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Opening Meditation: Rainbird

Housekeeping: Rainbird Thank you!

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we know the White Knights listen but they cannot contribute anything; part of our job is to pay for them too
 - **We need \$ 794 to cover the last 2 weeks and this week!** Caught up with 1 wk. **Many thanks** for all contributions; the more people contribute, the easier it is for all
 - What we hear and learn feeds our minds and our souls! And, as LM Nada said, it is also part of our contribution to the work being done by Tara & Rama and to the changes going on.
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MR: • Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

- **CONFERENCE CALL FROM 9 – 10 PM, est: 1 - 209 – 647 – 1600 PIN#: 353 863#**

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HARD NEWS

- T, R:**
- **Iran:** this is the new year for the Iranians
 - **YEMEN:** 147 people dead In Yemen; ISIL is claiming it though not absolutely sure; did a bombing outside the mosque, a suicide bomber went inside the mosque and blew himself up
 - Thom Hartmann called **Tom Cotton** "Mr Tom Tehran"
 - took a bribe from Shelly Adelson of \$1 million to write that letter
 - 11 members of the Tehran cabinet have PhDs and got their degrees in the US
 - Tom Cotton is brand new & doing this: the cabinet in Tehran has got his number
 - Tom Cotton and the other signatories actually slapped the faces of members of the gov'ts of Germany, France, England, China & US

- Yemen:** is about the deposed president of Yemen who is only a puppet of the US / Israeli gov't
- No matter who you think you are, you are doing the bidding of the Protocols of the Zion, and Netanyahu was a prime architect of 9 /11
 - **Yemen has the most stargates** of any country on earth

Audio: Thom Hartman **The Vatican Bank**

It was a story about following the money, and it became the story of following the money in the Vatican Bank. The bank was officially created: in the middle of WW 2, 1942: it's a cross between a central and a mid-size bank.

Conversations w/Great Minds P2 - Gerald Posner, God's Bankers - Vatican Bank Corruption?

See more at: <http://www.thomhartmann.com/bigpicture/conversations-wgreat-minds-p2-gerald-posner-gods-bankers-vatican-bank-corruption#sthash.NiwrB2Sk.dpuf>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=4p9bnaWSgCA

For tonight's **Conversations with Great Minds** - Thom is joined by Gerald Posner. Gerald Posner was one of the youngest attorneys ever hired by the Wall Street law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore and is the author of eleven books - including New York Times bestsellers - and one a finalist for the Pulitzer in History. Gerald has written dozens of articles for national magazines and papers and has been a regular contributor to a variety of television networks. He's also the author of the new book, "God's Bankers: A History of Money and Power at the Vatican."

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CONFERENCE CALL

T: the people in Iran absolutely love Americans; Americans are too uninformed to know how much they, too, are being controlled

Reading: Preston James: *Veterans Today* 2014-03-15 World's Biggest Class Action Lawsuit Now Imminent **[SEE BELOW]**

- At the lower levels of ego, they don't want to entertain anything but picking up their guns as they perceive it as "freedom"

Caller: looked up the Israeli President: his father translated the Koran into Hebrew; LOOK UP ISRAELI PRESIDENT –

T: they have multiple parties; the %age of the vote to each party is an indication of how many representatives there will be from each party

- Netanyahu appeals to those who believe that unless you are 100% for Isreal, you deserve to be beheaded.
- Gerald Posner was saying that Opus Dei filled a power vacuum in the Vatican, and that Pope Paul – the Polish Pope - was given Parkinson's .
- On the radio show a few years ago, they played the audio of the 3rd book **The Lost Symbol**, it is being made into a movie now.
 - There is a pyramid under the rotunda of the Capitol Building that is the same size as the Giza Pyramid; it was built by the Black Masonic orders, shut down during the Civil War, and replaced with Black Ops masonic groups.

- This just confirms the findings of Horace Butler's book **WHEN ROCKS CRY OUT.**

Caller: an email from Cheryl by Peggy Black about how

- **The Prosecution of a President for Murder** – powerful in what is said about what happened in Iraq
- Obama has just said in the last few days that ultimately, ISIL was an offshoot of all CIA-duh in Iraq [which was not in existence until Iraq was occupied – Tara added this] – but Obama nailed
- When Bush Jr went to Israel he took a huge military group with him
- From Rama's sources: Barack is going to pull money right out of the hands of Netanyahu, following the discussion about the leader of ISIL having a dream about the Prophet Mohammed telling him to leave Mosul province.

BBS:

Meditation: Om Gam Ganapataye Namaha

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Mother Sekhmet

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 one, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame.

Greetings Children of Ra!

Greetings and well met on this Transfiguration Day – still in the equinox day!

- The ripples of this eclipse extend out to September of this year, that is how intense the energies are at the moment. It is about everything gets changed in the twinkling of an eye; it is only about this one story here, of what we just heard: the force, the Mitochondrians are changing us & the planet – they cannot stop it, the wayward children, and they are having to meet the energies and take a ride on out of here, as they have chosen their own path. So be it and so it is.
- We are in a new era of time, space, space / time; as we have heard so many stories and legends - myths come out of truth – the fact of the matter here is 520 missing years of the Aboriginal Moabite Mation – history, her story, daughters of Sarah, daughters of Ruth – all these funny names. Not about white folks, but black folks: the pharaohs were black – get that one! The obfuscation of stealing the power from Inanna the goddess -

T: Akunatuan was white as he had a Caucus Mtn mother: Queen Tia

M/A: all these pieces fit into where we are now: the folks with the melanin had the mojo, the magic, and it is about melanin and the gold dust. We are coming back to the moment here when our hemoglobin, plasma is turning to gold in spite of our foibles in these bodies; it is a challenge and that is why ascension symptoms are on extreme – it is happening in an exponential level in this eclipse: we are growing a few inches and growing a pair at the same time, only because we all volunteered to be here at this time to take our roles as part of this cosmic dance.

T: [makes a sound like a crow!] crow medicine: work made manifest; time to take action

M/A tag we are it! And how we do this is happening at an exponential level; the DNA, the metachlorians, the force, have kicked into auto pilot and it is in high speed: the densities, the dimensions, are shifting and moving into higher octaves of love and awareness and the Wayward children cannot

stand it one bit and they want their little war, and what they are gonna get is what they have already asked for: the war within self - the true challenge of coming to peace with self, the goddess within

- I am the One; I am that I am; as I heal it within here on infinitum; these ones know it; they can feel it which is why, every single day, there is a new story of the energies that are rising to the occasion, & how to meet the challenge with some more new forms of removing . . .

- It is getting very uncomfortable for her wayward children down here: they have to create more violence, more death, more fear so they get fed; what is happening is the fear is dissipating, love is moving in at hyper-dimensional speed and this is upsetting them big time. The old dragon Netanyahu has nothing to say; when we say jump, he will jump into the black hole called the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy!

- this story has always been about Palestine; it is about how things got shifted around: continents, tectonic plate movements; the changing of our DNA, their DNA; how xenon gas is a key factor in how we change – how we go from talking on these funny little machines to where we hear it in our heads, without a microphone; this evolutionary leap is already happening – she won't put Don through those shenanigans!
- These sound frequencies we heard with the story about the template and the sacred geometry, what Nassim was talking about is in every single particle of our beings; as we step out of the matrix and go into the vast uncharted regions of this temple of the living god, we have within us million of miles of adventures within this temple here; we know less about how this works than we do about the oceans, & we know less about the oceans even.
- It is time we learned about this sacred space; and this bag of water is not just a bag of water, but we are creator gods is of the most high: it is a really big deal – it is how this entire universe changes with one thought: in this moment, let it begin with me: Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace

T: this illusion of precipitating war everywhere: it is not that; it's about the consciousness being seeded of who we all really are – no more hiding – we have our own archangel here with us, and his angel dog with 6 toes! She knows someone who came in this lifetime with 6 fingers and 6 toes

M/A: in every sense of the word, we are being upgraded at such an exponential core level

T: said in there it was a disintegration of the original templates, and now this dispensation of the energies allows for this to be corrected, and we have additional 2-3 chromosomes which amplifies even more and goes beyond

T: beyond the beyond , beyond the beyond, and there I am!

M/A: HI! It is the place where there is one hand clapping, and the sound is so loud it fills the entire universe at this time.

- Let us send more love in these moments; we are in the most auspicious of times and as we can make a difference, let us be that angel of divine compassion, love, peace joy in these moments.
- Make me an instrument of thy peace – that is the whole story. What have we got to fight about when we are all equal: we are all pretty when we are all gods. We'd best get over these ego games that got us here in the first place.

T: the template of the belief system that Christ did not marry, and Mary is not equal to Christ, and mother goddess who talk like lions is what?, and the Mighty I AM teachings – how do we integrate these programs? ?

M/A: god, goddess is a number; it is how energy shows up in a sacred form to communicate with Self in infinite joy, wisdom, ecstasy beauty; it is how the message of divine love gets conveyed; It is simple

- Let us love each other on the way home; all we need is love

T: and a little humour gets us through the rest and forgiving ourselves, our parents and any others we met along the way who thought they were teaching the right things

M/A: we go back to the ancient story: my golden calf is no better than your golden calf; it is that we are all One, as we can see the beauty in each one: – need to get beyond the package – the form matters not: some swim, some fly, some walk interdimensionally through all the dimensions like our Eva brothers and sisters and they may be 22' tall or 48' tall; we come in the radiant Office of the Most High. The messages of the Radiant One is what is being said: **we come in peace.**

Greetings in the light of the Most Radiant One; kadoish, kadoish, kadoish

R: has been to Fortress of Solitude, could say that with this passing eclipse & new moon, things will only get better & better, and get lighter: it is challenge to be in these times and look at the sea of humanity that is just saying "Give peace a chance". Doesn't matter what goddess or god looks like

T: what she is hearing that energies now: there's a crack in the cosmic egg that is really real: have been saying on alternative news that nobody wants another war; it's only what they want!

R: that grumpy old man John McCain says "Get off my lawn, you creepy kids!"

Audio: Bill Maher



The Interview: Bill will be talking to **Bob Costas** – sports broadcaster for NBC and MLB Network

The Panel: **Fmr. Rep. Jack Kingston** – (R) Georgia

Mercedes Schlapp – GOP strategist and the former Director of Specialty Media for President George W. Bush

Christine Quinn – former speaker of the New York City Council and resident fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics

Mid-Show Guest: Bill will be talking to **Gerald Posner** – author of "God's Bankers: A History of Money and Power at the Vatican"

Audio: Democracy Now **2015-03-20** **A Gift to ExxonMobil? Chris Christie Criticized over Settlement to Clean Up Century of Contamination** **[SEE BELOW]**

T: Danny Schechter is remembered by **Democracy Now** as he died of pancreatic cancer at 72 - Rama just found out today that he was given the cancer for his revelations.

Audio: 2015-03-20 **Remembering Danny Schechter, "The News Dissector": Pioneering Journalist, Filmmaker & Activist** **[SEE BELOW]**

<http://img.rt.com/files/episode/3b/0f/d0/00/kr1903.mp4?event=download>

In this Keiser Report, Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss how being a bankster in this economy means to abandon ship as Americans 'mysteriously' stop spending, and the dollar keeps surging as if a 'colossal financial event' were around the corner. In the second half, Max interviews radio show host and crowdfunded documentary filmmaker, Tariq Nasheed, who is currently in London to discuss the economics of white supremacy and how to fight for civil rights, not politically but financially.

Audio: Democracy Now "The Radical King" , edited by Cornel West

Audio from An Evening with Cornel West

The Bernard and Irene Schwartz Distinguished Speakers Series

FEATURING: Cornel West

Wed, March 18th, 2015 | 6:30 pm



EVENT DETAILS

In conjunction with the exhibition [Freedom Journey 1965: Photographs of the Selma to Montgomery March by Stephen Somerstein](#), celebrated activist Cornel West provides a vivid portrait of visionary 19th- and 20th-century African-American leaders—including Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ella Baker, and Malcolm X—and explores their lasting legacies in the age of Obama.

Cornel West is Class of 1943 University Professor at Princeton University, the co-author of *Black Prophetic Fire*, and editor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *The Radical King*.

LOCATION: The Robert H. Smith Auditorium at the New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, New York, NY 10024

Audio: discussion about ecology – pillars of one kind of economy working for all as opposed to the extractive economy, extracting from the earth and from people; Big corporations being governed for the CEOs, not even the shareholders

Audio: the Laura Flanders Show, Grit TV – after a week in Hungary - communism vs capitalism
What happened in Hungary, Budapest after the breakup of communism – have passed from 1% to another 1% [from public to private hands]

Question: is the economy for community or for control?

Audio: The Daily Show – Jon Stewart

Guest: Will Farel

March 19, 2015



<http://www.thecomedynetwork.ca/shows/thedailyshow?vid=574274>

<http://www.thecomedynetwork.ca/shows/thedailyshow?vid=571818>

Reading: The Real Book of Fairies – Dora Van Gelder Kuntz – Air Fairies

Closing: Rainbird

Music:

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2015-03-07 **Om Gam Ganapataye Namaha**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=M7WcWc1_a6M

Om-Gam-Ganapataye-Namaha_Ganesha_Humanity-HealingOm Gam Ganapataye Namaha is one of the mantas of Lord Ganesha.

Lord Ganesha is the master of wisdom and knowledge. He is the remover of obstacles, and guardian of beauty, prosperity, grace and compassion. Lord Ganesha is the first deity to be revered in Hindu rites. He is a guardian of doors of houses and temples. He is the God that removes the internal and external obstacles of our success, and he is the one that grants the opening of your spiritual gifts. He is also the protector of all beings.

Lord Ganesha is known as the Guardian of Knowledge, representing the sage, or a state of consciousness where a man reaches self-realization and plenitude of gifts.

He is the first son of Shiva, the Lord of Transformation and supreme reality and the Goddess Parvati, the Mother of the Cosmos.

Lord Ganesha is an embodiment of wisdom and bliss. He is the Lord of Brahmacharins. He is the foremost among Brahmacharins or celibates.

He rides on the Vahana, the small mouse. He is the Presiding Deity of the Muladhara Chakra.

He is the Lord who removes all obstacles in the spiritual path and brings worldly success. So He is called Vighna Vinayaka. His Bijakshara is Gang. He is the Lord of harmony and peace.

Lord Ganesha represents OM or the Pranava. Pranava is the chief Mantra of the Hindus. Nothing can be done without uttering it. Hence the practice of invoking Lord Ganesha before beginning any rite or work. The two feet are His Jnana Sakti and Kriya Sakti. Lord Ganesha has the elephant-head as that is the one figure in nature which is of the form of Pranava.

Riding on the mouse represents that He has killed egoism. He holds Ankusa. This represents that He is the Ruler of the world. This is the emblem of Divine Royalty.

In accordance with the legends, Sri Ganesha was the scribe for the Vedic Texts, which he did using his tusks instead of a pen.

His Maha mantra is Om Gam Ganapataye Namaha. Lord Ganesha's Mantras can be chanted out loud or internally. They have been used throughout the centuries and it is believed that the sacred power of words and the accompanying sounds in mantra aid in spiritual progression (transcending into higher states of consciousness) and to effect healing in the physical and energetic bodies.

We strongly recommend the practice of the mantras for a period of 40 days (please see the meaning of the number 40) during a spiritual ritual at the same time every day.

Translation of Om gam ganapataye namaha

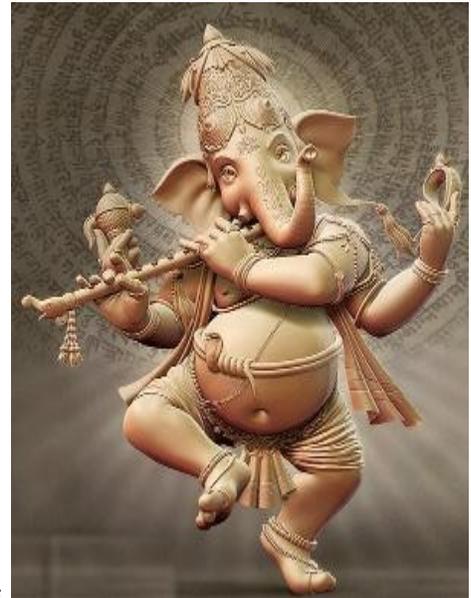
A very loose translation might be:

Om = Salutations! Everyone wake up!

Gam = The secret power sound of Ganesh. It is his "seed syllable" or bija mantra.

Ganapataye = Another name of Ganesh, the breaker of obstacles.

Namaha = Yo! Ganesh! You da God!



The pronunciation is also pretty easy:

Om = ohm or aum

Gam = Somewhere between "gahm" and "gum". In some dialects it is "guhng".

Ganapataye = gah-nah-paht-ah-yeh

Namaha – nah-mah-hah

Video Information

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2015-03-20 **A Gift to ExxonMobil? Chris Christie Criticized over Settlement to Clean Up Century of Contamination**

<http://publish.dvlab.com/democracynow/ipod/dn2015-0320.mp4>

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Guests: **Bob Hennelly**, political analyst and investigative reporter for WBGO, Newark's NPR station and a regular contributor to *Salon*, *City and State* and *WhoWhatWhy*.

State senators in New Jersey have voted to condemn a \$225 million settlement between Republican Gov. Chris Christie and ExxonMobil, which saved the oil giant billions of dollars. New Jersey quietly agreed to accept less than 3 percent of the \$8.9 billion it had initially sought from Exxon over pollution at two refinery sites. That amounts to just three cents on the dollar. On Monday, lawmakers asked a judge to reject the deal, calling it "grossly inappropriate, improper and inadequate." We speak to Bob Hennelly, political analyst and investigative reporter for WBGO, Newark's NPR station and a regular contributor to *Salon*, *City and State* and *WhoWhatWhy*.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: We turn now to a controversial settlement involving another oil giant closer to home. This week, state senators in New Jersey voted to condemn a \$225 million settlement reportedly pushed through by the office of Republican Governor Chris Christie, which saved ExxonMobil billions of dollars. New Jersey quietly agreed to accept less than 3 percent of the \$8.9 billion it had initially sought from Exxon over pollution at two refinery sites. That amounts to just three cents on the dollar. On Monday, lawmakers asked a judge to reject the deal, calling it "grossly inappropriate, improper and inadequate." Adding to outrage over the settlement, Governor Christie is already planning to use much of the money from the settlement to plug holes in New Jersey's budget, instead of for environmental restoration.

AMY GOODMAN: To give you an idea of the extent of the damage, the language of a 2008 ruling in the settlement called for a much more substantial damages award due to the environmental destruction ExxonMobil has caused to the area around its refinery in Bayonne, New Jersey. Then Judge Ross Anzaldi wrote, quote, "It was estimated in 1977 that at least some seven million gallons of oil ranging in thickness from 7 to 17 feet, are contained in the soil and groundwater underlying a portion of the former Bayonne site alone. ... The level of hydrocarbon contamination was so high one creek was covered with 'a gelatinous, oily emulsion overlying grey silt.'"

Well, for more, we're joined by reporter Bob Hennelly, political analyst, investigative reporter for WBGO, Newark's NPR station, and a regular contributor to *Salon* and *City and State* and *WhoWhatWhy*.

Welcome to *Democracy Now!*, Bob.

BOB HENNELLY: Thanks for having me.

AMY GOODMAN: Tell us about this deal.

BOB HENNELLY: Well, you know, as the prime minister was saying from Ecuador, they go back decades. In the case of these sites, they go back to before the turn of the century. This was really where Standard Oil first flexed its industrial muscle. So we're talking about over a century of contamination. And there was a New Jersey—three governors before Governor Christie had been making this case. It looked like they were going to win a big settlement. In 2008, they actually had a liability judgment on behalf of them against Exxon, which set the stage for what looked to be at least a \$2.9—or more—billion settlement.

This is critical because what's happened is, under the law, these lands—these riparian lands, these saltwater marshes, these freshwater wetlands—are actually owned by the public. It goes back to the Magna Carta. It's a concept that wildlife and the rest is held by the state in trust for the public. And when an entity despoils or degrades it—in many cases, there's been fish advisories, people can't consume the fish from it—there's a

consequence. And it has to be paid for by the entity, and there has to be full restoration, not just of the site, but of the entire natural system that they destroyed.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, Bob, I want to turn to Governor Chris Christie. He says the \$225 million settlement with ExxonMobil is on top of what the oil giant will pay to clean up contaminated sites in New Jersey.

BOB HENNELLY: Well, I guess the thing here—OK.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Let's just hear him first.

GOV. CHRIS CHRISTIE: You would think that the \$225 million was all we got, right? Right? Wrong. Two hundred twenty-five million is on top of what they have to pay to fix what they polluted. And there is no cap. They have to re—they have to not re—they have to fix everything that they've polluted up to state standards, and there is no cap on what they have to pay.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: That was Governor Chris Christie recently. Could you talk about that and also his connection to Exxon?

BOB HENNELLY: Right. Nothing happens in a void. He was chair of the Republican Governors Association and received \$750,000 from ExxonMobil for the Republican Governors Association. Millions of dollars from the energy sector flowed to the RGA while he was chairman. It's also important to understand that we're talking about a concept in law which he really doesn't seem to fully grasp, which is that this is a compensation for the loss of this natural resource for generations. Our problem is that Newark Bay doesn't have the romance of the Hudson River. People get the Hudson River because of the late Pete Seeger's work. Newark Bay is kind of an orphan. It's surrounded by New York and New Jersey. It's a bistate estuary. People of color, immigrant communities, this is where they get their start and where they live. And so, there hasn't been a conceptualized sense that it once was this rich fishery. Do you know that at one time this area produced enough oyster meat and clam that this was a major thing people used back in the 19th century to subsidize their families' basic needs? We've lost that ecological memory. And so, Exxon has to pay a price for being part of the diminishment and degradation of it.

AMY GOODMAN: So, this is New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio responding to your question, Bob Hennelly, about New Jersey's settlement with Exxon, during a news conference that you attended yesterday.

MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO: I'm absolutely concerned. First of all, I'm concerned because if a company—in this case, Exxon—has created damage to the environment and public health, they have to compensate for it. They have to make it right. We saw that with the BP oil spill in the Gulf. We've seen that many times with the Exxon Valdez in Alaska. There's supposed to be a rigorous process for ensuring that the environment is restored. I don't know the details of this settlement, but if the dollar figure is so low that the work can't be done, I'm very uncomfortable with what that means for the people of New York. And, you know, we'll certainly look into it further and decide what course of action we want to take.

AMY GOODMAN: So that's New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's answer.

BOB HENNELLY: That's a big deal. That's a big deal.

AMY GOODMAN: If you can respond to the significance of this—

BOB HENNELLY: Sure.

AMY GOODMAN: —and also why you think Governor Christie made this deal?

BOB HENNELLY: OK. I think that it's important to understand that, first, this isn't a done deal. Much like net neutrality, there's a public comment period in April. We're hoping for an international response, as we do in solidarity with Ecuador, that we not set the ruling for three cents on the dollar, because if that's what we get here, what are they going to get in places like Ecuador? The idea that Mayor de Blasio is stepping up and being a bioregional steward shows a breakthrough in political thinking, because this estuary has to be

managed by all the political players. Why Governor Christie did what he did? He's running for president. All we know is that he goes to Iowa and backs ethanol. He seems to be directing his campaign not where the votes are, but where the cash is.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: I wanted to turn to another New Jersey story that you're very familiar with—one of the New Jersey senators, one of the leaders of the Senate Democrats, Bob Menendez, a recent report showed there's a continuing federal investigation of him that may lead to an indictment. Could you talk about that case?

BOB HENNELLY: We've both been in this business a long time. A little troubled—and I don't know if you ever heard of the phrase "is expected to be arrested by the end of the month." Generally, when they take you into custody, like Shel Silver, you're in custody. So, I am aware—you know, I think sometimes we take anonymous sources from law enforcement, which can be used by prosecutors to try and to drive a case. Senator Menendez—in my [piece](#) in *Salon*, I write it up as a spaghetti western, "come get me" Menendez. I think he wants to stand his ground, because, remember, he's been chair of the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee. He's had some important predecessors who have also had trouble with the law but never gone to jail. Jon Corzine, he lost a whole bank. Bob Torricelli liked luxury goods. And these guys are kind of bulletproof. So I think the people on K Street in Washington should be really worried if this goes to trial, because he'll put on trial the way they do their business.

AMY GOODMAN: Bob Hennelly, we want to thank you, and we're going to link to all of your articles. Independent reporter Bob Hennelly, investigative reporter for WBGO, Newark's NPR station, a regular contributor to *Salon* and *City and State* and *WhoWhatWhy*.

2015-03-20 **Remembering Danny Schechter, "The News Dissector": Pioneering Journalist, Filmmaker & Activist**

Guests: [Danny Schechter](#), author, filmmaker and media reform activist. He died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 72 on March 19, 2015.

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AMY GOODMAN: We wrap up today's broadcast with a remembrance.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, we end the show remembering the author, filmmaker and media reform activist Danny Schechter, who has died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 72. Danny rose to prominence as "The News Dissector" on Boston's WBCN radio in the 1970s. He went on to work as a television producer at ABC's 20/20, where he won two Emmy Awards, and at the newly launched CNN. But he left corporate media to lead [MediaChannel.org](#) and Global Vision.

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DANNY SCHECHTER: Well, you know, I had the fortune of being at the London School of Economics in the '60s, at the right place at the right time, where the ANC people had come into exile. And in my class was remarkable woman, Ruth First, who became sort of my mentor about South Africa. And I was recruited by the ANC to go into South Africa. They couldn't get their people in because so many of them were in prison and well known to the security police. So, people from England, what were then called the "London recruits," were sent into South Africa on various missions. I was one of them—naive, perhaps, to do this, unaware, really, of the consequences that awaited me if I was—if I was caught. But I went anyway as an act of solidarity.

I went to the funeral of the late Chief Luthuli, who was the leader of the ANC before Mandela. And I, you know, got an insight into how vicious the apartheid system was, how pervasive it was in people's lives. It wasn't just about race. It was about controlling people as labor, as a labor force in South Africa. This was always about economics, not just pigment. And Americans make the mistake of, you know, confusing what was happening in South Africa with the civil rights movement in America where people fought to have the Constitution apply to them. In South Africa, there was no constitution, and there were no rights for a majority, not a minority, of people. And so I experienced that upfront and personally, in a way, but it also kind of got me involved deeply in South Africa.

And years later, not only did I write about South Africa and was one of the organizers of the Africa Research Group in Boston, but I became active in a project called "Sun City: Artists Against Apartheid." And, you know, just to supplement what Randall Robinson told you earlier, this was not all about lobbying Congress. This was about informing America about what was happening. And in some cases, it was cultural figures, 58 of the world's top artists who indicted the system of forced relocation in South Africa. That's what Sun City was all about. It was a part of an effort to promote a cultural boycott alongside an economic boycott. And it was very successful and worldwide in its impact. And I think that was important.

And then, you know, I helped start the TV series, South Africa Now, that ran for 156 weeks, every week, in the United States, reporting on South Africa through the eyes of South Africans. It was their story.

AMY GOODMAN: On PBS.

DANNY SCHECHTER: And it was on public television stations. PBS never really officially supported it, but many stations did. It was also on in 40 countries around the world throughout southern Africa. So it actually had a tremendous impact of bringing the message of the democratic movement to a world audience. And I think that was very critical. And then, of course, the documentaries.

And most recently, I was in South Africa documenting the making and the meaning of this new movie, *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*. And that movie will be in 2,000 cinemas in America starting Christmas Day. And, you know, it's a very dramatized but important film about Mandela, in the way that the movie Gandhi was about Gandhi. But it leaves a lot out. And that's why the producers of the movie asked me to write this book, *Madiba A to Z: The Many Faces of Nelson Mandela*, to talk about the rest of the story. And I did so by interviewing over 150 people who worked with Mandela, who were part of this whole struggle. And what I got from them was not only admiration for him, but also a perspective that this was not just one man, but a movement, that pulled this off, this change. And it was a movement that was organized in a democratic manner from the bottom up, not the top down. So, you know, even though we revere and admire Mandela, we have to also pay respect to the people of South Africa who suffered all these years—you know, torture, imprisonment, death—fighting apartheid.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Danny Schechter, "The News Dissector." He was joining us in 2013. He has died of pancreatic cancer. You can watch the rest of that [interview](#), as well as [all of his appearances](#) on *Democracy Now!* at democracynow.org.