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Trump's Aggressive War on Iran Exposes Imperial Over-Reach

by Michael Novick, Anti-Racist Action, Los Angeles
The US-Israeli war on Iran is raging into its second destructive month. It continues to expand and escalate, igniting mass opposition in the US and around the world and causing long-term damage to the global economy. It is exposing the weaknesses and contradictions plaguing not just Trump's fascist MAGA coalition, but the entire imperialist economic, political and military system. The possibility and responsibility arises of transforming imperialist war into a transformative anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist struggle here in "the belly of the beast."

Trump has twice been forced to extend his deadline and threat of a ground invasion of US troops of Kharg Island or the mainland of Iran, and if he follows through on his threat with the idea that numerous casualties of US troops in such an invasion will cause people in the US to "rally 'round the flag'" and support his war, it will be another fatal miscalculation on his part and that of his Secretary of War Hegseth. Israel's attempt to use the war to advance its occupation of southern Lebanon has similarly deepened anti-Zionist protest around the world. As missiles and drones begin to wear away the apartheid state's air defenses it has produced the first significant anti-war protests within Israel itself.

The Jerusalem Post reports a leading military official expressing fear that the IDF is facing a crisis of collapse. The Houthis in Yemen have added to the attacks on Israel and can be expected to extend the closure of the Strait of Hormuz imposed by Iran to the entire Red Sea. The reactionary Arab regimes, including Saudi Arabia and the Emirates are paying a price for their

support for Israel and US aggression, and Iran has severely damaged US ground-based and naval forces in the region, as well as taking out US surveillance systems, including a multi-million-dollar AWACS.

More than eight million people demonstrated at the end of March across the US, for the first time adding opposition to war and in many significant cases, solidarity with Palestine to the calls for an end to Trump, ICE and domestic exploitation and repression. Labor support is building for at least a one-day general strike on May 1st (see article elsewhere in this issue). But more is needed. A record number of GOP congressmen have announced they are leaving office; but the Democrats have continued to waffle and backed off from pushing for a War Powers Act vote that could have put an end to the war. Driving DJ Trump from office would put JD Vance in power, and might mean going from the frying pan into the fire. In the 1960s, the Black Panther Party educated millions about the need to replace this system, and identified and personified

the people's enemy as the "avaricious businessmen, demagogic politicians and racist pig police." Trump may be all three rolled into one, but he leads and embodies a SYSTEM of avarice, lies, racism and repression.

We need to fire up our imaginations, our vision, and our goals. We need more than comics and late night hosts poking fun at the naked emperor. We need not just regime change, but system change -- de-militarization and de-carbonization of the economy, decolonization of the society and the land, de-carceration and dismantling of the carceral police state and its surveillance apparatus, democratization of the workplace and the political system. We need solidarity with Cuba and Venezuela against deadly US sanctions. We need to eliminate the billionaires as a ruling class, not just tax their stolen wealth. In other words, we need -- not a return to the status quo ante before Trump -- but a total transformation to an environmentally sustainable system based on peace, justice and eco-socialism. See 'Trump's War', p. 7



THE WAR BEFORE THE WAR

© by Mumia Abu-Jamal

<https://www.prisonradio.org/commentary/the-war-before-the-war/>

As bombs explode and wreak havoc across the Middle East, one wonders, What will come of this?

This question arises because of events that happened over 70 years ago. 1953, to be exact, when spies from the CIA and British intelligence hatched a plan to remove Iran's democratically elected leader, Mohammad Mosaddegh -- removed from power because he supported the nationalization of his country's vast oil reserves.

The spies, acting on behalf of US and British oil companies, used their puppet, the Shah of Iran, to declare that Mosaddegh, be held on house arrest, which sparked wide anti-Shah protests in the country.

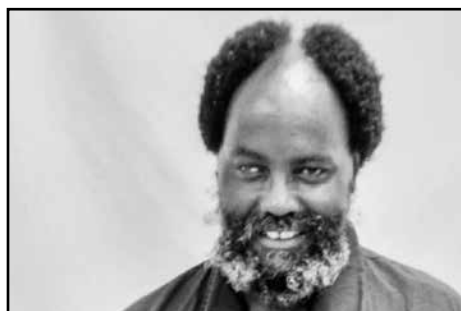
This imperial plot of regime change by foreigners sparked the subsequent revolution in Iran, that forced the Shah into exile some years later, and led to the rise of the rule of the clerics.

Regime change can lead to unexpected consequences. For as history has taught us, regime change can become the mother of revolutions. So, be careful what you wish for.

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

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April 2026 Community Calendar

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

Apr 4 - Si Se Puede

Apr 8 - NLG Convention

Apr 10 - Spanish Civil War Newsreels

Apr 15 - War Tax Resistance Day

Apr 22 - Earth Day

Apr 26 - CicLAvia WLA

May 1 - May Day General Strike

International Coalition Says: Move World Cup from US

by Black Alliance for Peace

<https://blackallianceforpeace.com/bapstatements/2026/3/4/100-days-from-the-world-cup-an-international-coalition-is-calling-on-fifa-to-move-the-games-from-the-us-the-us-is-unsafe-for-non-europeans-and-is-operating-as-a-rogue-state>

With the FIFA World Cup in L.A. now under 100 days away, an international coalition has launched a coordinated boycott campaign demanding that FIFA move matches from the United States. The Coalition warns that US thuggery is creating a humanitarian crisis, both domestic and international. International sport is not neutral. Mega-sporting events function as instruments of political legitimization. To host global sporting events is not merely a logistical privilege — it is a declaration of belonging within the international community.

"The coalition believes that with the siege of Cuba, the kidnapping of the president of Venezuela, the unprovoked and illegal war on Iran, and the fact that the United States has become an increasingly unsafe and hostile environment for peoples of the world — particularly for Black, Brown, Indigenous, migrant, and non-European peoples - the U.S. has excluded itself from the community of civilized nations and should not be allowed to normalize its violence and international gangsterism," says Ajamu Baraka of the Black Alliance for Peace's North-South Project for People(s)centered human rights, one of the conveners of the coalition. [ChangeLinks note: LA's NOlympicsLA Coalition supports the call. The World Cup and the Olympics, along with the Super Bowl are all National Security Special Events scheduled in Los Angeles this year, 2027 and 2028, guaranteeing a steady and growing repressive federal presence and surveillance in the city.]

In the US, violent immigration crackdowns, illegal detentions, and discriminatory travel measures endanger communities, fans, players and tournament personnel all while the US soaks its hands in foreign blood across the globe.

Nowhere is this more evident than in West Asia and Africa. There, the US continues its violent campaigns against nations whose players and fans will soon set foot on American soil for 78 world cup

matches beginning June 11th. Many will arrive as victims of US-sponsored carnage. We demand: the games cannot go forward as if these lives do not matter-whether it is in graves or cages. We refuse to let the United States hide its transgressions against sovereign peoples. The blood of women and children will not be washed away on the pitch to fertilize its grass, and its seats must remain empty for every person ICE has disappeared.

Mireille Fanon Mendes-France, chair of the Frantz Fanon Foundation declares that, "it is morally obscene and politically backward that the United States, a country that has persistently defied international law and stands implicated in grave human rights violations—including wars of aggression, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and active support for Israel's genocide in Gaza—should be entrusted with hosting a global event meant to celebrate dignity, collective humanity and unity like the World Cup."

At this historical juncture, permitting the US to host international sporting events such as the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics with the participation of Israel, represents a profound moral and political contradiction for the international community of nations.

With fewer than 100 days before the World Cup, we say : Reject the normalization of war, repression and genocide.

Demand that FIFA move the games and boycott the U.S. until it has demonstrated that it is prepared to operate in the world as a normal state committed to equality, peace and people(s)-centered human rights.

Change-Links Monthly Poetry Corner

SPAM Musubi: An Internment Camp Food

© by Christian Hanz Lozada

Some people say grass lawns mimic owning enough estate to flaunt not needing to grow your own food.

Some people name human meat long pig, and I wonder where the similarity lives: in the body or in the tongue.

Some people reserve white rice for the wealthy and the colonized, but I say I can lose

some things like teeth filed sharp to tear and tattoos to count heads, but leave me ghosts to remember,

even if it tastes like incarceration. Let me have the consistent hum of white rice like a baseline

and a grasp, the slicing tin lids and salty humanness of SPAM, and seaweed skin holding it together,

like how the ocean once encircled islands before ancestors, money, and land locked us here.

Christian Hanz Lozada wrote the poetry collection *He's a Color, Until He's Not* and co-wrote *Leave With More Than You Came With* and the photo-history book, *Hawaiians in Los Angeles*. He lives in San Pedro, California, and uses his MFA to teach his neighbors and their kids at Los Angeles Harbor College.

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HARRISON WEIL, PRESENTE!

Harrison Weil passed on March 1, 2026 at the age of 82. He was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Alhambra. After he graduated from Alhambra High School, he went on to earn a B.S. in Sociology from Stanford University. He returned to Stanford a little later to earn both his Masters and PhD in Sociology.

After teaching Sociology at a Midwestern university, he went on to the East Coast and worked as a Professor at Columbia University in NY. Upon returning to California, Harrison met John LaRouche in 1980 while working for the Census in central California. Shortly after meeting, Harrison invited John to join him in the first band he ever played in. It was called the "Hot Tub" band because it featured a wash tub bass player. They performed at churches and social gatherings.

Both Harrison and John worked for the State Assembly Committee on Reapportionment under Governor Jerry Brown and Assemblyman Richard Alatorre after the census, and became lifelong friends.

Harrison returned to the home in Altadena his parents had purchased in the 1960's. After their passing, he remained there for most of the rest of his life. He became more politically active in Southern California, attending anti-war demonstrations, peace vigils in the Alhambra area and elsewhere. He was also a major force in the struggle to create diversity and justice in the functioning of Pacifica radio, most notably at KPFK, the Los Angeles area station and its Local Station Board. Harrison and colleagues managed to convert the governing structure of the station into a more inclusive, democratic system. This was circa 2003; he ran in the LSB election for the very first board chosen by members and was successful in winning a seat.

In 2005, he instituted quarterly friends get-together events at his Altadena home to celebrate the Spring and Fall Equinoxes and the Summer and Winter Solstices. His gatherings became legendary as he was able to gather many like-minded and diverse folks who came together to have lively discussions, make music together, and enjoy sharing food. Covid-19 put an end to these gatherings in 2020.

Harrison loved music and played both the guitar and the piano. He was a musical wiz. He was able to easily change the key for any song as he played. He put together a Songbook with music and songs to share with close friends. He also dabbled with song writing. He revised and perfected the English lyrics to the world-renowned song "Bella Ciao". In fact, the English lyrics found online are those he wrote up.

Harrison enjoyed art and loved visiting art museums. Two of his favorite artists were Vincent Van Gogh and J.W.M. Turner.

His life changed drastically on January 7, 2025, when his beloved home in Altadena was destroyed in the Pasadena/Eaton firestorm. He stayed in Southern California for a few more months and in May, he accepted his friend John LaRouche's invitation to live at John's home in Vermont, leaving a group of close friends here that had become his family. He spent his last few months there surrounded with much love and care and died peacefully at John and Rose's home. He succumbed to heart failure precipitated by Parkinson's which was diagnosed in 2019.

Harrison was deeply loved and respected by all who knew him and will be missed by all whose lives were touched and enriched by him. May he rest in eternal peace.



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Southern California Community Calendar

April 2026 - Celebrate Earth Day!

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Project Esther from the Heritage Foundation is attacking the Alliance for Global Justice (AFGJ), our fiscal sponsor, as part of an effort to criminalize and crush Palestine solidarity. Consider making a donation to AFGJ itself. The attempt to deplatform AFGJ has resulted in their inability to process credit cards. Checks or bank transfers are the way to go. Contact AFGJ@afgj.org Please contact the event by phone, email or website for updates.

Other Calendars:

The Big List of Protests (national): <https://theblob.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://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events>
Also, please check recurring events below the regular monthly Calendar. Check out late changes and additions on the website: <https://change-links.org/>

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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: NDLO (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:

<https://samidoun.net/>
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 the webinars, discussions and meetings we're involved in (samidoun.net/category/events/)!

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.

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/>

Wed - Apr 1 April Fools' Day, Passover begins

TECHSPO LA 2026 Technology Expo 9a, Loews Hollywood Hotel, 1755 North Highland Avenue, LA 90028. Where business, tech and innovation collide. Also Apr 2. <https://techspola.com/>

Thu - Apr 2

Secular Youth Group (Weekly Meeting) hosted by Atheists United. 5:30-7p, Text 323-666-4258 to complete RSVP. Secular Youth Group is a religion-free space for secular youth: Our group creates a safe space for curious teens to explore ethics, science, nature, and social justice in community. Every

Thursday night we meet-up 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. All activities and discussion topics are picked by youth participants / Guest experts are sometimes invited to lead workshops/activities / VP 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. <https://www.atheistsunited.org/events> Center For Inquiry West, 2535 W Temple St., LA 90026. www.cfiwest.org Check events like Apr 5 - Picnic at Garfield Park in South Pasadena. More events at: <https://atheistsunited.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fa47d19736aefae95d94f72f5&id=34cd05203f&e=a4950fdad4>

Public Works Improvisational Theater Earth Day Cabaret, 7:30p, Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd, Venice 90291.

Fri - Apr 3

Plaza Mexico presents "Good Friday Celebration", 12n-4p, featuring the passion play, a dramatic, community-driven performance celebrating the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Cecilia Cruz's International Group of Independent Actors, known as Gidai Teatro, the theater group performing the Passion play, is comprised of 35 actors from all over Southern California, including as far as Bakersfield, and Riverside County, and they have been putting on this play at Plaza Mexico since 2013. Even the wood from the crosses are from Southern California, being made from approved pine trees grown locally in Big Bear, CA. Plaza México, 3100 E Imperial Hwy, Lynwood 90262. Entrance + Parking: Free. Family-Friendly, All Are Welcome. <https://www.plazamexico.com/>

Heidi Duckler Dance Presents 4D Film Festival - Independent Filmmaker Screening, 7p, 1206

Maple Ave, Sye 1100B, LA 90015. Outdoor rooftop screening of dance films, Quack Games trivia, snacks & refreshments. Tickets: \$10. <https://heididuckler.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events>

Sat - Apr 4

Unity Uprising, time, location TBA. On the 58th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination, we rise. Join Dr. Butch Ware, Green Party candidate for CA Governor, Dr. Melina Abdullah, Chris Smalls, and more for an afternoon of radical conversation, community, art, and action. This immersive educational experience is presented by The Revolutionary Learning Community.

Writers Supporting Writers, 12n-2p, West Hollywood Library Ruth Bader Ginsburg Room. Monthly writers' mutual support group, first Sat. Light refreshments from Friends of WeHo Library. <https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/15293027>

Si Se Puede, 2-3p, Julian Dixon Culver City Library. Center Theater Group performs a play about Dolores Huerta and farmworkers' struggle, inspired by Teatro Campesino. <https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/15862031>

Sun - Apr 5 Easter Sunday

Mon - Apr 6

San Fernando Valley Atheists United - Virtual Discussion Meetup via Zoom. 7:30-9:30p. You must register on Meetup in advance to be admitted to the Zoom meeting. RSVP: <https://www.meetup.com/sfv-atheists-united/> Text us at 323-666-4258 to complete RSVP. <https://www.atheistsunited.org/events>

Tue - Apr 7

Recovering from Religion LA Support Group Hosted by Atheists United. 7-9p, via zoom. <https://www.atheistsunited.org/events/la-recovering-from-religion-support-group-j9as6-r84rb-njwes-gcz8b-jm7ca-gz6h9-82lm4-jy28f-rexmb-frfms-bbjec-hbyxz> Group meets the FIRST TUESDAY each month at 7p, 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

Southern California Community Calendar continued...

Wed - Apr 8

Autism Awareness Month screening of 'Sensory Overload', 5:30-7p, Lancaster Branch LA County Library. In this documentary, the film makers aim to rewrite the narrative around neurodivergence and sensory sensitivity by telling the true stories of individuals who prove that these aren't deficiencies — they're just differences. The film highlights families, health care providers, experts, allies, advocates in neurodivergence, healthcare and policy who champion the need for sensory inclusive spaces. <https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16059604>

National Lawyers Guild Convention - Law for the People, Detroit MI thru Apr 12. They honor members and allies whose work embodies extraordinary commitment to our mission of human rights and the rights of ecosystems over property interests. <https://nlg.org/convention>
Honorees: Katherine Franke: Law For The People Award; Marc Van Der Hout: Ernie and Bill Goodman Award; Matthew McLoughlin: Karen Jo Koonan Legal Worker Award; Samantha Santoro: C.B. King Student Award; Suzanne Adely; Debra Evenson "Venceremos" Award.

Thu - Apr 9

Fri - Apr 10

Freedom First Concert, sponsored by 5cPrison Abolition Collective at Scripps College and the Justice for Keith Lamar Campaign (Lamar is on Death Row in Ohio). 5cprisonabolition@gmail.com

Hearst Metrotone News Collection and the Spanish Civil War, 7:30p, Hammer Museum. Presented by the UCLA Film & Television Archive in partnership with The Packard Humanities Institute and the Instituto Cervantes Los Angeles. Learn more at cinema.ucla.edu. Introduction by Gerardo Fueyo Bros, consul general of Spain in LA, and Javier Muñoz-Basols, executive director, Instituto Cervantes Los Angeles. 90-minute presentation by historian Silvia Ribelles de la Vega, followed by a Q&A with Ribelles moderated by May Hong HaDuong, director, UCLA Film & Television Archive. Marking the 90th anniversary of the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War (1936–1939), Silvia Ribelles de la Vega, a scholar and historian at The Packard Humanities Institute, presents a program featuring seldom-seen views of the war, drawn from the Hearst Metrotone News collection. The preservation of and access to the collection have been made possible only through the incredible efforts of The Packard Humanities Institute, in collaboration with the UCLA Film & Television Archive.

Sat - Apr 11

Liberated Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum training, 9a-3p both days, CSULA, 5151 State University Dr., LA. www.liberatedethnicstudies.org Also tomorrow.

Venice Beach Yoga & Beach Cleanup, Venice Beach Fishing Pier, 9–11a, join It's Bigger Than Us (IBTU) as we launch our third year of the Venice Beach Cleanup Series, a



monthly volunteer activation focused on environmental stewardship, community wellness, and coastal preservation. Partner with the Venice Beach Pier Association as part of their ongoing Second Saturday community activation series. This series highlights local businesses, features themed programming, offers discounted food, and provides free public activities along the pier each month. Our Coastal Care cleanups will serve as a featured community engagement anchor within this larger activation. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/venice-beach-yoga-beach-cleanup-series-2026-tickets-1980800311052>

"What History Lies Beneath DTLA's Bright Lights?" A Walking Tour in DTLA. 10a, 10:30a, 11a, 11:30a. Co-presented by Zócalo Public Square and Los Angeles Conservancy, with generous support from Karsh Family Foundation and Broad Foundation, in partnership with California Humanities and City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs. Also Sun Apr 12, same times. Co-designed by Zócalo and Los Angeles Conservancy, this DTLA walking tour will start where it all began, bringing to light what was to illuminate where we're going. We will be joined by experts at El Pueblo de Los Angeles, Union Station, and Little Tokyo. Each 2.5 hour tour starts at El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, LA 90012. Distance/Duration: Tourgoers will walk approximately 1.8 miles. Tours will last 2.5 hours. Check-in: Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your tour's start time to check in. Please note, the tour will end in Little Tokyo. RSVP: <https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/what-history-lies-beneath-dtlas-bright-lights/>

Sun - Apr 12

32nd Annual Zapata Commemoration-The Struggle Continues. LONG LIVE ZAPATISMO! 10a-5p, Lincoln Park (El Parque de Mexico) in Lincoln Heights -- Mission & Valley Blvds, LA, 90031. No To All Imperialist Wars! Freedom For All Political Prisoners! Justice For Ayotzinapa! ICE Out Of Our Barrios! Free Palestine! Music-Poetry-Speakers-Baila Folklorico Vapa. Vendor Info 323-829-4135. Organized by Comite Pro Democracia en Mexico and Danza Tloquenahuaque.

"What History Lies Beneath DTLA's Bright Lights?" A Walking Tour in DTLA, see Sat Apr 11 for details.

KPFK 90.7 FM LSB-Local Station Board 10a via zoom; the March meeting was cancelled by the New Day Pacifica majority and now only meets every other month! The New Day Pacifica majority has also replaced the Pacifica Foundation, Inc. Bylaws without member approval. Listeners and Members can attend these meetings, and speak up during the Public Comment period. Visit www.kpftx.org scroll to the meeting calendar for Apr 12 to get the Agenda and Zoom meeting details. You can join via computer or by phone. An election under the new Bylaws is supposed to take place for new advisory-only local boards and for officers on a separate national board.

Linda J. Albertano Poetry Fellowship Reading & Celebration, 2p, Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd, Venice 90291; also live on YouTube. <https://beyondbaroque.org> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-2026-linda-j-albertano-poetry-fellowship-reading-celebration-tickets-1986038967013>

Mon - Apr 13

Tue - Apr 14

UTLA/SEIU Strike deadline if no fair contract with LAUSD

Wed - Apr 15 **Income Tax deadline**

Richard Modiano 75th Birthday Celebration, 7-10p, Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd. All welcome.

Thu - Apr 16

Trailblazers in Conversation with Danny Funt, 6p via zoom. LA County Librarian and Director, Dr. Skye Patrick, in conversation with reporter Danny Funt, author of *Everybody Loses: The Tumultuous Rise of American Sports Gambling*. What was once confined to Las Vegas casinos and bookmaker ledgers has erupted into sports venues, living rooms, and pockets around the US. Sports betting has grown into a \$10 billion industry following a 2018 Supreme Court decision that struck down the 1992 Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act. But where does all of that money come from -- and where is it going? Danny Funt has written the first major investigation

into the US sports gambling industry, and he'll be joining us to talk about the intersection of money and morals, what it means for the sports and teams we love so much, and what to watch out for as this industry grows... and grows. He covers sports betting as a contributor at the *Washington Post*. He previously worked as an editor at The Week magazine.

Fri - Apr 17

African People's Socialist Party 2026 International Plenary Conference St. Louis, MO or virtual. Register: <https://apsplenary.org/register/>

Film: STEAL THIS STORY, PLEASE! — 1:10-4p, KPFK Screening & Q&A with Amy Goodman and film-makers. \$50. Also 7:10-10p, with VIP reception. Laemmle Royal, 11523 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025 <https://events.kpfc.org/copy-of-steal-this-story-please-kpfc-screening-q-a-with-amy-goodman-2026>

Sat - Apr 18

APSP Conference, see Apr 17

LA Sanitation & Environment presents Earth Day LA 2026 - 10a start, Pan Pacific Park, Los Angeles, CA. Event and ticket info: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lasans-earth-day-la-2026-registration-1984326588242>

IE Waterkeeper Earth Month Cleanup, 9a. They expect around 50 volunteers and it'll be hosted by Inland Empire Waterkeeper. 5759 Jurupa Ave, Riverside 92504.

Register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSF-wMMdqLv3VSu3GPr1JpE3T3WzZq-dXQCeNj50Q1frFg/viewform>

BACK TO OZ: From The Wonderful Wizard, to The Wiz, to Wicked—An American Fairytale, Center Theater Group and Muse-Ique present at the Mark Taper Forum/the Music Center. Performances of "We're Off to See the Wizard," "Home," and "For Good" and other songs from various iterations of the story. Featuring DC6 Singers Collective, and the MUSE/IQUE Orchestra Tickets Start at \$40.25 <https://www.centertheatregroup.org/shows-tickets/taper/2025-26/museique-back-to-oz/>

Sun - Apr 19

APSP Conference, see Apr 17

Mon - Apr 20

Tue - Apr 21

Wed - Apr 22 **Earth Day**

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally through earthday.org including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. In 1969 at a UNESCO conference in San Francisco, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day to honor the Earth and the concept of peace.

Audubon Events Marking Earth Day <https://www.audubon.org/news/audubon-events-marking-earth-day-2026> Centers, state offices, and chapters across the Audubon network are marking Earth Day on and around April 22.

Thu - Apr 23

Spotting Scams & Staying Safe, AARP workshop, 1-2:30p, Crenshaw Customer Service Center Community Room, 4030 Crenshaw Blvd, LA 90008. Complimentary on-site parking. RSVP 866-591-8105; <https://aarp.cvent.com/fraudlang>

Indian Film Festival of LA, through Apr 26. <https://indianfilmfestival.org/festival-guide-2026/> Opening gala (\$60) Harmony Gold, 7655 W. Sunset Blvd., LA 90046 info@indianfilmfestival.org Other venues TBA

Writers Bloc Presents Steven J. Ross and Patt Morrison. 7:30p, Ebell of LA - Lounge, 741 S Lucerne Blvd, LA 90005. 323-931-1277. Ross' new book, *The Secret War Against Hate: American Resistance to Antisemitism and White Supremacy*, chronicles the shocking rise of white supremacist terrorism against Jews and Blacks following WWII. Determined to "finish the job Hitler had begun," American Nazis and white supremacists launched deadly attacks against Jews and Blacks across the country. Ross reveals the astonishing work of a small group of heroes: infiltration, monitoring, and ultimately sabotaging the efforts of these post-war domestic terrorists. Ross is a Distinguished Prof of History at USC, and Director of the Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life. In conversation with Patt Morrison. Limited parking onsite. We recommend rideshares and carpooling. Please allow time to find parking. As a nonprofit organization, Writers Bloc Presents relies on support from people like you; donate here: <https://writersblocpresents.com/main/donate/> No refunds or exchanges on tickets or books. Books must be picked up on the night of the program. Tickets are strictly non-transferable. \$28.52 at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/writers-bloc-presents-steven-j-ross-and-patt-morrison-tickets-1982321430762> Please do not buy tickets from any resale sites or external vendors.

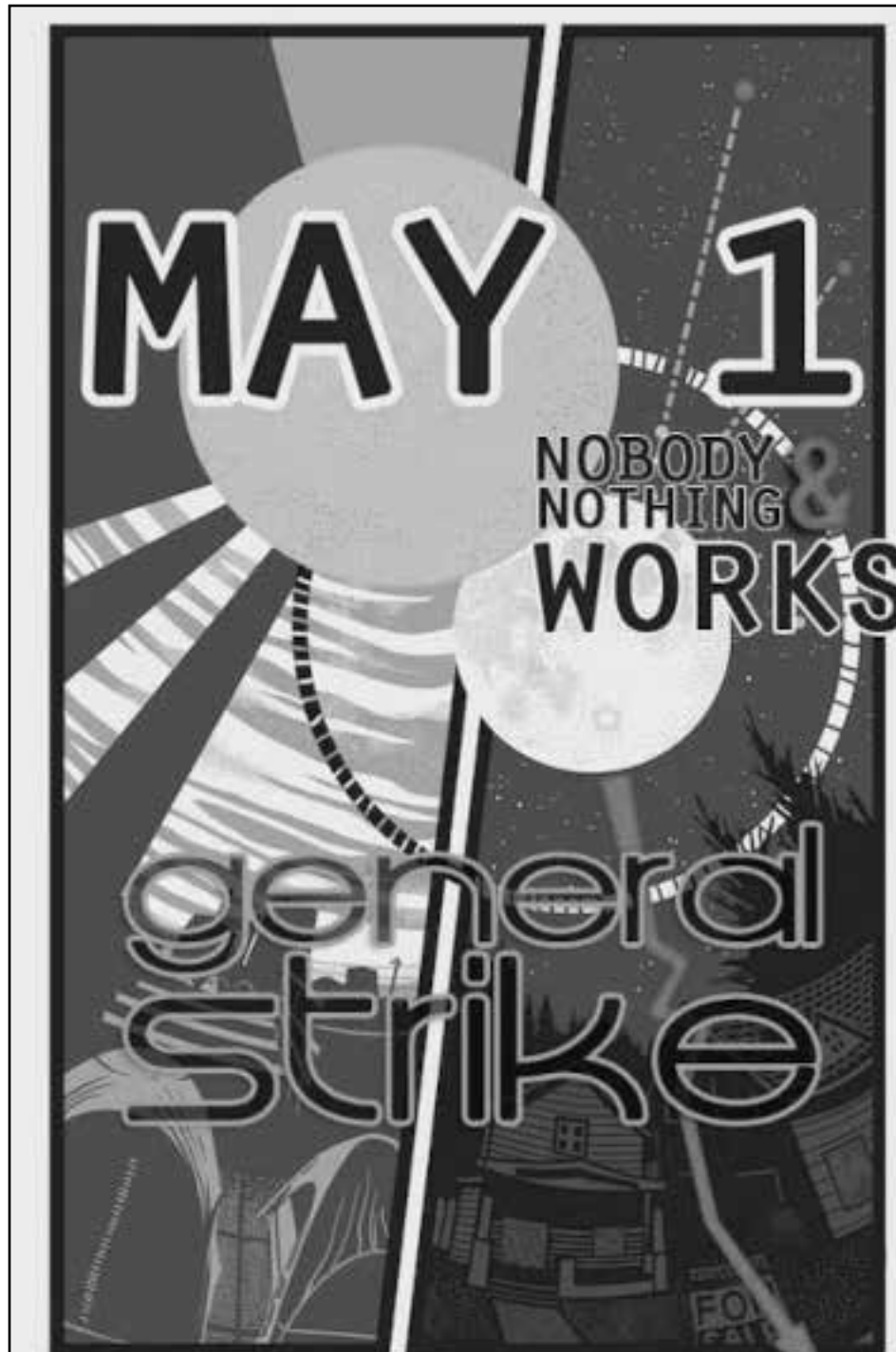
Fri - Apr 24

9a, **Action Hour for Palestine**. <https://afsc.org/events/action-hour-palestine>

Sat - Apr 25

So Cal Shark Stewards Monthly Beach Clean-Up, 9:00:00. 1 Junipero Avenue, Long Beach 90803 Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/socal-shark-stewards-monthly-beach-cleanup-tickets-1435945364239>

Socialist Job Fair, 2-4p, sponsored by DSA-LA Labor Committee. Location TBA to vetted applicants. Inquire via this form - <https://dsa.la/jobfair> and a DSA member will get back to you with details. We are hosting this event to build the labor movement from the bottom up by cultivating organizers who are committed to getting a job with the intent of growing and strengthening unions. Attendees will get oriented and connected to active workplace organizing campaigns in: Retail, Hospitality, Food & Beverage, Logistics. There will be brief educational programming, followed by the opportunity to mingle with campaign representatives, ask questions, and discuss what "salting" (getting a job to help organize a union) or "peppering" (getting a job to help



energize an existing union) looks like.

Sun - Apr 26

CicLAvia—West LA, 9a-4p. Three car-free miles across Santa Monica Blvd and Westwood Blvd. Grab your shoes, wheels, and smiles for a fun-filled day. Westwood Blvd. at UCLA to Santa Monica Blvd.; Santa Monica Blvd. west to Centinela. https://www.ciclavia.org/ciclavia_west_la26

Fiesta Broadway 2026 – Live Music, Food & Family Festival free, 11a. 111 N Broadway, LA 90012. <https://allevents.in/los-angeles/fiesta-broadway-2026-live-music-food-and-family-festival-|-free-event/100001984033567810> Uno Productions.

Mon - Apr 27

James Joyce Reading Group. Laughtears Zoomin' Salon, 1:30p, 40 minutes, w/ Gerry Fialka, pfsuzy@aol.com, 310-306-7330, <http://laughtears.com>

Tue - Apr 28

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

Wed - Apr 29

Fund Services Not Police, #EndPoliceAssociations 4-6p, BLM-LA and allies. Vigil at Hall of Injustice, Spring & Temple Sts. in DTLA.

Thu - Apr 30

Somos Familia, Golf tournament fundraiser for Labor Council for Latin American Advancement Los Angeles chapter, Industry Hills Golf Club;

check-in at 6:30a. Info: ddelacruz@local300.com

Upcoming and On-going Events

Fri - May 1 - International Workers Day AKA May Day <https://globalmayday.net/gmd2026/>

Thu - May 7 - VoiceRaise 2026 6:30-9p, LA River Center and Gardens (570 W Ave 26, Los Angeles, CA 90065). Benefit for LA VOICE. Get your tickets here! <https://givebutter.com/voiceraise2026>

May 17 - Venice Beach Half-Marathon <https://runvenicebeach.com>

May 19 - Birthday of Ho Chi Minh, Malcolm X, Yuri Kochiyama, Lorraine Hansberry

May 24 - Memorial Day - Muscle Beach body-building international classic Pre-judging 10a. Finals, 1p. <https://www.musclebeachvenice.com/>

2026 - 100th Anniversary year of LA Central Library: Dedicated in July 1926, the Los Angeles Central Library became an instant architectural icon and guiding light of learning for the city. For this significant milestone, the Los Angeles Public Library is pleased to present Central 100, a year-long celebration that brings together residents from all corners of Los Angeles. Join us for centennial events befitting of Central Library, a crown jewel of the City of Angels, and the anchor of the Los Angeles Public Library system.

July, 2026: New Book Releases from Angel City Press: *L is for Librarian: The ABCs of Los Angeles Central Library* by Susan Lendroth and Alexander Vidal and Los Angeles Central Library Pops by Christina Rice, Mirelle Ortega, Matthew

Reinhart, and Becca Lofchie.

July 11: Central 100 Festival: A full day of festivities at Central Library that will take place on July 11, 2026.

December, 2026: The Library Show Melodrama Production: The battle to get a dedicated central library built for the City of Los Angeles was a 50-year saga of twists and turns and starts and stops. This tumultuous tale will come to life at Central Library with a good ol' fashioned melodrama on December 5, 6, 12, and 13. New Time Capsule Dedication

Every Sunday 12n-5p Brad Kay jazz merriment at Unurban 3301 Pico Blvd (with Suzy Williams, Mews Small, and more. FREE (except 2nd sundays) 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/SoCal350ClimateAction.

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' Salon 1:30p, 40 minutes. Gerry Fialka, pfsuzy@aol.com, 310-306-7330, <http://laughtears.com>

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.

7p to 9p, Recovering from Religion Los Angeles Support Group Hosted by Atheists United. **RSVP at:** https://www.meetup.com/rfr-los-angeles-ca/?eventOrigin=event_home_page General info at: <https://www.atheistsunited.org/events/la-recovering-from-religion-support-group-j9as6-r84rb-njwes-gcz8b-jm7ca-gz6h9-82lm4-jy28f-rexbrm-frfms-bbjec-hbyxz> This group will meet the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 7 PM, 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, <http://laughtears.com>

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: 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/j/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
1st 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/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, 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.

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.

First Saturdays, every other month: City of West Hollywood and the LA County Public Library West Hollywood present **Drag Story Hour.** Explore the Beauty of Diversity and Self-Expression With Different Drag Artists Bimonthly. The West Hollywood series is produced by Drag Arts Lab and Pickle the Drag Queen, who is the City of West Hollywood's first Drag Laureate. West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard. More information at: www.weho.org/arts or go.weho.org/dragstoryhour; contact the City of West Hollywood Arts Division at arts@weho.org. Deaf or hard of hearing dial 711 or 1-800-735-2929 (TTY) or 1-800-735-2922 (voice) for California Relay Service (CRS) assistance. For information about West Hollywood news and events, follow @wehocity on social media, sign-up for updates at www.weho.org/email, or see the calendar at www.weho.org/calendar. Text updates: text "WeHo" to (323) 848-5000.



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: 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>

El Libro No Murió: **In Memory of Dr. Rodolfo “Rudy” Acuña, 1932–2026**

<https://threesonorans.substack.com/p/dr-rudy-acuna-father-of-chicano-studies>

Somewhere in a Tucson storage facility in January 2012, a copy of *Occupied America* sat in a cardboard box — put there by bureaucrats afraid of what a history book might do to Brown children.

Today, the man who wrote it is gone. But Dr. Jessica Bernal-Mejía — a girl who was once told by a school counselor she couldn’t even take a MAS class — just earned her PhD.

El libro ganó.

Acto I: La Ocupación

Rodolfo “Rudy” Francisco Acuña died on March 23, 2026, at 93 years old, in hospice, with Parkinson’s having robbed him of his body but not — not ever — his voz.

Born in 1932 in Boyle Heights to a mother from Sonora and a father from Jalisco, he grew up in the barrios of East Los Angeles, navigating a school system that delivered its verdict early: “Mexicans don’t have a history.” A counselor actually said that to him. He spent the next seven decades making that counselor a liar.

In 1969, Acuña built the Chicana/o Studies department at Cal State Northridge from nothing — no blueprint, no precedent, no permission — into the largest program of its kind in the nation. More than twenty books followed, but the one that changed everything was his 1972 masterwork, *Occupied America: A History of Chicanos*. He explained the title simply: “I called it *Occupied America* because when the Spaniards and Europeans came to the Americas, this was an occupation. The people lost the power of self-determination.”

It became the bible of the Chicano movement — the book you passed across a table like a secret, the book a generation of students read and recognized themselves in for the first time. Arizona politicians recognized it too. And they were terrified.

In 2010, then-Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne — who never once set foot in a MAS classroom — pushed HB 2281 through the Republican-controlled legislature and Gov. Jan Brewer signed it into law, threatening to strip TUSD of \$15 million in state funding unless the district killed Mexican American Studies.

Before doing so, the state paid \$177,000 for an independent Cambium audit of the MAS program. It came back clean — no hatred, no separatism, no racism. They got the truth, ignored it, and banned the program anyway. That’s not ignorance. Eso es política. TUSD folded.

In January 2012, administrators walked into classrooms mid-lesson, in front of students, and physically confiscated *Occupied America* and six other books,

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That can only be achieved by a break not just with MAGA and the manosphere, but with the entire edifice of white supremacy, patriarchy, exploitation of labor, and settler colonialism that produced it, through conscious anti-racist, internationalist and inter-communal solidarity with all oppressed, colonized and struggling people. The power and wealth of the oppressors is stolen from the land and people they exploit and oppress. We need to reclaim and exercise that power to bring down their genocidal and ecocidal edifice and replace it with a more humane, just and ecological civilization, economy, and participatory political system.

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boxed them up, and carted them off to storage. Over 800 students mid-semester were ripped out of their classes and dumped into “traditional history” courses.

Let that image sit. Un maestro’s book — removed from children’s hands — while the children watched.

Horne’s political heir, Superintendent John Huppenthal, carried on the vendetta — anonymously trolling blogs under names like “Falcon9” and “Socrates”, posting screeds like “No Spanish radio stations, no Spanish billboards... This is America, speak English” even as he publicly framed the whole crusade as protecting “individuals.”

TUSD Governing Board member Mark Stegeman delivered the coup de grâce, leading the 4-1 vote to kill MAS and later admitting in writing that removing the books was always part of the plan. Three Sonorans already put Stegeman on the record — and that record doesn’t get prettier with time.

In 2017, U.S. District Judge A. Wallace Tashima ruled the entire crusade was driven by racial animus — that Horne and Huppenthal had used the ban as a political boon in their re-election campaigns, weaponizing anti-Mexican resentment for votes. The state of Arizona passed a racist law, got called racist in federal court, and still managed to permanently destroy one of the most effective academic programs in the district’s history.



Prof. Rodolfo “Rudy” Acuña

MAS students had higher graduation rates and academic performance than the district average. That, apparently, was the problem. And despite the court ruling vindicating MAS, the program has never been fully reinstated in TUSD. The damage was done.

Rudy Acuña died with that wound still open.

Acto II: La Resistencia

The gabachos in charge miscalculated one thing: they thought removing the books would remove the ideas. It didn’t.

When the ban hit, Tucson students didn’t just mourn — they organized their own underground classes at the Casino Ballroom, reading *Occupied America* in public, on their own time, no grades, no credit, no protection. Across Texas, *Librotraficantes* — “Book Smugglers” organized underground caravans to run the banned books back into Tucson barrios, making contraband out of history and heroes out of librarians.

Students who had read *Occupied America* chained themselves to chairs at TUSD board meetings and refused to move — acting out, in real time, exactly the kind of civic resistance the book was written to inspire.

Acuña himself kept swinging. “These people think you’re a separatist if you

want to teach and include people,” he told the Los Angeles Times in 2011. He gave interviews, wrote columns, testified to what Arizona was really doing: not protecting students from “ethnic chauvinism,” but protecting a political class from having to reckon with its own history of occupation, theft, and erasure.

In a 2021 Salon interview he was still at it — calling out neoliberalism, Trump, the corporatization of the university. Chingón hasta el final. And just weeks before his death, the American Historical Association published his final essay, in which he wrote: “For the past 25 years, I have been at war with American historians.”

Still fighting. In hospice. With Parkinson’s.

He wrote over twenty books. He never stopped.

Acto III: El Legado

Here is what *Occupied America* did to one girl in Tucson. Jessica Bernal-Mejía grew up the daughter of a maestra and a school counselor, part of a family rooted in Tucson education for generations. A school counselor told her she couldn’t take MAS. She took it anyway. She graduated with a double degree in History and Mexican American Studies.

She walked into her first classroom as a MAS teacher in 2012 — the exact semester Arizona boxed up the books. “Nuestros libros los encajonaron,” she said. “Tuvimos que entregar nuestros planes de estudio. Fue muy, muy triste.”

She didn’t quit. And in 2025 — less than a year from Rudy Acuña’s passing — Dr. Jessica Bernal-Mejía earned her PhD in Teaching, Learning & Sociocultural Studies from the University of Arizona, in the city, on the land, where the state once told her this history didn’t belong.

That is what *Occupied America* does to people.

Meanwhile, the playbook Tom Horne wrote in Tucson is now federal policy. Project 2025, executive orders targeting the Smithsonian, educational gag orders spreading across 18 states — Arizona in 2010 wasn’t an aberration. It was the prototype. Acuña saw it coming: “Ethnic studies programs throughout the country are under attack,” he warned in 2011, “but in a more subtle way in other states — through the budget.”

He called it fifteen years before it went national. When they write the history of this moment, *Occupied America* will be a primary source. His archives — letters, manuscripts, and movement documents spanning 1857 to 2006 — live at UC Berkeley. They cannot be boxed up. They cannot be stored away.

They cannot be un-read by the thousands of students who already read them and went out and changed something because of it.

Aquí estamos. Y no nos vamos. We’re here. And we’re not leaving.

Que descanse en paz, Dr. Acuña. Sus palabras nunca van a descansar.

ICE Has No Place at Airports

by Color of Change

<https://win.newmode.net/colorofchange/iceoutfundtsa>

Pres. Trump has deployed ICE agents to over a dozen airports around the country in response to the chaos that he has caused with the government shutdown and his refusal to fund TSA.

It’s simple. ICE is an unaccountable paramilitary force designed to terrorize Black and brown communities that has already killed multiple American citizens. ICE has no place in our airports. Tell your representatives to get ICE out of our airports and fund TSA!

Following the murders of Keith Porter, Renée Good, Alex Pretti, and many others, Color Of Change supporters mobilized by the thousands to call elected officials in Congress and tell them that ICE must leave our streets.

Now we must mobilize again as they encroach further and further upon our liberties—urge your representatives to take action to get ICE out of our airports and fund TSA!

May Day General Strike in the Works

by Mike Elk

<https://paydayreport.com/no-kings-organizers-pivot-to-may-day-general-strike/>

After the March No Kings rallies, the largest ever with about 8 million protesters nationally, Indivisible, one of the lead organizers of the “No Kings” protest, is pivoting to building support for the May Day Strong walkouts and actions. They intend to use their massive email lists and organizers for May Day Strong. The May Day Strong coalition is calling for “No Work, No School, No Shopping” on May 1st.

“Coming off the heels of the massive energy from the No Kings mobilizations, people are ready to take action and keep fighting for a democracy of, by, and for the people,” says Indivisible Co-Founder Leah Greenberg, whose organization started the No Kings protest. “On May 1, Indivisibles will be joining people across the country with a clear message: we demand a government that invests in our communities, not one that enriches billionaires, fuels endless war, or deploys masked agents to intimidate our neighbors.”

While many have long dismissed a May Day general strike as a pipe dream, it seems more likely in the wake of the Minnesota General Strike and the energy of the “No Kings Movement”. On January 23, Minneapolis went out on a general strike with support from major labor federations across the state. Over 100,000 marched in -30 temperatures as major school districts, and at least 700 businesses closed across Minnesota. More than 300 solidarity actions were held nationwide, according to Payday Report’s strike tracker.

At least 23% of Minnesota voters said either they or a loved one participated in the strike in some way, according to a survey of 1,900 registered Minnesota voters conducted by Blue Rose Research for the May Day Strong coalition, a group of labor and community organizations advocating for a mass nationwide walkout on May 1st.

Minnesota labor leaders have been touring the country, speaking to groups about lessons learned from the Minnesota General Strike. “We’re inspired by the Minnesota actions,” says Cliff Smith, Business Manager of Roofers Local 36 in LA. “Our county Labor Federation just held their annual workers Congress last weekend and had the Minneapolis AFL-CIO council president come and address our delegation. So, you know, we’re trying to build on what exists already.”

In addition to major groups like Indivisible, large unions, including the AFT, AAUP, NEA, Starbucks Workers United and, the UE are mobilizing. Dozens of local union groups, including the North Carolina AFL-CIO, the Milwaukee Labor Council, and UFCW 3000, have signed on to support the May Day actions.

How the US Became an International Serial Killer

by Medea Benjamin and Nicolas J. S. Davies [Excerpts]

For decades, the US moved from covert assassination plots to openly embracing assassination or “targeted killing” as policy. Now, in its war with Iran, that evolution is reaching its most dangerous phase.

On March 17 and 18, the US and Israel assassinated three senior Iranian government officials in targeted air strikes: Ali Larijani, the secretary of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council; Brigadier General Gholamreza Soleimani, the commander of Iran’s Basij domestic security forces; and Esmail Khatib, Iran’s Intelligence Minister.

The missile that killed Ali Larijani also demolished an apartment building and killed more than a hundred people. Israeli defense minister Israel Katz announced that Israeli forces were now authorized to assassinate any senior Iranian official whenever they can, and they have continued to do so, bringing the number of Iranian officials assassinated in the past year to at least seventy.

The assassination of Larijani is a blow to the already fraught chances for a negotiated peace between Iran and the US and Israel. Ali Larijani was an experienced, pragmatic senior official who had played leading roles in negotiations with the US and other world powers since 2005.

If the US hoped to make peace and restore relations with Iran, Ali Larijani would have been a potential negotiating partner. The decision to assassinate him two weeks into the war suggests that US leaders had no interest in negotiations. Another possibility is even more chilling. Israeli leaders may have viewed Larijani as a potential off-ramp and deliberately eliminated him to ensure the war continues.

That killing was followed by an Israeli strike on Iran’s South Pars gas field—the largest in the world and a shared resource with Qatar. Iran retaliated with missile strikes on energy infrastructure across Israel and the Gulf. In Qatar, damage to the Ras Laffan LNG terminal—one of the world’s most critical gas hubs—could take years and billions of dollars to repair.

As global energy markets reeled, U.S. officials confirmed to The Wall Street Journal that the South Pars attack had been coordinated with Washington, contradicting denials from President Trump.

The pattern is unmistakable. As one analyst put it, Israel appears to be escalating deliberately—eliminating moderates within Iran while striking critical infrastructure—to provoke a wider regional war that leaves no room for de-escalation.

But an imperial superpower cannot outsource responsibility. As Harry Truman’s famous desk sign declared: The buck stops here. The US has carried out systematic assassination of foreign leaders—from Palestine and Lebanon, to Syria, Yemen and now Iran. In 2020, Trump ordered the drone strike that killed Iranian General Qassem Soleimani and Iraqi leader Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the deputy head of Iraq’s Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) that had joined with US forces to fight the Islamic State.

Yet assassination is explicitly prohibited under U.S. law. Executive Order 12333 states clearly: “No person employed by or acting on behalf of the United States Government shall engage in, or conspire to engage in, assassination.” That prohibition emerged from the Church Committee’s investigation into U.S. assassination plots against Fidel Castro in Cuba, Patrice Lumumba in the Congo, Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic, Ngo Dinh Diem in South Vietnam and General René Schneider in Chile.

It also reflects long-standing international law, including the Hague and Geneva Conventions. After 9/11, however, the US systematically ignored or circumvented many of the constraints of U.S. and international law. As US invasions and occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq led to widespread armed resistance, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld began arguing for what he called “manhunts,” to deploy US special operations forces to hunt down suspected resistance leaders and kill them, as Israeli undercover units already did in occupied Palestine. “Dead men tell no tales,” as the saying goes, and there has been almost no accountability for the resulting killings, which systematically killed thousands of civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan. Two senior US commanders told the Washington Post that only about 50% of “kill or capture” raids by Joint Special Operations Command targeted the “right” or intended people or homes, while troops involved in these raids said that that assessment greatly overstated their rate of success.

Drone warfare accelerated the trend. Under President Obama, strikes expanded tenfold, turning targeted killing into a central pillar of U.S. policy. By 2011, night raids in Afghanistan numbered in the hundreds each month, alienating the Afghan people and ultimately ensuring the defeat of the US occupation and the return of the Taliban.

Now US and Israeli forces are using air and drone strikes to assassinate Iranian leaders and kill civilians in Palestine, Lebanon and Iran. The language of restraint has disappeared, replaced by open celebration of “lethality” and threats of further war crimes. What was once covert, controversial, and constrained is now overt, normalized, and defended.

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‘Cuba is Not Alone’: Inspiring Days of Solidarity in Havana

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As the Trump Administration ratchets up its threats of war and economic strangulation on Cuba the international Nuestra América Convoy has arrived in Cuba. The convoy unites more than 600 solidarity activists from 38 nations, representing over 140 social, political, and cultural organizations across nearly every continent. Participants include parliamentarians, judges, ambassadors, intellectuals, trade unionists, and community leaders committed to justice and sovereignty.

The international humanitarian mission converged in the capital to delivering essential supplies and to reaffirm global support for the island amid intensified US economic pressure and threats of invasion.

The solidarity groups were greeted personally by Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez. at the welcoming ceremony held at the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), where the group handed over significant donations of food, medicines, hygiene products, medical equipment, and energy-related items like solar panels. These contributions aim to alleviate hardships caused by the long-standing US blockade.

At the welcome Díaz-Canel described the blockade as an “economic and energy asphyxiation project” targeting the Cuban people. He expressed profound gratitude for the convoy’s courage and self-financed efforts, noting that participants covered their

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own travel and stay expenses to maximize aid delivery. into a multi-modal global convoy. Aid arrived by air David Adler, coordinator of the Progressive from Europe and Latin America, with charter flights International and a key organizer, highlighted the coming from the US and sea components following the mission’s scale. He emphasized that the convoy from Mexico.

represents millions worldwide who reject collective Three vessels—the Granma 2.0 from Puerto Progreso, Yucatán, and two sailboats from Isla Mujeres—are en route, carrying additional tons of supplies. This Latin American contribution underscores regional unity against external aggression. [A Russian oil tanker has also reached Cuba, and tons of rice from China.--CL]

Nuestra América Convoy Strengthens Global Resistance Network
The initiative, initially conceived as a maritime flotilla inspired by other humanitarian efforts, expanded rapidly

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