

## JULY 2020 Community Calendar

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July 1 - Day of Rage vs. Israeli Annexation/Occupation

July 4 - Farce of You Lie

July 12 - Reimagine Public Safety

July 14 - Bastille Day #FreeThemAll

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July 25 - Skate Against Hate

July 26 - Cuban Revolution Anniversary

July 30 Operation Ally Social Justice Conference Call

### Delbert Africa Revolutionary!

By Mumia Abu-Jamal (c) 06/19/20

He was born under the name Delbert Orr, but is known in the world as Delbert Africa, a prominent member of the MOVE Organization. In the 70s in Philadelphia he was perhaps its best known and most frequently cited member. With more years than most, he was adept at using the media to spread information and promote MOVE purposes.

His country accent around Chicago and his ingenious puns made his remarks interesting and gave them journalistic value.

I regret to inform you that Delbert Africa, who won his freedom in January 2020 after 41 years imprisoned, lost his life a few days ago to the ravages of cancer.

But this is not the whole story. Late last year, Delbert was urgently taken to a nearby hospital due to an undisclosed disorder.

On leaving prison, Delbert consulted with some doctors who were horrified to learn of the drugs he was given while in Dallas prison in Pennsylvania State. A doctor said, "The drugs they used in that prison were poison."

Still, Delbert ended his stay in prison strong in spirit. He loved the MOVE Organization and hated the rotten system.

Delbert criticized black people who supported the system and opposed the revolution. I used to call them "niggapeans," a word I've never heard from someone else's mouth.

More than a decade before Rodney King's police beating and recorded on video in L. A., Delbert was beaten by four Philadelphia police officers on August 8, 1978, and the beating was recorded by a local station.



naked torso, he had raised his arms in a gesture of accepting detention. Immediately four officers surrounded him and savagely beat him, hitting him with the handle of their rifles, crushing his head with a motorcycle helmet, and kicking him until he lost consciousness.

Yep, that's what they did. Delbert suffered a jaw fracture and a swollen eye the size of an Easter egg.

There was a whitening trial of three of the police officers, in which the judge took down the case by impeaching the jury composed of people from rural areas of Pennsylvania, then declaring an acquittal of the police despite evidence recorded on video of the State brutality.

And that brutality was not limited to the streets of West Philadelphia, nor to the unfair trial and conviction of Delbert and other members of MOVE.

He continued for 41 years in exhausted soul lockdown and sorry health care. Delbert endured everything and walked free with his revolutionary black soul intact.

As a MOVE member until the end, he continued to follow John Africa's teachings, and lived embraced in the love of his MOVE family and daughter Yvonne Orr-El.

After all, love is the closest thing we've come to freedom. Delbert Africa, after 72 summers, turned to his ancestors. From imprisoned nation - I am Mumia Abu-Jamal.

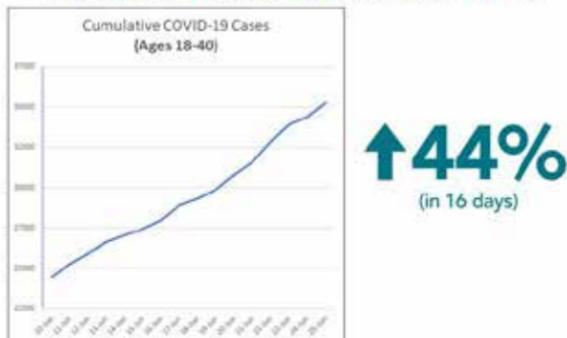
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## MOWING LEAVES OF GRASS

by Matt Sedillo

FlowerSong Books, McAllen, TX, 2019

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www.flowersongbooks.com

https://www.mattsedillo.com/

reviewed by Michael Novick, Anti-Racist Action

If you haven't heard or seen Matt in person, you may not be able to hear the staccato machine gun cadence of his spit fire delivery leaping off the pages of this book of his recent poetry. Here's an example on-line: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQUAxBrIKco> of Matt presenting his poem "The Devil," which is on pages 18-22 of the book. Definitely check it out before you read the book, maybe before you read the rest of the review.

"Mowing Leaves of Grass" deconstructs Walt Whitman, and with him, the ideology of white supremacy, the reality of settler colonialism, and the system of capitalism, in nearly 3 dozen poems. Each one is a kind of incandescent, highly personal history lesson whose fire illuminates contemporary reality and shines a light towards a different future. Some years ago, there was a revolutionary anarchist formation called "Love and Rage," and both love and rage suffuse every page of this volume -- love for "abuelas | Who raise grandkids in Spanglish", love for "the dirt poor | Dead tired | Huddled child." And rage against the oppressor, exploiter and colonizer, "the fair-haired son | Of their proud blood | He crushed the enemy," rage against "everyday genocide," its perpetrators and apologists or those who would deny its reality.

Sedillo is blunt, unapologetic, direct, yet evocative; every word and phrase succinctly bringing to mind elements of pop culture, 'high' culture, moments in history, highpoints of struggle, the physical terrain of Los Angeles, the slogans of revolutionaries and reactionaries alike. The poems bear re-reading, often dense and deep with allusions to other poems, to historical events and personalities, as Sedillo switches POV, sometimes speaking aloud, in the voice



Matt Sedillo reading his poetry

of Empire or Capital, the truths that Power usually seeks to disguise and deny; sometimes speaking in the voice of the down-trodden, and other times as the implacable, revolutionary tribune of the people. It is the perfect book for these days of rebellion and resistance, in which masses of people are pulling down the statues not only of the Confederacy, but of Columbus, Teddy Roosevelt and other icons of colonialism and capital.

These verses provide a political education that often begs for a study guide or an annotated explication of the campaigns, the personalities and the cultural references that

See: "Mowing Leaves of Grass," p. 7

## No Police in LA Schools

a Leap Forward and Victory in Sight

by ERIC MANN, Labor Community Strategy Center [Excerpts]

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/06/26/the-struggle-for-no-police-in-the-los-angeles-schools-a-great-leap-forward-and-victory-is-in-sight/>

On Tues, June 23, the decades-long struggle for No Police in the Schools had a major breakthrough. LA School Board member Monica Garcia introduced the most structural and hopeful motion to make "defund the police" a reality. Expressing gratitude to the national Black uprising, it called for cutting the \$70 million budget of the LA School Police Department—with 350 armed officers—by 50% in 2021, 75% in 2022, and 90% in 2023—essentially phasing out the entire department. We think "50%, 75%, 90%" is a model for the "Defund the Police" movement nationally. Any movement that gets to 100% first wins. Her Civil Rights motion did not pass, but neither did any of the toxic compromises. That "50/75/90%" motion is still the centerpiece of our movement going forward and we have every intention of bringing it into reality.



1000s of students surround LAUSD HQ

Outside the LAUSD building it was the Black-led movement that was the driving force in history. There were more than 3,000 of us encircling the entire block. There was a great sound truck led by Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and Students Deserve—a Black led student organization in the LAUSD schools. The program was a celebration of rage, creativity, rap, music, and the spoken word. Dr. Melina Abdullah, co-chair of Black Lives Matter LA spoke of how all three of her children suffered police abuse in the schools while her son's first incident of anti-Black police brutality was at the age of six. She described in painful detail how every aspect of a Black child's life is criminalized and why the demand for No Police in the Schools was a life-and-death issue for the Black community.

Niyah Henry from Westchester HS Students Deserve brought the crowd to their feet and me to tears when she read her poem that made it clear that for Black students, going to a school filled with police is not just a blow to student achievement, it makes you not want to go to school at all.

Channing Martinez of the Strategy Center said that from when he went to Crenshaw High School 15 years ago to the present we have fought against racist truancy tickets, anti-Black racial profiling, and even tanks in the school. The only way to end the school to prison pipeline is to get the police out of the schools altogether.

David Turner of Brothers Sons Selves roused the already fired up crowd with his forceful oratory in the traditions of Freedom Now! No Police in the LAUSD Schools Now! Now! Now! Every speaker and every group made it clear. "The only motion we support is the Garcia motion for 50, 75, and 90%."

### Machinations and gyrations inside the board room

Inside the board room that was under strict social distancing rules, only 50 people were allowed and many seats were filled with LASPD members who showed their true colors. Only Ms. Garcia showed up in person while all other board members deliberated and voted "remotely" in all senses of the word. Community organizers including Maria Brenes from Inner City Struggle stayed inside the board room for 14 hours from the time it opened to the final vote to offer support for Ms. Garcia and our movement's motion.

See: "No Cops in Schools," p. 7

## IN MEMORY OF



**Co-founder & Editor John Johnson,  
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## George Floyd

by James Mozie #96728-004, US Penitentiary Tucson  
As citizens we're outraged and sick of pointless deaths;  
that was cold-blooded murder with your knee on that man's neck.  
As he drew his last breath, you forgot your obligation:  
to serve and protect, but that was not your demonstration.  
You have sparked a situation through your abuse of power.  
Sad to say, you weren't the first in this line of cowards.



So with no rest, we protest, til injustice pays the price.  
Don't give that cop a ten-piece - life in prison shall suffice.  
Let us rise up as a people - make the system feel our pain.  
The flaws in the laws protecting police are what's to blame.  
The badge should be an honor, not a license to kill.  
That man begged for his life - still you stayed there until...  
It was too late -- his existence erased.  
He offered no resistance -- yet death is what he faced.

## In Memoriam: FRANK LIESER HILL

by Sheila Goldner and Steve Goldman

Frank Lieser Hill, Sheila Goldner's partner, died on June 2, 2020 at the age of 86. He was ill for some time, having been diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer in November, 2016. When discovered, the cancer was also in his bones and lymph system.

Frank was born on March 21, 1934, his mother's birthday, in New York. He grew up on Long Island. He played sports with his friends in the neighborhood. His parents gave him very few rules: Get good grades in school and be home for dinner. He majored in physics at Hofstra University. He went to work for the Post Office, sorting mail on the trains that were moving the mail up and down the east coast. He loved that job. He would work several days and get time off in lieu of overtime. A few times a year, he would get a three-week vacation. When the Post Office discontinued the mail trains, they put Frank in a regular Post Office. He hated it and left shortly thereafter. He was a dividend clerk for Bankers' Trust in New York. In 1979, he moved to Los Angeles. In LA, he was a dividend clerk for Bank of America. He was very good with money.

Frank was a loner. He honestly admitted that he was addicted to the computer. He played Scrabble in Facebook. And he got lots of e-mails with articles in them. He strove to read several articles every day to get caught up on his e-mail.

Frank loved to hike. He joined a group in the San Fernando Valley and went hiking with those people. On one of their trips back east, Sheila discovered Massapequa Park. She loved it and spent hours there. Frank was very sensitive and loved to read. Both he and Sheila loved to eat out and would always bring a book or articles to read.

Frank was very practical and down to earth. He was also very sensitive. Throughout his illness, he maintained that he was asymptomatic. With lung cancer, he never had trouble breathing. If something hurt, he would yell "OUCH". He let Sheila live her life and supported her music. He approved of Sheila and gave her immense room to be herself, something not too many people in her life had done. He gave Sheila lots of permission.

Frank was very curious. When he had his first heart attack around 1999, he got to watch his angioplasty on television. He found it very interesting. He had another angioplasty around 2000. He had three stents in his artery for the rest of his life.

Frank supported Sheila in having integrity in her endeavors. They discovered that they lived close to the company that printed *Change Links*. So, every month, they would drive to Glendale, pick up the copies of *Change Links*, and deliver them to various locations, including the Peace Center in Culver City. Frank would unload most of the papers, saving those that Sheila would deliver elsewhere.

He was a great cook, cooking with recipes and collecting cook books. He would go on the internet and find healthy cookbooks. More recently, he was interested in Keto and Paleo diets. He made terrific pasta sauce, starting with bottled sauce low in sodium. Then he would cut up green peppers, onions, garlic and other organic fresh vegetables to put in it.

Frank also traveled. One year, he went to Portugal. He found a lovely spot and wrote down a description of it and shared it with Sheila.

Frank got involved with RESULTS, a grassroots lobby for the end of hunger. Frank got Sheila to join and, after reading a book by Susan George, Sheila got very excited and started reading voraciously. Over the years, Frank would give Sheila articles to read and they bought lots of books. He did everything he could to encourage Sheila to be educated. Sheila has decided to continue making a difference so that Frank's life will not have been lived in vain. Sheila's voice teacher gave her several Schubert songs to learn. Eventually, Sheila took German at Valley College. Frank had a background in German, and he and Sheila spoke a few phrases to each other in German from time to time.

Frank never wanted to say good-bye on the phone or in person. He would usually wrap up the conversation by saying "So long."

In this society, people make judgments on the usefulness or importance of other people. Given Frank's jobs with the post office and the banks, Frank might have been adjudged as not important. But Frank Hill was a good man. By that I mean he was compassionate, understanding and kind. Many great historical figures, the philosopher Immanuel Kant and the poet Allen Ginsberg, regarded kindness as the highest good, the "summum bonum" - the only "unalloyed good"! That said, this finest and perhaps all too rare quality informed Frank's long and intensive interest in politics, seeking, in the words of Norman O. Brown, "the amelioration of the human estate" - the relief of suffering, on all fronts, hunger, political repression, racism, genocide - the gamut of the world's plentiful agonies. This in collaboration with his lifetime partner Sheila Goldner. Frank had a keen intellect and analytical ability.

Many times I profitably turned to him for commentary on my writings on these matters, which were always improved thereby. He had no accredited certification in these areas that I know of, he was just a committed, concerned citizen. A "good man and true" - the kind of guy whom, if we had more of, we'd have a better planet. He was in no way a "big-shot" by the common reckoning, having worked almost all his life as a dividend-clerk in banks. But his life intimated that most sublime of Buddhist concepts: "a true man of no rank." Frank was a nice guy, a "stand-up" guy, a true friend, and I will miss him always. How, after all, can we render a guy like that in speech or writing? There is a Slavic proverb which says it all: "When a good man dies, there is nothing to be said."

We mourn for his loss and fight for his rights.  
Under no circumstances should this man have lost his life,  
Now the people riot -- the streets are set ablaze.  
The culprits apprehended, still the rage goes on for days.  
Organize the movement or the chaos is in vain,  
They recognize our presence -- now what do we hope to gain?  
I say, increase the penalty for police committing crime.  
Take away immunity and force them to do some time.  
If you take a man's life for no reason, you do life.  
You sacrifice your freedom -- now you'll never see the light.  
That's what they'd do to me, and you and I are equal;  
Only difference is that you're supposed to protect the people.

*James Mozie is a federal prisoner and writer. You can learn more about him and his case by going to [www.prisonsfoundation.org](http://www.prisonsfoundation.org), and read his book, "REDHANDED" for free. You can write to him at James Mozie #96728-004, US Penitentiary Tucson, PO Box 24550, Tucson AZ 85734*



# Southern California Community Calendar

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In light of the current COVID-19 global pandemic, and quarantines in California, the Change Links Calendar has also been affected by cancellation of events and closure of venues. Consequently, we will print fewer copies and mail out more until further notice. You'll notice there are empty dates on this calendar. Most have turned to virtual meetings via teleconferencing, etc. Therefore, we strongly suggest that you contact any event listing of interest in this Calendar before you attend, as the ones listed herein were posted prior to actual circumstances reaching a heightened level of awareness..

**Please contact the event by phone, email or website for updates.**

Change Links urges all our subscribers and readers to administer all necessary precautions, to insure their safety. You will find a number of related articles to COVID-19 in our print and electronic issue. We will continue to update you going forward. We advise you as well to do your personal research for updates from all available sources to you. We face a difficult time, and wish you and yours good health and tranquility as we weather this together.

**Peace vigils:** <http://change-links.org/ongoing-peace-vigils-and-community-programs/>

**Other Calendars:** <http://ocprogressiveevents.info/>,  
<http://la.indymedia.org/calendar/>,  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/ieprogressivealliance/events/>,  
<http://www.activistsandiego.org/event>,  
<https://vcpcjn.org/calendar/>,  
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<https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/things-to-do/the-18-best-parks-in-los-angeles>

### On-Going & Continuing Events

**3rd Sunday, KPFK Local Station Board meeting, 10:30a-2:30p.** Open



to the public with 3 opportunities for short public comments. Check [www.kpfb.org](http://www.kpfb.org) for other meetings, including LSB committees. The meetings will be conducted via Zoom or a Maestro conference audio conference call. Further info announced over KPFK 90.7 FM air waves and [kpfb.org](http://kpfb.org) or [kpfbx.org](http://kpfbx.org)

**Sundays, RAC-LA Food Program (El Programa Comida)** Revolutionary Autonomous Communities, 1-5p, SE corner of Wilshire Bl & Parkview St, LA 90057, free produce distribution. <https://www.facebook.com/raclosangeles/>

**Sundays, Serve the People LA,** 4-6p, Mariachi Plaza, 1817 E 1st St, LA 90033. STPLA free food & clothing distributions (along with books, shoes, etc). We also engage the community on happenings around the neighborhood and city, learn about grievances and provide legal services with help from the LA Ctr for Community Law & Action. <https://servethepeoplela.wordpress.com/>

**3rd Sunday, SoCal350 monthly meeting,** 3-5 p, Physical meeting cancelled, virtual "meeting" scheduled. <http://bit.ly/SoCal350Updates>; [facebook.com/SoCal350 Climate Action](https://www.facebook.com/SoCal350ClimateAction).



**Mondays, Support Honduran Refugees,** 6-8p, Central American Resource Center (CARECEN-LA), 2845 W 7th St, LA. Respond to Trump's zero tolerance policies on Refugees and Asylum. Offices are closed, called for details: (213)-385-7800. In the San Fernando Valley: 213-385-7800 ext. 122

**Tuesdays, Join Black Lives Matter, Stop LAPD Spying and allies at LA Police Commission meeting at LAPD HQ,** 9:30a, 100 W. 1st St to speak out against racist police murders with impunity. Police Commission meetings are being held via Zoom call, with the option to call in by phone to observe and (occasionally

and arbitrarily) to comment. They have been keeping a lot of people from being heard. [http://www.lapdonline.org/police\\_commission](http://www.lapdonline.org/police_commission) for official information [www.stoplapdspying.org](http://www.stoplapdspying.org) for movement talking points. A recent meeting was livestreamed on YouTube by KTLA and had 67,000 views.

**Tuesday eves, Stop LAPD Spying Coalition** meetings have been changed to teleconference. LA CAN, 838 E. 6th St. LA, CA 90021, is closed to the public. <http://stoplapdspying.org> - see website for meeting topics. <https://www.facebook.com/stoplapdspying>



**Tuesdays, 8:30-10p, Second Draft LA,** open mic cold read of writing and acting at Art Share-LA, 801 E 4th Pl, LA 90013. <https://artsharela.org> (213) 687-4278. Website now describes virtual galleries and at-home "concerts" so this has probably been made virtual. <https://zoom.us/j/9103444651> Pwd: artshare

**Wednesdays, 3-6p, Black Lives Matter-led vigil vs. DA Jackie Lacey** with families who have lost loved ones to police & sheriff's deputies succeeded in denying DA Lacey immediate re-election and forced her into a November run-off. 3p, 211 W. Temple Bl, Downtown LA. [www.blmla.org](http://www.blmla.org) The physical vigil has returned with larger crowds and an earlier start at 3pm instead of 4 pm. Coverage here on KPFK: <https://www.kpfb.org/blogs/kpfb-news-department/post/blm-las-weekly-protests-against-jackie-lacey-attract-hundreds/>

**Wednesdays, 6-7:30p, LA CAN Legal Clinic,** LA CAN, 838 E. 6th St. LA, CA 90021. Suspended until further notice. Call 213.228.0024 for information about how to address needs of unhoused people during the COVID-19 outbreak and beyond.

**3rd Wed, 7p, Community Alternatives to 9-1-1 training,** Chuco's Justice Center of Youth Justice Coalition. 7625 S. Central Ave, LA 90001. Check for status: 323-235-4243 [action@youth4justice.org](mailto:action@youth4justice.org)

**Last Wed, 7p "Socialism Now!" Peace & Freedom Party monthly meeting,** 2617 S. Hauser Bl., LA, 90016 (Steps South from Adams Ave.(just East of Fairfax Ave.) [www.Peace&FreedomParty.org-LA](http://www.Peace&FreedomParty.org-LA) Chapter. Presumably not happening in-person until physical distancing demands can be lifted.

**1st Thursday, 6-8p, Justice Not Jails,** has switched to a virtual meeting. Next meeting July 2. <https://zoom.us/j/529548178> You can also call in by dialing: 301 715 8592 US Meeting ID: 529 548 17. RSVP to [Larry.Foy@im4humanintegrity.org](mailto:Larry.Foy@im4humanintegrity.org).

**Fridays, Interfaith Communities United for Justice & Peace forum,** 7-9a, has switched to a virtual meeting on zoom or dial in by phone: 669-900-6833 For details and to prevent zoom-bombing, contact [communications@icujp.org](mailto:communications@icujp.org) for an invitation and instructions.

**Fridays, Vigil for Peace & Justice,** 5-6p, sponsored by KPFK LSB Outreach Committee & friends has been suspended until further notice.

**Fridays, Montrose Peace Vigil,** 5:30-7p, since 2006! NW corner of Ocean View Bl and Honolulu Av, Montrose, CA 91020. <http://montrosepeacevigil.proboards.com/>

**1st & 3rd Fri, LA Poverty Department Movie Nights,** 7p, Skid Row History Museum & Archive, 250 S. Broadway, LA90012. [movienights@lapovertydept.org](mailto:movienights@lapovertydept.org). 213-413-1077. Suspended for the duration.

**3rd Fri: Lawyers in the Library,** 1-4p, [www.lalawlibrary.org/classes](http://www.lalawlibrary.org/classes), 213-785-2516, 301 W. 1st, LA 90012. Not happening. All libraries in the city and county, as well as Santa Monica and other cities are closed.

**Saturdays, Crenshaw Farmers Market,** 10a-3p, 3650 Martin Luther King Blvd. offers fresh produce and artisan goods. Ties into the mall's health initiative promoting wellness in the Crenshaw community. This farmers' market has re-opened! Contact Sustainable Economic Enterprises: [www.seela.org](http://www.seela.org) for other farmer's markets that are also continuing with physical distancing (in Echo Park, Hollywood, Atwater Village and on Central Avenue in South LA).

**Every 1st and 3rd Sat: End Homelessness Now-LA,** 2-4pm, a grassroots campaign to pressure LA city and county officials to use vacant public properties for large, permanent, supportive public housing to end the homelessness catastrophe. Call or email for information on how or whether meetings will continue.. 323-723-6416 [endhomelessnessnowla@gmail.com](mailto:endhomelessnessnowla@gmail.com) <https://www.facebook.com/endhomelessnessnowla/>

# Southern California Community Calendar continued...

**Every 2nd & 4th Sat, SOLA Food Co-Op** [www.solafoodcoop.com/](http://www.solafoodcoop.com/)  
Baldwin Hills Farmers Market has reopened. SOLA Co-Op has been taking orders for pick-up.

**2nd and 4th Sat, Chuco's Justice Center legal clinic:** 10a-12n, 7625 S Central Ave LA 90001, 323-235-4243. Prepare for Court - Build a Participatory Defense Strategy, Petition to Have Your Name Removed from a Gang Database or Gang Injunction, Expunge Your Criminal or Juvenile Record Prepare for the Parole Board / Commutations and Pardons / Get Prop 47 Relief Immigration Law / Deportation Defense. Contact to find out how information is being made available: [info@youth4justice.org](mailto:info@youth4justice.org) 323-235-4243 <http://www.youth4justice.org/>

**Every Sat, JVP - CodePINK Vigil for Palestine & Migrant Rights,** 2-4p, 3rd St. Promenade at Arizona Ave., Santa Monica suspended until further notice.

**Last Saturday, Move to Amend Local Meeting,** 1-3p, Holy Grounds Coffee & Tea, 5371 Alhambra Ave, LA 90032, 323-255-1279. Call to check, venue probably closed.

**All Laughtears.com events are semi-postponed, new dates TBA.**  
We'll be meeting in the clouds a la Richard Brautigan, who said, "Everyone has a place in history. Mine is clouds." Feel safe! Call Gerry Fialka for weekly zoom & video chat sessions 310-306-7330, email: [pfsuzy@aol.com](mailto:pfsuzy@aol.com).

**Undocu 2.0 Conference** postponed til Fall 2020. <http://www.cla.csulb.edu/departments/gms/undocu-2-0/>

**June 26-July 26 GO LITTLE TOKYO'S 5TH ANNUAL DELICIOUS LITTLE TOKYO virtual** Free - Go Little Tokyo's 5th Annual Delicious Little Tokyo transforms into a month-long virtual series of events for all to experience and celebrate authentic culinary experiences from one of Los Angeles'. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1820287764761597/>

**July 3-31-DIRTY LOOKS: ON LOCATION (LGBTQ festival)**  
The NY-based Dirty Looks arts organization has teamed with 13 local curators to present screenings, performances and other events at venues of historical significance to the LGBTQ community every night in July. The festival opens with *A Most Unusual Film Festival*,—which celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the first homosexual film festival in LA—at Dynasty Typewriter at The Hayworth. *Ticket prices vary from \$5-\$15.* <https://www.pbsocal.org/things-to-do/ultimate-guide-july-20-cool-events-happening-southern-california/>

**WED - JUL 1**

**NO to Annexation of Palestinian Land,** 10:30a-1:30p, 11766 Wilshire Blvd, LA. On July 1, the day the occupying state of Israel threatens to launch its formal annexation of the West Bank, the Palestinian movement



in the LA area will join calls by Palestinians, under Israeli occupation and across the diaspora (samidoun.net/2020/06/1-july-call-to-action-to-confront-israeli-annexation-struggle-for-a-free-palestine) (al-awda.org/al-awda-prrc-urges-action-to-confront-israeli-annexation-join-the-day-of-rage-july-1), for a day of rage, while building its solidarity with the Black uprising against racism and repression in the US. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2839968346235070/> <https://www.facebook.com/answerla>

**THU - JUL 2**

**LA Sound Traxx presents acclaimed singer and songwriter La Marisoul,** 7p, 800 N. Alameda St. - Free virtual concert. LA Sound Traxx, featuring acclaimed singer and songwriter LA Marisoul, will round out Union Station Summer Sessions, a virtual exploration of some of LA's most compelling artists. <https://www.unionstationla.com/happenings/la-sound-traxx> on Facebook at @unionstationla

**FRI - JUL 3**

**Food distribution,** 9a-12n, Eastmont Community Center, 701 S Hoefner Ave, East Los Angeles 90022. (323) 726-7998 [info@eastmontcommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@eastmontcommunitycenter.org)

**SAT - JUL 4 Independence Day national holiday**

**Farce of July March on Survivors Day,** 12n-3p, La Placita Olvera, DTLA. INDEPENDENCE ON WHITE SUPREMACY FARCE OF JULY: FOUR SACRED COLORS From Olvera St to City Hall in downtown Yaangna (Los Angeles) on TONGVA LAND. Join us as we are guided by the original caretakers of the land. Thankful for Tongva reclamation, guidance and direction in overcoming white supremacy and recovering our interdependence and connection to Mother Earth. <https://www.facebook.com/events/268435047755503/>

**SUN - JUL 5**

**Compost collection at Atwater Village farmers' market,** 10a- **p. 4**

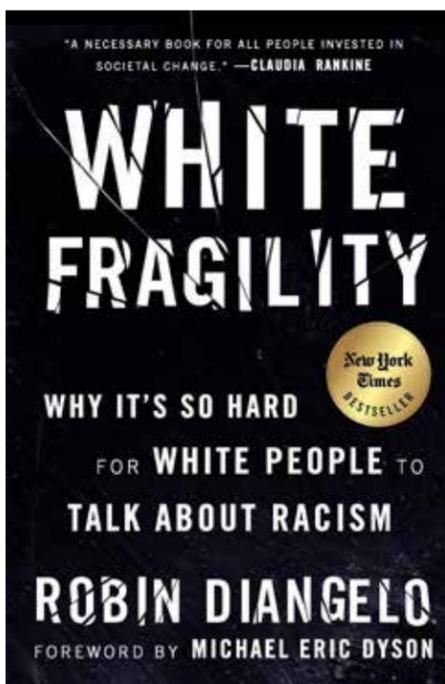
2p, 3528 Larga Ave., LA 90039. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1761936277282187/>

**MON - JUL 6**

**MOMS Against Racism Motivation Mondays,** 5:30-8:30p. Online community building <https://icebreaker.video/events/JtGuXQf7aSRlaLMXVN68> Racism Is A Deadly Virus! Join Us In Our Fight! To educate and raise children with empathy, compassion and RESPECT for all races!  
Encourage friends to join our Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/330913644556570/> <https://www.facebook.com/events/261594325121917/>

**TUE - JUL 7**

**Book Discussion: White Fragility** 5:30-7p, online. A study of the book *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo for the purpose of providing a safe place for discussion and introspection about race and racism. We will discuss chapters 1-3 in this session. <https://www.facebook.com/events/543803936237087/>



**Survivor and Liberator: Virtual Talk with LA Museum of the Holocaust:** 11a, Holocaust Survivor Ernie Gross and Dachau Liberator Don Greenbaum. Ernie Gross was born in 1929 in Turtz, Romania. In 1944 he and his family were deported to a

ghetto and then to Auschwitz, where Ernie's parents and younger siblings perished. In 1945 he was sent to Dachau, where he was liberated by American troops on April 29, 1945. One of those US soldiers was Don Greenbaum, who served in World War II as a forward observer, operating on the front lines. Don earned a Purple Heart in Germany on Nov. 9, 1944, and after his release from an army hospital, fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Under the command of General George Patton's Third Army, his division was among the first Americans to liberate Dachau. More than 60 years later, Ernie and Don met in Philadelphia, where they both live. We are honored to have them speak to us via Zoom. <http://www.lamoth.org/news--events/events/grossgreenbaum/>

**WED - JUL 8**

**KPFK LSB Special Meeting** to discuss GM Anyel Fields plan for dealing with serious economic shortfall. 7:30p, check [kpfk.org](http://kpfk.org) and [kpfktx.org](http://kpfktx.org) for details on call in and public comment. Part of the meeting may be held in executive session to consider confidential personnel matters and proprietary business information.

**THU - JUL 9**

**DCFS has Children's blood on their hands,** 11a-1p, 425 Shatto Pl, LA 90020-1703, protest failure of Dept of Child & family services to protect the lives of children, particularly those they have removed from their families and placed in the foster care system. <https://www.facebook.com/events/175623243884389/>

**FRI - JUL 10**

**InsightLA People of Color Sangha meditation group,** online, 7-9p. A growing community where all 'self-identified' people of color are invited to practice in a safe and welcoming space together. Sangha is a Pali word from Buddhist traditions that is used to describe a group of people who come together to practice meditation and mindfulness together. We also share and discuss Buddhist-based teachings focused on Wisdom, Love, and Liberation in both Traditional and Contemporary formats. We

understand that by learning to live with an open heart, we can all explore how to live more fully in the present moment. This group will be meeting online until further notice. Please email [thomas@insightla.org](mailto:thomas@insightla.org) for the Zoom video link and call in number. Please use Chrome as your browser. Suggested donation: \$10-20. <https://www.facebook.com/events/720876335056451/>

#### SAT - JUL 11

**Rhythms for Change Drum Circle**, 6:30-8p, Palisades Park, Santa Monica, Ocean Ave. (drumming starts at 7p). Sunset drum circle for all ages at Santa Monica's Palisades Park (PALISADES & OCEAN AVE). Arrive between 6:30-7pm. Drumming will be led by Curtis Byrd Drums from 7-8pm. We'll be drumming for UNITY, with a percentage of proceeds going towards United We Dream organization. Drum rentals available for \$15 each. Cash or electronic payments & donations will be welcomed at this event. MASK REQUIRED & PLEASE RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING. Visit [www.rhythmforchange.com](http://www.rhythmforchange.com) or email [rhythmforchangeLA@gmail.com](mailto:rhythmforchangeLA@gmail.com)

#### SUN - JUL 12

**Committee for Racial Justice presents: REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY**, 6:30 -8:30p zoom meeting. If you are NOT already on the CRJ email list and wish to join the zoom meeting, call Joanne at 310-422-5431. Racist police violence is in the spotlight. Two portions of our July workshop will focus on that. Jennifer Rojas, a Policy Advocate and Organizer from ACLU will discuss the problem of reluctant compliance on the part of police with AB 392, which requires attempts by officers to de-escalate as opposed to using force as a first option. Lex Stepling, Director of Campaigns & Policy for Dignity & Power Now, will discuss the movement to defund police and reimagine public safety. Several months ago, CRJ sponsored a film on lynching in this country. The film helped define the context within which we took seriously an incident at Malibu HS soon afterwards in which white students taunted a black student with a noose. This incident has not been resolved, and Robbie Jones will update us on this situation. In Palmdale, on June 10, a Black man, Robert Fuller was found hanging from a tree. More hangings have occurred in other parts of the country: a young Black man in a public park in NYC and a Black teen found on the grounds of an elementary school in Houston. Our fourth speaker, Trudy Goodwin, will discuss this tragic and terribly concerning series of events.

#### MON - JUL 13

**Free veterinary care for pets of unhoused people**, 9:30a-1:30p, Skid Row, 545 S. San Pedro St, LA Veterinary care provided on a first come, first serve basis. Dates and times are subject to change. ElleVet's "Pets in Need" Project is traveling the West Coast to provide complementary veterinary services for vulnerable pets and help pet owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including homeless communities, the elderly or immunocompromised, or those in economic distress. To make an appointment or to find more information about the local tour stop:

[www.ellevetsciences.com/petsinneed](http://www.ellevetsciences.com/petsinneed).

**TUE - JUL 14: Bastille Day Anniversary of French Revolution - Free all political prisoners**

#### WED - JUL 15

**White Speak Podcast: #BlackLivesMatter and how we got here**, 8-9a, (310) 598-7724 [www.whitespeakpodcast.com](http://www.whitespeakpodcast.com) <https://www.facebook.com/events/279825559885614/>

#### THU - JUL 16

**LA County Sheriff's Community Oversight Commission**, <https://coc.lacounty.gov>, 213-253-5678 (click on Agendas a few days before July 16, 2020 for the virtual meeting invite.)

**End For Profit Prisons Press Conference and Hearing**, 11a-3p, California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance, 634 S Spring St, LA 90014. Save the date for a day of virtual advocacy. At 1:30pm, State Attorney General will defend AB32, the law that makes private prisons illegal in California, against the GEO Group Corporation, that is aggressively trying to expand the amount of cages in CA. This is an important day to say #CommunityNotCages and an opportunity to take out the financial incentive of migrant detention. Save the date and stay tuned for ways to plug in! 11:30am - Virtual Press Conference 1:30pm - Court hearing begins. <https://www.facebook.com/events/546737686222822/>

**Election R&D Dialogues: Special Guest John Chiang, Former CA State Treasurer**, 12n-1p, USC. John Chiang, former California State Treasurer and Fall 2020 Fellow at the USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future, joins co-directors Bob Shrum and Mike Murphy to discuss the pandemic's lasting economic impact on California and its implications for the November election and beyond. <https://dornsife-center-for-political-future.usc.edu/event/33512825692614>

#### FRI - JUL 17

**Food Giveaway**, 11a-12n, 5101 Santa Monica Blvd LA 90029 (AKA East Hollywood). Hosted by Immigrants Charitable Foundation, free food for anyone experiencing food insecurity. [www.immigrantscf.org](http://www.immigrantscf.org) 213-325-5056. Every Friday. Drive through entrance on Santa Monica Bl, exit on Normandie.

#### SAT - JUL 18

**Full-Spectrum Doula Training**, July



18-21, n Person doula training in Los Angeles! We teach from a framework of social justice and inclusivity. We teach self-care. We teach birth for all bodies. And we believe in doulas supporting doulas. Join us for an in-person DTI Doula training. In this training, we'll get you ready to certify as a full-spectrum doula (reproductive health + birth + postpartum), as well as walk you through the historical and cultural contexts of the birth world. When you certify in-person with DTI, you're signing up for more than a couple of classes. You're signing up for an education. You're signing up to learn about sustaining a business in the birth world. You're joining a community of professionals, invested in exploring intersections of birth work, human rights, creativity, technology and empathy. LEARN MORE HERE ABOUT PRICING, CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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#### WED - JUL 22

**How to Start a Non-Profit**, 3-4p, Online Event, sponsor: Mockingbird Analytics and Incubator. Tickets by Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-start-a-nonprofit-tickets-109839306322>, free. If you have a passion for a cause and are thinking about starting a nonprofit, this workshop will explore the work that you need to do to start the process of filing for your organization's 501c3 status and help you decide if this is the right model for you.

#### THU - JUL 23



AND ALL THAT GOOD STUFF: <https://doulatraininginternational.com/become-a-doula/>

#### SUN - JUL 19

**KPFK Local Station Board meeting**, 10:30a, almost certainly virtual until further notice. Check [www.kpftx.org](http://www.kpftx.org) for details of telephonic or Zoom meeting

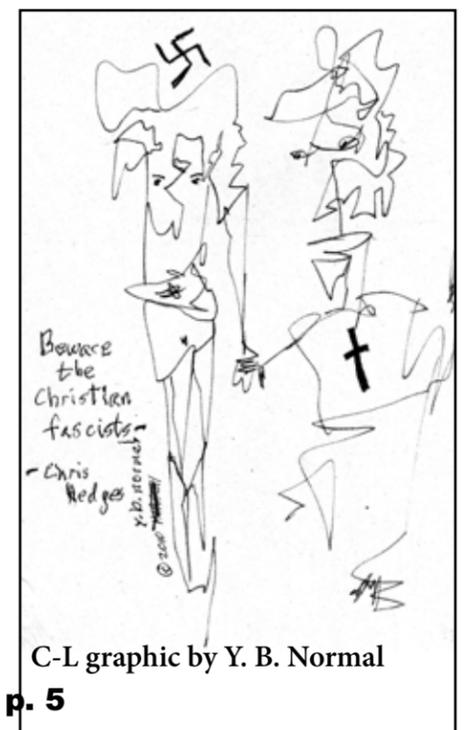
#### MON - JUL 20

**Monthly Renters' Rights Clinic (via Zoom)**, 7-8:30p, Come to one of our monthly Zoom meetings, where we'll discuss: Your rights as a renter; How the new state laws and city ordinances affect you Tenants Together will provide one-on-one tenant counseling. Eviction Defense Network will provide answers from an attorney perspective. Burbank Tenants' Rights Committee. Zoom details: <https://zoom.us/j/98982505378?pwd=Mm1hdWQ4SW02L09Cc08zVURtT0Uvdz09> Meeting ID: 989 8250 5378 Password: 339344 or dial +16699006833 enter ID# PWD#

#### TUE - JUL 21

**BRIDGES- Dancing Army Support Group**, 8p on-line. As a community of dancers and artists we have always supported each other through music, dance, laughter and simply coming together WEEKLY to share in the joy of life. This has been taken away from us, so now more than ever we need one another! Many of you were coming to meet in person for the last 5 months and we had great success! Please continue to join us on Tuesdays at 8p online. Same guidelines as before, confidentiality is essential and "the door" is always open and your ass is never late. Zoom info for tonight: <https://zoom.us/j/91141077943?pwd=>

**10th Annual Supreme Court in Review**, 10:30a-12n, online. To receive sign-in info, register at <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eh5ldkjz37781778> 2020 Panelists: Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law, Berkeley Law; Ariane de Vogue, Supreme Court Reporter, CNN; Michael McConnell, Richard and Frances Mallery Professor of Law, Stanford Law and former 10th Cir. Judge; Rachel Moran, Distinguished Professor of Law, UCI Law; Kate Shaw, Professor of Law, Cardozo Law and Supreme Court Contributor for ABC News. Moderated by Rick Hasen, Chancellor's Professor, UCI Law. Event details: This event is approved for 1.5 hours of Minimum Continuing Legal Education Credit by the State Bar of California. UCI Law is a State Bar-approved MCLE provider. The MCLE Certificate of Attendance will be sent via email by UCI Law following the event. Please allow 1-2 days to receive your certificate. Attendees must have participated in



the program in its entirety to receive MCLE credit. Partial credit will not be given. For more information please contact [events@law.uci.edu](mailto:events@law.uci.edu) <http://ocprogressiveevents.info/#Jul23asc>

#### FRI - JUL 24

Brendon Glenn 5th Annual Memorial hosted by Angel Alexandria Ministries, 1:30–9p, 52 Windward Ave, Venice 90291-4102. Come out and celebrate the life of Brendon Glenn that was taken by L.A.P.D. Officer Clifford Proctor exactly 5 years ago this my 5th time hosting this Memorial. There will be free food, drinks, music, speeches, and Candlelight vigil following the end of service at the beach.. Hope to see you all there Love Producer Timmy T. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2723293914455869/>

#### SAT - JUL 25

**Virtual SKATE AGAINST HATE FUNDRAISER, 10p-12m,** You're invited to join Pris for her weekly indoor skate party every Saturday night. Listen along with the Pris' Party Playlist on Spotify - an extremely eclectic music mix from the 1920s-2020. On my Twitch channel: [theprisshow](https://www.twitch.tv/theprisshow) <https://www.twitch.tv/theprisshow>. Please DONATE &/or SHARE : BEAM - Black Emotional & Mental Health Collective BEAM is a non-profit. Their mission is to remove the barriers that Black people experience getting access to or staying connected with emotional health care and healing. We do this through healing justice based organizing, education, training, grant-making, and advocacy. <https://www.beam.community/donation>

#HashtagLunchbag In addition to preparing meals to feed the hungry, we are also feeding a deeper hunger inside ourselves. We truly believe that #HashtagLunchbag recipients and volunteers alike benefit. #HashtagLunchbag prides itself on building communities around fun and simple events that are easily accessible so people can experience what it feels like to be #LivingThroughGiving. [hashtaglunchbag.org/donate](https://hashtaglunchbag.org/donate)

National Bail Out is a Black-led and Black-centered collective of abolitionist organizers, lawyers and activists building a community-based movement to support our folks and end systems of pretrial detention and ultimately mass incarceration. We are people who have been impacted by cages — either by being in them ourselves or witnessing our families and loved ones be encaged. We are queer, trans, young, elder, and immigrant. Learn more at [www.nationalbailout.org](http://www.nationalbailout.org).

#### SUN - JUL 26 Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution - Hands Off Cuba! Lift the Sanctions!

#### MON - JUL 27

**Aphasia Book Club of Mid-Valley,** 2–3:15p, Mid-Valley Regional Library - Los Angeles Public Library 16244 Nordhoff St, North Hills 91343. Aphasia is a language impairment, usually due to stroke, that affects individuals' ability to speak, understand speech, read, and write. Every Monday. Probably virtual until libraries reopen. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1498597340306616/> (818) 895-3650 <https://lapl.org/branches/mid-valley>



#### TUE - JUL 28

Drawdown: Can Global Warming Be Reversed? Virtual talk hosted by Silver Lake Library- Los Angeles, 3:30–5p. Join us for a discussion with Cecillie Stuart and Andy Shrader about the efforts of Los Angeles to reverse global warming and what we all can do. email [silver@lapl.org](mailto:silver@lapl.org) for link

#### WED - JUL 29

**Instagram Live-Online Storytime,** 11a, Online - Los Feliz Branch Library. Kids, join Miss Diane for family storytime and songs at home via Los Feliz Branch Library's Instagram Live, every Wednesday at 11 a.m. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Los Feliz Library: 323-913-4710

#### THU - JUL 30

**Operation Ally Weekly Conference Call** by Social Justice Advocacy Project, Inc. and Thomas D. Allison, Thursdays, 5:30–7p, Social Justice Advocacy Project, Inc. Tickets: [us02web.zoom.us, \(888\) 407-4101, https://advocacyproject.org](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8884074101) Join the Operation Ally weekly conference call to gain insight into the issues of systemic oppression, organize into collaborative efforts and strategize the dismantling of these systems. Be a part of a community that supports you as we mobilize for change. <https://www.facebook.com/events/200763821083822/>

#### FRI - JUL 31

**See it End it - Film & Art Festival - Ending Human Trafficking,** 6-10p, continues Aug 1, 10a. Warner Grand Theatre, 478 W 6th St, San Pedro 90731. **See It - End It Film & Arts Festival** is a two-day, community event featuring visual and performing arts, film, music, arts, and other entertainment. Families are invited to participate in a free "kids zone" to enjoy a variety of interactive activities including internet safety tips with Officer McGruff and others in the Grand Vision Annex on Saturday. Experience compelling true stories of hope and resilience from survivors of human trafficking. Listen to moderated panel discussions and Q & A sessions with survivors, allies, law enforcement, and filmmakers, to understand the complex issue of human trafficking with greater clarity and find your place in contributing to the fight against this crime against humanity. Partner with the YWCA. 310 548 2493 <https://www.grandvision.org/> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/see-it-end-it-film-arts-festival-2020-tickets-89784286217>

#### Upcoming Events

Aug 28 Unity & Struggle march to end police abuse! <https://www.facebook.com/events/880361205766720/>

Aug 29 Chicano Moratorium

Fiftieth anniversary : Aug. 29, 1970-August 29, 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1203790706493709/>

**Photo, left: Brendon Glenn, killed by LAPD, 2015.**

## F\*CK CSW

by Hannah Howard

<https://medium.com/@techgirlwonder/fuck-csw-12c6a11f88a9>

The "All Black Lives Matter LA" march has been a shit show from the beginning. Originally announced as a "Solidarity Protest" by LA Pride, the march was later handed over, after much protest, to a "Black Advisory Board" appointed by LA Pride/Christopher Street West which called themselves All Black Lives Matter LA. At no point was Black Lives Matter Los Angeles directly involved. You can learn more about the history of LA Pride and anti-blackness here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1985563248242309>

I had resolved to not go the march at all after learning that the BLM-LA endorsement on the revised march announcement was a direct lie.

My friend Chella Isabel Marie Coleman, a black trans disabled woman, wanted to play at the march with her band. She reached out to all of the march organizers but heard nothing back. She also raised issues about how she could be part of the march as a disabled woman, and was told she needed to bring her own car if she wanted to be in the march. After not hearing from anyone about her band getting to play, and given the mess of everything that had happened in the lead up to the march, Chella and her band decided to gather some folks and stage a performance at Santa Monica and San Vicente where the march ended, as the marchers arrived.

Prior to even the first march announcement, my friend Byron and I had resolved to reach out to black trans women we know to see if there was any way we could support them if they wanted to do anything around the BLM actions sweeping the country. Our plans were interrupted by LA Pride's announcement of the Solidarity March, but supporting Chella seemed like a good way we could contribute to at least pushing back against this mess of a march.

I was asked to come two days before and help secure a generator, which Byron and I went and picked up this morning, and we arrived there around 12:20. The band was already playing using a car battery, and we took a break to switch, before starting up again. A larger crowd had gathered cause Chella's band is really good!

Around this time, we noticed that a large group of sheriff's deputies had gathered in riot gear with tear gas guns and other weaponry around 200 feet down San Vicente. There were also snipers on roofs. We had formed a line to block off to protect Chella when the Dykes On Bikes began to arrive around 1pm on Santa Monica, the front of the official march.

Every was going great and Chella was fucking awesome. However, as soon as most of the official march had arrived, a man immediately walked up to Chella and began shouting at her in her ear while she was trying to perform. A crowd began to form to help insulate Chella which I was part of and I tried to draw the man away. He announced himself as an organizer of the official march and said we had to stop immediately because they were in charge and they their own performance planned. I believe this man is Paul Scott, of "LA Black LGBTQ Movement" (?) according to the march announcement and doing some images searches.

As one of the folks in the middle, I let him know that the band had no intention of cutting their set short. When he claimed this was a Black Lives Matter march, and that we were getting into the way of that, I said they didn't invite Black Lives Matter-LA and now they were getting pushback. The man said I had no business saying any of that to him as a white woman and I needed to back off and let them do what they had planned. I told him he didn't need to listen to me and maybe it wasn't my place but he had gotten up in my friends face and I needed him to back off.

By now there was a second man from the march yelling at Chella and we just tried to keeping backing them off. I believe the second man to be Brandon Anthony, an LA Pride board member.

Also present, and I believe originally supposed to perform, was Yuriel "Miss. Shalae" Young, who I knew from the program is a black trans woman. When she started to come over I let her through so she could talk to Chella. Their exchange initially went very poorly, and meanwhile one of the men had started yelling at the bands drummer, misgendering them (they are non-binary femme but the person assumed they were a cisgender male). This escalated cause the drummer is also white and the man from the march (again I believe Brandon Anthony) starting saying they were expressing white male anger.

However, by now, Chella and Miss Shalae had calmed down and were talking and it was mutually agreed upon that Chella would take 20 minutes to finish her planned set. This went forward, and the march crowd was super into Chella!

All was well and I think Chella's band was winding down when suddenly, the official march attempted to drive a Jeep through where the band was setup. They were moving slowly and they didn't actually plow through once we were in front of them, but by their own stated intention they felt "time was up" and the jeep was intended to force the band to pack up. Paul Scott continued to be angry with me for being in front protecting the band and I did my best to communicate the best thing he could do was just back away.

The entire confrontation drew the whole thing out at least another 10 minutes, with both men from ABLMA trying to castigate the people protecting the band and yelling at Chella and others, before the band finally was able to finish their set. Byron got on the microphone and honestly gave a rousing callout of CSW, the cops, racist gays, the whole mess.

At that point we packed up and no one was arrested, through I was exhausted. Chella's performance, and the band, were amazing, and honestly I was so happy for them that they did such a wonderful shutdown of LA Pride / the "All Black Lives March". Among other things Chella while on the mic was calling so much attention to all the ways the "gay" community was fucking up for black trans women, and for disabled queer folks.

#### Reflections

I feel there were multiple aspects of the ABLMA organizers behavior that was extremely inappropriate and mean, particularly towards Chella. They got in her face A LOT, and it was largely calmer unofficial voices from the official march who were also super into the bands performance that calmed them down. At the same time, I want to be absolutely clear, that while tensions were extremely high, at no point did I feel personally threatened by either of the men from ABLMA. I realize there is a ton of fucked up narrative around white women and black men, and I absolutely do not want anyone reading this as a meek white woman being threatened by black men. While I stand by my efforts to put my body in between them and the band, (and later the band and the Jeep), probably the best thing would have been for me to keep my own mouth completely shut. Though frankly, I mostly did my best to communicate that I was standing in between just to keep them away from Chella and the band.

## F\*CK CSW

Christopher Street West (CSW) is the historical name of "LA Pride".

# MOWING LEAVES OF GRASS

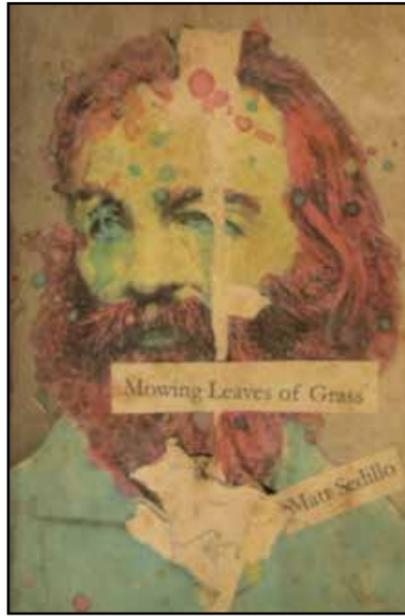
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fly past. It would pay you to look things up in Wikipedia or on an Internet search on a second or third read-through. That's how I learned the meaning of "Paumanok", the indigenous name for Long Island, NY, which means "island that pays tribute" because in the early colonial days, settlers had to pay a tribute to the indigenous people whose land they were on, lest they be driven from it.

For those who wonder why Sedillo is so fierce in his condemnation of Walt Whitman, the supposed poet of "American Democracy" and the "common man," let's look at Whitman's corpus. I admit I myself was early on in my education wooed by the official line on Whitman, attracted by the homo-erotic element in his poetry and sentimental about the fact that he wrote for the *Brooklyn Eagle*, the newspaper of my childhood in Brooklyn, NY. But take off the rose-colored glasses and look squarely at the reality.

Whitman fiercely supported war with Mexico, writing: "Yes, Mexico must be thoroughly chastised! We have reached a point in our intercourse with that country, when prompt and effectual demonstrations of force are enjoined upon us by every dictate of right and policy." He advocated the annexation of "the main bulk of that republic." He fantasized that Mexico wanted US rule: "It is affirmed, and with great probability, that in several of the departments of Mexico—the large, fertile and beautiful one of Yucatan, in particular—there is a wide popular disposition to come under the wings of our eagle. Then there is California, in the way to which lovely tract lies Santa Fe: how long a time will elapse before they shine as two new stars in our mighty firmament? We pant to see our country and its rule far-reaching." Walt Whitman, *The Brooklyn Eagle*, May 11 and June 5-6, 1846. He wrote: "What has miserable, inefficient Mexico - with her superstition, her burlesque upon freedom, her actual tyranny by the few over the many - what has she to do with the great mission of peopling the new world with a noble race? Be it ours, to achieve that mission!"

Some seek to excuse Whitman as being a man of his racist time. But contrast his view to that of his contemporary Ulysses Grant: "For myself, I was bitterly opposed to the [annexation of Texas]," said Grant in his memoirs, "and to this day regard the war, which resulted, as one of the most unjust ever waged by a stronger against a weaker nation. It was an instance of a republic following the bad example of European monarchies, in not considering justice in their desire to acquire additional territory." Grant, at least in hindsight,



considered "the occupation, separation and annexation [of Texas], from the inception of the movement to its final consummation, a conspiracy to acquire territory out of which slave states might be formed for the American Union." Or Henry David Thoreau, author of "On Civil Disobedience." Thoreau opposed the war on Mexico and went to jail rather than pay the war tax levied to finance it.

Despite his claim to oppose slavery, Whitman was also quite openly racist in his views about Black people. He wrote: "As if we had not strained the voting and digestive caliber of American Democracy to the utmost for the last fifty years with the millions of ignorant foreigners, we have now infused a powerful percentage of blacks, with about as much intellect and caliber (in the mass) as so many baboons."

Sedillo demands in these poems that we cast off the lies and complicity that undergird the pit of vipers that constitute this society and economy and state apparatus. He calls us to struggle, understanding that it's us or them, the exploiter or the exploited, and demanding that we stand with the revolutionary resistance of the proletarians, colonized and oppressed for liberation.

(Full disclosure: Matt appeared at a benefit for Anti-Racist Action early this year reading from *Mowing Leaves of Grass*, and I was also a supporter of his campaign for a seat on the KPFK Local Station Board with the Grassroots Community Radio Coalition I am a member of).

## On Father's Day to Women with Children of Color!

I want to Thank You, for allowing incarcerated men to be able to make a contribution even of the smallest magnitude toward the development of our communities. You have many reasons to be at odds with this infrastructure. The Department of Justice takes from us the comfort of your arms in the interest of the public, makes us pay restitution that is obliged to come from the income of loved ones and places us near bucolic surroundings only to employ people who are not our peers to watch us.

We become dependents of the state for tax purposes and are made to perform duties required of day laborers for wages less than 40¢ an hour. Yet still, you receive no stipend.

Would not the company of a Father to explain his son's haircut be of some aid? Couldn't a small sum of \$60.00 potentially contribute to summer activities? Our communities have been gravely deprived and for what? So the prison industry could build a monopoly on our missteps? This is a reallocation of justice!

Where is the recompense for the marginalized communities where most crimes are committed? What about the victims even? Once again, reparations are left up to us while the profits are swiped and tucked away. Even so, Mothers thrive and with a radiance like the Sun permeate and continue to light up our lives with encouragement...

Making the best of bad situations, a man in solitary confinement **p-7**

## NO COPS IN L.A. SCHOOLS

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Anyone who has attended the meetings of elected officials knows that the gap between life in the streets and the electeds' life of delusion, illusion, and self-importance is as clear as Black and white. Thankfully, Ms. Garcia was the exception that proved the rule.

The board entertained 3 motions on the school police. The first by George McKenna proposed to do virtually nothing. For context, when the Strategy Center was demanding that the LAUSD return one tank, 3 grenade launchers, and 61 M-16s back to the Department of Defense, Dr. McKenna said, "I would get a drone if I could get one." In spite of him, and with courageous leadership of Monica Garcia, the Strategy Center won that historic campaign. McKenna is a revered figure in some segments of the Black community but in our view, doesn't grasp the urgency of the time. His motion didn't pass.

The next motion was introduced by board member Jackie Goldberg, who had served on the board many years ago but came back to be elected again in 2017. Ms. Goldberg, once a civil and human rights movement person, has for decades been a member of the Democratic Party liberal establishment.

Her motion said, as I paraphrase it—The LASPD should temporarily suspend pepper spray, K-9 dogs, but let's set up a committee to discuss it. I will not cut police spending but let's study it and maybe I will or perhaps not. So when you say, No Police in the Schools I have a great idea. Lets' station them outside the schools. Oh, you say they harass and attack you even worse out there. So let's have them wear khakis, like the British did when they occupied India and Africa. But do not vote for Monica Garcia's motion. She actually wants to do something for Black students, for Latinx students, she wants to cut the LASPD by 50% then 75% then 90% As I have said many times, I believe in the LASPD but maybe I don't but you know...

But, with the Black movement and the Garcia motion shaping the debate Ms. Goldberg realized she could not get four votes for her motion. So, she was forced to accept amendments by board members Nick Melvoin and Kelley Gopez to cut the LASPD budget by \$20 million this fiscal year. If this lesser measure passed that would end the debate and Ms. Garcia's more far reaching motion wouldn't even be voted upon. For young people, so many Black youth, so angry at the system but wanting to believe change was possible, this would have been a devastating blow. There was no way Ms. Garcia would vote for anything less than what they demanded.

Ms. Goldberg, who had not introduced any cuts, accepted the amendments on the grounds that she had always wanted to help Black students. But then, as thousands of us watched remotely, Ms. Goldberg, seeing she couldn't get a 4th vote anyway, dropped the proposal for a \$20 million cut. She then turned on a dime and reached out to those who supported no cuts in the police. But she failed again to get four votes. Melvoin spoke with great passion about trying to better understand his white privilege, and proposed to cut \$20 million from the LASPD budget, (and eventually voted in favor of the "50/75/90 motion." It was tragic to watch Ms. Goldberg, as a white board member, act in objective opposition to the interests of Black students, parents, and community members.

Ms. Garcia, wearing a mask to be there in person with the people, spoke about how the Black movement had moved her to take the most resolute action. This was a time to fight for what history and the community truly deserved. Here was a Black/Latinx/human rights movement in action. And then the vote.

Mr. Melvoin said that Monica had said it all and voted for her motion, a critical second vote. Gopez voted to abstain. All other board members voted "No!"—so it did not pass. The final vote was 2 in favor, four against, with one abstention. In a moving development, Frances Suavillo, a student member of the Board who had a vote that would be recorded but not impact the decision (classic LAUSD theory) voted for Ms. Garcia's motion in solidarity with Black students.

The day before the vote, United Teachers Los Angeles responded to the Black community and their own students. Their public statement was bold and forceful. "Monica Garcia's motion to remove 90% of school police by 2024 most closely aligns with what the UTLA Board of Directors overwhelmingly supported — 100% elimination of the budget for school police. Garcia's motion should be the motion of the day on Tuesday — and all other motions regarding public safety and police reform should be withdrawn."

Yet all four Board members endorsed by UTLA—George McKenna, Scott Schmerelson, Richard Vladovic, and Jackie Goldberg—voted against Ms. Garcia's motion. They voted against ANY cuts in the LASPD budget. UTLA must aggressively fight to get 2, 3, and 4 more votes to support the only No Police in the Schools motion. The anger, pain, and determination of the Black community, the Latinx community, and all people of goodwill cannot be denied. There will be other votes and our movement is on the case. Victory is closer every day. **No Police in LAUSD Schools Now!**



authored a book from a cell block segregated from general population. (Author: Carlton Ewell's "AINT NO PLACE SAFE" and its literary skills are evidence that productivity is still plausible and that we should be afforded the opportunity to Pay It Forward.) Although we are locked in We Are Not Shut Out... Big Ups to @Carlton Ewell #FP-3049 SCI-Somerset From: Free.A.Man.Media on Facebook!!

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## CHANGE-LINKS HEALTHY EATING CORNER

### Organic strategies to protect your Vegetable Garden

Hi there, Bella De Soto here. I shared content I compiled regarding easy ways to grow your veggie garden from your indoor sunny window... plant in pots first till they are strong enough to go on the ground. When transplanting to soil, don't forget to always water, and water some more anywhere until they reach sensible adulthood...

Now I need to also let you know ways to protect that delicious veggie garden you have been growing so patiently. But only when there is a need.

When the vegetable root is transported to soil from the sunny water container, you need to watch that it is not being attacked by certain pests after a week or so, and possibly by some birds. Please bear in mind that not all vegetables will attract such threats, but some can also be delicious to certain pests!

My experience growing Eggplant, Zucchini and Celery proved challenging! Potatoes can also need some help while growing. Plants with hairy leaves provide a most hospitable environment for tiny pests to nettle in quickly, can you blame them? And if not attended to in short time, the rest of your veggie garden may become infected.

But I have learned about some organic measures that can help in this journey...



Notice in the image, my young Celery plant has been munched away! Just around 3 weeks ago, it was growing nicely, but soon tiny black ant-like insets were freely eating the growth! Yesterday I removed it from the sun, today I dosed it well with a homemade mixture of cooking oil, water and dish soap. This needs to be repeated once every seven days to thoroughly control the pests, or longer. So far I have been periodically checking the Celery plant, to see if any of the critters are visible, but they are not! The application of the

spray could be working...

Here is a link to some helpful homemade remedies, depending on your situation, all organic, with minimal or no chemicals.

Homemade organic pesticide for vegetables

By Amanda Flanigan

<https://homeguides.sfgate.com/homemade-organic-pesticide-vegetables-45069.html>

## July 1 - Day of Rage No to Annexation and Occupation

Samidoun Network in occupied Palestine and in the diaspora has issued the following call, originally in Arabic. As an international network, we fully join in this call and urge all supporters and friends of Palestine to take action on 1 July in support of the mobilization taking place in Ramallah, occupied Palestine, to confront Israel's declared plans for the annexation of much of the occupied West Bank of Palestine.

We know that many Palestinians in exile and supporters of Palestine are, like Samidoun's members, engaged in the uprisings and mass mobilizations taking to the streets to confront anti-Black racism and demand the defunding and dismantling of police and other structures of oppression. Confronting Israel's annexation plans – fully backed by U.S. imperialism and inspired by Zionist racism – also comes as part of the global fightback against racism, colonialism and imperialism. Israel's crimes are backed by \$3.8 million in military aid from the U.S. each year as well as unlimited diplomatic, political and "security" support from Canada, the European Union, Britain, Australia and other imperialist powers.

Join us on 1 July to stand with the Palestinian people against Israeli annexation and for justice, return and liberation in Palestine. If you are organizing an event, a contingent or an action of any kind, please let us know – email us at [samidoun@samidoun.net](mailto:samidoun@samidoun.net) or message us on Facebook to ensure we publicize it! [samidoun.net/2020/06/1-july-call-to-action-to-confront-israeli-annexation-struggle-for-a-free-palestine](https://samidoun.net/2020/06/1-july-call-to-action-to-confront-israeli-annexation-struggle-for-a-free-palestine) A call to the struggling Palestinian people throughout occupied Palestine and to the masses of our people struggling in exile and diaspora... A call to Palestinians, Arabs and the people of the world...

Israel, the Zionist project fully supported by the United States of America and the reactionary forces in the region, is continuing upon the path of attempting to liquidate the Palestinian cause and Palestinian rights. It aims to impose its racist colonial regime through armed force, through repressive systems, prisons and detention center, and by spreading systematic destruction targeting the Palestinian people. Israel not only denies the national rights of the Palestinian people but also violates the most basic and natural rights of people and the land. (Remainder online at [change-links.org](http://change-links.org))

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