascha Mounk, author of *The People vs. Democracy: Why Our Freedom Is in Danger and How to Save It*, argues that stagnating living standards, corruption, social media, and a backlash against multiethnic governance are driving the public's disenchantment. What sort of actions can restore the public's commitment to self-government? <http://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/event/public-destroying-democracy/>

Thu 15

Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Meeting, 9a-1p, Metropolitan Water District, 700 N Alameda St, LA 90012. Dignity & Power Now invites you to attend. Agendas can be found: <http://coc.lacounty.gov/> www.facebook.com/

[events/188089821786987/](https://www.facebook.com/events/188089821786987/)

Whittier Peace 3rd Thursday Teach-In, 7p. See Mar. 1st listing for address. We will continue showing the astounding documentary film series: **A Very Heavy Agenda.** Even if you missed Part 1, you can attend 3rd Thursdays for the next few months and learn much from the rest of this film series. Tonight Part 3: Maintaining the World Order Who are the Neo-Cons? How have they influenced the agenda and actions of the American Empire? In this series they tell us exactly who and what they are in their own words. Filmmaker Robbie Martin's insight, video editing and music composition make this series not just a documentary but a work of art. Attendance is usually much less than our 1st Thursday Movie Nights. Join us for a round table discussion of current important topics after the film.

Fri 16

Rachel Corrie Day https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rachel_Corrie



Rachel Corrie, US woman killed by Israeli bulldozer protesting Palestine home demolition.

Coming Out of The Shadows OC, 6-9p, Sasser Park, Ross & Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana 92701 "Coming Out of the Shadows" Month began in Chicago, Illinois on March 10th, 2010 when undocumented and queer youth declared to be "undocumented and unafraid" at Federal Plaza, facing the immigration and federal office building. Since then, the state of our system hasn't changed and we continue to be criminalized and used as a bargaining chip when convenient for politicians. OC Immigrant Youth United, Resilience OC, Korean Resource Center, and Chispa have partnered for a local effort.

Sat 17

IfNotNowworkshopwithCeciSibony on How to Have Hard Conversations, 2p, LA Workers Center, 1255 S. St. Andrews at Pico Blvd, LA. Ceci has been working on conflict resolution and community building among Israelis and Palestinians for over a decade and will share some tools with us about how to engage with friends and family around the difficult topic of the Occupation. <https://www.facebook.com/events/167306524061948/>

Care Not Cages: Workshop on Reentry Services & the LA Jail Fight, 11a-1p, Chuco's Justice Center, 1137 E Redondo Blvd, Inglewood 90302. People directly impacted and service providers can play a key role in the ReImagine 109 campaign which is working to shift 50% of all funding allocated through AB 109 for reentry support away from the Sheriff and to community-based user-led services. Critical Resistance LA will not let up until there are no more proposals for construction of cages. As a part of the ReImagine 109 campaign, we are reaching out service providers.

Sun 18

Chassidim, Yiddishists and Socialists of the L.A. Eastside, 12n-

3p, In front of the "Breed Street Shul" - Congregation Talmud Torah 247 N. Breed Street, Los Angeles, California 90033 Tickets by Eventbrite Boyle Heights City Terrace Tour \$21.83. The Big Boyle Heights and City Terrace Jewish History Hike: On this month's tour we will explore more historical Jewish religious and Yiddish cultural sites of the LA Eastside. This tour will be about 3.5-miles circuit in total. The sites include the religious Jewish history of Boyle Heights, and the old labor and leftist sites of the Yiddishists in the hills of City Terrace. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1638743816212238/>

Mon 19

Public Forum: Southern CA Edison Rate Request (Long Beach), 2-3p and 7-8p, Port of Long Beach, 4801 Airport Plaza Dr, LB 90815. Free. Tickets Available: www.cpuc.ca.gov The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold public forums to provide an opportunity for customers of Southern California Edison to offer their perspective and input to the CPUC about the company's rate request. Consumers at these Public Participation Hearings can help the CPUC reach an informed decision. Customer service representatives from Edison will be there to assist with billing and/or service questions.

Tue 20

Political Conversation: Symone Sanders, 5:30-7p, Tommy's Place, 3607 Trousdale Pkwy, LA (USC). USC Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, 6th and final installment of our semester-long Political Conversation Series, in discussion with Institute Director Bob Shrum. Symone D. Sanders, a prominent Democratic strategist served as the national press secretary for Bernie Sanders in 2016. The youngest presidential candidate press secretary ever, Sanders has appeared on CNN, NPR, Fox News, and MSNBC. Free food at 5:30 P.M. Conversation from 6-7p. <https://allevents.in/los%20angeles/political-conversation-symone-sanders/166632564079705>

Wed 21

Gerry Fialka presents Experimental Film as Psychogeography at <https://www.aafilmfest.org/> MOM - MEDIA DISCUSSION 6-9p, Beyond Baroque 681 Venice Blvd Venice CA FREE <http://www.laughtears.com/mess.html>

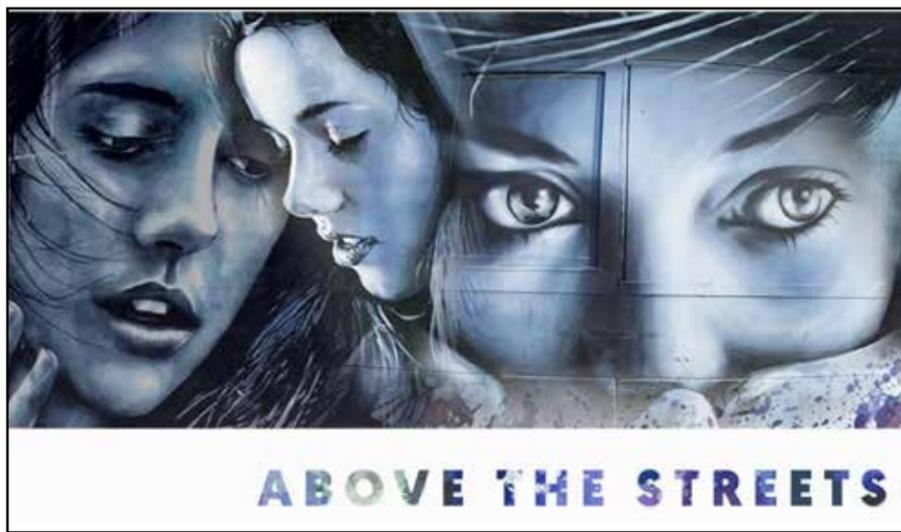
Feminist Book Club, 7:30-9p, The Last Bookstore, 453 South Spring St, LA 90013 (enter on 5th). Ticket includes the book, which you get to come pick up your copy \$34.72. This book discussion club, led by Julia Callahan (Rare Bird Books), will read an intersectional variety of the latest in feminist lit. Morgan Jenkins' *This Will Be My Undoing: Living at the Intersection of Black, Female, and Feminist in (White) America*. Julia Callahan has a BA in English Literature and European History from UC Santa Cruz. She started her publishing career in the Book Soup annex at age 22.

Cohabitation: Cities, Nature, and the Evolving Ecosystem, 7:30p, Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire, LA 90024, info@hammer.ucla.edu. The mountain lions P-22 and P-55 have become unlikely stars of LA nightlife—symbols of the complicated relationship between nature and cities. Panel examines intersection of built environment and LA's natural habitat as region prepares for a hotter and more populous future. Lori Bettison-Varga, pres of Natural History Museum of LA County, Mia Lehrer, landscape designer of Mia Lehrer + Associates, and Ryan Harrigan, asst prof UCLA Institute of the Environment and

Sustainability, join moderator Mark Gold, UCLA assoc vice chancellor for environment and sustainability.

Thur 22

4th Annual Above the Streets fundraising event benefiting Art Share LA, 6-8p, Art Share LA, 801 E. 4th Pl. LA 90013. This year we will highlight artist/muralist Christina Angelina AKA Starfighter. Angelina's work will be splashed around the City of Los Angeles through various outdoor media channels: billboards, digital displays and more, essentially creating a Solo Show in the Sky! <https://artsharela.org/abovestreetstheaters/>



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Fri 23

Homeless Care Day 7a-3p, Alvarado St/ Macarthur Park, LA 90057. Every 2nd and 4th Friday (Corner of Wilshire and Alvarado) (LA on Cloud9 booth leaves at 12n). Services Offered: CES Assessments, Mental Health Services, HIV & STI Rapid testing, Primary Care Medical Services, Substance Use Services, Transgender Health Services, Veterans Services, Pet Resources, Legal Resources, Referrals. In collaboration with other agencies, LA on Cloud9 will have a booth offering basic necessities such as food, water, dog/cat food, pet items, clothes, shoes, hygiene items and much more. Homeless Health Care LA contact Xavier Puente 213-381-0544 xpuente@hhcla.org; SPA 4 CES Outreach Coordinator Jesus Torres 213-304-0435 jesusT@epath.org; LA on Cloud9: Claudia Perez 323-812-9836 Claudia@laoncloud9.org

Amend the 13th In Oakland: On March 23rd, outside the California Prison Focus headquarters in Oakland, CA, Amend the 13th and CPF in conjunction with the New Abolitionist Movement will be holding a Block Party in Celebration of Struggle. Have some fun, and change the world for the better. Until we win-Heshima

Sat 24

"Hidden Figures": National Action Network Women's Luncheon, 11a-1p, 8039 S. Vermont Av, LA 90044. \$45. www.nationalactionnetworkla.net, JoHellen Shoemate 213-841-1010.

33rd Orange County Great American Write-In, 9:30a-1:30p, Delhi Center, 505 E Central Ave, Santa Ana. The Great American Write-In is a free annual event offered to the public by Women For: Orange County to provide community members with the means to influence policy decisions by writing letters to their legislators. Every year, fifty plus organizations and advocacy groups present information regarding some of today's most vital issues, including education, health care, human and civil rights and the environment. Felicity Figueroa 949/733-0850 or felicitynf@aol.com <http://www.womenfororangecounty.org> <http://ocprogressivevents.info/cgi-bin/calendar.cgi?T#Mar24gawi>

Union of Progressive Iranians presents NOROOZ Iranian New Year, first day of spring. Norooz is an occasion to mobilize people to celebrate progressive culture and express appreciation for those courageous activists who stand in solidarity with peoples' struggles. Dinner And Musical Performances. Doors open 5:30p. Program 6-10p, Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City 90230, \$10 donation, children free. No one turned away for lack of funds. For info call Reza 323-679-5023 or email

Sun 25

Seven Dudley Cinema at Beyond Baroque 681 Venice Bl, 7p. FREE Admission- VENICE BLACK HISTORY -Learn about the history of the black community in Venice, California through inspired and inspiring talks by Laddie Williams MC and Venice Elders. Review photos from centuries past that reveal the bigger picture. Nurture community in Venice. Closing remarks by Mike Bravo. More info: Margaret Molly mmmolloy@earthlink.net and SaveVenice.me Political films & discussion <http://www.laughtears.com/mess.html>

Mon 26

Laughtears Salon, 6-9p, 212 Pier Santa Monica free - politics, art, culture discussion, free <http://www.laughtears.com/mess.html>

Tue 27

Dr. Norman Finkelstein on Gaza, with Nubar Hovsepian, Hosted by The Markaz, Arts Center for the Greater Middle East, 7-9:30p, Chapman Univ., 1 University Dr, Orange 92866. Free, Tickets Available: www.themarkaz.org. The Markaz and the Chapman University Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Poli Sci Dept present an open forum on Gaza with Dr. Norman Finkelstein and Dr. Nubar Hovsepian at Chapman University, Argyros Forum, Student Union, 209 A & B. Copies of "Gaza, An Inquest into Its Martyrdom," available. Co-sponsor: Peace Studies dept. www.facebook.com/events/1842578645775554/

White Supremacy: Two Films, 7:30p, Billy Wilder Theater, UCLA Hammer Museum, free. 10899 Wilshire, LA 90024. **Charlottesville: Race and Terror:** Vice News reporter Elle Reeve goes behind the scenes at the infamous 2017 "Unite the Right" rally of white supremacists in Charlottesville, VA. Interviews with marchers Christopher Cantwell, David Duke, and Matthew Heimbach as well as counter-protesters, residents,

and members of Black Lives Matter. (2017, 27 min.) **The Great White Hoax:** Political leaders have been tapping white anxiety, stoking white grievance, and scapegoating people of color for decades to undermine interests of working class. Film focuses on 2016 presidential election while exploring how race, class, gender, and propaganda have shaped US politics. (2017, dir. Jeremy Earp, 72 min.)

Wed 28

The Justice of Contradictions: Antonin Scalia and the Politics of Disruption; Rick Hasen In conversation with Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, Berkeley Law, University of California, 12:30p, Mark Taper Auditorium-Central Library. Scalia—engaging as well as caustic and openly ideological—moved the Supreme Court to the right. In his new book, legal scholar Richard Hasen analyzes Scalia's complex legacy as a conservative legal thinker crucial to reshaping jurisprudence on abortion to gun rights to separation of powers. Hasen is joined by Erwin Chemerinsky in a lunchtime conversation about his legacy. <http://fla.org/event/justice-contradictions-antonin-scalia-politics-disruption/>

Thu 29

Know Hate in the LGBTQ Community, 6-8:30p, LGBTQ Center on 4th, 305 E 4th St, Santa Ana, 92701. Hate Free OC event: Join the LGBTQ Center OC and the OC Human Relations Commission to learn about and discuss hate in the LGBTQ community. What does hate look like in our community? How can we understand hate and respond as a community to hateful speech and actions? Let's work to understand and change hate in the LGBTQ community. <https://www.facebook.com/events/692316634226076/>

Rummage Sale Night Market, 7-10p, Echo Park Film Center, What's better than an EPFC Rummage Sale? How about a RUMMAGE SALE AT NIGHT with all kinds of digital and analog film gear crossed with a CRAFT SALE that benefits EPFC YOUTH PROGRAMS! free. 1200 N. Alvarado, LA 90026. (213) 484-8846, www.echoparkfilmcenter.org

Change Links mailing and planning meeting, Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda, Culver City 90230, 7:30p.

Fri 30

Good Friday, also Palestine Land Day https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Land_Day In previous years there has been a march to Israeli consulate 11766 Wilshire Blvd and rally <http://al-awda.org/event-alarasc.html>

Medical and Recreational Marijuana. 9a, 1707 4th St, Santa Monica 90401-3301. www.theseminargroup.net; CLE credits available. Michael Cohen of Cohen IP Law Group PC will lecture on patent issues on the second day of the seminar "Medical and Recreational Marijuana". Cannabis Patents: What Can You Get And How Can You Get It. How to apply for and secure either a utility or plant patent for cannabis inventions; How to deal with cannabis patent trolls; Analysis of companies "cornering" the market on cannabis patents and what that means for the future of innovation in the cannabis industry.

Sat 31

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cesar_Chavez_Day



United Farm Workers leader Cesar Chavez



Jericho Movement to free all political prisoners, 20th anniversary commemoration and launch of CA Clemency Campaign to win release of John Clutchette (George Jackson's co-defendant in Soledad Brothers case), Ruchell Magee (Angela Davis's co-defendant in Marin Courthouse rebellion), Chip Fitzgerald (Black Panther imprisoned since 1968) and others.

Free Peltier, Free Mumia, Free Ana Belen Montes, free all political prisoners. 3/31, 7-10p, Peace Center, 3916 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City 90230.

Fundraiser for **SF Bay View**, national Black newspaper distributed to 1000s of prisoners across the country.

For more info, call 323-636-7388.



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the first woman in our country to succeed in the second revolution of women through our resistance and our free will against all forms of injustice, enslavement and occupation.

“Women have played a leading role in building the democratic principles of Autonomous Administration through the building of independent institutions based on participatory organization, the building of councils, academies and associations for women, as well as the formation of a special armed force of women.

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“We believe that global solidarity for women will be the most powerful weapon in conquering fascism by following in the footsteps of women who were created to defend participatory life.

“We call for an end to the aggressive Turkish invasion and occupation of Afrin and the end of the genocide and killing of the women.”



MOVE TO AMEND Video

Resource:

“A Question of Personhood” introduces corporate constitutional rights issue and Move to Amend.

7 min 35 sec Search “Personhood” on youtube.com

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Letters to Change Links

Dear editor:

On March 12, 2015, Isaac B. Pearson was arrested and charged with promoting prostitution (F3) due to allegations of a prostitute. Detective Jason Krasley during a prostitution investigation detained a 20-year-old lady who supposedly stated that Pearson received \$905.00 from her acts the night prior to the day’s events.

Three years later, after an appeal from an evidentiary hearing, Honorable Mary Hannah Leavitt reversed the ruling to confiscate the currency from Pearson because the confiscation was neither initiated under nor authorized by statute. No. 203 C.D. 2017, after Pearson provided documents showing: a \$2,360.40 college loan, unemployment compensation benefits, an active bank account as well as numerous withdrawals, to support his contention that the funds he had were his own. Judge James T. Anthony has ordered the Commonwealth of PA to return the \$905.00 to Isaac B. Pearson. The lady who made the alleged statements never made an appearance in court (MD-1958-2015). For these reasons we believe Pearson’s arrest is and has always been invalid and unsubstantiated.

In the past a similar case has been ruled as follows by the Superior Court: “Part of the court’s focus in determining that the appellant did not promote prostitution was the appellant’s lack of earnings. “Though it is clear that a prostitution business was operating at the date and time in question, the Commonwealth must prove that the appellant received income from the business.” --Judges Cirillo, Olszewski and Hester.

Please share widely. I need my freedom, I have a family who loves me. Contact Human Rights Coalition FedUP, 5129 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15224. <https://www.facebook.com/HRC-Fed-Up-186745018032063/> My address: Isaac Pearson, # ML2492, 1600 Walters Mill Rd., Somerset, PA 15510. Thank You!

Response to Eric Gordon’s Letter to Change Links

Hi, Eric Gordon, I was compelled to respond to your eloquent recent Feb. 2018 Letter to Change Links. My name is Bella De Soto, a “TRUE” Socialist. I want to clarify that from the start, so you and many with your sentiments can perhaps start distinguishing between the historic global LEFT and the USA Pentagon Mass Media convenient classification of what they refer to as the “Left” or the Democratic Party.

In your piece, you pointed out “There’s a reason Bernie Sanders ran as a Democrat,” and immediately included several others who also ran under a similar banner and won some races, but what you are missing is that I and many others do not vote for either USA Pentagon dictatorial electoral party of Dems and/or Reps. We, on the other hand go out of our way to vote for those daring True Socialists, or not vote at all. Many, many voters are turned off and do not vote.

So here we go again, if Trump comes down, will a Hillary figure not play the same role to satisfy the Pentagon Complex? We know this game. Her legacy is well known. In my view, Eric, your elaborate argument, why can’t we all get along, why are we divided, and why not all join and support the Democrats is ludicrous at best. Please learn your history better; Socialism has been used by the worse and the best of human efforts, but has never been allowed to flourish fully worldwide, so I hope in my lifetime I may see this reversed. Why has Venezuela been so under attack by the Imperialist USA, Democrat or Republican in the White House? There’s some history for you!

Cheers. Bella De Soto, bella@bellads.info

Dear colleagues:

Does Alan Minsky, KPFK’s interim program director, think that contributions to KPFK will be generated by abruptly interrupting, mid-program, such popular programs like Democracy Now and the Ralph Nader Hour, to be replaced with KPFK’s fund raising pitches for the rest of the hour? If Minsky is trying to infuriate KPFK’s listeners I think that he’s succeeded admirably.

For example, I was listening to the Ralph Nader Hour this morning when the program (see attached) was abruptly terminated by Minsky while Ralph was in mid-sentence and replaced with a fund raising pitch for the rest of the hour. Although the rest of the program wasn’t available on KPFK’s archives, I was able to listen to it at <https://tunein.com/radio/Ralph-Nader-Radio-Hour-p616141/>

[Similar cut-aways happen on Democracy Now!, requiring you to go to their website to hear the full original program.]

Why should I bother to continue support of a station that treats its listeners that way? --Bill Eisen

Ed. note: Bill’s letter provoked a discussion among Change Links staffers about Pacifica’s fiscal problems, bylaws changes limiting listener democracy, and inadequate response to community needs, interests, and creative expressions. We invite further comment and will cover this further in future issues.

An Asian-American Perspective on the Jan. 20 Women's March L.A.

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Several groups are planning a Women’s March close to International Women’s Day on March 3rd 2018.

Women’s March Inc. did pay attention to “optics.” The speakers, people holding the lead banner and monitors were very diverse, roles most visible on camera. There were no major incidents except for a few Nazis who squeaked while being drowned out in a sea of chants like, “No Trump, No KKK, No fascist USA!”

Broader participation may be built next time if there were more leaders/speakers who are typical working women like secretaries, nurses and K-12 teachers involved in the planning and outreach, in addition to movie stars, politicians and executives of non-profits. Outreach to communities like Jordan Downs or Maravilla housing projects. Offer one-day Metro passe,s with distribution of bi-lingual flyers before the event and PR in ethnic media. Same with areas like Wilmington and Carson where industrial pollution impacts everyone including major Filipino and Cambodian

communities.

Nationally, the leaders of the Women’s March Inc. and “March On” could work closer. March On is a network of women’s organizations in Red states that wants their energy directed to electing local candidates like Doug Jones over sexual predator Roy Moore in AL. They believe that the Woman’s March Inc., headquartered in New York, share the same values but have a different culture and emphasis.

LA County is the Asian American capital of the US with 400,000 Chinese, 375,000 Filipino 230,000 Korean, and 138,000 Japanese*. Many individual Asian-Pacific Islanders (API) marched behind the banner they most passionately backed such as being LGBTQ, Medicare-for-All or immigrant’s rights but not behind a banner of their own API community. For many reasons the political concept of “Asian American” has faded at the mass movement level since the 1970s, but appears to be making a modest resurgence.

Understanding our histories will

promote stronger ties among APIs as well. Japanese-Americans (JAs) were the largest Asian group in the US for half a century. Many entered mainstream politics disproportionate to our numbers and won elected offices. This was also reflected in the Asian American movement against the Vietnam War, for equality and ethnic studies on campuses. It began to change when the US relaxed immigration laws in 1965. Later with US-China normalization, Chinese immigration soared. Another factor was the legacy of US involvement in wars and occupation of the Philippines, Korea and Vietnam. New immigrants from all these countries eclipsed the JA population, which fell to the sixth largest in the US.

JAs overcame the concentration camps and post-war racism. We participated in and benefitted from the Black Power and civil rights movements and built many community institutions and social service non-profits. The new majority of API immigrants in LA are many times larger and are “catching up” to establishing resources like museums, community

centers & art and culture venues in much tougher times than 20 years ago.

The legacy of Japanese militarism and the occupation of 21 nations in the Asia-Pacific region during WW2 is another factor. Some APIs are aware of the atrocities committed, but too many JAs remain uninformed or unwilling to discuss these issues, without which mutual respect and unity will be difficult to attain. It will help our own families and our children to understand their multi-cultural heritage due to the intermarriage between many APIs.

Uniting the API communities is a hard job but Trump’s election has smoothed the road, because we all share a passionate goal of defeating his views. Nothing forges unity like sharing the same foxhole battling white supremacy and fascism. That’s the “easy” part. The challenge is the handling of contradictions among our own people and engaging in open, above board dialogue while keeping our focus on the real threats.

**A Community of Contrasts”, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, 2013

Oscar Lopez Rivera Tour a Great Success

Lays the basis for on-going solidarity with
Puerto Rico, political prisoners

by Michael Novick

Oscar Lopez Rivera, Puerto Rican former political prisoner and lifelong activist for sovereignty for his homeland, toured southern California last month to thank supporters and to raise funds for urgent grassroots community recovery and rebuilding work in Puerto Rico. He was greeted enthusiastically by turn-away crowds, including many from the Puerto Rican diaspora, at events on college campuses in Santa Barbara, Ventura County, the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles, Claremont, Santa Ana and San Diego, as well as at community events in south LA at Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School and in Culver City at the Kirk Douglas Theater. Strong solidarity was expressed, especially by Native American Indian, Black and Chicano/Mexicano communities and activists.



Oscar seated, front center, with Interfaith Communities United for Justice & Peace.

Oscar and his traveling companion, Alejandro Molina of the National Boricua Human Rights Network also met privately with local activists in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles to discuss on-going solidarity work in So Cal about Puerto Rico and about remaining political prisoners. For more information about how to get involved in the on-going work, contact:

alianzapr@hotmail.com (Lawrence Reyes of the Puerto Rican Alliance, 310-460-8586) and puertoricansinaction@gmail.com (Nicole and Jorge of PRiA).

The Sea of Sexism:

How to Navigate Bigotry in the Workplace

by Helen Carter

We are long past the days of “women’s work” and the idea that a woman’s place is in the home, aren’t we? Maybe not completely, at least according to Bustle, an online media outlet written for women, by women. Today’s female professionals are still expected to tolerate sexist jokes, demeaning (if good-natured) nicknames, and scrutiny regarding appearance and mothering abilities.

Dealing with sexism, obvious or subtle, is a tricky thing. While most businesses have sexual harassment policies, women (as well as men to some degree) must learn to deal with gendered expectations. Read on for a few pieces of advice on how to turn the tables in your favor when targeted unfairly for physical dissimilarities.

Flip the script.

If a male coworker makes a sexist remark, politely ask if he would’ve said or done the same thing to another man. For instance, would he have remarked on a male coworker’s shoes or referred to him as anything other than his given name? Try to remain non-threatening, but get the point across that being treated differently is neither accepted nor expected.

Don’t play the gender card — at least not at first.

Women often get tasked with menial duties such as getting coffee and calling the caterer before a big meeting. Unless these duties are specific to your job title, it’s perfectly appropriate to ask a supervisor why you, specifically, are given these tasks. Sometimes, simply pointing out what’s happening—without being accusatory—will prompt the assignor to change things up every once in awhile.

Bring up your concerns in private.

Nobody likes to be called out for their shortcomings. This is especially true when those shortcomings imply sexism, racism, or some other taboo form of prejudice. Keep things civil by pulling the offending colleague aside and pointing out their behavior. There’s no need to force an argument, but remain firm and clear in your position. A friendly reminder that it isn’t the 1950s is a good first step toward a more harmonious workplace, especially with otherwise tolerable coworkers.

Don’t laugh at inappropriate jokes.

It’s no doubt easier to shrug off sexist jokes and laugh with the crowd, but that only perpetuates a group mentality that accepts sexism in the workplace. Instead, make eye contact with the office comedian; an expressionless look will likely trigger a moment of discomfort and hopefully result in quiet reflection about what was just said. There is nothing wrong with humor in the workplace, but passive or everyday sexism can actually be damaging to a woman’s health.

Ask the offender to speak up.

Overhear a sexist comment? Follow it with an innocent, “I didn’t quite catch that, could you speak up?” If forced to repeat the offending language, the person speaking the ill-mannered words might just rethink their conversational strategies. Asking them to explain their remark works just as well. This is an especially effective tactic when said within earshot of a manager or supervisor.

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Thanks! You’ll be glad you did!

Be blunt and move on.

There is no shame in simply replying with, “That’s not OK,” and walking away. A direct shutdown is sometimes the only way to get through to an overly-opinionated colleague.

Keep records.

On-the-job sexual harassment or discrimination is not OK, and it’s illegal to harass a female co-worker by making offensive comments about women in general, according to the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. By keeping records of sexual harassment or implied unwelcomed sexual undertones, including those that suggest sexual inequality, you are in a better position to approach a supervisor or attain legal counsel to ensure the situation is fully rectified.