

DOCUMENTED EXAMPLES OF RACISM at WBAI

**by Board members known as
ACE/Independents and their Supporters**

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Is this what the ACE/Take Forward candidates picture when they think of WBAI's audience?
(Actual photo used by the "Take Forward/Ace Candidates on the survey page of their 2009 campaign literature for the WBAI Board elections). *Clearly diversity is NOT part of their picture..*

The ACE/"Independents" are also formerly known as List-Prog and currently operate under the banner of Take "Forward" WBAI.

NOTE: The posts in this document are very disturbing. But this document was put together to show you, the listener, why it is so important for you to join the struggle to TAKE BACK WBAI and PACIFICA! We must ensure that we have truly progressive people, not just on the air, but behind the scenes as well. WBAI and Pacifica Must remain a progressive and revolutionary beacon in the struggle for liberation and revolution for disenfranchised people. That's why we urge everyone to support the Justice and Unity and Take Back WBAI candidates. To find out what must be done to win this crucial struggle, please visit www.takebackwbai.org or call: (212)561-7231.

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This is a document that contains a sampling of the many examples of the behind the scenes racism at WBAI by Local Station Board members who as of 2009, are in the majority on the Board. This clique is always trying to change their identity and have at various times referred to themselves as List-Prog/ACE/Independents. They now go under the banner of Take "Forward" WBAI. There are also some posts by staff, who are also aligned with this clique.

These people support Grace Aaron, Lavarn Williams and the current coup. Most of the racist examples presented here are taken from a public message board known as the Good Light Board, which is nothing more than a clearing house to promote smear campaigns and vicious, nasty and racist invective throughout Pacifica. (It was on this message board that LSB member Steve Brown called for Bernard White to be beat with a baseball bat. Lavarn Williams and Grace Aaron are strong allies of Steve Brown.) Ironically, this any hateful thing goes board is co-moderated by Jamie Ross, who is a member of the WBAI LSB and a Director on the Pacifica National Board as well.

These examples presented are representative of the political mindset of those who are behind the ethnic cleansing and purges that are currently going on throughout the Pacifica network. At the end of this document is a copy of a some of their campaign literature which will put a face to some of the authors of these disturbing posts. But everyone in the brochure is a political ally of most, if not all, of the posters mentioned in this document. The coupsters argue that they are not racists because the people of color who are being purged are being replaced by people of color.

But most of the people being purged are the ones with a progressive and revolutionary vision. And sadly to say, the people of color they are replacing them with tend to find themselves on the same side politically as people who espouse the racist views and mindsets that are in this document.

Conversation that took place on a public board involving Frank LeFever, who is currently a member on the WBAI Programming Committee and is running in the 2009 Local Board elections. LeFever is responding to a post by someone who appears to be Uncle Sydney (the quote in this post by "Uncle Ben" uses the same ip address as someone posting as Uncle Sydney). Here LEFEVER talks about how he prefers real Africans to Black Americans. At the end he basically says THAT BLACK AMERICANS AT WBAI ARE AN EMBARRASMENT TO "REAL" AFRICANS.

Hey, that's a concept: REAL Africans!

[HTTP://WWW.LISTENERFORUMS.NET/CGI-BIN/ARCHIVE1_CONFIG.PL/NOFRAMES/READ/46232](http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archive1_config.pl/noframes/read/46232)

Posted By: Frank LeFever <[Send E-Mail](#)> (12.75.155.41)

Date: Sunday, 8 January 2006, at 7:56 p.m.

In Response To: [Newz Flash Sparky,...WBAI Ain't a Black Station](#) (Uncle Ben)

UNCLE: "...It'z like I've always said I prefer real Native Africans to American variety any day. They're not crazy or racist. You can actually hold a sane conversation with'em. I always wanted to do a show about that. Have on one of my African friendz to talk about dark skinned American. It'd be a true education They find us sad, and humorous in our attemptz to claim 'African-ness' because to them we're Americanthrough, and through. Everything we say, every mannerism is uniquely American. I know this may come as a shock to those who think they've cleansed themselves, but there it is..."

[LeFever] Hey, come to think of it, you're right. I've talked with a few of them, beginning with Mandela's predecessor as president of ANC (four years before he, the predecessor, became president); and several decades later, with a "young turk" (I think Mandela said "young lion") who had been imprisoned with Mandela on Robben Island (arriving much later than Mandela)...

...and a few less well-known, including a range of Zulus & Xhosas on their home ground (some of them professional colleagues, some not)... black (but Arab-cultured) Moroccans in Marrakesh...guys from Mali in some retail establishments in my NYC neighborhood...an erudite side-walk book-vendor from Ghana (a few blocks north)...

...oh, yes, a very helpful, very black, security guard from Sudan, at the Society for Neuroscience meeting back in November. Didn't see the post-doc from Nigeria I've talked with at a couple of prior SfN meetings, but it was a big meeting (c. 35,000).

Wife of a friend of mine...

A few others.

Can't think of a one of them who would not be embarrassed by those who purport to be speaking for them at WBAI.

--Frank

FULL posting by Uncle Ben who appears to be Uncle Sydney, as they have an identical IP address, lamenting on how he prefers Native Africans to Black Americans.

Newz Flash Sparky,...WBAI Ain't a Black Station

Posted By: Uncle Ben (66.95.98.66)

Date: Sunday, 8 January 2006, at 9:07 a.m.

In Response To: [Afrocentrism means not serving the dominant racial caste](#) (Dharuba)

Wbai wasn't founded to be a race station. Was Never Intended to be One. That for yearz we've had a ham handed attempt to graft on some sort of half baked, unthought out, and historically inacuate, and dishonest race hooliganism can be laid at the feet of less than a dozen people that represented no one other than themselves. Well themselves, and perhapz a few tiny cranky oranizationz of race nutz.

Btw indra who is darker than some of the so-called Africanz around here is the best Manager we've had in 15 yearz. She'z a professional as oppossed to the emotionally disturbed commiez, and or race nutz that have sat in our corner office since the early nineties.

It'z like I've always said I perfer real Native Africans to American variety any day. They're not crazy or racist. You can actually hold a sane conversation with'em. I always wanted to do a show about that. Have on one of my African friendz to talk about dark skinned American. It'd be a true education They find us sad, and humorous in our attemptz to claim "African-ness" because to them we're Americanthrough, and through. Everything we say, every mannerism is uniquely American. I know this may come as a shock to those who think they've cleansed themselves, but there it is.

Excerpt of a posting by Frank LeFever in which he demeans the work that Omowale Clay and the December 12th Movement did in exposing the abuse of Black children in foster care who were being used as guinea pigs to test experimental AIDS drugs. Here LeFever deliberately attempts to smear Clay, while spinning things to make it appear as if people were trying to help these children.

<http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/issues2/issues2config.pl?noframes;read=149929>

Posted By: Frank LeFever (pool-96-232-215-108.nycmny.east.verizon.net)

Date: Tuesday, 28 July 2009, at 8:34 p.m.

. . . [2] You don't hear much about it, but JUC's "activist celebrity" vote-getter Omowale Clay is also an HIV/AIDS denialist and (along with single-issue but JUC-friendly Ronaldo Bini) has led demonstrations against a facility treating children infected with HIV. . .

Excerpt from racist propoganda that was completely fabricated and publicly distributed by LSB board member Steve Brown in which he conjures up the racist imagery of Black men as being extremely violent and acting like apes in an attempt to malign and slander Bernard White and Errol Maitland (two Black men – it should be noted that Errol Maitland wasn't even on the premises at the date and time Brown mentions).

Bernard White froths at the mouth in WBAI's hallway

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/49341

Posted By: Steve Brown <[Send E-Mail](#)> (66.65.76.39)

Date: Tuesday, 14 March 2006, at 2:54 a.m.

. . . This morning, Monday, 3-13-06, at approximately 10 AM and thereafter (according to one eye-witness who has talked and two others who are too terrified to talk but may soon change their minds), Bernard received a piece of information [a very interesting piece that I will not yet reveal] that propelled him out of his chair and into the station hallway, frothing at the mouth, shrieking at the top of his lungs, bellowing crude racist insults clearly directed at Indra Hardat in her office down the hall.

Then -- and not for the first time in the past few days -- he menaced Indra, towering over her in what must have been a deliberately intimidating confrontation, literally screaming into her face while pumping his fist threateningly back and forth.

Shortly thereafter I was told that Bernard's behavior [and for the same reason] was aped by Erroll Maitland, also running through the hallway pumping his fist in the air in anger, appearing to threaten all in his path. . . .

Steve Brown referring to the same fabricated incident above, again using the negative imagery of the Black man as violent, to incite people to beat Bernard White with a Baseball bat.

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/49409

Posted By: Steve Brown <[Send E-Mail](#)> (66.65.76.39)

Date: Tuesday, 14 March 2006, at 6:25 p.m.

. . . And speaking of sitting silently behind the battle lines -- Where were you, Steffie, when Bernard was terrorizing Indra in full view of so many staff people, not just once but several times, yelling and cursing at her at the top of his lungs, looming over her and waving his fists ominously in her face -- as reported by eye witnesses? If you were there, you should have been at her side whacking Bernard with a baseball bat and then calling the police.

. . .

Posting by Mitchel Cohen, the chair of the WBAI Local Station Board (2009) referring to two Black women, who are strong community activists, as attack dogs. One is Nellie Bailey, who is the founder of the Harlem Tenant's Council and the other is Gwen DeBrow, who works with the New York City chapter of the Free Mumia Coalition.

<http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/issues2/issues2config.pl?noframes;read=150122>

Radio Listeners' Forum - WBAI Issues

One of the curious things

Posted By: Mitchel Cohen <[Send E-Mail](#)> (*dialup-4.231.240.160.dial1.newyork1.level3.net*)

Date: Friday, 31 July 2009, at 8:32 a.m.

In Response To: [this is no coup but a rescue attempt](#) (jim dingeman)

One of the more curious aspects of what is going on today is that some who have made the most virulent attacks on me and the other Independents today -- Gwen DeBrow, for example, and Nellie Hester Bailey -- were supporters of Utrice Leid and the coup in 2000-2001, when Pacifica national was indeed attempting, in a top-down fashion, to do away with community-based independent radio (as Jim has laid out, above) -- a coup that I was very active in opposing.

I guess their contrition over past deeds requires, in Bernard's world, becoming attack dogs today, no matter the twistories, no matter the lies they spew and wreckage they create. It's all required if they want to be accepted back into Daddy's bosom.

It sometimes feels like I am watching a third-rate Brando playing a fourth-rate Godfather, shorn of all morals and truth.

Very revealing response by Steve Brown when questioned on a public list serv about the racial composition of the Ace-ist slate. He responds by calling the poster a bugaboo bigot and then resorts to using even more racially inflammatory imagery:

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-in/archive1_config.pl/noframes/read/57546

Bugaboo Bigots are everywhere --Re: What percentage of this slate is white?

Posted By: Steve Brown (66.65.76.39) **Date: Thursday, 19 October 2006, at 9:57 p.m.**

. . . Would the person who answered my post like to line up the candidates I intend to endorse (an endorsement that might hurt them more than it helps) so he can ask them for proof of their racial, genetic, ethnic, sexual, and religious purity and correctness?

"Er, excuse me, Sir, would you mind dropping your pants so I can see if you are circumcized?"

"And you, Ms, is your favorite food watermelon or tortillas?"

"And you, Sir or Madam (hmmmm, I can't tell which), is that a dress you're wearing or do you just come from Scotland?"

Who will save us from these imbeciles on the Justice & Unity Color Corectness Police?

Steve Brown

Carolyn Birden, another LSB Board member, and 2009 Director on the National Board, who is a staunch ally and defender of Steve Brown, also derides the person who asked about the racial composition of their ACE slate by referring to him as "the Color Police."

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/57704

Ah, yes, the color police strike again!

Posted By: Carolyn Birden <[Send E-Mail](#)> (67.63.17.27)

Date: Tuesday, 24 October 2006, at 11:41 a.m.

In Response To: [What percentage of this slate is white?](#) (This aspect may spell doom for them)

Why don't you address the records, the votes on the LSB, the destruction of the station, the homophobia and anti-Semitism of the candidates, instead of their skin color? "Look at their faces" indeed: is that the extent of your politics?

Carolyn Birden once again using the term "color police" in a derisive way (bold added here for emphasis and was not in the original posting):

"Not a Genuine Black Man" *LINK*

Posted By: Carolyn Birden <[Send E-Mail](#)> (24.199.91.199)

Date: Wednesday, 23 August 2006, at 3:38 p.m.

is the name of a great new book by Brian Copeland, a comedian (briancopeland.com) and writer who addresses the complaints he gets **from the color police** (probably from some people on this list) who evidently don't like the way he talks, writes, thinks, or relates. A great read - and a wonderful answer to all those people using racial insults for political gain. It is also an eye-opener to people who think overt racism, inter- and intra- , is a thing of the past: Copeland is one courageous human being, and my only regret is that he lives and works on the West Coast. Evidently he was in nyc this summer - did anyone catch his act? Anyway, great book, especially for anyone who has been exposed to the pathological racial conditions around WBAI (and perhaps other stations, for all I know).

Another tactic that is often employed by those affiliated with the ACE/Independents on the board is the centuries old tactic of falsely portraying progressive people of color, who do not fit their political landscape, as extremely violent. Below is an email exchange in which Birden turns an every day cliché used by Lisa Davis, an African American board member, into an act of violence, in order to avoid coming to a meeting in Newark, N.J.

To: wbailsb@yahoogroups.com
From: cmcb007@earthlink.net
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:11:26 -0400
Subject: [wbailsb] meeting today 7/14 of the LSB

I find the following message from Lisa Davis, referring to today's meeting of the LSB, to members of the POProgress list, to be both disturbed and disturbing:
"If you think Barnum and Bailey is something -- you ain't seen nothing yet."
Given this threat of even more turmoil than usual at an LSB meeting, I will forego attending, as I have heard no announcement of an apology for Ms Davis's threatening behavior after the last meeting, much less of security being provided for this meeting.

Original Email from Lisa Davis that Birden Found Threatening

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2007 9:29 PM
Subject: WBAI in Newark on July 14th ?????

People,

Just giving yall a heads up that we want to hold a WBAI LSB meeting in Newark on Saturday, July 14th.

We are looking for a place that must be 100% wheelchair accessible.
I am checking into some places. If anyone has any ideas for some places -- please let me know.
Mark your calendars for this possible event.
I will keep you posted.

If you think Barnum and Bailey is something -- you ain't seen nothing yet.

Lisa

Carolyn Birden describing almost everyone associated with Bernard White as violent. These allegations are either grossly exaggerated or are completely false. All but one of these people is a person of color. (It should be noted that in the incident involving Paul Ashby, the person who did hit him was not a friend of Bernard's. He was a volunteer and he was banned from coming into the station. Furthermore, Bernard was the one who broke the fight up. Bernard publicly stated this at a Pacifica National Board meeting in front of Paul Ashby in 2007. Yet in spite of this, Birden and her clique will cease at nothing to malign him.

Posted By: Carolyn Birden <[Send E-Mail](#)> (69.22.224.152)
Date: Thursday, 3 January 2008, at 4:11 p.m.

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/78032

I guess you've missed the more recent events, mostly untaped: Fred Nguyen having to be restrained from physically attacking R.Paul Martin at the station, Cerene Roberts attacking Andrea Fishman, Ayo Harrington striking me at a board meeting, Mike Beasley ditto (both objecting to having their verbal and physical aggressions against other people being photographed), Erroll Maitland bruising my arm and trying to damage my eyesight at a PNB meeting, a friend of Bernard White's assaulting Paul Ashby (IN BERNARD'S OFFICE no less), Cerene Roberts hitting Mitchel Cohen at a committee meeting, Bernard White intimidating verbally and physically various people at various times, Omowale Clay threatening Mitchel Cohen's life, Ed Marshall menacing board members at various LSB meetings, William Heerwagon deliberately bumping into me and grabbing my arms at an LSB meeting - sorry, that's all I can recall off the top of my head. And let's not forget the implied threats in the antisemitic and homophobic insults by Fred Nguyen, Bernard White, Bernard's friends on the air, and several JUC board members - not to mention the silence by JUC members who should have been outraged at the remarks but instead maintained their silence, and still do.

Board member Steve brown using the imagery of black neighborhoods as being extremely violent to frighten potential listeners from coming to WBAI. Again, these depictions are absolutely false!

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/49341):

. . . One witness describes coming to the station these days as like living in the South Bronx, where rival gangs are shooting at each other and all you can do is keep your head down to keep from getting beaten up, knifed, or shot. He and others fear coming to the station. . . .

Mitchel Cohen (the current chair of the Board) conjuring up violent images when announcing a meeting in Harlem (he wasn't the chair in 2007 when he wrote this).

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/64872

Take the A,B,C,D trains to 125th St and walk east or #2 or #3 to 125th Street and walk west. Photo ID is needed to enter the building. Location is wheelchair accessible and

public comment is welcome. Please leaves guns and knives at home, although the guards have been known to let guns occasionally slip through at this location.

Mitchel Cohen's perverse "joke" about putting people in the Nazi gas chambers in 2007 regarding the 6,000,000 program files downloaded from the WBAI online archive (no one from Justice and Unity ever made any such comment or joke about the holocaust!)

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/78331

. . . Don't forget the claims by three (count'm, three!) JUC candidates that there were 6 million downloads of wbai shows last year! . . . Y'know, one download for every Jew, gay person, or communist in the Nazi gas chambers.

Former board member Paul Derienzo, who is running in the 2009 election for local station board, engaged in extreme sexist and racist behavior in a series of meetings at the beginning of 2005 that culminated in him being suspended for six months. Part of the condition for his return to the board was that he also issue a written apology. he refused to do this and subsequently sat out the rest of his term. It should be noted that he received full support from those members on the board who are currently aligned with the current coupsters and who are also known as ACE/Independents. His offensive behavior is described below:

http://justiceunity.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70:wbai-board-member-suspended-for-abusive-attacks-on-other-members&catid=1:latest-news&Itemid=56

. . . DeRienzo repeatedly shouted the Nazi salute, "Sieg Heil!", "When are you going to open BAI's ovens?" "Nazi scum!" and "Adolph Vajra!" (referring to board chair and housing activist Vajra Kilgour); repeatedly screamed "F--K YOU!" at Kilgour; and insulted three African American male board members, calling prominent Black anti-police-brutality activist Father Lawrence Lucas a "lame ass" and a "loser," demanding of respected defense attorney Michael Tarif Warren, "Did you pass the bar in New York state?," and of human rights activist Omowale Clay: "Did you demonstrate against 'The Color Purple'?" DeRienzo at times left his seat and thrust himself within inches of other board members' faces while shouting at them, and on Wednesday stalked up and down the aisles shouting for a full five minutes. . .

To see a videotape of DeRienzo's behavior please click below. One segment is 28 minutes, the other is 7 minutes. People should view both. If you are having difficulty viewing, try downloading realplayer. :

<http://justiceandunity.org/video-battle%20for%20progressive/20061021%20bpm/20061021%20bpm%20ep3%20derienzo.html>

Board member Mitchel Cohen's thinly veiled defense of Paul Derienzo's use of sieg heil and the nazi salute against a member of Justice and Unity (the irony is not lost that this is Cohen's response to a person giving an African American the Hitler salute):

<http://www.pacificafoundation.org/elections/lisa-davis/lisa-davis-candidate-statement.html>

Don't believe a word that Lisa Davis and her Just-Us cronies write.

Lisa Davis has spent her few years on the Local Station Board race-baiting any and everyone who disagrees with her on anything at all. I was no fan of Paul DeRienzo's, but for Lisa Davis to call him an "Anti-Semite" because he sieg-heiled her, and then orchestrated his removal from the Board by the "Just-Us" faction, is typical of her lies. Yea, lecture me, Lisa Davis, about anti-Semitism, who had relatives murdered in the concentration camps and who grew up with neighbors and relatives who were Holocaust survivors, and who got beat up every day in the Marlboro Projects where I grew up by anti-semites and racists. Just HOW, Lisa Davis, is someone who calls you a "fascist" engaged in "anti-Semitic" behavior? What crap.

This preposterous claim by Lisa Davis -- and it wasn't just words, her faction actually REMOVED Paul from his elected seat, just as they supported removing Robert Knight from the station -- goes to the heart of everything wrong at WBAI. Lisa and the thought-police (now there's a good name for a punk-rock group, eh?) invent whatever stories they want, smear anyone they need to to gain votes from unsuspecting listeners, using race-baiting as their main weapon to cow people into silence. Just watch how they play it, in this election. And don't believe a word of it.

Excerpts from Gary Null's racist diatribe against Latino programming and programming that reflects the diversity of listeners in Pacifica. This is a transcript from the show "Something's Happening" at KPFK (WBAI's sister station in Los Angeles) that aired on October 8, 2008. The program director that Null is referring to is Armando Gudino, who was fired by the coupsters. People who support the coup are currently trying to bring Null back to WBAI.

. . . Now there has been very little in the way of enlightened leadership at Pacifica . . .

You've got a program director that's Latino, suddenly everything becomes Latino without any thought or meaning of what that really represents and the vileness of that . . . and unless we stand up against it, it will continue. . . until one day you turn on the station and think "Holy Cow!" what happened to all the programs that I enjoyed and was empowered by? Oh! they're all gone. Why? Because the program director decides in his/her infinite wisdom that. . . uh . . . you're . . . that you don't count. . . you know. . . only their ego and their demented capacity to understand human nature and the meaning and purpose of the station count. . .

Well how in the hell did that person get there and why don't you throw their worthless asses off? **Well we can't . . . because we've got all these troops and these fighting camps of extremely violent people willing to either get in your face, get in your brain, or in their own tormented fashion believe that they understand something about human nature.** Oh I see - okay - kinda like absolute anarchy? Oh yeah - you got

it – you got it up the gazoot. . . . And you have people who are so utterly incapable of understanding the truth that it would bite them and they still wouldn't get the truth. . . .

. . . .But are we doing the best we can do? What would Lou Hill do if he were alive today? . . . do we want to be as good as we can be? **Or are we content in having our West Side Story Serf wars? That the Gays have got their block covered, the African Americans got theirs, the Latinos got theirs, the Native Americans got theirs . . . and gee whiz . . . where's the American public? You don't got a block. You're not in the fight . . .**

. . . **The Programming should not represent – and I think it's a DISGRACE to the programming director – a DISGRACE – Shame on him for taking any form of ethnic issue into account at the station.** Lou Hill and the Pacifica mission would be Appalled. . . But that's what happened. . . . and if we're gonna be honest we gotta be honest. . . . in which case then we have to say -- **“Do not be racial, do not be ethnic, do not be cultural. . do not be class. . .** because if you're gonna start doing that then you're gonna have to realize that you're gonna have to start dicing and cutting this all up based upon other individual specifics of who gets isolated and who gets cut out . . . and when you start saying you're not the kind of listener that I want -- then you've become a racist or a bigot -- you've excluded people . . .

. . . So let us participate together . . . let us send a message to all of the little different gangs that control stations . . . the little mutated hybrid thought processes that are so radicalized that there is no sense of reason, compassion, forgiveness, sensitivity. . . the self righteous and the self justifying should no longer be given the power of control.

Board member Steve Brown's incendiary email blast (dated 8/05) on why a predominantly white radio station is successful and why WBAI, which has racial diversity, is not:

http://justiceunity.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92:-wbai-justice-a-unity-campaign-dissects-steve-browns-karl-rove-style-accusations-and-racial-code-language-against-opponents-&catid=1:latest-news&Itemid=56

How much of WBAI's almost willful self-destructiveness over the last 15 or 20 years (up to and including the last 3 years during which internal strife, mistrust, nastiness, violence, and extreme interpersonal antagonism have brought the station to the brink of bankruptcy and near total meltdown) is solely and entirely due to the tensions, frictions, and politics -- of race?

Which leads to the corollary question: How much of the success of KGNU (not counting, of course, the part that your leadership and the efforts of your staff and listeners have played) has been due to an almost total absence of the tensions, frictions, and politics -- of race?

Countries like Japan and Scandinavia, that are racially homogenous, have never (though they have other problems) been crippled by racially generated strife -- as have the U.S., Britain, and France, and lately Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, Italy and Switzerland, which used to be racially homogeneous, but now contain large "undigested" populations of foreign Third World laborers, primarily people of color, who have been imported to do the unpleasant work that their own citizens no longer wish to do.

New York mirrors the racial diversity of U.S. society as a whole, and WBAI, if anything,

magnifies that diversity. Consequently, it is no surprise that WBAI -- which has always been a pressure cooker of racial mistrust, nastiness, violence, and extreme interpersonal antagonism -- has finally, and perhaps irretrievably, blown its top.

Albert Solomon's candidate statement used in the 2007 Local Station Board elections, in which he maligns the African American female board members and some African American staff. The allegations contained in his spurious statement are false and there is no video tape proving anything that he says. The election supervisors for Pacifica made a grave error by allowing this statement to be sent out in an official Pacifica Candidate booklet. The issue was raised on the Pacifica National Board, and the Board passed a motion by Acie Byrd, that among other things condemned the statement. Solomon is running again in 2009 and is aligned with the List Prog/ACE/Independents candidates.

<http://www.pacificafoundation.org/elections/albert-solomon/albert-solomon-candidate-statement.html>

The Secret History of the WBAI Local Station Board

--by Albert Baron "I Got Rhythm, I Got Music, I Got Jism, Who Can Ask for Anything More?"
Solomon, Camera Operator, **PACVID1.com/page4.html**.

Tell me, Black Female Board member, that you didn't say Frank LeFever was melanin-deficient and then say it wasn't a disease but only a condition? Well I'm not melanin-deficient, I have a melanin insufficiency! Tell me you didn't slug Mitchel Cohen on the arm during a committee meeting!

Tell me, Another Black Female Board member, that you didn't kick Carolyn Birden's bag and then tell her to get her bag off your foot? And pick fights with Patty Heffley and Steve Brown over nothing! Tell me, Black Listener Activist, that you didn't call Berthold Reimers a Niglet!

And that you didn't call Stephen Brown every epithet in the book! It's all on the videotape.

Tell me, Unnamed Black Management staffer, that you didn't shout at Indra Hardat, that you didn't overturn her agreement with Gary Null on his lawsuit, and that you didn't sign the receipt for Bernardo Palumbo's membership check!

And look at this stuff that I made on **PACVID1.com** about the Radio Report Committee, where an Unnamed Black Female Board member duped everybody and put the first program on the air without telling even the Committee! If that isn't the most unmitigated gall, especially since under Robert's Rules it is your duty to abide by and even support the duly voted decisions of any committee you're on! Look on Part 3 of the documentary ("GROS-LOUIS series") -- only 14 minutes!

The reason I say this is the Secret history of the LSB is that under Robert's Rules the Majority can prevent anything from being discussed. Forever! Board members aren't allowed to say anything defamatory about other Board members, and so nothing gets into the record. Should I become a Board member, even I will have to shut up about some of these things!

This is the probable Resistance lineup: Albert Baron Solomon, James Ross, Patty Heffley, Robert Gold, Bernardo Palumbo, Carla Cubit, Jennifer Jager, Ken Laufer and Lee McClure.
Above all, don't rank anyone from Justice and Unity at all! This is a totally polarized environment where under Choice Voting you will damage us and your voting power if you rank even one opponent. Thank you.

Linda Zises, who is a producer and member of the WBAI programming committee for 2008-2009, defends Solomon's candidate statement , while questioning those who chose to vote for the motion by Acie Byrd, which condemned the statement.

Re: Acie Byrd's motion "passed" by PNB at 11/1 Special Meeting

Posted By: linda Z (70.107.126.223)

Date: Friday, 2 November 2007, at 12:49 p.m.

In Response To: [Acie Byrd's motion "passed" by PNB at 11/1 Special Meeting](#) (How will the station pay for a mailing to the members?)

am i wrong or have these people, the ones who voted in favor of this amendment, lost their faculty for critical thinking.

this is a statement that if anyone sees it in a light contrary to what the juc is putting forth, ie. as a joke, as tthe truth, as something that is a parody of, then they have advertized their own behavior towards those whom they want to destroy.

oh mine. may the wind change quickly
and this election go forward and onward.

Mitchel Cohen's defense and not so circuitous endorsement of Albert Solomon, as he attempts to legitimize his statement and justify his motives.

<http://nyc.indymedia.org/en/2007/10/92309.html>

. . .Some had been planning to also endorse Albert Solomon for #7. Albert is a gadfly -- that's the best way to describe him, and a peace person -- a typical WBAI "character," who has been filming the meetings of the Local Station Board and doing a great public service at his own expense. But Albert's poorly thought-out candidate statement -- which he intended as a parody of the vicious racialized atmosphere at WBAI but which itself fuels racial tensions -- has led a number of independent candidates to disaffiliate themselves from him. . . So should you vote for him at #7? Would Albert be a constructive member of the Local Station Board? . . . Insert Albert at #7 at your own risk -- or if you don't vote for him, just slide everyone else up a notch.

Frank LeFever's defense of the Solomon statement.

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/73406

Albert is lampooning J&U standard language.

Posted By: Frank LeFever <[Send E-Mail](#)> (96.224.171.41)

Date: Wednesday, 24 October 2007, at 7:13 p.m.

In Response To: [Re: If some Afro-Centrics believe that Melanin=Intelligence](#) (then they are racists by definition - Diogenes)

J&U always identifies people by "race". Albert's statement is a PARODY of that. He wrote his statement deliberately to sound like a J&U diatribe, simply substituting "Black" where they would say "White" or "Jewish".

It takes somebody really dense or deliberately obscurantist not to see or acknowledge that. The stupidity (among some) and cynicism (among the others) of decrying this as a "racist" statement is almost beyond belief.

I say "almost" because it should not surprise anybody who is familiar with the nut-cases and criminals pervading Pacifica.

Neither Pacifica nor WBAI deserves to survive.

--Frank LeFever

Linda Zises' condescending and vile comment about Ayo Harrington, banned producer of the prison rights program, "On the Count." This is the only public affairs radio program in the United States exclusively produced and hosted by people who were formerly incarcerated either as a juvenile or as an adult. In Ayo's case it was as a juvenile. Today, Ayo is a proud grandmother, who among many other things was involved with SNCC as a teenager; sang with Sweet Honey in the Rock; helped build lower Manhattan's urban homestead and community garden movements, served as President of the United Parents Associations; founded "Friends of the African Burial Ground," etc. etc.

100 pound woman?

Posted By: **linda zises** (*ool-18bed2ef.dyn.optonline.net*)

Date: Sunday, 10 May 2009, at 8:39 a.m.

<http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/issues2/issues2config.pl?noframes;read=144062>

. . .very aggressive with her mouth and her "finger in your face". Not a college educated woman, but a prison taught person who knows how to fight on the street; not a winner with words but with fists and threats. I too would be afraid of Ayo on the prowl. . .

POPULARIZING THE WORD "N-GLET"

The next grouping of excerpts involve a series of posts in which board members Steve Brown and Mitch Cohen attempt to popularize the word "N-glet". They have found a way to degrade Black people by coming up with ingenuous ways of using derivatives of the "N" word. All they do is say an anonymous person said it, or some anonymous Black person from J&U called a Black person "N-glet" or the "N" word. (Because these words are so offensive to so many people, they are not spelled out in their entirety here. But when Cohen and Brown use them, they don't exercise this kind of sensitivity and instead spell them out fully). They have been repeatedly challenged by members of Justice and Unity to name the name of the alleged person who used those perjorative terms, but they have not done so. Instead they have chosen to continue to spread these lies in an effort to insult Black people, while also trying to make the word "N-glet" a part of the lexicon. It should be noted that no one from Justice and Unity ever called anyone those derogatory words and the fact that Brown and Cohen never name the person is even more proof that this is nothing more than another one of their offensive, racially incendiary smear tactics. In fact, Berthold Reimers was asked directly to name the person, but he never did.

7/11/2006 – Excerpt from an e-mail in which Mitchel Cohen falsely accuses someone from Justice and Unity of calling Berthold Reimers a "n-glet."

From: mitchelcohen2001

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 4:53 AM

To: popprogress@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Fwd: [popprogress] Corrected version of Programming motion

. . . . It was members of Justice and Unity Caucus, not List-Prog, who called then LSB-chair Berthold Reimers (a Black man of Haitian background) a "niglet," among other racist slanders directed at Berthold. The full record of these racial attacks on Berthold have been sent to the new

national Pacifica committee charged with investigating racist and sexist comments . . .

7/13/2006 – Excerpt from email from board member Lisa Davis responding to Cohen and demanding that he name the name of the "anonymous" person from Justice and Unity who allegedly called someone "n-glet." (Needless to say, Cohen did not name the person)

From: [Makemba X](#)

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 1:54 AM

To: popprogress@yahoogroups.com ; mitchelcohen2001

Subject: Re: Fwd: [popprogress] Corrected version of Programming motion

. . . I demand that Mitch back up what he is saying and name names. Who are the people that did what he is accusing J&U of doing? And who were the members of J&U that called Berthold the racially derogatory "N" word that he mentions below? (more on that later as well) . . .

10/16/ 2006 – The defamatory word "N-glet" is again used in an email by Steve Brown, as he continues to promote the spurious claim that someone from J&U used that name. And again, they don't reveal the name inspite of many demands to do so.

Original Message -----

From: [Steve Brown](#)

To: News@lists.stevebrownOnBoard.org

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2006 1:47 AM

Subject: [News@SteveBrownOnBoard] Why Do Good People Cause Bad Things to Happen at WBAI

. . . And now, during the election campaign [2006 elections], the JUC has taken those vicious attacks (at their best merely cynical spin, at their worst outright falsehoods), to most of the listening community, through a series of "town-hall" type meetings in churches and other venues, where "trusted" WBAI radio voices slander their opponents with charges that they are "White supremacists [who] want to push African Americans out of the station" or conversely (if their opponents are Black), that they are "house Niggers" and "Niglet[s]" who have sold out to White supremacists and should be shunned by the African American community. . .

7/16/2007 – Excerpt from another email in which they are again publicly challenged to name the anonymous J&U person who allegedly made those remarks.

From: [Makemba X](#)

Sent: Monday, July 16, 2007 5:34 PM

To: [Stephen M Brown](#) ; pnb@pacifica.org ; [Greg Guma](#)

Subject: RE: Who really saved KPFK's fund drive? -- a missing name

. . .I am going to respond to the absolute false racist allegations that continues to pour forth from the diminutive mindset of Steve Brown. **NO ONE FROM JUSTICE AND UNITY EVER CALLED ANYONE THE "N" WORD, NOR DID THEY EVER CALL ANYONE "N-GLET!" That is an outright lie!** Furthermore, the first and only time that I ever heard the word "N-glet" used is by Steve Brown and one of his White male LSB cohorts.

I have challenged Steve Brown and his cohort before, just as I am doing in this e-mail, to name the name of the person who "allegedly" called someone those derogatory names. So I say again -- **NAME THE NAME OF THE PERSON! . . .**

Needless to say Brown has yet to name the name of this "alleged" Justice and Unity person. Why? Because no such person from J&U exists. This is Steve Brown's white racist nouveau way of calling

Black people these names. And just as is true to form of his cowardly klan counter-part that hid behind sheets, he, in all of his cowardice, is hiding behind the ruse of some phantom J&U person . . .

7/8/2007 – Two more examples where Steve Brown and Mitchel Cohen yet again use the word "N-glets" and "House N-ggers" and of course they don't name the alleged Justice and Unity offender.

Who really saved KPFK's fund drive? -- a missing name

Posted By: Stephen M Brown <[Send E-Mail](#)> (69.201.190.156)

Date: Sunday, 8 July 2007, at 6:58 p.m.

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/68952

. . . The most destructive of these factions is the misnamed Justice & Unity clique (JUC), which relentlessly grinds down PNB directors, LSB members, station staff and activist volunteers through intensely directed, and seemingly scripted, campaigns of annoyance and harassment, or, if that doesn't work, by threatening to smear its White opponents as racists, and to ruin the reputation of its Black opponents in their communities by labeling them "house niggers" or "niglets" – both of which terms were wielded last year to embarrass and defame a current Black member of the WBAI station board (now a member for the PNB) by a prominent JUC spokesman]. . .

Re: But many/most people reading the

Posted By: Mitchel Cohen <[Send E-Mail](#)> (4.236.84.192)

Date: Friday, 26 October 2007, at 1:10 a.m.

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/73499

. . . They claim to have not received it, and Albert sent it to them again the other day. They refused to allow him to revise his original statement, either in the voting books or on the website. They also claimed that even in his revised statement he still uses racially inflammatory language (he took to task a JUC member for calling Berthold Reimers a "niglet" -- even though that's exactly what was said). . .

USING THE "N" WORD IS OK IN HER BOOK

Carolyn Birden arguing on behalf of the right of people to use the "N" word. She offered this opinion after a long discourse on their public board about the rights of people to use that word. She argues in support of someone using the moniker "Nigger Lovin Windom URL," but makes it clear that she has issues with people who condemn the use of that word.

<http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/issues2/issues2config.pl?noframes;read=152546>

Posted By: Carolyn Birden (user-12lcmIn.cable.mindspring.com)

Date: Monday, 14 September 2009, at 9:33 a.m.

*In Response To: [Hey, TakeItBack\(wards\)...Just what is a "racist" slur? *LINK*](#) (Nigger Lovin' Windom Url)*

Thank you for, especially, these lines below: quite correct. I am too disgusted by people trying to turn every aspect of public discourse - and private, too - into something they can call "racism". Sounds a bit like the Rain Man syndrome - hear a word, hear a buzzword, take it and

run with it, leaving all context and understanding behind in your rush to use it as evidence in a show trial. Double Plus Ungood, indeed.

"The problem lies not with the word itself, in spite of its horrendous history of abuse, but rather the way, means, and intent of the use of the word at any particular time and place. It is not the words used which really matter - words can be both abused and used abusively - but rather, it is the motivation and intention in any given context or situation that does make a difference... what is crucial is the meaning that actually lies within and behind the words themselves as used in context. The word "nigger" can even be (and is) used as an expression of friendship, respect, and love... depending on the context, time, and place, and the people involved. It does make a difference whether it comes from a rapper or a Klansman!

"By trying to force others to adhere to your own notions of what is correct or permissible in so narrow a context and constraint, you are simply responding unconsciously to a conditioned reflex - an unthinking response to stimuli you have been trained (by both yourself and others) to respond to automatically, dictated by a "politically correct" mindset that mimics the totalitarianism of Big Brother, and certainly does not lead to an egalitarian, diverse, or free-thinking society. In the end, you wind up playing the role of a political informant or police agent, denouncing and condemning others for crimes of speech and thought. Double Plus Ungood, pal."

CALLING TWO BLACK FEMALE ACTIVISTS ATTACK DOGS

Another tactic they like to do is publicly malign people/community groups who do not support allies on the board. Here Mitchel Cohen likens two strong black female activists in the community, Gwen DeBrow and Nellie Bailey to attack dogs. It should be noted that Cohen posted this on a public message board that these two women do not use and probably have no awareness of its existence.

<http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/issues2/issues2config.pl?noframes;read=150122>

Radio Listeners' Forum - WBAI Issues

One of the curious things

Posted By: Mitchel Cohen <[Send E-Mail](#)> (*dialup-4.231.240.160.dial1.newyork1.level3.net*)

Date: Friday, 31 July 2009, at 8:32 a.m.

In Response To: [this is no coup but a rescue attempt](#) (jim dingeman)

One of the more curious aspects of what is going on today is that some who have made the most virulent attacks on me and the other Independents today -- Gwen DeBrow, for example, and Nellie Hester Bailey -- were supporters of Utrice Leid and the coup in 2000-2001, when Pacifica national was indeed attempting, in a top-down fashion, to do away with community-based independent radio (as Jim has laid out, above) -- a coup that I was very active in opposing.

I guess their contrition over past deeds requires, in Bernard's world, becoming attack dogs today, no matter the twistories, no matter the lies they spew and wreckage they create. It's all required if they want to be accepted back into Daddy's bosom.

It sometimes feels like I am watching a third-rate Brando playing a fourth-rate Godfather, shorn of all morals and truth.

BLACK THIS AND BLACK

Wake Up Call Is Just Too Black For producer and Programming Committee Member
Linda Zises

<http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/issues2/issues2config.pl?noframes;read=152675>

Radio Listeners' Forum - WBAI Issues

Re: disgusting and cowardly Bob Law on GBE

Posted By: linda zises (*ool-18bed2ef.dyn.optonline.net*)

Date: Thursday, 17 September 2009, at 7:44 a.m.

In Response To: [disgusting and cowardly Bob Law on GBE](#) (Stephen Garcia)

Wake Up Call this A.M. needs to be heard in its entirety. There is black this and black that and it is very difficult to find non black segments.

The woman who spoke on the economy (seemingly not black) was so weak. WUC is truly a limited program

Perhaps the executive director needs to be replaced, soon.
Before WBAI runs out of money, forever!

Frank LeFever's Homophobic and Incendiary Remarks Against Michael Vincent Crea, Upon learning of His Assault at an LSB Meeting by One of the ACE Board Members that LeFever Supports.

At the 9/9 LSB meeting, one of the people aligned with ACE, Seth Goldberg, a medical doctor, assaulted a listener, Pastor Michael Vincent Crea, by pulling a chair from under him and causing him to crash to the floor. An ambulance had to be called for Crea. Supporters of Goldberg began to immediately write offensive things about Crea and go after his reputation. Here LeFever, who wasn't present at the meeting, launches a verbal attack on Crea and then posts a link to pictures in an attempt to ridicule his lifestyle. He refers to this lifestyle as pre-morbid and then posts a link to pictures that are very suggestive, provocative and sexual in nature. He snidely refers to this as Crea's "Normal pre LSB posture and appearance." (go to link at bottom of LeFever's post to see photos)

the medical assessment of Michael Crea's condition..." *LINK*

Posted By: Frank LeFever <[Send E-Mail](#)> (*pool-96-224-8-155.nycmny.east.verizon.net*)

Date: Saturday, 12 September 2009, at 1:37 a.m.

He was in good spirits the next evening, and apparently feeling no pain.

He was able to ambulate and traveled all the way to Hempstead to "observe" the Candidates Forum (as did non-candidates Cerene Roberts and Billy Beerwagon).

I think one can infer that he can base his claim to disability benefits (his chosen career path) on no more than the disability he was already claiming, PTSD as a result of some guy coming on to him in Seminary 20 years ago.

To compare his premorbid condition (postmorbid as regards the PTSD) to his condition resulting from his falling on a small woman at the LSB meeting, follow the *LINK* to see several photographs.

[As regards his lying supine in the photo Nia so thoughtfully provides: he had been sitting, but assumed that supine pose in anticipation of the arrival of emergency personnel summoned by himself and/or other JUC operatives.]

-- Frank "Mental Health Observer" LeFever

[Normal pre-LSB posture and appearance](#)

(<http://www.flickr.com/photos/onemomentplease/page2/>)

THE AUDOBON BALLROOM

The next group of postings is an attempt to spin an assault that one of the ace supporters committed against a listener at a local station board meeting on september 9, 2009 that took place at the station. At that meeting , Seth Goldberg, who is a board member, a medical doctor, and a strong ace ally, assaulted a listener member of the public by deliberately pulling a chair from under him and causing him to need to go to the hospital via the ems. Goldberg's supporters, including Mitchel Cohen and Frank Lefever begin to make disrespectful references to the Audobon Ballroom in an attempt to take the onus off Seth Goldberg and to smear their political opponents.

The First Reference is by an anonymous poster:

<http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/issues2/issues2config.pl?noframes;read=152208>

"GET YOUR HANDS OFF MY POCKETS, DON'T BE MESSING WITH MY POCKETS"!!!!!! *LINK*

Posted By: That's what Lisa Davis was SUPPOSED to say during the JUC assault.

(pool-71-190-121-28.nycmny.east.verizon.net)

Date: Thursday, 10 September 2009, at 9:29 a.m.

In Response To: [DIGRACEFUL LIES!!!!!!](#) (Lisa V. Davis)

I hope Quantico doesn't dock her pay.

[The JUC thought the WBAI studios were the Audubon Ballroom.](#)

Mitchel Cohen responds to the above post using the one line reference below.

<http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/issues2/issues2config.pl?noframes;read=152211>

Radio Listeners' Forum - WBAI Issues

"Get your cut throat off my knife". - Diane DiPrima *NM*

Posted By: Mitchel Cohen <[Send E-Mail](#)> (*dialup-4.231.246.74.dial1.newyork1.level3.net*)

Date: Thursday, 10 September 2009, at 1:35 p.m.

*In Response To: ["GET YOUR HANDS OFF MY POCKETS, DON'T BE MESSING WITH MY POCKETS"!!!!](#)
[*LINK*](#) (That's what Lisa Davis was SUPPOSED to say during the JUC assault.)*

Candidate Frank LeFever's Response to the Audobon Ballroom comment.

<http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/issues2/issues2config.pl?noframes;read=152213>

No, the Audubon Ballroom reference is more apt. *LINK*

Posted By: Frank LeFever <[Send E-Mail](#)> (*pool-96-224-8-155.nycmny.east.verizon.net*)

Date: Thursday, 10 September 2009, at 2:22 p.m.

*In Response To: ["Get your cut throat off my knife". - Diane DiPrima *NM*](#) (Mitchel Cohen)*

The stooge caused a loud disturbance so people would not notice the IMPORTANT action until it was too late.

What else is happening while Lisa and Vajra and Bernard and Tim Wise and embezzler Don "DeBar" are making their loud disturbances?

-- Frank LeFever

The next set of examples are by people who post anonymously or who use aliases from the public rant Board, aka "The Good Light Board." It is worth noting that this is co-moderated by Jamie Ross, a member of the WBAI Local Station Board and a Director on the Pacifica National Board. The Good Light Board makes it very comfortable for people to spew race hate anonymously as expressions such as Black Nats, race nuts, etc are frequently used.

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/139645

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Re: fuk u

Posted By: curious (*ool-45721ef7.dyn.optonline.net*)

Date: Friday, 13 March 2009, at 6:48 p.m.

What the fuk are you talking about

there will not be more slavery
there will be less

the blacks who were enslaved was a great crime of those 400 years

but if you go furhter back in history other groups were also enslaved, i.e. the Roman era
the criticism of Bernard White is entirely accurate

He has fucked wbai

once it was a radio station that everyone liked
where everyone was welcomed
right the black was welcomed at a time when the other media was racist

right the anti war protestor was welcomed at a time when the rest of the media was not
willing to be anti war
but now Bernard has made it so that only the cult race superiority black nat is welcomed,
and all good white people driven away with his brand of race hate

and on another level any and all democratic impulse which could be called a hippie impulse
has been undermined by a corrupt group of scum
from the lsb (for seven god -damn years), to the people inside the station who lie and
steal
i.e. tampering with documents
stealing equipment
preventing new voices that are not black nats from getting on the air

you can go to hell
ok

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/139590

Posted By: curious (*ool-45721ef7.dyn.optonline.net*)

Date: Wednesday, 11 March 2009, at 11:13 p.m.

*In Response To: [ironically, as a detractor, *NM*](#) (you are the JUC's best friend)*

a politically correct sicko
where is the irony in shing light on all the anti democratic shennanigans of the Bernard
White controlled juc
where is the irony
of saying that your 7 mutha fuckin years of shitty programming have backrupted our
station

where the fuck is the irony of saying that wabi can and should appeal to more than just
the cult of black nats

and conspiracy nuts

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/137871

Re: And my response

Posted By: there's a woman on my left, and she's drinking Champagne (ool-45721ef7.dyn.optonline.net)

Date: Wednesday, 21 January 2009, at 6:33 p.m.

In Response To: [Re: And my response](#) (Albert Baron Solomon)

yes yes Albert
they are all over the Pacifica network
and that is why I am inclined to thnk that te only way to rid ourselves of these hateful
black nats is for wbai to die
to go away
,, I see no other way to defeat them
you tell me

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/136749

Re: . . . Stop calling them "black nationalists"

Posted By: Stella (ts002d0033.nyc-ny.xod.concentric.net)

Date: Wednesday, 17 December 2008, at 8:08 p.m.

In Response To: [Re: Carolyn Birden, you got served](#) ("... the sun's not yellow it's chicken")

*You speak for a small very very small, and insulated group of crazy hateful bigoted black
nats who are able to use Pacifica for money and / or propaganda*
=====

I wish you would stop referring to these black usurpers of BAI as "black nats," which I
suppose stands for "black nationalists." These creeps are not black nationalists, since they
have no concern for the overall welfare and ultimate self-sufficiency of blacks. The primary
aim of a black nationalist is to see his race freed from psychological and economic
dependence on others. The BAI crew has no intention of ever cutting the dependency cord
from the white liberal suckers, who made his rise possible in the first place.

A black nationalist never ceases scolding his people for their laziness, ignorance and

ineptitude. Although these BAI usurpers delight in playing those Malcolm X tapes where Malcolm is giving it to white folks, I wonder what they've done with those speeches of Malcolm where he excoriates the black man for his weakness and his refusal to take advantage of the many ways in which he could have taken economic initiatives to uplift his own people. Malcolm was the ultimate scold. . . .

Unfortunately, too many pitiful black men actually taught their sons that it's okay to reject taking initiatives, since everything in America was created from their ancestors' muscles and, therefore, belongs to blacks. Can you imagine doing this to the minds of your sons and expecting them to turn into anything except worthless baggage, the likes of which now inhabit WBAI? They are NOT black nationalists!

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/136716

Posted By: "... the sun's not yellow it's chicken" (*ool-45721ef7.dyn.optonline.net*)

Date: Wednesday, 17 December 2008, at 12:02 a.m.

you are so full of politically correct dogma that it could actually drive a progressive white completely away from wanting to unite with people of color

but that is EXACTLY what you want

and Lisa Dais

and the handful of black nats at Pacifica DO NOT represent the needs and wants and desires of the millions of people of color in this country

no no no, You speak for a small very very small, and insulated group of crazy hateful bigoted black nats who are able to use Pacifica for money and / or propaganda

it is unbelievable that you think that because you have the same skin color that you think that all american's who are POC are somehow with you

get a grip

you are actually counter -revolutionary while parading yourself to the contrary

Re: Fatuousness, stupidity, and thuggism on the BlueBoard

Posted By: Jeffrey (*ool-45721e9a.dyn.optonline.net*)

Date: Friday, 30 May 2008, at 5:36 p.m.

In Response To: [Fatuousness, stupidity, and thuggism on the BlueBoard](#) (Steve Brown)

Hey Steve

I intended to write something about how I did, in fact very much appreciate hearing from you

I sort of came to the battle a few years late, and all I really know of you is how the juc pigs demeozed you

I call them pigs out of anger,, sorry , let me call them the faction that chose to demeoneize you because they needed to stay in power ,as they did before that when they took power over the lsb so Steve, I agree with your concerns over the station, the black nats just want it for themselves and their few white friends, Mimi, Led-boy and Vadjra etc but really they could not care about the station growing and being financially solvent so , anyway my two cents is , that while it appears fantastic that the race baiters will have to shut up a little bit at the lsb meetings, the SAD truth is that Bernard has all the power and will have it for as long as he wants so really wbai is dead in the water in terms of ever becoming something really beautiful the juc wwp cemotap folks think it belongs to them,it's fucked up

re: It's not a "white" explanation - Baloney!

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/139704

Posted By: Stella (ts002d0072.nyc-ny.xod.concentric.net)

Date: Sunday, 15 March 2009, at 4:01 a.m.

In Response To: [Re: It's not a "white" explanation](#) (Mitchel Cohen)

. . . is a Black population fundamentally scarred . . .

Who the hell are you to claim that blacks are "fundamentally scarred." Perhaps, without so much of your white patronizing attentiveness, blacks would have carried on like the ex-slaves in all other societies. In fact, tens of thousands of them were well on their way to self- and community-development. They were stymied by that 1960s cabal of upper class black elites, who were determined to take the easy way out, in alliance with "freedom-riding" whites, who created whole new careers for themselves based around the race issue -- in politics, in academia, in the arts, and everywhere else they could spread their psycho-babble and propaganda.

Talk about "get a life!" The subject of race gave life to millions of inadequate whites who, like their black counterparts, also used race to find an easy way out.

. . . but it ignores how to GET TO the ability to "transcend Race"

Who are you to imply that all people should wish to transcend race? If you wish to do so, then do so. How did it become some part of a holy religion that transcending one's race is an unquestionable sacred goal? Baloney!

Re: african music special

http://www.listenerforums.net/cgi-bin/archivei_config.pl/noframes/read/79945

Posted By: Ear Wig <[Send E-Mail](#)> (69.118.192.143)

Date: Monday, 25 February 2008, at 1:04 p.m.

In Response To: [Re: african music special](#) (everest marathon)

It's "BlackNat" i.e. a rigid, thoughtless, doctrinaire Black Nationalist, Pan-Africanist, Black racial supremacist of the kind who seem to gravitate towards WBAI's programming orthodoxy, which seems to believe that out of 168 hours of fundraising schedule.. the majority of it should be taken up with focus on the activities of black power/Nation of Islam advocates of 40 to 45

years ago with no real consideration of black people who existed OUTSIDE of this nexus or the consequences and shortcomings of mindless, uncritical adherence to these philosophies.

It is not a term meant to disparage or dehumanize black people but rather a narrow group of blacks who are distinguished by their own certainty that they speak for all black people or black people's true interests despite their glaring ignorance, incompetence, and embrace of corruption, larceny and violence to further their obvious self centered interest in their own undeserved continuance in power.

Currently.. the black nationalist orthodoxy, which also includes whites within the Brooklynite group currently in control, has seized upon support of Barack Obama as some new rallying point. I just wish we could force these people to sign an agreement. Should Barack Obama become U.S. President.. and when, inevitably, Charles Barron is unceremoniously hustled out by the Secret Service from WHICHEVER venue in which he attempts to approach President Obama with an absurd and unreasonable list of demands, gimme's, and demands for recompense for his support... I just hope that this will not cause the ENTIRE news/public affairs staff of WBAI to make Barack persona non grata and permanently on WBAI's s***list through January 20, 2017. May we NEVER be forced to hear Mimi Rosenberg one of these days expressing "dissuhpoyntmuntt dat arrr bruddah Barack sooold out da kommooooonitty when we demandud that Robert Mugabe's birthday be made a national holiday!!"

2009 ACE Candidates

Please rank the candidates on your ballot as they are numbered below



ENDORSED – MITCHEL COHEN (*running for reelection*) is WBAL's Board Chair and a strong supporter of WBAL's progressive new general manager Lavarr Williams. A published poet, he also knows how to balance budgets, helped stabilize WBAL's finances, and fought (successfully) to increase Democracy Now from from 1 hour to 2 hours a day. Mitchel is active in the *Brooklyn Greens Party* and founded the *New York No-Spray Coalition Against Toxic Pesticides*. He is currently working to bring Gary Null and Robert Knight back to WBAL.



ENDORSED – ALEX STEINBERG (*running for reelection*) is a chess wizard and a teacher of philosophy. But underneath he is a pragmatic "tough cookie" with a down-to-earth approach to station affairs. He wants more anti-war and environmental programming and hopes to guide WBAL back to its mission of bringing diverse peoples together, so they can learn from – and learn to appreciate – one another.



ENDORSED – ANDREA FISHMAN (*running for reelection*) isn't "just" a board member, she's a listener, too. As such, she feels that management often neglects listeners – noticing them only when it comes time to beg for money during a fund drive. To change this, she will create a joint Listener-Staff Council (you can be on it) to evaluate current programs and help create new ones that both serve the community and advance the Pacifica mission. She is working closely with General Manager Williams on staff issues and station ethics. She is a tiny woman with big ideas to whom other board members pay very close attention before they act.



ENDORSED – ELIZABETH BROWN Some say her biggest "minus" is being Steve Brown's daughter. Others say her biggest "plus" is that she hardly ever listens to him. Just 24 years old, she will bring a youthful viewpoint to what has been, sadly, a rather over-aged board. Her academic field is International Conflict Resolution, but she will find more than enough conflict right here at WBAL. She is shocked by the racial hatreds deliberately stirred up by the former program director, "who called my father a racist on the radio." She feels she can help resolve racial and ethnic conflicts at the station because (as she says) "I am Black, White, and Jewish."



ENDORSED – ANDREA KATZ has raised millions of dollars in donations for non profit schools – a skill that WBAL could certainly use. Her tiny fashion design studio, art gallery, and retail boutique in the South Street Seaport is just a few blocks from the station – and is a "green" store, where all employees take public transportation, cycle, or walk to work. It's also a microcosm of New York's melting pot, with employees from Trinidad, Hungary, Australia, Ghana, Great Britain, and Turkey. Andrea knows how to run an effective organization, raise money, meet budgets, train staff, and reach out to the community – as she learned to do as a women's rights and anti-war activist for 25 years. (She told me to mention that she just became a grandmother. How many votes is that worth?)



ENDORSED – JONATHAN ASCULAI, at age 41, will be another "youngster" on WBAL's somewhat geriatric board. Technological-y-savvy, he can help WBAL upgrade its broadcasting infrastructure and take better advantage of the internet and other new communication venues. As a multi-media producer, he knows how



to communicate with artists, keep costs down, and persuade even people who disagree to work together with as much focus and as little friction as possible.

ENDORSED – MANIJEH SABA says her interest in WBAL – and her lifelong yearning for human rights and justice – is the result of growing up in Iran under the dictatorship imposed by America's CIA-engineered coup in 1953. Her education in political sociology and gender roles – and a year at the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner of Human Rights – helped her understand the causes of injustice and how to resist them. She will be a passionate and persuasive force for increased peace and anti-war programming at WBAL.



ENDORSED – FRANK LEFFER worked with Mitchel Cohen to speed delivery of up to 9,000 backlogged premiums left by former management. An expert at systems oversight, he is a trained scientist whose ease with numbers and statistics have helped demystify revenue and audience fluctuations that some might find "boring," but are vital to keeping WBAL healthy (and able to pay its bills).



ENDORSED – KEN LAUFFER is a classically trained musician with a Masters degree from Juilliard. As a teacher of developmentally disabled high school students, he knows how to be patient as well as firm – two qualities our board can use. Lauffer will improve staff morale and work to bring back Robert Knight and Gary Null (whose illegal firing by the JUC caused 7,000 angry members to desert WBAL). He hopes to revive WBAL's celebrated Free Music Store, where famous jazz and classical musicians popped by the station to delight lucky listeners with impromptu concerts of highest quality.

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Steve Brown

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Carol Spoozer Hero of Paducah	Berthoff Reimers, former Chair, WBAI Board	Gary Null, former host WBAI Natural Living
		
Robert Knight, WBAI Investigative Reporter	Nicola Ann Wood Nurse Aide	Carolye Breden, Director Paducah National Board
		
Kathy Davis, WBAI Public Affairs Director	Ching-Ping Pong Tango performer	Sera Singer-Songwriter
		
Mike Feder, former host WBAI Hard Work	Patty Herley, former Dir. Paducah National Board	Shawn Rhodes, host WBAI Midnight Reveries

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The Station Board is very powerful. It sets the station's programming goals and policies, oversees the hiring and firing of top management, approves or vetoes the budget, and controls salaries. The Board is also your eyes and ears inside the station — working closely with management and staff to raise funds, expand listenership, resolve conflicts, fulfill the Pacifica "mission," and guard against corporate encroachment and government interference.

Your WBAI Ballot Is Precious.

Vote only for candidates who pledge to give full creative freedom to our programmers, promise to implement more racial, ethnic, and gender diversity in our hiring policies, and will urge management to provide more air-time to *Democracy Now!* Of the 22 candidates running, ACE believes only 10 deserve election. See *why inside*.

IF YOU AGREE WITH ACE . . .

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#10

ENDORSED — KEN LAUFER thought WBAI's board was trying to save his beloved station from bankruptcy, only to discover that it was wasting its time squabbling over parliamentary procedure, and trying to expel minority members like Steve Brown because he criticized the policies of the JUC majority. A classically trained musician with a Masters degree from Juilliard, Laufer also teaches developmentally disabled high school students, so he knows how to be patient as well as firm — two qualities the board can use. Laufer intends to roll back the foolish board policies that have ruined the station. He wants to bring back Robert Knight and Gary Null. He says their firings were illegal, and caused 7,000 angry members to leave in protest, taking \$1 million in contributions with them. Laufer would close the budget gap — not by cutting salaries of our lowest-paid staff (as the JUC board majority wants to do) — but by trimming the \$100,000 salary-plus-benefits packages of top management (the ones who got WBAI into this mess). Laufer also wants to revive WBAI's Free Music Store and its live jazz and classical music concerts. ACE hopes you will vote for him.

Candidates Endorsed by ACE Won't "Disappear" After the Election

ACE candidates will be available to listeners by email, phone, and at public board meetings. (Walk up and say hello — they won't bite.)

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WBAI/Wakeup Call



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WBAI Governing Bd



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ACE endorses these (and only these) 10 candidates

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#1
ENDORSED – JAMES ROSS sounded the alert about WBAI's deteriorating finances. But the JUC board majority simply laughed and went on squabbling over Roberts Rules of Order, and why it was ok to hold board meetings during Jewish holidays. If re-elected, Ross can use his scientific skills to analyze new financial data (long obscured by management) that will help revive the station. Ross says his first priority is to eliminate WBAI's \$200-\$400,000 debt. Re-hiring Gary Null and Robert Knight will help – they could bring back up to 7,000 members and \$1 million per year in contributions. Ross hopes to avert future staff layoffs through intelligent budgeting. "To rescue WBAI, we need board members who will pay attention – and do the work." Ross is one of those members. [Note: In the last election, ACE-endorsed candidates swept the polls, cutting the JUC majority to just 2 seats. This election could finally end the JUC's disastrous 4-year control of the station—A]

ENDORSED – BERNARDO PALOMBO – When he arrived in America 40 years ago, he did what most immigrants do: wash dishes. Today he's a world famous musician, graphic artist, professor of linguistics, and director of *El Taller*, the international cultural center acclaimed as a "United Nations of creativity." When Venezuela's President, Hugo Chavez, recently visited New York, he rushed up to Palombo and embraced him, saying that he sang his songs as a teenager – "They inspired my revolution!" As director of a (solvent) non-profit, Palombo can teach WBAI how to stretch dollars and soothe creative egos. He got the nickname "guerrero sereno" (peaceful warrior), because when he walks into a room, fighting stops, tempers cool, and compromise suddenly seems possible. WBAI needs this skill (so does the world, but one thing at a time).



#2
ENDORSED – JENNIFER JAGER doesn't like the way WBAI has changed in the last 4 years. Producers get thrown off the air for no reason. People who struggled together side by side suddenly start calling each other "racists." And a hostile veil over the station hides its business affairs from listeners. When Robert Knight and Gary Null were fired, Jennifer stopped listening – and decided to become a board member and restore WBAI's sanity. "This month," she says, "there isn't enough money for rent and salaries. But foolishly making our fund drives longer only alienates listeners and worsens the shortfall." She wants the board to tackle "big" concepts, like – Should WBAI continue to rely on costly premiums (\$100-\$250 each), which make us the Home Shopping Network of the Left? ... How can we strengthen our News Department? ... Why aren't more women's voices on our airwaves? Jennifer runs her own small business, and is also treasurer of the *No Spray Coalition* – so she knows budgets, and has the will to make positive changes at WBAI.

ENDORSED – STEFAN NEUSTADTER could be a \$500-an-hour psychobanalyst on the Upper West Side. Instead, he spent the last 20 years



#4
ENDORSED – CARLA CUBITT – As an actress, Carla pretends, but only on stage to benefit an audience. But after watching several board meetings, she says they're *all* pretending, and not to benefit the audience, but to fool it. They pretend to care, but won't examine why WBAI is bankrupt. Or why it's lost thousands of listeners. Or why the JUC majority is so snooty towards the independent minority – calling them "racists," even physically abusing them. She says "they're like spoiled children." Carla wants to win back our lost listeners – and their financial support – so we won't have to lay off more staff. "The JUC majority tried to expel Steve Brown for slamming the poor job they've done – but they *have* done a poor job, and we should hold them accountable for wasting our money." Carla is friendly, but tough – as a housing "squatter" on the Lower East Side, she gained valuable "let \$-do-it" skills fighting for housing rights and civil rights. She deserves a chance to fight for WBAI.

ENDORSED – DON MATHISEN – He's held every radio job from disc jockey to weatherman to program director to general manager of a station with 1 million listeners. His skills have helped WNYC, NPR, the BBC, even Gary Null's radio station. Mathisen doesn't call the present JUC board majority "bad" people – just foolish people who can't balance a budget. He notes that WBAI is \$400,000 in debt, and that racially inflammatory policies have reduced membership by nearly 30%. Mathisen says we could attract many new members by re-broadcasting *Democracy Now* a second time, at 7pm, so working people can hear it when they get home. We could also bring back Robert Knight and Gary Null, whose illegal firing caused 7,000 members to leave, reducing station income by \$1.2 million per year. WBAI is at the "tipping point," says Mathisen. If we don't elect new board members with fresh ideas, we won't survive.



#5
ENDORSED – SETH GOLDBERG's training as a scientist (and licensed MD) is just what WBAI needs – because he's used to facing painful truths without regard to personal prejudices, fashionable opinions, or orders to "vote the party line." He says the JUC majority board members have swept problems under the rug, instead of facing them. That's why WBAI is now bankrupt. Goldberg is not an "ivory tower" scientist – he runs two medium-sized companies and has the kind of business experience WBAI lacks (the station can't even balance its own budget). Goldberg doesn't care *why* the board majority did nothing while the station spun out of control. He only cares about "replacing board members who *can't* do the job, with those who *can* – and my family for the last 25 years." ACE believes him.

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ministering to the homeless and to Vietnam and Iraqi War veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress disorder). It may be tempting to joke that his training in psychiatric dysfunction makes him an excellent choice for the WBAI board. But it's *not* a joke that the current board majority is dysfunctional. Or it wouldn't have allowed the illegal firing of Gary Null and Robert Knight, which cost 1/3 of WBAI's income. Or smeared board members Patty Heffley and Steve Brown as "racists" instead of averting bankruptcy and stopping station violence (JUC critics have been beaten up at the station). A "Queens and Brooklyn boy," McClure and his wife (she's on Wakeup Call at 6-5am) are active WBAI fund-raisers. "You don't need a psychiatric degree to head a sick station," he says, "just common sense, and a reverence for the ideals that made WBAI a symbol of free speech and justice for 50 years."

ENDORSED – LEE MCCLURE. This NYC cab driver works with some of our most exploited minorities. He knows the daily repression and humiliation of worker and immigrant families desperately trying to survive. What can this cabbie do for WBAI? Plenty. NY has 100,000 licensed and "gypsy" cab drivers. Many tune to WBAI, but no one has tried to make them *members*. McClure thinks we can get 10% to join. Since members average \$150 per year in pledges, we could gain \$1.5 million – which would pay off our debts, and bankruptcy, and avert staff layoffs. McClure is also a well-known musician (he plays the electric flute). He runs the popular Electric Chamber Orchestra – where he stretches dollars and helps creative people work together. He can help WBAI do the same.



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