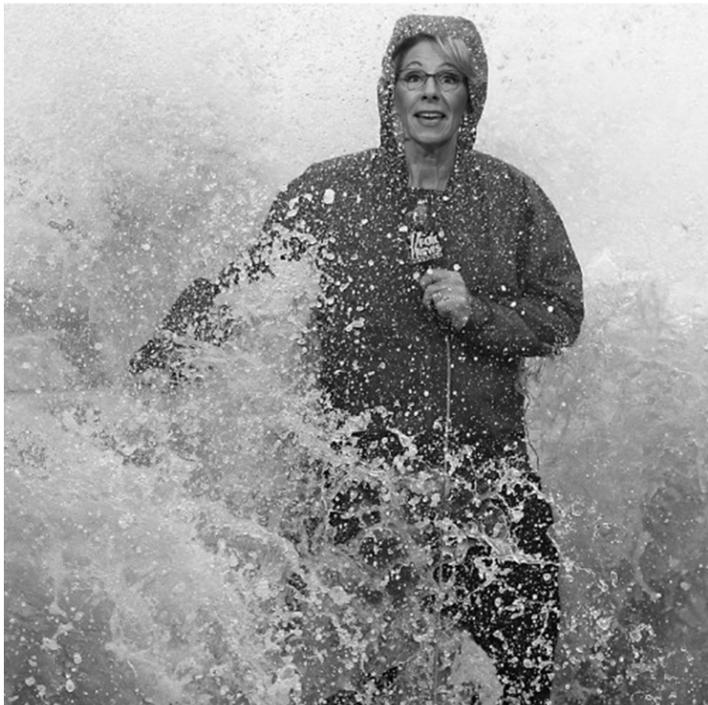


## Impeachment? It's Not When But Weather



An official announcement came from the White House today that Betsy DeVos, after having done such an excellent job of totally destroying public education, has been appointed to run the National Weather Service. The new weather service will be organized on a need-to-know system. "What better way to deal with the weather than to ignore it. As I learned from my vast experience with education, people are much happier when kept ignorant. Look at New Orleans. What determination! They are still rebuilding after that hurricane 12 years ago."

The new weather service will do away with all scientific equipment for predicting the weather. DeVos has designed a spinning wheel of weather (WOW) to forecast the weather. "Weather forecasting doesn't need to be accurate. It never is anyway." Standardized testing will of course be implemented for all weather scientists so that they will never have time to learn about the weather.

Helen Thomas rose from the grave to attend the press conference announcing DeVos' appointment, "What about when power goes out leaving thousands in the dark?"

"That's a great idea, Helen," said DeVos. "That's exactly what I'm talking about!"

## Puerto Rico: Its the Imperialism, Stupid

Colonization has never really been a good thing for the colonized. This has been true for a very long time. Natural disasters have not really worked in people's favor either. When capitalism is thrown into the mix you say to yourself it can't get any worse. But when all these are rolled up into the current prekkident...you're, like, no fucking way.

Puerto Rico has been having a hard time of it lately. Since about 1492 or thereabouts. This season's hurricanes have exacerbated things. But this is on top of an economy that has been in depression for 10 years. A level of bond debt that amounts to about \$34,00 for every person on the island. This per capita debt level is only going to increase because people are leaving the island. There are fewer people in Puerto Rico today than there were 10 years ago. On average, 1 doctor leaves each day.

The prekkident's behavior isn't out of line with his predecessors'. How long did it take reagan to mention AIDS publicly? Look at baby bush's response to New Orleans after hurricane Katrina. It only took the prekkident a week to pull his head up out of his golf hole to realize that people were tweeting about what

was happening in Puerto Rico. And to Puerto Rico.

Creditors, bond holders, are claiming that Puerto Rico owes about \$74 billion. Much of this debt is insured. There is also about \$34 billion in underfunded pension obligations. According to u.s. made law, Puerto Rico can't declare bankruptcy. For years investors continued to buy Puerto Rico issued bonds. Income from them can't be taxed in the u.s. And they were insured. The managers of Puerto Rico's economy are taking Greece as an example. The investors are going to get the money no matter how much human and environmental destruction is involved. This is also being applied to the nearby u.s. Virgin Islands, also devastated by Irma and Maria.

Half of people polled on the u.s. mainland didn't know Puerto Ricans are u.s. citizens. Doubtless even fewer know that a congress-appointed "fiscal control board" made up of the same hedge fund managers who stand to benefit from all this debt basically runs Puerto Rico - not the governor who said nice things about trump or the progressive mayor who criticized him. Even most of LAGAI didn't know that Puerto Ricans voted for statehood twice, most recently a few months ago, albeit with very low turnout.

Under current circumstances, we don't like their chances.

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# Lin Zenki and Hilary Parsons No Country for Old Women

This August, two fat lesbians who were part of LAGAI's and other queer communities in the Bay Area, died in Olympia Washington.

Hilary was born in Texas on January 1, 1949. Her father was a civil rights lawyer who was killed in 1958. Hilary moved to the Bay Area, where she was involved in the radical politics of the 1970s, and in martial arts. Eventually, she attended Cal-State Hayward, and became a registered nurse. One of her first jobs as an RN was the oncology unit at UCSF, where she met Lin, who had been working as a nurse for several years.

Lin, a motorcycle-riding gender queer butch, was born in southern California on October 28, 1951, and grew up around the LA area, where she was severely abused as a child. She entered nursing school soon after high school. She started working at UCSF in the 1980s, where she was one of the nurses who volunteered to care for people with the disease that came to be known as AIDS. Both Lin and Hilary continued to be involved with AIDS patients throughout their careers. Both also were Buddhists, and lived at the San Francisco Zen Center on Page Street for several years. They fought to have their relationship recognized within Zen Center, and eventually won the right to live together in one of the apartments. The conflicts at Zen Center caused Lin, who had been ordained as a Buddhist monk, to give up her robes.

Both Lin and Hilary worked briefly for Sutter Health at Home, and were part of the unsuccessful attempt at forming a union. Hilary went on to do home health nursing for the SF Public Health Department, where she became a shop steward in the SEIU. She was on the negotiating team for the SF contract, and among other things won parking concessions and reimbursement for cell phones for home health nurses.

Lin worked as a nurse case manager in an HIV program for drug addicts in Marin County, for a contractor doing medical case management for people being released from California prisons, and after graduating from a masters of nursing program at Holy Names in Oakland in 2002, was hired into a pilot program at SF General to provide better continuity of care for people with serious chronic medical issues. Lin was in pain throughout her life due to injuries from childhood abuse, and later from a motorcycle accident in her late twenties. In the 1990s she developed a degenerative spinal disease, which caused her great pain and disability. For the rest of her life, she struggled, mostly unsuccessfully to obtain sufficient pain medication.

In 2003 Lin had spinal surgery at Alta Bates, during which the dura was torn. She was hospitalized for over a month, and had a serious infection. She was unable to attempt to walk due to deterioration in her hip, which the Alta Bates orthopedic team refused to deal with, since she was fat. She eventually sent her records to Stanford Hospital, which agreed to do surgery on her hip. She arranged to be transferred there by ambulance. About six hours after the grueling ambulance ride, Stanford decided they couldn't do surgery because she was fat, something they really could have known from her records and phone conversation. That decision meant that Lin would not be able to walk again. She then arranged a transfer to Herrick hospital in Berkeley, in order to get occupational therapy to learn to live in a wheelchair. She retired from SF General in 2005, but continued to live in their Berkeley condo second story loft, with the aid of a chair lift, and some pretty complicated logistics involving chairs at the top and bottom of the staircase. Lin and Hilary rebalanced household chores, so that Lin did the grocery shopping and cooking, while Hilary took on tasks that required greater mobility. Hilary also had a number of serious health crises during that time.

Lin, who had become a transit disability activist, joined the BART Service Review Advisor Committee in 2011. Hilary remained working until 2012. They then looked for an accessible living situation. They eventually took all the money they had from selling their condo, and savings from their years as nurses, and "bought into" the "non-profit" panorama community in Lacey, Washington. Panorama, a large "continuing care" 140-acre retirement community advertises itself as:

Life in our Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) ensures you'll always have access to health care at Panorama. Should your needs change over time, you'll have the confidence of knowing we offer Assisted Living, Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing in our Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center

After they moved, Lin joined the Intercity Transit advisory board for the Olympia area.

## And here's how capitalism killed our friends.

Hilary was diagnosed with an aggressive breast cancer in March. She was scheduled to have a mastectomy in May, but the day before the surgery, her oncologist urged her to start chemotherapy first, because a drug to which her tumor had tested sensitive, had just been licensed, but only for pre-mastectomy treatment. This drug, and the two older chemotherapy drugs she was given were known to have significant

effects on the intestines. Following both the first and second treatments, she was very sick. The doctor actually lowered the dosage for the third treatment, but did no tests prior to that treatment, and did not arrange to monitor her more closely after the treatment. A few days after this treatment she required emergency surgery for intestinal perforations, resulting in both an ileostomy and a colostomy. She was in critical care for ten days, and almost died. When the doctors thought the crisis was over, another hole was found in her intestines. She declined further surgery, but after another almost two weeks of supportive therapy she was able to eat a small amount, and was considered recovered enough for them to consider moving her to a skilled nursing facility (SNF), which, "fortunately," Panorama had one of.



When Hilary began treatment, Hilary's sisters took shifts in Olympia to help out. Lin and Hilary decided it was time to move to a unit in the assisted living part of Panorama. I was in Lacey helping Lin out during Hilary's hospitalization, when the administrator for the assisted living facility came by to "discuss" whether the facility was appropriate for her. She circled around the issue for 20 painful minutes, and then said that they couldn't accept Lin into assisted living, because she wasn't "ambulatory". Lin said, what is the definition of "ambulatory?" Lin explained that she could transfer herself into the wheelchair, and was doing so currently. The administrator said that even if Lin were admitted to assisted living, she wouldn't be allowed to go into the basement (which has 3 elevators for access). Lin informed them that she and Hilary had been attending art classes in that basement for 5 years. They asked Lin, "What is your Plan B?" Lin said, Panorama was their plan B, as they had been assured by the salesperson who sold it to them, that assisted living and skilled nursing would be available. The administrators said they'd talk to someone else, and get back to Lin.

Let's be clear. When Lin and Hilary applied to Panorama, Lin was in a wheelchair. Panorama put them through an intake process to ensure that they could "meet their needs," including an evaluation by an RN. Panorama modified two existing units to create an accessible bathroom, kitchen etc. A couple of days later the administrators returned, giving Lin a copy of a portion of a licensing regulation, which said that assisted living facilities couldn't house residents who were not ambulatory, unless the fire marshal had approved the facility. So, Lin called the next higher administrator, and asked whether they had applied to the fire marshal for approval, and if not, whether they would now. We started looking into lawyers.

The hospital was eager to discharge Hilary, aided by the knowledge that they had reached the Medicare ceiling for payment. Hilary was transferred to the Panorama SNF on Tuesday, August 15, about 48 hours after the hospital had installed a feeding tube into her stomach.

Meanwhile, on August 17, Lin had a number of symptoms, including difficulty breathing and disorientation. She was placed in a room in the Panorama rehabilitation facility. It was not a private room, and it was not licensed for skilled nursing. She may have had a short visit with the on-site primary care physician. Lin later told her friend Diane that it was awful there, and that she would prefer to die in the hospital than return to that unit.

And then, on August 19, Hilary had some sort of catastrophic event. Like most SNFs they could only call 911 for

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# Lori Nairne

Lori Nairne, an activist for women's, queer, and sex workers' rights, and an anti-racist activist, died unexpectedly August 19, 2017. She was 65. Lori was a founding member of Wages Due Lesbians (now Queer Strike) and of the Wages for Housework campaign, and joint coordinator of the Global Women's Strike/Bay Area.

Lori was born on October 23, 1951, and grew up in Stockton. She was part of the radical movements of the 60's and 70's, and worked for the election of Harvey Milk. Lori worked as a nurse for over 25 years, and in the 1980s co-coordinated a campaign to create an upgrade program for Licensed Vocational Nurses to use on-the-job training as credit to becoming a registered nurse.

She later became a homeopath because she rejected big pharma's capitalistic domination of healthcare – what she called 'western medicine'. She loved homeopathy's holistic approach which begins with each individual's 'vital force'. Many people who worked with her consulted her about health questions, including people who consulted with her via Skype or email from Ireland, Peru, Spain and the UK. In 2011 she spent a month in Guyana training women in in the Global Women's Strike network who were interested in learning how to use homeopathy.

Lori was an early advocate for lesbian mothers, and she helped organize the first lesbian mothers contingent for SF Pride. In later years it became an annual Mothers' Day in the Park.

Lori was an international activist. She did consistent support work for the Haiti grass roots movement in the Bay Area. She was a delegate to the UN Decade for Women in Nairobi in 1985, and the follow-up in Beijing in 1995. Lori was a dedicated advocate for Palestine, and worked on the campaigns to get Rainbow Grocery to de-shelve Israeli goods.



Lori joined in campaigns run by the US PROStitutes Collective (US PROS) and the Black Coalition Fighting Back Serial Murders in LA, to support sex workers' right to be safe in their work. In 2015, with US PROS, Lori helped win key changes in the way sex workers are treated by the police and in how they are considered by the CA Victims Compensation program. Now sex workers who are victims of rape or other violent crimes have the legal right to compensation.

Lori was a leader in the "Grand Marshal, Not Court Martial" campaign, which was organized when, in 2013, the Pride Board refused the community's call to name Chelsea Manning, a trans military whistle-blower, as a community grand marshal. The campaign successfully changed the membership of the Board, and Chelsea was named an honorary grand marshal of the 2014 campaign. Lori also spoke at a community forum that year to ban military recruiters from Pride.

We in LAGAI have known Lori for many years, and worked together on many an international women's day demonstration, as well as a number of coalitions. We worked with her on the Rainbow and Chelsea Manning campaigns, and she participated in QUIT!'s Pink Sponge Awards ceremony disrupting the Frameline film festival. She was a great person to work with, bringing a lot of good humor and a serious intention to work across the lines that sometimes separate our various groups. Lori was very caring and empathetic, with a warm glowing smile. Lori worked for years with Rachel West to coordinate the Global Women's Strike campaign in the Bay Area, and we extend to Rachel, and Lori's other comrades and lovers, our deepest sympathies.

# Kaye Griffin

Kaye Griffin died from cancer at Laguna Honda on August 9th. The community had been alerted to her illness several weeks prior and people had been visiting. Deeg from LAGAI, in a tradition perhaps starting during the time of AIDS dying, posted a sign-in list on the wall so people could know each other and communicate about Kaye. Visitors wrote a variety of things, messages of love, needs to be taken care of, just something to mark their visit. So even in extreme illness, dying in a hospital bed, Kaye brought people together. This was perhaps a key characteristic of Kaye. She migrated from group to group making connections and gathering information as she went.

I met Kaye in the early 1990's in the Castro, when I was stepping out after a difficult break up, at a dyke coffeehouse/space on 18<sup>th</sup> street. I was looking for radical Queers and was befriended by Kaye. Kaye said if I really wanted radical queers I should go in search of LAGAI. So I did and here I am today working on *UltraViolet* all because of Kaye.

During that same time frame, because I was completely new to computers, I met Kaye a number of times for computer lessons. Kaye would instruct me on how computers worked, what to look for in a good computer, how I should really stay away from the industry attempt to lure me in with "bells and whistles". She would bring computer magazines to show me the offending bells and whistles. I listened in awe, trying to be cool, repressing my already avid interest in the computer "bells and whistles".

One of the unusual things about Kaye was that she wandered in and out of groups or places, so I realized that in spite of knowing Kaye for better than twenty years I didn't really know much about her. I had seen her often at LAGAI meetings in the past and more recently at Gay Shame, always with a bag of papers and articles for sharing information. We would talk of the assaults on her person by the for profit medical establishment, and items of interest from her voluminous knowledge about San Francisco politics, greedy politicians etc. At Laguna Honda Hospital some weeks before Kaye died, I met Peter, a long-time friend sitting quietly at her bedside.

Peter met Kaye in 2005, and for the last twelve years had daily contact with her. Peter called Kaye every day at 11:47 am. Kaye had what she called "inertial syndrome". So Peter's job was to get her going. They first met at Live Worms Café and Peter knew immediately that Kaye would change his life forever. They continued meeting every Thursday thereafter. Kaye took Peter many places over the years: to a board of supervisors meeting speaking on behalf of Queers sporting a Dykes From Hell T-shirt, against the closing of



"A Hole in the Wall", to a concert where the concert goes heard the music through earphones, leaving the concert hall entirely silent. Peter said "I was a political naif, Kaye was instructing me on how to be a political activist". During the last two years of her life Kaye began to lose her sight from glaucoma, and Peter read her mail out loud every day.

Peter told me that Kaye came to the Bay Area from Alaska leaving her family of origin behind. She said of her family, "they were nothing like me". Her brother however did show up and was helpful while she was at Laguna Honda. She got an engineering degree at University of California at Berkeley. She was a sixties radical, an ally to the Black Panthers, part of the women's movement. In 1982 she was attacked, left for dead and sustained a head injury resulting in significant brain damage. She told Peter "I lost some of my personality". She adapted, by researching head injuries and studying people and adopting from them qualities she admired. She had Peter tell her jokes because she felt learning punch lines helped her repair damaged synapses.

Besides being part of LAGAI and working on *UltraViolet* in years past, Kaye was part of many movements. She was active in ACT UP and the women's caucus, and provided much needed perspective, saying, "You can't talk

about health care as a right without talking about housing as a right." A co-founder of Indybay, a hacker and participated in the early DefCon hacker conferences. She volunteered with Food Not Bombs and reported on related harassment and arrests on IndyBay. She was a housing activist having lived for a while in her car until the police impounded it out from under her, the day after the 1989 earthquake. She fought the Lennar Corporation takeover of Hunter's Point and participated in eviction defense actions. She was involved with Saint James Infirmery which provides health care for sex workers.

We always looked forward to seeing her at the Anarchist Book Fair, where she would drop off her massive pile of books and belongings at our table and go off to cruise the fair for hours.

Peter says that during the mornings she would take care of personal business but in the nights she became a communal person with her bags of papers, moving from group to group carrying information from one place to another, supporting and making political struggle. Peter says "she forced people to reach beyond their boundaries." In addition to all her political work she was an artist, a painter and a poet. Once when she lay dying in Laguna Honda on opiate pain medicine, Peter tried to talk to her, and she responded that he should be quiet because she was doing her art.

Peter writes:

"Tory, thanks for calling and letting me talk about Kaye Griffin for a while. She showed me some of the older copies of *UltraViolet* she had. Kaye was quite proud that she had worked on *UltraViolet*. Her life as a member of so many movements and groups in SF has been so significant to her over the years since she left Alaska in the early sixties. From housing organizing and the queer community & from the Black Panthers to the Gray Panthers & to the Mission Latino/Hispanic community to the meetings of the Tesla Society and the endless demonstrations & protests ...Kaye has been an ally and instigator with bags of leaflets and information attempting to connect, connect, connect people and groups... Through all she put up with, without calling attention to, the hardships of her own life ...poverty, beatings, blindness. She was an activist, an engineer, and a poet & much more. Kaye was an artist until the end of her life. *mi amiga*" -- Tory and Peter

Memorial for Kaye Griffin  
October 21, 2 pm  
Center for Sex and Culture, 1349 Mission St. SF

# Darlene Wallach

Darlene Wallach died in July after a two-year struggle with cancer. She was 66. She described herself as an anti-Zionist activist for social and environmental justice.

If you've been a leftist anywhere in the Bay Area in the last twenty years, you have definitely acted up with Darlene and Donna, the irrepressible twins from San Jose. They were at everything, usually side by side (confusing us all with who was who), wearing identical keffiyehs and hats ringed with political buttons calling out every issue from tenants rights to nuclear weapons. Darlene was active in the campaign to ban San Jose police from using tasers and to free political prisoners, especially Leonard Peltier and Mumia Abu Jamal. She and Donna helped to anchor a weekly Friday peace vigil in San Jose. Darlene sometimes worked as a substitute teacher and in 2014, she was recruited to run for school board in the Luther Burbank School District, a one-school district in an unincorporated part of San Jose. She went door-to-door in her keffiyeh and won a seat, with the second highest number of votes.

For all her many passions, Darlene was most passionate about justice for Palestine. If there was a demonstration or a talk about Palestine, she was at it. Darlene spent almost two months in Palestine from May to July 2002. She visited Gaza, Ramallah and then a night at the Balata Refugee camp where she was detained and arrested with seven other internationals. All eight received deportation orders from the minister of the interior. They had witnessed brutal collective punishment of the Palestinians. Darlene fought the deportation order, went on hunger strike and was eventually let out on bail, but she was eventually deported.

In 2008, Darlene and Donna joined the successful siege-breaking flotilla to Gaza. They were among those who remained in Gaza to work with people there, enabling Palestinians who needed to leave to take their places on the return trip. Even though she was very seasick on the voyage, Darlene immediately began going out on fishing boats to help protect the fisherpeople from Israeli attacks. She shot some amazing footage of a boat being assaulted by water cannons, and then was arrested by the Israelis and imprisoned and deported once again. While in prison, she was interviewed by Amy Goodman on the national news program Democracy



Now. Here's part of what she said:

"I was on the Liberty, one of the two boats that — one of the first two boats that went to Gaza from Cyprus. And I actually was with the Liberty on the way to Cyprus. And so, it was a wonderful trip. It was a wonderful boat. It was an amazing, amazing experience.

The welcome that we got in Gaza, it was just overwhelming. My emotions come up, because it was thousands of people just so happy to see, at least token-wise, symbolically, the siege broken. It was the first time in forty-one years that, from Cyprus, a stamp on a piece of paper said a boat was leaving Cyprus for Gaza. And it was like an amazing trip. And it's been amazing to be in Gaza to work in solidarity with the Palestinians. They're amazing, kind, warm, loving

people. And I — for me, just being out on the fishing boats and the stress, I don't understand how they can go out there day after day with the stress, knowing at any time they could be killed, that any time their boats could be taken, at any time they could be arrested or shot.

...this time it seemed to me they were specifically targeting the internationals, because they released the Palestinian fishermen to their homes. And they also confiscated the fishing boats. And the way that they arrested us was very different than how they normally arrest the fishermen. So, normally, they force the fishermen to strip to their underwear, jump in the water and swim to the Israeli navy boats. And this time they brought Zodiac boats, and the frogmen boarded each Palestinian fishing boat. And the first person taken was Andrew. I saw him being taken. And then they took the fishermen off of that boat. Then they came to the boat I was on and took me off the boat.

And so, I don't know — I didn't know what happened to the fishermen. I was very concerned about their safety and what Israel might do to them. And I'm very, very concerned about the fishing boats, because in the past what Israel does is they sink the boats or they damage the boats, like taking the engines off, or steal all the equipment. So I'm very concerned about what's going to happen to the fishing boats. That's their livelihood. I mean, they said fifteen fishermen. Well, there's more than just those fifteen that work on each boat. So the livelihood of all those people now has been destroyed. That's how many families now? And the families tend to be large. How many families now have no income, and there's no employment, because they have no fishing boats to go out on? It's really just disgusting, despicable, deplorable. And I want the world to speak out and tell Israel to stop."

Donna has asked that donations in Darlene's memory be made to the Women's Boat to Gaza, [wbg.freedomflotilla.org](http://wbg.freedomflotilla.org), which continues to do education and direct action to end the blockade of Gaza.

--Kate

## Build a Movement Against Prisons with Us

The Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee has nearly a thousand incarcerated members forming a union that reaches over the walls, and outside chapters in many major cities across the country. Outside members include workers, students, community & labor organizers, ex-incarcerated folks, and family members of prisoners. The IWOC Oakland outside chapter supports incarcerated people primarily in California, and seeks to continue growing this collective power, and collaborating upon our shared vision of a world without prisons.

### What Is Our Goal?

We believe that prisons exist to uphold capitalism and white supremacy; Prisoners are on the front lines of a war waged by the “haves” upon the “have-nots.” We believe that a strong, prisoner-led movement is necessary in order to fight back in that war, and to end the hyper-incarceration of Black, Brown, and poor people. Together we fight to make real change and abolish prisons, jails, and detention facilities

## I Don't Know What to Do

I'm an inmate in the Indiana department of corrections (IDOC), just like Cally-cat from New Castle in the last newsletter. I have also been told that the IDOC is forward thinking and have 21<sup>st</sup> century policies towards us, including specific PREA guidelines. In the IDOC, if you are a member of an STG (Security Threat Group) you're given an STG flag in the DOC computer so you're not placed in a cell with other STG members for safety and security reasons. I've written so many people asking them to create an LGBT flag in the computer so that we are not placed in a 2 man cell with someone who is STG. Specifically being that IDOC STGs do not allow anyone that is LGBT to live with them and normally react in violence. I have been denied the creation of this LGBT flag. Our prisons won't even allow 2 people that are gay, bi or trans to live together and they say it's for safety and security reasons. However, they seem to have NO problem putting 1 person that's STG and 1 person that's gay in the same room and when someone complains about it, they say deal with it, you're grown men. I don't know anything else to do. I've been locked up since I was 15. I'm 29. That's 14 years of knowledge so me not knowing what else to do says a lot. *Lonnie Hall #164794, Miami C.F. 3038 W 850 South, Bunker Hill IN 46914*

## With Gratitude

I want to express my extreme gratitude to you for being the only gay friendly organization or individual in the country that was willing to send me your newsletter. I have written over 200 letters to nearly 50 different organizations. In total, I've heard back from 4 and in all cases, except you, it was to send me a resource list directing me somewhere else. I have received no personal contact at all; I cannot express how lonely that is. Only you have replied and while it's not a personal letter, at least it's a regular newsletter so I can count on getting occasional mail. (One bookstore did send me a few free books on gay history and politics for which I am deeply grateful as well.)

So thank you for being there. Otherwise – since I have no friends or family outside of prison – my isolation would have been complete.

You may share my name and address if you'd like. I am not allowed to receive correspondence from other inmates but any kind of mail from anyone else would be a happy thing. With gratitude, *Jon Schillaci #84728, 138 E Milton Rd. Berlin NH 03570*



## Holy Victory-We Won!

Disney-owned Marvel and Northrup Grumman (in the League of Evil) had teamed up to launch Northrup Grumman's corporate “superhero” group NGEN (Northrup Grumman Elite Nexus) at New York Comic Con.

Then the Fearless Fans got the call and leapt into action. They were going to protest at the launch site. The uproar on social was loud enough that Marvel announced that the project was cancelled.

everywhere, inside-out and outside-in.

### What Do We Do?

The core of our work is long term relationship building between members and organizers on the outside and those on the inside. We share goals, discuss conditions and concerns, mutually educate and get to know one another. Ultimately, we build the lasting bonds of trust that resistance is built on.

On the outside we seek to amplify the voices of our incarcerated comrades by:

- Promoting and expressing solidarity with prisoners' actions;
- Producing, sharing, and collaborating on research and writing critical of the U.S. prison system;
- Organizing mutual education workshops, panel discussions, and social events;
- Meeting with other groups dedicated to organizing in and around prisons and the communities they most affect.

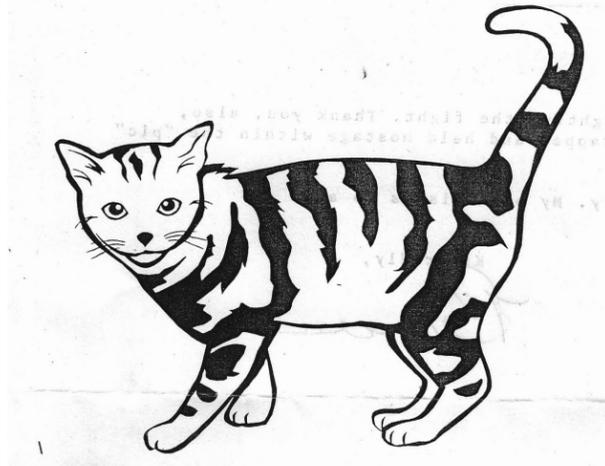
We are looking for leaders, organizers, and rebels inside that we can support and build with. We are looking for new friends who will help us sharpen our rage against bars and cages.

### Get in touch at:

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We must love each other and support each other,  
We have nothing to lose but our chains  
– Assata Shakur, Former U.S. Prisoner



Graphic by Bruce Blair, Soledad CA.

## Prisoner Advocacy Network

We are a network of California activists, family members, formerly incarcerated people, legal workers, law students, and attorneys.

Our focus is narrow and specific – supporting people in California's solitary confinement and similar conditions of isolation such as security housing units (SHUs), administrative segregation, and gender-based segregation. We prioritize advocating for jailhouse lawyers and those engaged in political activity.

Provide non-litigation advocacy for incarcerated people experiencing discrimination, retaliation, and rights violations. Gather evidence documenting conditions and trends of treatment in the exceptionally repressive prison environments of solitary and other forms of segregation. **We do not provide referrals.**

Write to: **Prisoner Advocacy Network National Lawyers Guild, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, 558 Capp St. San Francisco, CA 94110.** Please send legal mail to address above. We will copy and return any materials you send. We will do our best to recruit a qualified advocate for you if your issues fit in PAN's scope. If you are referring for another person, be sure to include YOUR name at the end of the form as well. If you are on the outside, please fill out our online form directly at: <http://www.nlgsf.org/prisoner-advocacy-network>

## You Are Who You Say You Are

California prisons are now required to allow transgenders to wear female make-up, purchase female items from catalogs and wear female clothes, all because of a lawsuit won by Shiloh Quine and the Transgender Law Center. It's about time. We still have a long way to go for our respect and dignity to be restored.

Currently there is a bill called SB310 that was approved by the CA Senate 26-13 to ease the name and gender change process for transgender prisoners. This bill would allow transgenders in CA prisons to change their name and their gender inside of prison. This Name and Dignity Act would give transgenders a sense of validation and increase their chance for a successful reentry into society. The bill is now being sent to the Assembly by Senator Toni Atkins, D-San Diego. The bill is also supported by the Transgender Justice Project, Transgender Law Center, Coral Feigin of the Western Regional Advocacy Project and many other organizations. I hope that anyone who reads this would please contact your state legislator or you can email the [nameanddignityact@gmail.com](mailto:nameanddignityact@gmail.com). It is important for us all to remember that who you say you are, is truly who you are. *Lisa Strawn #D01271, V-240, PO Box 2000, Vacaville CA 95696*

## Thoughts From Inside

**This time I have been in the Maricopa County Jail since December 2014.** I was looking at a life sentence because of my priors. I fought for my freedom and I beat the Arizona Judicial System, one of the hardest systems for sex offenders such as myself. Now to UltraViolet. Keep up the good work. You are the ones who keep us together and united. I have been locked up this time for 3 years and your organization kept me strong. My release date is September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Keep your heads up and stay strong. Life is what you make it no matter if you are free or behind these walls. Smile, it makes a difference in your day. The next letter I write will be from the outs. *Love and solidarity, Junior*

**I wanted to take this time to personally thank you for my issue of UltraViolet.** This was my first newsletter and I can honestly state for the record that it started off with a bang...can't wait for the next one. Before I close, in the newsletter there's a section called “Thoughts from Inside”. The person named ‘Thunder Bunnie’ from Lucasville OH stressed that she was having difficulties with prison officials providing her with treatment she's been requesting. Well I do have a little experience in litigation and could assist her. So, it is alright to forward my information to her. On that note, you all continue to push the line for what is right. *Peace and many blessings. Treandous Cotton #T-97805, CMC-East/cell6153, PO Box 8101, San Luis Obispo CA 93409*

Please stay safe in this crazy world we live in. Peace and love will win in the end. *LGBT Pride, Louie, Grady AR*

**Dear Friends, I need to cancel my subscription to UltraViolet.** I'm going on parole and I'll get back in touch when I'm allowed by my PO. Thanks so much for the news and info. It's been valuable. I'll pick up the fight as soon as I can. *Sincerely, Chucky*

**Hello. I would like to inform you that your paper helps me out** because I'm now out and expressing [that] my LGBTQ Family is mine and they can't stop me. I'm in prison in SCI Chester PA, and me and a few brothers and sisters are trying to start our own Unitarian Universalists here, but we need a volunteer to come in to do the service. But we are in here and don't talk to many people so that is hard for us. There is a website but we have no computer to get on to check. The website is [UUA.org](http://UUA.org). Thank you for your time. *John, Chester PA [ed. note: closest UUA church-145 W Rose Tree Rd Media PA 19063]*

**Dear LAGAI, the article you ran on me in your Volume XXVII #2, Fall 2016 really helped me out a lot.** I was in a bad prison on lockdown for being sexually harassed and I showed it to the warden and 3 days later I was transferred to one of the safest and gay friendly prisons in Georgia. *I just want to say thank you! Shane, Macon GA*

**Hi UltraViolet People. I could get out next year and will be in your area and will definitely drop in with help and funds!!** UV has been with me for ages, I feel an obligation. I don't agree with everything you print but that just makes UV sweeter-Ha!! *Step up the Resistance. Sister Amazon, Kern Valley CA*

**Greetings Cohorts. I did not want to cut the coupon** off the back of the latest issue I received from you. Please consider for future issues putting the coupon on the opposite side of the mailing label or a photo, so that when it is cut out nothing is lost. Almost everything in print circulates extensively. People get very upset when they can not finish a story because someone prior to them cut something out. *Bruce, Soledad CA [ed. note: thanks for the feedback but it's not feasible to move the coupon]*

# Freedom Is a Constant (Internecine) Struggle

by Kate

I am antifa.

Before I ever knew what fascism was, I was anti. You might say that I was a premature antifa.

I believe in stopping fascism by any means necessary. No freedom for the enemies of freedom sounds like a great idea.

What I'm not so sure is that we all agree on who the enemies of freedom are, or even what a fascist is. And if we don't agree, who gets to decide? And how?

**Story #1:** In 1991, some of us from LAGAI, which at that time stood for Lesbians And Gays Against Intervention, went to a meeting called by ANSWER, which at that time was called the International Action Center, to plan a mass mobilization against war in Iraq, which at that time was called Desert Storm. Among the groups represented was the RCP, which did then and still does stand for Revolutionary Communist Party, and which was then and still is headed by Bob Avakian. At that time the RCP's Programme contained this statement: "[H]omosexuality is promoted and fostered by the decay of capitalism...After the revolution, struggle will be waged to eliminate it and reform homosexuals."

To us, this was a clear call for cultural genocide. Needless to say, we did not feel like people should be free to express that view. We didn't call for beating up members of the RCP. We did call for kicking them out of the coalition. We didn't prevail. Instead, someone from another group told us not to worry because the RCP is not going to win (we knew that, but it was not the point).

A year or so later, at a rally at the State Building in defense of abortion rights, one of the guys selling Revolutionary Worker told Daniel to stop thinking with his genitals. And Daniel still didn't hit him.

**Story #2:** In 1984, the Demokkratic National Convention was held in San Francisco. Jerry Falwell's "Moral Majority," an anti-woman, antigay, right-wing Xian group held a "Family Forum" at a hotel in Union Square. Thousands of people protested outside, and the cops rampaged and lots of people got beaten up. My affinity group of six women managed to get credentials to infiltrate the conference and disrupted a talk by Nat Hentoff, a columnist for the *Village Voice*. Since we were incognito, we avoided interacting with any of the protesters as we entered the hotel, in drag suitable for such an event. Someone tried to give me a flier. I shook my head. He crumpled up the leaflet and threw it at me, using a word for a female body part (or I guess I should say anatomy some females have – see story #4).

**Story #3:** In 2005, Brandon Darby cofounded Common Ground Relief in New Orleans, along with former Black Panther Malik Rahim, anarchist and environmental activist Scott Crow, nonviolent direct action trainer Lisa Fithian, and others. Darby became very central to Common Ground's work, which at times deployed thousands of volunteers and a million dollar budget. According to Rahim, "Brandon and Scott brought weapons to my house to help me defend my home," he says. "So my first feeling for both of them was love." At Rahim's request, Darby set up an outpost of Common Ground in the Lower Ninth Ward, "brought in a group of volunteers who fed people and cleared debris from houses while being harassed by police, right along with the locals who had refused to evacuate." (*Mother Jones*) Darby and Crow were strong advocates for armed self-defense against white supremacist and police violence, and eventually went to Venezuela, ostensibly to raise money from the Chavez government for Katrina survivors.

Darby has also been described as "quick to suggest violent, ill-conceived direct-action schemes that endangered everyone he worked with" (Courtney Desiree Morris, "Why Misogynists Make Great Informants: How Gender Violence on the Left Enables State Violence in Radical Movements"). Lisa Fithian says Darby "set some patterns in motion that I believe led to systemic issues of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and violence," within Common Ground. "He kicked the door down of a women's center at 2 am to throw a guy out; he kicked in the door of a trailer where there were volunteers with guns on them."

Ultimately, Darby went to work for the FBI, first as an informant and eventually as an agent, luring two younger, newer activists, David McKay and Bradley Crowder, into a scheme to firebomb police cars during the 2008 Republikkan Konvention and then testifying against them. He is now the managing director of Breitbart Texas, a branch of the right wing site that gave us Steve Bannon.

**Story #4:** On September 13 of this year, radical feminists and trans activists were scheduled to debate the proposed UK Gender Recognition Act, which would enable people to change their gender identification without needing certification from a doctor.

We in LAGAI believe this law change is a good thing. But some feminists are worried that it will open the door for men to pretend to be trans in order to gain access to women's locker rooms, bathrooms, prisons, and other spaces in order to abuse women. That claim is completely unsubstantiated. People should be able to use whatever facilities feel right to them and not be subjected to the shrieks and screams we have all heard around women's bathrooms.

The debate, entitled "What Is Gender?" was supposed to include the trans liaison of Stonewall UK as well as another representative of Stonewall, Dr. Julia Long who calls herself an advocate of "women-only spaces" and a self-described "gender critical transsexual" named Miranda Yardley. Trans activists pressured the Stonewall reps not to participate, and on September 11 (coincidence?), they backed out. A group called "Action for Trans Health London" (A4TH) launched a "No TERFs on our Turf" campaign to get New Cross Learning Center, to cancel the event, saying that the trans perspective was being excluded. (TERF = Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminist). On September 12, New Cross canceled the event.

This is called "No Platforming" - giving no platform to those who espouse hate speech and/or violence. The feminists called for a public gathering at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, a legendary space for crackpot views of every stripe,

where suffragettes once soap-boxed, and said that the secret location would be disclosed there. A4TH put out a call for people to find out where the secret location was, suggesting various ways of getting that information, and vowed to shut it down, saying:

*"This is violence. We know that when Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminists (TERFs) speak, they enact, encourage and condone violence against women of trans experience, transfeminine people and those who experience transmisogyny."*

*"One trans woman does not speak for all people of trans experience, particularly*

*when she does not experience the extreme risks of violence faced by trans people of colour."*

*We know TERFSs are not and will never be interested in being challenged via 'debate'. We are not interested in engaging with them on those terms."*

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, the small group of so-called TERFs gathered as scheduled. As Julia Long started to sing a song through a megaphone, a 60-year-old woman named MacLachlan, described in the media as a "mother of two" who describes herself as a "gender-critical feminist" (whatever that is), decided to film the gathering. According to her, a group of younger hoodie-wearing people descended on her and tried repeatedly to grab her camera. The Metro ("News But Not As You Know It") reported: "Ms MacLachlan ended up with a bruise on her face, red marks on her neck and grazed knees, her camera also was smashed and memory card stolen." A4TH defended the action, saying, "We condemn violence against women in all forms. We're proud that many self-organising activists, allies and supporters stood against hatred, misogyny and intimidation."

You can watch a video of the altercation at [gendertrender.wordpress.com/2017/09/15/timeline-of-trans-activists-beating-a-woman-in-hyde-park/](http://gendertrender.wordpress.com/2017/09/15/timeline-of-trans-activists-beating-a-woman-in-hyde-park/). Keep in mind that while the headline is "Clear footage of the assault," it was far from clear to me.

## Lessons to be learned:

- 1) One leftist's enemy of freedom is another's revolutionary leader.
- 2) "Violence" deserving of preventive or defensive violence is in the eye of the beholder.
- 3) Those of us accustomed to being mistaken for one another (Deeg and Deni, me and Tova – yes, I know, she has red hair, Monique and Arl, Blue and Julie) aren't so confident that people can identify fascists just from seeing their pictures on Twitter a few times.
- 4) There are better ways of resolving conflicts among the people than beating each other up.
- 5) It's hard to argue or negotiate about strategy and tactics with people if you can't know who they are.
- 6) People may not be who you think they are.
- 7) No one seems to be abandoning their ideologies because people threaten them or beat them up.

That said, we are all antifa.



HOBAK (Hella Organized Bay Area Koreans) is a collective of Koreans in the Bay Area, including queer and trans Koreans, mixed race Koreans and Korean adoptees, who are committed to building solidarity towards peace and demilitarization in Korea. They dream of a transnational Korean anti-war movement that shifts culture as well as societal structures, and do their work with feminist, queer/trans, anti-racist and anti-imperialist values. Check them out at [bayareakoreans.org](http://bayareakoreans.org).

## Cal. Death Penalty Looms

Last November California voters had the opportunity to end the death penalty. But 51.1% voted to pass Proposition 66 designed to speed up executions in the state. Immediately after this bad decision by voters, a lawsuit was filed challenging the measure. The state supreme court in December stopped Prop 66 from going into effect pending resolution of the legal challenge. Unfortunately the court voted to uphold the Prop 66 in August.

Prop 66 is a poorly-drafted initiative that seeks to speed up the death penalty by eliminating many of the legal safeguards that ensured the fairness of the criminal justice process and tried to prevent wrongful executions. Prop 66 requires that all executions be completed in five years. It allows the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to hide the method of execution from the public, meaning the state can execute an inmate with any drug or substance it deems appropriate, without revealing that information or being subjected to any official scrutiny or governmental oversight. It also limits appeals and the ability to introduce new evidence, and it also transfers review of habeas corpus capital challenges to the lower courts instead of the California supreme court. Prop 66 will force lawyers without capital experience to take capital cases whenever there is a "backlog". People sentenced to death must work and pay "restitution."

There has not been an execution in California in eleven years. The California supreme court could have declared Prop 66 unconstitutional. Instead they voted 5-2 to uphold Prop 66. The decision is likely to have the biggest effect on 15 death row inmates who have exhausted their appeals. The ruling upended only one provision, the requirement that all state death penalty appeals be decided within five years. The court changed the deadline to a mere "directive," not a requirement. California has more than 740 inmates on death row, the most of any state. By interpreting the deadline on deciding appeals to be flexible, those inmates may be many years away from the execution chamber.

Proposition 66 is a bad law no matter how you look at it. We need to end the death penalty once and for all.

## DEFEND ACADEMIC FREEDOM! STOP ISLAMOPHOBIA! DEFEAT HATE!



In June 2017, the pro-Israel group The Lawfare Project filed a lawsuit against San Francisco State University (SFSU) and Professor Rabab Abdulhadi falsely charging them with anti-semitism. On August 21, Dr. Abdulhadi filed a motion to dismiss this frivolous lawsuit Dr. Abdulhadi maintains, "This will fail, because, as an educator, I have the right to seek truth and justice, and to study Palestine."

On November 8, 2017, the Northern District of California Court will hear Dr. Abdulhadi's motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

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# THE MOCHA COLUMN

By Chaya and Deni

## MOVIE REVIEWS

**THE LONG RIDE** (review by Chaya) Political activist/documentary filmmaker Valerie Lapin was working with the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union, Local 2, in San Francisco when the idea of an immigrant workers freedom ride inspired by the 1961 Civil Rights Movement Freedom Riders was launched. The 2003 freedom ride sparked the new civil rights movement for immigrant workers as 900 immigrants and their allies traveled from 10 cities across the US to call for justice for immigrant workers and passage of comprehensive immigration reform. Director-producer-writer Lapin documented the experiences of 100 freedom riders who journeyed from Northern California to Washington DC, stopping along the way to hold rallies and meet local immigrant and civil rights activists. In DC they lobbied members of congress and then in NYC joined 100,000 people rallying for immigrant rights.

On the bus, Lapin filmed in-depth interviews with freedom riders; some put their personal safety at risk just by being there. The freedom riders had agreed they would each carry the same form of identification, whether they were documented or not, which was a card they created with only their name and address. Their stories were one of the most compelling parts of the documentary. Also gripping was the camaraderie that developed among the freedom riders as they demonstrated at an ICE office and faced angry counter-protesters including white supremacists. There's also a tense segment as the buses from LA were detained by the border patrol in Texas.

Released in 2016, the film includes updates on many of the freedom riders; some were at the Oakland International Film Festival movie debut. "45" has been waging war on immigrants since before he was "elected." The stories and issues of the 2003 freedom ride are more relevant than ever. The Long Ride is a compelling, informative, effective film. Check [share.productions/the-long-ride.html](http://share.productions/the-long-ride.html) for upcoming screenings.

**GIRLS TRIP** (review by Chaya) This female buddy movie about 4 African American friends starred Queen Latifah and Jada Pinkett Smith (not the world's greatest actors but fairly competent), so how bad could it be? Unfortunately, it was really, really bad. Even worse than that. There were brief funny parts but they were very overshadowed by the parts that were offensive, over-the-top, inappropriately sexual and/or anti-woman, and there wasn't an original moment in the whole awful thing. Rated R for crude and sexual content. Most notably, it demonstrates the sad state of affairs for women in Hollywood. Run. Away. Fast.

**WIND RIVER** (review by Cole) Wind River recounts an investigation of a double murder on the Wind River Reservation. Although visually stunning, the film's plot structure is flawed and the content demonstrates not so thinly veiled racism. Jeremy Renner plays a Fish and Wildlife employee drawn into the investigation, presumably so the movie can have a white hero. Elizabeth Olsen is cast as the FBI agent assigned to the investigation. The movie begins with the discovery of the body of Natalie, a young Native woman, in a remote location. The tribal police seem unable to display any problem solving expertise and rely on Renner's wildlife tracking skills and personal contacts on the reservation to unearth the clues. Spoiler Alert: Natalie's white lover Matt, a security staff person at a nearby oil rig, emerges as the initial suspect until his body is also discovered at a different remote location. We then learn that Natalie and Matt were killed after Matt's co-workers gang raped Natalie. The movie quickly degenerates into a shootout between the security crew and law enforcement. The violence level makes Game of Thrones look like an after school special. Although set in a Native community, the principal character is a white male who provides the bulk of the leadership. He consistently dispenses personal advice to tribe members. Individually, the instances of counsel are okay if somewhat preachy; collectively they become paternalistic, Renner even descends into arrogantly criticizing a young Native man who expresses outrage at the confines of life on the reservation. The female FBI agent is portrayed as a damsel in distress looking to Renner for guidance -- she couldn't even anticipate the need for the clothing necessary in a blizzard! The aforementioned rape scene is unnecessarily graphic and prolonged. The next-to-final scene stretches credence beyond the breaking point. The viewer cannot help but think that the gunfight shows an inability to wrap up the story in a more nuanced fashion. The film concludes with Natalie's grandfather engaging in a mourning ritual that demeans Native traditions. We could go on but we won't. Verdict: NEAR (Not Even a Rental).

**PATTI CAKES** (review by Deni) I liked this movie

though I know there are some reasons not to, reasons I agree with and noted during the movie. But I liked it anyway. Break-out star Danielle Macdonald gives a sterling performance as Patti Cake\$ (Patricia Dombroski), a fat white working class rapper from New Jersey who wants to make it in the hip hop music world. Patti has hardships to overcome: family issues with her mom (Bridget Everett in a powerful and moving performance) and ill grandmother, money problems (bartending doesn't pay enough), the sexism of the music industry and the world, and fighting ridicule and discrimination for being fat. But it's a feel good movie so -- spoiler alert -- overcome them she does. She's mouthy and sassy and sensitive and -- did I mention? -- unapologetically fat with no diet sub-text woven in. Though yes, she does have a makeover before the final concert (she looked better before), and yes there is the question of racial/cultural appropriation of hip hop, and yes, her Black (spoiler) boyfriend-to-be character is questionably written as puzzling and enigmatically "other," and her grandmother is ageistly used for un-funny comic relief. But again, I liked it anyway. Patti is a great character and Macdonald's performance was full of joy and pathos and spirit and fight. Patti's best friend Jheri (Siddarth Dhananjay in another well-acted role) is wry and smart and won't let her give up, tying his dreams of DJ/promoter to hers. All the acting was excellent, hard to think of a bad performance. First time filmmaker/director Jeremy Jasper wrote the music and used engaging and off-beat cinematography. I need as many feel-good movies as I can get these days, and Patti Cake\$ had enough to keep me feeling good.



**DOLORES** (review by Deni) This biography of labor and civil rights leader/organizer Dolores Huerta is excellent - see it if you can. She was a co-founder of the Agricultural Farm Workers Association, which became the United Farm Workers. Inspiring and informative, the film presents the depth and breadth of her life and the movements she helped build. Director Peter Bratt addresses controversies in Huerta's activist/personal life - the movement sexism that she faced in order to be acknowledged as a leader of the Farmworkers along with Cesar Chavez, and the criticisms she got as a woman for not "staying home and taking care of her children" and having "loose morals" because her children had different fathers. Interviews with several of her children movingly address their feelings about Huerta being absent from their lives growing up while she was out organizing. The film incorporates much footage of the back-breaking work and abhorrent conditions of farmworkers and their courage in joining the movement against capitalist attempts to beat them down (and Labor as well -- remember the Teamster attacks on UFW organizing?) Many moving scenes of marches and demonstrations keep the focus on the movement while illuminating Dolores' life, including her development as an outspoken feminist. There's also footage of the 1988 SF anti-Bush demonstration where Huerta was severely beaten by the SFPD in front of the St Francis hotel. I was at that demo, across the street in Union Square, and it was chilling and enraging to watch the footage and remember that day. See it, a needed dose of inspiration and courage.

**THE BIG SICK** (review by Deni) An excellent rom-com, touching and funny. Great script written by Kumail Nanjiani and Emily Gordon, it's based on their true story about big obstacles in their relationship. Kumail's Pakistani Muslim family wants him to marry a Pakistani woman (which Emily isn't) and Emily falls into a coma. It stars Nanjiani as himself (an aspiring comedian) and Zoe Kazan as Emily. It also stars Holly Hunter and Ray Romano as Emily's parents, and the acting is excellent throughout. Zoe Kazan is the grand-daughter of Elia Kazan, who in cold-war 1952 testified before HUAC (House Un-American Activities Committee) and named eight names of fellow actors with whom he'd been in the Communist Party. But Zoe seems to have progressive politics and I'm not holding it against her. She did a great job playing this spunky funny woman. See it.

**WHOSE STREETS?** Too much going on in the streets for us to catch this documentary (in its brief run) by Sabaah Folan and Damon Davis about Michael Brown and Ferguson and the development of Black Lives Matter, but it got sterling reviews and looks great. Collier Meyerson in The Nation astutely contextualized the film within the current T---p era and offered the comment, "It was odd to find myself nostalgic for a time when a black man could lament the inadequate response of a black president." Even the online trailer was powerful, hopefully there will be a way to see it.

## BITS AND PIECES

**SOMETHING'S ROTTEN** We've used Rotten Tomatoes for years, but in addition to checking a movie rating or seeing who agrees with you or has nuanced insights, it turns out there are subterranean levels of corporatization lurking behind RT. RT now pops up on fandangos or google movie searches and it partners with companies like Apple. In fact, here's the flow chart for RT ownership: RT>Fandango>NBC Universal>Comcast. Comcast is notoriously anti-union, IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, a

former union of both MC writers) calls Comcast the "Walmart of cable." That sounds like a pretty Rotten rating to us.

**SEE OMAR INSTEAD** The new film, The Mountain Between Us, didn't rate well and I (Deni) wouldn't have paid attention to the contrived love/adventure flick, but turns out it was directed by Hany Abu-Assad, the Palestinian award-nominated director who did the powerful films Paradise Now and Omar. If you haven't seen them, do that and skip the new one.

**THE HATE U GIVE** If you haven't read The Hate U Give yet, you need to. It's a tremendously moving, sharply political young adult novel by Angie Thomas based on the Black Lives Matter movement, and it's being made into a movie. Shooting started in mid-September and it's got quite the cast: the lead role of Starr is played by Amandla Stenberg (Rue from The Hunger Games) and Issa Rae is playing the role of activist April. The cast also includes Regina Hall and Common. Don't wait for the movie, read the book now

**AND SPEAKING OF ISSA RAE** I (Deni) like her series Insecure, which she created and stars in. The writing is tight, the acting is strong, and the relationship between Issa and best friend Molly (Yvonne Orji) is great -- I just wish they'd talk more about things other than men. The show focuses on work, racism, sexism, and relationships, but when talking with each other the conversation is mostly about men. It's a really funny show, btw - I love the device where Issa talks to herself in the mirror.

**KAP AND MORE** After Unelected-45 verbally attacked NFL player Colin Kaepernick and vulgarly called for NFL team owners to fire players who protested during the national anthem, football Sunday arrived. Most NFL teams, including some owners, took a knee, stood with arms linked, or otherwise expressed opposition to 45's rant. It was somewhat inspiring to see the pictures of the teams, but the media's coverage of unity -- sometimes echoing the team's statements -- began to have a hollow ring. Unity in what? Many players said they wanted to show support as a team against 45's attack but didn't want to disrespect the flag or military. All this largely buried Kap's original message protesting US racism. And as Kap said, "there's a lot of racism disguised as patriotism in this country."



In the NBA (the most progressive of pro sports organizations), there's a rule that players, coaches and trainers must "stand and line up in a dignified posture during the playing of the national anthem." This despite many NBA players support of Kap last season. Warriors Steph Curry, Kevin Durant and others never got to decline an invitation to the White House because 45 never extended one. LeBron James called 45 a "bum." When asked what he would do if he were still playing, recently-retired Lakers star Kobe Bryant said, "kneel."

On August 27 in a Las Vegas casino, Seattle Seahawk Michael Bennett, running away from possible gunshots, was attacked by police, handcuffed and pinned to the floor with a gun to his head after being falsely suspected of being the shooter. A lot of media didn't believe Bennett's story. A recent Sports Illustrated story is typical of racist mainstream media coverage: it questions Bennett's version of the events, including whether he was racially profiled, and says the video of the incident is inconclusive about whether the LVPD used excessive force. Bennett said, "I have always held a strong conviction that protesting or standing up for justice is just simply, the right thing to do. This fact is unequivocally, without question why before every game, I sit during the national anthem--because equality doesn't live in this country . . . when you are seen as a 'N----,' you will be treated that way." There's still been no big public outcry about this incident.

ESPN's Fantasy Football Marathon was surprised to discover that showing Black men being bid on by white men was reminiscent of a slave auction. When Odell Beckham Jr of the NY Giants was asked how he felt about being "sold" for \$34 to a white man's fantasy team, Beckham tweeted, "Speechless."

And that's the Mocha Column sports roundup. Grim column? Grim times. Send us some jokes!!!

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# Shutting Down YIMBY town



Oakland didn't call him "gentrification Jerry" for nothing.

In September, gov. brown signed 15 bills supported by self-proclaimed housing "activists" like YIMBY (Yes in My Back Yard) founder Sonja Trauss, as well as microsoft, yelp, salesforce, and comcast. SB 35, sponsored by SF's scott weiner is probably the worst of the bills. It gives local housing agencies authority to approve new regulations for housing development without public comment. It requires cities to annually develop a plan to meet state requirements for housing construction, and if a sufficient number of units are not built within the required timeframes, the city can be sued and the court can require the city to approve the housing.

Although touted as providing for "affordable housing," SB 35 actually requires construction of all types of units, including luxury and "market-rate" units. For the record, "low-income" affordable housing applies to families making up to 60 percent of the median income, and "middle income" affordable housing applies to families making up to 150 percent of the median income. The recently released

## Laws Against Some are Laws Against All

By Julie

The current administration is a horrible disaster in every way. But #45 (I don't like to say his name) is not the only reason. Every person that he appointed has their own agenda in their own department for destroying the rights of someone or some group whether it is immigrants or prisoners or school children or rivers or endangered species or the world for that matter.

In the last 9 months, the so-called Civil Rights Division led by Sessions as attorney general has changed its position on whether Texas' strict voter identification law was discriminatory. The Division has also pulled back from using consent decrees to reform troubled police departments, began a project to scrutinize affirmative action practices in university admissions, and directed law enforcement to crack down harder on minor crimes.

Transgender people are the latest obsession of the attorney general. In 2014, Eric Holder Jr., ordered the Justice Department to view "sex" as encompassing gender identity, extending protections to transgender people. But all it took was a memo to all united states attorneys and other top officials, and Holder's directive was revoked. The word "sex" in the statute, apparently, means only "biologically male or female," so the Civil Rights Act of 1964 does not ban "discrimination based on gender identity per se, including transgender status." Basically, transgender workers are no longer protected under employment discrimination laws.

Many states and over 200 cities have their own anti-discrimination laws that do include transgender people. Their protections vary but usually cover employment and/or other rights. These are not overridden by the federal changes.

Tho I do not support anybody serving in the military and wish, in fact, that there was no military at all, I don't agree with #45's latest attack on Transgender people. At the end of August, he signed a memo formally directing the Pentagon to ban transgender individuals from openly serving in the U.S. military. The directive gave the department of defense six months to develop an implementation plan. He also directed the dod to stop gender transition-related surgeries with exceptions for individuals whose procedures are underway. This effectively returns the Pentagon to its policy before June 2016; the discredited 'don't ask, don't tell'. The president did not outline a policy for transgender individuals currently serving, leaving open the possibility that some transgender service members could keep their jobs. At the end of August, the defense secretary Jim Mattis said that transgender service members will be allowed to continue to serve in the military while the Pentagon conducts its implementation study. Such generosity is unprecedented in this administration.

The attacks on Transgender people are just part of the continuous stream of attacks on all the vulnerable communities in this country. It is wrong and should be stopped.

2017 official median income for a family of four in SF and San Mateo counties is \$115,300. Just for comparison, \$15 an hour for a 40-hour week, works out to be \$31,200 annually.

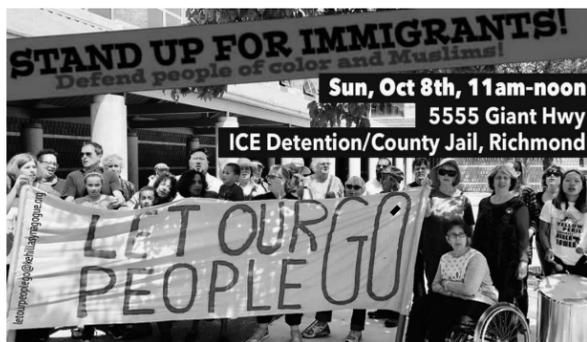
Under the combination of new state laws, a developer would have the right to construct any housing development that includes 10 percent "affordable housing." SB 167, sponsored by the Berkeley "progressive" Nancy Skinner, would allow cities to be fined up to \$10,000 for each unit it doesn't approve.

The legislature's Democratic super-majority justified these developer-dream bills because two other bills may provide a little (very little) new funding for affordable housing. SB 2 would collect up to \$200 million per year to replace other lost funding for housing programs for homeless and other low-income people through fees on real estate filings, although it is vague on how the funding would be allocated. SB 3, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act, is a new one-time \$4 billion bond that will be voted on in 2018. If it is approved, \$1 billion would be used to extend the veterans housing program which expires this year. The remaining \$3 billion would finance housing programs for building and/or rehabilitation of either low-income or mixed housing. To understand how inadequate this is for public low-income housing, the recent SF Housing Authority rebuild of Hunter's View cost \$450 million.

Which brings us to the YIMBYs (Yes In My Back Yard), a "movement" supported and funded by developers, Tech millionaires, and of course, scott weiner, whose backyard, by the way, it isn't. In 2014, Sonja Trauss founded SFBARF (SF Bay Area Renters Federation), which was renamed to YIMBY the following year. Claiming to be "housing activists," YIMBY advocates for "inbuilding" in neighborhoods like the Mission and Oakland, and who cares about the people being displaced by expensive condos. Trauss has tweeted that gentrification is "the revaluation of black land to its correct price." Not to mention her "No More No" t-shirt. She is now running for the SF Board of Supervisors to replace-termed out Jane Kim.

Sonja and her friends held a YIMBYtown conference in Oakland in July, boasting scott weiner addressing gentrification advocates from far away cities and countries. Gay Shame and friends rallied outside.

In addition to lobbying and "community organizing", YIMBY has a non-profit which sues communities for not building enough housing. In July, it won a case forcing Berkeley to approve a 3-unit building that neighbors had opposed. To Sonja, SB 35+SB 167=\$\$\$\$ for YIMBY!



## Immigration Update

The T administration had set its sights on dismantling Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that protected 800,000 "Dreamers" who came to the US as children. On September 5, T said that Dreamers whose work permits were set to expire by March 5, 2018 would be given only until Oct 5 to submit an application to renew their work permit and immigration status for a 2-year extension. The arbitrary one-month deadline was designed to be difficult to meet. A \$495 fee was also required. Thousands refused to give updated personal information to the government and most likely they're all screwed whether they renewed or didn't. Trump is giving congress 6 months to act on DACA; meanwhile, the T administration said that DACA recipients would be "eligible" for deportation by the end of those 6 months. Huge demonstrations in the Bay and elsewhere were held to defend DACA in specific and immigrants in general.

On Sept 28, ICE announced they had arrested 500 immigrants across the US in the previous 5 days, concentrating on Sanctuary Cities, which often are cities with big immigrant populations. ICE always incarcerates immigrants, but specifically mentioned Sanctuary Cities in order to intimidate jurisdictions that had enacted or were considering sanctuary laws. The Trump administration is attempting to multiply the number of immigration enforcement agents by using local police as surrogates. The California "Sanctuary State" bill, SB 54, signed into law on October 5, now prohibits that. In response to SB 54 ICE Acting Director said: "ICE will have no choice but to conduct at-large arrests in local neighborhoods and at worksites..." Of course, this is what they've been doing for months: conducting at-large arrests in local neighborhoods and worksites.

Pacifica Social Justice formed in January, 2017. Our first project was to get the Pacifica City Council to pass a Sanctuary City Ordinance. In April we gathered 1,400 signatures

# Shut Down the Immigration Prisons

by Blue

The United States maintains the largest immigration detention infrastructure in the world. The numbers are growing exponentially because of the racist policies of the current administration. Detention Network Watch reports approximately 440,000 immigrants are detained every year. There are 34,000 beds in us detention centers and Congress has mandated that those beds be filled at all times. It is a quota that guarantees that the private prison industry will always have a steady income. Legal permanent residents with longstanding family and community ties, asylum-seekers, and victims of human trafficking can be detained for weeks, months, and sometimes years. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) also detains women, men, children in over 200 county jails and for-profit prisons.

There is no independent oversight of the immigrant detention system. People in immigration detention are vulnerable to abuse and are often subjected to punitive and long-term solitary confinement. They are subject to inadequate medical care, vulnerable to rape and assault, and often isolated from access to legal assistance and community support.

LGBTQI migrants in detention facilities face multiple violations of their human rights. They are subjected to social isolation, physical and sexual violence directed at them because of their gender identity, and harassment by both facility staff and other detainees. In most prison settings, LGBTQI people face a heightened risk of targeted physical and sexual violence. Transgender women are particularly vulnerable to this abuse because they are usually housed with men; in the US, for instance, they are thirteen times more likely to be sexually assaulted than other detainees.

CIVIC (Community Initiative for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement) is devoted to abolishing U.S. immigration detention, while ending the isolation of people currently suffering in this profit-driven system. They organize and train people who want to get involved in support of immigrants and visit people in detention centers. CIVIC has developed a program specifically for people who wish to visit LGBTI individuals in immigration detention.

San Francisco has long been a Sanctuary City yet in the East Bay we have had an ICE detention center since 1991. West County Detention Facility in Richmond, CA houses up to 1,096 people within the confines of five separate housing units. In 2012 the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity began holding vigils to support immigrant detainees and to call for real and immediate immigration reform. People bring noisemakers so the detainees can hear and know that they are not forgotten.

The vigils are held to stand in solidarity with the people in Richmond being held for deportation and for the thousands in the other 200 detention centers across the country. Many have not been convicted of any "crime", but are charged with a civil immigration offense. Those facing deportation are asylum seekers, green card holders, and long term residents. ICE's implementation of US immigration laws makes communities insecure. The vigils seek to call attention to the government's wasteful spending of resources, the deportations without due process and the failure to address root causes of migration.

The deportees held here have families. Many have fled terrible violence and now face it here, in another form. There's been a sharp increase in the number of unaccompanied children, some as young as 6 years old coming across the border. Even they face an expedited deportation process.

Many of the groups that formed in the 1980's to protect immigrants are still in existence and many new ones have formed this year in response to the upsurge in threats to and arrests of immigrants. Here is a short list:

**Mujeres Unidas y Activas:** San Francisco, 3543 18th Street, #23 San Francisco, CA 94110 415-621-8140

**Northern California Rapid Immigration Response Network:** Justice and Diversity Center of the San Francisco Bar Association, Hamid Yazdan Panah by email at hpanah@sfbbar.org.

**Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity:** Nor Cal office: 310 8th St. Ste 310, Oakland, CA 94607 415 297 8222 info@im4humanintegrity.com

**Immigrant Legal Resource Center** (information only, not legal support): 1663 Mission Street, Suite 602 San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 255-9499

**CIVIC Community Initiative for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement:** 385-212-4842 info@endisolation.org

from residents, workers, and visitors who support Sanctuary City. On September 25 the City Council heard powerful and moving statements from 60 supporters, including students, immigrants, educators, attorneys and activists. The Council voted 3-2 to make Pacifica a Sanctuary City, but a second vote on the Ordinance is required, which will take place the day after UltraViolet goes to press. The Ordinance is complementary to the new California State Sanctuary Law, yet stronger in some ways.

# Drifting Dicamba pesticide, Chlorpyrifos, national monuments risk, and water bottles everywhere.

by Lisa

Given all the horrible other news, these merely awful items may seem a bit tame but nonetheless, I'll just start at the end of the list, and go on. In 2011, the National Park Service (NPS) started a program to reduce single use water bottles in national parks called nefariously the "Green Parks Plan" which included additional recycling facilities and banning the sale in some parks, and a May 2017 study showed that it was effective in reducing plastic waste in parks. "Annual savings of 1.32M – 2.01M water bottles/year demonstrates the program has significant positive environmental benefits that encompass the entire life cycle of DPWB [Disposable Plastic Water Bottle]. . . . The policy further demonstrates the commitment of the NPS to environmental stewardship,



to reducing the environmental footprint of the NPS, and to the concept of sustainability." So of course in September 2017 the T administration ended the plan and the ban—who needs a clean park when you can have free enterprise? I mean the Green Parks Plan goals were clearly outrageously insufficient: "GHG savings of 93-141 MTCO2e/year", eliminating "276-419 cubic yards of landfill per year" and the most egregious "Visitors who bring or purchase refillable water bottles and refill them at a water bottle filling station are directly engaging and participating in park sustainability efforts." You can find the full report at [nps.gov/aboutus/foia/upload/Disposable-Plastic-Water-Bottle-Evaluation-Report\\_5\\_11\\_17.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/foia/upload/Disposable-Plastic-Water-Bottle-Evaluation-Report_5_11_17.pdf) And Zinke's "review" of national monuments was another sham, although no actions have been taken yet, the writing is on the wall for the T administration to roll back protections on public lands where oil and gas companies want to drill, miners want to mine, and timber companies want to cut down trees. At risk on land are sacred sites in Utah in both a very new monument (Bears Ears) and one established back in 1996 (Grand Staircase-Escalante); a forest in New England (Katahdin), and another very new monument in Nevada (Gold Butte). And even other monuments that aren't mentioned in the "review" are still at risk of rollbacks either to their boundaries or to the protections they now have from commercial exploitation. Contrary to what you may have read in some of the news stories, these national monuments are still open public lands available for hiking and even off-road vehicles and grazing. The primary limitations are on mining, oil and gas extraction, logging, and disposal (which means selling off our public lands to private interests).

And don't forget the ocean monuments! The US territory includes a 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and several earlier presidents have used this fact to protect large areas of the ocean as national monuments, including along the east coast in the Atlantic (Northeast Canyons and Seamounts) and many areas in the Pacific Ocean. These monuments restrict commercial fishing and are critical for allowing depleted fish populations a safe place to rebound and are a haven for marine mammals and sea birds. So of course the T administration is looking to reduce them. . . . Zinke is now recommending rolling back the primary protections from commercial fishing in two monuments in the Pacific (Pacific Remote Islands and Rose Atoll). And regardless of any of the recommendations, T himself could also take action on other monuments – but many states and environmental groups are gearing up to fight back—hopefully we can hold the line on these critical public lands protections until we can get changes at the white house.

Maybe you thought the EPA was there to protect us from toxic chemicals like Dow Chemical's Chlorpyrifos? I mean the word "protection" is right there in the middle of their name? But no, under Pruitt, this agency seems to just be a rubber stamp for the chemical industry. There are plenty of scientific studies showing that Chlorpyrifos is dangerous, and is known to cause brain damage in children among other things. This stuff is widely used and probably in all of our systems now-- around 5 million pounds of chlorpyrifos are used in the US every year on crops including corn, peanuts, plums and wheat. A University of California at Berkeley study found that 87 percent of umbilical-cord blood samples tested had detectable levels of chlorpyrifos. This led the EPA back in 2016 (under a different administration of course), to propose a plan to ban use of the pesticide on food crops. But shortly after Scott Pruitt took the EPA for the T administration, he announced a reversal of this recommendation and allowed the continued use of the pesticide. A favor for their buddies

at Dow perhaps? Besides the usual campaign contributions, Dow was one of three companies that donated \$1 million to the T inauguration, wonder if that endeared them to Pruitt? And in California, farm workers and communities directly affected are calling for the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, state legislators and Gov. Brown to step-up and regulate chlorpyrifos if the EPA won't – favorite slogan "If Pruitt won't do it, Brown must take it down."

And at last to the beginning of the list, we have the ongoing saga of a highly toxic and drift-prone pesticide, dicamba which is paired with Monsanto's most recent GMO soybean and cotton seeds that are genetically altered to resist the pesticide. In January 2017, the T administration's EPA broadened the approval for Monsanto's "XtendiMax" pesticide which uses weed-killer known as dicamba – now it can also be used for direct application on crops. Dicamba is a pesticide which had already been causing problems and is linked to increased cancer and birth defects. The decision greenlighted a more than tenfold increase in use of the toxic pesticide which is known to have a tendency to drift into neighboring fields—and if that farmer doesn't have the GMO seeds, it kills their crops! And this new approval was even after dicamba drift had triggered hundreds of reports of damage that have spurred complaints in at least 10 states (Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas) and multiple lawsuits against Monsanto from neighboring farmers and environmental groups. Let's face it, the dicamba "crisis" was predictable and it's only going to get worse as Monsanto predicts that annual dicamba use on soybeans and cotton will jump from less than 1 million pounds just a few years ago to more than 25 million over the next three to four years.



## Who Done It?!

*Murder Under the Fig Tree*, the second in Kate Raphael's series of mysteries set in Palestine, lived up to all my criteria for a great mystery. It was suspenseful and engrossing in the way that I like so much, where I think about the book when I'm not reading it, where I can't wait to get back to it, where I don't pay any attention to anything around me when I'm reading, where I wonder what will happen to the characters when the book is over. It is one of a genre that I know of as 'place mysteries', when the location is very integral to the story. There is a lot about Palestine and about the Israeli occupation, but it is so totally integrated into the story and the mystery, that I found myself learning things almost without knowing it.

As for it at your local bookstore or library. If they don't have it, see if they will order it. And if you like it, leave a review on Amazon and/or Goodreads so others will find it.

For more info on the series and how to get the books, go to [kateraphael.com](http://kateraphael.com). --Julie

## Lin and Hilary

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for medical emergencies. By the time paramedics arrived, she was unresponsive. She had made her wishes clear, that she did not want resuscitation or intubation. The cancer didn't kill Hilary, but typical medical inattention may have, particularly because Hilary had a history of blood clots, and had been bed bound for over a month. Lin spoke at the memorial on August 24. Two days later she was in the emergency department of the hospital, and she died on August 29. She had told her friends that she did not want resuscitation, intubation, or any exploratory surgery. As a Buddhist, Lin talked about "entering the karmic stream." But Lin didn't make that choice freely. She had come to the end of the line. She was in pain, and the "pain clinics" repeatedly put her through humiliating lectures to obtain less than half of the medication she needed. Before I left on August 15, we had talked about how she might get help dealing with Panorama, but without Hilary, she had no acceptable home to return to.

Hilary and Lin had no wills, although they were each other's beneficiaries on their pensions and retirement accounts. Lin had no immediate relatives, and Hilary died first. That means that either Lin's newly discovered cousins, or Hilary's siblings, will have to fight it out with the state. For now, Panorama has their money, is denying access to the apartment, and is charging rent against the estate. --- Deeg

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## Eat at Reem's

Reems is a great Middle Eastern bakery/restaurant in Oakland at the Fruitvale BART station, started by Reem Assil. It's got great food, great spirit, a great mural featuring Palestinian activist Rasmia Odeh, and is a gathering place for movement activists and particularly Palestine supporters. Because Reems is still under attack by Zionists who picket and harass them outside the restaurant, it really needs us. Go eat there, especially Tuesday and Thursday when the Z seem to be there. But if you can't go then, go any time.

Enjoy the food and show support.

**Don't put down the newsletter, you haven't finished reading it yet!** We left out the plan for the revolution that's scheduled to start on November 4, so we could put this coupon in. So please don't forget to send us your address changes, subscribe your friends and send us any spare money you haven't already sent to Indivisible.

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