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ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

by Mumia Abu-Jamal, Dec. 2022
<https://www.prisonradio.org/commentary/message-to-human-rights-council/>

To members, affiliates and supporters of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations, Your Excellencies ambassadors, foreign ministers and representatives of 54 African member states,

We thank you for your attempts to protect African descended persons in the United States, especially in the wake of the notorious asphyxiation of George Floyd, and the immense protests that filled the streets of cities around the world as a direct response thereto. Your attempt gave hope to millions of people who fear becoming the next George Floyd.

Your work supported by the UN Charter, the UN Declaration on Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention Against Torture, the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance, the International Decade for People of African Descent, the 23rd, December 2013, and other articles of international law gave hope to those living on the brink in US ghettos, in prisons, and the dark, dank holes of death row and beyond.

We thank you for your work, to breathe life into these documents and make them real tools of social change. When people saw our lives through the tragedy of George Floyd, the state violence that brought him to his end, cities in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas erupted in solidarity in protests. We thank you for your efforts on behalf of human rights.

With love, not fear, this is Mumia Abu-Jamal.

These commentaries are recorded and transcribed by Prison Radio.

Black People are Making History!



photo: Keith Rice, New Black City social justice art exhibit, <https://www.blmla.org/exhibit>

End Racist Police Murders with Impunity!

Climate Justice Action Around the World Summary by Terrie Brady

Democracy Now! on December 23 reported about an effort by Exxon Mobil to start off shore oil drilling off Guyana. Melinda Janki, a lawyer from Guyana, is trying to stop this. Antonia Juhasz has written about this in WIRED magazine and in a new book, *The Tyranny of Oil*.

Also on DN! on January 19th, a report about a federally employed scientist, Rose Abramoff, employed at a private contracted lab in Tennessee, who was fired for speaking out about the climate crisis.

Also in Atlanta, a nonviolent forest defender, Manuel Teran, also known as Tortuguita, was assassinated by police. A writer named Kumau was interviewed on 1 20 23 on Democracy Now! about this issue.

There is a lignite (coal) mine in Germany whose expanded operation will mean the destruction of a nearby village, that many protesters have tried to stop, including Greta Thunberg who has been arrested there several times. Germany backed away from ending the use of coal after the sanctions on Russian energy over the war in Ukraine took effect.

Also reported on Democracy Now!: The next global climate talks, COP 28, will be in the "Middle East" and the head of the talks is proposed to be an oil

executive named Sultan Ahmed al Jaber. US climate ambassador John Kerry said that is good with him. On Jan 27, 70 environmental organizations signed a letter opposing this action.

What we can do to help:

Contact the Biden White House to say you don't agree with John Kerry about oil execs Sultan Ahmed al Jaber leading the COP28 climate talks, nor with the firing of the climate scientists for saying that they are frightened for the future of humanity. Ask them to rehire Rose Abramoff.

The White house comment line is 202 456 1111

Boycott Exxon Mobil and tell them you are boycotting until they withdraw their proposal to do offshore drilling in Guyana

Support and talk about the protest in Germany and Greta Thunberg AND SIGN THE AVAAZ PETITION https://secure.avaaz.org/campaign/en/climate_action_now_loc/

Keep boycotting banks like Chase, Citibank and Wells Fargo which invest in fossil fuels. Put your money in a credit union instead.

You can get more details and watch the full story on these topics at the website:

democracynow.org

You can also listen to Democracy Now on KPFK, 90.7 FM at 6 am M-F or kpfk.org any time on the online on demand archive.

End the Prosecution of Julian Assange - Defend Journalists & Whistleblowers

By Chris Garaffa

<https://covertactionmagazine.com/2023/01/24/tribunal-in-washington-calls-on-president-biden-to-end-prosecution-of-julian-assange-and-to-defend-rights-of-journalists-and-whistleblowers/>

Nearly 13 years after WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange released the video *Collateral Murder* exposing the brutal and intentional killing of Iraqi civilians and two Reuters journalists, over 150 people packed the same room in the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. for the Belmarsh Tribunal.

January 20th's sitting was the third of the Tribunal, following events in London and New York City in 2021 and 2022 respectively. Many thousands also watched the event live online. See video of Tribunal below.

Organized by Progressive International and co-chaired by Amy Goodman of Democracy Now! and Croatian philosopher and author Srećko Horvat, the Belmarsh Tribunal brought together a panel of whistleblowers, activists, lawyers and more in support of Assange, WikiLeaks and journalistic freedom.

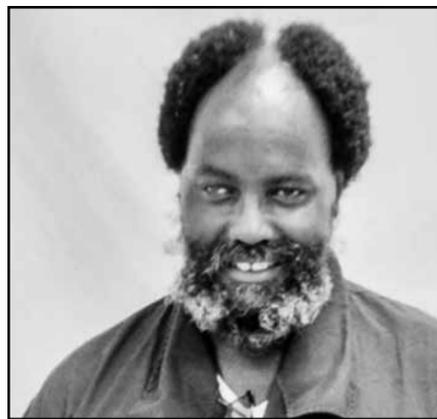
Held just two blocks from the White House, the Tribunal called on President Biden to end the prosecution of Julian Assange and to defend the rights of journalists and whistleblowers.

Belmarsh, the prison near London where Assange has been held since 2019 is a high-security facility often referred to as the "British version of Guantanamo Bay." Beginning with the so-called "war on terrorism" in 2001, Belmarsh has been used to house suspected terrorists. Today, many of its prisoners are people who have committed brutally violent crimes like murder and rape.

Assange is being held there pending the completion of his extradition trial, in which the United States government under the Trump and Biden administrations seeks to bring him to trial in the U.S. He could face up to 175 years in prison under the Espionage Act for publishing proof of U.S. war crimes. It would be a death sentence for the 51-year-old whose physical and mental health has already deteriorated during his confinement.

Solidarity was a key theme of the event. Human rights lawyer Steven Donziger opened his remarks by saying "Half the

See: "Assange," p. 6



Mumia Abu-Jamal

February 2023 Community Calendar

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

Feb 2 - Long Distance Revolutionar: Mumia

Feb 4 - Pan African Film Festival volunteer training

Feb 9-20 Pan African Film Festival, Crenshaw Mall

Feb 10 - Abolition Criminology Conference

Feb 12 - Blue Agave Revolution book talk

Feb 22 - Chemerinski on SCOTUS

Feb 23-25 Toni Morrison reading on-line

Change-Links Monthly Poetry Corner

AGE IS CREEPING UP

By Norman Molesko

<https://www.lapoetsociety.org/norman-molesko>

I write about aging reality,
my reality and the realities
of those I meet and know.
For me it is human to share,
whether walking or in a wheelchair.

Various seniors and oldies
feel similar in many ways,
jaw boning at a market place,
complaining in a doctor's office,
letting hair down over the phone.

They relate twinges and pains,
illnesses and other things to blame.
They listen to each other's headaches,
read obituaries and go to funerals.
They are living through plenty at this time.

Yet my mind is often on a brighter plane.
I am surprised by new experiences,
what they do for me and lead to.
I am here. I am encountering life.
I write about aging reality.

© Norman Molesko, 2022 Ambassador For Seniors
Ambassador For Joy and Goodwill
Normie is a pioneer and an Ambassador for Seniors.
He advances Senior Advocacy through the use of
poetry. He's an entertainer, a poet, a psychologist,
and an elder. Whether writing his poetry to be read
or whether he performs his poetry to be heard, he
is an artist at what he does. Did you know Normie
is somewhat hearing-impaired and a heart attack
survivor, but he progresses and moves forward, not
to be hampered nor stopped. At his age, this "young
oldie" is demonstrating, by his behavior and actions,
positive creative aging. Normie is a steward of Senior
Advocacy through poetry.



LAWRENCE PHILLIP REYES, PRESENTE!



In Memoriam July 7, 1958 - December 31, 2022

Lawrence Reyes, Boricua *independentista*,
revolutionary internationalist, father, labor
organizer, mental health social worker, practitioner
of the "Red Road" of Indigenous traditional
spiritual practice, KPFFK Local Station Board
listener delegate and Pacifica National Board
director, passed away December 31 due to
complications of diabetes.

His death is an incalculable loss to all who knew his
warmth, heart, dedication and passion personally and to
many others who experienced the impact of his work with
the Grassroots Community Radio Coalition, the National
Boricua Human Rights Network and Puerto Rican Alliance
of Los Angeles, Service Employees International Union
Local 721 - where he served on the Executive Board, in
the Latino Caucus and as a shop steward - the L.A. U.S
Hands Off Cuba Committee, Pacifica Fightback, Radio
Justice LA where he produced the internet radio program
"From Decolonization to Liberation," and the Jericho
Amnesty Coalition to free all political prisoners, among
many other commitments and affiliations.

Lawrence grew up in New York, where he was a
"baby" Young Lord (an older sibling was a member) and
attended the Free Breakfast for Children program of the
Black Panther Party. It was to that upbringing and the
example of his mother and sisters that he attributed his

social conscience and commitment. Lawrence
attended Brooklyn College and later played
collegiate varsity basketball in the southeast.
Like others who experienced childhood poverty,
oppression and repression, in the wake of the
decline in the revolutionary social movements
and organizations like the Young Lords, the
Black Panthers and the American Indian
Movement, because of COINTELPRO, he ran
afoul of addictive substances and the law and
served time in prison, a history he acknowledged
and drew on in both his political work and his
empathetic ministering to the social needs of his
clients at the LA County Department of Mental
Health. But those experiences certainly took a
toll on his physical health and well-being. He
had previously survived a serious heart attack.

Lawrence gave of himself unstintingly at
work, in his union, and especially to KPFFK and
Pacifica, where he was involved in the struggle
to craft democratic Bylaws. He was elected and
re-elected to the Local Station Board as a listener
delegate, and served on the Pacifica National
Board, including a brief tenure as its chair,
helping to reverse the shutdown and takeover of
WBAI in NY by an interim Executive Director
and a minority faction of the national board. He
was involved in two successful efforts to defend
the democratic Bylaws of Pacifica, maintain the
elected LSBs, and uphold the unity of the whole
foundation and its five stations.

Lawrence is survived by his son, Taino
Rodriguez Reyes, a daughter, his sisters Nicole
and Martha, his former spouse, Gilda Rodriguez,
with whom he co-parented Taino, and by
friends, comrades, and mentees that he treated
like family.

The video of a two-hour tribute to Lawrence
while he was hospitalized is posted at <https://pacificafightback.org/in-memoriam-lawrence-reyes-presente/> and a memorial service is being
planned.

Those who wish to donate in his memory
are encouraged to become members of KPFFK,
which he loved to the last, by going to <https://kpfk.org> and clicking on "donate".

Pa'lante, Siempre Pa'lante!

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**Co-founder & Editor John Johnson,
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Southern California Community Calendar

February 2023 Black History Month

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

See continuing and ongoing events at the end of the 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.

COVID-19 Safety Precautions:

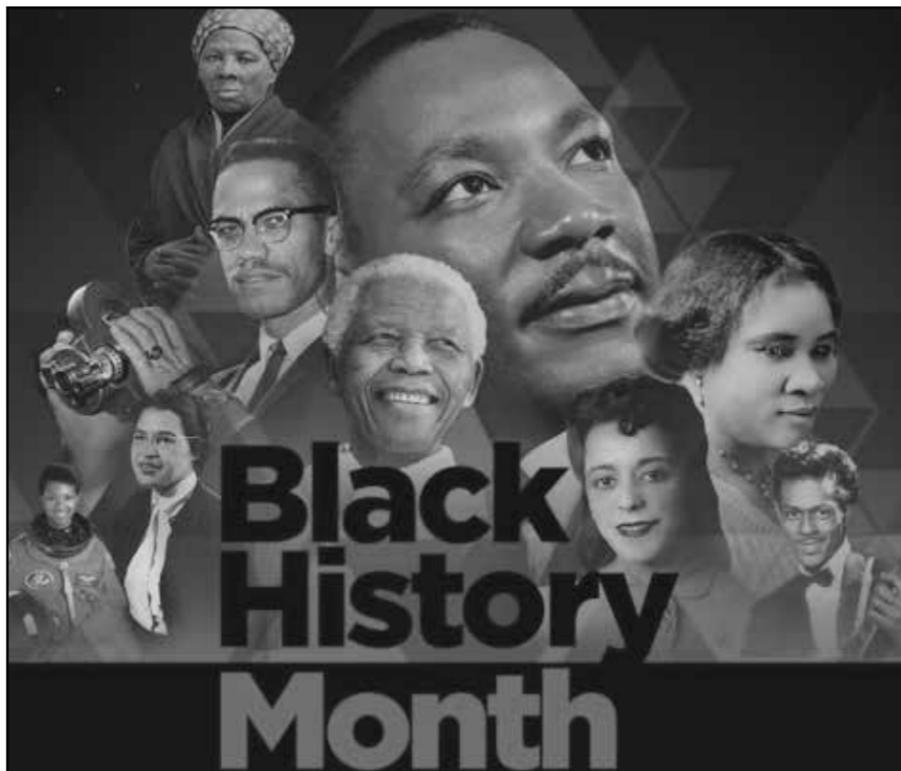
Change Links urges all our subscribers and readers to administer all necessary precautions, to ensure their safety. You will find a number of related articles to COVID-19 in our print and electronic issue. We will continue to update you going forward. We advise you as well to do your personal research 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. City or County of Los Angeles COVID protocols in effect at most indoor public venues: proof of vaccination and photo ID or masks are required for entry at many events.

Other Calendars:

<http://la.indymedia.org/calendar/>,
<https://www.experism.com/los-angeles>
<https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/movies/all-of-las-outdoor-movies-in-one-calendar>

Feb 1 - Wed

Los Angeles Breakfast Club presents The History of LAX, 7-9a, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr, LA 90027. Enjoy a catered breakfast, silly songs, club traditions, and special presentation each week at the historic Los Angeles Breakfast Club. ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Jean-Christophe "JC" Dick has over 15 years experience as an Airport Planner, and has been on the Board of the Flight Path Museum at LAX since 2017. He is currently serving as the Museum Vice-President, Airport Historian and Technology Chair. He is also a pilot and award-winning



photographer. During his time at the Flight Path, JC has been digging through the archives to locate critical documents about the history of LAX and digitizing them for archival purposes. Jean-Christophe will be presenting the history of LAX, from its green-field beginnings, to the current expansion to accommodate the world once again. TICKETS: Sales on LAbreakfastclub.com close 48 hours before breakfast. Non-members are \$25 and Members receive a 25% discount when logged into their Membership Portal. Please arrive between 6:45 - 7:00 AM sharp! Doors close at 7:15 AM. Your admission includes a buffet breakfast, enjoyment of our 97-year-old club traditions, plus a special presentation from our Speaker of the Week! Surgical disposable face masks or medical-grade masks (i.e., KN95, KF94, N95) are strongly recommended when not eating or drinking, especially during the cold and flu season, and will be provided on request.

Westchester Life Stories writing group, 10:30a-12:30p, Westchester YMCA, 80th St. & Sepulveda Blvd. Supportive group to write your memories or memoir. Meets every Wednesday. For info send an email with Life Stories in the subject line to Gene (genejoycek@aol.com) or Madeline (madelinenella@yahoo.com).

Feb 2 - Thu

"Long Distance Revolutionary" screening online, 4p Pacific Time. First movie of its kind about Mumia. Focusing on Mumia's life, motivations, family, time in the Black Panther Party, his radio career, reporting on MOVE, his writing, and his life on Death Row. Film includes Angela Davis, Cornel West, Dick Gregory, Alice Walker, Amy Goodman, and Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. Event by Prison Radio, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement-Detroit and Moratorium NOW! Coalition. Details: facebook.com/events/1236044947295953/ Register: tinyurl.com/mumia-film

Feb 3 - Fri

Civil Rights: Where You Begin/ Derechos civiles: por dónde empieza, 12n-1:30p, LA Law Library, 301 West 1st St, LA 90012, free. Many people can't afford a lawyer to handle their legal issues. This can make it difficult to protect your civil rights, including your right to be free from discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and education. In this class, learn about your civil rights under state and federal law, how these rights are protected, and resources available to help. Learning important fundamentals about civil rights can make your legal journey easier and more successful. Class covers: The right to be free from unlawful discrimination, and other types of civil rights; The characteristics generally protected by civil rights laws, including race, ethnicity, gender, religious belief, and age; How to determine which civil rights statute or claim might apply to your situation; How and where to make a civil rights complaint, and types of civil rights lawsuits; Resources for further information and where to seek help; Presented in partnership with the L.A. Incubator Consortium. Registration fees: FREE, Reservation reserves spot. No legal advice: LA Law Library does not provide legal advice. <https://www.lalawlibrary.org/>

Regeneration Summit: A Celebration of Black Cinema, February 3-5, 10 a, 6067 Wilshire Blvd., LA; a three-day summit featuring live entertainment, workshops, screenings, panel discussions, and food vendors, with the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures' groundbreaking exhibition REGENERATION: BLACK CINEMA 1898-1971, exploring the history of Black participation in American film history and culture. The summit will convene film artists, activists, musicians, and key people dedicated to preserving Black film history, including, Julie Dash, the Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden, Janaya Future Khan, Shola Lynch, Justice Maya Singleton, and more. (See

Symposium Feb 4 and Family Fun Day Feb 5)

Feb 4 - Sat

Pan African Film Festival Volunteer Orientation, 10a-12n. Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza 3650 MLK Blvd., LA 90008. PAFF is holding volunteer orientation meetings so volunteers and potential volunteers can find out more about being a volunteer with PAFF and what kind of roles are available. <https://www.paff.org/events/>

P-22 Celebration of Life, 12n, Greek Theatre, "Let's come together as a community to celebrate his remarkable life!," tickets, savelacougars.org, lagreektheatre.com/events/detail/p-22-celebration-of-life. To get involved with life-saving wildlife bridges: <https://101wildlifecrossing.org>.

Justice for AJ Weber and Dijon Kizzee! Defend Westmont! 12n, 1212 W 107th St, LA 90044. National Action Network Los Angeles, Coalition for Community Control Over the Police. <https://www.facebook.com/events/728803108635072/>

Errant Press Presents: No Borders Zine Fest & Book Launch, 2p, In person at Beyond Baroque, 681 N. Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291, 10 dollars tickets. No Borders is a celebration of tolerance and DIY spirit. The event starts with a Zine Fest in Beyond Baroque's outdoor patio featuring multiple artists, DIY presses, and zinesters from Mexico & the U.S. of multicultural backgrounds who will share their latest work and printed material. No Borders concludes with the launch of Errant Press's new artist book, Errant Passport, a publication that plays with the idea of what is "real" or "official." The author will open a discussion panel about borders and their different meanings where participants will explore the question "What are borders?" 310-822-3006

Regeneration: Black Cinema 1898-1971, 10a-10p, Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Saturday Symposium. <https://www.academymuseum.org/en/programs/detail/saturday-symposium-regeneration> How can we work together to preserve the history and future legacy of Black people's participation in American cinema? To answer this question, we're convening some of Black cinema's brightest stars and those dedicated to protecting its history for a full-day symposium. Through thought-partnership, interactive learning activities, and unconventional discussions, the Saturday Symposium will create opportunities for Black cinema enthusiasts of all interest levels to learn, grow, and build strategies together. 6067 Wilshire Boulevard.

Feb 5 - Sun

CA REPARATIONS & YOU: What Restitution Could Mean to Long Term, Local African American Descendants, 6-8:30p, Refreshments 6 & program 6:30, Committee for Racial Justice, hybrid event, Virginia

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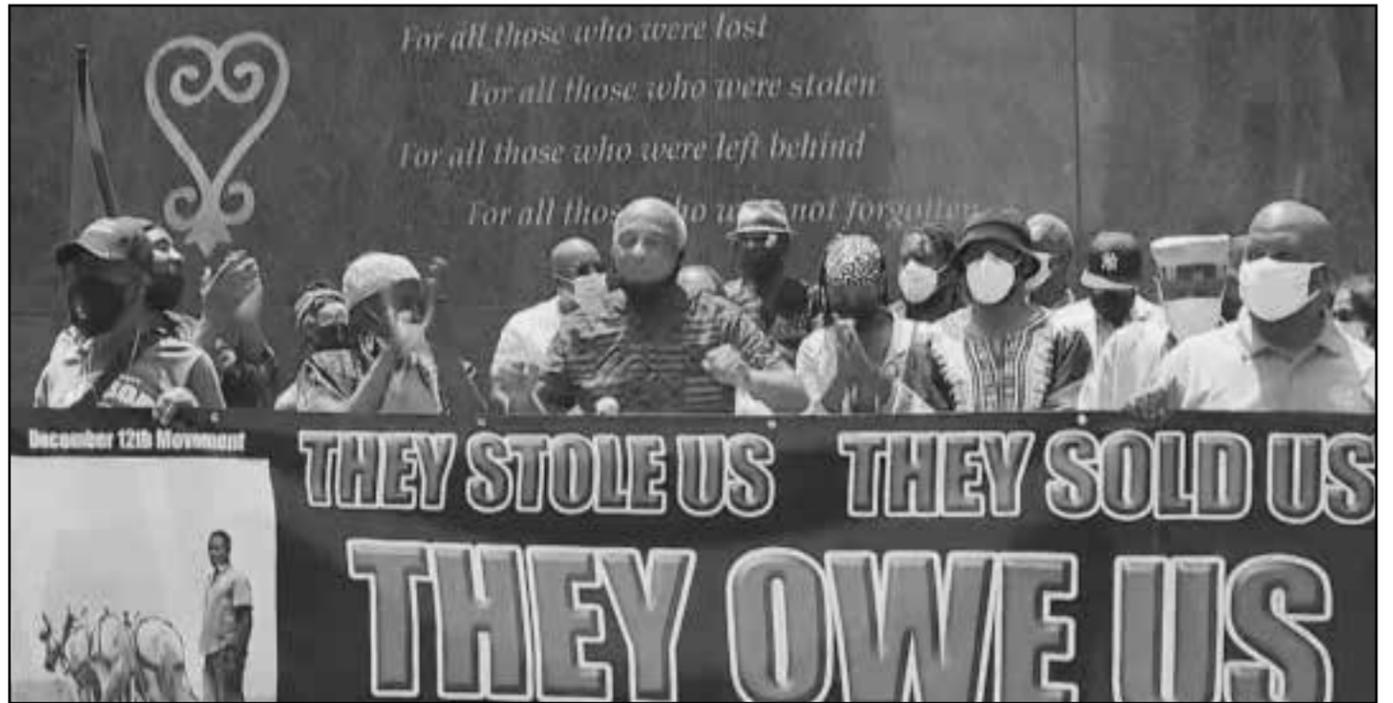
Avenue Park Thelma Terry Bldg. 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica, 90404. Free Hybrid Workshop will focus on the work of the CA state Reparations Task Force which will be reporting out its recommendations in 2023. Two members, Dr. Cheryl Grills and attorney Donald Tamaki, will give us updates on their progress. This focus will also build on the ideas generated at Jan. 8 workshop on the Santa Monica Black Apology discussion about generating concrete ways to bring restitutions that help repair the damage done by the legacies of slavery and systemic racism that have created the racial disparities we grapple with in the present.

Dr. Cheryl Tawede Grills, a Clinical Psychologist with a current emphasis in Community Psychology, has been on the faculty of Loyola Marymount University (LMU) for the past 36 years. She is a national Past President of The Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) and serves as one of the lead trainers in the Community Healing Network/ABPsi partnership on the Emotional Emancipation Circles Initiative. Dr. Grills also serves as a member of the National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC).

Donald K. Tamaki is the co-founder of StopRepeatingHistory.org, a campaign focused on drawing parallels between the round-up of Japanese Americans during World War II and the targeting of minority groups based on race or religion. A major aspect of the campaign is the intersectionality of the Japanese American Redress Movement and that of African American Reparations, with an emphasis on creating solidarity and promoting public awareness on the importance of advancing reparations for African Americans.

For those unable to join us in person, register with the following link in order to be sent the zoom link to share with us virtually that evening: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8122222222> meeting/register/tZ0qcuqspz4sGtRd1sw7MskrhukDoYBeGfCJ Email us by 5pm on Thursday 2/2 at committee4racialjustice@gmail.com if you need child care. For more information, call Joanne at 310-422-5431

FREE Family Fun Day, the Academy Motion Picture Museum, 6067 Wiltshire Blvd, L.A. a variety of engaging activities for visitors of all ages to learn, collaborate and celebrate the groundbreaking exhibition Regeneration: Black Cinema 1898–1971. Schedule: Regeneration Discovery Challenge, 10am–4pm | Regeneration entrance, L4 created by the Teen Council; Horsemanship 101 with Urban Saddles, 11am–3pm Learn fundamental horsemanship skills then saddle up and take a ride in our pop-up arena! ALL-Black Mini Food Market, 11am–5pm, Regeneration Maker Lounge, 11am–5pm | LL1, fun maker activities for visitors of all ages; Next Generation of Cinema Workshop Series, 11am–5pm | Shirley Temple Education Studio, LL1, interactive activities to explore an introduction to film restoration and archival work; Black Joy! Walt Disney Company Piazza, a fusion of classic sounds from DreamHaus and Zeal Co-op with DJ Toks; **After Lunch Talk with the Librarian of Congress** 2p, Ted Mann Theater, LL1 with the Director of the Academy Museum Jacqueline Stewart and the Teen Council in conversation



with the Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden on the power of film restoration to impact generations.

Feb 6 - Mon

Barrier Breakers: From Jackie to Pumpsie, 1947-1959 On view through Feb 19, Central Library, Getty Gallery, 630 W. 5th St., LA 90071, 213-228-7000, open daily. call or check the lapl.org website for hours

Feb 7 - Tue

KPFK on-air fund drive for Black History Month - donate on-line at <https://www.kpfc.org> (click on donate) or call 818-985-5735 (985-KPFK) and hit option 2 to donate and become a member of listener-sponsored free speech Pacifica community radio in southern California.

Feb 8 - Wed

Feb 9 - Thu

Pan African Film & Arts Festival opening night, 5:30p: Red Carpet Arrivals, 7p Screening. Directors' Guild of America, 7920 Sunset Blvd, LA. Hosted by Danny Glover & Thomas Q. Jones. info@paff.org films on varying nights are at 3 locations, mainly Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza Cinemark 15, plus art exhibit in the mall. For details check <https://www.paff.org/events>

What Is the Value of Art? 7p, ASU California Center in LA. A Zócalo/NeueHouse/KCRW/Lucas Museum of Narrative Art Event, Moderated by Helen Molesworth, Writer and Curator. The headlines that make breaking news in the art world most often concern a piece's financial worth, which nearly always means how much a private collector paid for it. But for most of us, the value of art has very little to do with a dollar amount. Rather, art provides an avenue to a diverse range of critical discussions, evokes a feeling or a memory, helps us process deep emotions, or calls us to action—and the stronger the response, the higher the value. Where do these economic and non-monetary forms of value meet? How can art world movers and shakers—artists, curators, museum professionals, and nonprofits—continue to leverage the money and attention around blue chip artists into support for social change and community building? And what

larger, deeper questions posed by art does our obsession with skyrocketing price tags obscure? contemporary artist and activist Andrea Bowers; artist, cultural organizer, and co-founder of Meztli Projects Joel Garcia; and director and CEO of Lucas Museum of Narrative Art Sandra Jackson-Dumont visit Zócalo to consider the value of art beyond a financial investment. Pro Bono ASL will provide live simultaneous ASL translation of the event. Members of the in-person audience will be invited to a reception with music by KCRW DJ Novena Carmel at NeueHouse at the historic Bradbury Building at 304 S. Broadway, several blocks north of the California Center, from 8:30-10:30 PM. Join in person or live online. Register: <https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/event/what-value-art/>

Feb 10 - Fri

9th Annual Transformative Justice and Abolition Criminology Conference, 8a-5:30p PT, free via zoom. Register: <https://savethekidsgroup.org> For info and to present, email lucascasdietsche81@gmail.com. Presenters include Michael Novick of Change Links, Turning The Tide, KPFK and Anti-Racist Action, who will be speaking at 4:40p Pacific, followed by 10 min. Of Q&A at 5:10p. <https://savethekidsgroup.org/9th-annual-transformative-justice-and-abolition-criminology-conference-via-zoom-february-10-2022/>



Love Letter Los Angeles Potluck - music & art, 6-10p, free, Robinson S.P.A.C.E., 104 Robinson St, LA 90026. Year of the Crow, Protocultura, She's Anna Molly, Xavier Solis, DJ3Heart, and more, plus circus show by La Comadreja Jaja & Sombrecito de Chile.

Book Launch: A Tinderbox in Three Acts by Cynthia Dewi Oka, 8p, In person at Beyond Baroque, 681 N. Venice Blvd, Venice 90291, \$10. In her fourth poetry collection, Cynthia Dewi Oka performs a lyric accounting of the anti-Communist genocide of 1965, which, led by the Indonesian military and with US assistance, erased and devastated millions of lives in Indonesia. Under the New Order dictatorship that ruled by terror for over three decades in the aftermath, perpetrators of the killings were celebrated as national heroes while survivors were systemically silenced. The author will be joined by poets Arthur Kayzakian, Vanessa Angélica Villareal, & Kien Lam for an evening of in-person readings at Beyond Baroque. A reception will be held with food & light refreshments before and after the performances. 310-822-3006

Film screening: THE LIBERATION OF FREMONT HIGH, 9:05p. Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Mall Cinemark as part of PAFF.

Conscious Life Expo, LAX Hilton, Feb 10-13. Discount tickets available online at <https://www.consciouslifeexpo.com>, 800-367-5777. Friday, 1-10p; Sat-Sun, 9a-10p; Mon, 11a-10p.

Feb 11 - Sat

Conscious Life Expo, see Fri Feb 11. Keynote 7:30p Daniel Sheehan on US govt. disclosures re: UFOs and extraterrestrial intelligence.

Jennifer Leitham at The City of West Hollywood's 2023 Winter Sounds, 5p, Free Indoor Concert Series, Jazz, West Hollywood City Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd.,

West Hollywood, CA 90069. Jennifer Leitham is known for playing with music masters Mel Tormé, Peggy Lee, George Shearing, Doc Severinsen, Woody Herman, Benny Carter, Bill Watrous, k.d. lang, and is also a composer, arranger, lyricist. RSVP Requested: <https://wintersounds-2023Feb11.eventbrite.com>. First come, first served.

Feb 12 - Sun

Conscious Life Expo, see Fri Feb 11

Deadline to apply for BIPOC Artist Grants Are you a Black, Indigenous, and/or Person of Color (BIPOC) artist looking for support to advance your artistic practice and goals? Apply now to WESTAF's BIPOC Artist Fund! Designed in partnership with their Leaders of Color Network, the fund provides resources to and for BIPOC artists living and working in the 16 states and jurisdictions in the WESTAF region. The deadline to submit an application is February 12, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. MT Learn more and apply now at <https://westafgrants.gosmart.org/> Up to 10k per artist- 16 artists total One award per state/ jurisdiction: Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Guam, Hawai'i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming <https://westafgrants.gosmart.org/> #BIPOCArtistFund #WESTAF

Feb 13 - Mon

Conscious Life Expo, see Fri Feb 11

Feb 14 - Tue Valentines Day

Feb 15- Wed

Feb 16- Thu

JazzZone JazZabration February Living Legend Awards <https://viewstub.com/JazzZone-JazZabration-February-Living-Legend-Awards-1247302425> Barbara Morrison Performing Arts Center, 4305 S. Degnan Blvd LA 90008. Doors open at 2:30pm, all attendees need to be seated by 2:45pm due to filming. Available ticket options: Virtual and in person. Seats are limited and Honoree guests will be confirmed. Honorees: Cleveland Jones, Norman Carter, Ken Detweiler, Bill Johnston.

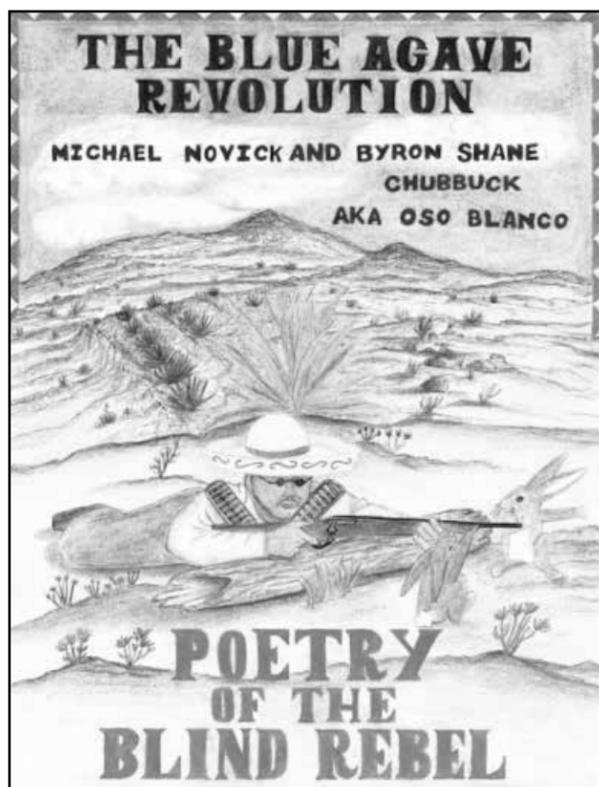
Feb 17 - Fri

Hilton Als & Jennifer Krasinski in conversation, 7:30p. Acclaimed writer and New Yorker contributor Hilton Als returns during the Hammer Museum for the closing week of the exhibition *Joan Didion: What She Means*, which he organized. He is joined by *Prop Tragedies* author Jennifer Krasinski, who has written about art, film, video, and performance for publications such as Artforum, The Paris Review, and The Village Voice. <https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2023/hilton-als-jennifer-krasinski>

Feb 18 - Sat

PAFF Spoken Word Festival, 6:30-9p, Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza Mall Bridge, \$20. <https://www.paff.org/events/spokenwordfest-auditions/>

Book Talk: *The Blue Agave Revolution* - Michael Novick. 7p, Come celebrate Valentine's Day, Michael's 76th birthday, and the 35th anniversary of "*Turning The Tide*" at All Power Books, 4873 W Adams Blvd, LA 90016. Michael will read from and sign copies of "*The Blue Agave Revolution: Poetry of the Blind Rebel*," co-authored with Indigenous political prisoner Oso Blanco (Byron Shane Chubbuck), proceeds to support Oso Blanco's children's projects and the Zapatistas. Also available: *No*



Pasaran! Anti-Fascist Dispatches from a World in Crisis in which Michael has a long chapter, and *We Go Where They Go - The Story of Anti-Racist Action*, for which he was interviewed and provided archival materials on ARA. Time & date tentative. For info: 323-636-7388 or antiracistaction_la@yahoo.com, <https://antiracist.org>

Feb 19 - Sun

KPFK Local Station Board monthly meeting, currently contested between the LSB and the Pacifica National Board as to its composition and authority/yresponsibility. If it occurs, a half hour of public comment is interspersed, meeting via zoom and information posted to kpftx.org Elections for Pacifica National Board committees and volunteers for PNB tas forces will take place. More information at <https://www.kpffk.org>

CLOSING NIGHT, Pan African Film Festival RED CARPET, Cinemark Baldwin Hills Crenshaw and XD, 4020 Marlton Avenue, LA 90008, see feb 9 for more info: info@paff.org films on varying nights are at 3 locations; for

details check <https://www.paff.org>

Feb 20 - Mon Presidents Day holiday, bank, govt. Offices, schools closed

Feb 21 - Tue

Feb 22- Wed

Erwin Chemerinsky discusses upcoming supreme court cases. Hammer Museum. 7:30 pm, free. *Construction Alert*: The Hammer remains open while its lobby is under construction. Visitors may enter the museum via the entrance at Lindbrook Avenue or the adjacent office lobby located at 10889 Wilshire Boulevard. <https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2023/upcoming-supreme-court-cases-erwin-chemerinsky>

Feb 23- Thu

Encore presentation of all-star reading of Toni Morrison's novel, *Song of Solomon*, Feb 23-25, 2023. Free, registration is required. Register Here: <https://events.literacypartners.org/blackhistorymonth/> The event features 15 critically acclaimed and best-selling authors - including Brit Bennett, Edwidge Danticat, Jacqueline Woodson, and Margaret Atwood - each giving voice to Morrison's extraordinary **P. 5-**

interrogation of violence and the search for redemption. This event is part of the "Writers for Readers" digital series that brings people together at the intersection of racial equity, social justice and literacy. We present this public reading in solidarity with Black families everywhere. 4-8p Pacific

Feb 24 - Fri

LA Public Library hosts author Janae Marks, 4:30p. She talks about her latest middle-grade book, *On Air With Zoe Washington*, an empowering and big-hearted sequel to the critically acclaimed *From the Desk of Zoe Washington*. *On Air* follows Zoe and her recently exonerated father as they build on their new relationship and work to open their own restaurant together, but as public interest in their story wanes, will anyone still be listening? Janae Marks is the critically acclaimed author of middle-grade novels, *From the Desk of Zoe Washington*, *A Soft Place to Land*, and *On Air with Zoe Washington*. Her novels have been named Best Book of the Year by *Parents Magazine*, Chicago Public Library, *the Boston Globe*, the Bank Street College of Education, and others. *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* is currently in development with Disney Branded Television to become an original movie executive produced by Kerry Washington. <https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/your-author-series-janae-marks> Streaming live on the los angeles public library's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/losangeleslibrary> Those attending the virtual program will have an opportunity to win a free book.

Toni Morrison's novel, *Song of Solomon* (see Feb 23 - Thu for details), 4-8:30p.Pacific.

Feb 25 - Sat

Juliana Riccardi, 2023 Winter Sounds FREE Indoor Concert Series, 5p, Americana-Soul, Blues-Rock, West Hollywood City Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood. Blending blues-rock, folk and Americana into their energetic and emotional original sets, Juliana & her band is committed to creating music that sounds great. First come, first served. RSVP Requested: <https://wintersounds-2023Feb25.eventbrite.com>.

Toni Morrison's novel, *Song of Solomon* (see Feb 23 - Thu for details) 12n-4:30p Pacific.

Feb 26 - Sun

Feb 27 - Mon

Feb 28 - Tue

Upcoming Events

Mar 11 Labor Notes Los Angeles conference, LA Trade Tech College, 200 W. Washington Blvd., LA 90015, 9a-5p. Workshops will include: - Beating Apathy - Turning an Issue

into a Campaign - What Makes a Democratic Rank-and-File Union - Building a Contract Campaign - Strikes! - New Organizing - Race and Labor <https://www.labornotes.org/events/2022/los-angeles-troublemakers-school>

Mar 11 Book Talk: Michael Novick, *The Blue Agave Revolution and No Pasaran!* 6p, Village Well Books, 9900 Culver Blvd, Culver City 90232. 424-298-8951

On-Going & Continuing Events

3rd Sunday, SoCal350 monthly meeting, 3-5 p, Physical meeting canceled, virtual "meeting" scheduled. <http://bit.ly/SoCal350Updates>; facebook.com/SoCal350 Climate Action.

Mondays, Support Honduran Refugees, 6-8p, Central American Resource Center (CARECEN-LA), 2845 W 7th St, LA. Offices are closed, call 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 via zoom 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. <https://lapd.zoom.us/j/289225944>

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 (virtual, not at Art Share-LA, 801 E 4th PI, LA 90013). <https://artsharela.org> (213) 687-4278. <https://zoom.us/j/9103444651> Pwd: artshare

Wednesdays, 4-6p, Fund Services Not Police, #EndPoliceAssociations BLM-LA and allies vigil/protest outside LA Police Protective League (who protest killer cops from accountability), 1313 W. 8th St in downtown LA, across from the ACLU-SoCal headquarters. Hear from families who have lost loved ones to racist state terror.

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,



police and 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91554120123>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91554120123>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91554120123>

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

<https://msmu.zoom.us/j/91554120123>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91554120123>

SATURDAY DIALOGUE ORIENTATION: 2nd & 4th Weds, 6-7p via: Zoom, register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91554120123>

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

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/200763851083819/>

Fridays, Interfaith Communities United for Justice & Peace forum, 7:30-9:30a, 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, Montrose Peace Vigil, 5:30-7p, Ocean View Blvd. and Honolulu Av, Montrose.

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

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

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

FREE ASSANGE!

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battle is this" as he motioned around the crowded room. "It's the solidarity," he continued, expressing his appreciation for those who came out to defend him in his struggle. "I cannot tell you how completely uplifting that was. Part of the challenge when truth-tellers speak truth to these entrenched pools of power is how to turn the attacks into opportunities."

Donziger brought and won a lawsuit against oil company Chevron/Texaco on behalf of indigenous people in Ecuador for destruction of their lands through oil extraction in the Lago Agrio oil field. Chevron retaliated after a \$9.5 billion award was levied against them, filing an outrageous RICO suit against Donziger, who was placed under house arrest for a total of 993 days (in addition to 45 days in prison) until he was finally freed in April of 2022.

Solidarity was also extended to Daniel Hale, a whistleblower who exposed the deadly U.S. targeted killing and drone program. Attorney Jesselyn Radack spoke on his case and its connection to Assange's. Hale is being held in a Communications Management Unit (CMU) at the U.S. Penitentiary in Marion, Illinois, A.K.A. "Gitmo North," where his connection to the outside world is monitored and severely limited.

"I have been shut out of my own clients' unclassified hearings. The parts of the hearings that are public often include code words and substitutions that make the proceedings very difficult for the public to understand. In one case, the government attempted to prevent defense

PEACE TABLE FOR UKRAINE

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invasion of Ukraine, the U.S. has actually beefed up its European military presence. It has increased the total deployments of American troops in Europe from 80,000 before February 2022 to roughly 100,000. It has sent warships to Spain, fighter jet squadrons to the United Kingdom, troops to Romania and the Baltics, and air defense systems to Germany and Italy.

Even before the Russian invasion, the U.S. began expanding its presence at a missile base in Romania that Russia has objected to ever since it went into operation in 2016. The U.S. military has also built what The New York Times called "a highly sensitive U.S. military installation" in Poland, just 100 miles from Russian territory. The bases in Poland and Romania have sophisticated radars to track hostile missiles and interceptor missiles to shoot them down.

The Russians worry that these installations can be repurposed to fire offensive or even nuclear missiles, and they are exactly what the 1972 ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missile) Treaty between the U.S. and the Soviet Union prohibited, until President Bush withdrew from it in 2002.

While the Pentagon describes the two sites as defensive and pretends they are not directed at Russia, Putin has insisted that the bases are evidence of the threat posed by NATO's eastward expansion.

Here are some steps the U.S. could consider putting on the table to start de-escalating these ever-rising tensions and improve the chances for a lasting ceasefire and peace agreement in Ukraine:

- The United States and other Western countries could support Ukrainian neutrality by agreeing to participate in the kind of security guarantees Ukraine and Russia agreed to in March, but which the U.S. and U.K. rejected.

- The U.S. and its NATO allies could let the Russians know at an early stage in negotiations that they are prepared to lift sanctions against Russia as part of a comprehensive peace agreement.

- The U.S. could agree to a significant reduction in the 100,000 troops it now has in Europe, and to removing its missiles from Romania and Poland and handing over those bases to their respective nations.

- The United States could commit to working with Russia on an agreement

attorneys from using the word whistleblower, or the word newspaper." Radack's account suggests that should Assange be extradited to the United States, he will not be able to receive a fair and impartial trial.

The prosecution of Assange is an example of naked political aggression and intimidation. It's not only aimed at Assange himself and WikiLeaks, but puts whistleblowers, journalists and activists squarely within the crosshairs.

Former UK Labor Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said, "What's Julian charged with? Telling the truth. Telling the truth all over the world about what governments do and what governments want to hide...I, as an elected politician, am very well aware that elected politicians don't like being questioned on the decisions that they make. But it's fundamental to a democratic society that they are constantly under surveillance and under question. [While] they are very keen on putting everybody else under surveillance, their decisions should be under surveillance at the same time."

In addition to calling for the Biden administration to end his prosecution, Corbyn also called on journalists and media outlets to continue to stand up. In November 2022, an open letter from The New York Times, El Pais, Le Monde, The Guardian and Der Spiegel published an open letter with the same demand: "This indictment sets a dangerous precedent, and threatens to undermine America's First Amendment and the freedom of the press. Holding governments accountable is part of the core mission of a free press in a democracy."

to resume mutual reductions in their nuclear arsenals, and to suspend both nations' current plans to build even more dangerous weapons. They could also restore the Treaty on Open Skies, from which the United States withdrew in 2020, so that both sides can verify that the other is removing and dismantling the weapons they agree to eliminate.

- The United States could open a discussion on the removal of its nuclear weapons from the five European countries where they are presently deployed: Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Turkey.

If the United States is willing to put these policy changes on the table in negotiations with Russia, it will make it easier for Russia and Ukraine to reach a mutually acceptable ceasefire agreement, and help to ensure that the peace they negotiate will be stable and lasting.

De-escalating the Cold War with Russia would give Russia a tangible gain to show its citizens as it retreats from Ukraine. It would also allow the United States to reduce its military spending and enable European countries to take charge of their own security, as most of their people want.

U.S.-Russia negotiations will not be easy, but a genuine commitment to resolve differences will create a new context in which each step can be taken with greater confidence as the peacemaking process builds its own momentum.

Most of the people of the world would breathe a sigh of relief to see progress towards ending the war in Ukraine, and to see the United States and Russia working together to reduce the existential dangers of their militarism and hostility. This should lead to improved international cooperation on other serious crises facing the world in this century—and may even start to turn back the hands of the Doomsday Clock by making the world a safer place for us all.

Medea Benjamin and Nicolas J. S. Davies are the authors of War in Ukraine: Making Sense of a Senseless Conflict, available from OR Books in November 2022. Medea Benjamin is the cofounder of CODEPINK for Peace, and the author of several books, including Inside Iran: The Real History and Politics of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Nicolas J. S. Davies is an independent journalist, a researcher with CODEPINK and the author of Blood on Our Hands: The American Invasion and Destruction of Iraq.

MEMOIR FROM A LONG TIME VOLUNTEER AT PACIFICA FOUNDATION-KPFK 90.7 FM

WHAT THE HECK IS HAPPENING at PACIFICA RADIO TODAY ?

by Bella De Soto

Pacifica Radio is possibly the last Non-Commercial Broadcasting Radio Bastion on the FM dial! I first joined Pacifica-KPFK 90.7 FM Radio Station in 1995, when I sent my \$25.00 annual membership subscription check.

Since then, I have been involved as a volunteer with KPFK through different committees of the LSB-Local Station Board. But these LSB Committees were not yet formed until the passage of a new set of Bylaws by the Foundation in early 2003.

Before then, the local body was classified as the "LAB" Local Advisory Board without real democratic process or power.

By 1997, much opposition to such internal undemocratic structure at Pacifica Radio, began promulgating demonstrations across the Pacifica Foundation Radio Network (KPFK-LA, KPFA-Berkeley, KPFT-Houston, WBAI-NYC and WPFW-D.C.), with much emphasis at the Berkeley, CA Radio Station KPFA area, because Pacifica needed a new set of Bylaws moving forward, mandated by 1999 through a Lawsuit. While living in New York City for 22 years plus, I would tune to WBAI, and found very refreshing that current political matters were being exposed and dissected on air, with such political and other icons making history... By 2001 this Foundation was compelled to begin the process of drafting a new set of Bylaws in earnest across the network though early 2003, when such Bylaws was to be adopted, or ratified by at least 3 of the 5 network stations.

However sadly, the Bylaws language adopted was not inclusive enough or with language, which some of us languished over 2 years, to make sure that the LSB-Local Station Boards had enough power muscle at par with the national level, then to be classified as the PNB-Pacifica National Board.

I must skip much background as to how and why KPFK 90.7 FM has met such current juncture of financial dismay for lack of time and space herein, needless to mention that an effort to bring down this Radio Non-Commercial Foundation to its knees, through local fiscal mismanagement, to sum up this area, which I realize does not do justice to such a financial state! But the highlights would be sundry!

The same forces, pushing other Lawsuits against Pacifica Foundation, Inc in recent years for predatory reasons, eventually took over majority of the PNB-Pacifica National Board.

Since then, this current PNB, with questionable elected members as Directors over 2 years ago, has been passing sweeping top-down Resolutions to the Pacifica network, which are in contradiction with the Foundation's own Bylaws and spirit of its unique and global Mission Statement.

Pacifica Mission and Bylaws can be accessed here: https://www.pacifica.org/about_mission.php https://www.pacifica.org/indexed_bylaws/index.html

As for myself, I was elected for this



KPFK LSB in 2019, and was re-elected to a 2nd term Dec., 2021. Each elected candidate can run a two term, each 3 years for a total of 6 years. And PNB Directors, are elected by each station's LSB; one Staff Director and three Listener Directors to the PNB to represent its station's membership constituency interests.

At KPFK in LA, there has been a recent uprising of LSB members, who see this PNB violating the foundation's Bylaws that each Candidate was elected to uphold once seated at its LSB system. Consequently, this Network is now facing a monumental challenge from within... Some violations:

- Several such PNB Directors and network supporters, have expired their term of service, some before 12-31-22. Other violations, such as cancelling last year's 2022 LSB Elections for the network, and further extending their already expired term one more year, or indefinitely! The excuse that the Foundation did not have the necessary \$100K funds available to conduct the 2022 Elections seems questionable at best, and why are large sums of funds from KPFA's Bank Account recently becoming available in time to pay off certain frivolous Lawsuits upwards of \$305K against Pacifica Foundation, Inc!

- As well, others have reported other large sums have been used from the same station's Bank Account to cover other past Lawsuits against Pacifica Foundation, Inc.

- Resolution to sale the historic KPFK 90.7 FM building without any oversight long term plan, or even current Financial Reporting.

- Punishment for being outspoken, to communicate much secrecy and lack of transparent accountability, especially in the financial area, since I am a FC Bookkeeper, who understands the need for timely monthly financial reporting should not be punished. But this, PNB ruled majority has gone out of its way to politically persecute LSB members like myself and others across the network through intimidating tactics, illegal suspensions and removal from the LSB-Local Station Boards we were elected to by its membership in their trust and good will.

- On Dec 15, 2022, this PNB voted to suspend myself Bella De Soto from the KPFK LSB without proper due process, and on Jan. 27, 2023, voted to remove me.

- As well, the KPFK LSB Chair, was also recently suspended, with a so-called pending trial date...

- Whereas, this PNB has cancelled all KPFK LSB Committee Meetings at the general Pacifica Network posting site

for all Committee meetings at: www.kpftx.org, including its historic archived records!

- And this PNB has refused to acknowledge newly elected KPFK LSB officers and PNB Directors at the national level.

Sadly, the Network membership has no clue of what has been going on internally at this important Radio Foundation.

Here is my response to these PNB intimidating tactics, which I never submitted:

Your declaration of charges against me are compounded with repetitious conjectural nuances. Beyond physical and factual harm, that I may have caused to this Foundation is of course unfounded!

As the record shows that since 1995, when I sent in my 1st membership check to KPFK, and soon became involved with the then Bylaws Subcommittee to help draft a new set of Bylaws for this Foundation, I have remained faithful and continue working tirelessly for the expansion of my local Pacifica Radio Station KPFK 90.7 FM signal area. In this breath, I have invested much of my meager capital, both as volunteer and financially to help increase its listener/membership.

I have been considered a most dedicated element for the betterment of Pacifica's survival for future generations.

Your charges are also politically motivated, as I have been a voice to defend the rights of our members, who pay the salaries of those staff across the network.

I also recall when a pronounced Lawsuit producer against Pacifica, Mrs. Jan Goodman was censured by the PNB some time ago, and others who have been unique accomplices in the ongoing efforts to destroy this Foundation... Members of the New Day syndrome, promoters and backers of sundry Lawsuits against Pacifica Foundation, Inc., while breaking Pacifica's bank, to feed New Day's insatiable pursuits.

Now, as far as I can see your charges against me for performing a whistle Blower function of factual and public information, are baseless.

Here is the relevant law that you have violated:

California Corporations Code > Corp. Code §7341. Expulsion, Suspension, or Termination; Procedures

(a) No member may be expelled or suspended, and no membership or memberships may be terminated or suspended, except according to

procedures satisfying the requirements of this section. An expulsion, termination or suspension not in accord with this section shall be void and without effect.

(b) Any expulsion, suspension, or termination must be done in good faith and in a fair and reasonable manner. Any procedure which conforms to the requirements of subdivision (c) is fair and reasonable, but a court may also find other procedures to be fair and reasonable when the full circumstances of the suspension, termination, or expulsion are considered.

(c) A procedure is fair and reasonable when:

(1) The provisions of the procedure have been set forth in the articles or bylaws, or copies of such provisions are sent annually to all the members as required by the articles or bylaws;

(2) It provides the giving of 15 days' prior notice of the expulsion, suspension or termination and the reasons therefor; and

(3) It provides an opportunity for the member to be heard, orally or in writing, not less than five days before the effective date of the expulsion, suspension or termination by a person or body authorized to decide that the proposed expulsion, termination or suspension not take place.

(d) Any notice required under this section may be given by any method reasonably calculated to provide actual notice. Any notice given by mail must be given by first-class or registered mail sent to the last address of the members shown on the corporation's records.

(e) Any action challenging an expulsion, suspension or termination of membership, including any claim alleging defective notice, must be commenced within one year after the date of the expulsion, suspension or termination. In the event such an action is successful the court may order any relief, including reinstatement, it finds equitable under the circumstances, but no vote of the members or of the board may be set aside solely because a person was at the time of the vote wrongfully excluded by virtue of the challenged expulsion, suspension or termination, unless the court finds further that the wrongful expulsion, suspension or termination was in bad faith and for the purpose, and with the effect, of wrongfully excluding the member from the vote or from the meeting at which the vote took place, so as to affect the outcome of the vote.

(f) This section governs only the procedures for expulsion, suspension or termination and not the substantive grounds therefor. An expulsion, suspension or termination based upon substantive grounds which violate contractual or other rights of the member or are otherwise unlawful is not made valid by compliance with this section.

(g) A member who is expelled or suspended or whose membership is terminated shall be liable for any charges incurred, services or benefits actually rendered, dues, assessments or fees incurred before the expulsion, suspension or termination or arising from contract or otherwise. [1996]

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Bella De Soto of KPFK can be reached at bella@bellads.info, or 310-345-7022

The KPFK LSB can be reached at: lsb@kpfk.org and the PNB at: pnb@pacifica.org

What Can the US Bring to the Peace Table for Ukraine?

by Medea Benjamin and Nicolas J. S. Davies



The 2023 Doomsday Clock statement - Image credit: the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists has just issued its 2023 Doomsday Clock [statement](#), calling this “a time of unprecedented danger.” It has advanced the hands of the clock to 90 seconds to midnight, meaning that the world is closer to global catastrophe than ever before, mainly because the conflict in Ukraine has gravely increased the risk of nuclear war. This scientific assessment should wake up the world’s leaders to the urgent necessity of bringing the parties involved in the Ukraine war to the peace table.

So far, the debate about peace talks to resolve the conflict has revolved mostly around what Ukraine and Russia should be prepared to bring to the table in order to end the war and restore peace. However, given that this war is not just between Russia and Ukraine but is part of a “New Cold War” between Russia and the United States, it is not just Russia and Ukraine that must consider what they can bring to the table to end it. The United States must also consider what steps it can take to resolve its underlying conflict with Russia that led to this war in the first place.

The geopolitical crisis that set the stage for the war in Ukraine began with NATO’s broken promises not to expand into Eastern Europe, and was exacerbated by its declaration in 2008 that Ukraine would eventually join this primarily anti-Russian military alliance.

Then, in 2014, a U.S.-backed coup against Ukraine’s elected government caused the disintegration of Ukraine. Only 51% of Ukrainians surveyed told a Gallup poll that they recognized the legitimacy of the post-coup government, and large majorities in Crimea and in Donetsk and Luhansk provinces voted to secede from Ukraine. Crimea rejoined Russia, and the new Ukrainian government launched a civil war against the self-declared “People’s Republics” of Donetsk and Luhansk.

The civil war killed an estimated 14,000 people, but the Minsk II accord in 2015 established a ceasefire and a buffer zone along the line of control, with 1,300 international OSCE ceasefire monitors and staff. The ceasefire line largely held for seven years, and casualties declined substantially from year to year. But the Ukrainian government never resolved the underlying political crisis by granting Donetsk and Luhansk the autonomous status it promised them in the Minsk II agreement.

Now former German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande have admitted that Western leaders only agreed to the Minsk II accord to buy time, so that they could build up Ukraine’s armed forces to eventually recover Donetsk and Luhansk by force.

In March 2022, the month after the Russian invasion, ceasefire negotiations were held in Turkey. Russia and Ukraine drew up a 15-point “neutrality agreement,” which President Zelenskyy publicly presented and explained to his people in a national TV broadcast on March 27th. Russia agreed to withdraw from the territories it had occupied since the invasion in February in exchange for a Ukrainian commitment not to join NATO or host foreign military bases. That framework also included proposals for resolving the future of Crimea and Donbas.

But in April, Ukraine’s Western allies, the United States and United Kingdom in particular, refused to support the neutrality agreement and persuaded Ukraine to abandon its negotiations with Russia. U.S. and British officials said at the time that they saw a chance to “press” and “weaken” Russia, and that they wanted to make the most of that opportunity.

The U.S. and British governments’ unfortunate decision to torpedo Ukraine’s neutrality agreement in the second month of the war has led to a prolonged and devastating conflict with hundreds of thousands of casualties. Neither side can decisively defeat the other, and every new escalation increases the danger of “a major war between NATO and Russia,” as NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg recently warned.

U.S. and NATO leaders now claim to support a return to the negotiating table they upended in April, with the same goal of achieving a Russian withdrawal from territory it has occupied since February. They implicitly recognize that nine more months of unnecessary and bloody war have failed to greatly improve Ukraine’s negotiating position.

Instead of just sending more weapons to fuel a war that cannot be won on the battlefield, Western leaders have a grave responsibility to help restart negotiations and ensure that they succeed this time. Another diplomatic fiasco like the one they engineered in April would be a catastrophe for Ukraine and the world.

So what can the United States bring to the table to help move towards peace in Ukraine and to de-escalate its disastrous Cold War with Russia?

Like the Cuban Missile Crisis during the original Cold War, this crisis could serve as a catalyst for serious diplomacy to resolve the breakdown in U.S.-Russian relations. Instead of risking nuclear annihilation in a bid to “weaken” Russia, the United States could instead use this crisis to open up a new era of nuclear arms control, disarmament treaties and diplomatic engagement.

For years, President Putin has complained about the large U.S. military footprint in Eastern and Central Europe. But in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine

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