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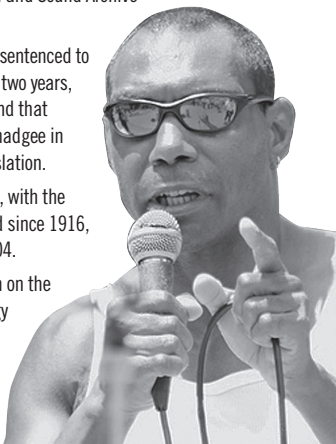
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Petersham Bowling Club

77 Brighton Street Petersham

Tuesday 24th February 7.30pm - Special admission by donation
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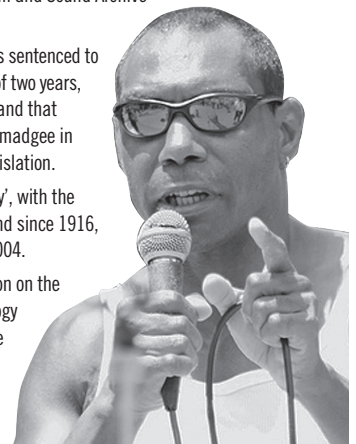
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