

STOP RACISM

Whites for Racial Equity

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Cheza Nami is back for its 4th straight year in Seaside. On **Feb 15**, from 11am-1pm, join Palenke Arts (1713 Broadway Ave, Seaside) for a fun and free outdoor family concert celebrating African Culture and the Diaspora followed by a Drum and Dance Interactive Workshop

A Taste of Africa, a celebration of traditional cultures from Africa and the Diaspora, presented by Cheza Nami Foundation, followed by "Moving Together" a community engagement dance and drumming workshop.

The goal of this program is to bring awareness of the richness of the many cultures in Africa, and enable cross-cultural engagement between our community of Seaside and local African and diaspora cultural artists. Every year, Cheza Nami bring s out a different group of master artists, dancers and drummers from Senegal, Cameroon, Mali, the Congo, Kenya



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BLAAC Heritage Celebration

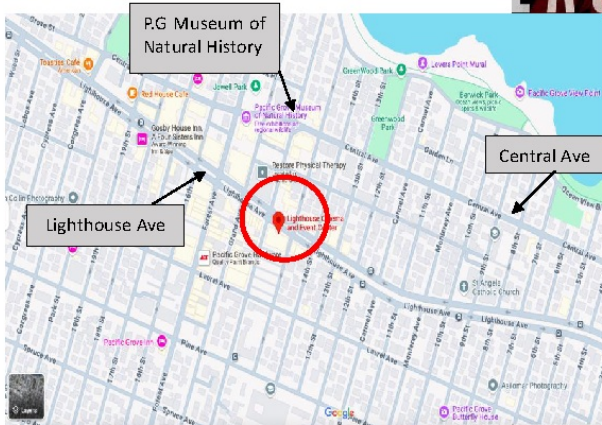
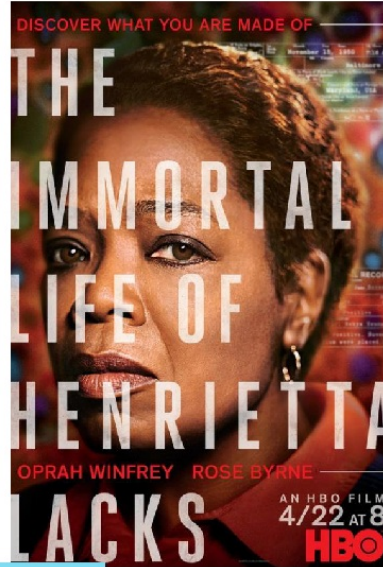
Cultural Insights Movie Night

Join us February 15th

LIGHTHOUSE CINEMAS
 6 PM - 8 PM
 525 Lighthouse Ave,
 Pacific Grove, CA 93950

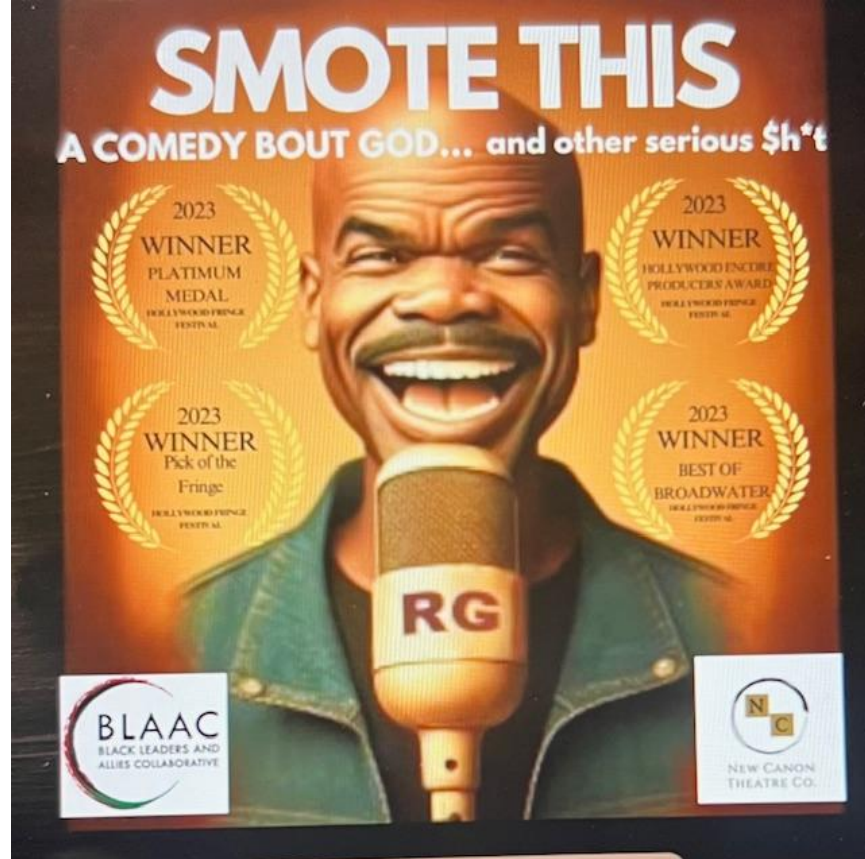
A special screening of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, a thought provoking film and discussion with the community.

Facilitated by BLAAC founder and Executive Director, Dirrick Williams.



For tickets and information:
[Event tickets](#)





On **Feb 16**, from 2-3:30pm, BLAAC (Black Leaders and Allies Collaborative) and New Canon Theater will present the play ***Smote This, A Comedy About God ...and Other Serious \$H*T*** at the SandBox, Sand City, 440 Ortiz Ave, Sand City.

Performed & written by Rodney Gardiner ***Smote*** premiered at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Directed by Raz Golden.

In this one-man comedy, Rodney Gardiner tries to abandon God despite his deeply Christian roots. For this undocumented Black boy growing up in tumultuous 1980s Miami, racial unrest, an immigration crisis, and the drug war is just another Tuesday. "Smote This" is an entertaining web of stories and tangents.

This funny, poignant piece about loss and growing up Caribbean Black contains some profanity, sexual references, and remembrances of being beaten as a child, and will be best suited for prepared student.

Tickets: <https://www.blaac.org/event-details-registration/smote-this-a-comedy-about-god-and-other-serious-h-t>



Black Panthers co-founder Huey Newton is accused of murdering a white policeman after a car stop in 1967 Oakland. A landmark trial ensues and Newton's defense team calls out racism in the judicial system. With a death penalty looming, a shocking verdict is delivered that still reverberates today.

American Justice on Trial: People v. Newton will air on KQED Ch 9 on **Feb 21** at 8pm or is available to stream on pbs.org and the free PBS App.



On Sun, **Feb 23**, at 1 pm, join **From Soil to Screen: Honoring BIPOC Agroecology** with film and conversation for a screening of ***Farming While Black*** and a panel discussion and Q&A with **Mark Decena**, director of the film. Lunch catering will be provided.

A feature film about the rising generation of young black farmers. Leah Penniman, co-founder of Soul Fire Farm, reflects on the plight of Black farmers in the United States. From the height of Black-owned farms at 14% in 1910 to less than 2% today, Leah, and other compatriots help propel a rising generation of Black farmers finding strength in the deep historical knowledge of African agrarianism — and its potential to save the planet.

It will be shown at the Hay Barn 1008 Ranch View Road, Santa Cruz.

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TUES FEB 25

6:30 - 9pm




Unitarian Universalist Church
490 Aguajito Rd., Carmel

**AN ASTONISHING AND DEEPLY AFFECTING
MOVIE MASTERPIECE.**

On Tues., **Feb 25**, beginning at 6:30pm, join Whites for Racial Equity and the Unitarian Universalist Church for a free showing of *Nickel Boys*, a film based on Pulitzer-winning author Colson Whitehead's novel.

The story follows two African-American boys, Elwood (Hershe) and Turner (Wilson), who are sent to an abusive reform school in 1960s **Florida**. The film is inspired by the **Dozier School for Boys**, a now-closed Florida reform school notorious for its abusive treatment of students.

It was named one of the top 10 films of 2024 by the **American Film Institute** and received numerous accolades, including a **Best Motion Picture – Drama** nomination at the **82nd Golden Globe Awards** and a **Best Picture** nomination at the **97th Academy Awards**.

It will be shown at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 490 Aguajito Rd., Carmel.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8y9dHEt5Jo>



Our immigration system is rooted in racism and xenophobia. It dehumanizes and defames our community members to justify detaining them and profiting off their suffering.

California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice is committed to fighting against this unjust and for-profit system by empowering folks in detention and working with them to find innovative strategies for individual and collective liberation.

CALIFORNIA RAPID RESPONSE NETWORKS

For quality **Know-Your-Rights** materials, we encourage you to check the **Immigrant Defense Project** and **Immigrant Legal Resource Center** websites or contact your local rapid response network.

Monterey Rapid Response Network (Monterey County)

- Hotline: **831-204-8082**

Santa Cruz County: Your Allied Rapid Response Network & Pajaro Valley Rapid Response

- Hotline: **831-239-4289**
- Website: **<https://www.facebook.com/YARRsantacruz/>**

San Francisco Rapid Response Network

- Hotline: **415-200-1548**
- Website: **<http://sfilen.org/>**

Santa Clara County Rapid Response Network

- Hotline: **408-290-1144**
- Website: **<https://www.amigoscenter.com/rapid-respon>**



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