



Pacifica Network Newsletter June



Pacifica Welcomes New Affiliate WFNU- LP—Where St. Paul’s Frogtown Community Takes the Narrative Back

In December, 2025, some 3,000 federal agents from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), and Homeland Security (DHS) arrived in the Minnesota Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Over the next 4 months—and continuing, in decreased numbers, still today—officers from these agencies apprehended and arrested immigrant residents, with a particular Trump-driven focus on the local Somali community.

Through it all, St. Paul’s [WFNU-LP](#) continued to broadcast. The station, founded in 2011, is “The Voice of Frogtown,” St. Paul’s most racially-diverse neighborhood.

[In May, Diane Reinhardt spoke with Philip Gracia, station President and CEO](#), about the station’s founding



Curiosity and CreativitRy: Asia’s Iconic Playwright Stan Lai Reveals the Art of Creativity

In November, 2025, [Lynn Borton interviewed Stan Lai](#) about the interplay of creativity and curiosity. She has since shared her interview with [Sprouts](#).

'CreativitRy,' writes legendary playwright Stan Lai in his new book of that name, 'doesn't exist as a word, just as all creative things do not exist until they do, rhymes with artistry and chemistry and sorcery, [and defines] the know-how practice and mastery of creativityWe must unlearn many things and relearn how to see and think about how we experience life and the world.'

The book, says Lynn Borton, host of podcast Choose to be Curious, 'is Stan Lai's English-language refinement and re-envisioning of his 2016 classic on creativity, published in Taipei and Beijing, which

and future and about the impact on and the response of the community to the federal government's operations.

has sold over a million copies in Chinese. He believes we're all born creative, but our access to that birthright is blocked by life itself. Each chapter of the book offers opportunities for reflection. Everything, he reminds us, is our teacher.'



An Offer - Daily Headlines for Your Website

If you check out the [Pacifica Network website](#), you can see **5-Minute Morning Headlines** at the upper right. These excellent headlines, also available for radio in Audioport, in the headlines section, are produced by [WBAI-Pacifica](#). The producer, Jesse Lent, is actually in Holland! and thus able to stay a step ahead in getting out the news.

You can have this on your website. Not only does content like this draw more eyes and ears to your site, the daily refreshed content makes good Google ratings.

Check it out and if you would like this for your website please contact ursula@pacific.org. We'll connect you with the person who will set it up for you.



Translator Filing Window Scheduled for August

For the first time, the [Federal Communications Commission has announced a filing window](#) for new non-commercial educational translators in the reserved section of the FM dial, 88.1-91.9.

The FCC Media Bureau declared the filing window will be open from August 11th through August 25th.

Applications for new reserved-band translators will only be accepted from existing AM/FM and LPFM licensees or permittees.

Criteria for application approval will depend upon a point system. According to [Inside Radio](#),

"Applicants can earn up to seven points based on four criteria: established local presence, diversity of ownership, statewide network status and technical superiority."

The FCC advises applicants supply detailed documentation to support point claims.

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AudioPort Classic

A weekly recap of the regulations, reports, product announcements and changes within the solar PV industry compiled by the American Solar Energy Society (ASES).

Producers Jay & Annie Warmke own and operate a sustainable living demonstration

and semi-professionally as a drummer during his adult life. He knows how to craft a show that is insightful and interesting.

Produced at [KXCR](#) radio in Florence, Oregon.

Produced by Peter Abzug at [WPVM](#) radio in Asheville, NC.

homestead on 40 acres in southeast Ohio. Since opening in 2004, more than 35,000 people have visited and/or taken part in workshops or events.

Produced at [WGRN](#) in Columbus, OH.



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