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A TWO-TIERED JUSTICE SYSTEM?

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As soon as the latest charges against former U.S. President Donald Trump were announced, Trumpist acolytes began making claims about a two-tiered justice system ostensibly against Republicans.

Such a claim can only be made by those who are blind, deaf, or dumb. They seemingly are blind to the many Black and Browns, who have peopled the phenomenon known as mass incarceration for at least a half a century, under the auspices of the war on drugs.

They are deaf to the cries of the millions of families who have suffered the human costs of mass incarceration. And they are dumb to the many who suffered from solitary confinement that left them mentally ill from what the United Nations Special Rapporteur on international human rights and torture, Juan Mendez, call torture.

If these quasi-fascists had talked about a three-tiered justice system, that would be one thing. That's because they ignored the immense suffering of generations. For indeed, they knew a two-tiered system already existed, but they chose to ignore it.

They cry alligator tears for the wealthy or the class they serve. They could care less about the poor, and those Frantz Fanon called The Wretched of the Earth.

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Corruption Rules the LA Civic Scene

by NOlympicsLA Coalition

To coincide with today's arraignment of LA Councilmember Curren Price (postponed until October) and the sentencing hearing of former County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (3.5 years in prison to begin one week after his birthday), NOlympics LA is releasing our Olympic Corruption Dashboard — a dynamic tool for tracking the extensive cases of corruption and conflicts of interest tied to LA 2028 and other Olympic Games. See it here: <https://nolympicsla.com/olympic-corruption-dashboard/>

This dashboard was inspired primarily by the fact that of the 12 city council members who voted in 2017 to bring the 2028 Olympics to LA, three have been indicted for corruption tied to real estate deals in the last four years. That's Jose Huizar, Mitch Englander, and Curren Price. And then there's Mark Ridley-Thomas, who advocated for bringing the Olympics to LA in his former role as County Supervisor before being indicted for corruption while he was a city council member.

We know we're probably missing a lot, and we'd love your help identifying any additions, updates, or corrections. Please help us get the word out, share this content widely!

The dashboard's Who Gave Us the Games? ring shows us that of the 12 council members who voted on our LA 2028 Host City Contract, only three have avoided indictment, rejection at the ballot box, and/or getting caught on tape being extremely racist. The vote on the Host City Contract was always a rushed, undemocratic, and illegitimate rubber stamp. What we have since learned about all the people who

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Millions of Human Workers in Digital Sweatshops Power Artificial Intelligence

by Michael Novick, Anti-Racist Action-LA

The current strikes by screen-writers and actors in the WGA and SAG-AFTRA have focused attention on the use of AI-- "Artificial Intelligence" using large language models by big corporations -- to try to automate creative jobs and other work, through the use of computers that can simulate voices, generate designs, and produce meaningful literary and analytical texts. Fears of such automation have generated widespread support for the striking Hollywood workers. But there's another aspect to the whole process that has gone un-noticed.

Occasionally, however, the truth leaks out even in corporate media. In the *Washington Post*, Rebecca Tan and Regine Cabato recently reported the dirty little secret behind AI

-- it depends on exploiting tens or hundreds of thousands of underpaid foreign workers.

"In a coastal city in the southern Philippines, thousands of young workers log online every day to support the booming business of artificial intelligence," they report.

"In dingy internet cafes, jam-packed office spaces or at home, they annotate the masses of data that [US] companies need to train their artificial intelligence models. ... More than 2 million people in the Philippines perform this type of 'crowdwork,' ... as part of AI's vast underbelly. While AI is often thought of as human-free machine learning, the technology actually relies on the labor-intensive efforts of a workforce spread across much of the Global South and often subject to exploitation. ... Low-quality data yields low-quality AI. So click by click, a largely unregulated army of humans is transforming the raw data into AI feedstock."

In the Philippines, they report, at least 10,000 of these workers do this labor on a platform called Remotasks, which is owned by the \$7 billion San Francisco start-up Scale AI.

Remotasks describes itself this way on its website: "What's Remotasks? Remotasks is an online tasking platform focusing on building technologies related to AI (artificial intelligence), neural networks, and machine learning. We work with different companies to help them form tomorrow's smarter gadgets - from self-driving cars to more intelligent AI systems. With our Remotaskers, we help deliver various output[s] to clients that can help them develop their AI projects - this time with our invaluable human input."

"However, unlike other online tasking platforms, Remotasks won't force you to do the same tasks over and over again. Thanks to our continuous stream of orders, our Remotaskers can engage in a wide variety of Tasks - from simple orders to more challenging projects."

Remotasks may admit that human input is "invaluable", but they are essential arbitrageurs

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Sept. 2023 Community Calendar

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Mon Sep 4 - Labor Day Rally: Banning Park

Sat Sep 9 - KPFK Candidates Forum

Sep 15. 16 - Central American, Mexican Independence Days

Sun Sep 24 - Day of Atonement

Sep 30 - KPFK LSB voting ends



By overturning Roe v. Wade the Republican Supreme Court says "F--- You" to women controlling their own bodies and reproductive rights
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Change-Links Monthly Poetry Corner

80's Sur Gaye, California

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I am from hot concrete and graffiti walls.
A place where the taquerias, liquor stores and botanicas
abound along with melanin and generational trauma.
I am from The City of Azaleas.
A place where electrical transmission towers line the way
down Southern Ave to the LA River made of concrete.
Not a lot of nature for a place that adopted a flower as their symbol.
Did you know that Azaleas are poisonous?
Just like family secrets.
I am from a place that starts to vibrate early on Saturday
mornings with different types of music that echo loudly out of
homes, cars, and tienditas all weekend.
Play that music loud, it helps curate the illusion of
happiness that will power us through the weekend and late-
night festivities.

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<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFcJmWotYA/9WIIvz-XdADvA6jd2LWUzQ/view>
Palabra de South Gate & Huntington Park Fall '22/Winter '23
<https://www.lapoetsociety.org/>



Guatemalans Voted to End 69 years of corrupt rule - Will the US Accept it?

by Grahame Russell, © 2023 Truthout. [Excerpt]

<https://truthout.org/articles/guatemalans-voted-to-end-69-years-of-corrupt-rule-will-us-canada-accept-it/>

On August 20, 2023, the Semilla Party's Bernardo Arévalo and Karin Herrera were elected president and vice president of Guatemala. This election will bring a formal end to 69 years of anti-democratic, military-backed, corrupt, "open-for-global-business" governments [since a 1954-US-backed coup--Ed.], when the transition of power takes place on January 14, 2024. "The Supreme Electoral Tribunal has recognized the results and what the people have shouted is, 'No more corruption,'" President-elect Arévalo said in an August 20 press conference.

But Arévalo's election won't bring an end to the interests of an alliance of corrupt judges, prosecutors, politicians, and economic and military elites known as the "Covenant of the Corrupt," who have run the country for decades.

These elites, who now have to vacate the executive branch of government for at least four years, retain considerable control over most branches of the state and most institutions of the government. They dominate all sectors of Guatemala's exploitative economy.

As millions of long dispossessed, impoverished Guatemalans, a majority being Indigenous Mayan peoples, celebrate the Semilla Party's victory, seemingly impossible-to-overcome challenges still remain within its borders — challenges the incoming government will have to address and work to remedy.

But before it can get to work remedying the country's systemic inequalities, the party will have to overcome ongoing "lawfare" attacks against its members, who face potential arrest on trumped-up charges. By legally attacking the Semilla Party, the Covenant of the Corrupt, which controls the attorney general's office, hopes to render the Semilla Party itself illegal, leaving Arévalo and Herrera as an independent president and vice president. Such attacks are also targeting the role of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal in officializing the final vote count.

Guatemala faces just as many challenges from outside its borders, namely the policies and actions of the United States-led "international community," including Canada, the European Union, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and countless transnational companies operating in partnership with Covenant of Corrupt elites in the sectors of for-export food production, mining, tourism, hydroelectric dams and *maquiladora* sweatshop garment production.

What would Guatemala be like today as a government and people if the U.S. had not planned and orchestrated a military coup in 1954?

The June 27, 1954, "bitter fruit" coup violently ended Guatemala's only period of actual democracy, from 1944-1954, crushing 10 years of social, economic, land and human rights reforms that the governments of President Juan Jose Arévalo (father of President-elect Bernardo Arévalo) and President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman were working to implement.

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September 2023 Raza Heritage Month

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SEPTEMBER 2023 CHANGE LINKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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. There is apparently a new increase in cases and a new mutation this summer. 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.

Other Calendars:

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

Also, please check recurring events below the regular monthly Calendar.

Fri Sep 1

KPFK 90.7 FM on air membership & funding drive, final day Call 818-985-5735 press option 2 to pledge or go to <https://kpfk.org> and click on "donate" – become a sustaining member with a monthly subscription to listener sponsored non-commercial educational Pacifica community radio for all of Southern California.

Beach Movie Night: The Lion King, Friday nights all month, 8p, different movie each week. <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/beachmovienights/> Dockweiler Youth Center, 12505 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, 90293. Parking \$3 after 6p. Info: 310-726-4128.



The Monroe Doctrine at 200 and What to Replace it With, 8-9a, Fridays Sep 01-22. Via Zoom. Book Club with author David Swanson, World Beyond War. Zoom details upon registration. The Monroe Doctrine was and is a justification for actions, some good, some indifferent, but the overwhelming bulk reprehensible. The Monroe Doctrine remains in place, both explicitly and dressed up in novel language. Additional doctrines have been built on its foundations. This book looks at the creation, evolution, and use of the Monroe Doctrine over the years since 1823, and proposes a radically different approach for the U.S. government to take with Latin America and the world. \$75 for all four sessions plus the book. worldbeyondwar.org/book-club-with-david-swanson-and-the-monroe-doctrine-at-200-and-what-to-replace-it-with/

Sat Sep 2

Marina Movie Nights: Thor - Love and Thunder, Saturday nights all month, 8p, different movie each week. <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/> Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey 90292. Info: marinadelrey.lacounty.gov 424-526-7777, <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/>

Sun Sep 3

Paula Solomon Presente (Aug 13, 1946 - Mar 8, 2023), Celebration of Life Memorial, 2p. Send photos & stories to paulamemorial850@gmail.com. First Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8th Street, LA.

Mon Sep 4 Labor Day

LA Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition 44th Annual Labor Day march, rally and picnic <https://lalaborcoalition.com/> Assemble at 8 AM, March begins at 10 AM Broad & E Streets in Wilmington, rally and picnic 12 noon in Banning Park, Broad & PCH.562-481-7275. If you are interested in reserving a booth for the rally, please contact **Heidi Barragan (562) 552-4850**

Tue Sep 5

Nicaragua: Truth Versus Lies (via Zoom), 10a PST (6p BST). The election victory of the Sandinista government in November 2006 brought to an end 16 years of neoliberal governments. Since that time, Nicaraguan society has been radically transformed and Nicaraguans now enjoy a society where the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable are prioritized, with 58% of the budget spent on health and education. Universal free health care and education are now provided throughout the country, poverty and extreme poverty have been more than halved and there have been huge strides in the field of gender parity. Yet against this background Nicaragua is constantly demonized by mainstream media. During this event, speakers will describe what life is really like in Nicaragua today as opposed to the media hype – and we hope they may inspire you to visit for yourself!

Speakers: John Perry has lived in Masaya, Nicaragua for 20 years and writes about Central America for The Nation, London Review of Books, Monthly Review, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, and others. Abigail Espinoza Muñoz is from Masaya, Nicaragua and is an active member of the Sandinista party (FSLN) and a former councilor in Masaya. Roger McKenzie, International Editor, Morning Star. Roger visited Nicaragua in July to take part in the celebrations for the 44th Anniversary of the Revolution. During his visit he took part in a number of meetings and visits around the country. Chair: Tony Burke. Tony is a member of the NSCAG Executive Committee and also a member of the London Print Branch of Unite. Event organized by the Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign Action Group. Let us know if you wish to be linked in to the event remotely by emailing Louise.nscag@nicaraguasc.org.uk - she will then send you the zoom link for the event. Attendance is free but donations, which will go towards the work of the NSCAG, are also welcome.

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Thu Sep 7

Webinar: The Media, CSIS and Modern Sinophobia, 4p (Zoom). For over ten years, CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service) and other public security agencies have been targeting Chinese Canadians politicians and researchers as a fifth column for the People's Republic of China. Some Canadian journalists rely heavily on CSIS in what amounts to a form of modern Sinophobia. This discussion, featuring Andrew Mitrovica, Midori Ogasawara and Georgia Kelly, will explore the ethics of responsible, anti-racist reporting in an era of misinformation. [zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tmRgVyiPStylQ8ceYM3a1Q#/registration](https://zoom.us/join?register=WN_tmRgVyiPStylQ8ceYM3a1Q#/registration)

Fri Sep 8

The Growing Trend of Right-Wing Charter Schools (webinar). Secular AZ. Carol Burris. secularaz.org/single-event/right-wing-charter-schools/

Beach movie night: Free Willy, Friday nights all month, 8 pm, different movie each week. <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/beachmovienights/> Dockweiler Youth Center, 12505 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, 90293. Parking \$3 after 6p. Info: 310-726-4128.

Sat Sep 9

KPFK Delegate Election candidates' forum, 4-7p, via zoom. All KPFK LSB 2023 election candidates are welcome. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86915626618?pwd=ZmlYV1B2TVJ0THF4d1h0MXZSZHpSQ09> Meeting ID: 869 1562 6618 Passcode: 290456 One tap mobile: +1669444917 1,,86915626618#,,,,*290456# US

Marina Movie Night: Love and Basketball, Saturday nights all month, 8p, different movie each week. <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/> Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey 90292. Info: marina.del.rey.lacounty.gov 424-526-7777, <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/>

Sun Sep 10

KPFK Local Station Board meeting, 10a via zoom. Details at <https://kpfknot4sale.org> There are two different KPFK LSB's currently, one recognized by the Pacifica National Board, the other challenging the PNB over the extension of terms past the six-year limit in Pacifica's bylaws of both LSB members at the five stations, and some of the members of the PNB itself. The issue was the subject of litigation, and may or may not be resolved by the current elections to fill the extended seats for the remaining two years of the current term.

East LA Mexican Independence Day Parade & Festival presented By Comite Mexicano Civico Patriotico The parade starts at 10:00 am sharp. The 1 1/2-mile East LA Parade route begins at the corner of Cesar Chavez

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Ave. and Mednik Ave. The parade travels north on Cesar Chavez, it goes in front of ABC Chanel 7 and Univision Television Network Live Recording then turns east onto Gage Ave. The parade participants turn south onto 1st returning to the Grand Festival on Mednik and 1st. Register and more info: <http://www.cmcpllosangeles.org/parade-day-guide/> Will be broadcast by KABC-TV at 10am. <http://www.cmcpllosangeles.org/parade-day-guide/>

Mon Sep 11 - 50th Anniversary of US-fomented coup in Chile in 1973. Also, in 1906, Mahatma Gandhi launched his first Satyagraha in South Africa.

Tue Sep 12

Celebrate Leonard Peltier's 79th Birthday! Live event in St. Petersburg FL, via zoom 3-6p PDT, details TBA. For more information, contact Paulette Dauteuil <jerichodc1492@gmail.com>. Speakers include Leonard's attorney, Tampa 5, APSP, Sheridan Murphy of Central FL AIM.

Wed Sep 13

Thu Sep 14

Do We Need More Food Fights? |Zocalo Public Square • Arizona State University • Smithsonian. 7p. This program is co-presented with LA Cocina de Gloria Molina and California Humanities. We know cooking best as an act of nourishment, love, and tradition—but it can also cut as sharply as the knives that chop an onion. In Sinaloa, Mexico, a group of relatives of desaparecidos (the tens of thousands of people who have disappeared from the country), have banded together to fight back against government indifference and complicity. Dubbed *Las Rastreadoras del Fuerte*, the members' main method of resistance is to search for the bodies of those they love. But they have also brought their battle to the kitchen, where they cook missing family members' favorite dishes, preserving their memories and reminding the world of the void their absences create. What makes feeding people an act of protest? How do the families of the disappeared continue to find communion, hope, and joy at the table? And where else can cooking be a potent weapon in the face of a fight that feels never-ending? Register and info: <https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/event/do-we-need-more-food-fights/>

An exhibition based on *Recetario para la memoria*, a cookbook that collects recipes and remembrances from these families in collaboration with photographer and creator Zahara Gómez Lucini, is currently on view at LA Cocina de Gloria Molina, a first-of-its-kind museum dedicated to Mexican gastronomy. Zócalo and LA Cocina host Gómez Lucini and culinary historian and Hungry for History podcast co-host Maite Gomez-Rejón to cook pozole in the museum's demonstration kitchen and discuss what happens when the kitchen becomes a battleground. Afterward, Pez Cantina will cater a reception using the cookbook's recipes for pozole, mole, and flan. Zócalo and LA Cocina will send online participants the recipe in advance so

they can prepare pozole at home. Pozole is a hominy stew with Aztec origins, evoking the mythical creation of humanity from corn. This program is part of Zócalo Public Square's 20th birthday celebration. We're marking two decades of connecting people to ideas and to each other with special experiential programs throughout the year.

Fri Sep 15 Central American Independence Day

Beach movie nights: Coco, Friday nights all month, 8 pm, different movie each week. <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/beachmovienights/> Dockweiler Youth Center, 12505 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, 90293. Parking \$3 after 6p. Info: 310-726-4128.

Jewish New Year begins at sundown (continues Saturday & Sunday)

Sat Sep 16 Mexican Independence Day

Marina Movie Night - Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark, Saturday nights all month, 8p, different movie each week. <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/> Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey 90292. Info: marina.lacounty.gov 424-526-7777, <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/>

Sun Sep 17

Running Down the Walls— Los Angeles, 10a. Come on out to the ABCF's annual Running Down The Walls 5K Run!! Every year Political Prisoners look forward to the day that we all collectively Run Down The Walls together. These events link us forever in struggle, together in solidarity we all set out on our paths with the same intentions. We jog for justice, we walk for peace, and we run for our comrade's freedom. This event is insurmountably important to those behind the walls, they need to know that we are here and we not only stand with them but we will run with them. Support the Struggle: We must remember that many of those arrested in the past or present are not far from us. The strength of our movement is determined by how much we support our fallen comrades. As Anarchist and former POW Ojore Lutalo says, "Any movement that does not support its political internees, is a sham movement." Elysian Park Fields, Bishop Canyon (at the end of Park Road, near the park benches. Look for signs) Los Angeles Branch Group of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation, PO BOX 11223 Whittier, CA 90603. la@abcf.net Donate check or money order made out to Tim Fasnacht and send to Tim Fasnacht, P.O. Box 8682, Lancaster, PA 17604. Alternatively, CashApp: \$timabcf; PayPal: paypal.me/abcfwarchest (or send your donation to timABCF@aol.com); Venmo: TimFasnachtABCF fundrazr.com/2023RDTW.LA?ref=ab_19Sc83 facebook.com/events/6359889800774630

Mon Sep 18

Tue Sep 19

Screening: Flux, Fall 2023, 7:30p,

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free, UCLA Hammer Museum. The Flux screening series brings the creative community together to celebrate outstanding short films and music videos from around the globe, with wildly inventive filmmaker presentations and performances, followed by a courtyard party with DJ and cash bar. Info: <https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2023/flux-fall-2023> Your seat will be assigned to you when you pick up your ticket at the box office. Seats are assigned on a first come, first served basis. One ticket per guest. Box office opens one hour before the event. Member Benefit: Subject to availability, Hammer Members can choose their preferred seats. Members receive priority ticketing until 15 minutes before the program. Members can pickup a ticket for themselves and a guest. Learn more about membership. Parking: Valet parking is available on Lindbrook Drive for \$10 cash only. Self-parking is available under the museum. Rates are \$8 for the first three hours with museum validation, and \$3 for each additional 20 minutes, with a \$22 daily maximum. There is an \$8 flat rate after 6 p.m. on weekdays, and all day on weekends. Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd., LA 90024. (310) 443-7000, info@hammer.ucla.edu

Wed Sep 20

Webinar Series: Reimagining Peace and Security in Latin America and the Caribbean, 3-5p PT (Zoom, details upon registration). Final session of the series: Showcase of Youth-Led Initiatives. World BEYOND War (WBW) is teaming up with United4Change Center (U4C), the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association (RPFPA), and Peace First to launch a new webinar series on "Reimagining Peace and Security in Latin America". The purpose of the webinar series is to co-create spaces for bringing in the voices and experiences of peacebuilders working, living, or studying in Central America, South America, Mexico, and the islands of the Caribbean. Its goal is to elicit reflection, discussion, and action specific to promoting peace and challenging war. This final session focuses on the processes and outcomes of youth-led peace projects. We'll hear from young people, who tell us in their own words, how they went about designing and implementing youth-led projects as well as reflections on impacts achieved, challenges faced, and lessons learned along the way. \$50 (no discount for partial series).

Screening: My Name is Andrea, 7:30p, free. UCLA Hammer Museum, Co-presented by the UCLA Center for the Study of Women. **My Name**

is Andrea is a hybrid feature documentary about one of the most controversial figures of the 20th century. Andrea Dworkin offered a revolutionary analysis of male supremacy with a singular urgency and iconoclastic flair. Decades before #MeToo, Dworkin called out the pervasiveness of sexism and rape culture, and the ways it impacts every woman's daily life. Shaped by the values of justice and equality learned in the civil rights movement, key moments from the life of this fearless fighter who demanded that women be seen as fully human, are the focus of the film. It features performances by Ashley Judd, Soko, Amandla Stenberg, Andrea Riseborough, and Christine Lahti, woven in with rare, electrifying archival footage of Dworkin. Followed by a conversation with director Pratibha Parmar and Karen Tongsen, Chair of USC's Department of Gender & Sexuality Studies. 2022, dir: Pratibha Parmar, DCP, color, 90 minutes. See Sep 19 for location details.

Thu Sep 21 International Day of Peace

Thu Sep 21 - Oct 2: Campaign Nonviolence Days. Intl. Day of Peace demonstrations or celebrations; non-violence teach-ins; divest/ reinvest for a non-violent world; violence interruption trainings, healing circles around gun violence, teach-ins on preventing relationship, domestic, and sexual violence; racial justice healing circles; acts of kindness and mutual aid and more. Oct 2 is Mahatma Gandhi's birthday and Intl. Day of Non-Violence. Create an event or join events sponsored by others. A call to action. Please confirm that you plan to participate. paceebene.org/action-days/

Fri Sep 22

God and Guns: the History of Faith and Firearms in America (webinar). Secular AZ 12n-1p. Today's religious right often seems caught up in the throes of gun worship... how did it get this way? Join us for a conversation with Dr. Joseph Slaughter, associate director of the Center for the Study of Guns and Society, to explore how god and guns go together in U.S. history. secularaz.org/single-event/god-and-guns-the-history-of-faith-and-firearms-in-america-with-dr-joseph-slaughter/

Fri Sep 22- Sun 24: #NoWar2023 Conference: Nonviolent Resistance to Militarism. A global 3-day conference on nonviolent resistance

in the face of invasions, occupations, and military violence. Hosted virtually on the Zoom Events platform, World BEYOND War's #NoWar2023 annual global conference brings together peace and anti-war individuals and organizations from around the world to share, reflect, strategize, and organize towards the abolition of war. worldbeyondwar.org/nowar2023/

Beach movie night: The Super Mario Bros Movie, Friday nights all month, 8 pm, different movie each week. <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/beachmovienights/> Dockweiler Youth Center, 12505 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, 90293. Parking \$3 after 6p. Info: 310-726-4128.

Sat Sep 23

Los Angeles International Ukulele Festival, 23-24 Sep. Returning this Fall for a Weekend Celebrating the Small Four-Stringed Wonder; Fun for the Whole Family – Free for Kids 12 & Under. The Ukulele has captivated hearts by bringing musical joy into people's lives for over 100 years, Exploring the musical versatility of the ukulele for the experienced ukulele player, the occasional strummer, or simply the curious spectator. Workshops for all levels of playing ability to work on technique or simply learn to play and enjoy live all-star performances by some of today's most popular ukulele players. 930a-6p Sat; 9a-130p Sun. Free Beginner Classes (Nakano Theatre at the Torrance Arts Center; no entry into main festival event; seating is first come, first served; bring your ukulele or buy from a variety of entry-level friendly instruments; prize giveaways as well.) Kala Koa Entertainment. Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. All Access Entry (includes unlimited access to Workshops & Performances): \$47; \$20 students with ID at the door; free for kids 12 & under. Sun 2p, NUE in concert at the James Armstrong Theatre, a trio of ukulele musicians from Hawaii (separately ticketed), presented by the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation; \$25-\$150. losangelesukulelefestival.com ; tix.com/ticket-sales/kalakoa/1723 ; 800-595-4849; kalakoaent@mac.com ; facebook.com/laukulelefestival/; instagram.com/kalakoaentertainment/; youtube.com/watch?v=Ph7CNoTf-nE

Coastal Cleanup Day - Dockweiler Beach clean-up site, 9a-12n, Dockweiler Youth Center, 12505 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, Info: beaches.lacounty.gov, 424-526-7900; register: bit.ly/DockweilerBeachCleanup

Ebb & Flow @ The Creek 10 & 11a, at base of Julian Dixon Branch LA County Library in Culver City on Overland at Ballona Creek. Free, family-friendly community arts festival that explores climate change, nature, humanity, and health through dance, visual arts, music, and technology. For this installment, HDD is teaming up with Ballona Creek Renaissance (BCR), a Culver City non-profit dedicated to reviving Ballona Creek and its watershed. Ebb & Flow @ The Creek will be part of Heal the Bay's 2023 Coastal Cleanup Day, so attendees can both view the performances and take the time to actively improve the local environment.

Marina Movie Night - - Top Gun: Maverick, Saturday nights all month, 8p, different movie each



week. <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/> Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey 90292. Info: marina.delrey.lacounty.gov 424-526-7777, <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/>

Sun Sep 24

September 24: Nicaragua Webinar on the Nicaraguan community policing model, 12n PT. Mark your calendars! More info soon. afgj.org/category/nicanotes (look for upcoming webinars).

Family Flicks: Inventing Tomorrow, free, 11a, UCLA Hammer Museum. Recommended for ages 8+ Meet passionate teenage innovators from around the globe who are creating cutting-edge solutions to confront the world's environmental threats—found right in their own backyards—while navigating the doubts and insecurities that mark adolescence. Take a journey with these inspiring teens as they prepare their projects for the largest convening of high school scientists in the world, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), a program of the Society for Science and the Public. Inventing Tomorrow, 2018, dir: Laura Nix, color, 105 minutes. Location details, see Sep 19

"Day of Atonement" Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur begins at sundown, continues Monday.

Mon Sep 25

Tue Sep 26

What Is the State of Surveillance? Zocalo Public Square • Arizona State University • Smithsonian, 7p. <https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/event/what-is-the-state-of-surveillance/> Presented in partnership with ACLU of Southern California and The Progress Network; Moderated by Ramesh Srinivasan, Tech and Society Scholar at UCLA and Director, UC Digital Cultures Lab
As alarming as foreign espionage is the fear of information-gathering turned inward. US anxieties around the "surveillance state" have only grown since the Watergate scandal; with the post-9/11 passage of the USA PATRIOT Act; and with revelations that federal agencies sift through ordinary Americans' phone and email communications, financial information, and Internet usage. Add in the rise of artificial intelligence, and our addictions to smartphones and sharing personal data, and pressing questions arise: Is Big Brother watching, and do we like

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it? What is the role of surveillance in our democracy, and to what ends do government and business use it? What standards for digital privacy do we even want? Zócalo, ACLU of Southern California, and The Progress Network welcome ArtCenter College of Design art and tech scholar Mashinka Firunts Hakopian, Brennan Center government surveillance expert Faiza Patel, and ACLU SoCal attorney Mohammad Tajsar—experts working in and thinking deeply about surveillance and what it means for our 21st-century public and private lives—for a timely discussion moderated by UCLA's Ramesh Srinivasan. Zócalo invites our in-person audience to continue the conversation with our speakers and each other at a post-event reception with complimentary small bites and drinks. Zócalo Public Square values audience safety. During events at ASU California Center, as bag searches are not permitted, only clear bags (maximum size 12" x 6" x 12") and small clutches (maximum size 8 ½" x 5 ½") are allowed in the venue. Zócalo may be able to provide a limited number of clear bags to help accommodate guests. Questions? Ask us at events@zocalopublicsquare.org. The ASU California Center is inclusive and accessible for all. A platform wheelchair lift is available at our main entrance via Broadway (ground level). Upon checking in for the event, please inform Zócalo staff if you need assistance, or contact events@zocalopublicsquare.org for additional information.

Wed Sep 27

Thu Sep 28

Fri Sep 29

Breaking the Bond Between Guns and God (webinar). Secular AZ. 12n-1p. Join us for a conversation with Rev. Peter Cook, Executive Director of the New York State Council of Churches. He's working to break the bond between Christianity and guns, with a simple message: it's the responsibility of white Christian denominations to challenge white America's relationship with God and guns that are intertwined with white supremacy. secularaz.org/single-event/guns-and-god/

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Sat Sep 30

Last day to vote in KPFK Local Station Board delegate elections, 8:59p PDT. See <https://elections.pacifica.org/wordpress> for candidate lists and more information.

Marina Movie Night - Creature from the Black Lagoon, Saturday nights all month, 8p, different movie

each week. <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/> Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey 90292. Info: marina.delrey.lacounty.gov 424-526-7777, <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marinamovienights/>

Made in L.A. Opening Celebration, 8-11p, free, UCLA Hammer Museum (see Sep 19 for venue details) Celebrate the opening of Made in L.A. 2023: Acts of Living, the Hammer's biennial exhibition showcasing artists from across Los Angeles. Be among the first to see the exhibition, and dance in the courtyard to music from Made in L.A. artist collective Mas Exitos. Galleries open late. Cash bar. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP here: <https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2023/made-la-opening-celebration> But admission is first come, first served to capacity. Exhibition opens Oct 1 - through 12/31/23.

Upcoming & Ongoing:

Notice: AfGJ, funding agent for Change-Links, has been under economic attack by right-wing media which convinced the company that handles its credit card donations to block AfGJ and its projects. It is critical that **Change-Links** donations avoid the use of credit cards for this reason for now. Ditto for any other organizations under AfGJ's financial umbrella. It is also helpful to send check donations directly to AfGJ to keep them solvent. afgj.org/sos-afgj-has-been-attacked

01 Oct, Third Harmony Film Screening & Discussion, 1-3p PT. Hosted by Pace e Bene Nonviolence Study & Practice Affinity Group. Join us to watch the movie The Third Harmony: Nonviolence and the New Story of Human Nature together, and then have an online discussion of the movie. The Third Harmony tells the story of nonviolence, humanity's greatest (and most overlooked) resource. As per Joanna Macy, "I am exhilarated and grateful to the filmmakers for bringing forth such a fine gift for the future of life on Earth. Hurray! and deep bows." Also linked to a book club (Wed 18 Oct - Nov 15, 4-530p PT). Register: paceebene.org/events/2023/8/10/third-harmony-film-screening-amp-discussion

6-8 Oct: Join NDE and other activists, artists, poets, musicians and mystics for 3 days in Las Vegas and the desert in October, opening Friday evening the 6th with a concert and open mic in the city. Saturday morning yoga and meditation at Spring Mountain Ranch Park, and afternoon prayer vigil at Creech Air Force Base, camping that night at the Temple of Goddess Spirituality. On Sunday morning a communal art project in the tunnels under Hwy 95 between historic Peace Camp and the Nevada National Security Site in Mercury, followed by a peace vigil at the NNSS gate. More information will be provided closer to the date. Please let us know if you are coming from out of town and need accommodations. nevadadesertexperience.org/jfod

15 Oct, Santa Barbara Wild!, a benefit for Los Padres ForestWatch, 4-730p. Dinner, wine & beer, music, silent auction, live auction, special guests. Los Padres ForestWatch and Keep Sespe Wild have been monitoring USFS plans to log 423 acres of rare and ancient conifers atop the ridgeline

of Pine Mountain, north of Ojai which have now been given the go-ahead in court. Numerous environmental organizations, and other plaintiffs, filed suit in federal court in October 2021, opposing the USFS' Pine Mountain logging plan. There are 60 days from the date of the judgment to file an appeal with the Ninth Circuit (federal) Court of Appeals. The organizations, including Los Padres ForestWatch and Keep Sespe Wild, are currently evaluating next steps and will keep us informed if it is agreed to file an appeal of the decision, and if so, they shall also then begin to raise the required funds. This benefit is one way to support their regional environmental work. The Great Meadow, Santa Barbara City College. sbwild.org

Oct 21, Beyond Gala, 6p. Benefit & awards dinner celebrating 50 years of Beyond Baroque. This will be the first time Beyond Baroque members and supporters will gather together in person to celebrate awardees as a community since the pandemic began. The festive event will be held at Playa Studios in Culver City, and will include an online and live silent auction, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, The Beyond Baroque Awards Dinner, and performances. The headline MC, special guests, and honorees will be announced in a formal invitation soon. Partnerships, sponsorships, donations, or media, Development & Communications Director Michele Raphael: michele@beyondbaroque.org; 310.883.5761. beyondbaroque.org/beyondgala55.html

Oct 24, Tue, A Mindful and Nonviolent Holiday Season 90-minute Class (Zoom 1-230p PT). Fee: \$30. Email Erin at info@paceebene.org to request a scholarship or donate a bit more so that others can participate. paceebene.org/events/2023/10/24/a-mindful-and-nonviolent-holiday-season

Oct-Nov, Introduction to Human Rights & Popular Struggle. Must be willing to commit to 7 weeks of study & class attendance. Lucy Parsons Popular Human Rights School. Apply ASAP via afgj.org/hrs/apply. Application in both English and Spanish / Solicitud tanto en inglés como en español.

Delegations to Cuba. Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective. 01-10 Dec: Agroecology & Cooperation (**must apply by 15 Sep**). 08-17 Dec: Healing Our Land, Healing Ourselves (**must apply by 15 Sep**). Feb 2024: Pan-Africanism in Cuba Today: History, Opportunities & Challenges (must apply by 01 Dec). solidaritycollective.org/upcoming-delegations

Delegation to Bolivia. 20-29 Nov. Alliance for Global Justice. Food Sovereignty, Popular Democracy & Indigenous Resistance (**must apply by Sep 30**). afgj.org/delegation-announcement-food-sovereignty-popular-democracy-indigenous-resistance-in-bolivia

Brigade tours to Nicaragua (Casa Benjamin Linder). 06-14 Jan, 2024, Power and Protagonism < Women in Nicaragua (apply by 15 Nov). 10-19 Feb, Birding in Solentiname Arquipelago (apply by 15 Dec). Also what look like custom tours. Details at casabenjaminlinder.org/tours

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. 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 and in person at LA Police Administration Building across from City Hall to speak out against racist police murders with impunity. 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, 6-8p. Tenant Rights and Eviction Advice. Conducted in Spanish, translated into English. calorganize-org.zoom.us/j/88324434157 -or- Call: +16699006833,88324434157# Also Thursdays, 5-7p. Conducted in English, translated into Spanish. calorganize-org.zoom.us/j/84489313723 -or- Call :+16699006833,84489313723# Also, statewide, outside LA: acceaction.org/dyh Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE).

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, 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, 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/

Every other Thursday, 6:30-8p, Looking At Masculinity And Patriarchy (LAMP) LAMP is an affinity space offered by AWARE-LA of white, male-presenting folks (however anyone is invited) where we discuss how your male-presenting gender role and socialization impacts the ways you are showing up (or not showing up) in the fight for an abolitionist future. Via zoom: For more information and to register, email: lampteam@tutanota.com.

Thursdays, 430p PT, WTF is Going on in Latin America & The Caribbean. A broadcast/podcast (archives) featuring hot news out of the region with host Teri Mattson. Each weekly episode features a country and/or issue related to the affects of U.S. foreign, economic and/or military influence and intervention in the hemisphere of The Americas. Our guests include academics, policy-makers, journalists as well as activists recognized for their groundwork within local communities and movements. open.spotify.com/show/21vTN2wAoTKABun1iWIA79 (via AFGJ)

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 Bl and Honolulu Av, Montrose.

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Grassroots Community Radio Coalition Endorsements for KPFK Listener and Staff Delegates 2023

LISTENER CANDIDATES IN PREFERENCE ORDER:

Aryana Gladney (former LSB, African National Women's org); Kelly Flores (CAB, UTLA, Assoc. of Raza Educators) Rachel Bruhnke (Harbor Peace Coal.); Jack Neff (environment activist, GCRC); Charlie Wilken (UTLA, network admin); Rizo Saverio (concerned listener, Brasilena); Ralph Hawkins (fmr LSB sec'y, college radio General Manager); Doug Barnett (KPFK operations volunteer, fmr LSB sec'y); Soni Lloyd (UTLA, BDS activist); Elizabeth von Gunten (current LSB, PNB director, non-profit expert)

STAFF CANDIDATES:

Oscar Ulloa, Jeanine Rohn, Angel Jaramillo, Sergio Serdio, Rodrigo Argueta, Brenda Martinez, Maria Garcia, Alicia Vargas, Wendell Handy

Six Tropes to Look Out For that Distort Israel/Palestine Coverage

Lara-Nour Walton [Excerpt]

https://fair.org/home/six-tropes-to-look-out-for-that-distort-israel-palestine-coverage/

"This is quite something," remarked Nadi Abusaada in a May 8 tweet. As many of us have done, the Palestinian academic found himself experimenting with the seemingly boundless powers of OpenAI's ChatGPT software. But during this activity, he uncovered something disturbing.

"I asked @OpenAI whether Palestinians deserve to be free," he said. The natural-language processing tool responded to Abusaada's query ambivalently: *As an AI language model, I do not have personal opinions, feelings or beliefs. The question of whether Palestinians deserve to be free is a complex and controversial issue with many different perspectives and opinions....*

But then he posed the same question about Israelis. This time, the chat box did not equivocate:

Yes, like all people, Israelis deserve to be free. Freedom is a fundamental human right that should be protected and guaranteed for all individuals, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity or religion. It is essential that Israelis, like all people, are able to live their lives free from violence, oppression and discrimination....

"Explanation?" demanded Abusaada.

The explanation lies in the overarching attitudes of the 570 GB of data that ChatGPT scrapes from the internet. And, with news media being one of the primary sources of information that the bot is trained on, Abusaada's experience is hardly surprising.

To say that US news skews pro-Israel raises many an eyebrow, since the public has been conditioned to believe otherwise. With outlets like NPR vilified as "National Palestinian Radio" and papers like the New York Times castigated by pro-Israel watchdogs for lending "the Palestinian narrative" undue credence (CAMERA, 10/15/13), the myth of pro-Palestine bias appears plausible.

Yet such claims have been litigated, and the verdict is plain: US corporate media lean in favor of Israel. As Abeer Al-Najjar (New Arab, 7/28/22) noted: "The framing, sourcing, selection of facts, and language choices used to report on Palestine...often reveal systematic biases which distort the Palestinian struggle." Some trends are more ubiquitous than others, which is why it is vital that news readers become acquainted with the tropes that dominate coverage of the Israeli occupation.

See the full article on line with the six media misrepresentations.

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, at 7pm, we screen movies about issues that are important to our Skid Row and downtown community at the #skidrowmuseum. Location:250 S. Broadway (DTLA) 90012. Tel: 213-413-1077.

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. www.solafoodcoop.com/ Baldwin Hills Farmers Market re-opened & SOLA Co-Op will take orders for CSA boxes.

LA Ecovillage Tours: Usually twice monthly. Aug 6,19,27, 10:30a-1p. Our regular in-person tours are 75% outside within LAEV. Reservations required: 213/738-1254 or crsp@igc.org. Tour

only: \$15 to \$25 (self-selected sliding scale ok; cash or checks made out to "CRSP" accepted at the door. Time dollars 2.5 hours accepted. Local currency?). Vaccinated people only please. Masks encouraged during indoor tour stops. More info and LAEV events: laecovillage.org/home/tours/ and laecovillage.org/category/events/.

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 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.

The coup restored to power the traditional military-backed economic and political elites who had been in power from 1931-1944, during the U.S.-backed dictatorship of Gen. Jorge Ubico — precursors to Guatemala’s Covenant of Corrupt governments of today.

After refusing to establish diplomatic relations with the democratically elected governments in power from 1944-1954, Canada effectively legitimized the 1954 coup by establishing diplomatic relations with the military-backed government in 1961.

Soon after, the Canadian government openly supported the arrival of the world’s biggest nickel mining company at the time, the International Nickel Company, known as INCO, to take control of a vast swath of Mayan Q’eqchi’ territories and begin long history of violent, harmful and corrupt mining that continue today.

Grahame Russell has worked on human rights issues in Guatemala since 1989. Since 1995, he has been director of Rights Action. A non-practicing lawyer and part-time adjunct professor at University of Northern British Columbia, Grahame, together with Catherine Nolin, coauthored and co-edited TESTIMONIO – Canadian Mining in the Aftermath of Genocides in Guatemala.

Ecuador: National Referendum Ending Oil Exploitation in the Amazon is Victorious

By Santiago Rosero on August 21, 2023

While most of the focus was on the general elections in Ecuador, a national referendum was held on oil exploitation in the Amazon. In addition, in a regional referendum the inhabitants of Quito voted on mining. In both cases, the vote to stop exploitation triumphed.

The long struggle to save Yasuni Biosphere Reserve reached a milestone this Sunday when the majority of the Ecuadorian population voted in favor of keeping the existing oil in Block 43 in the ground. This also includes the Ishpingo, Tambococha and Tiputini fields. The yes vote was 59% while the no vote to continue exploitation was 41%. The referendum was held in the context of the presidential and legislative elections where the correista got 33% and the Guayaquil businessman Daniel Noboa 24% advancing them both to the second round to be held on October 15.

The oil block 43 is partially located within the Yasuni National Park (Ecuadorian Amazon), one of the areas with the greatest biodiversity on the planet and which, together with the neighboring Huaorani Ancestral Territory, was declared a biosphere reserve by UNESCO in 1989. It is also home to the Tagaeri and Tarmenane, the last peoples in voluntary isolation in Ecuador.

After the failure in 2013 of the Yasuni Initiative presented by the government of then President Rafael Correa, it was announced that the block would be exploited. It was then that the environmental group Yasunidos was formed, which immediately submitted a question to the Constitutional Court to call for a referendum and for the Ecuadorian people to decide on this issue: “Do you agree that the Ecuadorian government should keep the crude oil, known as Block 43, indefinitely in the subsoil?”

Bogged down in a process that would later be recognized as fraudulent, neither

only underscores why we should rip up that contract and cancel the Olympics.

The Corrupt Local Leaders ring provides more details on the council members caught up in corruption and racist, anti-tenant gerrymandering scandals. We hope we don’t have to update this box as more scandals emerge, but we won’t be surprised if we do.

Olympic corruption is as old as the modern Games themselves. But in our rings on IOC Member Corruption and Olympic Corruption Around the World, we’ve so far focused more on twenty-first century crimes to emphasize that Olympic corruption is also VERY. MUCH. ONGOING. These two lists are works-in-progress! We invite the public to send us suggestions for the people and incidents we should add, from breaking news about mega-event misdeeds to historical examples of five-ring fraud.

The final ring is LA28 Board Conflicts of Interest. We track the board members whose companies have been paid directly by LA28, board members whose companies stand to profit from LA hosting the Olympics, and board members

the question nor the consultation were approved at that time, so Yasunidos began a tortuous legal battle that would take 10 years and cross three governments. Along the way, that is, starting in 2016, the Block 43 began to be exploited after the declaration of national interest that former President Correa had requested to the National Assembly in 2013 came into force. After the official proclamation of the results this Sunday, the operations must now stop and, according to the law, the state-owned Petroecuador will have one year to dismantle its facilities and leave that area of Yasuni. However, Petroecuador officials have indicated that the withdrawal would take at least five years since there are around 230 wells in operation there.

“This is something historic. Ecuador has taken the first concrete step to fight climate change and has set a global example,” says Antonella Calle, spokesperson for Yasunidos. “That is very important because it forces countries around the world to make real decisions in this regard. On the other hand, this shows us once again that the Ecuadorian people are in favor of defending life, nature, the rights of people and animals.”

Opposing figures and campaigns

The Government of Guillermo Lasso has sustained the argument of the supposed economic loss that the State would incur by ceasing to exploit block 43: 1200 million dollars per year, considering that, according to his figures, that was the income achieved in 2022. Petroecuador’s manager, Ramón Correa, has also pointed out that in 20 years the loss would total US\$ 16.47 billion, which includes US\$ 13.8 billion for oil revenues not received; US\$ 467 million for the cost of abandoning the block; US\$ 1.952 billion for the infrastructure and facilities that will have to be removed, and US\$ 251 million for social compensations.

Carlos Larrea, economist and member of Yasunidos, has pointed out that this calculation is inaccurate since it is the result of multiplying 55,000 barrels of oil that Block 43 supposedly produces per day (about 12% of the country’s total production), 60 dollars per barrel and 365 days of the year. In this way, 1.2 billion is achieved, but in exports, not in income for the State. Larrea argues that the price of \$60

whose business and political ties begin to show the myriad ways that networks of wealth and power are driving the real interests behind these “Games.” Did you know that LA28 paid one of LA28 Chairman Casey Wasserman’s companies \$2.91 million over five years? All of this box’s figures come straight from LA28’s publicly available tax documents, and yet LA news media have barely blinked. If LA28 disagrees with the figures we’ve listed, we WELCOME them to show their version of the math. Again, we’ll be building out this list as we go, so we invite the public to send us tips and suggestions!

#CancelTheOlympics

Ethics Commission Nominee unanimously (and shamelessly) rejected by the City Council

<https://lapublicpress.org/2023/08/why-did-the-la-city-council-quietly-kill-an-ethics-commission-appointment/>

While residents around the county made preparations for Hurricane Hilary, the Los Angeles City Council was supposed to proceed on a routine vote: Jamie

York, a member of the Reseda Neighborhood Council, was set to be appointed to the City Ethics Commission.

The vote, however, was not routine. Unusually: Every member of the LA City Council present voted to block York’s appointment, and moved the vote to proceed without public comment. The only unaccounted for vote was Councilmember Nithya Raman, who was not present — every other councilmember voted no.

And most won’t say why.

LA Public Press reached out to all fifteen city council offices. Almost all would not comment on the record about their vote, the exception being Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez. Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez, who did not return a request for comment, spoke about his vote at a recent meeting.

Hernandez tells LA Public Press that she and her office’s focus was on the vote to acquire the Mayfair Hotel, and that she didn’t have the time that she would have liked to research York.

per barrel is unrealistic, since since 2016, when exploitation of that block began, the price has been \$51. Moreover, the calculation does not consider the cost of extraction, which is \$35 per barrel, and the fact that it is a crude that contains too much water (11 barrels of water for each barrel of oil), which reduces its quality and makes it difficult to extract. The Minister of Energy himself, Fernando Santos, had said about this oil that “it was a disappointment”, that it is a “very heavy tar” and that the enormous amount of water it contains “finds a way out to the surface and drowns the well”.

Countering the eventual losses pointed out by the Lasso government, Yasunidos has mentioned some alternatives, among them to eliminate the tax exemptions granted by the State to the richest groups in the country. According to information from the Internal Revenue Service (SRI), in 2021 Ecuador stopped receiving 6,338 million dollars for this

reason, which in only one year is 30% more than what it would receive for exploiting the ITT block for 33 years.

While the Government’s strategy was to replicate the figures of the alleged losses through various spokespeople and with the main information media at its disposal, the campaign for a “yes” vote concentrated on the defense of natural resources, biodiversity, the territory of plants, animals and Amazonian peoples, with emphasis on the fact that this is not only Ecuador’s heritage, but that of the world.

Rich in audiovisual products and very active in social networks, the Yes campaign stood out for its vitality and multiple voices. Although it radiated a mostly youthful energy, it was also careful to generate messages targeted to specific sectors, including academia, coastal populations, and indigenous peoples and nationalities.

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generating colossal profits out of the artificially low cost of human labor in the Third World applied “remotely” into the high-value-added products of Silicon Valley (whose value lies in part in their capacity to eliminate the need for higher-paid labor in the US itself).

Hiding in plain sight in AI, as it does in the extraction of cobalt in the Congo or lithium on Native lands in the US for the new “green” energy economy, is the reality of imperialism, neo-colonialism, land theft and genocide. Similarly, attention is focused on traffic jams created by robotaxis in SF, but the larger reality is that self-driving car research in the US is being driven principally by the US Army Tank Division to build

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autonomous battle vehicles. That’s why all the Big Tech companies like Google and Amazon are now major military contractors on cost-plus “Defense” Department contracts.

The empire is a fractal or holographic system -- at every level of magnification and within every cell or fragment of the system, the reality of the empire is omnipresent and inescapable. Whether you are organizing for worker rights or traffic safety or the environment in the US, the fact of the matter is, you are confronted by an empire that is your intractable enemy. The only way to win in the long run is to recognize this reality, this enemy, and strategize accordingly, in solidarity with those millions in Asia, Africa, and Indigenous America, north or south.

Anti-Trans Bills Are Sweeping the US Despite, Not Because of, Public Opinion

The coordinated attack on trans rights in state legislatures across the US is built on a foundation of hateful paranoia and right-wing lies. But however unpopular anti-trans bills are, the human costs are real: thousands are migrating from anti-trans states.

August 23, 2023 Interview with Erin Reed by Doug Henwood for JACOBIN radio's "Behind the News"

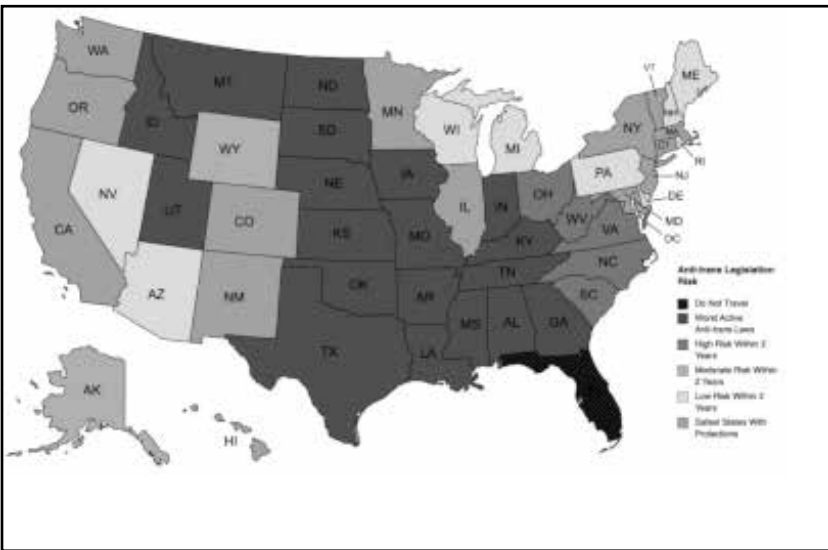
aired on KPFK's "Something's Happening" program that night.

Over the last year, some 540 anti-trans bills have been introduced in states across the country — a stunning roster of hate. Doug Henwood recently interviewed Erin Reed, a trans activist and journalist who runs the Substack *Erin In The Morning*, on Jacobin Radio show *Behind the News*. They spoke about the coordinated barrage of legislation, the migration it's spurring, the parade of lies spread by the Right about trans people, and reasons for optimism on trans rights. You can listen to their conversation here.

DH: You have a map of anti-trans legislation comparing December 2022 versus June 2023. It looks like there's a hardening of the differences between states — things are getting even more cleaved.

ER: That is a very good point to make, because so much of the analysis of this anti-trans, anti-LGBTQ legislative push has focused on the badness of the laws. And that's important — these laws are horrific in many states.[see full text on website.]

Map of state-by-state anti-trans legislation risk. (Erin In The Morning)



Medical Proof of Black Mold at Huron Valley Women's Prison in Michigan

by Naykima Hill 08/15/23

<https://www.prisonradio.org/commentary/medical-proof-of-black-mold-at-whv/>

My name is Naykima Hill, and I'm calling in regards to a few issues. But one I'm gonna deal with today is about my best friend Krystal Clark.

When I called the radio station the first time, it was about our health and our maintain- the maintaining us here at Huron Valley Prison for women. I was telling you about the mold situation. The black mold is killing us. And the warden has lied- the prison and the officers and area officials has lied and said there's no mold in this place, but that's a lie. So they made my best friend feel so little and so alone, and she's dying in this place. Again, she's dying because of the environment that she's in.

And the hospital, not healthcare here, because healthcare seems to be on one accord—they work with each other. So to get any information and the truth out of them is like, yeah right. So the hospital told her that if she does not get out this environment, she's going to die. The medicine that they give her is only sustaining her. If they take her from it- they take her off of it, it will kill her instantly. However, I think they done gave her so many antibiotics that it killed off her- the good bacterial bacteria she's supposed to have her body.

However, now 12 plus years later, now we got the facts y'all. We got actual paperwork from the hospital from a septic test, two of them that says it's mold in her body. They lied and said it wasn't. The warden dogged my friend and told her she's lying. We have actual factual paperwork. Now, now it's time for somebody to do something. It's time to get her up out here. They up in here, she got mold in both of her ears and in her lungs. There is no way that this should be happening.

And people are allowing it, the governor as well. We have contacted her— she's done nothing. Well, my friends told her to have her family put in the conversation. I shouldn't have to. What I'm telling you is I'm gonna show you all my paperwork. Why we can't get help? This is somebody's mother, somebody's grandmother, somebody's child, that y'all killing. And now it's Willie. So you tell me who's the criminal now. Nobody help- they have paperwork now though. We help, but we need help now. Can somebody please step in.

Again, it's Naykima Hill, 270530.

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