

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, *organized* citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."** Margaret Mead

<https://leandroherrero.com/the-missing-word-in-the-famous-margaret-mead-quote/>

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#### **I TO ACCESS THE THREE WEEKLY CALLS via the Internet**

**A BBS RADIO** Go To [www.bbsradio.com](http://www.bbsradio.com); click on "64K Listen"

**\* Thursday: *A Night at the Round Table* Hosts: Panel Members**  
6 pm Pacific / 9 pm Eastern

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6 pm Pacific / 9 pm Eastern

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**\* Saturday: *History of our Galactic World & NESARA* Hosts: Tara & Rama**  
1:30 pm Pacific / 4:30 pm Eastern

**One Hour conference Call: 1-720 716 7301 – Access Code: 353 863#**

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#### **D Archives for the 3 Programs listed above:**

- Go to *BBSRadio.com*; in first column, LHS, **FIND TALK SHOW**
- Enter *Friday Hard News*, press the GO button. You'll be taken directly to **Hard News on Friday**; click on **"Archives"** which takes you to the listing of all program archives, the latest one being at the top.
- You can listen directly or download the program to your own computer.  
To listen directly, click on the arrow on the black bar.  
To download, go to **Episode MP3 link**. Then **right click** on the name '**hardnewsonfriday including the date**' and the drop down menu appears. Click on '**save link as**'

#### **E Archives, written and audio, also exist on the rainbowroundtable website:**

[www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net) - look under the "Archives" tab for **written notes which include links to the entire podcast, as well as links to the audio recordings** of the conference calls

#### **II TO ACCESS OTHER CALLS SUPPORTED BY 2013 Rainbow Roundtable**

**A Sunday, Mondays: 9 – 10:30 EST *Cheryl Croci's Activation Calls***  
By telephone only: 1-425-436-6260; PIN 9467 441#

**B Tuesdays, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of each month: 9:00 – 10:30 pm EST** *Ashtar on the Road; Ashtar Legacy Calls*  
Host is Fran

<http://www.ashtarontheroad.com/ashtartelesconferences.html>

To access **by Phone:**

- 1 – 559 – 726 – 1300; PIN 972400#
- Call is free [except for long distance charges]

**via HD Conferencing:** 712-770-4160 **PIN #** 980339 [always the same]  
<https://www.freeconferencecallhd.com/hd-conferencing/>

**via Skype** **Click on the VOIP button** and enter what they ask for:  
<https://www.freeconferencecallhd.com/hd-conferencing/>

**C Wednesdays: 7:00 – 9:00 EST** *The Friends of The Aboriginal Moabite Nation Call*  
By telephone only: 1-712-432-0900 PIN 666238#  
Replay# [good for 1 wk] 1-712-432-0990 PIN 66238#

**D Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 5:45 PM Pacific / 8:45 PM Eastern** *The Abundance Call - Caroline Oceana Ryan*  
60-minute conference call with the Collective,  
a group of Angelic and Galactic beings, channeled by

**To be notified: email [AscensionTimes@gmail.com](mailto:AscensionTimes@gmail.com) with the message "YES to Abundance!"**

### **III OPENING MEDITATION; HOUSEKEEPING; ACCESS TO PODCAST; MAYAN CALENDAR**

**A. Opening Meditation: Rainbird / Cimi Drum; Prayer to the 7 Galactic Directions**

**B. Mayan Calendar: Rainbird**

- **Go to** <https://www.spacestationplaza.com> – to locate specific days & lots more information: on the home page, you can find out what your Mayan signature is; while there, look and see where the wave began: that is the birth wave
- **to learn about the Mayan Calendar, Go to** <https://www.spacestationplaza.com> which will link you further to [www.lawoftime.org](http://www.lawoftime.org) website for further information.

### **Next Week's Mayan Record of Days / Calendar in the year of the Magnetic Wizard**

**12<sup>th</sup> Fri – 8 AHAU – Yellow Galactic Sun** - healing aspect - completion of the unial; rising to Christ Consciousness is the work; strive towards wholeness; gift of possibility thinking, unconditional Love, the God Self; let go of any limitations.

**13<sup>th</sup> Sat - 9 IMIX – Red Solar Dragon** – now starting the 4<sup>th</sup> unial, in the wave of Ben. It's an artist aspect – dragon energy is creative energy; let go of any illusion of no support

**14<sup>th</sup> Sun – 10 IK White Planetary Wind - visionary** aspect. Work with wind is working with the truth, our unity of Spirit – bringing heaven to earth. Embrace the gift of having spirit work through us – a lovely day to create heaven on earth.

**15<sup>th</sup> Mon – 11 AKBAL – Blue spectral Night** – also President's day – an artist aspect – participation, working with abundance. Letting go of what no longer serves us. The gift of Akbal is the protection of the Night, being the mystery of the night. – and let go of what no longer serves us

- 16<sup>th</sup> Tues – 12 KAN – Yellow Crystal Seed – a portal day.** Healing aspect – working with self-determination, harmony seeking, timing – gift of possibility – let go of stagnation, any lack of self-confidence, hesitation, lack of trust  
12 is complex stability
- 17<sup>th</sup> Wed – 13 CHICCHAN – Red Cosmic Serpent –** end of the Wave of Ben about being clear and following through. **Warrior aspect** – there is the promise of change with #13 - we remain open to change, we distinguish between body and soul, we transmute energy
- 18<sup>th</sup> Thur – 1 CIMI - White Kinetic World Bridger –** begin a new wave – a **healing aspect** about forgiveness and moving into a state of grace. Opportunity to link with both the past and the future. Let go of ego; controlling behaviour; belief that life is a struggle
- 19<sup>th</sup> Fri – 2 MANIK – Blue Lunar Hand – healing aspect** – healing ourselves and others; creating contentment & peace; accepting the divinity of ourselves. Let go of distractions, procrastination, any belief in inadequacy

[www.Spacestationplaza.co](http://www.Spacestationplaza.co) Click on the tzolkein – it's on page 2 of the link.  
For even more information, SEE ALSO **the Law of Time.org**

**This is not a 3<sup>rd</sup> dimensional calendar -**

**C. Housekeeping: Rainbird**

- Asking to **have more people contribute**, as some of the regular, long-term donors are stressed and stretched: **any and all small amounts are helpful and very welcome.**

- BBS:**
- Listener-supported radio programs; program archives can be accessed
  - The radio program costs \$300 per week. **Need \$300 for this week.**  
**We are staying caught up – thank you, thank you, thank you ! ! !**
  - Go to BBSradio.com/Station2; find the listing for **Hard News Call & Paypal** button
  - BBS appreciates getting checks via the mail: no Paypal fees!
  - The mailing address for those who do not like paying electronically:  

<b>B B S RADIO</b>	[Please put <b>"Attention Don"</b> on the envelope]
1500 Pleasant Hill RD	[Note inside that it's for T & R calls]
Lafayette, CA 94549	[& the Thursday call, as well]

- **BBS archives can be accessed by everyone;** there are archives on [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net) All are free to access.

**T & R:** Their full-time, life-time commitment is to be tuned in to what is really going on behind the artificial world we see around us. They don't ask for anything but they do require food, a home, gas for the car, and access to BBS Radio in order to compile and distribute this information to the world.

- Donations via Paypal button on the **homepage of [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net)**

**FOOD MONEY:** VIA PAYPAL OR See the PAGE ON Rainbowroundtable

- a 2<sup>nd</sup> bobcat kitten has shown up – they all come to eat!  
Rama has a pride of Paschats (8) including the rabbit ! ! !

**BASICS:** food, gas, paschat family of 8: usual stuff + \$ for bills **\$ 200 + \$300**

- **Please notify T & R if you're sending something:** [koran9999@comcast.net](mailto:koran9999@comcast.net)  
**EVERY \$5 HELPS - ALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED**

**ALSO \$200 FOR A NEW MICROPHONE!!**

- Rama's mailing address for cheques, money orders: Ram D Berkowitz  
PO Box 280  
Santa Cruz, NM 87567

- **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**

- **Donations to the Fresh Produce Fund for Tara & Rama -**  
**now on the [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net)**

**\*\* [www.rainbowroundtable.net /page/donate](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net/page/donate) \*\***

- Your donation supports an account set up for Tara & Rama with  
**Beneficial Farms Community Supported Agriculture in Santa Fe, NM**

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE IMPACT OF THE Corona Virus, BENEFICIAL FARMS and all other producers** operate out of the open air market in Santa Fe, with everyone following the rules and regs re: displaying their produce and enabling customers to pay for and pick up food. So Beneficial Farms is still the source of Rama & Tara's food.

- They continue to appreciate each & every donation received for food.
- Please continue to go to [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net) and link to their Paypal account: click on the word CHANGE; choose **family and friends option so Paypal takes off no fees.**

**FREEMART:** Rama and Tara are being helped by this account: they get their supplements there. **The returns also help [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net)**

<https://www.shopfreemart.com/tarram> a/c # 7000

- all the products have much to offer, so take a look!
- Freemart is a private shoppers club; it's **FREE TO JOIN.**

**Also,** check out the heading called **READ MORE** for the good information it has

## **D: INFORMATION SOURCES RELATIVE TO M.T. KESHE AND KESHE FOUNDATION**

Contact Rainbird with questions: [lightenergync@gmail.com](mailto:lightenergync@gmail.com)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLaVutWXju0> (CHECK THIS OUT)

**\*\* Go to Knowledge Workers workshop #344 on You Tube: see Keshe's personal tour of his exhibition in Austria - The first expo in Europe since the pandemic -**

**One Cup One Life – Production and Application; Prevention and Reversal of the Corona Virus**

[https://en.kfwiki.org/wiki/One\\_Cup\\_One\\_Life\\_-\\_Production\\_and\\_Application\\_-\\_Prevention\\_and\\_Reversal\\_of\\_the\\_Corona\\_Virus](https://en.kfwiki.org/wiki/One_Cup_One_Life_-_Production_and_Application_-_Prevention_and_Reversal_of_the_Corona_Virus)

### **KF Wiki**

<https://www.kfwiki.org>

The free Plasma Cyclopdia of the Keshe Foundation

## **Keshe Foundation Store**

<https://store.keshfoundation.org/store/?alias=store>

## **Keshe Corona site**

[www.plasmainnature.com/health/coronavirus-1-cup-1-life-series-protocols-and-other-info/](http://www.plasmainnature.com/health/coronavirus-1-cup-1-life-series-protocols-and-other-info/)

### **E. ACCESS TO PODCAST:**

<https://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-february-5-2021>

**Rama, Tara:** [R, T]

Greetings to all! Watching the TV at the moment – Drumpf refused to call off the rioters during a shouting match with Kevin McCarthy!

#### **R: Talked with Tom the Cat, Poppy Lady today**

a little after noon; they said

the Dems are playing out an historical drama which is a hollow drama

Yet the Lavender Lad is waiting in the wings – there will be justice

**T:** it's full intervention time!

- They made the point that the Dems are not playing with a full deck – no witnesses being called which is a big deal – that's why it's hollow – it's kinda empty.
- On the Main TV, they are saying he's a guilty as all of them
- Turns out Biden didn't really take care of Yemen 0 by pulling away your own planes and just fuelling the Saudi planes – still end up with blood on your hands .. . .
- It's about the fossil fuel system – when this change happens, will be all at once – won't be waiting for a few elites to decide how things go

**R:** their time on Planet Earth is UP – Lord Michael's legions, Ashtar's fleets are circling the planet – it is awe-inspiring to behold – and it's all good!

**R:** it's a stretch to see this at the moment, as we are watching a passion play about the essence of the rule of law, called a republic – yet this is a hollow deck program and the have to play it out, as it is part of the programming

- At the same time he is being told the Lavender Lad is waiting in the wings – and he knows what to do – has been at this for at least 500 years! Blaze the Violet Fire!

**T:** it is so time for this to be changing: good to hear something that gets your ears working amazed at the clarity of the report and the shift in the wind

#### **Audio: from The Reid Report**

guest is Michael J. Moore

**Audio: from All In with Chris Hayes** – Opening clip

## CONFERENCE CALL

<https://fccdl.in/kFsjmZ6ExS>

Discussion of question about Mark Huber's health & presence

**T:** think about what we're witnessing – the downfall of the cabal

**Ca/A:** they are pushing so hard now because . . .

**T:** Bill Gates masterminded the killing of almost half of the population – by forcing children in Africa to get vaccines

- they all will be taken to Dracos and tried before an inter galactic criminal court and King and Princess Ardala will preside: all the people in the planet will be tuned into this
- Rama was told a long time ago by St Germain – 2003 – that it was done!~ Sjaney Goodwin worked with Bill Gates and that energy field: she lived in Phoenix
- T & R were living in South Dakota at the time, with the Bellringers who were part of Faction 2 and T & R were Faction 3. Mr Bellringer got snoop about what was happening in the Philippines;
  - the person involved was P. K. Durham; Raylene Allan and Gunther Russbacher - Al Gore was the one who gave the instruction to have Gunther R taken out

**T:** Didn't Mother say she would intervene with her space ships?

- This is 13,000 years of incidents so if we are taking the last 50-60 years, that is FAST!
  - Fox News has all kinds of litigation against themselves
  - the ones in front are Hillary and Donald – these 2 have been making money off of child trafficking

**Randy:** and Mother Teresa was also involved

**T:** Mother Teresa said Sai Baba was her Twin Flame . . .

**T:** they pre-meditatively planned to do this:

**Randy:** and why aren't members of the Trump family working in their companies now?

**T:** and Rama was told Drumpf owes \$10 BILLION to China!

- And she's been hearing that Drumpf is no longer a real person – that being died in the hospital of covid – was on a ventilator and was truly dead.
  - The info is now coming out – the deaths have already occurred and it is now coming . . . outbreak

**Ca/Sh:** was missing Mark Huber – drove to his house and spoke to those in the house

**T:** house was sold with help of the sons; got checkups at the VA in Santa Fe – went to the hospital in Albuquerque and then to a nursing home in Santa Fe – got well enough and is in an assisted living situation

- T & R have been out of that situation for the safety of all -

**Ca/Sh:** has a lot of medical problems – body is shot; yes, she can get the GANS water

- her question: she's being helped with her protection!
  - About Ashtar and his forces not being good guys!

**T:** those are lies made up because they are losing

**Ca/Sh:** was in a project with Stephen Bassett and 13,000 people sent out 4 million tweets in 22 months and targeted HRC and told the media to ask her about disclosure

- The point was not that she'd answer – it was about getting the word out – it was a calculated thing they were doing – had no expectations of her!
- They had articles in WA Times, London Times over a week or so -

**T:** mentions that Bassett was mixed up with other elements – remain neutrality  
Those ones will be removed to another space/time continuum

**A MOST INTERESTING DISCUSSION - took us all around the globe!**

## B B S RADIO

**AUDIO: THE BIGGER PICTURE** by Patricia Cota-Robles [www.eraofpeace.org](http://www.eraofpeace.org)

### VLOG 205 A TIME FOR HEALING

<https://eraofpeace.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f8cf9b9e133dde3f2413aadfc&id=4b8753d8a3&e=86ae4ec55d>

**AUDIO: Radiant Rose Academy** [The Ascended Masters Broadcasts](http://The Ascended Masters Broadcasts)

**Lord El Morya** – February 12th 2021: [Listen/download](http://Listen/download)

<https://instanttteleseminar.com/Events/125415642>

## MOTHER / ALCYONE [M/A]

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One! In the office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame . . .

### Greetings, Children of Ra!

What She can say – as we heard the Master speaking – we are all part of this Round Table and it goes into the realms of this local universe of which El Morya speaks.

- At this time, remember we have the power – we the people all of us are here; it is about what this moment is – We got the Power: change this now!

**T:** It looks like we have all kind of intervention – this has never happened before where the media has to spit it out !

**M/A:** the media – let's say it's a product of the matrix

**T:** that is what is so profound – they are having to spit it out anyway – the matrix can't control

**M/A:** It is falling apart

**T:** and it's not just Donald Drumpf

**M/A:** That's a sliver . . .

**T:** about 500,000 last time she heard

**M/A:** Yes. To put it simply: yes, we are here, along with so many – this is why the messages are coming forth to say "Look Up! We're in your midst! ! !"

- As things move along at quantum light speed, Justice will be served along with Hope, Compassion - the virtues El Morya spoke of

- At this time, remember We have the power: We the People! As we call on them, they show up - that is what Patti said Use it in ways to transform ourselves – all the tools are out there! As we call on Them, They show up – that is what Patti Said

- It is time . . .

**T:** 9/11 was an inside job – this has to come forward

**M/A:** Yes! Indeed

75,000 – 90,000 + in one moment!

**M/A:** Blaze the Violet Fire!

**T:** recalling – seems this has been coming up – Angelca Merkle has been dead since March 2020;  
• and the High School where the kids were killed on Valentine’s day: how many years ago?  
• Ralph Nader – an interesting person to bring it out: going after the hierarchy of the Democratic party and not mincing the words

**M/A:** They are ALL corrupt – time for a changing of the guard!

**T:** the 2 more lawyers – seems they planned to be so silly, so disinformative, so lame – to get away with it – is that the plan?

**M/A:** She cannot say but She CAN say the Lavender Lad is waiting in the wings! It is about this issue here – We have come to free all: slavery is done!

**T:** She said it would take about a year for the distribution of the funds to the whole world

**M:** Yes

**T:** so it seems progressively over this year – and the 14<sup>th</sup> will be a double 5 [5 – year; 5 day] . . .

**M/A:** yes - all we need is love!

**M/A:** discussing with Cheryl – what will this look like – the Divine government - The 2<sup>nd</sup> bill of rights of Roosevelt which guarantees a livelihood

- a roof over your head done in the - necessities all met
- good healthy food – and the death penalty for all corporations poisoning everything

**M/A:** All we are saying is ‘Give Peace a chance!’

**M/A:** And we haven’t walked in their shoes but we’ve certain witnessed

**M/A:** And She can say the best is yet to come!”

**Both:** Greetings in the light of the Most Radiant One! Kadoish, Kadoish, Kadoish, . . .

**Rama Returns:** went to LM Athena’s ship – worked on his teeth – it’s there: a little better

- Message: no – just take care of yourself and send the Violet Flame to all these situations
  - they will take care of themselves –
- cannot play with the energies at the levels these folks have done – this is how wars start  
AND WAR HAS ENDED!
- As we heard El Morya say: Sat Yuga is here~!

**T:** anything about March 4<sup>th</sup> ?

**R:** No

**T:** she suspects the galactics are going to make themselves known!

**R:** Oh yes! In more ways than one . . .

**AUDIO: DEMOCRACY NOW!**

**[Transcripts are below.]**

**2021-02-12 Impeachment Trial: Democrats Warn That Trump Would Use Political Violence Again If Not Convicted**

[https://www.democracynow.org/2021/2/12/senate\\_impeachment\\_trial\\_trump\\_political\\_violence](https://www.democracynow.org/2021/2/12/senate_impeachment_trial_trump_political_violence)

**2021-02-12 Where Are the Witnesses? Ralph Nader Says Democrats’ Impeachment Case Is “Prescription for Defeat”**

[https://www.democracynow.org/2021/2/12/ralph\\_nader\\_donald\\_trump\\_impeachment\\_trial](https://www.democracynow.org/2021/2/12/ralph_nader_donald_trump_impeachment_trial)



**2021-02-12 Ralph Nader on Corporate Crime, Holding Boeing Accountable for 737 MAX Deaths & Biden's First Weeks**

[https://www.democracynow.org/2021/2/12/ralph\\_nader\\_corporate\\_crime\\_wave\\_boeing](https://www.democracynow.org/2021/2/12/ralph_nader_corporate_crime_wave_boeing)

**2021-02-12 V-Day: Poet Aja Monet & V (Eve Ensler) on the Movement to End Violence Against Women & Girls**

[https://www.democracynow.org/2021/2/12/v\\_day\\_global\\_rise\\_domestic\\_violence](https://www.democracynow.org/2021/2/12/v_day_global_rise_domestic_violence)

**AUDIO**

**REDACTED TONIGHT**

**2021-02-12**

**~325~ Wealth Redistribution Must Happen Now**

A Fairer Economy

<https://youtu.be/ENZqMYzaqvc>

Lee Camp contextualizes the class war being waged against the poor. Then he covers the real unemployment rate, & more. Anders Lee on the commercialization of space. Natalie McGill on Biden's plans for the border, & more.

Watch the full episode: <https://www.portable.tv/videos/affaire...>

The richest people in the world have stolen trillions from average Americans over the last four decades. Lee Camp takes a look at the redistribution of wealth that our ruling class loves and what we can do about it. The rich have been stealing from the public coffers for too long and taking that money back isn't a radical proposition.

Also in this episode: In "Taking The News From Behind" Lee exposes the real unemployment rate, Amazon stealing the tips from delivery drivers, and the environmental impact of modern society's addiction to meat.

Anders Lee reports on the corporate fight to commercialize space. Elon Musk has built his name on privatized space travel and he has been successful. If the trends continue we might be looking toward a future of space fascism.

Natalie McGill and Lee discuss Joe Biden's plans to turn the US-Mexico border into a full-surveillance zone, a study on how Big Pharma kills medical progress, and more.

**AUDIO: [Beyond Belief with George Noory](#)**

**The In Between with Jim Bruton**

<https://www.gaia.com/video/between-jim-bruton>

S 16: Ep2

40 mins

February 10, 2021

A near death experience is one of the most dramatic ways to change one's life. This is what Jim Bruton learned, firsthand, after he crashed a vintage airplane he had be restoring. This led to a weeklong induced coma, where he explored a trip of a lifetime in the "in between"; a unique afterlife experience that changed his life in every way possible. He shares the perspectives he gained concerning life and the afterlife to help others learn about their purpose and the dangers of living someone else's life, so that they do not have to experience an NDE to make important changes.

Instructor/Host: George Noory

Featuring: Jim Bruton

**AUDIO: Keiser Report Very, very short the US dollar (E1658) 2021-02-13**

**VIDEO: <https://www.rt.com/shows/keiser-report/515403-very-short-us-dollar/>**  
**PODCAST:**

On this episode of the *Keiser Report*, Max and Stacy look at the interview Stanley Druckenmiller gave to Goldman Sachs in which he says he is very, very short the US dollar and it's all about the money printing. The legendary hedge fund manager has not had a down year since 1981. In the second half, Max interviews Rick Ackerman of the Rick's Picks newsletter about his thoughts on the dollar. They also discuss the options strategy (or lack of) by the WallStreetBets crowd and how it will change the coming bear market.



**Reading: Robyn LaPlante**

the celestial dance of the planets . . .

**SEE BELOW**

**Closing: Rainbird**

**Rama's Choices:**

**Alan Watts – The Beauty of Nothingness**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivurmn3hnwc>**

**Music – harp**

## INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

### 2021-02-12 Impeachment Trial: Democrats Warn That Trump Would Use Political Violence Again If Not Convicted

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#### Topics

- [Impeachment](#)
- [Senate](#)
- [Donald Trump](#)
- [U.S. Capitol Insurrection](#)

Democratic House impeachment managers have wrapped up their case against Donald Trump, saying the former president remains a threat and should be convicted of inciting the deadly January 6 insurrection at the Capitol. The trial now moves ahead to Trump's legal team presenting their defense. We air highlights from the third day of the impeachment trial, including lead House impeachment Manager Jamie Raskin's reiteration of Trump's long history of inciting violence prior to January 6. "Is there any political leader in this room who believes that if he is ever allowed by the Senate to get back into the Oval Office, Donald Trump would stop inciting violence to get his way?" Raskin said. "President Trump declared his conduct totally appropriate. So if he gets back into office and it happens again, we'll have no one to blame but ourselves."

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#### Transcript

This is a rush transcript. Copy may not be in its final form.

**AMY GOODMAN:** This is *Democracy Now!*, [Democracynow.org](https://www.democracynow.org), the Quarantine Report. I'm Amy Goodman, here in New York, as we turn to what is happening right now in Washington, D.C. We are talking about this historic second impeachment of a president of the United States. That's right, we are talking about Democratic House impeachment managers having wrapped up their case against Donald Trump saying the former president remains a threat and should be convicted of inciting the deadly January 6th insurrection at the Capitol. Trump's legal team begins their defense today.

On Thursday, lead House Impeachment Manager Jamie Raskin laid out Trump's long history of inciting violence prior to January 6th.

**REP. JAMIE RASKIN:** Beginning in March, Trump leveled attacks on Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer for the coronavirus policies in her state. Then on October 8th, the precise consequences of the president's incitement to violence were revealed to the whole world. Look at this: 13 men were arrested by the FBI for plotting to storm the Michigan State Capitol building, launch a civil war, kidnap Governor Whitmer, transport her to Wisconsin and then try and execute her. And he did it again on October 27th during a pre-election rally speech in Lansing, Michigan, where the Capitol had been stormed. Trump openly joked with the crowd about critics saying his words had provoked the violent plot against Governor Whitmer. Check it out. It's telling.

**CROWD:** Lock her up! Lock her up! Lock her up! Lock her up! Lock her up! Lock her up! Lock her up!

**PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP:** See, I don't comment to that, 'cause every time, if I make just even a little bit of a nod, they say, "The president led them on." No, you—I don't have to lead you on. I'm the one, it was our people, that helped her out with her problem. I mean, we'll have

to see if it's a problem, right? People are entitled to say maybe it was a problem; maybe it wasn't.

**REP. JAMIE RASKIN:** President Trump offered them a little winking inside joke about his constant incitement of the mob and how much can actually be communicated by him with just a little nod. Just a little nod. He presided over another pounding, rhythmic rendition of his trademark chant "Lock her up, lock her up." Then, referring to the FBI's foiling of the kidnapping conspiracy which was deadly serious, he said that he "helped her out with a problem. Maybe it was a problem, maybe it wasn't." We'll have to see. Maybe it was a problem; maybe it wasn't. The president of the United States of America. He could not bring himself to publicly oppose a kidnapping and potential assassination conspiracy plot against a sitting governor of one of our 50 states?

Trump knew exactly what he was doing in inciting the January 6th mob. Exactly. He had just seen how easily his words and actions inspired violence in Michigan. My dear colleagues, is there any political leader in this room who believes that if he is ever allowed by the Senate to get back into the Oval Office, Donald Trump would stop inciting violence to get his way? Would you bet the lives of more police officers on that? Would you bet the safety of your family on that? Would you bet the future of your democracy on that? President Trump declared his conduct totally appropriate. So if he gets back into office and it happens again, we will have no one to blame but ourselves.

**AMY GOODMAN:** That was lead House Impeachment Manager Jame Raskin. Democrats also focused on the statements of rioters who took part in the January 6th insurrection. This is House Impeachment Manager Diana DeGette, a congressman from Colorado.

**REP. DIANA DEGETTE:** I want to step back from the horrors of the attack itself and look at January 6th from a totally different perspective, the perspective of the insurrectionists themselves. Their own statements before, during and after the attack make clear the attack was done for Donald Trump at his instructions and to fulfill his wishes. Donald Trump had sent them there. They truly believed that the whole intrusion was at the president's orders. Even after the attack, the insurrectionists make clear to law enforcement there were just following President Trump's orders. They did not shy away from their crimes because they thought they were following orders from the commander-in-chief and so they would not be punished. They were wrong.

**AMY GOODMAN:** House Impeachment Manager David Cicilline accused Donald Trump of trying to become a king.

**REP. DAVID CICILLINE:** When President Trump incited a lawless mob to attack our process, he was attacking our democracy. He was trying to become king and rule over us against the will of the people and the valid results of the election. For the first time ever in our history, a sitting president actively instigated his supporters to violently disrupt the process that provides for the peaceful transfer of power from one president to the next. Think about that for a moment. What if President Trump had been successful? What if he had succeeded in overturning the will of the people and our constitutional processes? Who among us is willing to risk that outcome by letting Trump's constitutional crimes go unanswered?

**AMY GOODMAN:** Rhode Island Congressman Cicilline also talked about the many victims of the January 6th riot from the Capitol Hill police officers to workers at the capital.

**REP. DAVID CICILLINE:** For many of the Black and brown staff, the trauma was made worse by the many painful symbols of hate that were on full display that day. Insurrectionists waved Confederate flags and hurled the most disgusting racial slurs at dedicated Capitol workers. Then after all of that, these same workers, many of them people of color, were forced to clean up the mess left by mobs of white nationalists. One member of the janitorial staff reflected how terrible he felt when he had to clean up feces that had been smeared on the wall, blood of a rioter who

had died, broken glass and other objects strewn all over the floor. He said, "I felt bad. I felt degraded."

**AMY GOODMAN:** That's House Impeachment Manager David Cicilline speaking on Thursday. Trump's legal team begins its defence today. Lawyer David Schoen predicted it would take just three to four hours—they have 16—but just three to four hours to present Trump's case. On Thursday evening, three Republican senators—Ted Cruz, Lindsey Graham and Mike Lee—met with Trump's legal team in the Capitol, raising fresh doubts over their ability to serve as impartial jurors.

When we come back, we will be joined by longtime consumer advocate, former presidential candidate Ralph Nader. Stay with us.

## **2021-02-12 Where Are the Witnesses? Ralph Nader Says Democrats' Impeachment Case Is "Prescription for Defeat"**

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As the historic Senate impeachment trial of Donald Trump continues, we speak with longtime consumer advocate, corporate critic and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader, who says Democrats have set themselves up for defeat by rushing proceedings and failing to call witnesses — including Trump himself. "The narrow approach of the articles of impeachment keep the Democrats from having a full hand," says Nader. "They have like 10 arrows in their quiver and they're using one or two."

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**AMY GOODMAN:** "It's Okay To Cry" by the Scottish trans producer and musician Sophie. Sophie died January 30th at the age of 34. This is *Democracy Now!*, [Democracynow.org](https://www.democracynow.org), the Quarantine Report. I'm Amy Goodman, as we continue our look at the historic second impeachment trial of Donald Trump for inciting the January 6th insurrection at the Capitol.

We are joined by Ralph Nader, the longtime consumer advocate, corporate critic, former presidential candidate. He ran for president four times. He is the author of many books, including his latest written with Mark Green, *Wrecking America: How Trump's Lawbreaking and Lies Betray All*. He is joining us from Winsted, Connecticut. We welcome you to *Democracy Now!*, Ralph. Thanks so much for being with us. So the

Democrats have finished their case against Donald Trump in the Senate impeachment trial, this historic number two for one president. Your assessment of their arguments?

**RALPH NADER:** Well, Amy, it is important to know that they were operating as civil proceeding attorneys. This is not a criminal proceeding; it's a civil proceeding controlled completely by the U.S. Senate. The Supreme Court ruled in *Nixon versus the U.S.* years ago that the judiciary has no role whatsoever. There's no appeal. There's no protracted delays. It's all up to the Senate and the Senate rules, number one.

Number two, the purpose of this impeachment effort is prophylactic. It is designed not just to hold Trump accountable under the Constitution, but to prevent future wannabe Trumps from behaving in the same way. Therefore the only really result of a guilty verdict would be disqualifying Trump from running for federal office anymore.

So with that background, I think people need to know that the house managers were being managed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi. She was running the show. And she has two approaches, which she used in the first impeachment. One is she likes to rush the trial. The second is the reason why she likes to rush the trial without witnesses and subpoenas is that she has prejudged the result. She basically says these Republicans are intransigent, they'll never change their mind, our duty is to impeach in the House and send it over to the Senate. Now that is a prescription for defeat, period. And as a result, the narrow approach of the articles of impeachment keep the Democrats from having a full hand. They have like ten arrows in their quiver and they are using one or two.

Now, what they should do is call witnesses. The witnesses they should call are not surprising: Donald Trump, Mike Pence, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, some of the families of the victims, Garrett Miller or others who said they went down to the Congress on orders of their commander-in-chief who spoke to them and John Bolton who said that obstruction of justice was a way of life in the White House. He is the national security advisor before he resigned.

Otherwise, what the Republicans will do is simply say, "This is a video show trial. A lot of the material was taken out of context. And the protagonists were entirely Democratic partisans, members of the House Democratic Party." If you have witnesses, you have the potential of breakthrough testimony. Mike Pence, for example. Jay Rosen, for example. Brad Raffensperger. They might be required to testify about far deeper crimes than simply a telephone call to the Justice Department by Trump or to the Georgia Secretary of State twisting their elbows to try to change the course or the count of the election.

That is the unfortunate aspect of it, Amy, that they had an opportunity. Because here you have a president who has seized congressional power day after day in four years. He spent money without authorization. He has violated congressional mandates in health, safety and economic regulations. He has defied over 130 subpoenas and dozens of formal demands by congressional committees to testify in terms of his subordinates, cabinet and sub-cabinet levels.

So there are two layers here. His street crime attack on the Congress, that was well argued by the House Democrats. But then there's the institutional separation of powers attack that was far more fundamental in terms of its long-range impact, in terms of its current impact on hundreds of millions of the American people. That was not part of the Articles of Impeachment. They didn't go with the full hand. And had they gone with the full hand, they could have shown the intransigent Republicans exactly what price they're going to pay if they vote to acquit Donald Trump.

**AMY GOODMAN:** So talk about, for example, what Pence would have had to say. Pence a longtime obviously ally of President Trump, defender *almost* to the end until he decided to be there to ensure the final count of the Electoral College. One of the things that the House managers showed was the timeline. Maybe you can argue Trump in his speech that day when he said "fight," that doesn't mean actually physically kill a police officer. But they show the timeline, for example, having to do with Pence, that President Trump called Senator Tuberville at the moment when Pence was just taken out, evacuated, and Tuberville said, "I can't talk to you," to the president. "Pence has just been evacuated." And it was *after that* that Trump issued yet another tweet against Pence, and the rioters—I don't know if you would call them domestic terrorists; would you, Ralph?—were chanting, "Hang Mike Pence."

**RALPH NADER:** Well, if you had Pence on the stand, you would start with an impeachable statement by Trump in 2019. No other president has dared say what Trump said then. He said "With article II, I can do whatever I want as president." "With Article II, I can do whatever I want as president." And he spent four years proving that that was the case, with Vice President Pence.

So you basically have Pence, who doesn't like to be seen as a lawless Executive Branch Vice President, comment on all that you have just described in terms of a law and order framework. And he submitted to Trump every day until that last day when he said, "I'm sorry, Mr. President, I have to obey the Constitution and go down to the Senate and formally supervise the counting of the Electoral College votes as accurate for President-elect Biden." So he broke with him. And Trump attacked him.

And that's powerful testimony. You can't reproduce that testimony with videotapes. You can't reproduce the testimony of Raffensperger and others. The situation in Georgia was really thuggishly detailed. It wasn't just a phone call. NPR had a good exposé on that. He actually had his people threaten various electoral officials in Fulton County, not just a phone call and threatening Raffensperger with criminal prosecution.

**AMY GOODMAN:** And you had a U.S. attorney forced out!

**RALPH NADER:** Pardon?

**AMY GOODMAN:** You had a U.S. attorney forced out in Georgia.

**RALPH NADER:** Yeah. So there is a lot there to uncover. You can't do that by videotape! You have to do it by live testimony. I mean, trial lawyers say, "A trial without witnesses, are you kidding?" And why didn't they call the witnesses? Because Nancy Pelosi wants to get this over with and she doesn't believe anything will change the minds of enough Republican Senators.

I disagree. First of all, it is not just for the Republican senators you have a full trial with a full hand of impeachable offenses. It's for the American people. It's for public education. It's for the historic record. And it's for whatever use subsequent criminal prosecutions of Trump that are pending in New York, Georgia and the District of Columbia may be able to apply. So it's a very narrow approach, and unfortunately, the capability of lead manager Jamie Raskin was not fully displayed because he did not have a full hand.

**AMY GOODMAN:** So you have the prosecution possibly of Trump by the Fulton County DA. She is now speaking out, empaneling a grand jury. But I also wanted to ask you about Elie Mystal's argument in *The Nation*. He said, "Trump should be charged with incitement of criminal acts at the very least. If it can be proven he stood down the National Guard, he should be charged with sedition as well. He is not a defeated politician, he's a criminal on the loose. He must be treated as such."

**RALPH NADER:** Well, of course. And he will be. He is an ordinary citizen now, as they say. He's going to be subject to criminal prosecution. All the things that were portrayed by the House Democrats in the last few days, in an ordinary court of law, would be crimes against the state by Trump. And he is going to have to face, as I say, at least three jurisdictions—Georgia, District of Columbia—and New York State for financial misconduct with his businesses under prosecutor Cyrus Vance.

But it's important, Amy, to realize how decayed the Republican Party has become. Because when Nixon was accused of obstructing justice in the burglary of the Watergate complex that housed the Democratic National Committee and he was subject to impeachment proceedings by the House—they hadn't yet gone to the floor to formally impeach him—Senator Barry Goldwater and Senator Hugh Scott and other leading Senate Republicans went over to the White House and had a private meeting with Richard Nixon. They basically said, "Your time is up. You have lost your base. You're going to be impeached and convicted."

Now compare that with the spineless, intimidated Senate Republicans where Trump's crimes are not just institutional against the separation of powers and seizing congressional power by his White House; his crimes were street crimes, violent street crimes endangering the lives of the very Republican senators shouting "Hang Mike Pence" and pushing all the members of Congress fleeing for the lives through the hallways

underground the Capitol complex, with all kinds of mayhem, fatalities and injuries. And *still* none of the Republican leaders will go to the White House figuratively, or go and basically say, "It's over."

**AMY GOODMAN:** And what kind of effect do you think it would've had if, for example, Eugene Goodman was brought in, the Capitol police officer who clearly saved Mitt Romney, who led the rioters in the other direction to give Pence, to give congressmembers a chance to escape? Also talking about repeatedly hearing—and this is true of a number of African American Capitol police—the n-word?

**RALPH NADER:** That's why the testimony would be so powerful. That is why the witnesses are so important. Otherwise—well, the House managers have one last chance. They've got to make a direct appeal to the Republican senators. Now, about seven, eight, nine of them are going to vote to convict. They need 17. And the appeal has to be, "Do you know what's going to happen if you let this guy run again? If you let Trump offer the prospect of running in 2024? He controls your party. He controls the state Republican committees. He is going to basically demand 100% submission as he did of William Barr, attorney general, and Vice President Pence or he is going to turn on you. Is that the kind of future political career you want to enter?"

**AMY GOODMAN:** And just to be clear, you'd need these two votes. One is to convict, and you need 67 senators. The other is to stop him from running for federal office and you just need the majority, which they already have with the Democrats.

**RALPH NADER:** That's right. That's right. They would have it. So what's the rush? The rush partly is due to a routine most Americans don't know about. The Congress works, at the most, three days a week when they are not in long recesses. Three days a week. A lot of them fly in Tuesday morning and they fly back Thursday afternoon or evening. That is one reason they don't have congressional hearings and oversight of executive branch. They don't work Monday or Friday. They treasure their short work week. And it has become a habit. There is no reason why they can't work five days, even six days. This is one of the most important trials in American history. This is a trial for the future of our Constitution, for whether we are going to have a monarch, for whether we are going to have more of the sordid, cruel, violent type of electoral politics that is going on with voter suppression and voter intimidation. And they are worried about saving a few days? They can work half time on the trial, say in the afternoon, and then do the legislative business in the morning.

But Nancy Pelosi needs to be held accountable for the strategy that she put forward, the defeatist strategy in the first impeachment when there were at least 11 other proven impeachable offences by Trump and she just went with the Ukraine issue. And we put all of these in the *Congressional Record* of December 18th, if anybody wants to look at them. Congressman John Larson put them in. And she is going with the same limited strategy here. And nobody is talking about it.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Mitch McConnell, his role? Do you think it is possible he, Thune and others could vote against President Trump? And do you think it's an absolute done deal that there's no way they will get 67 votes? One Republican commentator said if it was a secret ballot, 90% would go against Trump, but not if it's not.

**RALPH NADER:** Mitch McConnell made a speech on the Senate floor directly asserting that Trump was responsible for the riot, for the mayhem, for the storming of the Capitol. He is the leader. He has got a lot of leverage. He is the key to getting those 17 votes. And for the first time in his life, he is going to face a struggle inside his brain where he can't just say, "No, no, no" to key legislation protecting the American people. He has called himself the guardian of gridlock, "the grim weeper." Those are his words. And he's got to face up to history.

And he is the key to getting the rest of the Republican Senators. All they have to do is just look at the prospect. If Trump is acquitted, he is unleashed on them. He will demand total submission. He controls the party structure. There is nobody like him that can attract more money and more crowds. And it will be miserable for them. And if they think they can avoid some primary challenges, but they're going to equip their Democratic challengers in the election with enormous arguments to defeat them. Never mind their role in history. Never mind the example of Senator Goldwater and Senator Hugh Scott telling Nixon he better resign, his time is up.



## 2021-02-12 Ralph Nader on Corporate Crime, Holding Boeing Accountable for 737 MAX Deaths & Biden's First Weeks

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Legendary consumer advocate Ralph Nader says the U.S. is experiencing a "corporate crime wave," and that the Trump administration's \$2.5 billion settlement with Boeing over the manufacturer's faulty 737 MAX jets amounts to a "slap on the wrist." Boeing's faulty planes were involved in two fatal crashes that killed 346 people in 2018 and 2019, including Nader's 24-year-old grandniece Samya Stumo. Nader says the Biden Justice Department should reopen the previous administration's settlement and hold Boeing fully accountable. "This is just another example of giant companies getting away with their corporate criminality — a shocking sweetheart deal, an insult to the memories of the lost ones, and further endangering the safety of air travelers in the future," he says.

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**AMY GOODMAN:** What about what President Biden is doing, the COVID relief bill, the \$1.9 trillion he is pushing for? Your evaluation of that and what he has done so far as president?

**RALPH NADER:** Well, that's important. He has got to keep that \$15 minimum wage, which is staggered over four years, by the way. And Bernie Sanders is pleading with him and Senate Democrats to keep it in. It has state and local aid. It has aid for children. It has aid to education. It has aid to health and vaccine and all the rest of that in the COVID crisis. And it's very important. It has got to be managed in a way so corporations who don't deserve it or professional sports teams who don't deserve it don't get the money. That's what happened last time. And then there are hundreds of billions of dollars of unspent money, still—unspent—from the Trump administration that needs to be applied to the current state of the economy.

In the regulatory area, he has got to do several things. One, he's got to roll back the dismantling and illegal shutting down of enforcement agencies such as the workplace safety agency OSHA, environmental agency EPA, Food and Drug Administration, the auto safety agency, the FAA. He has got to roll back those executive orders, roll back those criminal non-enforcement rules that Trump actually put in place overtly earlier in 2020. He then has to appoint some good people and back them up. He already has appointed some good people to the Security Exchange Commission, Gary Gensler, and a very good appointee to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Rohit Chopra, but he has got more to appoint and he has got to back them up.

Third, he has got to expand the regulatory budget, which is so tiny it's absurd. The budget for OSHA is \$500 million, which is what we have spent every year to pay for the embassy in Baghdad in Iraq after that criminal war by Bush and Cheney. And fourth, he has got to make sure that Congress elevates corporate crime reform to the highest visibility. We are in a corporate crime wave in this country economically, environmentally, consumer abuse, worker abuse. And there has got to be a revision and updating of the federal corporate criminal law, which are absurdly antiquated. I mean, the fines are absurd for occupational workplace casualties. A few thousand dollars applied to an employer for the loss of life in the workplace from criminal negligence.

And I would advise Mr. Biden to retain Professor of Law John Coffee of Columbia University who has just written an excellent book called *Corporate Crime and Underenforcement* [sic]. And he's the man to draft a federal corporate criminal law code.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Finally, Ralph Nader, speaking about corporate crime, I wanted to ask you about Boeing. In January, the company agreed to pay more than \$2.5 billion to settle a nearly two-year federal criminal investigation into Boeing's role in the two fatal crashes in Ethiopia and Indonesia that killed all 346 on board 737 MAX airplanes. The Justice Department accusing Boeing of having concealed information about the aircraft. One of the victims was your 24-year-old great niece, your grand-niece, Samya Rose Stumo, who I had the privilege of meeting in Winsted, where you are now and at the Tort Museum. What is happening in these cases?

**RALPH NADER:** Well, this is a slap on the wrist, a just-before-midnight settlement between the Trump Justice Department and the Boeing lawyers. It was really nothing. There was about a \$250-million fine. There was over a billion dollars aid to the airlines and \$500 million to the scores of families who lost their loved ones in the two crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia. That settlement has not yet been approved by the federal district judge in Texas. There may be an intervention by the families. And I hope the new Justice Department reopens it under Biden and Merrick Garland, the new attorney general, because this is just another example of giant companies getting away with their corporate criminality. A shocking—a shocking sweetheart deal, an insult to the memories of the lost ones and further endangering the safety of air travelers in the future.

You have to enforce the law to deter future criminality, and this wouldn't deter Boeing in the least. Also, a lot of it is deductible under our tax system. I think people have got to realize that systematic corporatism causes a lot of problems. Systematic corporatism feeds systematic racism and feeds systematic workplace abuses. It feeds systematic ignoring of environmental health. It feeds systematic corruption of the political process. We have got to start using phrases like "corporate crime enforcement" and "systematic corporatism."

**AMY GOODMAN:** Ralph Nader, I want to thank you so much for being with us. And again condolences to you and your whole family. I know the pain never goes away. We will continue to follow the Boeing case. Thank you so much for being with us. Longtime consumer advocate, corporate critic, former four-time presidential candidate. Author of many books, the latest with Mark Green, *Wrecking America: How Trump's Lawbreaking and Lies Betray All*. Coming up, Sunday February 14th is Valentine's Day. It also marks V-Day, the global day to end violence against women and girls. We will speak with the activist and playwright V, formerly known as Eve Ensler, as well as the poet Aja Monet. Stay with us.

## 2021-02-12 V-Day: Poet Aja Monet & V (Eve Ensler) on the Movement to End Violence Against Women & Girls

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- [V](#) award-winning playwright, author of the *The Vagina Monologues* and founder of V-Day and One Billion Rising, formerly known as Eve Ensler.
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Amid a global rise in domestic violence during the pandemic, we speak with the founder of V-Day, a day of action to fight violence against women. V, the award-winning playwright of "The Vagina Monologues," formerly known as Eve Ensler, says organizers around the globe are finding ways to fight back. "I'm so moved to see our grassroots women movements around the world finding ways to rise in spite of people being locked in and shut in and in spite of COVID," she says. We also speak with blues poet and organizer Aja Monet, V-Day's VOICES artistic creative director, who says Black women are particularly at risk. "For every Black woman who reports rape, at least 15 Black women do not," Monet says. "We can go down the list and see the impact that sexual violence and harm and abuse has had on Black women primarily, but on women across the world." VOICES is a new interdisciplinary performance arts project and campaign grounded in Black women's stories by V-Day to unify the vision of ending violence against women: cis women, trans women, and non binary people across the African Continent and African Diaspora. VOICES goal is to use art to embody and inspire solidarity-making in our collective imagination.

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**AMY GOODMAN:** This is *Democracy Now!*, [Democracynow.org](https://www.democracynow.org), the Quarantine Report. I'm Amy Goodman.

In what's being called the pandemic within the pandemic, domestic violence has soared across the globe over the past year. *Time* magazine recently reported domestic violence increased 300% in Hubei, China, 25% in Argentina, 30% in Cyprus, 33% in Singapore and 50% in Brazil. The *American Journal of Emergency Medicine* reports domestic violence has also spiked across the U.S. It is up 22% in Portland, Oregon, 18% in San Antonio, over 10% in New York. as people can be trapped with their batterers at home.

This Sunday marks Valentine's Day, as well as V-Day, a global day of action to fight violence against women and girls. We are joined now by two guests. The playwright V, formerly known as Eve Ensler, founder of V-Day. She is the author of *The Vagina Monologues* and many other works. We are also joined by the poet Aja Monet, V-Day's new artistic creative director. And we welcome you both to *Democracy Now!* As I read out those figures, V, about domestic violence soaring in the world as people are alone in homes, sometimes with their batterers, can you fit that into what is happening this Sunday around the world?

**V (EVE ENSLER):** Yes. Obviously, we are here—it is so funny because I've been doing a lot of online risings this year because people can't be in the streets, a lot of people, because of COVID. And we're hearing about these incredible numbers of domestic violence and all kinds of other violences. The violences of front line workers, mainly women and women of color being exposed to all kinds of things without protections. I mean, there's endless violences. And I just want to say I am so moved to see our grassroots women movements around the world finding ways to rise in spite of people been locked in and shut in and in spite of COVID.

I think what I'm excited to be talking with you about this morning—and happy V-Day to everybody—is this new program that we are doing and this new campaign that Aja Monet is leading up. And I just want to briefly talk about that for a second because it directly feeds into all the statistics you were talking about. I think during this last year in America and across the world, we have seen some of the most hideous murders of Black men and women and trans women by the police, and an escalation of white supremacy and most recently the horrific murder of Breonna Taylor, and still the injustice that has followed it. And I know for me, I have been doing a lot of reflection in V-Day, as has our whole team, this movement that has been here for 23 years, and has really been supported, initiated and driven by *The Vagina Monologues*.

And I think this year we all decided we needed to go further, we needed to go deeper, something more is being called for. And I have been doing deep reflection about my life as a white woman playwright and activist, fully aware of the depth of my privilege and access to networks and resources that have helped produce my work. And I believe this is the moment where we need to uplift and be in deepest solidarity with Black women, cis women, trans woman, non-binary people across the African continent and Africa diaspora, and we need to share our networks and resources that will bring their voices into the center of our movement.

So I am thrilled that we have invited and joined with the forces of the powerhouse and the visionary that is Aja Monet, someone who really understands the connection between art and activism, who is a brilliant poet in her own right, and has been curating this piece filled with the stories of Black women throughout the world.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Aja, I want to turn to you next. And just giving a little background, you're the youngest poet to have ever become the Nuyorican Poets Cafe Grand Slam champion at the age of 19 in 2007. And that's just way back then, but you're doing remarkable things. And I was wondering if you can describe the VOICE project.

**AJA MONET:** Yeah, so, we also know that for every Black woman who reports rape, at least 15 Black women do not. One in four Black girls will be sexually abused before the age of 18. So these statistics, we can go down the list and see the impact that sexual violence and harm and abuse has had on Black women primarily, but on women across the world.

VOICES is a project that for us, we are deeply invested in how do we interrogate the interior landscapes of people and their relationship, not just to violence, but to liberation and freedom. How does art become critical in the ways that we imagine the world we want to see and to start to practice, to actively engage people beyond just speaking and telling the truth but also showing and demonstrating what active listening looks like, how we show up for those who are speaking, how we engage and how we show compassion and collective care in this moment.

I want to say that I think the biggest thing that really impacted me last year, while there was an uprising around George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, was a story about a Tallahassee activist, a Black girl, a Nigerian Black American woman named Oluwatoyin Salau, who was assaulted and murdered seeking protection and

seeking shelter in a moment where she was actively engaging in our movement to fight for us and to fight for our trans brothers and sisters.

And so to note that this was a story that was kind of left out of the narrative of this moment, not for any I wouldn't say intentional purposes, but it is something that begs of us to pay attention, to listen deeper, to go into our communities and to see how are we internalizing the harm and the violence of this country and how do we show up better in our movements for one another.

**AMY GOODMAN:** As you say her name, talk about the #SayHerName movement.

**AJA MONET:** I think that #SayHerName was born out of a necessity in a moment where media was hyper-focused on the violence and the ways that police violence was showing up in our communities around Black men and the stories of Black men. #SayHerName is a campaign that was created to support the voices of Black women all over the country, particularly around state violence and the ways that state violence is also impacting us, not just through policing but through through reproductive rights and issues that we are facing in our maternal mortality, right? Also in the ways that we suffer from housing inequality, the ways that climate change impacts our communities.

That we recognize that saying her name is not in an effort to combat the names or to resist the notion that our brothers' names need to be stated, but that also our Black women are on the front lines of often most of the violence that our communities see, and so therefore we must lift up the memories and the stories of those directly impacted by this violence.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Finally, Aja, on the issue of art and resistance, if you could talk as an artist about how your art has changed through the pandemic and what you're hoping for most of all on Sunday with Billions Rising?

**AJA MONET:** Yeah. We believe that art is for the people, by the people. And it's about presence, it's about attention, it's about expression of one's psychic terrain, the interior world, the last frontier. And so I think a big part of what we see this project being, VOICES, is our unothering.

We create because we have no other choice in this moment, right? We want to create out of a space of what do we envision, what do we want to see, not just so much what we are against and what we are fighting. And so I think we create because we are possessed by our questions. We are not creating because we believe we have the answers. We create because we know that art has the capacity to get the people to be challenged, to be intrigued and to be transformed by their expressions of their interior world and their presence.

For me during this moment, we found ways for art with Homemade poetry online series that we started. For art to be a part of helping us think through solutions. How can art help us practice the world that we want to see? How can art provide the remedies for the moment? And what are the limitations of art? How does art become strategy for our freedom, not just an accessory to our movement?

And those are the things that I've seen happen in this moment, are the ways that artists are being engaged critically around the cultural shifts we need for our society to be where it needs to go. Abolition is on the tongues of everyone's mouths because of culture, because of cultural workers, because of the folks on the front lines organizing for that change and for the relationships built between artists and organizers during this moment.

I would say organizers are artists, that we are actively practicing our creative imaginations and pushing the conversation and pushing the nation forward. We're the shamans and healers of this moment. So I want to lift up all of the organizers who are doing work to end violence against women and girls but to end violence against those of us who are most marginalized across the globe. And Sunday!

**AMY GOODMAN:** And V, February 14th, 1998, that's when you began V-Day. We are talking more than 20 years. Do you feel there has been major progress? And where are you headed in that work?

**V (EVE ENSLER):** I think with everything with patriarchy, it is two steps forward and one step back. It's a persistent, ongoing virus that we're up against. But I think there has been change. And I just want to say, about this year, our theme this year is One Billion Rising Gardens. And it has been incredible to see how it is amplifying the intersectional issues of women's inequality, impact on food insecurity, land ownership and lack of access to healthcare as well as the long-term effects of extractive industries on the destruction of Mother Earth and other basic rights for frontline and marginalized communities.

I want to urge everybody to go to [onebillionrising.org](https://onebillionrising.org). There are incredible things going on right now. Just everywhere on the globe, our 60 global coordinators have unleashed vast, grassroots regionally and national actions. We're seeing them dig deep into their communities. Seed distribution and seed banks exchanges in India and Congo and the Philippines. Last night I was on the phone with organizers in Davao, Philippines, with the Lumad women, the indigenous women who are rising to take back their lands from the plunderers and the people pillaging and the corporates destroying it. And these are just archaic and horrible anti-terrorist laws that Duterte has put into place, where he is just summarily arresting people without any charges. We're seeing people do artistic creations for zero-waste food art in Bangladesh. Rising Garden film festivals in South Asia. We're seeing artistic risings all over Africa, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Mexico, Italy. And I just want to urge everybody here—

**AMY GOODMAN:** V, we have ten seconds.

**V (EVE ENSLER):** April 22nd, Earth Day, rise, plant your gardens in this country. Join "V is for VOICES. Send in your stories in the next two days, and be part of our movement.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Thank you, so much, V, formerly known as Eve Ensler, founder of V-Day, and Aja Monet, the poet and V-Day's new artistic creative director. And remember, wearing a mask is an act of love. I'm Amy Goodman. Thank you so much for joining us.

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Thanks to the celestial dance of the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Pallas all swirling in rebellious Aquarius during this new moon we have a powerful opportunity to listen to our own heart for guidance. Do not compare your journey to anyone else's unless it is one that inspires you to make change. Be open to new pathways that lead in unexpected directions to wondrous new beginnings. Last year the celestial dance was one of breaking down the old, as the celestial bodies continuously danced through Capricorn, but now 2021 brings a new dance. Take advantage of this moment of rebuilding by going within. Spend time throughout February loving yourself and committing to a deeper relationship with the natural world. I have added several new moon rituals focusing on love for those who are members of our online subscription series. Please [CLICK HERE](#)





I have always had a very special relationship with the sacred blue and once again I have answered the call to return to the birthing waters of the Humpback whales in Maui for the month of February to listen to their soul song for 2021 and receive guidance. Every time I completely submerge into the water, I can feel their song and harmonic frequency moving through my entire being. I am witness to celestial light glistening in the water and can feel something shifting in my own DNA.



Within an hour of arriving on the island, I was guided to my favorite coastal walk to acknowledge the ancestors and the spirit of Maui. Within minutes I was greeted with a fabulous display of the whales breaching from the ocean. On the land, Honu the ancestral sea turtle also acknowledged my arrival. I was feeling so incredibly blessed and grateful for this welcome back to this beautiful land.





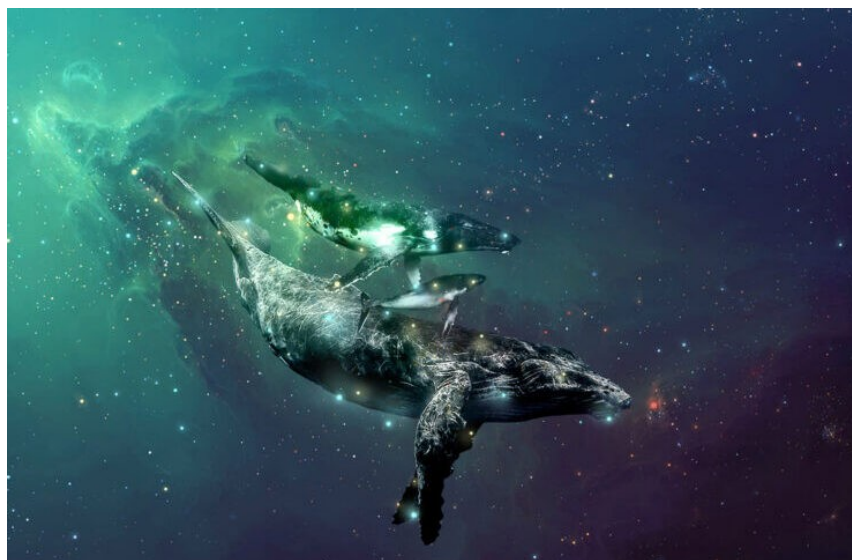
With a beautiful golden sunset, such an amazing sense of hope and joy filled my heart with a promise of new beginnings. The whale spirit animal is the earth's record keeper of the sacred blue. As a totem, the whale teaches you about listening to your inner voice, understanding the impact your emotions have on your everyday life, and following your own truth. With the celestial alignment in Aquarius, invoking the whale spirit is even more powerful as we set intentions. What we focus on in the next few days in this New Moon energy will guide us through 2021.



Oceans are a nexus serving as a bond between continents, their people, their culture and their life... Conchomancy is known as the Oracle of the sea and is the practice of using seashells as a form of divination. This is part of my ancestral lineage. Shells are teachers, the same as crystals and stone beings. They share information and knowledge with the one who enters the unseen realm for guidance and can help the human navigate into the sacred mystery of this human beingness. The ocean is a transformative vessel revealing much for the human seeking guidance. There is an amazing shell known as the **Whale's Eye** shell that supports one in communing with the spirit of the whale. I have hand chosen many of these beautiful shells and will be taking them into the sacred blue to carry the whale's song for 2021 at sunrise on the Aquarian new moon.



They will be blessed in sacred ceremony in the labyrinth at Dragon's Teeth. For those who are interested, I will utilize the art of conchomancy, connecting with your soul and bringing forth a message to support your journey through **2021 – The Year of Emergence**. The shells will become a personal oracle for you to use in meditation carrying the spirit of the whale. If you are interested in purchasing the Whale's Eye shell to help you navigate the ever-changing tides of 2021, please contact Guy at [guy@whitewolfjourneys.com](mailto:guy@whitewolfjourneys.com). The cost of the shell which comes in a beautiful blue velvet bag and your personal message is **\$55.00 plus shipping**.



During the month of February, the **Whale's Song Oil** is available – \$50.00 plus shipping. This high vibrational oil opens one to feel a greater connection with the star family that lovingly supports our journey. It helps us reconnect to our own soul wisdom and talents, accessing our memory of the timelines when we have walked as healers, teachers, artists and leaders. As our awareness deepens, we are able to move into our greater and true potential. We are intuitively able to open to the cosmic library that contains our personal records. It can assist in taking someone deeper into their memory to release hidden emotions that create blocks to an abundant life. The vibration of the oil creates a sense of being accompanied by a gentle spirit to access the core of one's emotional trauma. It opens one to listen to their own personal timing. Created with the andara crystal that holds the vibration of the Whale's song. Place on your wrists and rub together breathing in the essence of the whale's spirit. Place on the heart chakra, crown chakra and medulla oblongata known as the Dream Chakra.

Wishing you an enchanted celestial dance as we celebrate the power of the New Moon.