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

End the US-Israeli War on Iran, Palestine, Lebanon and Yemen

Regional Round-up from Drop Site News

Iran is pushing a seven-day roadmap to end the war with the U.S., as Iranian officials held meetings with Qatari and Pakistani mediators on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York. The plan, which Tehran said was transmitted via mediators, calls for an end to hostilities on all fronts, including Gaza and Lebanon, the release of at least $12 billion in frozen Iranian assets, sanctions waivers for Iranian oil, an end to the U.S. naval blockade, and immediate nuclear talks. Iran would reopen the Strait of Hormuz on the seventh day.

The proposal seeks to revive key provisions of the June U.S.-Iran memorandum of understanding, which later collapsed amid mutual accusations of violations. A White House official told CNN that discussions through mediators were "positive and constructive," while another U.S. official told the New York Times that Washington would not rush into an agreement. [As we went to press, Trump had rejected the Iranian proposal and continued to threaten to "annihilate" Iran.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said Tehran remains willing to reach an agreement with Washington and would accept international verification of its nuclear program and lower uranium enrichment levels, in an interview with Fox News. Asked whether Iran wants a nuclear bomb, Pezeshkian said, "Not at all," citing the late Supreme Leader's religious prohibition on weapons of mass destruction. "We are willing to dilute [enriched uranium] … We are willing to submit ourselves to verification," he added.

"If the current American government, within international legal frameworks, wishes to reach an agreement, fine," he said, adding that Tehran would not tie diplomacy to the timing of U.S. elections.

The United Arab Eirates suspended all flights operated by Iranian airlines, citing new U.S. sanctions threatening airports and aviation companies that continue servicing Iranian carriers. Iraq, Oman, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkmenistan have also imposed restrictions.

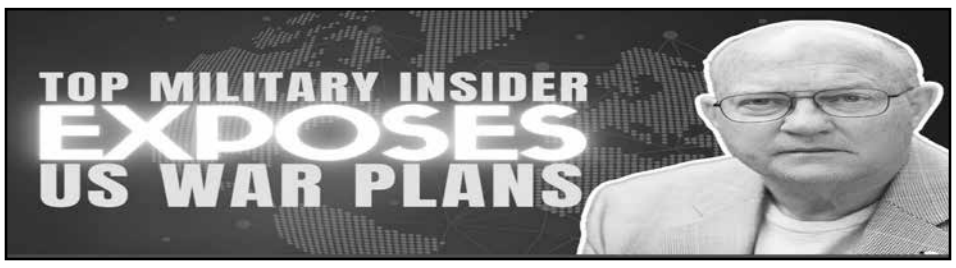
Iran warned neighboring countries against enforcing the measures. Supreme National Security Council Secretary Mohsen Rezaei urged them not to join what he called the U.S. "adventure." "Flights in the region are either open to everyone or to no one," Supreme Leader adviser Mohammad Mokhber wrote in a post on X. "If Iran is denied the ability to fly and receive airport services, no country in the region will have access to these facilities either."

The military chiefs of Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan met to discuss support for Saudi Arabia under the Mecca Joint Defense Agreement, following attacks by Yemen's Ansarallah on Saudi cities and energy infrastructure. ***See: "US-Israeli War," p. 7***

"The Constitution Lies in Tatters"

Lawrence Wilkerson Interviewed by Ralph Nader

https://www.ralphnaderradiohour.com/p/shooting-wars-and-trade-wars (Excerpts)



Lawrence Wilkerson is a retired U.S. Army colonel. Over his 31 years of service, Col. Wilkerson served as Secretary of State Colin Powell's chief of staff from 2002 to 2005, and Special Assistant to Gen. Powell when he was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989 to 1993.

Wilkerson also served as Deputy Director and Director of the U.S. Marine Corps War College at Quantico, VA. For 15 years, he was the Distinguished Visiting Professor of Government and Public Policy at the College of William & Mary. He is currently a senior fellow at the Eisenhower Media Network, senior advisor to the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, and co-founder of the All-Volunteer Force Forum (AVF Forum).

Nader: Welcome back, Larry. We have all these retired military officials, many of them pushed out by Trump in the first term. John Kelly, the general who served as chief of staff called [Trump's people], "fascists to the core." Others think he's an ultimate danger to our Republic. Where are they? They despise Trump. Why aren't they pushing? They can get press. What's your read on that? Where's the top retired brass, who would command a lot of attention?

Wilkerson: Well, we stood down the Republic, Ralph. I'm sure you realize that. We don't have a Republic. We don't have a Congress. What we have is a body of people over there who are taking money, military contractors, insider training, you name it. They're living off their jobs, in other words, and I don't mean their salaries. And we have a supine Supreme Court, or at least the majority of them. And we have Trump. So we've destroyed the Republic.

There's barely any vestige of the Republic left. We don't have a Constitution. The Constitution lies in tatters on the floor. It lies on the floor of the Senate, principally, as James Madison would say. And so I don't know what you're talking about other than the fact that we've lost the Republic and we've lost our Constitution and we're going to lose our country.

Two-thirds of the world now thinks that we are an enemy of their state. Two-thirds of the world, and it happens to be the two-thirds that have the greatest amount of gross domestic product in the world. And it is led by the most powerful economic entity in the world. We need to quit denying that and admit it, China is now allied with much of that world that despises us.

Tell me some secrets about how we're going to get out of this and look remotely like what John Adams and Jefferson,

See: "Constittution in Tatters", p. 7

LIFE AFTER DEATH ROW

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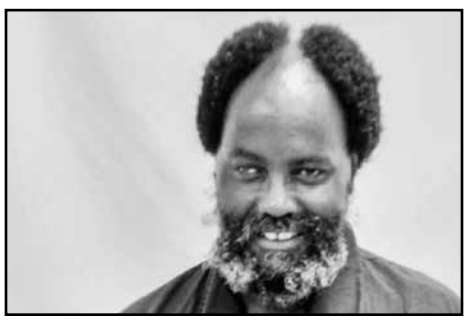
https://www.prisonradio.org/commentary/life-after-deathrow/

I always look to the ancestors, the old ones who came before us, who lived in these bodies before we were born; those who not only look like us, who walk like us, who talk like us, who dream like us, who feel like us, who weep like us; those who came before, those who suffered that which is today almost incomprehensible. Those are the people I look to because their blood, their sweat, their fears, and their loves, runs through my flesh, my blood, my consciousness, my being. We live in bodies, created, birthed by the ancestors. So, I always think of them and try to remember, you know, what lessons they wanted to pass down to us.



When I think about us having a hard time today, and then I think about the lives they lived in a land that calls itself "the land of the free and brave," and I look at the torture and the terrors and the humiliations and the stolen labor for 400 years plus, I know that nothing we face will be harder than what they faced every day of their lives. So, in a real way I consider us, of this generation, the people who are living a dream compared to the ancestors. As hard as it gets, it doesn't come close to what they went through. Remember that. It should give you strength to continue to struggle against the empire.

When I think about this, you know, I have to recognize that the words "death by incarceration," created by abolitionists, thought of by people who have relatives in these places, while an apt and accurate reflection of the reality of what it means to be doing a life sentence in places like Pennsylvania, that was never my preferred term. I use it now because I think it brings light and deep reflection to words that people really don't understand.

Why do I say that? Because, you know, when you ask average people walking down the street or going to the grocery or, you know, just walking to a park, what does a life sentence mean to them, they'll say, you know, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years, because they don't know, right? They're not lawyers, they are not legislators, they're not jailhouse lawyers.

But my preferred term in my own head when people ask me or I was on the phone with someone, I would describe it "slow death row." I think that incarcerates and frees our thinking because you don't just say "life" because this is the absence of life, you know. "Slow death row" is life in a cage forever. It is often life in the coldest conditions, the most brutal conditions in America, forever, right, where no tomorrow is functionally different from any yesterday and the only thing that is common between yesterday, today and tomorrow is repression.

You know, my mind takes me so many places, that I wanna go sometimes where my mind takes me because that might be a nice place to think and to relax and contemplate things. But when I talk about repression, I'm talking about being locked in a cell for hours and hours and hours a day. And I'm not talking about solitary, I'm talking about regular "population" in prison, it's being locked into a cell hours and hours and hours and hours, and being subjected to just random nonsense by some rule maker in Harrisburg or in Mechanicsburg or Camp Hill or even on the block, you might be housed in, right? What really is kind of galling is the ability of state officials to lie with impunity.

Concluded online

October 2026 Community Calendar

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

Oct 2-4 Left Coast Forum

Oct 5 - Bernie Sanders Rally for Prop. 40

Oct 12 - Indigenous Peoples' Day

Oct 22 - Stop Police Brutality!

Oct 25 - Envisioning the Future of Peoples Media

Change-Links Monthly Poetry Corner

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Two Poems by Jennifer Infante

Deliver Us

A new lighting contraption
The one we have is not working
Too many are stuck in dark shadows,
Some refuse to believe that light exists
The light we have has burned in a house fire
She lies by the fire, an unhappy lover

Choices

We can be Shel or Sylvia
So much depends upon
how the head is tilted

Born and raised in Tarzana, California, Jennifer has a degree in English and theater from Pepperdine University, and has always been a writer.

USC Ends Cadaver Contract Used to Train Israeli Military

USC Keck School of Medicine will stop selling corpses to the U.S. Navy for Israeli military training. After months of student opposition, USC has said it willl not renew its contract with the U.S. Navy.

USC will end its cadaver contract with the U.S. Navy on Sept. 24, according to a statement from the Keck School of Medicine to Annenberg Media. Under the contract, USC previously sold dead bodies to the U.S. Navy that were used to train Israeli military medical personnel for over five years.

In the statement, the Keck School of Medicine wrote that it is not ending the contract because of recent protests - which were sparked by ongoing Annenberg Media revealing the details. The contract will not be renewed solely because UCSD said it would no longer provide bodies for the program. USC did not respond to follow-up questions and said they would not comment further.

Previous reporting by Annenberg Media revealed that UCSD supplied bodies to USC that were used for the military training program. Under the 2016 contract, USC paid UCSD a $2,900 allocation fee for each body. Newly obtained documents by Annenberg Media showed that as recently as October 2025, UCSD had quoted USC up to $4,205 per whole unembalmed body, along with transportation costs.

The Keck School of Medicine also wrote that "USC did not profit off donated bodies provided through UCSD. The Navy was charged at cost for obtaining bodies, plus fees for our surgeon expertise and oversight, the time of skilled technicians, and marginal overhead cost."

USC earned over $1 million through the contract.

A spokesperson from the University of California Health Communications team wrote to Annenberg Media that the school decided to stop supplying bodies to USC's program due to the surgical skills laboratory not meeting the "UC standard requiring that courses involving human remains be conducted in facilities specifically designed and maintained for human surgical education and training."

UC Health did not respond to Annenberg Media's follow-up questions about what changes USC made that did not meet the UC standard cited in the statement in time for publication.

The Keck School of Medicine also wrote that "no bodies donated to USC's Anatomical Gift Program were used to train IDF healthcare professionals."

On the website for the Anatomical Gift Program, there was previously no indication of what bodies could be used for after donation. Families who had donated the bodies of relatives to the program were given no indication that their bodies could be used by the U.S. Navy. Some families were only made aware of the possibility after reporting by Annenberg Media and The UCSD Guardian.

USC added a new section on its FAQ page on the Anatomical Gift Program website to state that donors' bodies may be used for a variety of reasons, and that "such uses may be conducted by USC and/or by USC's educational, research, healthcare, governmental, or industry partners in accordance with applicable law and USC policy."

On Sept. 15, a student raised a question to USC President Beong-Soo Kim about the cadavers program at an Open Dialogue Project event. When the student said that the event felt hypocritical given the university's contract with the U.S. Navy, Kim stated, "Let's have another dialogue event, and then we can have the rational full conversation about it." He added, "So, let's do that. I welcome it."

The Keck School of Medicine also wrote in its statement that the event would not be happening. The statement read that students raising concerns over the contracts "refused to participate in a public conversation about the facts of this matter" and that the "Keck School of Medicine would have been happy to engage in a rational and fact-based dialogue with these students."

Annenberg Media confirmed from members of both USC Students for Justice in Palestine and the Open Dialogue Project student advisory board that there was a conversation between the groups, but SJP refused because members did not believe that "genocide profiteering" was a topic to be debated.

In a statement, SJP wrote that members are "thrilled" that the contract has ended, but don't see this as the end of demands to USC.

Techno-Fascists Monopolize Broadcast News & Tinseltown

Ellisons to Take Over CNN/HBO along with CBS; Warner Bros. along with Paramount

The Ellison family is poised to control one of the world's largest media conglomerates following a legal settlement on Monday that cleared a significant hurdle to the sale of Warner Bros. Discovery to Paramount Skydance. [The news was greeted with a protest at the gates of Paramount's Hollywood studios. A judge must still sign off on the settlement]

An antitrust lawsuit brought by 12 state attorneys general could have blocked the $111 billion deal for Warner — or required significant divestment of key assets. But Paramount — which is led by David Ellison, the son of right-wing centibillionaire Larry Ellison — settled the complaint without making any meaningful concessions.

The younger Ellison will now command two major news networks in CNN and CBS; two of the largest film studios in Paramount Pictures and Warner Bros.; two of the most popular streaming platforms in HBO Max and Paramount+; and an assortment of vestigial cable television properties. His mega-corporation will also own the full or partial rights to many of Hollywood's most valuable properties, including Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Mission: Impossible, Dune, and Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman.

California AG Rob Bonta, who led the states' antitrust case, was pressured to settle by his state's governor, Gavin Newsom. According to the New York Times, Newsom feared that Ellison would follow through with his threat to pull Paramount out of California.

As part of the settlement, Paramount agreed to release 30 theatrical movies a year. But Paramount and Warner Bros. are already scheduled to release more films than that in 2027. The deal also requires Paramount to spend an additional $1.5 billion on movies within five years. It is unclear how or if this will be measured since the deal does not specify a baseline spending figure.

Paramount also agreed to create a board to oversee editorial integrity at CNN and CBS and settle disagreements between journalists and management. While the oversight panel will be made up of five journalists, its members will be chosen by and answer to the board of directors, which is controlled by the Ellisons.

Shortly after taking control of CBS News last year, Ellison chose conservative commentator Bari Weiss to lead the network's right-leaning overhaul. Weiss has since been accused of pressuring journalists to make their reporting more friendly to the Trump administration. In June, former 60 Minutes correspondent Scott Pelley said that Weiss put a "thumb on the scale for the president's version of events" during the editorial process.

Both Ellison men are closely allied with Donald Trump, with Larry Ellison, the founder of Oracle, having donated around $45 million to support the president's 2024 election bid. In April, David Ellison also hosted a dinner in Washington "honoring the Trump White House."

Severe layoffs at both networks are now in the offing, given the redundancies and potential cost-saving staff cuts to deal with enormous debt load. (Paramount is on track to raise more than $44 billion of debt to buy Warner.)**Change Links note:** The deal also required Trump's subservient FCC to sign off on allowing the "sovereign wealth" funds of a number of Arab nations aligned with the US and Israel to provide major funding for the takeover, despite restrictions on foreign ownership of US broadcasters.

IN MEMORY OF

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Southern California Community Calendar

October 2026 Indigenous History Month

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

Other Calendars:
The Big List of Protests (national): https://theblop.org/
https://experism.com/los-angeles
https://timeout.com/los-angeles/movies/all-of-las-outdoor-movies-in-one-calendar
https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/things-to-do/
https://www.americancinematheque.com/now-showing/
https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/events; https://www.lapl.org/events
https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/events
https://caamuseum.org/programs
https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events
https://thelaccc.org/calendar-page/
Group cycling events in L.A.
Also, please check recurring events below the regular monthly Calendar. Check out late changes and additions on the website: https://change-links.org/

I.C.E. Watch:
Report ICE or other federal enforcement activity, raids, etc.
Union del Barrio/Community Self Defense Coalition: 213-444-6562, call or text 24 hours
Others: NDLON (Day Laborers): 626-799-3566; CHIRLA: 888-624-4752 (m-f/9-5)
IMM-DEF: 213-833-8283 (M-F, 9A-4P)

Calendar of Resistance for Palestine! Events and actions around the world:
C-L Note: The Canadian and US governments have targeted and attempted to criminalize Samidoun, labeling it a terrorist organization. This is a gross violation of freedom of speech & human rights.
Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network urges all Palestinian, Arab and international supporters of Palestine to escalate their organizing and struggle to stand with the heroic Palestinian resistance and confront colonial Zionist violence and imperialist complicity.

Please note: this list is for action-oriented/ outdoor/protest actions specifically. However, direct actions like those by Palestine Action (palestineaction.org) are some of the most important events taking place — but they are typically not announced in advance! ANSWER Coalition is also maintaining a list of US based protests (answercoalition.org/join_a_protest_near_you_free_palestine).
Check out our events listings for webinars,discussions and meetings we're involved in (http://samidoun.net/category/events)!.

TO ADD YOUR EVENT TO THE PALESTINE RESISTANCE CALENDAR: Send info by email to samidoun@samidoun.net or tag us on social media! We know that these events are mainly international and that the Arab people are marching everywhere for Palestine — we will be honored to add Arab events. PLEASE NOTE: Times and details may change. Wherever we have it, we have linked to the original organizers' accounts, posters and pages. Please follow these for the latest info – and don't hesitate to send updates!
https://samidoun.net/

Indigenous Peoples' Day often marked with pow-wows.

Oct 1 - Thu China National Day anniversary of People's Republic (1949)

Weekly Rustic Canyon loop hike and stair climb, 5:30-7:30p, 100 W Channel Rd, Santa Monica 90402. Under-2-hour 4.7 mi evening urban hike through beautiful neighborhoods at sunset, with cool hidden stairways and lots of stairs to climb, plus some fascinating history. Bring a flashlight (or plan to use your cellphone light), as IT WILL BE DARK by the end of the walk until well into late Spring. Arrive early to find parking. Sponsored by So Cal Stair Climbers. https://socalstairclimbers.com/historical-info-for-selected-areas/rustic-canyon/

Los Angeles Korean Festival 10a-6p, Seoul International Park, 3250 San Marino St, Los Angeles 90006. 53rd annual; through Oct. 4. https://www.lakoreanfestival.org/

Hola Mexico Film Fest: Memoria De Los Olvidados, Regal LA LIVE. More than seventy-five years after Luis Buñuel filmed Los Olvidados on the streets of Mexico City, its children, nightmares, and fury against injustice remain impossible to shake. In Memory of the Forgotten, filmmaker and Buñuel scholar Javier Espada returns to the places where the landmark 1950 film was made, guided by a remarkable discovery: nearly one thousand photographs Buñuel took while searching for locations, preserved for decades in an unassuming shoebox. Through Arturo Ripstein's voice and conversations with Alejandro González Iñárritu, Michel Franco, Ofelia Medina, Elena Poniatowska, Juan Villoro, and others, the documentary moves between cinema history and the city that gave the film its pulse. Along the way, it uncovers Goya's influence on Buñuel's imagery, explores the director's experience as an exile in Mexico, and considers why a story created so long ago still feels painfully contemporary. https://www.holamexicoff.com/memoria-de-los-olvidados/

Oct 2 - Fri

Left Coast Forum: Building Power in an Age of Crisis, Cal State U Los Angeles, sponsored by LA Progressive. Also Sat Oct 3 & Sun Oct 4. https://www.laprogressive.com/

Oct 3 - Sat

Council District 9 candidates & Mayoral Forum, Doors 9a, Forum 10, bilingual. A Place Called Home, 2830 S. Central Ave, LA 90011. 10a: Karen Bass; 11a: Mazariego and Ugarte; 12n: Nithya Raman. Moderated by CALO News. Sponsored by CD Tech, SAJE, CADRE, South Central LAMP & others.

Youth Engagement Committee End-Year Event, 10a-1:30p, lunch & networking 1:30-3p.510 S. Vermont, LA 90020. Info: http://2026yecendyearevent.eventbrite.com Connect with youth leaders, community-based orgs, county partners and more. Visit the Los Angeles County Youth Commission website to stay informed about upcoming events, access meeting agendas and minutes, and learn more about the Commission's work to elevate youth voice across Los Angeles County. https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov/

NAIJA Fest Los Angeles '26
Gloria Molina Grand Park, 12n-7p, DTLA. Nigerian Independence Day Celebration. King Kanja & Meaku on stage. https://naijafest.org/

Left Coast Forum, CSULA. See Oct 2 - Fri

LA Nature Quest Kick-Off: The Adventure Begins at Griffith Park, 9a-12n, Griffith Park Visitor Center Hall, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr, LA 90027; (213) 228-7000. Sponsored by LAPL with events all month out of different public library branches. https://www.lapl.org/events/la-nature-quest-kick-adventure-begins-griffith-park

Fight for City Council District 9: A Boxing Fundraiser, 2-4p. We're fighting for a Los Angeles that everyone can afford to live and thrive in! Come sharpen your fighting skills and your left hooks at a boxing fundraiser for Estuardo Mazariego's campaign! Each ticket includes a one-hour boxing class with JFM Boxing trainers and a meet and greet with CD9 City Council candidate Estuardo Mazariegos. 3127 Washington Blvd, LA 90292 (Venice). https://secure.actblue.com/donate/jfmbox

Forum on the Future of Pacifica, 4:30 via zoom, monthly on the first Saturday, sponsored by the Pacifica Mission Coalition, not Pacifica Foundation Inc. or any of its radio stations. Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/8L7CtR8zQyyAPExt8cvIvA

18th annual Hola Mexico Film Festival Closing Night Screening + Concert at LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, 501 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Tix & more info: https://www.holamexicoff.com/festival-2026/

Film screening: Corpse Bride, Hollywood Forever Cemetery; gates open at 5:30p, event at 7:15p. https://cinespia.org/

Oct 4 - Sun

Heart of Tataviam Pow Wow, 11a–5p, William S. Hart Park, Newhall, Los Angeles County.

Left Coast Forum, CSULA. See Oct 2 - Fri

Liberation Spells: Black & Indigenous, Trans & Queer folks, 10a-12n, There have been Black/African/Indigenous folks using what they had to create whole worlds at every point in history. To protect. To sustain. To get free. What are the spells we need today? How can we use spelling as archive? What are the truths only we can tell and how? What must we cast out? Register: https://linktr.ee/Echoes_of_the_City

PMC Town Hall Series on Envisioning the Future of Peoples' Media, weekly on

Southern California Community Calendar continued...

Sundays at 4p, virtual national action oriented meeting. https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/z9q3F3wERgiHJkgud8VIyQ

Oct 5 - Mon

Rally for Prop. 40 & Progressive Candidates, with Bernie Sanders, Ro Khanna, and Jane Kim, candidate for CA Insurance Commissioner, At the Novo Theater in LA Live, DTLA. Timing TBD but given its a workday, probably in the evening. Sanders et al will also be in Bakersfield with Randy Villegas.

Aging Well, Planning Ahead: Finances, Family and the Conversations That Matter, 12n-1p, Online event hosted by LAPL Central Library, (213) 228-7000, on YouTube. https://www.lapl.org/events/aging-well-planning-ahead-finances-family-and-conversations-matter

Vote by Mail Ballots sent out in state of CA for November election

Westside Comedy Theater Improv Jam, 10-11p, $2, or free to Westside students and resident improv teams. Students, veteran improvisors and anyone who puts their name in the bucket will be invited up in small groups to play improv scenes or games. No improv experience necessary to participate, and all are welcome! The Jam is a supportive, safe, and super fun environment, whether you want to try improv for the first time or hone your skills. https://westsidecomedy.com/single-event/e/the-improv-jam-1987868336707/

Oct 6 - Tue

Oct 7 - Wed

Oct 8 - Thu Day of the Heroic Guerrilla (Che Guevara)

Tea and a Tale Virtual Live Reading Series, online, weekly on Thursdays, 4:30-5:30p thru Thu, Dec 17 2026, Sponsored by LA Public Library, readings from 1926 to celebrate the Central Library's 100th anniversary. Brew some tea, relax, and listen to a virtual live reading of a public domain novel or short stories. Join via Zoom or dial in by phone. For disability-related accommodations, please call (213) 228-7430 at least five business days prior https://www.lapl.org/events/tea-and-tale-virtual-live-reading-series

The Power of Positive Parenting Seminar, 6-7:30p, in person, LA County Library, Diamond Bar Library Meeting Room. Learn about the power of positive parenting and explore strategies to take home and try with your family. This seminar will be led by an accredited Triple P Positive Parenting Program librarian. https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/17436838

Oct 9 - Fri

Karaoke Night, 7-9:30p, sponsored by Atheists United, Heretic House, 724 E. Edgeware Rd LA 90026
Free karaoke night hosted by Atheists United! We've transformed the iconic Victorian mansion, Heretic House, into a modern karaoke salon! Join fellow freethinkers for a celebration of your favorite songs, without the fear of eternal damnation. First come, first served, capacity 40. Carpool or public transit recommended. Email questions to evan@atheistsunited.org

Whose streets? Our streets!

CicLAvia closes streets to cars, and cyclists & walkers come out to play.

Oct 10 - Sat "Tax the Rich" Day

Mutual Aid Free Grocery Distribution, 11a, All Power Books, 4749 W Adams Blvd, LA 90016. Weekly on Saturdays; also free clinic, 2nd & 4th Saturdays. https://allpowerbooks.org/

Indigenous Peoples Day events with LA County Parks, 10a-1p, Stoneview Nature Center in Culver City, 11a-2p at Deane Dana Friendship Park, San Gabriel River Park, Free and open to the community. Other events thru 10/18 at Vasquez Rocks Natural Area, Placerita Canyon Nature Center, San Dimas Canyon Nature Center, and Whittier Narrows Nature Center. Visit parks.lacounty.gov/nature for more information.

LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes 15th-anniversary Quinceañera Gala, honoring three Mexican American leaders for their contributions to public service, entertainment, and corporate leadership, actor Belissa Escobedo, State Senator María Elena Durazo, and PepsiCo Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Citizenship Lupe De La Cruz III. 6p reception, 7p program & dinner. https://give.lapca.org/event/la-plaza-de-cultura-y-artes-quinceanera-celebration/e734567

Film screening: Carrie 50th Anniversary, Directed by Brian De Palma (1976, 98 minutes)
Hollywood Forever Cemetery /gates at 5:30p, event at 7:15p. DJ sets before and after the film. https://cinespia.org/event/carrie-50/

Oct 11 - Sun

Tuxuunga Indigenous Peoples Day, by Sunland-Tujunga Forward, 12400 Big Tujunga Canyon Rd,
LA. 11a - 4:30p. Celebrate the rich culture and leadership of Indigenous Peoples with free workshops, panels, presentations and delicious food! This year's theme, Nature As Relatives, honors the interconnected kinship between people, land, water, and all living beings — a relational worldview that guides humanity's shared responsibility to the earth. Programming will highlight the Rights of Nature through a panel discussion, cultural presentations, and hands-on workshops, alongside ceremony, song, art, food, and community gathered in beautiful Big Tujunga Canyon.

CicLAvia "Heart of LA" street closures for biking, skating, walking. Mariachi Plaza through Little Tokyo to Echo Park, and/or Chinatown, 6.5 miles.9a-4p. This all-day event temporarily closes streets to car traffic and opens them to use as a gathering place. CicLAvia Sundays are free for all to walk, skate, bike, play, and explore. It's not a race. There's no starting point or finish line—begin where you like and enjoy the day your way. https://ciclavia.org/events/heart-of-la-2026-10/

FILLED Market: Filipino American History Month at Smorgasburg LA, 10a-4p, 777 S Alameda St, LA 90021. Free Entry, Family Friendly Beer Garden, No Pets. Smorgasburg takes place weekly on Sundays, with many food vendors and occasional special themed events like this one . https://smorgasburg.com/los-angeles#hero

Indigenous Pride LA, Exposition Park (South Lawn), 11a- 6p.
Free public event for Two-Spirit, Indigiqueer, Indigenous & LGBTQPAI+ communities featuring performances, vendors & resources. https://indigenouspridela.org/2026-IPLA.

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Zappa Glee Club, 4:20p, live online show at https://www.radiovenice.tv/live/ will be followed by a set in person near Small World Books, 1407 Ocean Front Walk, Venice 90291. Hosted by Gerry Fialka. https://www.facebook.com/events/2572585013248621/

Oct 12 - Mon Indigenous Peoples' Day

Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission and The Huntington host a panel discussion and light reception, 6:30-8p. Moderated by Amanda Wixon (Chickasaw Nation), associate curator of native history at the Autry Museum of the American West. Panel: Lauren van Schilfgaarde (Cochiti Pueblo), asst prof of law at UCLA Law; Dawn Jackson (Saginaw Chippewa), LANAIC Commissioner; and Rudy Ortega Jr. (Fernandeño Tataviam), former LANAIC Commissioner. https://www.huntington.org/event/celebrating-50-years-los-angeles-citycounty-native-american-indian-commission

Author talk: Delio Vasquez discusses *Huey P. Newton: I Am We*, in conversation with Eric Mann, and you're part of the discussion. This is a night of full audience participation, so bring your questions and your voice. Books will be available, and food will be served. Reception, 6p, program 7p. Strategy & Soul, 3546 W Martin Luther King Blvd. LA 90008 (corner Crenshaw); 213-387-2800.

Oct 13 - Tue

System of a Down: Step inside the world of Toxicity on its 25th anniversary. In collaboration with @beyondthestreetsart, exhibition will feature exclusive merch offerings, rare artifacts and ephemera from the Toxicity era, immersive installations, and more. Free Entry, No Ticket Required; 434 N La Brea Ave. LA. Oct. 13-18. Tues - Fri | 12n - 8p; Sat & Sun | 10a - 10p.

Oct 14 - Wed

Oct 15 - Thu

Webinar: What should public media disclose about AI? 10a, via zoom. How much should public media tell audiences when AI touches its content? Join us for the first public presentation of focus group findings from the Public Tech Media Lab at UW–Madison. Learn what audiences expect from AI disclosure and get practical recommendations. https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4L8VQRU4T3mEsfZdYTA2tg

Oct 16 - Fri

SmallBizFriday, 4-6p, monthly virtual networking experience for small business owners, entrepreneurs, freelancers, and early-stage startups Watch how it works: https://youtu.be/5QMzP_KUe-g . https://smallventures.org/club/events/d/smallbusinessfriday-networking-learning-growing-together-smallventures-9qfjm67of928zqw?

Screening: Movies Under the Microscope - *Explorers* (1985), featuring expert-led discussions, a lively pre-screening reception, and a fun look at what 80s sci-fi got right and hilariously wrong. $25, Natural History Museum, Expo Park. Doors 6p, film 7:30-10p. https://nhm.org/calendar/movies-under-microscope-explorer

Oct 17 - Sat

Taste of Soul Crenshaw District street fair, 10a-7p, Crenshaw Blvd. between MLK Blvd to 43rd St., Los Angeles, CA, 90043

No Kings Day of National Action - Vote Early, dozens of vote early No Kings rallies at civic centers around So Cal. See https://nokings.org

DSA-LA Central Branch meeting, 1p, Share lunch with comrades and learn about priority organizing work and initiatives in the chapter, after canvassing in the morning, Up-to-the-minute electoral analysis ahead of the November races, interactive discussion on the DSA-LA Voter Guide + more! Location TBD. email central@dsa-la.org

Oct 18 - Sun

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Oct 19 - Mon

Last day to register to vote https://www.lavote.gov/home/voting-elections/voter-registration/register-to-vote/register

Kimberlé Crenshaw - Backtalker Mark Taper Forum, Central Library, 5th & Flower, 7p, co-presented by ALOUD & the ACLU of Southern California. An urgent and inspiring conversation with visionary legal scholar and writer Kimberlé Crenshaw and ACLU of SoCal Executive Director Chandra Bhatnagar to discuss Crenshaw's new memoir. Charting her extraordinary journey from precocious child to one of the most influential thinkers of our time, Backtalker reveals the defining personal experiences that shaped her groundbreaking work on critical race theory and intersectionality—a term she coined in 1989 to shed light on how overlapping forms of inequality rooted in gender, race, and class shape lived experiences. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kimberle-crenshaw-backtalker-registration-1996057750464

Oct 20 - Tue

Teen Read Month: Book to Screen: Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" gets a face-lift in the film "10 Things I Hate About You", an amusing adaptation set in a Seattle high school. For teens ages 13–17. 5-7p, Clifton M. Brakensiek Library Meeting Room, 9945 Flower St, Bellflower 90706.. https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/17375348

Writing Bodily Archives, sponsored by LA Spoonie Collective, 6-8p, via zoom. Interested in creating poetry that speaks to you as a Disabled, neurodivergent, or chronically ill person? If so, join us for a workshop that explores how we can subvert the violences of medical and diagnostic language to rewrite our bodily stories. Register: bit.ly/CWC1020261

Oct 21 - Wed

BOOK LAUNCH: Stellar Smoke by Tanaïs in conversation withChantal Aida Gordon, 7p, Reparations Club, 3054 S Victoria Ave, LA 90016. A hypnotic and lush speculative novel from award-winning author Tanaïs about family secrets and the mother–daughter bond across generations blurring the boundary between past and present, human and machine. TICKET w/ BOOK guarantees a seat including a signed book available for pick up at the event. FREE RSVP (No Book Included): This DOES NOT include a copy of the book and entry is based strictly on capacity at the door. Books may be available for purchase in-store. SIGNED BOOK ONLY: Can't make it IRL but still want a signed copy? Order directly from our site! Email questions@reparations.club if you have any needs, questions, or accessibility concerns. Tanaïs (née Tanwi Nandini Islam) is a multidisciplinary artist, novelist, memoirist, and perfumer. They are the author of *In Sensorium: Notes for My People*, which won the Kirkus Prize in Nonfiction, and offers an alternative history of South Asia through the lens of scent. Chantal Aida Gordon is an award-winning writer and gardener.

Oct. 22 International Day to Stop Police Brutality and the Criminalization of a Generation

She's the co-author of *How to Window Box*, a guide to bringing nature into your home. Born in Brooklyn and raised in the suburbs of DC, she now lives in NE LA.

Oct 22 - Thu International Day to Stop Police Brutality & Criminalization

Orange County action: Fullerton PD, 6p, 237 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton. Families Demanding Justice, (872) 375-5354, familiesdemandingjustice@proton.me www.familiesdemandingjustice.org

Oct 23 - Fri

Improv Mic, 12n-1p @ Fourth Wall Comedy Cafe, Fourth Wall Comedy Cafe, 5220 Hollywood Blvd, LA. https://thecomedybureau.com/

Oct 24 - Sat

Oct 25- Sun

Lost Cemeteries of Los Angeles (Urban Hike) by Shmuel Gonzales, the Barrio Boychik, 12n, LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes - Meeting in front of "La Tienda" Bookshop. $25, Uncovering the Lost Original Cemeteries of Los Angeles. LA has a terrible history of willfully forgetting the past, and this is most ghastly demonstrated in the way the dead of early LA history have been displaced in the name of progress as the city expanded. We will be exploring the sites and stories of the four original cemeteries which were in some cases relocated, in other cases just built right over. The Campo Santo at the Placita Church; the once forgotten Catholic burial site of many indigenous people and early immigrants; Fort Moore Hill; the forgotten original Protestant burial site, the first non-Catholic cemeteries; Old Jewish Cemetery; the lost original Jewish cemetery near Chavez Ravine, near the site of Dodger Stadium; Old Calvary Cemetery; the old Catholic cemetery, and its former chapel site that has also become important to the historic community of Little Italy. This is an entirely walking tour, the entire circuit is about 3 miles that will take us from the Los Angeles Plaza up to the old Cemetery Ravine – near Chavez Ravine, just down the hill from Dodger Stadium – and back. We will be meeting next to the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes gift shop called "La Tienda," located at 501 N. Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012, as our first site to explore is located just steps away next to La Placita church. We will start checking in participants to start our walking tour promptly; please plan to arrive 15-minutes before our start time. We recommend that people come by public transit.

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Oct 26 - Mon

Oct 27 - Tue

Oct 28 - Wed

DSA-LA Climate Justice Comm. - Stop Data Centers Subcommittee Meeting, 7-8p, via zoom. climatejustice@dsa-la.org. Register: https://dsa-la.org/event/climate-justice-stop-data-centers-subcommittee-meeting-9/

Built for the Future—Saved for the Next Century with Madeleine Brand, Susan Orlean, Adrian Scott Fine, and John Welborne, 7p at the Mark Taper Forum, Central Library, 5th & Flower. Co-presented by ALOUD with the Los Angeles Conservancy. For 100 years, Los Angeles Central Library has been an architectural icon and a cornerstone of civic life—but its future was once uncertain. In 1978, a powerful preservation effort led by community advocates and the Los Angeles Conservancy saved the historic building from demolition. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/built-for-the-futuresaved-for-the-next-century-registration-1996123854182

Oct 29 - Thu

USC Family Weekend, through Nov.1. Parents invited to the campus.

Oct 30 - Fri

LA Comic Con, LA Convention Center, 9a, thru Nov 1. $42-60 per day, kids 0-12 free. https://www.comicconla.com/tickets

Film screening: Jennifer's Body, Hollywood Forever Cemetery; gates at 5:30p, event at 7:15p. https://cinespia.org/

Oct 31 - Sat Halloween (All Hallows Eve)

Esotouric's Secret Los Angeles Evergreen Cemetery tour, 10:30a-1:30p, $50. https://esotouric.com/event/evergreen-fall-2026/

Early voting through Nov. 3 at Hammer Museum. https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2026/midterms-election-vote-center

Film screening: The Thing (1982) Directed by John Carpenter (1982, 82 minutes), Hollywood Forever Cemetery, gates at 5:30p, event at 7:15p.https://cinespia.org/event/the-thing-halloween/

Upcoming & Ongoing Activities

Nov 1 - Sun, Envisioning the Future of Peoples' Media, 4p via zoom. virtual national action oriented meeting. https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/z9q3F3wERgiHJkgud8VIyQ

Nov 3 - Tues Election Day for LA municipal offices (mayor, etc.), CA state offices (Governor, legislators, etc.) and Congressional representatives

Nov 7 - Sat Sacred Path x The Autry Pow Wow, 10a–8p; Grand Entry 1p, Autry Museum of the American West, in Griffith Park just off I-5.

Nov 7 - Sat "A Place to Grow: Affordable Housing, Stronger Families, Thriving Communities" at the First United Methodist Church of Pasadena, 8th anniv. benefit for Making Housing & Community Happen.

Nov 7 - Sat Forum on the Future of Pacifica, 4:30 via zoom, monthly on the first Saturday, sponsored by the Pacifica Mission Coalition, not Pacifica Foundation Inc. or any of its radio stations. Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/8L7CtR8zQyyAPExt8cvIvA

Nov 14 - Sat HMOC & RedBoy Productions Pow Wow, 10a–6p, Heritage Museum of Orange County, Santa Ana.

Every Sunday (except 2nd Sun of month) **Brad Kay jazz merriment**, 12n–4:30p**,** Unurban Cafe, 3301 Pico Blvd (with Suzy Williams, Mews Small, Ginger Smith, and more. FREE Jazz Cabaret Folk Popular Music Live!!! https://sundaysongbirds.com/ Gerry Fialka pfsuzy@aol.com 310-306-7330

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

Mondays: JusticeLA Virtual Actions, 10:30a every Monday via zoom. JusticeLA Virtual Actions is an accessible way for folks to support the JusticeLA coalition by joining together (virtually) to take action towards decarceration and to promote care first, jails NEVER in LA. Also Weds. at 6:30p. Orientation on JusticeLA Virtual Actions and political education on the day's action are all included. Join us! https://dignityandpowernow.org/events

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

Mondays: James Joyce Reading Group. Laughtears Zoomin' Salon1:30p, 40 minutes. Gerry Fialka, pfsuzy@aol.com, 310-306-7330, http://laughtears.com

First Tuesday, 7-9p, Recovering from Religion LA Support Group Hosted by Atheists United. RSVP at: https://www.meetup.com/rfr-los-angeles-ca/ This group meets the 1st Tues ach month virtually via Zoom. RSVP to view the Zoom link to the meeting at: https://www.meetup.com/california-chapter/events/calendar/ The primary focus of a Recovering From Religion support group is to provide ongoing and personal support to individuals as they let go of their religious beliefs. This transitional period is an ongoing process that can result in a range of emotions, as well as a ripple effect of consequences throughout an individual's life. As such, the support meetings are safe and anonymous places to express these doubts, fears, and experiences without biased feedback or proselytizing. Attendees are encouraged to share, when they are comfortable doing so. We are here to help each other through this journey. There is no cost to attend this support group but, if you feel so inclined, donations can be made at www.recoveringfromreligion.org/donate

First Tuesday: Marshall McLuhan-Finnegans Wake Reading Club online, Gerry Fialka, pfsuzy@aol.com, 310-306-7330, See http://laughtears.com for event details.

Third Tuesdays: Protect, Resist and Build with AFSC. 5– 6:30pm PDT. Location: Virtual event Join from anywhere at: https://www.mobilize.us/afsc/event/746944/ Monthly webinar series that brings together AFSC constituents to learn about how to protect, resist, and build just peace, just migration, and just economies. About this event: Monthly webinar series that brings together AFSC constituents to learn about how to protect, resist, and build just peace, just migration, and just economies. If you are registering from outside the US please use the zip code 19102. Learn more about the American Friends Service Committee and find more ways to support at: https://afsc.org/get-involved

Tuesdays, 12n-1p, Prayer Vigil for those Disappeared by ICE, by godmothers of the disappeared (CLUE, SEIU, CHIRLA). LA Fedl. Bldg, 300 N. Los Angeles St, 90012 - march to the Metro Detention Center on Alameda.

Tuesdays: Join Black Lives Matter, Stop LAPD Spying and allies 9a 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. lapd.zoom.us/s/289225944

Tuesday eves, Stop LAPD Spying Coalition meetings have been changed to teleconferences. LA CAN, 838 E. 6th St. LA, CA 90021. https://stoplapdspying.org – see website for meeting topics. facebook.com/stoplapdspying

Opposition to the war in Iran, ICE's war on migrant workers, A-I data centers and Trump's dictatorial maneuvers must be cohered into an irrepressible transformative upsurge for a new way of life.

First Tuesday 2-4p. Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits Free Admission, La Brea Tar Pits and Page Museum, 5801 Wilshire Blvd., LA.

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/84489 313723 -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, may not be at Art Share-LA, 801 E 4th Pl, LA 90013). artsharela.org (213) 687-4278. zoom.us/j/9103444651 Pwd: artshare

Wednesdays: 4-6p, Fund Services Not Police, #EndPoliceAssociations BLM-LA and allies. Vigil/Protest has moved to the Hall of Injustice, Spring & Temple Sts. in DTLA.

Wednesdays: 6:30p, JusticeLA Virtual Actions, via zoom. JusticeLA Virtual Actions is an accessible way for folks to support the JusticeLA coalition by joining together (virtually) to take action towards decarceration and to promote care first, jails NEVER in LA. Also Mons. at 10:30a. Orientation on JusticeLA Virtual Actions and political education on the day's action are all included during the action session. https://dignityandpowernow.org/events

Every Thursday night Hosted by Atheists United, we meetup in the Carl Sagan & Ann Druyan Theater and play games, host workshops, watch movies, plan adventures, and explore the universe one question at a time. Any youth ages 13-18 are welcome to attend. Our group creates a safe space for curious teens to explore ethics, science, nature, and social justice in community.Each meeting combines a fun activity with a challenging discussion topic: All activities and discussion topics are picked by youth participants / Guest experts are sometimes invited to lead workshops/activities. RSVP by text before attending to confirm we're meeting. Meetings are always free and include snacks and drinks. Free car and bike parking on site. Where curiosity is celebrated: At Atheists United, we understand better than anyone the importance of creating a safe, secular space for people to explore their ideas, identities, and values. Youth should be celebrated, not shamed, for asking honest questions. https://www.atheistsunited.org/events/ssr7grh9c8uzfyh7o64xcutyzg4mkg-d2ayr-zrep3-37pkx-wzlp3-yr2j7-a82jr-fe3ch-clk73-kp5gt-y2y59

Thursdays: 3-5p, Venice/Santa Monica Take Back Our Streets Weekly Protest, No I.C.E.Corner of Lincoln & Rose; bring signs and noise-makers. https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblewestsidela/event/893106/

1st Thursday, 6-8p, Justice Not Jails, has switched to a virtual meeting. 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 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. 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.

Every Friday, 9a: Action Hour for Palestine. https://afsc.org/events/action-hour-palestine

First Fridays: A City Lights Reading Series. 5p. Admission is free. City Lights and Beyond Baroque co-present. Check the website for event *details.* https://citylights.com/events/first-fridays-a-city-lights- reading-series-2/ Beyond Baroque is a leading independent Literary Arts Center dedicated to expanding the public's knowledge of poetry, literature and art through cultural events and community interaction. Through the years, Beyond Baroque has played muse to the Venice Beats, the burgeoning Punk movement and visiting scholars. Beyond Baroque, 681 N. Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291, Ph: 310-822-3006, Fax: 310-821-0256, info@beyondbaroque.org Made possible by support from the City Lights Foundation

Fridays: Interfaith Communities United for Justice & Peace forum, 7:30-9:30a, virtual meeting on zoom. For details and to prevent zoom-bombing, contact communications@icujp.org for an invitation and instructions.

Fridays 5p, Vigil for Palestine, San Pedro CA. Join CODEPINK at the corner of 13th and Gaffey St., in front of Vons.

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).

Saturdays: KEEP SHOWING UP, in front of Culver City City Hall, 11a-12:30p. Sign up and/or invite friends here: https://mobilize.us/s/d0VMtk.

Saturdays: Public Speaker meeting Series 10a, Hosted by the Chicago Chapter of the International Marxist-Humanist Organization; join via Zoom. Email for details: *Sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of The International Marxist-Humanist Organization* Email: arise@imhojournal.org

Saturdays: LA Ecovillage Tours: Usually twice monthly, 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/.

Saturday dialogues, AWARE-LA White anti-racist gathering. 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. We strongly encourage you to attend a Saturday Dialogue Orientation before attending a Saturday Dialogue. You must register for each space each time you want to attend. First Saturday Dialogue – 10:30a – 12:45p, Third Sunday Dialogue – 3-5p, Register online via https://www.awarela.org/saturday-dialogue

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Washington and others thought we should look like. Because we don't. We lost it. We've discarded it. It's on the trash heap.

Nader: Well, I've written five columns answering your question. Each column is a constituency. The retired military. They've got to speak up.
Wilkerson: Why do they have to speak up?
Nader: Because they took an oath to uphold the Constitution.
Wilkerson: Do you think oaths mean anything in this country today? You think morality means anything in this country? You think there are ethics in this country? You think there's law in this country? You think there's anything like that in this country, remaining?
Nader: Yes, I do.
Wilkerson: Well, thank you.
N**ader:** Veterans for Peace is an example with 100 chapters. And listen, you may not know this, but…

Wilkerson: Where are their machine guns and their horses and their cannons and their ability to mount an attack on the Congress? And for that matter, where is Congress's military? Where's Congress's army? Where's anybody's army but the chief executive? And he has several of them.
Ralph Nader: Well, this is a very pessimistic view, obviously…
Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson: Hey, I've been pessimistic for a long time.

Nader: I want to say the corporate-dominated bar, in the City of New York, put two white papers out denouncing Trump and their conclusion was, impeach Trump now. Now, 90% of Democratic voters, and 2/3 of independent voters want to impeach Trump, according to Celinda Lake's poll. That's a huge majority ready to go. As you say, Congress is way behind. There's no backbone; they're dominated by the Republican Party with the complicity of the Democratic Party. So when the people want to fire him, and firing Trump is obviously what has to be done first and foremost. How can you be that totally pessimistic?
Wilkerson: Easy. I've lived for 81 years, almost 82, and I've watched my country go to hell, right in front of my face. And I've watched the man mostly responsible for that. But this time, it's not just Trump. This time, he was smart. This time, he selected a team of people like himself, and in many respects, smarter than he--not many, but there's enough, and they're in key positions, and they're going to make sure that they stay in those positions.

And the billionaires--this is far more important--behind them want all of this to happen. They do not want a democracy. A democracy is fallible. [They think] democracy can't beat China. A democracy can't beat Russia. A democracy can't even beat Iran. They want a technocracy that is run by them, armed by them—a technical revolution by them. They want all of this, and oh, by the way they want to live to 150, while they're doing it too.

Nader: Well, how do you view one of the most vulnerable members of Trump's cabinet, Pete Hegseth. The headline in the New York Times recently, "Hegseth's purge of top officers depletes army at critical time." And he has fired a lot of generals and he's pushing out chiefs of staff, etc. And inside the Pentagon, they must hate Hegseth--his personality, his background, his abuses, his contempt. How do you read that? Is that going to lead to any backlash at all?
Wilkerson: Well, I would hope so. I would hope what you're saying is true, but I do not think it is, because Hegseth and his lackeys have been very meticulous in sorting out the flag officers, the admirals and generals, and sorting out the middle ranks and even sorting out the lower ranks, so that they have in place people whom they believe they can call upon when they need forces to support whatever Trump wants to do in order to maintain power. Because they know that January the 6th failed, not because our system held, but because the coup plotters were incompetent. And the main incompetence was not having a significant portion of the lethal apparatus of the state at their beck and call, or at a minimum, standing on the sideline watching it all happen, while, say, ICE does all the hard work. But they are not going to make that mistake again. This time, they have the elements of the state that wield force to be on their side, at least in the majority, if not totally. And that's what Hegseth has done.

He's Christianized the Pentagon. He's Christianized the ranks from the lowest to the highest. If they aren't Christianized, they're going to get fired, and they know that, and they're chickens, so they're not going to stand up to it. Those who are female or Black are speedily gotten rid of, too. This move against Dorie Miller being the person for whom the second carrier coming off the waves was going to be named and substituting Trump, it's partly because Hegseth is a closet racist, and so is his wife. They don't like Blacks.

Nader: Well, punctuating your point, Hegseth has called himself, "the warrior of God in the service of Jesus Christ." So your point is well taken.
Wilkerson: His influence has been so significant that about a week or two ago, we got a message from a special forces team commander in Israel, getting ready for some exercise that they were going to do with the Israelis in Iran. And this chief of SEAL team sent Mikey Weinstein a note, at the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, and it said, the prayer this morning that the leader of our effort gave before the operational briefing, was ended with, "in Jesus Christ's name we pray." Now you can imagine who was sitting around in that room.

Nader: Well, you're aware of the killings by Hegseth and Trump of fishermen in boats in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific, accusing them of being drug dealers without any evidence whatsoever. And there has been evidence that these were fishermen, targeted by missiles. Bruce Fine, who knows quite a bit about international law, says this is first-degree murder. Even if they were drug dealers, the law requires them to be brought before due process, not summarily executed. Now, under the Uniform Military Code of Justice, this is a serious violation. Lieutenant Calley, in his massacre of My Lai, in Vietnam, he was convicted for that, although later his sentence was commuted. What's your take? What would you do if you were asked, should there be a punishment for what's going on? Because it continues week after week, blowing up these small vessels.
Wilkerson: Well, of course there should be punishment, and there should be accountability for what's happening--all the way from the fact that they made the document authorizing it secret, and put it in the Justice Department, never to be read by Americans or by the Congress, to the fact that they're doing it on the high seas and they're doing it in the manner in which they're doing it. All of that is illegal. It's war crimes. But, Ralph, every friggin' hour they create a series of war crimes in Iran. Every friggin' hour they perpetrate war crimes in the Persian Gulf. Every friggin' hour they perpetrate war crimes in Lebanon with Israel. So what's new? We are a criminal state. There's no other way to describe it. We pay no attention whatsoever to domestic or international law, except when it benefits the person who is doing the deed, do we pay any attention at all.

Nader: Do we have to worry about the Pentagon if Trump invokes the Insurrection Act? Or is the real problem the militias out there that we really don't know anything about?
Lawrence Wilkerson: The real problem is in between that. The real problem is that Homeland Security, with ICE— those are the brown shirts, the group that will lead this if anything happens.

I don't think we're going to get to that point, because Trump's now made a decision, and I have this on pretty good authority, that he is going to turn in the war in Southwest Asia to principally what appears to be economic warfare, which we all have heard all about through Scott Bessent, but also to negotiations, and he has the Pakistanis and the Omanis and others working on that right now. So there's going to be very little kinetic activity between now and the elections, and that's for a reason.

Once the elections occur, and if they're successful for the Republicans and thus for Trump, then he's going to go back full bore with everything that we've got, including possibly nuclear weapons, and throw them at Iran. That's the plan.

What could really muck that plan up, is if they have some kind of domestic problem in consolidating Republican control of the legislature. [If they] have a real problem with the elections however, they can solve it behind the scenes, if you will, or maybe by intimidation on voting lines across the country, that sort of thing. They have a map, I'm told, of every precinct in America now. They finally understand that elections take place in the states and in the cities and the in towns, and the parishes and the counties. And it's local boards and things like that. So that's the people you have to get your hands on. That's the people you have to intimidate. That's the people you have to compel into doing what you want. This Voting Act is part of that process.

End the US-Israeli War

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The countries signed an agreement on August 7, stipulating that an armed attack against one would be considered an attack against all three. They have since begun establishing mechanisms to implement the pact, including a Saudi-based secretariat and expanded military cooperation.

Pakistan said earlier this month that no military response to the Ansarallah attacks was then under discussion, while stressing it would fulfill its obligations if required. Meanwhile, France will deploy soldiers, radar, and defense systems to Saudi Arabia to protect the Red Sea oil export hub of Yanbu following an Ansarallah attack, French President Emmanuel Macron said, according to Le Monde.
Macron said the deployment was intended to protect the site, not involve French forces in the fighting.
Yanbu, which handles several million barrels of oil a day, was "severely damaged" in the attacks, he said.

An Israeli airstrike targeted a vehicle in the Mawasi area of Khan Younis, killing one Palestinian and wounding several others, according to WAFA. Israeli settlers assaulted and detained a group of Palestinian young men from Nablus after stopping their vehicle in Beita's Al-Arma area. Israeli forces separately raided Beita and detained a 17-year-old Palestinian boy from his home. In Ramallah, Israeli settlers set fire to three Palestinian vehicles and spray-painted racist slogans on several homes. There are now 942 Israeli checkpoints, gates, and other obstacles across the occupied West Bank, including 824 fixed closure points, increasingly restricting Palestinian movement, the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission reported. Thirteen new fixed gates and checkpoints were documented over the past two months, including 10 in Jenin. Israeli police shot and killed a Palestinian man in his 30s in Yafa Al-Naseriyye, in northern Israel, Thursday night, bringing the documented number of Palestinians killed by police inside of Israel this year to 10. Israel also launched airstrikes, shelling and incursions across southern Lebanon despite a ceasefire.

The UNRWA is facing a $100 million cashflow deficit, forcing it to cut service hours by 20% and reduce salaries for local staff. The U.S., historically UNRWA's largest donor, has withheld funding since 2024. Israel has moved to dismantle the agency's operations in occupied East Jerusalem and restrict its work across the occupied Palestinian territory. In 2026, Israeli authorities demolished UNRWA's historic East Jerusalem headquarters, carried out an operation at its Kalandia vocational training center and forced the closure of its Old City health clinic. Nearly 400 UNRWA personnel have been killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza since October 2023.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, in prerecorded remarks after the U.S. denied visas to a Palestinian delegation for the second consecutive year, told the UN General Assembly that Israeli policies now threaten Palestinians' "very life and existence," citing "killing, destruction, starvation, attempts at displacement, as well as a genocidal war that has created an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe."

Abbas called Israeli activity in the West Bank a "malicious colonial plan" and urged the international community to implement a two-state solution based on international law. He also discussed the Palestinian Authority's plans to hold legislative elections on Nov. 28—the first since 2005-2006.

World leaders walked out when accused war criminal Bibi Netanyahu addressed the UN. Netanyahu excoriated NY Mayor Zohran Mamdani and world leaders at the UN amid Israel's growing isolation. He told "any other moral cowards who haven't yet left this hall" to leave. Netanyahu also rejected French President Emmanuel Macron's condemnation of daily Israeli "violations" in the West Bank as a "grotesque absurdity". Nearly two dozen protesters, including Democratic nominee for Congress Darializa Avila Chevalier, whistleblower Chelsea Manning, and actor Hannah Einbinder were arrested blocking the street in a protest outside the UN.

Letter to the Editors

Dear ***Change Links***:

I am writing in hopes it may influence some people at the recent No KIngs and other protests I have attended. I think it is very important to demonstrate opposition to what our government is doing. As a disabled veteran, I am very concerned especially about the wars the US is waging or financing, and about the militarism at our so-called Department of War.

But I think that too many people are using coarse and abusive language and profanities on their placards and banners. I think that turns off or turns away many older people like myself who could otherwise be attracted to participate. So it may help someone vent, but it is self-defeating if we really want to unite enough people to put a stop to what we are protesting.

The Role of Friendship or Bromance in International Affairs

By Peter Bach [Excerpts]

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... Imagine Trump and Xi disappearing into a room for an hour and emerging with the gentlest of smiles to announce that the United States and China had agreed to eliminate an entire class of nuclear weapons—with Russia and North Korea waiting in the wings to get rid of them too....

I suppose the most famous political friendship was the one between a blanketed Roosevelt and boiler-suited Churchill during World War II. It was a friendship forged in hell. Both men were prepared to wage a war that included mass bombing of cities, accepting huge civilian casualties as part of the price of victory.

The Roosevelt–Churchill partnership was actually where Britain transferred its predominance to the US. Nor was Roosevelt especially sentimental about it. He frequently outmaneuvered Churchill, and the two disagreed sharply over empire and colonialism, the Mediterranean and the conduct of the war, and how Stalin and the Soviet Union should be handled. Personal affection did not erase national interest.

Churchill's gift for friendship was already playing out with Roosevelt during that notoriously awkward period before [the US] entered the war. By the end of 1940, Britain was running out of the dollars and gold to buy the weapons and supplies crucial to its survival. Churchill sidestepped ordinary diplomatic channels to send Roosevelt a long, intensely personal account of Britain's situation. It was forwarded to the president while he was cruising the Caribbean on the Tuscaloosa. The letter was roughly 4,000 words long.

Churchill regarded it as one of the most important letters he would ever write. It was not just a plea for money. It was an attempt to make Roosevelt live inside Britain's head. The country had survived 1940, but, as Churchill explained, survival in 1941 depended upon shipping, weapons and US industrial production. Most ominously, Britain's ability to pay was fast approaching exhaustion. The crucial passage was devastatingly simple: "The moment approaches when we shall no longer be able to pay cash for shipping and other supplies."

Within days, Roosevelt was working on the mechanism that became Lend-Lease. The US would supply Britain without demanding immediate payment. The two men's extraordinary closeness did not create the crisis, remove Roosevelt's domestic political shackles or invent American self-interest. It simply gave Churchill a way of putting Britain directly in front of the one man capable of turning those constraints into something new. Britain did not make the final payments on its Second World War-era US loans until 29 December 2006.

C. S. Lewis once wrote that "every real friendship is a sort of secession, even a rebellion." There is something of that in political friendship. Two people establish a tiny jurisdiction of their own. The interesting question is what they then use it to get around.

I remember watching the Gorbachev cavalcade pass the NY Public Library. This was during the improbable Reagan–Gorbachev rapprochement of the late 1980s. The two men had been so suspicious of one another, wary as hell, but their four summits went on to create a remarkable atmosphere of personal and abiding trust. It helped make nuclear agreements that had previously seemed unimaginable suddenly politically feasible.

The 1986 Reykjavík summit produced one incredible moment after another. Reagan and Gorbachev began bargaining in a way that left their teams of advisers not just uncomfortable, but terrified. When Reagan asked what Gorbachev meant by eliminating "all strategic forces", Gorbachev said he favored eliminating all nuclear weapons. Reagan replied that this was his goal too.

They did not, in fact, negotiate a particularly workable abolition of all nuclear weapons there and then. But for a spaced-out moment the leaders of the world's two nuclear superpowers had found themselves contemplating something remarkably close to it. A more concrete proposal would have eliminated every single offensive ballistic missile within ten years.

The deal ultimately collapsed over Reagan's refusal to accept Gorbachev's restrictions on his "Star Wars" missile defense program, particularly the Soviet demand that testing be confined to laboratories.

Yet Reykjavík revealed something quite extraordinary. Reagan and Gorbachev discovered that each of them was more radical about nuclear disarmament than important parts of their own national-security establishments. Four days later, Reagan's national-security adviser was privately urging him to step back from talk of eliminating all nuclear weapons.

Reykjavík looked like failure. It wasn't. A year later, Reagan and Gorbachev signed the INF Treaty. It was a massively improbable outcome for a president whom critics had long portrayed as a Cold War warmonger.

I mean, imagine Trump and Xi disappearing into a room for an hour and emerging with the gentlest of smiles to announce that the United States and China had agreed to eliminate an entire class of nuclear weapons—with Russia and North Korea waiting in the wings to get rid of them too.

One could make equally interesting other lists containing Churchill and Stalin, Nixon and Kissinger, Mandela and de Klerk, Tony Blair and Dubya Bush, France's socialist Mitterand and Germany's conservative Kohl, or Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin. The last pair developed a highly personal diplomacy through the chaotic 1990s. At Hyde Park in 1995, with their governments divided over Bosnia and NATO, Yeltsin was telling Clinton that while there was no personal animosity or mistrust between them, their countries had begun pulling against each other. They needed to restore their personal rapport as the driving force in the relationship. Which may be as concise a description of the political usefulness of friendship as anybody has managed.

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