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The Esak'timá Center



by *Rena D. Horse, Esak'timá Center Coordinator and Native Student Success Counselor*

What is the Esak'timá Center? The Esak'timá Center is a Nisenan name, meaning, "A

Place Where Knowledge Comes". It is a home-away-from home for Native Students since it's recent opening. The Esak'timá Center (eh-sack-tee-ma) at Sacramento State, residing on Miwok, Maidu, and Nisenan land, welcomes all Native students who are entering freshmen, returning students, and graduate students. The Center is situated in an area with nine Tribal Nations, and the Center is committed to celebrating the traditions of these nine Nations as it works with their citizens as

well as the Native students from other tribal areas in and outside of California. The nine Tribal Nations are the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-wuk Indians, Cachil dehe Band of Wintun Indians, Ione Band of Miwok Indians, Jackson Band of Miwok Indians, Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, United Auburn Indian Community, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Wilton Rancheria, and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

At the Center, we reconceptualize Native American Student Success partly by showing respect and understanding for Native students' traditional ways of thought and being. Services such as advising and educational planning will be conducted in a culturally responsive way and will enable the student to identify the microaggressions, insults and slights, that they face daily.



Standing left Rose Soza War Soldier, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Native American Studies and Ethnic Studies Sacramento State University, Assemblyman James Ramos, Rena Horse, Esak'timá Center Coordinator and Native Student Success Counselor, Brian Baker, Ph.D. Professor, Ethnic Studies Director, Native American Studies at Center blessing.

The Esak'timá Center is a hub, focused on removing barriers to academic success with such hub-making activities as academic services, food

making and sharing, talking circles, beading workshops, gardening, and cultural event planning. It introduces services to first-time students from the moment they enter the University and continue to provide Native students with help in educational goal-setting and graduation. The Esak'timá Center recognizes that the students enter a colonized and hostile environment and educational system. This, the Esak'timá Center must provide the kind of

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Tijuana River Named One Of America's Most Endangered Rivers Of 2024

Imperial Beach, CA– On Tuesday morning, April 16, the Surfrider Foundation and Un Mar de Colores hosted a press conference to announce that the Tijuana River has been officially designated one of America's top ten Most Endangered Rivers of 2024. The designation was made by American Rivers, a national environmental advocacy organization focused on protecting and promoting the health of rivers in the United States. Each year, American Rivers releases a list of the Most Endangered Rivers in America to shine a spotlight on threats to clean water and to drive advocacy.

The press conference took place at the Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center in Imperial Beach, surrounded by a sea of vibrant yellow flowers covering the estuary and the bustling city of Tijuana in the distance. Six speakers shared their reactions to the announcement and several local news media outlets were in attendance. This announcement comes at a time when

the environmental catastrophe in the Tijuana River Watershed, and the resulting public health crisis, continue to worsen. Since Jan. 1st of this year, over 25 billion gallons of contaminated water have flowed out through the river into the ocean in Imperial Beach. The southernmost beach in San Diego County has been closed for over 860 consecutive days and counting. The water is now so inundated with toxic pollution that air quality is also impaired. People are getting sick standing in their front yards, doing their jobs, and going to school.

Featured speakers commented on the current state of crisis and also highlighted



Kumeyaay Spiritual Warriors. From left Bethany Case, Mario Ordoñez-Calderon, Ramon Chairez, Chris Helmer, Zach Plopper, Bobby Wallace, Sarah Davidson

the values of the Tijuana River Watershed, along with the importance of this new designation.

Bobby Wallace, of the Barona Band of Mission Indians of the Kumeyaay Nation opened with a powerful land

acknowledgement, and added, "The water is not going to stop flowing. It's going to keep going. It's going to go up the coast, we can't even swim. Our fish in the harbor – it's polluted – not everyone

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emotional support critical to the student's success and retention in school. It is not enough simply to know that there are resources and services available to the Native student. The student's past experiences in the education system of feeling inadequate (not equal to their peers) and marginalized—"Why try? I am not good enough anyway" – must be recognized and addressed in a Native-sensitive way. The issues of colonial mindset and historical, intergenerational trauma are real and underpin the student's feelings that they are not worthy, not good enough, not "white" enough, to succeed in college.

The Esak'timá Center provides supportive services for students to assist you in your academic journey with Academic Advising, Academic Workshops, Peer Advising, Scholarship referrals, Cultural Presentations and Workshops, Student Leadership opportunities and Campus and Community Resources. We strive to make the Esak'timá Center a home away from home where your values as a Native student are recognized, your student accomplishments are celebrated and your contributions to your community are honored, as are you. The Center is an open and inclusive gathering space for all students.

Sent On Behalf of the Associate Vice President, Student Retention and Academic Success (Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny)

After a rigorous search to recruit our new Native Success Coordinator/Counselor position, I am pleased to announce the selection of Rena Horse for the position. As a Unit we are immensely proud of the efforts of the hiring committee and wish to thank the campus and the Division's leadership for their support of this position. Rena brings a vast array of experiences to the role of the Native Success Coordinator as evidenced by her biography.

Rena Horse is an enrolled member of the Pit River Tribe. She is also Paiute from the Northeastern corner of California and her bands are the Astarawi (Hot-Springs People) and Gidutikad (Ground Hog Eaters). Her pronouns are She/Her/Hers.

As a Sacramento State Alum she earned her bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies with a Native American Studies Concentration. She also holds an Associate of Liberal Arts Degree in General Education from American River College. In addition to these degrees, she earned her Academic Advising Certification from the University of California, Davis. She is a proud first-generation college graduate and also serves as a Culture Representative for the Pit River Tribal Council.

For the more than a decade, she has



been a dedicated Student Affairs staff member, serving as an Academic Advisor, as well as an Associate Director to the Native

American Academic Student Success Center, at the University of California, Davis. She also served as the Assistant Director to the Native American Resource Center at American River College. Due to her passion and strong personal commitment to serving students from diverse and underserved backgrounds, she is excited to collaborate with the diverse range of programs and communities here at Sacramento State as the Native Success Program Coordinator. She also brings vast knowledge of the campus having worked for the Ethnic Studies Department, under the profound leadership of Dr. Reed.

As a Native American transfer student who benefited greatly from student academic support services at the University, she is looking forward to the opportunity to apply her expertise in culturally competent program development that advances plans to promote the academic achievement of underrepresented and socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Her goals for the Native Student Success Center include development and implementation of

programs where Sacramento State becomes the "destination" campus for Native American students, especially from California Indian tribal communities. In addition, another top goal under her leadership includes creating a welcoming space where Native students are supported and honored, and where students feel they have a home away from home. As the new Coordinator of the Center, Rena welcomes working arduously to improve Native American student retention and graduation rates in support of the campus's imperatives regarding student success.

Overall, Rena brings a true passion and love for life. Her expertise in the community has been shaped by her support of American Indian Education and Cultural programs with community and school programs for the span of many years. Rena enjoys making traditional regalia and artwork. Additionally, she participates in traditional dancing. You can also often find Rena at Powwows and Native ceremonies with her family. Earlier in life, she emerged as an accomplished runner and athlete. To this day, Rena values running, spending time with family and friends as well as camping, fishing, hiking, and swimming. Please join me in welcoming this amazing leader as the new and first coordinator of the Native Student Success Center to be officially launched in fall of 2022. We look forward to the opening of the Native Center as a significant milestone in the history of the University and welcome Rena Horse to her new role.

Senate Passes Murkowski, Schatz Resolution Recognizing Native Women Achievements and Contributions

Bipartisan Resolution Celebrates Native Women During National Women's History Month

Today, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed S.Res.555 led by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA), and Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI), Chairman of the SCIA, honoring the achievements of Native women throughout American history.

"Each year during March, the Senate celebrates National Women's History Month and acknowledges the important contributions made by women. Women's History Month also provides a continuing opportunity for us to recognize Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian women, the wealth of contributions they have made to the United States and to reflect on Native culture, traditions and experiences that have shaped history. For their impact through military or public service, advancements in the fields of business, education, arts, law, and sciences, or efforts made in protecting traditional ways of life, we honor Native women through

the passage of this Senate resolution," said Vice Chairman Murkowski.

As we celebrate the historic Tribal provisions in the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, I'm proud to partner with Vice Chairman Murkowski on this important resolution during this year's Women's History month that honors the continuing impact Native women have on our shared American history," said Chairman Schatz.

In addition to Vice Chairman Murkowski and Chairman Schatz, the following 25 senators co-sponsored the resolution: Michael Bennet (D-CO), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Sherrod Brown (D-OH) Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Steve Daines (R-MT), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), John Hoeven (R-ND), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Mike Rounds (R-SD), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), Tina Smith (D-MN), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Jon Tester (D-MT), and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).



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Black Panther Party Monthly Review



Henry Lee Wallace V
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March 2024 was historical for the San Diego Black Panther

Party. As an organization, whose mission is to serve the people in their time of need, we were blessed and honored to help facilitate “the safe release” of MR. Rodney Kevin Danzeler, from the infamous La Mesa prison, located in Tijuana, Mexico. Ironically it’s named after the city this brother lived in, which is La Mesa, CA. After trying unsuccessfully to engage our elected officials and the American and Mexican consulates to help secure Rodney’s release. The San Diego Original Black Panther Party decided that we must help Rodney and His mother, to safely secure his safe return home.

We learned a lot from this experience because of what has happened while trying to secure Rodney’s release. The Black Panther Party will be developing a

program that will help families in securing their loved ones from foreign prisons, paving the way for easier visitation of loved ones. While making US citizens receive much needed Toiletries, clothing, bedding and commissary.

We will be looking for a collaboration with the community, government and the business community. If anyone wants to help, feel free to go to our website: sdobpp.org. Donate and/or message us for our mission. As we move forward into April 2024, we wish you all a happy Earth Day. It is time for all of us to help save our planet by planting greenery and recycling all consumer products.

The San Diego Original Black Panther Party is committed to this mission of saving our planet and the many species that live on it.

In closing, I want you all to know that I will be hosting the 2024 “Chitlin Circuit”

Blues Jams, every first Saturday, starting May 4, 2024 from 7pm - 11pm PST. The host band will be the Wilovalot Band. The location will be at the Historic: Clementine McDuff Ledge 598, 6 Hensley St. San Diego, CA 92102.

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knows this, but it is. We need to stop this and we need to stop it now. So I call on everybody, please support this endeavor.”

Zach Plopper, Senior Environmental Director at the Surfrider Foundation explained, “This river is the ecological heartbeat of the border region. The wetland is a blue-carbon ecosystem. It captures more atmospheric carbon per acre than any other habitat type in the county. More than 10,000 acres of protected areas on both sides of the border are in place to safeguard the river, the estuary, and the surrounding ecosystems, including California’s southernmost marine protected area. It provides open space for thousands of local residents as well as visitors from far beyond our region. This place is incredible. But the public health and environmental justice emergency unfolding here has been going on for decades and it’s worse now than it’s ever been . . . It’s our hope that the designation of the Tijuana River as one of the most endangered rivers in the country will be a turning point in the effort to get the funding and resources that are so desperately needed to ensure a clean and accessible Tijuana River Valley.”

Mario Ordoñez-Calderon, Co-founder and Executive Director of Un Mar de Colores added, “The Tijuana River is a symbol of connectedness and intersectionality, and in the face of pressing climate issues that will force us to start approaching environmental issues not just at a national level but at an international and global level, the Tijuana River possesses the greatest opportunity to demonstrate successful tri-national collaboration in undoing a gross array of

environmental injustices against clean water that have gone overlooked in this nation for far too long . . . I hope this endangered river designation supports the relentless and decades-long community-led efforts and presents a crucial opportunity to restore and protect our coast, rivers, watershed, and communities for generations to come.”

Congressmember Scott Peters, represented by his Director of Constituent Services in San Diego, Cesar Solis, said of the announcement, “It smells bad, it looks bad, it’s one of the biggest environmental catastrophes the U.S. currently faces. But hopefully, soon, the story of the Tijuana River will be one of triumph, not tragedy . . . This should be a destination attracting people from across the world, but instead, anyone who wants to enjoy South Bay beaches is met with hazard signs. So, though we are here today to lament the Tijuana River’s current state, let’s continue to work together so that one day it earns the distinction of being an environmental jewel, not an environmental disaster.”

Congressmember Juan Vargas who represents this area sent a statement adding, “This designation reaffirms what our communities already know too well – toxic pollution is flowing into the Tijuana River every day and we need the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant to be expanded as quickly as possible . . . Our work is far from over. We’ll keep fighting for the health of our communities and waterways.”

Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre, represented by City of Imperial Beach Environmental Director Chris Helmer, stated, “The impact of this pollution crisis on the 750,000 residents living in South San Diego County can not be overstated. Since August 2022, our community has endured the relentless onslaught of over 1

Multiple South Dakota Tribal Nations Ban Noem From Reservation Land: What To Know

by Lauren Irwin

Multiple tribal nations in South Dakota have banned Gov. Kristi Noem (R) from their reservation land, citing her immigration, crime and race-related remarks.

Relations between the governor and the tribes have been strained since she took office in 2019. But her recent comments have created even more tension, and she is now unable to step foot on more than 10 percent of the land in the state she governs.

Some of the tribes have also accused Noem, who has been floated as potential vice-presidential pick for former President Trump, of making decisions to boost Trump’s campaign efforts.

Here’s what you need to know about the bans.

First tribe bans Noem from reservations

In early February, the Oglala Sioux Tribe became the first tribal nation in South Dakota to ban Noem from their land. Tribe president Frank Star Comes Out released a statement barring the governor after she made comments about the U.S.-Mexico border in late January.

Noem delivered remarks to the state Legislature, where she said The Mount Rushmore State would send more resources to Texas as it grapples with an influx of migrants at the border, which she called an “invasion.” Her announcement

included sending South Dakota National Guard troops. “Calling the United States’ southern border in Texas an ‘invasion’ by illegal immigrants and criminal groups to justify sending S.D. National Guard troops there is a red herring that the Oglala Sioux Tribe doesn’t support,” Star Comes Out wrote in a statement. The tribe leader added that migrants “don’t need to be put in cages, separated from their children like during the Trump Administration, or be cut up by razor wire furnished by, of all places, South Dakota.” He also pushed back on Noem for placing blame on President Biden for the border crisis. The governor responded that it’s “unfortunate” that the tribe “chose to bring politics” into the “federal government’s failure to enforce federal laws at the southern border and on tribal lands.”

The Hill has reached out to the Star Comes Out’s staff for further comment.

Three more tribes follow suit

On Apr. 2, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe became the second tribe to ban Noem from their reservation. Members of the Tribal Council were frustrated by the governor’s uninvited attendance at the quarterly Pe’ Sla meeting on March 29 in Rapid City. Chairman Ryman LeBeau claimed Noem showed up billion gallons of sewage per month coming down the Tijuana River. The Tijuana River now carries more untreated sewage than any other river in the United States. This is inflicting devastating social, environmental, economic, and public health impacts on our communities . . . We urgently need local, state, and federal officials to champion a comprehensive solution in the Tijuana River. Failure to act now could result in irreparable harm to this endangered river and to this endangered ecosystem here.”

Bethany Case, long-time Imperial Beach resident and Surfrider’s Clean Border Water Now lead volunteer closed out the press conference by sharing, “We’re disgusted by what we have learned about what we are breathing any time we are outside or inside when we have our windows open because it’s likely seeping into our home that way. We can’t use our most beloved natural recreation resources without worrying about what we are breathing. This designation means so much to our family and our community because it means that the health of the watershed will continue to be a priority not only locally but nationally and that we are able to spread our message and our stories further than we ever thought possible.”

but provided the following statement: “The 2024 Most Endangered Rivers listing is a call to action for clean water. We are proud to work with the Surfrider Foundation, Un Mar de Colores, and other local organizations in advocating for clean water and pollution controls on the Tijuana River.”

The designation of the Tijuana River as endangered sounds the alarm across the country and offers all of us, whether directly or indirectly impacted, an opportunity to join the effort to address this public health and environmental justice emergency. It will take all of us to build the social movement required to heal our river, our coast, and our communities.

About the Surfrider Foundation: The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world’s ocean, waves, and beaches for all through a powerful activist network. Learn more at surfrider.org, or visit SurfriderSD.org.

The Clean Border Water Now Program (CBWN) at Surfrider Foundation’s San Diego County Chapter focuses on the transboundary pollution in the Tijuana River Watershed. More information about CBWN can be found at <https://sandiego.surfrider.org/cbwn> or by calling 619.837.8199.

About Un Mar de Colores: Un Mar de Colores is a nonprofit organization focused on inspiring inclusivity and celebrating diversity through initiatives focused on increasing coastal access for underserved youth and their families. Learn more at <https://mar-de-colores.org/>

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Kristan Culbert, representing American Rivers, was unable to attend in person,

California Volunteers and Mayor Gloria Announce San Diego Area Recruitment for Nation's Largest Service Force

What you need to know:
 California Volunteers, Office of the Governor is now recruiting hundreds of paid California Service Corps Members in the San Diego area to help their community while tackling the state's most pressing issues, gaining economic opportunities and shaping the future of the region's workforce.

supporting communities impacted by disasters, working to end hunger and connecting vulnerable people to vital resources and services.
 “These are California’s future leaders, and we need their passion, energy and enthusiasm to

City of San Diego has provided paid internship opportunities to more than 800 young people through California Service Corps programs, giving them valuable public service experience and creating pathways to full-time employment while also earning a wage,” said Mayor Todd Gloria. “We’re honored to be chosen as a key recruiting ground, and I’m grateful to the state for investing in our communities and providing thousands of service opportunities to help bring about positive change across California.”

California Service Corps members gain skills and experience while connecting with others and making a positive difference. Service experiences also foster a positive sense of connection

#CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps that San Diegans can explore. California Service Corps changes lives and opens doors, it is an incredible resource for our region and our state,” said Senator Toni G. Atkins.

“Our youth are making a difference. The California Service Corps is empowering our future leaders to make their mark through mentoring students, taking climate action and getting people connected to the services they need. I am excited to see the next generation rise to the challenge,” said Assemblymember Tasha Boerner.

“I am thrilled that the California Service Corps is recruiting in San Diego County for four different paid service programs,” said Assemblymember Dr. Akilah Weber. “Public service is a significant pillar in the foundation of strong communities and a strong state. I encourage San Diego residents to find their fit in these programs and sign up to serve today!”

“Giving back to your community is one of the most fulfilling experiences you can have in life,” said Assemblymember Chris Ward. “I encourage all San Diegans who are interested in public service to apply for a service member position with the California Service Corps and make California a better place for us all.”

Those interested in finding a paid service opportunity can learn more and apply at CAServiceCorps.com.

San Diego, Calif. – Today, California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, and Assemblymember David Alvarez announced the recruitment of hundreds of service members in the San Diego area for the California Service Corps. This program offers a unique opportunity for individuals to gain meaningful work experience while making a positive impact in their communities and earning a paycheck.

“As Californians, the spirit of service and giving back is in our DNA – it’s why we have the largest service corps in the nation, bigger than the Peace Corps and a model for other states,” said Governor Gavin Newsom. “In the coming year, 10,000 service corps members will devote nearly five million hours to our communities as we work to build a California for all.”

Over the coming year, California Service Corps programs will be over 10,000 strong and members will serve nearly five million hours. Service members help communities by taking climate action, tutoring and mentoring students to help them succeed,



Caption: California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday, Mayor Todd Gloria, Assemblymember David Alvarez and members of the California Service Corps join forces to support recruitment efforts for the California Service Corps in San Diego.

address our greatest challenges,” said California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday. “These programs pave pathways for prosperity, propel progress on our most pressing issues, and promote unity to help unravel the crisis of social isolation and division.”

California Service Corps is administered by California Volunteers, Office of the Governor and consists of four paid service programs: #CaliforniansForAll College Corps, California Climate Action Corps, #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps and AmeriCorps California. Combined, it is a force larger than the Peace Corps and will be mobilized at a time when California is addressing the climate crisis, post-pandemic academic recovery and shaping the future of the state’s workforce.

“In partnership with Governor Newsom and California Volunteers, the

and belonging, an answer to the loneliness crisis – as defined by the U.S. Surgeon General.

“The California Service Corps programs help our future leaders embark on a journey of service and community impact,” said Assemblymember David Alvarez. “These initiatives play a pivotal role in empowering individuals to make a positive impact in their communities while gaining valuable skills and experience. I encourage those committed to public service to join this dedicated workforce.”

“The California Service Corps offers people of all ages the opportunity to serve their communities and learn new skills. This recruitment event highlights the incredible programs such as #CaliforniansForAll College Corps and



#CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps alumna Dallas Purvis shares her experience of how the California Service Corps has positively impacted her life and enabled her to make meaningful contributions to her community in San Diego.

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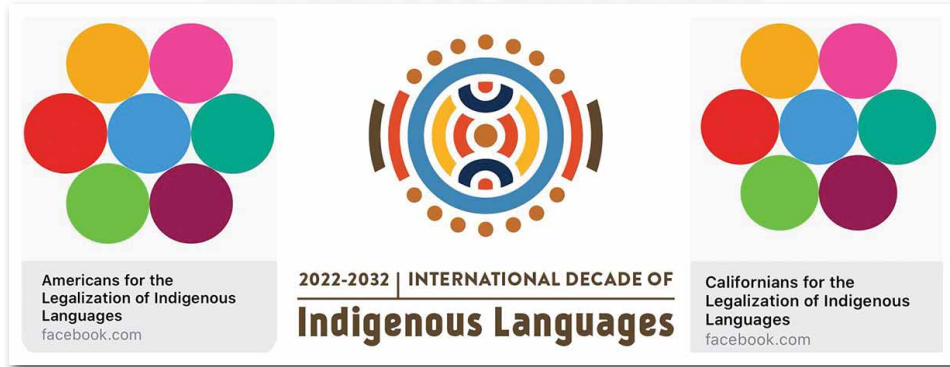
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Matsaym, 'Enyaa Nyip Techahaay I've Got a Desert High (Kumeyaay)



I love visiting new places and finding myself adventuring through not only this beautiful planet we have the privilege of calling home but also in the inspiration it

brings. As a song writer, I find words in places where I can hear myself think, and a large amount of my content is nature or land based; not always relationship based. One thing I never tire of is long road trips passing places I have seen time and time again and remembering that there, right there while walking my dog is where I wrote "Once was lost" and an hour or two down the highway is where I found the words "it's like a key to my own front door" or maybe it's more likely the words found me. This translation is a song from over a decade ago. It was my first time in Palm Springs and I saw and felt so much beauty there, then I returned to my hotel and my old guitar and sang all about it. These words that started just by looking at the shadow of a Joshua Tree on a large rock are my souvenirs.

'Iipay weyaay matetay wechur wemirr. 'Iipay marway matsay weraaw wemirr. 'Enyaach? Hewak 'emirrs. Enyaa 'ehin 'aamp matsaym. Ach wii. Maaych hepshiiw tawaa. 'Il chewuw nyapoom wetapch taayaw. Maaykally 'uuy wii. 'Enyaa'ehanches. Nyapoom nyii aakily peyaa umaaw 'eyip. Ach 'iichaam weyiw. Emak telekwin kepech'uurr, nyIpi ny'ewuwm 'echeyuwch wechuw lyemaachlly lyemaach. Peyaa'echeyuwch nyip 'enyaa 'ehan ny'iichaa. Mat 'aaw hechap matsay rewii.

'Ily matsay kopay kuwaaym, mesally winy puu 'Enyaa weyuuw

Palm Springsm, Aa kewaay kyak aa maayk kyak wepis 'aars
Maay maaykesaap chupitt kewaak 'enyaa ma hema 'aars.
Aakwayk nyehaay 'e'ip. Maach we'ipyaa?
Yaachash kemeyuulk, 'Enyaach 'echuw, matsaym 'Enyaa nyip techahaay.
'Enyaach wekaa kecham wiih!
Cha'yaawch aakily kecham wiih!
Meketuy, puy kur kuuchuut
Uumall nyewaa muuchuut
'Iipych kii wiichaa uunyaa nyehaay 'echow tawaa!
Kii 'enyaach matsaym'enyaa nyip techahaay.
Ematt 'Ewuwh waa kenuw maay axkay, matetay tewaa tewaa tewaa
San Andreas Faultm Enyaach wehap 'epeshuw
Uunyaa "Main" chuhii 'Enyawaapch aamp 'enyaa mesallemakm
Aakwayk nyehaay 'e'ip. Maach we'ipyaa?
Yaachash kemeyuulk, 'Enyaach 'echuw, matsaym 'Enyaa nyip techahaay
'Ehaa 'esilych, Salten Sea chuhii, puy 'Enirh
'Aahink ta'waa kurlly nyeway. Nyáama maach 'enyaach pam
Nyakur 'iipay chayip aahhiish mewas Ny'iipatt alpaaymches. Enyaa 'ehink, nyapoom enyaa hewak.
Yaachash kemeyuulk, 'Enyaach 'echuw matsaym 'Enyaa nyip techahaay
'Enyaach wekaa kecham wiih!
Cha'yaawch aakily kecham wiih!
Meketuy, puy kur kuuchuut
Uumall nyewaa muuchuut
'Iipych kii wiichaa uunyaa nyehaay 'echow tawaa!
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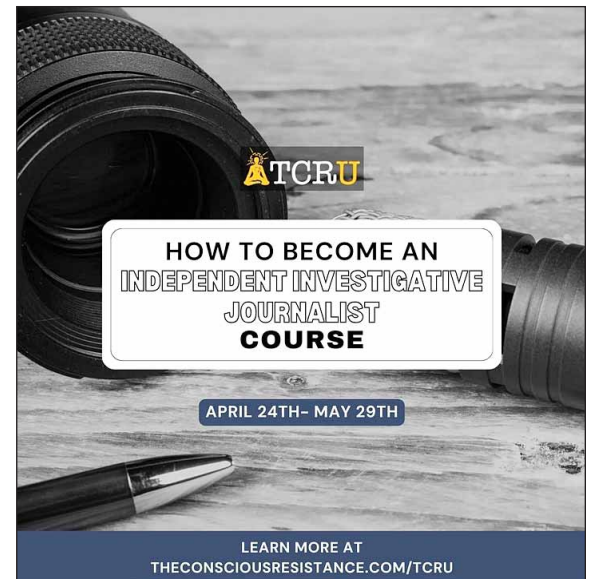
Announcing the 2nd Edition of the How to Become an Independent Investigative Journalist Course from April 24th to May 29th!

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VOSD Hosts Locals

Voice of San Diego treated several San Diego citizens to a networking kaffeeklatch at the Mixed Grounds art gallery on 2920 Imperial Avenue/mixedgrounds.com. A variety of issues iraised ncluding taxes, inadequate flood response, and the closing of big box stores ... more at voiceofsandiego.org

The Soap Factory on 2925 Commercial St.sponsors a fundraising gala on May 18th featuring Jean-Michel Basquiat's sisters. See: vanguardculture.com. Press contact-Susanna



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Dr. C. Sade Turnipseed is Mississippi's Next Governor

by Windy Goodloe, secretary, Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery Association

Dr. C. Sade Turnipseed is "out-front and out-spoken." She has set her sights on becoming the next governor of Mississippi, and there really isn't anything standing in her way on her quest to achieve this goal. Dr. Turnipseed is clear about the road ahead. She is ready to fight, and she knows that she can affect lasting and positive change in the Magnolia State.

Dr. Turnipseed was born and raised in San Francisco, California. She is the oldest of her California set of siblings. There are also two older sisters and a brother who were raised in Mississippi with their grandparents. Dr. Turnipseed moved to Mississippi about sixteen years ago.

If there has been a deeply moving turning point in her life, it would be the unexpected loss of her brother at the age of eighteen. The sadness of losing her brother forced her to seek joy in her life. She found it in traveling and education. As she traveled the world, she brought her brother with her by lighting a candle and incense in each locale she visited as

a way of remembering him and invoking his spirit. She has dedicated her life to education, and not just in the classroom. While she is a professor at two HBCUs (Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University), Dr. Turnipseed is also a public historian.

In this capacity, Dr. Turnipseed plans to honor enslaved cotton pickers and sharecroppers. This will culminate in a project entitled "Cotton Pickers of America Historic Monument and Historical Trail." This is a \$26 million campaign that is being facilitated by Khafre, Inc. She has also facilitated and initiated the Fannie Lou Hamer Historical Marker. It was a project that was developed and designed by Mississippi Valley State University students and the Sunflower County Board of Supervisors. It was installed in front of the Sunflower County Courthouse in 2020. She has also been involved in the Sweat Equity Investment in the Cotton Kingdom Symposium, the Cotton Pickers Ball, the B.B. King Museum and Interpretative Center, the B.B. King Throne, the Harmonica Parade, and the Fannie Lou Hamer Empowerment Project.

Dr. Turnipseed is the cultural arts director for the Mississippi Act for Community Education (MACE). She worked to reestablish the Cultural Arts Department. She also worked to establish the Indianola History and Culture – A Historical Marker and Walking Trail. She is the owner of da' House of Khafre. It is the first and only cultural arts/educational institute in the Mississippi Delta. She is the host of the Juneteenth 101 Podcast and Delta Renaissance, which is the longest running weekly prime-time cultural arts



and educational television and radio program that services the entire Mississippi Delta.

Dr. Turnipseed just returned from a trip to Africa, where she visited South Africa and Mali. Her interests lie in connecting the Mississippi Delta to Mali and Manchester, England, which was known as "Cottonopolis." She wants to educate the public about the impact that cotton has had on the world and the part that Mississippi played

in making cotton the important product that it is.

Dr. Turnipseed believes that it is important for her constituents to

understand that they have no restrictions. She doesn't have any boundaries or limits, and she wants to teach her fellow Mississippians that they don't have any boundaries or limits either. Dr. Turnipseed said, "Yes, I can, and you can, too. Let's make Mississippi great for real by electing a Black woman, an African woman who was born in America, who is very clear about her identity and her self-worth, people's worth and the contributions that we have made. Time's up. We're here. Demand the respect that we deserve. We are not taking no for an answer. Whether you vote for me or not, that's what time it is. It's the ancestors that are pushing this agenda."

For more information about Dr. C. Sade Turnipseed and her projects, please visit cottonpickers.us and turnipseed4MSrep.com

A Brief History of the Kateri Conference

by Robert Betancourt

The Kateri Conference was started in 2000 as a means of uniting the tribes in order to get Kateri Tekawitha elevated to sainthood. The yearly themes climaxed into the final declaration of sainthood in 2012 after a second miracle, which involved a person being healed from flesh-eating bacteria.

The organization has grown from its start in New York State. Kateri lived there from 1618 to 1635 with the Jesuits, and she converted to Catholicism. Kateri had smallpox and did not see well, hence she was given the name "Tekawitha," which means "she bumps into things." When she died, her smallpox scars went away, and the little Catholic community thrived.

The organization, which is headquartered in Bolton, Louisiana, now has five regions, of which Region 5 is the

largest. It spans from New Mexico to the Pacific and up to Alaska. Region 5 is the largest due primarily to the Indian

Removal Act of 1828 by President Andrew Jackson, which forced the tribes westward. This, in turn, created 117 federally recognized tribes in California alone. The Eastern Band Cherokees, who are hosting this year's conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, fled to the mountains in Appalachia and returned 40 years later to finally get their own reservation.

This year will see the possibility of the reuniting of the two tribes since the Indian Removal Act of 1828. The Oklahoma Cherokees now have a part in construction of CANOO vehicles in Pryor, Oklahoma, with the Pawnee Nation. It is hoped that some of these vehicles will be at the conference. For more information, visit tekconf.org.



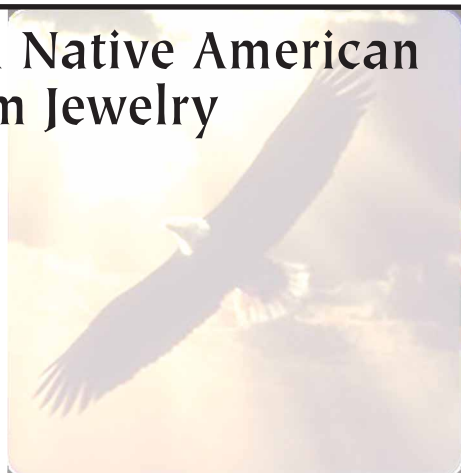
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Clean Elections San Diego

Hi Everyone,

It's that time! It's all hands on deck! Our first step in getting the San Diego City council to put clean elections on the November ballot is coming up. We will first go before the City Council Rules Committee at 9 AM on Wednesday, April 18. This is a committee made up of five City Council members and we will have to have the votes of three of them to continue. If we have that, the clean elections measure will be sent to the City Attorneys office for review. After that, we will have to go before the rules committee a second time. If we get three or more votes again, we get to go before the full council for an up or down vote!

What can you do, right now, to help build council support? Call your council member and let them know that you support clean elections! Can you do that? Can you make this quick call and then get your neighbor and family members to make a call?

Just a quick "I support clean elections and I hope the council member will vote for clean elections" will suffice but your choice of words and the length of your call, is up to you. The important point is to just make the call. Council members count the number of calls coming in on all subjects. Just by calling in, you make a difference!

The phone numbers for our City Council members are listed below.

The agenda for the Wednesday, April 18 Rules Committee will be out by April



12. Once we get that, we we will send out a second notice on how you can make your support known to the Rules Committee at their meeting. You will have three options. You can attend the Rules Committee downtown at City Hall, you can email in your support to the city council or you can call in when clean elections is before the committee.

Thanks again for your support! We are in this together and together, we can transform San Diego politics by ensuring that all San Diegans have a real chance to run for city council and win, not just wealthy candidates or candidates with special interest "big money" backing.

San Diego City Council Members and their phone numbers

- District 1 - Joe LaCava - 619-236-6611
- District 2 - Jen Campbell - 619-236-6622
- District 3 - Stephen Whitburn - 619-236-6633
- District 4 - Henry Foster - 619-236-6644
- District 5 - Marni von Wilpert - 619-236-6655
- District 6 - Kent Lee - 619-236-6616
- District 7 - Raul Campillo - 619-236-6677
- District 8 - Vivian Moreno - 619-236-6688
- District 9 - Sean Elo-Rivera - 619-236-6699

For more information, call John Hartley: Clean Elections San Diego Coordinator at 619-299-8870.



THE WHITE RAINBOW PROJECT

We have some exciting news to share with you! We are having our first event of the year and it will be a special night out on June 23rd to commemorate International Widows Day.

It is the Brilliance of Hope Gala!

This Gala event will feature an authentic Indian dinner, entertainment, and our 2024 Sari Challenge! Last year we had such a great time having college students participate from a local community college to compete in this challenge. We are excited to have new students join this year.

A new twist this year is that you will be able to start voting next month for your favorite designer and model duo as you buy tickets for our event. We will have an early bird special for those who decide to purchase early in April, more details will follow. Tickets will be available next

month and will be announced in this newsletter. All the details and tickets will be found on our website <https://www.whiterainbowproject.org/brilliance-of-hope-gala.html>

California Regulators Propose Significant Changes to Electricity Bills

State utility regulators have proposed reducing the cost of residential electricity bills for lower-income Californians and those living in parts of the state most impacted by extreme weather — mainly heat. The changes would also incentivize electrifying personal cars and in-home appliances.

A big reason for the proposal is how California's largest power companies currently calculate rates. The more power you use, the more money you pay — not just for electricity but also for things like maintaining the grid and reducing wildfire risk. When the temperature spikes, so do electricity bills, leaving some customers with monthly payments over \$500.

Why do we need this?

Proponents of the changes say customers with low income are paying more than their fair share of the costs of maintaining the electricity grid, and this will change that.

California is one of the only states that doesn't already have a fixed charge for its largest utilities, and the state Legislature ordered regulators in 2022 to implement one by July 1 of this year. Since then, power bills have only gotten more expensive. Regulators approved an average increase of \$32 per month for Pacific Gas & Electric Company customers just last year. The average price per kilowatt hour of electricity for California's big three utilities — Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric — is about 36 cents, compared to the national average of 17 cents.

The changes will shrink the price per unit of electricity for everyone and, therefore, encourage electrification, reducing fossil fuel emissions.

"Customers need to want to electrify," Chhabra said from the NRDC. "Currently, when they electrify their homes, they

wouldn't necessarily reduce their household energy bill. With this change, they will start saving money."

The proposal will bring California investor-owned utilities in line with publicly-owned utilities and utilities in other states.

The proposal will be up for a vote on May 9. In the meantime, members of the public can comment online.

Reactions for — and against

The prospect of a new charge that could raise some people's rates has prompted backlash from some state and federal lawmakers. In the state Legislature, a group of Democrats led by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin has introduced legislation that would cap the fixed charge at \$10 for most people and \$5 for people with low incomes. Irwin said the California Public Utilities Commission "is out of touch with consumers."

"We need to prioritize driving down consumer's overall bills, not redistributing the ever-increasing (investor-owned utilities) electric rates," Irwin said.

The Predictable Power Coalition, which includes the big three utilities, called the fixed rate "vital" and said the proposal "is a step in the right direction." Some of the state's most well-known consumer advocates, including The Utility Reform Network and the California Public Advocates Office, support the proposal because they say it would make utility bills more affordable.

Others, including the solar industry, worry that if electricity rates are cheaper during peak hours, people won't conserve as much energy. California has struggled at times to have enough electricity during these periods, especially during extreme heat waves, which caused some rolling blackouts in 2020.

If approved, the new billing structure would go into effect in late 2025 or early 2026.

This story includes reporting by Adam Beam from The Associated Press.

California Journalism Preservation Act

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the California Journalism Preservation Act.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) A free and diverse fourth estate was critical in the founding of our democracy and continues to be the lifeblood for a functioning democracy.

(b) Every day, journalism plays an essential role in California and in local communities, and the ability of local news organizations to continue to provide the public with critical information about their communities and enabling publishers to receive fair market value for their content

that is used by others will preserve and ensure the sustainability of local and diverse news outlets.

(c) Communities without newspapers lose touch with government, business, education, and neighbors. They operate without journalists working to keep them informed, uncover truth, expose corruption, and share common goals and experiences.

(d) Over the past 10 years, newspaper advertising has decreased 66 percent, and newsroom staff have declined 44 percent.

(e) Quality local journalism is key to sustaining civic society, strengthening communal ties, and providing information at a deeper level that national outlets cannot match.

32nd Annual Multicultural Earth Day Celebration: Uniting for Climate and Food Justice

The 32nd Annual Multicultural Earth Day Celebration, hosted by the WorldBeat Cultural Center, returns to Balboa Park on Sunday, April 21st, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. This year's theme, "Call for Unity for Climate and Food Justice," highlights the pressing need for collective action in addressing environmental challenges, especially in San Diego.

In alignment with San Diego's ambitious Climate Action Plan, which aims to plant 100,000 trees by 2035, the event will focus on engaging local organizations dedicated to restoring ecosystems and biodiversity. This year's partners include San Diego Audubon, Tree San Diego, and San Diego 350.org

Naleem Patil, an esteemed educator and advocate for sustainable practices, will be our keynote speaker and will share insights into the Miyawaki method—a pioneering approach to afforestation. This method, championed by Japanese botanist Professor Akira Miyawaki, accelerates the growth of dense, diverse forests in urban areas, offering a rapid response to climate change.



Warriors and Aztec Dance by Danza Colibri. Additionally WorldBeat Center's classes will perform including Japanese Taiko

by San Diego Taiko, Middle-Eastern Drumming and Bellydance by Cairo Beats, West African Drum and Dance by Dramane Kone and Djelia Kadi Ensemble, and Brazilian Samba by Super Sonic Samba.



Additional speakers at the event include Andrew Meyer, Director of Conservation at San Diego Audubon, and Karina Ornelas, Conservation Outreach Coordinator, offering insights into local conservation efforts.

Attendees can look forward to engaging workshops on composting, garden tours, and birdwatching tips, alongside cultural craft vendors and a

seed swap. Whether indoors or outdoors, this free event welcomes families and communities from all walks of life to unite in a shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

About WorldBeat Cultural Center:

As a non-profit multi-cultural arts organization we are dedicated to promoting, presenting and preserving the African Diaspora and Indigenous cultures of the world through Music, Art, Dance, Multimedia Arts, Education, and STEAM Research. We are located in beautiful Balboa Park in the heart of San Diego, California.

By raising consciousness, the WorldBeat Cultural Center promotes peace within our San Diego community. We provide on-going programs and services that nurture the spirit of children, the elderly and everyone in between. Our main goal is to create unity within diversity.

For more information about the event and the WorldBeat Cultural Center, visit www.worldbeatcenter.org or call 619-230-1190.



As the WorldBeat Cultural Center commemorates 38 years of promoting global unity through arts and education, Earth Day serves as a poignant reminder of our shared responsibility to

safeguard the planet. The celebration will feature a lineup of diverse musical performances, including Sister Carol, Rob Symeon, Empress Akua, Mono Verde, Josh David Barrett, local harpist Mariea Antoinette and Souplant. The event will begin with Native American drumming by Tim Red Bird and the Red

African Drum & Dance Class

Every Saturday

1 - 2 pm
Children's Drum Class (age 6-10 years) \$10

2 - 3:30 pm
Adult & teens drum class \$20

3:30 - 5 pm
African dance class with Sadie Lee: \$20

More Info worldbeatcenter.org



WORLD BEAT CENTER

Cesar Chavez Humanitarian Award

by Makeda Cheatom

On March 14th, Barrio Station hosted the 54th Anniversary Benefit Dinner. This annual event is a fundraiser and recognition dinner for members of the community. It was an honor to have been recognized by Barrio Station and Rachel Ortiz as an honoree for the Cesar Chavez Humanitarian award. Also recognized that night was Armando Vasquez Ramos for the Cesar Chavez Lifetime Achievement Award for his work with student Dreamers and their reconnection to their homeland. Thank you also to Mayor Todd Gloria, Congressman Juan Vargas and council member Vivian Moreno for your recognition.

I grew up in Logan Heights (Barrio Logan) on Mercy Ave and



me when I forgot my lunch and left tamales in my mailbox. I was the only English

speaker in the group and when I realized they weren't getting breaks and being paid on time, I reported it to the labor board. I got fired of course but I always remember appreciating our hermanas and hermanos working in the fields because I remember the toll it took on my body. That standing ovation after my acceptance reached my heart and it was for all my familia.

I also would like to big up Rachel Ortiz, executive director of Barrio Station. She has also been a pillar in the community. She has had a life-long commitment to at-risk youth; her work to prevent drug use, juvenile crime, and incarceration; and her varied and successful community reclamation and development projects contributed to her acclaim as an activist.

Barrio Station is located in San Diego and was established in 1970. The Barrio Youth Center provides a variety of activities and services including sports, fitness, and performing arts; computer lab; swimming pool; a children's program; gang intervention counseling; and other support services.

After the passing of Cesar E. Chavez, San Diego community residents and leaders, along with The Barrio Youth Center, began a grassroots movement to honor the life and legacy of Chavez. This movement, during its first year of existence, blossomed into a march through the Barrio Logan community and produced the Cesar E. Chavez Humanitarian Award and The Cesar E. Chavez Social Justice Award, which were presented at the Barrio Station Dinner.



this recognition meant a lot because it was a recognition from the community I grew up in. My first job was picking strawberries in the fields because there were no other jobs for me. I was taken care of by the tias, mamas, and abuelas working in the fields. They fed



Climate Action On Earth Day

by Alison Anderson and Dahlia Suiter

The California Climate Action Corps fellows will be hosting a variety of garden and sustainability-related activities at the 32nd Annual Multi-Cultural Earth Day Celebration on April 21st! Stop by our plant sale and seed swap to start growing your garden at home or add to what you have. Then, head over to the children's craft area to engage in some family-friendly climate action. If you want to learn about soil health and food justice, come to the hands-on compost workshops that our partner organizations will be hosting throughout the day. Lastly, ground yourself in the Ethnobotany Peace Garden with engaging garden tours led by our talented garden docents and relax within our wellness stations.

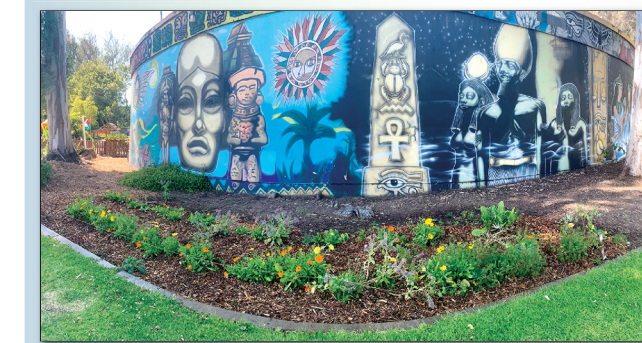
We're so excited to be partnering with a few amazing earth-focused organizations that will be helping us provide free, family-



friendly workshops throughout the day. Come and learn about composting, a powerful method of improving soil health and reducing food waste that you can do at home. weCompost2, another CCAC site, will be hosting a booth and giving demos on how to make a mini worm compost bin—at the end you get to take it home and try it out for yourself! Our friend Kyle Galkin at SustainSD will be hosting a few compost workshops at the WorldBeat composting station. There, you can see what we have been working on and learn about a few different compost methods. This will be an engaging experience where you can learn the basics on composting, help build a pile from scratch, and ask all your compost questions!

We've also been preparing to open up the garden and offer tours for you on

Earth Day! With the help of herbalist Cindy Saylor from Everyday Plant Magic, we've been training a group of garden docents to provide fun, educational garden tours for the public. Come by the booth outside the garden gate to sign up for tours and learn about the projects we've been working on in the garden. We hope to showcase the beauty



of the space while also sharing the wisdom of the plants and trees. We have learned so much working here as fellows, and feel a responsibility to share that knowledge with our community. So, we hope to see you at Multicultural Earth Day on April 21st, 11am-7pm to unite in the fight for climate and food justice!

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Twintastic Treats Veggie Lentil Pasta

Ready in 25 minutes/makes 4-6 Servings

Ingredients:

- 1 - 12 oz package vegan pasta noodles
- 1/2 pound dried green lentils
- 1 - 28 oz can of crushed tomatoes
- 1 - 5 oz package fresh baby spinach
- 1 pound zucchini, diced
- 1/4 pound carrot, thinly sliced
- 2 1/2 Tbsp soy sauce or liquid aminos
- 1 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 - 1 tsp brown sugar or vegan sweetener of choice
- 1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
- Salt and pepper to taste



heat, drain, and rinse in cold water and set aside.
2. Cook lentils according to package instructions.
Remove from heat,

drain, and rinse in cold water and set aside.
3. Heat a large pan over medium-high heat, add carrots, zucchini, lentils and all the seasonings and dry saute' for about 5 minutes.
4. Add crushed tomatoes and pasta and gently mix until well combined. Cover with a lid and reduce heat to medium-low. Bring to a simmer and allow to cook for another 5-7 minutes.
5. Add fresh spinach and gently fold in until evenly distributed in pasta. Turn off the heat and allow the residual heat to wilt the spinach.
6. Serve with a Side Salad and Dinner Rolls ... Enjoy!!!!

PREPARATION:

1. Cook the pasta according to package instructions minus 2 minutes. Remove from

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WORLD BEAT MIYAWAKI CHILDREN'S NATURE ZONE

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Situated next to the highway, this green oasis will serve a critical role in purifying the air, filtering out pollutants and providing residents and visitors alike with a breath of fresh air.

This pocket forest will serve as a green sanctuary in the city, promoting biodiversity, environmental awareness and stewardship from a young age.

Native saplings will be densely planted in well-prepared soil according to the Miyawaki method. Pathways and signage will be included.

Utilizing the innovative Miyawaki method, our project aims not just to introduce our youth to the beauty and importance of local native plants, but also to address critical environmental challenges.

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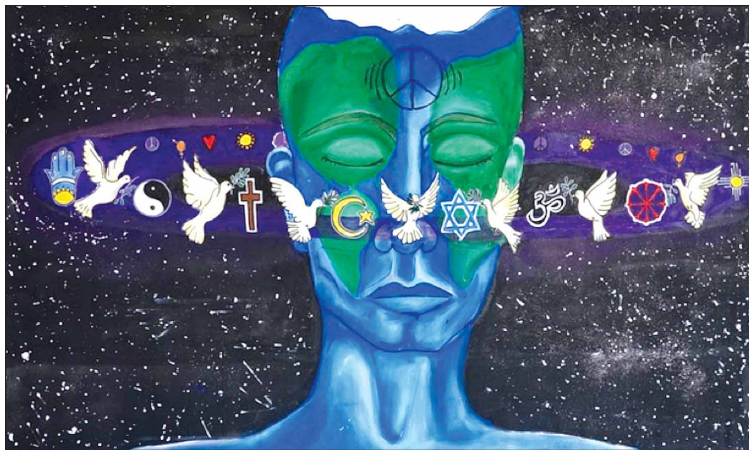
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DONATE A TREE:

Hands of Peace, Hearts that Break A Mural Story

by Joanne Tawfilis, PhD, Fine Arts

Gaza 2023 October 6. Like a sleeping giant, villages and the people that live in them are surrounded by barriers of armed Israeli military forces, fenced in by miles



of barbed wire and looking exactly like the refugee city they transitioned to. This all due to the continuous settlements built that literally pushed them out starting in 1948 when the world powers decided Palestine was a good choice to move hundreds of thousands to as their “new home”. Aside from the politics, the brutality and genocide of Palestinians grew to be their 75-year destiny where families and children were born and raised — inside the fence lines, with daily incursion of family homes and property

and where they lived in their own country as “refugees”, with deaths hardly noticed by the outside world. That’s often the way of those who write history. Even the map of Palestine disappeared after decades to be replaced with the word “Israel”. However, the hope for peace and justice and return of their lands and property, and even more their “culture”, was illusive but never forgotten.

For Art Miles Mural Project, they were never and never will be forgotten as murals were created in areas of Silwan to cross the oceans and seas, here in Southern California. And for many years the Hands of Peace program was located in the United States wherein students from Israel and Palestinians came together hosted by American families for a summer. Again, we painted

murals with the organization, beautiful murals, beautiful friendships began.

However, on the morning of October 6, 2023, the HAMAS organization launched a surprise attack on Israel and about 1200 Israeli citizens were killed and hostages taken.

The headlines were ablaze like an unstoppable forest fire lit by an ember of hatred and the thirst for revenge while the thirst for freedom by Palestinians becomes

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NETWORKING



VETERAN NEWS OUTREACH

In collaboration with Jerry Ashton

Veterans Voices: We're Listening

Veterans' Voices: We're Listening is an oral history program that preserves the memories and experiences of our Veterans so that future generations may better appreciate the realities and the sacrifices of those who serve in the military.

Please Join Us! On Wednesday, April 24 we are hosting a reception to honor our narrators and supporters.

Veterans' Voices: We're Listening [VVWL] is an oral history collaborative at UNLV that in association with the Women's Research Institute of Nevada and the Military and Veteran Services Center.

Founded in 2022 by Barbara Tabach, the project is capturing the experiences of Southern Nevada Veterans and their families. Veterans' Voices: We're Listening represents all branches and eras of the U.S. military and documents the the diversity of Veterans and their experiences, their service, and sacrifices.

The audio-recorded oral histories of Veterans and their families are transcribed and edited. We also scan photographs and other materials that will be included in the final oral history. We then create and publish a book of the transcript and images. The final product will be archived and available to the public and researchers.

The generous support of The Eleanor



Kagi Foundation, a Lynn M. Bennett Legacy, made it possible for Veterans' Voices: We're Listening to become a reality. We are humbly grateful for their continued support as we work to preserve the spoken memories of local Veterans and their families.

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- Chuck Johnson, Veteran of Korean & Vietnam eras

Additionally, VVWL is funded in part by a grant from Nevada Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

To keep this project sustainable for future generations of Veterans, please consider donating today at <https://engage.unlv.edu/s/1884/giving19/interior.aspx?sid=1884&gid=2&pgid=1082>

Stop the Hate with Music

“To preserve the art of improvisational music on the highest level,” Don McDaniels is breathing new life into downtown Los Angeles with the Chateau Noir Jazz Conservatory.

The Conservatory will train a new generation of improvisational jazz musicians, with a promise to graduate students debt-free and with a job in the music business.

In that same spirit of debt reduction, Chateau Noir's future productions will benefit Veterans and others with medical debt, housing issues, suicide prevention and other causes. Founder Don McDaniels plans to hold 150 live streamed concerts

per year.

Chateau Noir will offer one- and two-year music programs to train a new generation of musicians the American art form of improvisational jazz.

The parent organization is the Chateau Noir Art Institute, founded by CEO Don McDaniels. Chateau Noir is a certified non-profit and donations are welcome.

McDaniels also founded Muay Thai in America, a martial art and way of life from Thailand that is gaining ground in the United States.

Check out some music performances at chateanoirjazz.com.

“My wartime experiences developing a code that utilized the Navajo language taught how important our Navajo culture is to our country. For me that is the central lesson: that diverse cultures can make a country richer and stronger.”

— Chester Nez, the last surviving member of the Original 29 Navajo Code Talkers



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~ On the Town with Camille ~

by Camille Appling

Lemon Groves' Good Friday Cross Walk

This year, I participated in the Good Friday Community Cross Walk in Lemon Grove. Several members of the community, including children, showed up to honor the



Jesus Christ Memorial with reverence as they replicated his walk. The event consisted of walking to different stations for prayer.

It began at Treganza Park and included a "1 mile route stopping at 7 places." At Treganza Park, Pastor Bryan Scott of Community Engage Church gave his invocation (Luke 23:34) to protect the LG churches. The next stop was the sheriff's department and city hall, where Pastor Mike Pasqual of the Lemon Grove Foursquare Church prayed vehemently for the safety of the community and its government officials and financing (Luke 23:43).

We then walked to Mario's Clothing Center, where Pastor Laverne Mitchell spoke on behalf of the "disabled, addicted, underserved and unsheltered" for the House of Hope Church in a moving testimony for community advocacy (John 19:26-27). Next, we walked to the Union Bank Parking Lot, where North Park Apostolic Minister Billie Simmon gave a brief sermon in support of "LG families and schools" (Mat.27:46, Mk.15:34).

Pastor Mark Stapleton of the Cornerstone Community Church followed with his prayers over LG businesses for success and covering. I was elated that the cross walk covered the Fireman's Skate Park because I am a skate mom. My son has always skated to church with me, so including the Fireman's Skate Park was priceless.

At the park, Pastor Michael Jimenez of the Kaleo Christian Church and First Baptist Church of Lemon Grove gave the first invocation over the park and the community (John 19:30) for the first responders (firemen and sheriff), who have tirelessly served Jesus by helping others. The second presentation at the skate park included Pastor Will Warren, who prayed over LG military members, especially "vets and military families, and the wars in Ukraine and Gaza" (Luke 23:47).

The Cross Walk memorializes the sacredness of Jesus and his blessed life. I hope that this inspires others through love for Jesus.

Happenings at the Athenaeum Music and Art Library

This month, the La Jolla community has enjoyed jazz, folk and classical music coupled with various arts displays. Jamie

Shadowlight gave a stellar performance filled with soul. Her music is both empowering and comforting. The artists gave such dynamic performances at the library. Hopefully you can come visit and check out the upcoming shows. For more information, visit ljanthenaeum.org.



San Diego Neighborhood Coalition Disaster Relief for Flood Victims

The County Board of Supervisors met on March 12, 2024, at 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA, to discuss the current situation affecting victims of the recent flood disasters. In attendance were powerhouses Nora Vargas, Monica Montgomery Steppe and Tara Reemer, who covered everything from emergency services, women's rights, and community safety.



San Diego Neighborhood Coalitions Kevin Arnold spoke in agreement with the motion to allow hotel vouchers for the immediate needs of the flood

victims. We are so thankful to show support for leadership that performs at optimal levels for real community resolve. Prayers go out to the restorers of housing and business during this time.

Project New Villages Cesar Chavez Day of Service Mt. Hope, San Diego, CA

On Cesar Chavez Day, the Project New Village Community group put together a splendid Day of Service. This included the attendance of their very own Queen Mother Diane Moss, who whipped together a fish taco spread, which included fresh fruits and vegetables from the Mt. Hope Community Garden.

The garden was filled with people learning and developing strategies to improve gardening and food distribution. Ms. Moss was joined by several volunteers, including Kristin from the Fleet Center, who has been helping at the garden since its inception.

The event also had a DJ spinning fun music for countless children and parents to encourage dancing. Volunteer Jason was there helping in the garden but also showing concern for ethical growing and



distribution. The event was filled with good-natured vibes and the continuance of Cesar Chavez's mission for food safety, ethics in employment and care for the community.

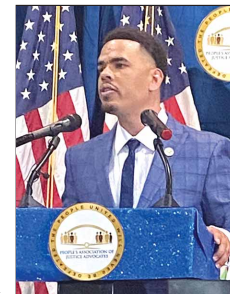
Dr. Akilah Weber's Book and Laptop Giveaway

On April 5, 2024, Dr. Akilah Weber and the United Way hosted a splendid event for the communities' children at the Jackie Robinson YMCA. The event included Sesame Street characters like Elmo and Ernie. Weber, who is the 79th District's assemblymember, and volunteers gave away books, laptops, and cool swag (T-shirts and coffee mugs) to nearly a thousand children. The volunteers did an exceptional job of organizing and encouraging this fun-filled event. If you are interested in Dr. Akilah's next events, which will include helping with college financial aid, youth leadership in government and disaster flood relief, please check out her website at a79.asmdc.org.



Celebration of Martin Luther King's Legacy with Attorney Shane Harris

April 4, 2024 was a glorious day in San Diego. Attorney Shane Harris presented the community with a stellar exposition in support of the deeply missed Civil Rights advocate Martin Luther King Jr. In honor of the late Dr. King, the lunch hosted the San Diego's finest. The lunch began with a brief meet and greet with the newly appointed Police Chief Scott Wahl, who discussed relationship-based law enforcement to increase effective communication to promote community safety with Community Leader Brian Goodin and the President of the Black Contractors Association Abdur Rahim Hameed.



Later we were blessed with a rendition of the national anthem. Next, proclamations and awards were given for Shane's ethics and determination by Mayor John McCann of Chula Vista. Pastor Eeley gave a brilliant "fear of God" invocation for all in attendance. Mayor Vasquez of Lemon Grove, a Christian advocate, spoke highly of Shane's housing solutions, ethics and the plight to remove poverty. She was followed by heiress Cheryl Morrow, a sister and leader in the struggle for justice, who bravely proclaimed Shane as an ethical leader. We were ecstatic at the arrival of District Attorney Summer Stephan, who honored for Dr. Martin Luther King and his accomplishments and championed Shane for striving to reduce painful situations through supportive actions and proactivity.

Mr. Harris has worked tirelessly as an

advocate for those in foster care. He has also worked to address crime and inhumanity. He has worked hard to ensure "fair and legal justice." Mayor Rebecca Jones of San Marcos and Mayor Ron Morrisson of National City both presented Mr. Harris with proclamations of support. Mr. Harris was also saluted by San Diego Unified School District's Sharon Whitehurst-Payne and Assemblymember David Alvarez. Colin Parent of La Mesa, County Assessor Jordan Marks, and the Office of Congressman Mike Levin attended the event with proclamations. The luncheon was filled with encouragement for the future leadership of San Diego. We are very proud of Shane Harris' accomplishments and look forward to his future service for the homeless and foster youth, along with justice in legal environments as he follows in Martin Luther King's legacy.

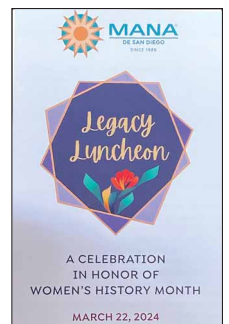
Mana de San Diego – Legacy Luncheon 2024: A Celebration in Honor of Women's History Month

On March 22, 2024, Mana de San Diego hosted a luncheon at Jamul Casino. The women of Mana welcomed members from back in the day, as well as contemporary leadership from various areas of excellence from all over the world. The organization was sponsored by Jamul Casino, California Coast, Kaiser Permanente and many others.

The highlights included introductions by our very own President Claudia Rempel and immediate Past-President Venus Molina. The event was expertly organized by Dr. Inez Perezchica and her superior staff, including Fernanda Canchola and Diana Lopez. The event was highlighted by heroic stories of success from the recently appointed San Diego Harbor Police Chief and Vice President of Public Safety Magda Fernandez. She has received several awards, including the Port of San Diego 2018 Chairman Cup Award for "peer support" and exemplary character.

Diana Fuentes, City Clerk of the City of San Diego and Loyola Marymount alumni, received high accolades for working in government advocacy and community involvement. The Super Hermana Award was presented to Delia Cacho Talamantez for her dedication to our community since she was 19. Her experience includes serving at the MAAC project located in San Ysidro, where she diligently supported issues like affirmative action, education for the community, and served with Mana de San Diego, the City of San Diego and the Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center.

The audience included San Diego's finest in banking, education, politics, law enforcement and business who were served a lunch which consisted of salmon, chicken and skirt steak surrounded by fresh flowers. For more information, check out manadesandiego.org



HUD Announces Foreclosure Moratorium, Housing Assistance And More For Flood Victims

March 31, 2024 —The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance for the State of California to assist supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in areas affected by a severe storm and flooding from January 21 to January 23, 2024. President Biden issued a major disaster declaration to affected individuals in San Diego County.

Effective immediately, HUD is:

Providing a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures of mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) as well as foreclosures of mortgages to Native American borrowers guaranteed under the Section 184 Indian Home

Loan Guarantee program. There is also a 90-day extension granted automatically for Home Equity Conversion Mortgages. The moratorium and extension are effective as of the President's disaster declaration date. Homeowners affected by the disaster should contact their mortgage or loan servicer immediately for assistance. Conventional mortgage holders may also be eligible for additional relief through their mortgage holder. Call the FHA Resource Center at 1-800-304-9320 for additional information. To learn more about disaster relief options for FHA homeowners visit the FHA Disaster Relief site.

South Dakota

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at the meeting with cameras to use it for "her agenda," Indian Country Today reported.

LeBeau expressed concern over Noem's comments at two town hall events after she slammed tribal leaders for profiting from drug dealers.

"We've got some tribal leaders that I believe are personally benefitting from the cartels being there and that's why they attack me every day," Noem said at a town hall in Winner, S.D., earlier this month The Associated Press reported.

Alli Moran, the tribe's intergovernmental affairs officer, told The Hill that several tribes "share the same sentiments" that Noem does not respect or "fully understand" tribal sovereignty.

"That's the reason why we're banning her is because she doesn't respect or uphold tribal sovereignty and her comments ... that she made down in Winner, South Dakota at the town hall, but those are her sentiments and her thoughts of our people," Moran said. "And so ... to protect our people, we went ahead and moved forward with these measures."

Days later, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe banned Noem as well, citing her "racially charged" comments.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe straddles the border of North Dakota and

South Dakota. According to audio shared with The Hill, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Vice Chairman Frank Jamerson said South Dakota members of the council are upset with the vote to ban Noem.

At least five members of the South Dakota delegation were excused from the vote and two others voted no on the measure. Six members from North Dakota on the council voted with one South Dakota member to ban the governor from the reservation, the audio shows.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chair Janet Alkire said in a statement Wednesday that Noem's attempt to link tribes with the Mexican cartel was "irresponsible" and a "sad reflection of her fear-based politics that do nothing to bring people together to solve problems."

Alkire declined to comment further when reached over the phone.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe became the fourth tribal nation to ban the governor from its land Thursday.

In a release, reported by the South Dakota Searchlight, officials said the ban is justified not only because of her recent comments, but her relationships with tribes since taking office.

"Governor Noem claims she wants to establish meaningful relationships with Tribes to improve solutions for systemic problems," the Rosebud Sioux Tribe said. "However, her actions as Governor blatantly show otherwise."

Good Friday Narraganset Clear Clam Chowder at Saint Joseph Mission Catholic Church

by Robert Betancourt Jr.

On Friday 29 March (GOOD FRIDAY) after Stations of the Cross outside and a



mass at Saint Joseph church, we served the Narraganset Clear Clam Chowder along with clam cakes. The event was well

attended. It was interesting to see the Stations of the Cross done outside. We made about two hundred dollars which will go for the church expenses.

On Saturday, 13 April there was a Children's fishing contest sponsored by American legion Post 53 and the Elks Club at the Golden Era golf course pond. There were three girls from Saint Jude Mission Indian Catholic school going. The "Aunties" are negotiating for the transportation. First prize is a family trip to Disney Land in Anaheim California.

Soboba Casino is booking many acts including the Native American Comedy show with Howie and four others along with Marc Yafee his website is: laughwithMarc.com.

Noem doubles down on border comments

Noem argued that the tribes are one of the communities most affected by the surge in migrants.

In an emailed statement to The Hill, she doubled down on her comments, urging tribal leaders to "immediately banish the Mexican drug cartels that are responsible for murders, rapes, drug addiction, and many more crimes on tribal lands."

"The people in the communities live with unspeakable horrors and tragedy every day, but banishing me for telling the truth about the suffering does nothing to solve the problems," her statement reads. "It may play well for the leftist media, but in reality, it's pointless."

"The real question you should be asking is: 'Why won't tribal leaders banish the Mexican drug cartels who are responsible for this devastation?'" she added.

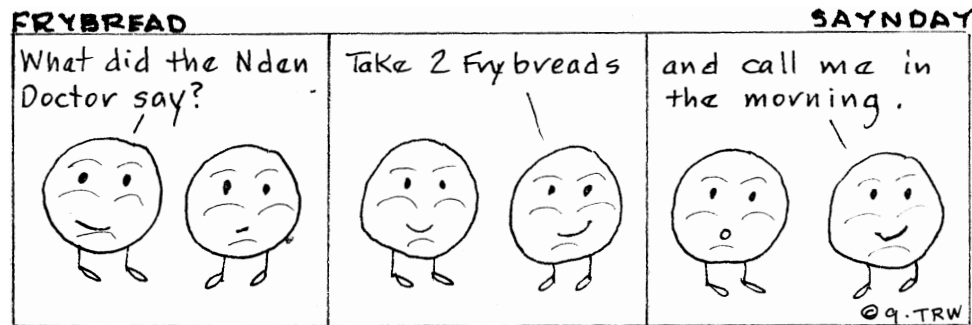
Noem said regardless of the bans, she will take action to increase public safety on reservations.

In a video posted on social media platform X, Noem announced Thursday that she was offering a "history-making opportunity" to the state's tribes by creating a law enforcement training course that will take place over the summer.

She said the program won't "address every single challenge, but this training is a crucial first step towards addressing public safety issues in our tribal communities."

Noem said in her statement that she is also asking for help at the federal level. She urged the Biden administration to fund tribal law enforcement and creating agreements for law enforcement and highway patrol to "help enforce tribal law on their reservations."

The governor said "hundreds of concerned tribal members" have reached out and thanked her for her efforts.



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NEWS

from Las Vegas/Nevada

Kena Adams, Coordinator Las Vegas/Nevada

Old Vegas Gone Forever: Tropicana Says Goodbye to the Las Vegas Strip

The infamous Tropicana, also known as the “Tiffany of the Strip,” closed two days shy of its 67th anniversary. It was built by Miami hotelier Ben Jaffe, who was part-owner of the Fontainebleau in Miami Beach. Jaffe owned the land on which the casino was built, but Conquistador Inc. built and operated the resort. The construction of the Tropicana cost \$15 million in 1957. That made it the most expensive hotel-casino ever to be built in Las Vegas at the time, until Caesar’s Palace was built for \$19 million almost a decade later, according to the Mob Museum.



A group of protestors congregated outside the Tropicana in 1959. Bettmann/Getty Images A group of protestors gathered outside the Tropicana to protest Eddie Fisher’s engagement to Elizabeth Taylor, carrying signs that read “Eddie, send Liz home” and “Liz is unfriendly to photographers.” Fisher first announced his engagement to Taylor after his opening night performance at the Tropicana. Fisher’s wife at the time, actress Debbie Reynolds, said she would grant Fisher a quickie Nevada divorce so he could go on to marry Taylor.

Of course, rumors of mob involvement were prevalent, but that did not stop the Tropicana. It was known as one of the most “luxurious” hotels on the Strip during its heyday. I can attest that. The pool was quite lovely, even in the early



Actress and model Kitty Dolan poses in front of the Tropicana in 1958.

Hy Peskin Archive/Getty Images

80s when my cousins and I would swim in it, an old Vegas thing.

The hotel ran one of the classiest and longest-running shows on the strip. It was called Folies Bergère and showcased the last of real Vegas showgirls on the Strip!

The Trop was packed the last day it was opened. Bloggers, YouTubers and influencers paraded around the casino,

capturing video that showed the last moments of casino play. It was a sad day for employees and Las Vegas residents as they watched another piece of Las Vegas history close right before their eyes.

Some welcome the new stadium, and some do not. The population has grown 2.6% since 2020 in a city with serious water and affordable housing restraints. Tropicana, along with 17 other strip properties, is owned by Bally’s. The company purchased the property in 2021. In May 2023, Bally’s Corporation confirmed that a deal had been struck with the Oakland Athletics on the proposal for a new 35-acre, 35,000-seat ball park stadium for a staggering \$1.5 billion. In June 2023, Nevada Gov. Joe Lombardo signed a bill pledging \$380 million in taxpayer money toward the \$1.5 billion stadium for the Oakland A’s to move to Las Vegas.

For more intriguing facts and the history of Las Vegas on the Tropicana and old Vegas, visit the Mob Museum downtown. The museum provides the full history of “Sin City.”

Junior Journalists Project: Introducing Little Indian Voices

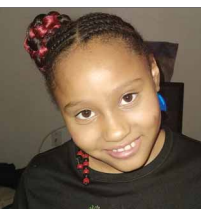
Our young people have so much to say and offer to our community. Because their voices need to be represented in journalism, Indian Voices is pleased to announce our Junior Journalists. We have three young ladies who will now be a voice for our young

readers and followers of the Indian Voices newspaper and Indigenous Warriors website. Two of the young ladies live in Nevada, and one lives in California. The Junior Journalists range in age from 12-18. Do you have something to say? Are you between the ages of 12-18? Does journalism interest you? If so, contact Indian Voices through email at . We look forward to hearing from you.

Westside Happenings

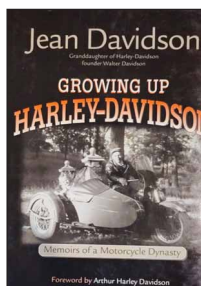
HD, aka the Las Vegas Soul Brothers founder, sat down with Indian Voices to talk about the effect this black motorcycle club has had on preserving the few

Thank you Jean Davidson! IV NV Coordinator was elated to receive it



Junior Journalist Keyona from NV

Junior Journalists Kamia from NV



Lewis stayed as close as next door throughout the 50s and 60s.

I remember the day they demolished the buildings. I was disturbed, to say the least. Moulin Rouge founder Sara Ann Preddy also felt the same as we spoke that day about this historic place. Sara Ann has passed on (may she rest in eternal peace) and so has her beloved Moulin Rouge on the westside, which burned to the ground in 2017. Indian Voices covered that fire and remembered watching in agony as it burned.

HD explained that the MC’s presence in the community was always about respect — respect for our neighborhood, respect for each other, and respect for the police that man the area in which the Soul Brothers are located. This club has always kept an outstanding relationship with the community. “We have always taken care of this community,” HD said.

Over the past 20 years, HD has lost count of the charity events the motorcycle club has participated in. The club has fed the homeless and held toy runs. These Soul Brother MC Las Vegas Chapter events have all taken place in and around the Historic Westside.

I know that the stigma is that motorcycle clubs are gangs, but I beg to differ. There are certainly bad apples in all facets of life and culture, but this is not a true picture of what this and other black motorcycle clubs have done in the communities they are from.

For more news visit:
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Cortez Masto Secures Historic \$1.3 Billion In Funding For Tribal Housing

Cortez Masto Fought To Increase Funding For Tribal Housing Program By A Record \$324 Million From Last Year

Washington, D.C. – As part of the bipartisan government funding legislation



passed last week, U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs,

Third Annual Prayer Ride Begins

The Prayer Horse Ride began on March 17-26 in Schurz. It went through Yerington, Fallon, Wadsworth/Nixon, Lovelock, and Orovada. It ended in Peehee Mu’uh (Thacker Pass).

The ride went through the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Paiute, Shoshone and Bannock. The ride raised awareness about lithium mining in McDermitt Caldera. It also raised awareness about copper mining in the Pine Nut Hills in remembrance of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women / People (MMIW/P) and revitalizing cultural identity, languages and lifeways in indigenous communities.

It also honored the memory of journalist and defender of the land and culture, Myron Dewey, who was a beloved Paiute Shoshone filmmaker, photojournalist, drone pilot and founder of Digital Smoke Signals. This independent media outlet helped shed light on the Standing Rock movement. Indian Voices covered Standing Rock as well. We were shoulder to shoulder with Digital Smoke Signals.

On Sunday, March 17, the ride began in Schurz, a town within the jurisdiction of the Walker River Paiute Tribe where Dewey was an enrolled tribal member.

Source: Prayer Horse Ride



Four of the five main Prayer Horse Riders — Josh Dini, Sean TwoHearts, Rusty Twofeathers Brady and Gary McKinney — set out on the first day of Prayer Horse Ride 2024 on March 17. (River Akemann Photo)



Myron Dewey, filmmaker, journalist and water protector from the Walker River Paiute Tribe, was killed in a car crash on Sept. 26, 2021. (Courtesy: Prayer Horse Ride)



Turquoise Grit

by April Nurse

Let's talk turquoise. Turquoise is iconic grit with its striking sky blue to muted green color and soft waxy texture. It's created when copper rich water finds phosphate and aluminum deposits deep in the earth. More than that, it's a beautiful, fragile chunk of uniquely tinted earth. For thousands of years, human beings all over the world have been crafting turquoise into pieces worthy of the heavens.

When most people think of turquoise, they think of the American Southwest, particularly the amazing silver cast pieces created by the Diné. These bold, expertly forged pieces have remained highly sought after for centuries. Even before silver jewelry took hold, turquoise held a place of honor among many on Turtle Island. Complex and beautifully designed shields, masks and weapons still exist to remind us of the relationship between first people and turquoise.

On the other side of the world, the Egyptians, Turkish and Persians were using turquoise too. They created

decadent gold pieces fit for kings. Famously, Tutankhamen's death mask is inlaid with precious turquoise, lapis and carnelian.



It's a stunning reminder that, even worlds apart, our hearts remain in tune with each other. This bit of grit made us all think of the incalculable expanse of sky and the mysterious unknown beyond it.

As the world of grit becomes more accessible, we re-cultivate our relationship with the earth. Our individualistic society is breaking down bit by bit as we choose to live in our authenticity. Unlike the ancient people of the Mediterranean and the people of Turtle Island, we have the ability to instantly connect and interact with each other. Every time we choose to extend love and share our truths, we find commonality. My greatest wish is for us to build community on our similarities while honoring and celebrating our differences. Let's marvel at our connections now, instead of leaving that to a future long after we've passed.

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Our work is anchored in making sure everyone who works for a living has family-supporting wages and benefits and the ability to retire with dignity. We advance legislation to create good jobs by investing tax dollars in schools, roads, bridges, ports and airports, and improving the lives of workers through education, job training and a livable minimum wage. We advocate for strengthening Social Security and private pensions, ensuring fair tax policies, and making high-quality, affordable health care available to all.

We fight for keeping good jobs at home by reforming trade rules, reindustrializing the U.S. economy and providing worker protections in the global economy. We stand firm in holding corporations accountable for their actions.

We help make safe, equitable workplaces and give working people a collective voice to address workplace injustices without the fear of retaliation. We fight for social and economic justice and strive to vanquish oppression in all its forms.



The Southern Nevada Central Labor Council AFL-CIO welcomed Nevada State Treasurer, Zachary Conine as

guest speaker during our April meeting. The meeting was on April 8, 2024 off Whitney Mesa in the Las Vegas area. The Treasurer kept members and guests in a great mood with his conversation and occasional jokes.

The meeting was abruptly interrupted by a member receiving a call that her husband was in an office in Summerlin currently under fire by an unknown gunman. Zachary called for a moment of silence during the meeting to honor and pray for the people involved. As hard as it was to keep the air light and continue on, the State Treasurer impressed the crowd with his upbeat attitude and knowledgeable and respectful demeanor.

He spoke about topics such as unclaimed property, the Able Program (for disabled people), Pre paid College Tuition, 401k's and the Pie Bill to name a few.

Native Tribal Council presented the State Treasurer with a gift. It was a handmade lanyard presented by Gilbert Cortez, a member of both the Alf-Cio and Native Tribal Council.

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Cortez Masto

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Nevada, and the bipartisan legislation I voted to pass includes investments to build more middle class housing across Indian Country."

Senator Cortez Masto has been a strong advocate on behalf of Tribes in Nevada and across the country. She passed the bipartisan Not Invisible Act and Savanna's Act, which were signed into law to protect Native women and girls, and has repeatedly advocated for additional federal

funding to help Tribal communities combat violence. She is also leading bipartisan legislation to make it easier for the Indian Health Services (IHS) to recruit and retain physicians, which would help improve our health care workforce's response to the rise of fentanyl addictions across the country, and she is pushing bipartisan legislation to help recruit and retain Tribal police officers. She also pushed the Federal Home Loan Bank System to start providing funding to help Tribes and working families build more middle class homes in Nevada..

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Peace Hearts

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the lifeline that leads to a cruel inhumane and violent bludgeoning of imprisoned babies, women, children, and men. My evenings became consumed with broadcasts and social images of concrete



blocks crushed and battered by missiles in a continuous bomb flow coupled with white poisonous phosphoric dust that soaked their ways into the veins and organs of babies that would take their last breath in their mothers or fathers' arms as they too, drifted into the darkness of death. The once monster sized buildings filled with families of all sizes, newlyweds, expectant mothers, and grandparents were collapsed into mounds of broken cement now burial grounds of the innocents, with others left maimed, dismembered, and trapped with just a few to be pulled from the crushing boulders, by humans who used their hands as if they were tools as small as garden shovels, hoping somehow to save those whose voices screamed and called frantically for help as their voices too, slowly slipped away to a frightening silence. The frenzied responses and screams of terror could not be tempered as they too, wept at their own failures of weakened human strength, at the carnage they witnessed and where only the devil himself was gazing in shock at what humanity had delivered to his waiting hands. But alas, the belief in their Allah swept away their diminished souls instead, to that garden of faith that awaited them above the smoke-filled skies.

I watched, bewildered in my own horror transfixed in ways I could not pull away and pass forward into the airwaves, as daily images were posted uncensored by social media — not to be hidden by political press, as ghastly screams and emotions, tears, and reactions of waiting mothers and fathers watched as their beloved lifeless babies unknowingly breathing in the poisonous phosphorous dust melded into their tiny bodies, severing organs and stopping their breathing; now wrapped in burial plastic, handed to them by orange vested rescue workers who tears slid down their exhausted faces, respondents to the living hell caused by humans!

My compassion turned to weeping as I watched in silence alone, and open weeping and overwhelming emotions rising from my body, as my grief watching them unable to overcome their grief gave way. I watched their loved ones kiss those

loving infants and newborns holding them to their heart and praying for their return and delivery to their God, as numbers were etched onto their wrappings and some with their name as they were collected and placed in valleys of shallow graves, row by row that grew in never-ending fissures in the earth below

their land of birth. I wailed at the images of what human life was birthed and violently taken away and silently added to the sins of mankind. I watched and passed on again and again filling my Facebook pages with shared images that most could not bring themselves to watch. But always, "We Will Not Forget", took on so many meanings to me, as I did so while I asked myself after all the years of working on so-called peace projects...why? Oh, why of the babies and women and realized what I only thought I knew what GENOCIDE was! And after years of working with Hands of Peace when so many Palestinian and Israeli youth came together to learn and share a peaceful coexistence, and so many organizations promoting PEACE I couldn't accept silence and again continued to pass on the gruesome heartbreaking images.

I recalled one image of a mural Art Miles facilitated one of those summer programs with Hands of Peace where an image of an Israeli soldier and a Palestinian soldier sat facing each other on a train. Overhead was a sign that read "PEACE", and my heart filled with HOPE.

My mind woke like a light fixture in a dark room that snapped me back to reality and I wondered if Palestinians were to be granted a museum for the world to see, how Israeli Zionists as victims of war and genocide followed and were brainwashed by a leader that caused the deaths of millions, where descendants and photos of them were and still fill museum walls memorializing atrocities and now I ask why? Why is Israeli forgetting the past and committing such horrific acts of torture and genocide I can't even bring myself to write about.

And now after weeks and months speed by with mounting numbers and thousands of deaths are covered in shallow rows by operators of giant bulldozers and the grounds concealing us from public view...the tears and weeping come again and transform to deeper thoughts and prayers immersed indelibly into ink spots encased around my heart and I feel the anger rising, then dismay of pathetic indifference that blots out the global protests for an end to this insane pursuit of genocide as the world stands

witness with passing on/handing of responsibility to others while growing IDF forces, men and women alike, laugh and tout an incongruous spectacle of happiness proclaiming the rising death toll.

My spirit plunders in the nightmares invade and overcome my need for sleep, for sleep evades me. And then I get a phone call a few days later, 3 years (post covid) and a sister peace advocate working do Hands of Peace is the voice on the other end of the line! She informs me that the organization has ceased operations and will have at least part of their mission absorbed with "Seeds of Peace". Suddenly the glimmer of hope rises and thoughts rise that perhaps there may be a renewed genesis for a call to action in other ways. This wonderful advocate for peace sweetly asks if I would like to have the many murals we created over the years that were so joyously exhibited with the young visitors and host families during their past activities. Murals, expressions of what was once hope now dissolved in an incinerator like the thousands of Palestinians swallowed up in an inferno of hate where lessons learned became lessons burned. Would I or could I react like

Palestinians did in 1948 despite becoming prisoners in their own lands, their homes invaded with this 75 year on incarceration? Or do I believe that those brave souls suffered and even in war as seen on those horrific photos and videos, am I witnessing a phenomenon that the strength in their belief is that martyrs and dead placed their lives under peril and dead in the hands of their beloved Allah? I marvel, yet wonder how they will ever heal their hearts?

And today, in a torrent of rain and wind, I drive myself blinded by the intensity of this storm to retrieve the murals. The freeway feels like ribbons of slippery waterways and the car hydroplanes and I move to the slowest lane, transfixed by the cars that continue to drive in their speeding way, flying past and in and out of heavy traffic. I think of how as a child I was told that rain like this was about angels crying for the suffering on earth and sadness overwhelms me. But once in the driveway of the home where the decades of murals were brought for me to pick up, I remembered the many faces of youthful Palestinian and Israeli students of Hands of Peace and remember their hope and friendships formed and know their hearts were touched and friendships and cultural exchanges would never be forgotten and I

prayed that none of them were on either ends of a gun or under a collapsed building, now a burial ground. Seeing the rolls of canvas murals with bright colors on the edges brought a smile of cheer to my face and we swiftly ran through the torrential rain carrying these children of hope to the car and to safety where they will be joined with thousands of others in support of the Culture of Peace. I thought of Ambassador Chowdhury and knew he would be proud and that he above all, understood that Art Miles once again, was not about the murals, but bringing the people together. That is my own and so many others ... awesome joy!

Thus, I look to the heart of the people and truly believe that there is no war, no conflict that can ever obliterate their culture. For this culture, like so many others exist for a reason, and that regardless of our differences, our differences can also serve to unite us, because we learn through personal interaction, how much more we have in



common that we have differences, even under the worst of circumstances. The criminality of some will always show their presence, and we have to believe that justice will be served.

In America, we have learned or maybe not, that culture survives as seen with our own Indigenous Peoples. Our culture with all the advancements in modern technology and being on the so-called forefront of so many aspects of life, we continue to see the return of native herbal cures and medicine and our food and nutrition awareness to stop eating so many processed foods that poison our bodies, and that so many actions we display as adults, impact our and our children and elders. And thus although Hands of Peace will not exist as an entity, and our hearts that break will continue to be broken, but we must never give up HOPE and if like other forms of life and past wars and conflict, Seeds of Peace, just might serve as a regenerative birthing of life in all forms—be they human, flora or fauna, based on love, compassion and sharing, will rise again from the earth in joyful plantings and blossoming of art, music, literature, dance, science, technology and so much more, to always serve as the beautiful diversity of cultures that make us human and will always live on.

San Diego American Indian Health Center
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 SAN DIEGO AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH CENTER
 Body - Mind - Spirit

May 11-12, 2024
10 AM to 6 PM
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 Head Gourd Dancer: Ivan Sam - Navajo
 Head Man: Ricky Two Bears - Nanticoke Lenape/Hopi
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Head Man: Chandler Hood - Navajo
Teen Girl: Lili Franco - Yaqui
Teen Boy: Antonio Gates - Yaqui
Head Girl: Abbie Camacho - Yaqui/Kumeyaay bank of Mission Indians
Head Boy: Kenneth Gates - Yaqui, Navajo
Tiny Tot Girl: Willow Garfield - Wuchummi Yokut & Mescalero Apache
Tiny Tot Boy: Jaxton La Chappa - Kumeyaay - Sycuan band of the Kumeyaay Nation

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Eighth Generation is a Seattle-based art and lifestyle brand owned by the Snoqualmie Tribe. With the tagline "Inspired Natives, not Native-inspired" the company promotes the importance of supporting authentic Native artwork and artists while also addressing the economic impact of cultural appropriation.

When the pandemic first began in early 2020, leadership committed to protecting the health of the community by temporarily shuttering its flagship retail store. The business pivoted to focusing its efforts on improving its ecommerce sales and online marketing, as well as utilizing a PPP loan to continue operations and retain all of its employees.

The assistance provided by the Native American Bank allowed the business to provide security to its employees and tackle the challenge of finding new pathways for revenue.

"The Eighth Generation team, along with our owner at the Snoqualmie Tribe and the Native Artists we work with, send our gratitude and thanks to the Native American Bank staff for their outreach and guidance through the PPP loan process."

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