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Updates for October 15th

1 Oct - 26 Years After the Murder of Claudia López

Chile: Please read Mónica Caballero's powerful words below.

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The unexpected death of a fellow comrade of ideas is always hard and it is much more difficult for those of us who knew them.

The memory of the comrades who are no longer here is part of those we knew them, it lives with us but will also die with us, so to not neglect the memory of those of yesterday, of those of today and of those who will come is not to neglect future actions.

Today we commemorate the death of someone who was assassinated by the hitmen of power in an action driven by ideas that confronted domination.

Claudia López, your memory is part of the propagation of these anti-authoritarian ideas and it puts aside the neglect of our history.

2 Oct - In Contempt #45

We are including excerpts from In Contempt, the monthly column about state repression that appears on It's Going Down.

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Running Down the Walls

September saw Running/Pushing Down the Walls events in solidarity with political prisoners held in Mexico City, Olympia, WA, Portland and Eugene, OR, Los Angeles and Huntington Park, CA, Chicago, IL, Philadelphia, PA, Bloomington, IN, Lowell, MA, Brooklyn, NY, and Bristol, UK. Collectively, over 40K was raised for political prisoners and the Anarchist Black Cross warchest.

Statements for the event were submitted by political prisoners Alissa Azar, Oso Blanco, Xinachtli, Marius Mason, Jesse "Tall Can" Cannon, Hybachi LeMar, and Toby Shone.

Reportbacks have been shared from the NYC and Chicago events, and you can watch a video of former political prisoner Eric King reading Alissa Azar's statement at the Portland event. See a full roundup at abcf.net/blog/running-down-the-walls-2024-recap

Ongoing Cases

Repression continues against the Palestine solidarity movement, as 11 participants in the University of Michigan Palestine encampment are now facing charges. The CUNY 28 recently held a press conference as 8 of their group continue to face charges.

Mongoose Distro have produced a new short pamphlet about the ongoing case of Casey Goonan. More updates can be found at the Free Casey Instagram page. Casey's support crew also has a new website and you can now donate via Paypal.

International

There's a call to raise legal funds for Marcelo Villaroel, an anarchist prisoner who's been imprisoned in the Chilean legal system for the past 16 years and now has a chance to have his sentence overturned. The Susaron case prisoners, anarcho-nihilists held by the Chilean state, have expressed their thanks for recent solidarity efforts.

Claudio Lavazza, an anarchist prisoner who has served nearly 28 years in Spanish and French prisons, is now free.

Three Basque political prisoners, Garikoitz Etxeberria Goikoetxea, Jon Kepa Preciado Izarra and Mikel Sansebastian, were recently interviewed on their demand for total amnesty.

Protesters attempting to disrupt an arms conference in Melbourne, Australia, faced heavy police repression, with 42 arrested and 50-100 people injured.

A trial in Bradford, UK, where four people were facing charges connected to an action against an arms factory supplying weapons to Israel, ended with the jury unable to return a verdict, after the judge told them there was no lawful excuse for the actions taken. A retrial is expected in 2026.

International rallies were held at the end of September in support of the Suiza 6, six members of the anarcho-syndicalist CNT union in Spain who face prison for picketing a pastry shop.

ABC Moscow have published a general round-up of news about anarchist and anti-fascist prisoners in Russia. Since then, anarchist prisoner Rouslan Sidiki has been able to speak out about his torture, and Alexander Snezhkov and Lyubov Lizunova, two young anti-fascists, have been sentenced to 6 years and 3.5 years respectively on charges around anti-regime graffiti.

2 Oct - Leonard Peltier's 80th Birthday Statement

On this Wrongful Conviction Day, Leonard Peltier, the longest-serving Indigenous political prisoner, is incarcerated in lockdown-modified operations conditions at USP Coleman I, operated by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). Yet, in this moment of silence, Leonard speaks.

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When I was a child, I looked to my Elders to learn how to live within Mother Earth's rhythms. I yearn to sit by the fire with my loved ones and have our children look to me to learn the mysteries of Mother Earth. I want to laugh, share the pipe, and gaze into the eyes of a woman who does not carry handcuffs.

I have become an Elder. I suppose, in many ways, I am still the nine-year-old who founded The Resistance among my peers at Wahpeton Boarding School, the young man willing to sacrifice everything to protect my people, and the young man who worked hard and played hard when the chance arose. At the same time, I feel every second of these past eighty years wreaking havoc on my body.

I have been losing my eyesight, but my inner vision is not that of an old man. I long to get out there and work. My mind is filled with ideas to combat the greed and corruption that spread like a poisonous mold through the halls of those who govern us.

When I was sentenced, I stated:

“I do feel pity for your people that they must live under such a ugly system. Under your system you are taught greed, racism and corruption, and the most serious of all, the destruction of our mother earth. Under the native American system, we are taught all people are brothers and sisters, to share the wealth with the poor and needy; but the most important of all is to respect and preserve the earth, to me considered to be our mother.”

I could not help but see far and wide. I saw the continued colonization and destruction of Mother Earth and the ongoing termination of an entire People.

I perceive more than most of you know, even in lockdown. I see spirit warriors stand up and speak out; it does my heart good.

I also see the erosion of laws meant to protect our very right to survive. Civil rights used to be a pretense. They were never a true thing. Now, I see that the government is not bothering to pretend. We cannot continue to allow greed, racism, and corruption to rule us.

Remember, my people. Remember who you are. Mother Earth herself flows through our veins. We endure. The greed, corruption, and disdain of the colonizers will bring them to their ruin. They seek to ravish Mother Earth while chasing the almighty dollar. We have survived their apocalypse. We are not simply enduring; we are destined to thrive.

The lockdowns have not been kind to my body. I am not going to stand here and cry over what happens to an eighty-year-old body held in lockdown for over four years. I will continue to plan, think, and change what is within my reach.

Hope is a hard thing, but I still hold hope. The parole denial was not unexpected. I will not say I was overjoyed with the outcome, but we knew. They may yet surprise us with the answer to the appeal Jenipher Jones and Moira Meltzer-Cohen filed.

Jenipher Jones has assured me from the start that she is fully committed to my case. I trust her word. Jenipher will fight for me and with me in court if the appeal is rejected.

My friends, I need you to fight for you.

Police are beating children in the streets. The Parole Commission still illegally holds many of us long past our release dates. The Supreme Court has made it impossible for people to challenge wrongful convictions.

Indigenous people are still being forced from our land – we protect Mother Earth. They have stripped her bare and now want our resources. Our people go missing at a staggering rate, and no one blinks.

We are awaiting the Uhuru verdict to determine whether free speech exists, a verdict that may well come down on my eightieth birthday.

And – I am still in prison. The Constitution reads, “We, the People.” We must tell those in power we ARE the people.

This statement was meant to be released on my 80th birthday. I was in a ten- day lockdown, and my Board waited for me to approve the final edits.

I regret that no statement was released on my 80th birthday. I regret that this country has been taken by those who can cage human beings in conditions that would be illegal for dogs.

As I said, I need you to fight for you. I fight every day for my freedom with my legal team. I am now fighting for my life. They sentenced me to Death by Incarceration. They are trying hard to enforce that.

They have never managed to cage my Spirit. They never will. Do not allow anyone to cage yours.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse

2 Oct - For the Mumia Abu-Jamal International Collectives & the Leonard Peltier Official Ad Hoc Committee

The Bandung of the North Conference brought delegates from twenty-nine African and Asian nations, to work collectively toward decolonization. Julia Wright and Jenipher R. Jones delivered these remarks on white supremacist violence and state repression of dissent.

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The year 1955 when the Bandung Conference took place was a pivotal year binding the Global South and the birth of non-alignment to the history of US political prisoners. In August of 1955 two Black youths would be victims of the false accusations of attempting to rape or sexually molest a white woman - false accusations known as "southern justice." The first child was lynched, and justice has not been served till this day. His name is Emmett Till. Date of lynching: August 28, 1955.

The second victim of such a classic white supremacist frame-up was none other than the young man who would become the longest-held political prisoner in the US: Ruchell Magee. Ruchell Magee was arrested and charged with the same crime as Emmett Till that same Summer of 1955, charges later endorsed by an all-white jury that took only a fraction of a second to send him to twelve years of forced labor in the Louisiana Penitentiary of Angola. Although paroled in 1962, he remained branded by his eloquent linking of the system of mass incarceration to slavery and was soon captured again under false pretenses. Before being released "compassionately" a few months prior to his death, Ruchell Magee spent sixty-seven years in prison.

So, 1955 was that paradoxical year of unredeemed lynchings and Brown vs Board of Education inside the United States - and outside, the year Richard Wright was just back in Paris from covering the Bandung Conference where he had met and interviewed Prime Ministers Nehru and Chou En Lai - as well as Indira Gandhi.

Back in his Paris exile, on receiving the news of the lynching of Emmett Till, Wright wrote from the unique perspective he had gained at Bandung: "Emmett Till was the color of Nehru, and how on earth could any sensible person feel that Nehru could love a nation in which human life is so cheap. A man like Nehru feels that such could happen to him if he lived in the United States! In short, the western world pays highly when an Emmett Till is slain, and it would be wise to remember that when the people of Asia and Africa think of Emmett Till being slain, they could not think that white Americans did it, but that the white men of the western world have killed another man of colored skin. It hurts the whole cause of the West."

Wright had not received the news about Ruchell Magee but as his daughter and in the spirit of Bandung, his words were prescient... and that they apply to the frame-ups of political prisoners Mumia Abu-Jamal and Leonard Peltier today. Today, the false narrative underpinning the frame-ups is no longer rape but allegedly law enforcement killing - but the goal is the same: nipping Black and Indigenous leadership in the bud.

The chilling of dissent as a threat to the domination of the state is an age-old colonial tact that still reverberates today in cases of all political prisoners and pretrial detainees in the United States. For it is clear, the state does not want the truth to be known of how Leonard Peltier sought to liberate his people, in the spirit of Crazy Horse, by laughing, playing, teaching, and protecting children and women in his homelands. Just as they no longer wanted Malik el-Shabazz, Malcolm X to engender the strident walk, upheld head, and smile wide of a united Black people.

The state cannot erase the fond childhood memories of Leonard held by so many nor what he taught them, so they choose the weak exercise of containing him with a cage that is in fact perishing. The state can never dim the bright Blackness of Malik el-Shabazz. Leonard and Mumia, like Malik el Shabazz, endures. Unconquered still.

With heads unbowed we reflect on the words of Leonard Peltier, who remains incarcerated now fifty years later, as a Prisoner of War (POW), declaring in his sentencing statement in 1977, ringing true now as ever before: "I do feel pity for your people that they must live under such an ugly system. Under your system you are taught greed, racism, and corruption, and the most serious of all, the destruction of our mother earth. Under the Native American system, we are taught all people are brothers and sisters, to share the wealth with the poor and needy; but the most important of all is to respect and preserve the earth, to me considered to be our mother."

To quote Leonard Peltier, "I send my love and blood as a prisoner of war within the belly of the beast to those who continue the struggle."

Thank you for elevating the names of Leonard Peltier and Mumia Abu-Jamal and their death by incarceration as they stand proud, innocent, elderly and ailing behind bars.

6 Oct - Activists receive prison time for vandalizing fake pregnancy center.

tl:dr- Activists found guilty of vandalizing a fake pregnancy crisis center with graffiti and receive time in prison. One person (Caleb Freestone) gets 1 year in prison. 2 others receive 30 days.

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In a deeply troubling move, a federal court today sentenced pro-choice activists Amber Smith-Stewart and Annarella Rivera to 30 days in custody and 60 days of home confinement and Caleb Freestone to 1 year and 1 day in federal prison for Conspiracy, while dismissing two counts under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act, 18 U.S.C. §248. This unprecedented use of the FACE Act—originally designed to protect abortion clinics and their employees—has been twisted to prosecute activists protesting so-called crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs), which are in many cases religious-run facilities that actively work to manipulate and prevent people from accessing abortions. The crimes these defendants have admitted to and took responsibility for would normally result in a state or municipal court misdemeanor for graffiti. Caleb Freestone's longer sentence was attributed to minor activism he had been arrested for wheat-pasting flyers on private buildings—the charges were later dismissed but the court heavily punished him for it.

The Federal Judge from the Middle District of Florida, Virginia Hernandez Covington, at one point inconceivably argued that spray painting the outside of a closed fake clinic building was more threatening than fire bombing and causing a fire at an abortion clinic. Judge Hernandez Covington argued that the fear the crisis pregnancy center workers felt was in some way more serious than hurling two molotov cocktails at a legitimate health provider. Lawyer for Amber Smith-Stewart, Lauren Regan pushed back on this statement with the Judge eventually conceding, "They're both bad." This colloquy with the Court exposed the clear bias against the reproductive justice activists. Regan provided extensive evidence and argument regarding all of the FACE Act prosecutions and sentences around the country. "These reproductive justice activists are the first pro-choice people to be prosecuted under this statute after pressure was applied to the Department of Justice by Florida politicians. They are also the first to be prosecuted for minor property damage that occurred when there were no patients or workers around. Anti-abortion defendants that firebombed clinics or had repeated violations of blockading patients trying to enter Planned Parenthood Clinics got less punishment than our clients did today."

In the summer of 2022, Amber Smith-Stewart, Annarella Rivera, and Caleb Freestone spray painted three anti-abortion centers in Central and Southern Florida. The defendants previously admitted to tagging these facilities that Planned Parenthood calls "fake clinics," with the following messages: "If abortions aren't safe than niether [sic] are you," These protests came in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision and were borne out of frustration and grief over the rollback of abortion rights in the United States in the wake of the overturned Roe v. Wade precedent. The defendants were arrested for spray painting messages on fake reproductive health facilities in Florida, which the government argued were "reproductive health service" providers under the FACE Act — a position highly questionable given that, the centers involved in

this case should never have been granted the protections of a law meant to safeguard true healthcare providers.

Rivera, a long-time advocate for reproductive justice, expressed disbelief at the extent of the government's response to the graffiti, stating "I've supported and raised two children by working in my chosen field of ob/gyn healthcare. When not working, I've spent countless hours escorting patients to and from clinical appointments for their safety and the safety of our workers. Simply put, women's health and the ability to choose their own path is my passion and calling. I never thought that the act of spray-painting a fake 'clinic' would result in the FBI violently raiding my house or that I would become a pawn in the fight for a person's right to bodily autonomy—something an overwhelming majority of citizens in the United States believe in."

Smith-Stewart added: "In hindsight, I understand that the slogans we spray painted in 2022 could have been taken as a threat which was not our intent. The real threat here remains the assault by a vocal minority against a person's right to choose. This is where the real danger lies. The Dobbs decision puts lives at risk. People seek abortions for a multitude of reasons, and the decision to terminate or carry a pregnancy to term should never be made by power brokers in Washington, D.C. In my case, my own life would be at risk if I was subjected to a forced pregnancy."

The use of the FACE Act to protect CPCs, which often operate with the intention of dissuading or manipulating people from obtaining abortions, is a gross distortion of the law. Defense counsel for Smith-Stewart, Lauren Regan, Director of Litigation and Advocacy at Civil Liberties Defense Center (CLDC), condemned today's ruling: "This case marks a dangerous shift in the misuse of the FACE Act, twisting it from a law designed to protect abortion providers into a tool for punishing those who stand up for reproductive rights. The government's claims are a gross overreach. Using a statute intended to safeguard access to abortion to criminalize protest against anti-abortion centers undermines justice and bodily autonomy. This should alarm anyone who believes in the right to choose and the fight for reproductive freedom."

The sentences handed down today send a chilling message to those standing up for reproductive rights and bodily autonomy but CLDC will have your back and we will continue to support Amber Smith-Stewart, Annarella Rivera, Caleb Freestone, and all those fighting for a better world. Thanks to Michael Maddux, attorney for Caleb Freestone, and Vanessa King, attorney for Annarella Rivera.

9 Oct - 26 Protestors Charged in Bridge Blockade

San Francisco's District Attorney has charged 26 pro-Palestinian protestors for their role in shutting down the Golden Gate Bridge in April.

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by Dan Kerman (*KRON*)

Eight of those charged face felonies for conspiracy. Demonstrators say the DA has overcharged the case and all charges should be dismissed.

Attorney Jeff Wozniak represents demonstrators accused of shutting down the Golden Gate Bridge on April 15 to protest Israel's military action in Gaza. On Monday morning, they rallied outside the San Francisco jail before turning themselves in to protest the district attorney's decision to charge 26 of them — eight with felonies

The southbound 101 traffic from the North Bay into San Francisco came to an abrupt halt just before 8 a.m. on April 15 as pro-Palestinian protestors brought their cars to a stop and then chained themselves together.

CHP then shut down the northbound lanes and those behind the protestors were stalled for more than four hours.

San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins says those who create unsafe conditions for others must be held responsible regardless of whether or not one supports the motives of protestors.

The first of those charged with felonies are to be arraigned on Tuesday.

9 Oct - Former FCI Dublin women placed in isolation at Minnesota prison

Two Bay Area attorneys flew to a prison in Minnesota and spoke to about 90 women there who had been incarcerated at FCI Dublin but bussed across the country when their prison abruptly shut down.

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by Lisa Fernandez (KTVU)

Attorneys Kara Janssen and Susan Beaty, who represent about 600 women once held at FCI Dublin in a class-action lawsuit against the Bureau of Prisons, described a situation where the women are often put on lockdown because of the rampant drug problem at the Federal Correctional Institute at Waseca, thrown into special housing units, called the SHU, and often told they can't contact their loved ones by email, letter, phone or in person.

FCI Waseca, like FCI Dublin, is a low-security prison for about 700 women in a city of about 10,000 people. The Bureau of Prisons shut down FCI Dublin in April, saying they couldn't reform the sexualized culture there despite their best efforts.

"It's hard to say just how many people sobbed," Janssen said of her visit to the Minnesota prison last week. "They cannot even call their young children to tell them they've been put in the SHU. So, their kids just think they've disappeared."

Janssen also said that these women reported not having access to mental health services. And so, when she and Beaty visited, these women were able to share their stories, which they've been holding inside for months.

"For a lot of folks, this was the first time they should release this horrible trauma and isolation they're still facing," Janssen said.

Janssen and Beaty didn't want to discuss too many details about their visit, so as not to expose the women individually for fear of retaliation by BOP correctional officers.

But they did say in general that women would be placed in lockdown or the SHU for relatively minor violations or allegations of violations like appearing to be on drugs or hugging someone.

On average, the attorneys said that many women spend 90 days in the SHU and when they got out, get placed on an "encumbrance," meaning they can't use the phone or email and can only buy a small amount at the commissary.

Janssen also cited a recent audit showing that BOP correctional officers at FCI Dublin were wrong 45% of the time when they lodged disciplinary infractions against the women there.

"They've been frequently on lockdown, meaning they're locked in their cells, in their dorms, unable to easily access the phone or the computer, unable to go to programming or their jobs," Janssen said. "They're extremely isolated, which, of course, exacerbates underlying mental health conditions, anxiety and depression."

The BOP answered at great length regarding its disciplinary procedures, who gets placed in the SHU and all the mental health services the agency provides. (Read the answer in full [here](#).)

In part, the agency said that when a person is disciplined, the warden and other employees meet once a week to review each case to ensure that people are in the SHU for the appropriate reasons.

The BOP also said that they have not cut off every woman's ability to contact their loved ones.

"While there are times that some of these may be limited or controlled for various reasons, absent these, women in the SHU still have access to visitation, and telephone calls," BOP spokesman Scott Taylor wrote.

In April, the Bureau of Prisons abruptly shut down the troubled FCI Dublin. KTVU explains what led up to the closure, questioning whether this was retaliation for outside oversight over the women's prison, which has been riddled with sex abuse for decades.

One woman, Courtney Marie Chicoine, wrote a letter from FCI Waseca and allowed KTVU to use her name.

She said she is often put on lockdown after other women have been known to have hallucinations or seizures, possibly from drug use.

"When these people fall out or trip out," she wrote, "they are easily identified. However, we are all on lockdown and being punished for it."

Chicoine also said that she has been requesting mental health services, including her psychiatric medication, but was recently "blown off" by the head psychologist.

When Chicoine said that the continued lockdowns are stressful for her, the head psychologist responded that they're stressful for everyone.

Chicoine countered that it's not the same because the psychologist gets to go home every night, while she has to remain locked up.

"She looked at me like I was dirt and said, 'Yeah, I didn't commit any crimes, so you're right, I do get to go home every day,'" Chicoine recounted.

"This nonstop feeling of helplessness and stress at the level I am experiencing, I would say, is definitely an emergency," she wrote. "I reached out for help and this is the response I got. It makes me wonder if this is the response that people here dealing with drug addiction get when they cry out for help. We already had issues, but the response from staff has been worse since the Dublin women arrived. We have no recourse. Please help. I don't know what else to do."

In September, the BOP acknowledged that several incarcerated women were taken to the hospital for drug overdoses and that the prison was placed on "modified operation status." Taylor, the BOP spokesman, said that the agency uses a "multi-faceted approach" to tackle the issue of contraband being brought into the prison including metal detectors and body imaging devices.

Beaty and Janssen want to know why the women are being punished for drug use and wonder if any of the correctional officers – who could be bringing the drugs into the prison – are being investigated and disciplined as well.

The BOP responded that anyone who brings in drugs will be disciplined, including being fired.

"They need to change and reform their SHU policy," Janssen said. "Staff should not have unfettered discretion to put people in there whenever they want to."

The attorneys also questioned what criteria the BOP uses to put someone in the SHU.

Janssen and Beaty said they talked to women who were placed in solitary because they wanted protection after they witnessed and reported drug use or were going to have a medical visit and were put in isolation before their procedure.

The BOP responded that the agency "does not permit indiscriminate punishment."

Both lawyers acknowledged that they also heard reports of some sexual abuse at FCI Waseca, but nothing like at FCI Dublin, where seven officers, including the warden and chaplain, have been convicted of sex crimes against incarcerated women. An eighth correctional officer is headed to trial.

Beaty has already visited the prison in Seattle called FDC SeaTac, where several FCI Dublin women were transferred to.

And both lawyers plan to visit FCI Aliceville in Alabama later this month.

What they're finding is that FCI Dublin wasn't the only problem in the vast federal prison system, as the BOP has "all these incredibly harmful policies," Janssen said.

"It was never about an institution," Janssen said. "Dublin just happened to be the sort of exploding example where things got so extreme, even the government couldn't ignore it."

13 Oct - New book on the amazing life of deceased political prisoner Russell Maroon Shoatz

In this cinematic memoir, follow one man's journey from gang member to Black liberation leader to political prisoner-and the justice and redemption he fought for along the way.

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Inspired by Malcolm X, Russell Shoatz became a lifelong crusader for justice, a soldier in the most militant units of the Black Liberation Army. Shoatz was convicted to life in prison following a coordinated attack on a park police station that left one guard dead. The prison walls, however, could not deter Shoatz's battle for personal and collective freedom. He escaped state prisons twice, making him a living legend, and endowed him with the moniker "Maroon," once used to honor runaway slaves from plantations.

He survived 22 years in solitary confinement, prompting an international campaign for his freedom. *I Am Maroon* charts a life of dizzying intrigue and a long struggle for liberation. With an unforgettable voice, Maroon reminds us that we too are capable of radical change, leaving us a blueprint for how we might dedicate our lives and minds to the ongoing fight for freedom.

16 Oct - The World After Amazon

WHAT: Book Launch

WHEN: 7:00pm, Wednesday, October 16th

WHERE: Word Is Change - 368 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

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Please join Max Haiven and a "prime" collection of authors as we celebrate the publication of *The World After Amazon*!

The World After Amazon is a collection of 9 short speculative stories, written by rank-and-file workers at the corporation that has transformed the way we read and so much more. Amazon's sci-fi propaganda tells the story of a company using cutting-edge technology to deliver a utopia of cheap consumer convenience.

But its workers pay the price, toiling in dystopian conditions to create a future that will exclude them. What happens when those workers reclaim the radical imagination and their power to tell their own stories?

We will have copies of *The World After Amazon* available at the book launch and it can also be read or downloaded online for free, and is also available as a podcast and audiobook.

17 Oct - Parole Prep Welcome Home

WHAT: Party

WHEN: 7:00pm, Thursday, October 17th

WHERE: The Hudson - 348 Dyckman Street, Manhattan

COST: \$55 and up, FREE for formerly incarcerated and their loved ones

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Open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres from 7-10pm!

Cash bar from 10-11pm!

Described by some as the best party of the year, this event is an opportunity to connect with Parole Prep's vibrant community, celebrate the accomplishments of our staff and volunteers, and welcome home more than 30 people who were released from prison this year.

It's also a chance for us to raise money for the life-changing work we do. What began as a modest initiative inspired by the wisdom of incarcerated elders has blossomed into a powerful, statewide movement. Alongside our parole preparation initiative, we've expanded our work to include litigation, reentry support, mutual aid, legislative advocacy, and a new creative arts program.

Our venue for the party is a stunning restaurant and bar on the edge of the Hudson River with indoor and outdoor seating.

Tickets are sliding scale, starting at \$55. We encourage you to give generously and think of your tickets as a contribution towards the larger movement to end long-term incarceration in New York State. If you're unable to attend the event, please consider donating tickets to formerly incarcerated people and their families.

Tickets are free for all formerly incarcerated and directly impacted people!

Please also be in touch if you or any of your affiliates would like to serve as formal sponsors of the event.

RAFFLE NOW LIVE!

We've got amazing items up for grabs, including exclusive books, wellness classes, weekend getaways, stunning artwork, a coveted Telfar bag, beautiful clothing, gift cards, and so much more!

Raffle tickets are a steal at 10 for \$5 or 50 for \$20, and the winners will be drawn during the event night. Don't miss out on your chance to snag these incredible prizes—start bidding now!

18 Oct - Climate Justice & Abolition

WHAT: Teach-in

WHEN: 7:00pm, Friday, October 18th

WHERE: May Day Space - 176 Saint Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

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Working in the South, for seven years Fight Toxic Prisons has organized ahead of hurricanes and other disasters to fight for evacuation & protection of incarcerated people. By tracking storms, developing mapping tools to understand flood & environmental risks, and organizing on the ground and with folks inside, FTP is actively fighting the climate crisis' impacts on prisons and jails.

Join us to learn more about this work and how you can help!

19 Oct - Support Food Sovereignty

WHAT: Popup Market

WHEN: 2:30pm, Saturday, October 19th

WHERE: Bushwick City Farm - 354 Stockton Street, Brooklyn

COST: FREE (but it's a fundraiser, so empty your wallet and buy some stuff)

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Club A is throwing a fundraiser for Yousef Abu Rabee at Bushwick City Farm. We'll have vendors, workshops and a raffle. All proceeds will go to Youssef's agricultural initiative.

Youssef, 24, is an agricultural engineer from Beit Lahia in northern Gaza. Defying Israel's ongoing attacks, farmers like Yousef Abu Rabieh have figured out ways to grow food between bombed-out buildings in makeshift gardens of repurposed containers. Youssef is seeking support from international institutions to combat the man-made famine taking over Gaza.

Famines are inherently political; they reveal the concentration of power, systemic human rights abuses, and international complicity. In Gaza, Israel's actions have directly targeted food systems, resulting in widespread hunger and suffering. The struggle for Palestinian self-determination is intrinsically linked to the broader fight for food justice, as the forces that oppress Palestinians also perpetuate global hunger and exploitation. Food sovereignty is central to Palestinian resistance. Israel's prolonged control over Gaza's land and resources, through occupation, sieges, and attacks on supply chains, has severely undermined Palestinian food sovereignty. This crisis extends beyond food; it is about power, control, and domination over an entire population.

20 Oct - The Peoples' Concert

WHAT: Fund-Raising Concert for Political Prisoners

WHEN: 8:00pm, Sunday, October 20th

WHERE: The Shrine - 2271 Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard, Harlem

COST: Donation

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Please join us in uplifting our incarcerated freedom fighters with the power of thunderous beats, soul-stirring melodies, poetic flow of words, and the raw energy of live performances.

25 Oct - 10 minute Horror Movies

WHAT: Benefit Film Festival

WHEN: 6:00pm, Friday, October 25th

WHERE: Property Is Theft - 411 South 5th Street, Brooklyn

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A benefit for Saxapahaw Prison Books program. Make a scary movie! Upload to tinyurl.com/10MINUTEHORROR and make sure your movies is around ten minutes long. Spaces are limited due to time constraints. Let's get campy!