

OCTOBER 2020 Community Calendar

More Information About These and Other Events in the Calendar, beginning p. 3:

Oct 2 - *El Grito*: NOlympics film

Oct 3 - Trump-Pence Out Now!

Oct 7- Affirmative Action Forum on Prop 16

Oct 12 - Indigenous Peoples' Day

Oct 18 - LA Times (virtual) Festival of Books

Oct 19 - Voter Registration Deadline

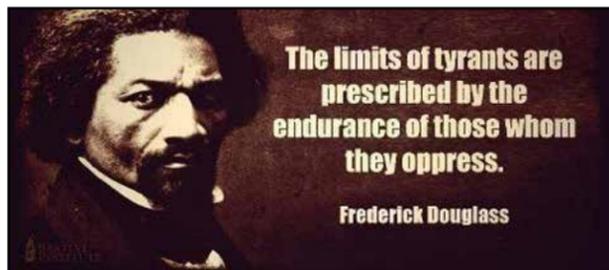
Oct 26-30 Pro Bono Week

Oct 31 - Census Deadline

People get Ready: There's a Bad Moon on the Rise

by Michael Novick, *Anti-Racist Action-LA*

As you read this, there is barely a month to election day. What are you doing to prepare for the possible outcomes and their consequences?



Given recent realities, including vehicles being driven at racial justice protesters here in L.A., the murder of two protesters in Kenosha, exposures of organized racist violence being planned in Portland, the repeated refusals by Trump to say he will commit to a peaceful transfer of power, it does not require superpowers to foresee white nationalist violence and state repression in almost any eventuality.

If Trump loses but refuses to concede, or if he ekes out an electoral college victory again while losing the popular vote as he did in 2016, he will be in charge of, and guaranteed to try to use, repressive federal agencies as he did after the murder of George Floyd. If the Biden-Harris ticket wins uncontestedly, the reactionary and racist forces Trump has encouraged throughout his presidency are still likely to unleash further violence, if they have not already done so by that point in an attempt to disrupt the election and suppress votes against Trump. Are we prepared to defend ourselves? The GOP, and increasingly the corporate Democrats, have demonstrated that there is no shit they will not eat. How can we build real resistance and exercise people's power?

Whatever the electoral results, all the underlying crises and contradictions of the empire will remain. Unless the Dems display more backbone than they have ever done, there is likely to be a 6-3 reactionary majority on the Supreme Court to cap a federal judiciary which is already overwhelmingly stocked with similar appointees. COVID and its economic consequences will still be raging. In those circumstances, what level of real resistance, of no-business-as-usual massive disruptive street protests are we prepared to engage in, if Trump is returned to office by the white supremacist, anti-democratic Electoral College or by some sort of palace coup sanctified by the Senate or the courts?

Even more to the point, how will the movements respond to a Biden-Harris win? We cannot afford to demobilize for a moment, either before or after the inauguration. The demands to defund the police, or to guarantee workers' safety and right to organize, the struggle to leave fossil fuels in the ground, the effort to free prisoners from mass incarceration, which has become a virtual death sentence under COVID, must all be intensified, not relaxed.

War-mongering against Russia and China will not abate under a Democratic administration, nor will the Pentagon's plans to militarize space and to engage in cyber-warfare. Nothing either of the politicians on the Democratic ticket has

See: "People Get Ready," p. 7

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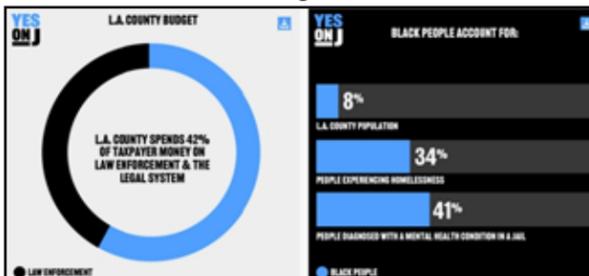
STOP THE WARS - PEACE, EQUALITY & JUSTICE FOR ALL!

Propositions on CA ballot Indigenous Land Stewardship Through Fire

based on info at <https://calmatters.org/election-2020-guide/>

PROPOSITION 14: Have CA continue funding stem cell research, by borrowing \$5.5 billion.

Prop. 14 would generate the money to keep open the state's own stem cell agency, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and expand its research capacity. That would include dedicating \$1.5 billion for Alzheimer's,



Parkinson's, stroke, epilepsy, and other brain and central nervous system diseases. The rest of the money would go for other research, medical training, building new research facilities and expanding treatment access.

The state would sell investors bonds worth \$5.5 billion, and taxpayers would then pay back that money, with interest, over the next 30 years. Estimated cost: \$7.8 billion.

PROP 15: Hike property taxes on big business, raising \$ for schools and local governments.

Now, owners of real estate pay property taxes based on the price they originally paid—typically a lot less than its current worth. If this passes, property taxes for large businesses would be levied on the property's current higher assessed value, netting \$6.5-11.5 billion—60% for cities, counties and special districts, and 40% for schools and community colleges. Properties like Disneyland and other corporate owned building have been the main beneficiaries of the old Prop. 13 that claimed to protect homeowners from higher taxes as their homes increased in value, because corporate property never changes hands or gets taxed at the new assessed value, whereas most homes have been.

Not affected: homeowners, and businesses with under \$3 million in CA property. Farmland would be exempt. Analysis by the Legislative Analyst's Office couldn't determine if buildings and improvements on that land would be exempt too.

PROP 16: Restore affirmative action in California — meaning universities and government offices could factor in race, gender or ethnicity in making hiring, spending and admissions decisions.

This has been illegal in California since 1996, when voters approved Prop 209 banning affirmative action. An example of how Prop. 16 might work: When California did allow affirmative action, state offices set goals for how many contracts they awarded to women-owned and minority-owned businesses. But it wouldn't create racial quotas in university admissions. The US Supreme Court banned those in 1978.

PROP 17: Allow people on parole in California to vote.

It would allow parolees to run for office if they're registered to vote and haven't been convicted of perjury or bribery. California now prohibits state prisoners and parolees from voting. People serving time in county jails can vote, unless they're transferring to a state or federal prison, or serving time for a parole violation. Dc and 16 states allow people to vote once they've finished their prison sentences. Vermont and Maine let people vote while in prison. CA already allows probationers and federal parolees in CA to vote.

PROP 18: Allow 17-year-olds to vote in primary and special elections if they'll be 18 and eligible by the next general election.

Currently, voters must be 18 to participate in any local, state or federal election. This constitutional amendment would also pave the way for 17-year-olds who qualify to vote under this proposition to seek office, because the law says only registered voters can run for elected positions. This is a half-measure; it doesn't really lower the voting age to 18 for general elections, but since CA's presidential

See: "Ballot Measures," p. 7

https://www.democracynow.org/2020/9/15/california_wildfires_indigenous_land_stewardship

AMY GOODMAN: Today we look at California's history of forest management and how a century of fire suppression has made the current climate fires even more destructive. Fire is a natural part of life in California. For thousands of years, Native American tribes would regularly burn the landscape to steward the land. But colonization led to the suppression of these tactics and decades of misguided policy.



Karuk indigenous cultural burning practices-NPQ.org

For more on this history and how a return to Indigenous stewardship of the land could foster greater climate resiliency, we go to Chico, California, where we're joined by Don Hankins, a pyrogeographer and Plains Miwok fire expert. He is a professor of geography and planning at California State University, Chico. Can you talk about what's happening in California now, Trump saying it's just two words, it's forest management.

DON HANKINS: It's not just a one-piece solution. Forest management is definitely a part of the problem, although climate change is something that's happening, and we have to recognize that. I would say that it's going on 20 years of drought. We've had some punctuated time periods with some rain that has come in, but the rain is not enough to

See: "Indigenous Land Stewards," p. 7

Call For Solidarity After Paramilitaries Burn Zapatista Coffee Harvest In Chiapas



Two weeks ago in Zapatista territory, paramilitaries linked to the ruling party in Mexico looted and burned two Zapatista warehouses which stored this year's coffee harvest. This is the latest in an accelerating series of attacks on the Zapatista project since the current administration of Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) took office.

Many of you will remember that in 2017 as Trump took office, the Zapatistas sent four tons of their coffee harvest to migrant and other communities in struggle in the US as an organizing resource. Now we need to organize our own coffee solidarity effort—not only to help recover the cost of the lost harvest, but to show there is widespread solidarity with the Zapatista project.

The Zapatistas have been one of few voices to denounce AMLO's purportedly "progressive" government for doubling down on previous administrations' socially and

See: "Zapatistas," p. 8

A COSMIC SUN: AN ASTRONOMICAL, SPATIAL AND MULTIDIMENSIONAL PORTRAIT OF A CHINESE REVOLUTIONARY (SUN YAT-SEN)



Sun Yat-Sen. founder of Rep. of China

by Cosmos III [Excerpt]

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Sublimely

Stirred by the magnificent zenith of the marvelous
Sunrise

Sagas of the Taiping Rebels dazzling and
Subversive aurora borealis display and in the romantic
Spirit of legendary monster—slayers of ancient epochs,
Sun Yat-sen was that providential Chung kuo “Morning
Star,” a chosen heavenly

Son born on the twelfth day of the
Sterling eleventh month of the “Moon of Falling Leaves”

Simultaneously the three hundredth and
Sixteenth day and the forty
Sixth Monday in the Year of the
Siberian tiger in the
Sixty
Sixth year of the nineteenth century in
Synchronous timing with the
Steadfast celestial Leonid meteor
Showers from the eighteen hundred and

Sixty

Sixth Comet One.

*October 10 is still celebrated in China (and
Taiwan) as the anniversary of Sun Yat-Sen's 1911
Chinese Revolution that overthrew the Emperor
and established the Chinese Republic. Cosmos
III (AKA McArthur Gunter) is a widely published
and anthologized poet whose work has appeared
in Change Links before.*

The Role of the Revolutionary Poet in Society and a Strategic Vision for the 21st Century

by Mark Lipman

(Vagabond Books, ISBN 13: 978-1-936293-39-1, 2020, \$18.50)

reviewed by Michael Novick

This volume of essays and poems is by the former poetry curator of *Change Links*, Mark Lipman, who is the founder and editor of Vagabond Books, editor and publisher of a number of award winning poetry anthologies, including *The Border Crossed Us (an anthology to end apartheid)*, and a member of the Revolutionary Poets Brigade and 100 Thousand Poets for Change.

Lipman calls for unity on the left, those in third parties or working within the Democratic Party, to align with the larger majority of people who are non-voters or non-partisan voters. He argues: “If we are going to win outside the two-party system, we need a united front...without one, all the superficial factional fighting on the left does is further enable the rise of fascism...the left-leaning third parties...must come together around a joint platform”. He sees this combined grouping obtaining ballot access and running down-ballot candidates representing the majority of eligible voters who have no political affiliation. Simultaneously, he advocates supporting the most progressive elements of the Democratic Party (which he calls the more difficult pill to swallow).

To promote this, Lipman offers a number of pointers to remember, such as “Billionaires are not your friends,” and “Partisanship and Identity is what divides us.” He outlines a policy platform that includes the Green New Deal, Universal Healthcare, Racial and Gender Equity, Debt Forgiveness, Demilitarization and Defunding Police, among a “short list” of worthy goals. He also argues against retaliation, retribution and violence in the process of revolution.

Lipman is expressly anti-capitalist in his analysis of social and economic ills of this society and its global impact. However, he does not use the terminology of socialism in his prescriptions for change. He refers to “left” rather than socialist parties (of which there are an abundance) or communist parties (of which there are a few more), perhaps connected to his belief that such “superficial factional fighting”, sometimes referred to as sectarianism, given the religiosity of the debates and divisions, is counter-productive. He advocates instead for Direct Democracy and a People’s Economy.

Amid these strategic and policy formulations are interspersed examples of Lipman’s own revolutionary poetry, advancing from the skepticism of “The Beaten Generation” (2001) to more insurgent and hopeful verses. In “The Beaten Generation” Lipman laments:
*But when I place my hand
onto the wrist of today
I would swear that my world
was dead. Conformity has
sucked the marrow out
of life and replaced
it with lead.*

But in his culminating poem, “Until It Is Done,” Lipman writes:
*For all those who have
given up hope, ...
who have given into fear
and the bitter tears of defeat,
I say, courage is not the absence of fear,
but the triumph over it...
Lift up your hearts, the time is ripe
it always seems impossible
until it is done.*

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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.

Be sure to complete the 2020 census form for your household.

Apportionment of many legislative and Congressional seats, and allocation of federal program funding rely on the figures from the decennial census (every 10 years by Constitutional mandate). Trump has been screwing with the census to promote an undercount of underserved communities of color. Online at <https://2020census.gov/> **Deadline extended by courts back to Oct 31** after tRump tried to end it in September prematurely.

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In light of the current COVID-19 global pandemic, and stay-at-home orders 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/>,
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<http://www.activistsandiego.org/event>,
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<https://indivisibleventura.org/events/>,
<https://echoparkfilmcenter.org>
<https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/movies/all-of-las-outdoor-movies-in-one-calendar>

On-Going & Continuing Events

1st of each month, PeoplesStrike actions called by a national united front coalition initiated by Cooperation Jackson in Mississippi (see Mondays for more into).
www.cooperationjackson.org

3rd Sunday, KPFC Local Station Board meeting, 10:30a-2:30p. Open to the public with 3 opportunities for short public comments. Check www.kpfc.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 KPFC 90.7 FM air waves and kpfc.org or kpftx.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/> -- p. 3 --

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://facebook.com/SoCal350ClimateAction).

1st & 3rd Mondays, PeoplesStrike organizing calls, 9a PDT, zoom call <https://peoplesstrike.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/PeoplesStrike> mayday2020generalstrike@gmail.com for details

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 (virtual, not at Art Share-LA, 801 E 4th Pl, LA 90013). <https://artsharela.org> (213) 687-4278. <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 St, LA. www.blmla.org The physical vigil has returned with larger crowds and an earlier start at 3 instead of 4 pm. Also on Instagram live.

Wednesdays, 6-7:30p, LA CAN Legal Clinic, LA CAN, 838 E. 6th St. LA, CA 90021. Suspended until further notice. Call

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/200763851083819/>

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 for an invitation and instructions.

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

Fridays, Pico/LaCienega Peace Vigil, 5-6p since 2003 for peace and social justice. SW corner Pico and LaCienega, purplecir@aol.com

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/>

Fridays, Music Center Dance series, free, 7p, YouTube. (K-pop, line dancing, cumbia, etc.) and free dance lessons. <https://www.youtube.com/c/musiccenterlosangeles>

3rd Fri: Lawyers in the Library, 1-4p, 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.

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 <https://www.facebook.com/endhomelessnessnowla/>

Every 2nd & 4th Sat, SOLA Food Co-Op www.solafoodcoop.com/ Baldwin Hills Farmers Market has re-opened.. SOLA Co-Op has been taking orders for pick-up of various CSA boxes..

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 323-235-4243 <http://www.youth4justice.org/>

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 Blvd. (just east of Fairfax Ave.)) 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. <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 at: Lfoy@im4humanintegrity.org.

Thursdays, 5:30-7p, Operation Ally Weekly Social Justice Conference Call, fb.com/justadvocacy <http://advocacyproject.org/> (888) 407-4101 Join the Operation Ally weekly zoom conference call to gain insight into the issues of systemic oppression, organize

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.

AWARE-LA White anti-racist Saturday dialogues, <https://www.awarela.org/saturday-dialogue> Saturday Dialogue is a gathering for white anti-racists who want to discuss issues of identity, community, privilege and racism in our lives with the intention to strengthen our practice as anti-racists in alliances, relationships, and interactions with people of color.

Regular, recurring dialogues throughout the year focus on the intersections of multiple identities, including Race and Class, Sexuality and Race, and Gender and Race. Other workshops focus on relationships, Radical White Identity and Community, and issues such as police and



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. In response to increased public scrutiny, they changed their rules and only allow public comments of 1 minute each on two specific items and general public comment as the first agenda item, so call in promptly to get on the stack.
Tuesday eves, Stop LAPD Spying Coalition meetings have been changed to teleconference. LA CAN,

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the prison industrial complex, immigration, and gentrification.

We currently have four monthly Saturday Dialogues, which used to meet in various places throughout LA County, and are temporarily meeting online through Zoom. We also have one monthly "Online Sunday Dialogue" which was originally made available for folks who cannot make it to meetings in LA, or on Saturdays. Sign up here <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/aware-la-email-list/> to receive reminder emails about Saturday Dialogues. We strongly encourage you to attend a Saturday Dialogue Orientation before attending a Saturday Dialogue. See below for more info.

You must register for each space each time you want to attend, as all of the zoom links are personalized and different for each person/gathering.

Every 1st Saturday (Westside SD), 1:00pm - 3:15pm

Every 2nd Saturday (Encino SD), 10:30am - 12:30pm

Every 3rd Saturday (Eastside SD), 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Every 3rd Sunday (Always Online), 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Every 4th Saturday (Pomona Valley SD), 11:00am - 1:00pm

SATURDAY DIALOGUE ORIENTATION:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6-7p via: Zoom, register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/vrDoqHdV0AWp0NwBrlcpXslcUerEx>. We strongly encourage you to attend a Saturday Dialogue Orientation before you attend a Saturday Dialogue. Please join us! In this orientation, we'll talk about the purpose of Saturday Dialogues and why AWARE-LA organizes as a white anti-racist community. We'll go over what a typical Saturday Dialogue agenda looks like, and talk about the different types of content that we do throughout the year. We'll also tell you about the organizational structure of AWARE-LA, and then close out our time together with an opportunity for newcomers to ask questions of our facilitation team.

Accessibility: We can provide ASL interpreters and closed captioning upon request. To ensure availability, please make your request at least 72 hours prior to the event you wish to attend. Contact: awarela@gmail.com with questions

All Laughtears.com events are on-line, until further notice. 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.

BLM-LA protest, Sherman Oaks Galleria, 12 noon-8p everyday. <https://thevalleyofchange.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.432572&type=3&theater>

Banned Books Week, Sep. 27-Oct. 3 <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/>

LA Phil, Sep 25-Nov 30, online, free. <https://www.laphil.com/campaigns/soundstage>

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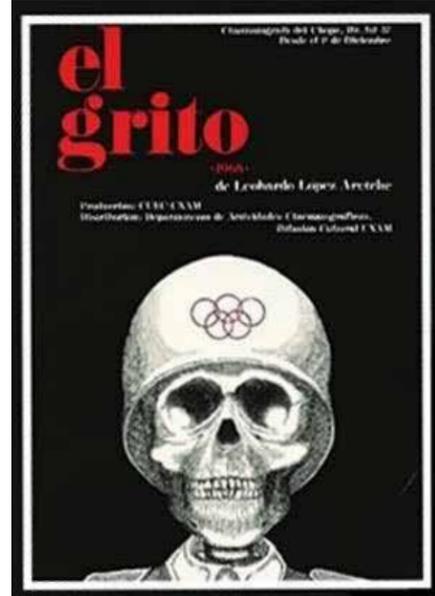
China National Day anniversary of founding of People's Republic of China, 1949

DSA-LA Class on Class: Class Under Capitalism, 6-7:30p via zoom, <https://dsa-la.org/event/class-on-class-part-1-class-under-capitalism/> Class Under Capitalism, will lay a foundation for the entire Class on Class—readings have been selected to introduce and reintroduce members to what we mean when we talk about "relations of production," why socialists focus on the working class, and why our collective liberation necessarily requires that we go beyond mitigating the harms endemic

to capitalism and dismantle the capitalist system entirely. All attendees are encouraged, but not required, to read the associated module texts in our class reader which can be found here: https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/dsala/pages/1144/attachments/original/1536370461/ClassOnClass_Reader_Sept2018.pdf?1536370461

FRI - OCT 2

Film: El Grito, 8p, online, free. On the 52nd anniversary of the Tlatelolco Massacre, we're screening EL GRITO, a documentary about the 1968 student uprising met by intense state violence leading up to the Olympic opening ceremonies, followed by a discussion



Documentary on Tlatelolco massacre

with members of our coalition with ties to Mexico City. RSVP: NO@NOlympicsLA.com

Topanga Peace Alliance First Friday Film night.

The hit documentary "The Social Dilemma" describes how the technology that connects us also controls us. This is especially timely given how dark forces are using social media to try to sway the outcome of the 2020 U.S. elections. Features high level tech insiders as interviewees interwoven with dramatic examples of how social media impacts our lives. So many insiders from Facebook, Twitter, Google, LinkedIn, etc. willing to speak out about these apps and agree that they are horrific mistakes with the potential to destroy people's lives and the planet itself, speaks volumes. Zoom event opens around 7:15. Before the film, we will have announcements regarding upcoming events and actions for peace and social justice, especially regarding the upcoming elections.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/707275183465766/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/53323228710/> or email tagadler@riseup.net

SAT - OCT 3

Trump/Pence Out NOW! 2-5:30p, Hollywood/Highland. Refuse Fascism LA. Non-Violent Protests that Continue Day After Day From Now Through the Elections United by the Demand: Trump/Pence OUTNOW! We face a rolling coup barreling to a showdown on November 3. The Trump/Pence regime have said and shown that they will not abide by an election they lose. It is the regime—Trump, Pence, Barr—who have raised the specter of insurrection and sedition. It is the regime that is tearing up the rule of law. It is the regime that demonizes



and brutalizes immigrants, Black people, Latinos, Native Americans, women, LGBTQ people, the media and peaceful protesters. It is the regime that opposes science, leading to a country and a planet burning and drowning, and to unconscionable unnecessary death and illness from Covid. Beginning Sat, Oct 3, gather and bring your family, friends, and community into the public squares of cities and towns across the country in non-violent protest unified by the demand: Trump/Pence OUTNOW! And, come back in waves, day after day. In the name of humanity we refuse to accept a fascist America - Trump/Pence Out NOW! <https://www.facebook.com/events/319950532647266/>

SUN - OCT 4

Say NO Bullying Virtual Festival, 12n-4p, Come one! Come ALL! The 5th Annual Say NO Bullying Festival will bring together children, teens, and adults for an extravaganza that features empowerment messages from anti-bullying activists, some of today's hottest musical talent, and a massive group of supporters who together and loudly "Say NO Bullying." Info: SayNOBullying.org. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5th-annual-say-no-bullying-virtual-festival-tickets-109852700384>

MON - OCT 5

TUE - OCT 6

WED - OCT 7

From Prop 209 to Prop 16: Historical, Legal & Activist Perspectives on Affirmative Action, 12n PDT / 3p EDT on Zoom; For ASL and other disability issues, email crs@law.ucla.edu. Californians have endured a statewide ban on race- and gender-based affirmative action policies since the passage of Proposition 209, which is widely recognized for its devastating impact on advancing racial justice in labor and education. The 2019 federal court case against Harvard University alleging that affirmative action policies discriminate against Asian-Americans amplifies the need for improved public understanding of affirmative action policies as legal remedies to recognize and dismantle racial harm. In November, passage of Proposition 16 would restore affirmative action in CA. Join us for this panel discussing the legacies of Prop 209 and the promise of Prop 16.

Moderator Prof Vinay Harpalani; panelists:
• Dr. César Cruz, author of *Revenge of the Illegal Alien*, participant in 1995 hunger strike vs Prop 209
• Prof Cheryl Harris, R & A Gilbert Prof in Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, UCLA School of Law
• Prof Jerry Kang, Distinguished Prof

of Law and Asian American Studies, and Founding Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, UCLA School of Law

• Eva Paterson, Pres & Founder of Equal Justice Society, Yes on

16 Campaign Chair

• Thomas A. Saenz, Pres and Genl Counsel, MALDEF. Yes on 16 Campaign Chair.

Co-sponsored by Repair; Center for Racial and Economic Justice at UC Hastings Law; Critical Race Studies at UCLA Law; and others. Register: https://ucla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_INRsiH9_RmC08C0iJW3bQ

THU - OCT 8

FRI - OCT 9

SAT - OCT 10

Call For An Emergency National Conference to Jail Killer Cops, 12n PDT. A Webinar/Conference Since George Floyd's murder May 25, over 250 of all ethnicities have been murdered by police and many wounded, victims of police brutality; 1000 killed annually by US police, over 300 of whom are African Americans. Jail killer cops. Reopen all closed cases involving police brutality and killings. No special rights for cops! No "qualified immunity"! Thru this emergency conference we can form a Mass Action Coalition to Jail Killer Cops which could urge local areas to organize massive, peaceful, legal demonstrations nationwide November 7. Since George Floyd's murder, tens of millions have marched for justice. Unite and coordinate our movement as other struggles against war, for immigrants' and civil rights, women's rights and labor unions have done. Thus, building a new, independent coalition, open to all who support our goals, should be our priority. That will make it more likely that police officers who commit violent crimes against us be prosecuted and jailed. Initiated by SWP. Initial Speakers:

Aislinn Pulley, Co-Executive Director of Chicago Torture Justice Center, founder of Black Lives Matter
Danette Chavis, founder, National Action Against Police Brutality and Murder
August Nimtz, Political science professor U. of Minnesota. Author, "Why There Are No George Floyds in Cuba."
Pastor Timothy Findley, Kingdom Fellowship Church, Spokesman for Breonna Taylor Justice fight, Louisville KY
Gabriel Prawl, VP of Washington State Central Labor Council, former local president, Seattle ILWU.
Shenika Carter, leader of effort to win justice for Elijah McClain, Denver-Aurora, CO
Cleve Andrew Pulley, Antiwar soldier ('68-69, GI's United Against the War). Fighting firing by Walmart. Contact us to sign up for webinar: iaandrewp@juno.com

SUN - OCT 11

MON - OCT 12 Indigenous Peoples' Day

TUE - OCT 13

WED - OCT 14

#JackieLaceyMustGo vigil at Hall of Justice, Temple & Spring Sts, DTLA, 3-6p Sponsored by Black Lives Matter LA with the participation of many families who have lost loved ones to racist police murders with impunity.

THU - OCT 15

LA County Sheriff's Community Oversight Commission, <https://coc.lacounty.gov>, 213-253-5678 (click on Agendas a few days before Oct. 15, 2020 for the virtual meeting invite.)

DSA-LA Class on Class: Surplus Value & Exploitation, 6-7:30p via zoom. See Oct 1 for details. second module will focus on our role as workers in which we survive by selling our time and our labor to the capitalist class. This second module is designed to deepen our understanding of this exchange between capital and labor—the exchange upon which capitalistic production, or the wage system, is founded. Examining and discussing these concepts together will strengthen our ability to more effectively communicate (and thereby advance) our collective class interests by articulating precisely how and why the relationship between labor and capital is an antagonistic, exploitative one. We'll investigate how value is created and extracted from workers, why unemployment serves capitalist interests, why capitalism cannot avoid periodic crises, and more.

FRI - OCT 16

SAT - OCT 17

SUN - OCT 18

KPFK Local Station Board meeting, 10:30a, virtual until further notice. Listen live on www.kpftx.org where details of telephonic or Zoom access for public comment will be announced. Usually four periods of public comment interspersed during the course of a 4-hour meeting.

LA Times Festival of Books, Starting Oct. 18, over four weeks, virtual. <https://events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks/> <https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/books/story/2020-08-07/la-times-festival-of-books-2020-virtual>

MON - OCT 19

Voter Registration deadline online or postmarked (you may register and vote provisionally at LA County registrar's office after this 15-day deadline).

TUE - OCT 20

WED - OCT 21

THU - OCT 22

FRI - OCT 23

SAT - OCT 24

SUN - OCT 25

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MON - OCT 26

Pro Bono Week, Oct. 26-30, virtual

by LA Law Library <http://probonoweek.lalawlibrary.org/>

TUE - OCT 27

Absolute deadline for vote-by-mail ballot requests to be RECEIVED by County Registrar of Voters, but that's cutting it really close. CA does allow mail-in ballots POSTMARKED by Election Day Tue Nov 3 to be received and counted up to 15 days after Election Day.

WED - OCT 28

THU - OCT 29

DSA-LA Class on Class: Class Struggle & Political Struggle, 6-7:30p, see Oct 1 for details. How do we free ourselves from this exploitation in an era of global capitalist hegemony? How does working class power manifest in a system where liberation requires nothing short of revolution? And how is that power wielded? The fight against the ruling class begins with the realization of class consciousness – achieved through both economic and political struggle – and the fight for true democracy and liberation is inextricably tied to the fight for dignity and control of the workplace. If the emancipation of the oppressed under capitalism can only be achieved through their own struggle, then the third Class explores the different tools at our disposal to combat this oppression: the union, the strike, and the political party – their strengths, their shortcomings, and their fallacies – in building class consciousness, directly confronting capital, and spreading the revolutionary spirit.

FRI - OCT 30

Vote Centers open at 150 LAUSD Schools and many other locations to accommodate early voting.

SAT - OCT 31 Halloween

Hollywood/West Hollywood Halloween march

Upcoming Events:

TUE - Nov. 3:

Election Day for USA, CA, LA City and County, LAUSD, Culver City and many other localities that have moved to align municipal with general elections. 12 Statewide proposition, LA County Measure J, LAUSD bond measure RR, all Congressional seats, LA County District Attorney and many other significant local and state legislative elections, including several LA County Board of Supervisors and LA City Council seats. Best to vote early if you can.

TUE - Nov 17: PXL THIS 30 Toy Camera Film Festival premieres online Youtube

Sunday, Nov 15, 2020 at 7pm - 10pm (pacific). <https://www.facebook.com/events/3778262985534746/> Join in the two different Zoom discussion groups: Sat, Nov 14 from 2pm (pacific) to 4 is The Film Festival As Lo-Fi Art, rsvp_pfsuzy@aol.com for link for Zoom Salon. Sat, Nov 21 from 2pm (pacific) to 4 is The Play in PXL, rsvp_pfsuzy@aol.com for link for Zoom Salon.

The PXL-2000 (Pixelvision) is a toy camera, manufactured by Fisher-Price from 1987-89, that records on quarter-inch audio cassette tape. The low resolution and high contrast was made for kids, but became suitable for artists. Today Pixelators are merging Pixelvision with cell phones and live twitchy streaming. Electronic Folk Art . . . Lo-Fi Hi-Jinx !

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Jack Lieberman will live forever in the hearts of the Cuban people

By Carlos Rafael Dieguez Translated and edited by Walter Lippmann for CubaNews.

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Lieberman, an internationalist, also supported Haiti and Haitian migrants to Florida.

Jack Lieberman has just died physically in Fort Lauderdale and continues to live forever in the heart of the Cuban people and the world.

Fervent revolutionary, as one of his close friends Camillo Coco remembers him: "Our brother Jack Lieberman passed away. The South Florida activist community has lost a great organizer, a fighter, and a man full of principles and love for his fellow human beings. Jack Lieberman was simply the best. He was so good to our members, especially in the last 5 months of the pandemic. He was one of the first to see us when the layoffs started. He was a generous and kind soul, but also fiercely committed to the fight for justice. He was always, always there."

"He will be deeply missed. I was lucky enough to meet Jack and I am very proud to have worked with him. This is a very sad moment for me and many others who knew and collaborated with him in many struggles. He continues to be an example of dedication to the social causes he fought for."

For our part, from RADIO-MIAMI-TV, we have many things to say about Jack Lieberman among them, and the most important one is that he always stood

by the people of Cuba in the struggle for the removal of the US blockade against our country. He participated in dozens of caravans and meetings in La Alianza Martiana, he always supported and advocated for good relations between his country and ours. He was always accompanied by a smile of joy, the same size as the firmness and love with which he confronted injustice.

In one of our last interviews with Jack Lieberman, together with André Gómez, coordinator of the Antonio Maceo Brigade, he left us his pro-Cuba opinion for history.

On his Facebook Wall, Mike Martinez writes: "I am proud to have always been at Jack Lieberman's side. A titan among titans. A servant of the people."

The Coronavirus has taken away a hero from a thousand battles that the people of the US, the Cuban people and the world will never forget.

Source : Jack Lieberman vivirá por siempre en el corazón del pueblo cubano Walter Lippmann, Los Angeles, Editor-in-Chief, CubaNews

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"Cuba - Un Paraiso bajo el bloqueo"

Bad Beetle Blitz of the Santa Monica Mountains

WHY:

You are needed! Learn to find and document current presence and distribution of bad beetles (Invasive Shot Hole Borers) in the Santa Monica Mountains. During this three part training, experts from the UCANR will teach you to identify infestations in native and non native trees. Then join us for a Bad Beetle Blitz to collect valuable and much needed data. In person events will take place outdoors in small groups in accordance to CDC guidelines. Red flag or excessive heat warnings cancel training.

Participation in all three trainings are required.
RSVP required, please email rburnap@gmail.com

WHEN/WHERE:

#1: Online training at www.ishb.org. Required prior to Nov. 30th. Must bring printed completion certificate to second training. Must download, create account on iNaturalist.

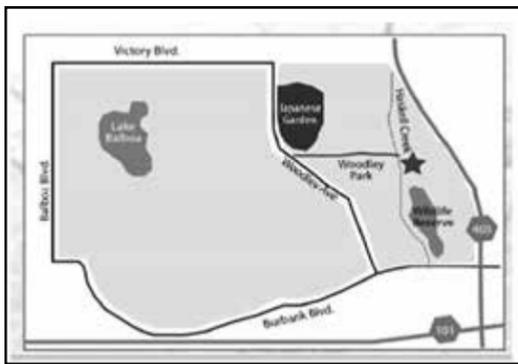
#2: In person. Monday November 30th, 9:30am to 12:30pm, Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys.

Directions for second training session: Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, Van Nuys. Use Tillman Water Reclamation Plant for GPS. Turn right off Woodley at the Japanese Garden Sign. Continue past the garden, all the way to the end of Wildlife Way. Parking is free. We will meet by the restrooms and the amphitheater. Wear mask or face covering.

#3. In person. Monday December 7th . 9:30am to 12:30pm, Location in the Santa Monica Mountains to be determined.

Participation in all three online and in-person trainings are required in order to attend and participate.

RSVP required, please email rburnap@gmail.com



L.A. Sheriff's Deputies Shot In Self-Defense (A Counter Spin)

By Political Prisoner Kevin "Rashid" Johnson

On Sept 12, 2020, two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies were shot in a 'citizen involved shooting' in the city of Compton.

According to credible citizen accounts, the two deputies were shot by a passerby in self-defense. The citizen, they report, was walking down the street on the way to church, when the cops pointed firearms at him from crouching positions in their patrol car and yelled the gang slogan, "Blue lives matter!" The citizen was able to avoid harm by using the training he received as a member of a local community defense group against police terror, quickly drew his own firearm, and defended himself.

The citizen's identity is being withheld by the community to protect him from almost certain violent retaliation from the L.A. sheriff's dept and similar gangs portrayed as law enforcement authorities.

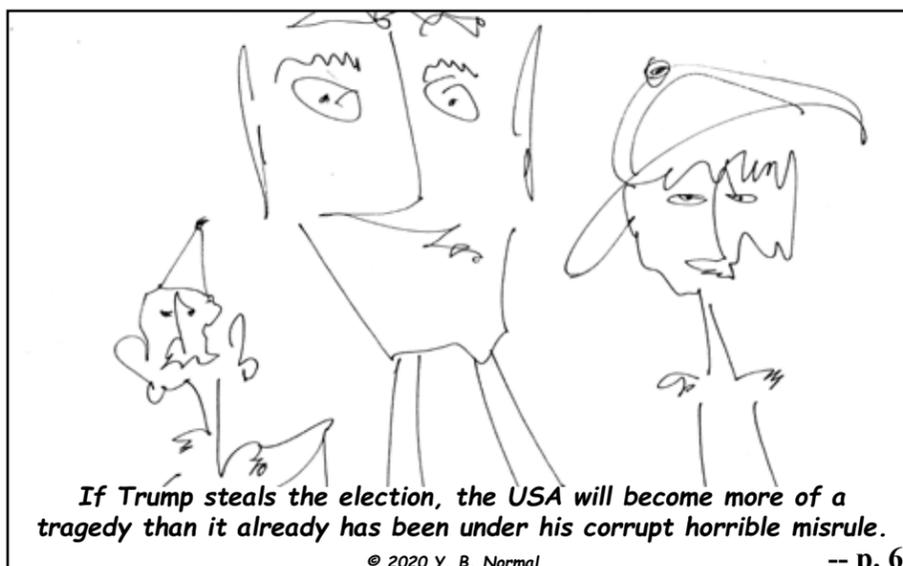
Meantime, gangs of police have been violently protesting in the streets, claiming the shooting was actually a "cowardly ambush" of two unarmed cops, who actually had only coffee and donuts in their hands that they were extending toward the shooter as an offer of charity to someone they thought was homeless.

Both cops were found to have prior offenses against the community, stealing candy as kids, cursing, etc.

Later that night, at the hospital where the cops were being treated, a group of citizens who'd assembled to wish the 2 cops a peaceful transition to the afterlife,

were attacked by L.A. deputies who beat one citizen and arrested him and threw to the ground a woman with the media whose cell phone, knocked from her hand by deputies, filmed the assault on her and her repeated identification of herself as a reporter.

(For all the cops and cop sympathizers outraged at this account of the actual police shooting in Compton on Sept 12, 2020, this should give you a sense of how the Black and Brown communities feel every day when you cowardly brutalize and murder our (almost always defenseless) people and spin absurd accounts of events to dismiss them as justified acts of self-defense.)



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Free Press in the Dock: Assange Railroad Nears Terminal

This court case is like the 'Pentagon Papers' on steroids. And yet:

Only five people (including Craig Murray) are being allowed into the public gallery at the Old Bailey.

The mainstream media are suppressing details of the case and the court proceedings.

The magistrate in charge is acting like a CIA agent - rail-roading Assange to be extradited.

You will not get a clearer report of the court proceedings than in Craig Murray's online blog. <https://www.craigmurray.org.uk/from> which this report is excerpted,



It is hard to believe, but Judge Baraitser on Friday ruled that there will be no closing speeches in the Assange extradition hearing. She accepted the proposal initially put forward by counsel for the US government, that closing arguments should simply be submitted in writing and without an oral hearing. This was accepted by the defence, as they need time to address the new superseding indictment in the closing arguments, and Baraitser was not willing for oral argument to take place later than 8 October. By agreeing to written arguments only, the defence gained a further three weeks to put together the closing of their case.

But this entire hearing has been conducted in effective secrecy, a comprehensive secrecy that gives sharp insight into the politico-economic structures of current western society. Physical access to the courtroom has been extremely limited, with the public gallery cut to five people. Video link access has similarly been extremely limited, with 40 NGOs having their access cut by the judge from day 1 at the Old Bailey, including Amnesty International, PEN, Reporters without Borders and observers from the European Parliament, among many others. The state and corporate media have virtually blacked out this hearing, with a truly worrying unanimity, and despite the implications of the case for media freedom. Finally, the corporations that act as internet gatekeepers have heavily suppressed social media posts about Assange, and traffic to those few websites which are reporting.

The other interesting point about Augstein's evidence is that it pointed squarely at the possibility that it has been Daniel Domscheit-Berg who, in defecting from Wikileaks, had been responsible for the emergence of the encrypted but unredacted cache on the net.

We then came on to the only witness who was actually heard in person on Friday, Patrick Eller, by videolink from the States. He was to address the accusation that Assange conspired with Chelsea Manning to crack a hash key password and obtain the documents which Manning leaked, and/or to help Manning cover his tracks. Securing Eller was rather a coup for the defense as there could not be a better expert witness on this particular subject. Eller is CEO of Metadata Forensics and a Professor teaching forensic evidence at the US Army Law School. A 25 year veteran, he was commander of the US Army digital forensic investigations unit at US Army Criminal Investigation Command in Virginia.

Eller's evidence and cross-examination [were] delivered in a very disjointed fashion. This was due to the approach by James Lewis QC, counsel for the US government, who adopted a policy of asking long runs of technical questions about the operation of the computer systems, most of which were basic, irrelevant, and both required and got the simple answer "yes", and then after a run of a dozen to twenty "yeses", Lewis would throw in a more dubious proposition. This did once work when he got a "yes" to the proposition that "a great hacker can crack a great cypher" by this system of inducing impulsive repetition of "yes". Lewis went on to claim that Assange had once self-described as "a fantastic hacker".

There were passages of Eller's testimony in court which I simply did not understand. When I get a new laptop, it takes me days to work out

how to turn it on and I am yet to find how to transfer any information from an old one. There are very definitely readers who would have done a much better job than me of reporting this, but then I was there and you were not. So these, for me, were the key points of Eller's evidence.

With respect to the Jabber conversations between Chelsea Manning and "Nathaniel Frank", which form the basis of the charge of aiding the commission of computer intrusion, there is no forensic evidence that "Nathaniel Frank" is Julian Assange, or indeed any single individual.

The "Hash key", or encrypted half of a password, which Manning had requested assistance with cracking could not have been cracked with the technology available in 2010. It was "impossible" and "computationally infeasible", according to Eller. This could not have been done with a brute force attack, dictionary attack or rainbow table. In cross-examination Lewis explored this at great length and read from a 2009 article on a vulnerability in Windows XP precisely with regard to the hash key system. Eller replied this was well known, but Microsoft had fixed it with a patch well before the events in question. That made it in practice impossible for the code to be cracked using one half of the hash key. Lewis did not query this and quickly moved on; it appeared he knew of the patch all along.

Perhaps Eller's most telling evidence was that Manning had in fact already downloaded the bulk of the material passed to the Wikileaks dropbox before initiating the conversation with Frank at all. Manning had full access to the SIPRnet, or classified infranet of material up to secret, under her own username, and had already been downloading using a program called wget. Furthermore, Manning had already been taking steps to protect her identity by rebooting from a Linux CD thus evading several Windows security features. That would have been at least as effective as downloading from the FTP account if preventing detection were the goal.

Manning therefore had no need of help from "Nathaniel Frank", either to obtain the classified documents or to cover her tracks, although the problem of downloads being traceable to the IP address would remain. But this would not have been solved anyway by Manning's interest in logging in to a File Transfer Protocol account. There was much discussion as to whether the FTP account would or would not have admin privileges, but as Eller was insistent it would neither have increased her access to classified material nor have better enabled her to cover her tracks, and that they could not have cracked the password with the hash key half anyway, I did not quite understand where that discussion was leading.

One particularly jolting bit of information from Eller was that the SIPRnet from which Manning had downloaded all the material was open to "millions" of users. Eller's final key point was that all of his evidence was consistent with the findings of the prosecution at Manning's court martial, and presumably thus with the investigations of his old forensic team. Some of the lines taken by prosecutor Lewis - including that it was in fact possible to crack the password from the half hash key - are inconsistent with the US prosecution's own forensic evidence at the Manning court martial.

Finally and ominously, Baraitser heard arguments on whether the full medical records of Assange from the doctors and psychiatrists who had given evidence should be released to the media. They have been requested by the press. The records contain a huge amount of background and many intimate details of Julian's childhood and relationships which are in evidence but were not given in open court by the doctors. Both defense and prosecution opposed release, but Baraitser kept referring to "open justice". You will remember that earlier this year, Baraitser decided that it was in the interests of "open justice" to release to the media the identity of Julian's partner Stella Moris and her children. That too was against the wishes of both prosecution and defense.

That a judge so intent on shutting down or refusing to hear defense evidence is suddenly so preoccupied with "open justice" when it comes to hurting Assange by release of his deeply personal information, is a great irony. Baraitser will rule on this on Monday and I hope humanity has prevailed with her.

Forgive me for pointing out that my ability to provide this coverage is entirely dependent on your kind voluntary subscriptions which keep this blog going. The post is free to reprint.

Indigenous Land Stewardship

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enough to saturate the ground and allow for the groundwater recharge that is so important for our landscape to thrive. When we add to that the accumulation of fuels, and the inability to put fire at the scale that it really needs to be, it is a huge part of this problem.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Professor Hankins, could you talk about the difference between federal policies, on the federally owned lands, and state policies? As Gov. Newsom mentioned, most of the forest is federal land. In fact, almost half of California is federally owned, and 53% of Oregon. How is the federal government dealing with its own policies of managing these forests?

DON HANKINS: When we think about that ownership, that land, that state ownership is not really owned by the state, but a lot of that's privately owned land. We have a lot of different landowners who are there on those lands. And within the state responsibility area, the SRA, CAL FIRE, under the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, is that entity that has the ability to steward over it. On the federal lands, obviously, Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc., all are part of that piece.

There's different policies in terms of the way that fire is allowed to be used in those places. So, when we think about the federal fire policy aspect, the National Wildland Coordinating Group and other entities within the federal government allow for the integration of policies. Some of those policies include let-burn policies and allow for wildland fire use, whereas within the state, when fires happen, CAL FIRE is mandated to put those fires out.

The bottom line is coming down to the amount of acreage that we're allowed to see burn on an annual basis. Nowhere are we getting close to the scale of being able to put the type of fires that historically have occurred back into this landscape to mitigate the effects of climate change and make the landscape more resilient.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Could you talk about the history of fire suppression as a tool of colonization? There was a piece in The Guardian where Susan Cagle wrote, "The Spanish were the first California colonizers to prevent indigenous people from burning the land. In 1850, the US government passed the Act for the Government and Protection of Indians, which outlawed intentional burning in California even before it was a state."

DON HANKINS: When we think about the early Spanish colonization beginning in 1769, we have missions that are established along the California coast, and those missions forbade people from setting fires. They saw it as a risk to their infrastructure and their way of life. And put really harsh penalties, upwards of death, to Indian people who were setting fires. That is a way that people have lived in this landscape for millennia. And that began to be removed from the tool box of Native people.

When we add to the [U.S.] colonization, we had policies that also forbid the use of fire by Indigenous populations, and the same kinds of penalties were applied. So, reluctantly people would not be able to set fires if their life was on the line for it. So we see a real decline in the use of fire, and the inability for people to access land to tend to those, which had gone on for many thousands of years, through past climate change events.

AMY GOODMAN: So, what has to happen right now, Professor Hankins? Talk about how you've seen the land change with regard to stewardship, and what you want to see happen.

DON HANKINS: Ecosystems that are here have a relationship with fire. If we put that same type of fire that those systems had evolved in back into them and we're stewarding them in the exact same way, then we're able to ensure that climate resiliency in those landscapes, but also ensure the biodiversity, the carbon capture and all the other attributes of what we may call ecosystem services as part of that, to make those beneficial.

So, in terms of the Delta region in San Francisco Bay Area, for instance, we have a lot of landscape change that has happened. We've got a lot of areas under that time period of 1850 to the present that was turned under the plow. So, wetlands, riparian forest, emergent marshes,



Indigenous climate action and land stewardship is based in a spiritual connection to "all our relations."

grasslands, vernal pools, chaparral ecosystems, they all are part of those landscapes, but a lot of those places have been very heavily impacted.

So, one thing that I particularly focus in on in my research is how we can use fire as a conservation tool, which is part of that Indigenous set of ways of burning. California's valued woodlands, where there's only like 2% remaining throughout the entire state, that's an endangered ecosystem. And with small pockets of 100 acres here or 200 acres there, if fire gets into those places, we lose the diversity of those forests. We lose those forests, and we lose the carbon that's captured in them. So, those are the places that I tend to focus in on in a lot of my work, but that work also then extends from those wetland areas all the way to the tops of the Sierras and the mountains that feed into the system. So, it's an interconnected and interrelated relationship with fire.

AMY GOODMAN: You have Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, the worst air in a major city in the world. And especially the Native American tribes, what are people doing on the ground?

DON HANKINS: Yeah. Well, it's a lot of people having to stay indoors at this point. I will say that on my drive down to Chico this morning, I was happy to look up and see the stars. So, the constellations are out there. But I will also point out that within our Native ways of thinking about it, there's benefits to smoke that we have to be aware of, as well. That includes fumigation. That includes cooling of our streams for salmon, and other things like that. So, while we are dealing with a very toxic load of smoke right now, this is not what our Indigenous fires would have created. This would have been spread throughout the year. So, I think, as a society, we need to get used to a little bit of smoke, but not the level of smoke that we're experiencing right now, and hopefully never get to this toxic level again.

PEOPLE GET READY

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said or done makes defunding, let alone abolishing, the police any more likely. Nor do they provide any basis for thinking that indigenous treaty rights and sovereignty will be respected. Despite the GOP claim that Biden's a socialist, they are clearly and expressly opposed to eco-socialism or any other form of collective social control and ownership of productive resources, or even to such social-democratic measures as Medicare For All.

So if your preparation for Nov. 3 doesn't go beyond getting out to vote or getting others to, you are not preparing enough. We need to be thinking and organizing now for mutual aid, for the serious prospect of a general strike, and for making a qualitative leap forward in the capacity of popular movements to shape the social, political and economic agenda. Otherwise we are setting ourselves up to be quashed and squashed by a repressive and racist steamroller.

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primary was moved much earlier to try to impact the selection, it would allow those who can vote in Nov. to vote the previous March. Really lowering the voting age to 16 or 17 would make a dent in the racial skew of CA's electorate compared to its population since older voters are more predominantly white than younger ones; the majority of 16- and 17-year-olds in CA are youth of color.

PROP 19: Those 55 or older get a property tax break buying a new home. To fund that, it curtails a separate tax break on homes inherited from parents and grandparents.

Typically when Californians sell a house and buy a new home, property taxes shoot up, because property taxes are based on the value of your home when you bought it. Boomers who bought a bungalow after Woodstock are paying less in taxes than the tech yuppies who bought an identical bungalow last year. This prop would allow the Boomer couple to buy a new house in the state and retain their relatively low property taxes.

Under current law, if you inherit a Malibu estate you can rent it out yet still pay property tax at the parents' rates. This prop would mean adult heirs who want to keep their artificially low tax need to live in their inherited digs. New revenue from closing the inheritance tax break could generate billions for schools, local governments and the state. A big chunk would go to firefighters and cover the reduced revenue from the new tax break in this proposition.

PROP 20: Increase penalties for property crimes and repeat parole violations — and make it more difficult for some convicts to qualify for early parole.

It would give DAs new flexibility to charge some property crimes of more than \$250, such as "serial shoplifting" and carjacking, as felonies. It increases penalties for violating parole three times, making more likely a return to jail or prison.

It would require DNA samples from people convicted of certain misdemeanors — including shoplifting, forgery and illegal drug possession — to be stored in a state database, and double the number of felonies that disqualify prison inmates from being able to apply for early parole consideration. This is being backed heavily by cop and prison guard unions, prosecutors, and big supermarket chains, trying to reverse previous propositions that sought to reduce penalties and mass incarceration for some offenses.

PROP 21: Allow cities to pass rent control measures on rental housing more than 15 years old.

Last year, CA capped annual rent increases at around 8%, pegged on top of inflation. This prop would eliminate part of the Costa-Hawkins ban on cities enacting their own rent control laws for single-family homes or rental housing first occupied in the past 25 years, or preventing landlords from raising the rent to market rates when a tenant leaves. Prop 10, which tried to repeal Costa-Hawkins, won a majority in LA but failed state-wide.

There are exemptions built into Prop. 21. Cities still wouldn't be able to cap rent increases by "mom-and-pop landlords," who own no more than two small properties such as single-family homes or condos. If the measure passes, cities and the state may lose revenue, because landlords will pay lower property taxes if the rent controls reduce the assessed value of the property.

PROP 22: Exempt gig companies like Uber and Lyft from requiring them to treat workers as employees.

Since January, state law has required

gig workers in many industries to be classified as employees and get benefits such as overtime, health care, sick leave, unemployment insurance and workers' comp. If this measure passes, companies that employ drivers through apps—Lyft, Uber, DoorDash and Instacart—could keep workers classified as contractors and offer narrower benefits, including pay at least 120% of minimum wage, health care subsidies and accident insurance.

Benefits under Prop. 22 would be tied to drivers' "engaged time" completing passenger routes, excluding any wait time on apps between rides. The measure also includes consumer safety changes such as more driver background checks and zero tolerance for drug or alcohol violations.

PROP 23: Require kidney dialysis clinics to have at least one physician present during operating hours, and report infection data to the state.

It also would require that operators get approval from the state's health department before closing a clinic, and prohibit clinics from discriminating against patients based on insurance type. The number of people who require dialysis continues to grow; about 80,000 Californians depend on it. That also means a boom in the dialysis industry.

Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West, has sought to organize these companies. Two years ago, an SEIU initiative that would have limited clinics' profits was defeated by a heavy ad campaign by the clinics, so this is round two.

PROP 24: Change California's data privacy law:

By letting you tell businesses to limit the use of sensitive data, such as your exact location, health information, race and religion

By prohibiting businesses from holding onto your data for longer than necessary

By authorizing a fine up to \$7,500 for companies violating children's privacy rights

By creating a new state agency to enforce this law, investigate violations and assess penalties

By reducing the number of businesses that have to comply, making it apply only to companies that buy or sell data of at least 100,000 households a year.

This is being pushed by Alastair Mactaggart, a real estate developer who began advocating for consumer privacy a few years ago and helped get a state law passed in 2018, which he feels doesn't have enough teeth to protect privacy.

PROP 25: A referendum on a state law passed last year that would transform how people get out of jail awaiting trial — California would replace cash bail with an algorithm judges use to allow pre-trial release.

Under cash bail, you put up cash or property or pay bail bond companies for an insurance bond at steep rates or wait for trial in jail. DAs use jail as a way to force plea deals, and those jailed awaiting trial are likely to lose jobs and suffer other harms. This measure was put on the ballot by bail bind and insurance companies to try to reverse the law. A "yes" vote upholds a 2018 law that sought to eliminate cash bail and replace it with an algorithm to assess a person's risk for not appearing at trial — the higher the risk, the less likely they are to be released. A "no" vote would eliminate that law. Not affected: People accused of crimes outside the state court system. Progressives are split, because many found that law put too much power in the hands of judges and in a racially-biased algorithm; others want to uphold the elimination of cash bail and work on a legislative 'fix'.

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environmentally destructive capitalist mega-projects. These policies have dispossessed hundreds of thousands of their land and resources and made indigenous and other communities resisting such projects the target of state and paramilitary repression. It is important to note that one of the principal investors in these mega-projects is the world's largest financial firm, BlackRock [more information below].

Support the Zapatista project, a project that has not only created a horizon of dignified self-organization that has inspired all of us, but also shown profound and far-reaching solidarity with our own struggles. Solidarity means acting from the knowledge that in the face of destruction and dispossession, our best resource is each other!

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Solidarity with the Comrades Under Attack in the Philippines by Abahlali base Mjondolo (South Africa squatters' movement)



Our movement has experienced serious repression, including the targeted destruction of our members' homes, assault, torture and murder. We have received solidarity from popular movements around the world, and have always offered our own solidarity to comrades under attack elsewhere in the world.

When we say that every person must count as a person we mean that every person must count as a person everywhere. Solidarity does not stop at any border.

We have been informed of the assassination of two well-known activists in the Philippines, Randall 'Ka Randy' Echanil and Zara Alvarez.

Today Abahlali joins Karapatan in Philippines, and their comrades, in solidarity as they organize a Global Day of Action. This day coincides with the 45th UN Human Rights Council session, calling for an international investigation into human rights violations in the Philippines.

Randall Echanis was involved in the struggles of impoverished people in rural areas for land reform. He was also a co-founder of the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net) member organization Karapatan. Randall was murdered around 1:30am on 10 August 2020, when 5 men entered his apartment in Novaliches, Quezon City. He was stabbed to death. His neighbour Loui Tagapia was also killed in the attack.

Zara Alvarez was involved in struggles against the repression of the Rodrigo Duterte regime. She was the chairperson of Anakbayan-Negros, and previously served as a deputy general secretary of BAYAN-Negros as well as campaign and education director of Karapatan Negros. On the night of Monday, 17 August 2020 she was shot and killed by unknown hitmen (izinkabi) in the Barangay Mandalagan neighbourhood of Bacolod City. She had previously received death threats through anonymous phone calls, a tactic of intimidation that is also common in South Africa

Both Randall Echanis and Zara Alvarez had previously been imprisoned for their political work. They were also both labeled as 'terrorists' by the state in 2018.

These attacks are part of a wider pattern of attack on activists in the Philippines, which is similar to what we experience here in South Africa. We have lost 18 comrades to state murder and other kinds of violence since 2013. Today it was reported in the media that there have been at least 38 assassinations and 14 attempted assassinations in areas in KwaZulu-Natal in which mining companies, often working with traditional authority, are destroying the land to make a few people rich. The murder of activists has become an everyday bread in South Africa.

Abahlali cannot stand by when human lives are vandalized in this manner. Humanity has no borders. A person is a person everywhere. We must value all human beings as treasure. If we don't act in solidarity with all people facing repression we will be heading to a human catastrophe in which governments, ruling parties, corporates, and other forces, can murder grassroots activists with impunity.

Just as oppressors learn from each other, and work together, so to the oppressed must learn from each other and be in solidarity with each other. An injury to one is an injury to all.

We call on all our comrades in South Africa and around the world to stand in solidarity with the comrades in the Philippines.

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Ed. Note: You can learn more about repression and human rights violations in the Philippines from the Filipino human rights organization: <https://www.karapatan.org/> Change Links is printing the South African call to illustrate that solidarity is being led by and from movements of colonized and oppressed people, and to convey what the US turn towards more naked fascism and autocracy portends once again for movements in the US, similar to the COINTELPRO era of the 60s-70s, when assassinations of movement figures in the Black, Chicano-Mexicano, American Indian, and Puerto Rican struggles were widespread.

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