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Educator Roy Cook Selected as 2014 American Indian Heritage Month Local Hero

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He is a tribal writer, self-published author, journalist, and a Native singer and American Indian artist. He's also an educator, one who carries the teachings of his elders and passes them on to the next generation. Meet Roy Cook, a 2014 American Indian Heritage Month Local Hero.

In nominating him as a Local Hero, Devon Lomayesva, board member for the American Indian Recruitment Programs, notes, "Roy has been a dynamic figure in the San Diego urban and reservation Indian community for decades, contributing to the educational, cultural, and historical presence of

Indians in San Diego County and beyond. The breadth of knowledge and information he has, and will continue to share, will have a lasting impact on Natives and non-Natives alike."

As a champion of his community, Cook's achievements are many. Yet, ask him about his life—his childhood, his dreams and from where he draws his inspiration—and he may not answer directly. Instead, he notes that the answers can be found on a website he has developed, AmericanIndianSource.com.

Cook created the site to be an educational resource on American Indian heritage and culture. It includes events Cook has participated in, such as the annual Baskets and Botany event, held every October at the Tecolote Nature



Roy Cook Writer, Cultural Warrior, Storyteller

Center.

Performing at the event were the Wildcat Singers—Cook, song leader, Juan (Jon) Meza Cuero, Ben Nance, Henry Mendibles, and Stan Rodriguez

who was joined by his son, Raymond.

On the American Indian Source site, Cook explains what it takes to sing

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NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH: The Politics of Thanksgiving Day

by William Loren Katz

Thanksgiving remains the most treasured holiday in the United States, honored by Presidents since Abraham Lincoln initiated the Holiday to rouse patriotism in a war that was not going well.

Thanksgiving has often served political ends. In our own age of Middle East invasions, in 2003, President George Bush flew to Bagdad, Iraq to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with U.S. troops and rally the public behind an invasion based on lies. Bush brought a host of news photographers to snap him carrying a glazed turkey to the troops. In three hours he flew home, and TV brought his act of solidarity and generosity to US living rooms. But the turkey the President carried to Bagdad was never eaten. It was cardboard, a stage prop.

Thanksgiving 2003 had a lot in common with the first Thanksgiving Day. In 1620 149 English Pilgrims

aboard the Mayflower landed at Plymouth and survived their first New England winter when Wampanoug people brought them corn, meat and other gifts, and taught them survival skills. In 1621 Governor William Bradford of Plymouth proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving – not for his Wampanoug saviors but his brave Pilgrims. Through resourcefulness and devotion to God his Christians had defeated hunger.

We are still asked to see Thanksgiving through the eyes of Governor Bradford. But Bradford's fable is an early example of "Euro think" -- an arrogant distortion that casts the European conquest as glorious and heroic.

Bradford claims Native Americans were invited to the dinner. Really? Since Pilgrims classified their nonwhite saviors as inferiors and "infidels", if invited at all, they would be asked to provide and serve and not share the food.

After 1621 Pilgrim armies pushed



westward. In 1637 Governor Bradford, without provocation, sent his troops in a raid against their Pequot neighbors. As devout Christians locked in mortal combat with heathens, Pilgrims destroyed a village of sleeping men,

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Native American Heritage Month

by Kiana Mailet-Davis, MPA, Paiute-Shohone

November is Native American Heritage Month! Every year, the President of the United States makes a declaration to dedicate this month to the indigenous people of this land. This is a great opportunity to teach your students about the many different Native American cultures throughout the United States, especially those here in San Diego County. Did you know that California has one of the largest Native American populations in the United States and that San Diego County has the most reservations? This month, dedicate part of your curriculum to this celebration in an age appropriate, culturally sensitive manner.

Teaching children about Native American culture can occur in a number of ways, some of which may be more appropriate than others. While dramatic play is an important part of child development and can teach children many things, dressing as other cultures can send the wrong message and devalue the culture itself. Dressing children in stereotypical or even traditional costumes, making crafts such as feather headbands, and having activities such as children dancing around fake villages or fake fires should be avoided. Native American dress, crafts and artifacts created, and ceremonies cannot be generalized to all tribes and may also be considered sacred. Re-enacting these things could come off as offensive and hurtful.

Instead of trying to recreate Native culture, introduce it to children by highlighting historically accurate information and build on the important role of Native American leaders in the past and present. For example, if you want to create a Thanksgiving celebration, move away from the "Pilgrims and Indians" theme and focus on giving thanks. Perhaps also sharing information on the Fall Harvest and how this skill helped families survive. Exercise historical responsibility when sharing information with children. It's okay to enjoy a meal together and be thankful for what you

have, but stay away from stereotyping a culture and continuing historical inaccuracies.

Another way to help children learn about Native American Heritage is to teach them tribe specific information keeping in mind that each tribe has its own unique culture and is its own sovereign nation. You could teach about the indigenous people specifically from this area: the Kumeyaay, the Luiseño, the Cupeño, and the Cahuilla people. If you can, take a fieldtrip to one of the museums that may be celebrating Native American Heritage or attend a local gathering or Pow Wow. Speak of indigenous people, not only in the past, but in the present as well. Today, Native Americans continue to play an important role in this country and make strides in their communities. Just recently, Diane Humetewa (Hopi) became the first Native American woman federal judge and the Schimmel sisters (Umatilla) are making headlines in women's sports.

Take the time to educate yourself before incorporating Native American Heritage Month into your own curriculum. Many colleges and universities hold special public events, lectures and performances in November. Some of these include: The Department of American Indian Studies at SDSU and Palomar College, CSU San Marcos California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center, and the Department of Ethnic Studies at USD and UCSD. There are also many resourceful websites available such as kumeyaay.com, California Indian Education and Indian Country Media Network. Groups such as the Native Talk Storytellers are willing to come into the classroom to do presentations and they also have an extensive resource list available on their website.

Most importantly, if you have Native American families at your school, take the opportunity to learn from them, and avoid common mistakes. Ask them how they would like to see your class celebrate this month and invite them to come in and present about their specific tribe(s). The best education comes directly from the source.

Politics of Thanksgiving Day

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women and children. Bradford rejoiced:

"It was a fearful sight to see them frying in the fire and the streams of blood quenching the same and horrible was the stink and stench thereof. But the victory seemed a sweet sacrifice and they [the militia] gave praise thereof to God."

Years later Pilgrim Reverend Increase Mather asked his congregation to commemorate the "victory" and thank God "that on this day we have sent six hundred heathen souls to hell."

School and scholarly texts still honor Bradford. The 1993 edition of the Columbia Encyclopedia [P. 351] states of Bradford, "He maintained friendly relations with the Native Americans." The scholarly Dictionary of American History [P. 77] said, "He was a firm, determined man and an excellent leader; kept relations with the Indians on friendly terms; tolerant toward newcomers and new religions. . ."

The Mayflower, renamed the Meijbloom (Dutch for Mayflower), continued to make history. It became one of the first ships to carry enslaved Africans to the Americas.

Our Thanksgiving Day celebrates not justice or equality but aggression and enslavement. It affirms the genocidal racial beliefs that destroyed millions of Native American people and their cultures.

Since Americans count themselves among the earliest to fight for freedom and independence, on Thanksgiving we could honor the first freedom fighters of the Americas – those who resisted foreign invasion.

During the century before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth thousands of enslaved Africans and Native Americans united to fight the Europe's invaders and slavers. In the age of Columbus and the Spanish invasion they were led by Taino leaders such as woman named Anacoana and a man named Hatuey. In 1511 Hatuey led his 400 followers from Hispaniola to Cuba to warn of the foreigners. Before the Mayflower, runaway Africans and Indians in northeast Brazil had united in the Republic of Palmaris, a maroon fortress that defeated Dutch and Portuguese efforts to storm its three walls and lasted until 1694, almost a hundred years.

Early freedom fighters kept no written records. But some of their beliefs and ideas about freedom, justice and equality were written into a sacred 1776 parchment Americans celebrate on July 4th.

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Union Bank and KPBS Honor San Diegans as Local Heroes During American Indian Heritage Month

SAN DIEGO, CA – In celebration of American Indian Heritage Month and as part of its ongoing commitment to cultural diversity and responsible banking, MUFG Union Bank, N.A., has partnered with KPBS to honor two inspiring individuals as local heroes. The 2014 American Indian Heritage Month honorees are: Dr. Daniel J. Calac, medical director of the Indian Health Council (IHC) and Roy Cook, tribal writer, author, journalist, native singer and artist. They will be recognized in November at a private dinner celebration

“Union Bank is proud to recognize the contributions of these local heroes who have generously given their wisdom, time and resources to enrich our communities,” ...

with their families and executives from KPBS and Union Bank.

Since 1998, KPBS and Union Bank have collaborated on the Local Heroes program and recognized more than 200 honorees. The program pays tribute to exemplary leaders who are making a difference and enriching the lives of others by improving their community, region and the world at large. The 2014 American Indian Heritage Month honorees demonstrate a shared commitment to providing their communities with the tools to thrive in today's changing world.

In addition to the American Indian Heritage Month local heroes, honorees were recognized during Black History Month (February); Women's History Month (March); Jewish American Heritage Month (May); Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (May); LGBT Pride Month (June); Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) and Disability Awareness Month (October).

“Union Bank is proud to recognize the contributions of these local heroes who have generously given their wisdom, time and resources to enrich our communities,” said MUFG Union Bank Managing Director Pierre P. Habis, who heads the Consumer and Business Banking groups. “We are delighted to partner with KPBS as we recognize these individuals who personify our core values and reflect the vibrant and diverse communities we serve.”

“KPBS is honored to continue its partnership with Union Bank to celebrate these Local Heroes during American Indian Heritage Month,” said

KPBS general manager Tom Karlo. “Through their efforts in our communities, these extraordinary individuals improve the quality of life for all.”

The 2014 honorees for American Indian Heritage Month are:

Dr. Daniel J. Calac is the medical director of the Indian Health Council (IHC), a consortium of nine tribes dedicated to the continual betterment of Indian health, wholeness, and well-being. A principal investigator of the California Native American Research Centers for Health (CA-NARCH), Dr. Calac was born and raised on the Pauma Indian Reservation and began his pathway in medicine as a tribal doctor. He received his bachelor's degree in biology from San Diego State University (SDSU) and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School, where he was awarded the Arthur Ashe Foundation Fellowship at Harvard AIDS Institute. Dr. Calac participated in the Four Directions Summer Program, a student-run project that brings Native American undergraduates to Harvard to perform research, shadow physicians and meet Native American medical students. He is a member of the Luiseno Band of Mission Indians, the InterTribal Youth Advisory Board and a board member of the California State University San Marcos Foundation.

Roy Cook is a tribal writer, author, journalist, native singer and artist born in Arizona of Ootan (Opata) and Oklahoma (Wazazee) Osage heritage. An Army veteran, Mr. Cook is the president and historian of the San Diego American Indian Warriors Association (AIWA). He also serves as the tribal historian for the Southern California American Indian Resource Center (SCAIR) in San Diego County. Mr. Cook is a member of the Golden State Gourd Dance Society and the Western Oklahoma Comanche Gourd Clan. He has served as curator of the American Indian Cultural Center Museum, San Diego Balboa Park, and the Indian Human Resource Center, Inc. He has published more than 300 stories for print and online covering many Native American topics and has taught at numerous colleges in San Diego, including Palomar College, Mesa Community College and Grossmont College, where he also served as chairman of the Multicultural Studies Department.

KPBS features a wide range of programming during American Indian Heritage Month (November). For more information or to nominate a future local hero, please visit www.kpbs.org/heroes or unionbank.com/heroes.

Karen Hudes Battling the Corruption in the International Financial System

by Karen Hudes

November is Native American Heritage month. Native Americans, both in the US and Canada, have been contacting me and helping in the coalition for the rule of law. Native Americans have preserved the truth that the rest of us are now starting to see.

I am a lawyer and economist who has been battling the corruption in the international financial system together with like-minded people. Not too many people know about my story because of the censorship in the mainstream media, which is owned by a very large banking cartel that thinks it is above the law. It is not. <https://s3.amazonaws.com/khudes/twitter10.23.14.pdf>

Because I was in the right place at the right time, 188 Ministers of Finance have appointed me to safeguard the world's wealth, which Ferdinand Marcos placed in a trust fund for the benefit of humanity in 1950. This trust fund, called TVM-LSM-666, contains 1,715,000 metric tonnes of gold, precious metals, gems, and other artwork. I have filed a claim with the Inspector General of the Marines in Okinawa because some of this gold is being stolen by helicopter from an area in the Philippines controlled by the US

Military. I told the Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, that he needed to court martial the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, Jon Rymer, as well as the Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Martin Dempsey, because these two traitors are working secretly for the banking cartel.

We have a limited time before all the paper currencies crash. I have been telling the UK Parliament that a small group is trying to control all of humanity. In the United States, the tentacle of this octopus is called the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve Notes are unconstitutional. When John F. Kennedy signed an agreement called the Green Hilton Agreement to replace the Federal Reserve Notes with currency backed by gold in TM-LSM-666, he was assassinated.

Today I called out the United Kingdom Parliament for its corruption. I started telling the UK Parliament about the corruption in 2012, and have published three statements on their website. I finally lost patience with that bunch of do-nothings when they published a report accusing everyone else of corruption but themselves. ?@KarenHudes “All the links are broken in my post calling out the UK Parliament for its craven corruption:

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There is no doubt that Shawn Tillery is a change agent who has a passion to educate the community about money. More specifically his aim is to teach the untaught, historical economic truths about cash, money and wealth. This curiosity laid the groundwork for a life fulfilling economic endeavor to help others

He has had a fascination with the concept of wealth and economics since he was a child. Although born in New Orleans, LA he has been in CA since he was a toddler. His first home was in Alameda where his stepfather was stationed. He was soon transferred to San Diego, which has been home for Shawn Tillery. Shawn's fascination with wealth began as a young child. "I always wondered why the wealthy always stayed wealthy and the poor seemed to always stay poor. It was a puzzle that followed me as I developed."

Eventually this curiosity led to a personal educational pursuit that revealed the social inequities as it relates to wealth and wealth and building.

His preoccupation with analyzing the covert economic disparity that supports

the worlds economic system along with his strong desire to assist those who desire to accumulate wealth has been a motivating factor for his success as an entrepreneur in the area of finance and the development of a wealth building enterprise. Along with his team of associates The Wealth Builders Network Educational Services was established in 2005.

WBNES provides members with strategies to secure a surplus of tangible wealth for financial security for families and organizations. Through passion for wanting to educate the community. WBNES has formulated the perfect plan to re-position the currencies that jeopardize the sustainability of lasting tangible wealth into more tangible asset classes like gold, silver platinum and bit coins

A Bit Coin is the new kid on the block in the financial neighborhood. It was Shawn Tillerys adamant and steadfast networking that fused the new concept with his innate futuristic instincts. Through his connections and

network he has become a true believer in this new cyber currency that is captivating the attention of futurists and creating a sea change in the financial world.

Skeptics and doubters are starting to take a second look at the phenomenon.

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The disparity between the ultra wealthy and those on the other end of the scale has obliterated the middle class. Pope Francis condemned the world's "Cult of Money" saying that the economic crisis had left millions of people in rich and poor countries worse off.

Another persuasive aspect of Bit Coins is that The Federal Election Commission recently gave a green light to donating bit coins to political committees, one of the first rulings by a government agency on how to treat the virtual currency.

Bit Coin devotees are convinced that they represent a wave of the future. Undeterred by the tarnished early reputation of Bit Coins Shawn Tillery invisions a currency free from banks and positioned to assist Third World countries and do battle with the Billionaire Boys Club. "I see cyber currency bringing power to the people.

It is the Ninth Wonder of the World. " His enthusiasm is communicable. He has assembled dozens of clients eager to benefit from his organizational skills.

Historically, politicians have always fought for the power to create money out of thin air, so they can increase their spending without having to directly increase taxes. The staggering growth of political power throughout the twentieth century -- the century of war -- was largely made possible by replacing money limited by gold with paper currencies, which can be printed at will by government-controlled banks. Crypto currencies are the first self-limiting monetary systems in the history of mankind, and could be our greatest chance to check the growth of political power since the Magna Carta. Shawn Tillery along with his working group Gary Conner, Ryan Dennis and Richard Thompson are organizing around a crypto currency called Fuel Coins and are leading the charge to reveal the hidden political and military power of government currencies. They feel that crypto currencies could be greatest revolution in human history, and the foundation of a truly free and prosperous planet. Fuel Coins are currently in the organizational stage and preparing for a public roll out in the very near future.



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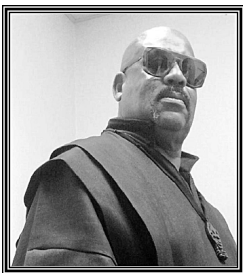
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Black Path Commentary: Critical Analysis on Culture, Community, & Struggle

Beyond The Logic & Lies of the Oppressor: A Black Power Position on Thanksgiving in America



by Min. Tukufu Kalonji

Holidays like history vary in their meaning and interpretation, both by those who present their perspective to the world of history and holiday as cultural phenomenon; and also by those who are recipients (either as subject or objects) of said presentations. Subsequently, the viewpoint of the ruling race and class is different from that of its oppressed members in society. As a consequence, the European celebration of lies of “discovery” of a land already inhabited by indigenous people who later we commonly call Indian is as I have argued elsewhere;

organized madness filled with gluttony in turkey dinners, self congratulatory lies of saving a reportedly savage people, whom later had havoc wreaked upon them by the European invader; and a period of time in that contributed to laying groundwork for African enslavement in the wilderness of north America; is nothing more than a Holiday of Hypocrisy, Horror, and reaffirmation of the Holocaust of enslavement of Indian and African alike! A brief perusal of history reveals just who are the real savages.

Thanksgiving is not a day of rejoicing rather it is what an accurate depiction of history reveals it to be, and is consequently reiterated by the Wampanaog ethnic group in Massachusetts, who argue this day is a Day of Mourning for the indigenous people of this land. Clearly this not the

home of the brave and land of the free as we continue to see in the nightly news and through alternative/internet media, the continuing number of Black men, women and children, and people of color in general being criminalized in numerous form and fashion and lynched in sundry ways. Moreover, people throughout the country are still losing their homes, becoming homeless and unemployed, while the one percent of the filthy and rich maintains their status quo with government support. All the while, the ruling race and class presents itself as the overarching self declared police of the world; dropping bombs on others destroying cultures around the world in the name of “democracy.”

And while havoc under the red, white and blue banner of lies is occurring both domestically and internationally, people will engage in escapism via excessive self-indulgence, with fowl, swine, all the side items, and alcohol people can consume during this season of gluttony. Furthermore, for these people, they are so emotionally addicted to the notion of holiday and seek escape, they don't even see how they can celebrate and give thanks in their /our own special culturally grounded and meaningful way. Moreover

thanksgiving as an idea is a good and community building concept and practice. Yet, Min. Malcolm X teaches us that the logic of the oppressor cannot be the logic of the oppressed. Logic through cultural grounding tells us we must give thanks in a way representative of our sense of dignity and cultural heritage; not in way imposed upon us by the oppression of white supremacy. We do this specifically during Kwanzaa, however, the best of African culture, (as does the culture of first nations peoples), teaches us that we give thanks daily for the abundance of goodness we have in life, love, and liberation.

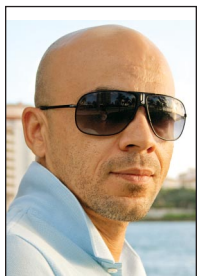
In closing let us give thanks not on November 27th, 2014, which marks White supremacist domination of native American, Africans and a land stolen by criminals who was driven out of Europe by their own people as a day of recognition and reflection. Rather in our own special and cultural manner let us give thanks in our chosen time, space, image, interest, and according out our own needs.

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I Love Ancestry

I Love Ancestry is a national issue advocacy campaign about identity, diversity, heritage, and culture located in Miami, Florida. It was created in October 2012 and presently reaches over half a Million people online every month through proprietary social media channels and website.

Adrien Heckstall is the founder -director of the 'I Love Ancestry' campaign and a conscious, meticulous and thoughtful advocate for the rights of marginalized people and indigenous communities. As a creative trilingual professional with more than ten years of digital marketing and technology based experience.



by Adrien Heckstall

My need to create I Love Ancestry is coming from my personal experience being born in Ibiza, an island between Spain and Morocco and raised in France within a multiracial family household. My father was American of African descent with native ancestry. My mother is French. I am proud to say that their strong union of

love made me the person I am today. However, this union was not well received by the patriarch of my mother's family. It was the usual french experience of racism where many parents claim they are not racists... Wait until their daughters get involved in an interracial relationship and this is where the truth usually comes out. This tension between my mother's father and my father based on his race laid the foundation for a very subtle form of oppression toward me by some members of my mothers family. It started to reveal itself when my parents

separated. I was 7 years old. In retrospective, I can see today how it was “judgement in disguise” while “being loved” at the same time.

I have been living in Miami, Florida since 1998 and while no forms of racism have been expressed towards me as I have “lightskin privilege”, I have been able to witness daily the undercover racism from Anglos and Hispanics towards people of color. People you wouldn't suspect to be knowingly or unknowingly so ignorant on the sensitive subject of race. All these events happen [to name a few] at work, in public spaces, with cops, scholars, schoolteachers, and even so called “friends”. I finally woke up and had to do something about it, in my own way which is where I Love Ancestry starting to emerge. This project exists today in memory of my father who didn't share with the world while living the painful stories of his past. This project also honors my own children to continue to be the beautiful and compassionate human beings they are today.

To me, I Love Ancestry is like a sanctuary where I heal myself from daily

negative energies. Through our work, I express who I am and what I am about. That is important to me. I transform negative energies into positive one by exposing the harmful behavior of undercover racism and discrimination going on within so many people. I believe this is going on towards other races, and within races controlled by the standards of a white supremacist society. I have always been moved by any injustice I have seen wherever I traveled. I always sided for the oppressed group, whoever they were. I Love Ancestry is my tool to express my truth. I strongly believe that embracing the past and historical truth of our heritage, and culture is the most valuable form of healing the scars made by racism and colorism.

Through this project, I have learned so much about myself, connecting with many like minded people who openly share their experience about identity, diversity, heritage and culture on our platform.

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Peaceful Winds

The door to success opens widest on the hinges of hope and encouragement

Sober Living Facility Peaceful Winds is located in the Lemon Grove, San Diego County.

A facility that predominately serves Native Americans, has a 1.25 acre panoramic mountain view with a large pool, BBQ area, garden and fruit trees. It has peaceful meditation areas and walkways contemplate life, socialize and reconnect with core values and cultural to

help break the cycle of substance abuse and violence. The Sweat Lodge is an exciting and special addition to this culturally sensitive home. A live in Manager will be available for structure and support and a resident canine mascot, gives a sense of home and unconditional love.

Peaceful Winds has zero tolerance drugs or alcohol. Residents will be tested if there is any question. Violence is never tolerated.

Residents are encouraged to work and or attend school or vocational training. Residents are required to volunteer and give back to their community and will attend three NA/AA meetings a week in

the facility, nearby Alano Club or other meetings of their choice in the community. Wellbriety will be encouraged using daily meditations and discussions. In addition, Yoga, massage, journaling, gardening, healthy cooking, self-esteem building and financial planning will all be included at this holistic facility.

Wendy Kane, RAS, M.A. (owner/administrator) has twenty five years of experience in the Substance Abuse field. Wendy has worked in many of San Diego County's most recognized programs and agencies, and with many of the most difficult populations, including parolees, incarcerated men and women, chronic

relapsers and people who were in total denial. Wendy, a Registered Addiction Specialist, who has performed many Family Interventions and counsels individuals in her private practice, is sensitive to problems that face Native Americans today.

Peaceful Winds specializes in getting in touch with Native American customs and culture and a percentage of each month's rent will be added to Peaceful Winds Scholarship Fund, helping others to get the help they need. Call Wendy Kane at 619-315-1288 or email her at Wkane@peacefulwinds.net for more information on this beautiful facility.



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Ill Winds Drove Columbus

by William Loren Katz

Columbus's Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria were driven across the Atlantic by the same ill winds that from 1095 to 1272 launched nine Crusades to capture Muslim Jerusalem. Defeated and humiliated the invaders suffered staggering human losses, left royal treasuries depleted, and convinced Christian leaders to do pay lip service to another try.

Except for Christopher Colon or Columbus. An ambitious Genoese sailor who craved adventure and was given to religious mysticism, he accepted God's personal command to free the Holy Land. He also saw God's hand in cloud formations, splashing waves, and distant stars, and had read a religious book that convinced him the world would end in 150 years. As a seaman he saw three mermaids dancing on waves, and was sure in distant lands he would meet men with tails or heads of dogs.

Above all, God had chosen him to see Christianity victorious "throughout the universe." And he would follow His further command to convert or destroy Muslims, Jews and other non-believers.

Columbus's earliest sea experiences were as a youth on Portuguese slave-trading ships along Africa's Atlantic coast. He learned captured men, women and children could be chained and sold for enormous profits. With enough slaves and gold, a Columbus could finally end the infidel grip on the Holy Land.

Weeks after first landing in the Americas Columbus thought he had found a large enough supply of gold and slaves to persuade the Christian "Sovereigns within three years [they] would undertake and prepare to go and conquer the Holy Places." Pope Urban II had launched the first Crusade. Columbus's voyage across the Atlantic to reach the riches of Asia was also a first step toward his larger goal. After five weeks in the Atlantic, lying to grumbling crewmen, claiming he was not a man

lost at sea, his food supplies running low, Columbus stumbled on a Caribbean island named Guanahani. On the morning of October 12, 1492 with a crew in heavy armor carrying swords and muskets, he left the Santa Maria for the sunny shore. and a military and nationalist operation. He planted Spain's flag in the soil, took "possession of the said island for the king and queen," and renamed it San Salvador. "With fifty men your Highness would hold them all in subjection and do with them all that you could wish," he wrote in his Diary. The Admiral was applying the new "doctrine of discovery" that granted Europe's merchant adventurers the right to claim distant lands and their inhabitants. Papal bulls of the time also divided "discovered" lands between Spain and Portugal, and in 1494 the Vatican specifically drew a line dividing the Americas – and the slave trade – between these seafaring powers.

Columbus and his expedition was also a product of Spain's painful "final solution." Since 711 Spain's Muslim Arab rulers shared their cultural wealth with and practiced toleration of the country's diverse citizenry. Catholics, Jews and Muslims lived peacefully with neighbors, as Spain became a world center of books and learning.

Santiago Matamoros

Then Catholic King Ferdinand of Castille and Queen Isabella marshaled a Christian army to impose their rule. Castillian soldiers charged into battle with the cry "Santiago Matamoros" or "Kill the Moors." By January 1492 Christian soldiers stood poised for victory and an era of ethnic cleansing.

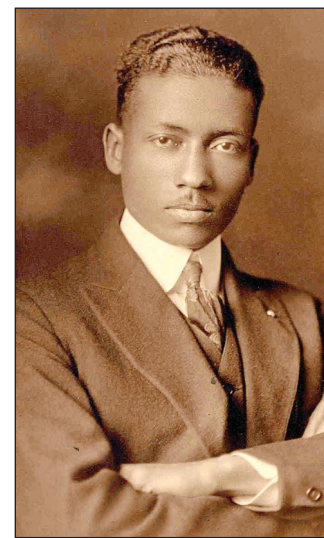
On January 2, 1492 Ferdinand's troops captured the splendid Moorish Alhambra castle, the last Arab power bastion in Grenada. An enthusiastic Columbus who stood in the cheering crowd later recorded the triumphal moment in the first sentence of his Diary. "I saw the Royal banner of your Highness placed on the towers of Alhambra ... and I saw the Moorish King come forth and kiss the royal hand of your Highness ... "

Spain's new government quickly moved to finance Columbus's voyage and against its minorities. On March 31 Spain's Jews — as integrated into commercial, governmental and cultural life as Christian and Muslim citizens — were handed an Edict of Expulsion. Families were ordered into exile, and one official suggested, "The whole accursed race of Jews, of twenty years and upwards, might be purified by fire."

The Inquisition forced many Jews to face the ultimate penalty. Even the "marranos," families who had agreed to convert to Christianity, were not exempt. Can you trust people you forced to convert? Muslims also faced persecution and exile over the next ten years. By 1609 Spain had expelled Muslims it had converted to Christianity. Exiles lost

Lorenzo Dow Turner

Lorenzo Dow Turner (August 21, 1890 – February 10, 1972) was an African-American academic and linguist who did seminal research on the Gullah language of the Low Country of coastal South Carolina and Georgia. His studies included recordings of Gullah speakers in the 1930s. As head of the English departments at Howard University and Fisk University for a combined total of nearly 30 years, he strongly influenced their



programs. He created the African Studies curriculum at Fisk, was chair of the African Studies Program at Roosevelt University, and in the early 1960s,

cofounded a training program for Peace Corps volunteers going to Africa.

Born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina on October 21, 1890, Turner was the youngest of four sons of Rooks Turner and Elizabeth Freeman. His father completed his masters degree at Howard University, although he had not begun first grade until he was twenty-one years old. His mother gained the education allowed to black women at the time (six years). Two of Turner's brothers earned degrees in medicine and law. Turner's family's strong emphasis on education inspired him and helped him achieve academic success.

A Look at Manhood

by Gregory E. Woods, Keeper of Stories, African/Creek

"Looking hard upon the life I lived I remember many of the armed and dangerous challenges to my life, and that of my family and how I alone or with others made sure women and their children around us did not have to have a moment like this begging for life.

It is not from begging one's life is given respect and dignity. It is from action and an unwillingness to beg for life. As a man, I get no strength from powerlessness, and the sight of a woman holding a dead son, and hearing her grief saying to the killer, "My life matters. Black lives matter." galls me for reasons I might or might not have conveyed well enough. But, as the son of Herbert L. Woods, I could never keep a symbol like this around me unless it propelled me beyond the scope of merely existing.

When I was a little boy my father kept a picture of two Black men hanging from a noose above his office desk at home. His desk at the time was in the living room where all could see it from the kitchen or the living room. Everyday and many days I stared at it long and hard after reading or hearing something

everything but what they could carry.

Some 150,000 refugees had trudged to southern seaports as time ran out for the Jews on the very day before Columbus left. On the day he weighed anchor at Palos, a small band of Jewish families huddled at nearby Cadiz waiting for a rescue ship.

The second sentence of Columbus's Diary shows he was well aware of the connection between their expulsion and

riveting about the Civil Rights struggle, or reading a monthly publication about the number of hangings throughout the country of mostly Negro men, or listening to my father host and participate in strategy sessions about the political and social structure of the time that went squarely against the grain of his employment agreement.

When I was a man many years later, and not too many back from now, I found that old picture. Daddy told me to put it back up because it was important to remember why.

As men and sons of my father my brothers, and I feel it deep in our bones what Daddy meant. It emboldened us and made our strength stronger and our ties bound to our ancestors, and commitment to our legacies stronger, more potent, and dealt force to the enemy of who we are and stand for. The actions, and language of men tells their story and has the texture of the type of battle to come in the conflicts with those who would take freedom and power from us. Any symbol, and many things can be symbolic, that doesn't embolden the warrior does not belong amongst the warrior's arsenal. If it is not part of the strategy it is part of the tragedy!"

his departure. "After having turned all the Jews from your Kingdoms and Lordships . . . your Highness gave orders to me that with a sufficient fleet I should go." The expulsion and Columbus's departure were forever linked.

On his first night in the Bahamas, Spain's "Captain of the Ocean Sea," described in one Diary sentence how he brought the new Spain to the New

Roy Cook

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Wildcat songs. He shares a story told to him by Cuero, a Kumeyaay who lived in Mexico for a number of years.

Jon tells us this story...on how to acquire a good singing voice," he writes. "Hattepa,' coyote, is well known for having a good, strong voice. He can sing all night long until the early morning. He can make his voice curve and move around hills in very intricate tunes. We can learn a lot by observing our four-legged friends...Jon goes on to tell us that 'Hattepa' is known to eat a lot of 'mes-hanan,' stink bug. So, it just goes to show if you want a good voice to sing Tribal songs you might follow Hattepas' example."

Cook was born in Tucson, Arizona in 1943, of Ootam (Opata) and Oklahoma (Wazazee) Osage heritage, and moved to Southern California as a child. His father worked for the railroad and found employment in National City, eventually moving to Lake Kenschaw, where Cook's earliest memories are of the people on the Santa Ysabel Reservation. It was at this time that he first met his mentor, Steve Ponchetti, who for 35 years would be the reservation's prayer leader, until his passing in 1984.

"My parents got to know Steve Ponchetti, one of the persons who really took the time to teach me the little that I do know of the local culture, the Kumeyaay," remembers Cook. "He and his wife, Florence, were exceptional human beings. They took in foster children, and I'd come and spend summers with them and got to know all the boys that lived there. I created some life-long friendships and we're still in communication with each other."

Cook, a U.S. Special Forces Army soldier, did tours with the U.S. Army

Airborne, and Green Beret Special Forces during the Vietnam era. As the elected president of the San Diego American Indian Warriors Association and its official historian, as well as the historian for the Southern California American Indian Resource Center, he appreciates the opportunities he's had to teach.

"I was invited by Palomar College to teach and I took great pleasure in teaching a short summer course on the Pala Band Indian reservation," he says. "There were a lot of elders in that class and some young adolescents...I found it to be a fulfilling and a growing experience."

Cook's passion for teaching led him to a position at Grossmont College, where he ended up serving as Chairman of the Multicultural Studies Department, and had a full teaching load with classes that included Survey of American Indian Art, American Indian Lifestyles, and History and Culture of the Californian Indian.

He has also held positions at Mesa Community College, where he taught art for eight years, as well as at Southwestern and San Diego City Colleges.

But in 2005, his mother became ill, and he decided to cut back. "It required attention, so I made certain decisions," he says.

Even now, at 71, Cook continues to serve as a 36-year member of the Golden State Gourd Dance Society, and has spent the last 20 years as an associate member of the Western Oklahoma Comanche Gourd Clan. And he continues to honor those who came before him.

"Throughout my life," says Cook, "elders would just start talking to me and would find a simpatico identity and they would share their experiences. I found that to be a fount of knowledge to take with me and thereby in some way surrender that to the next generation."

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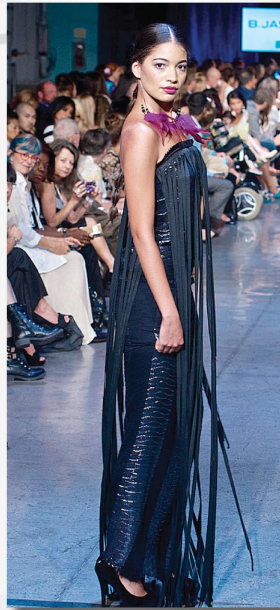


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"Native Glam" Hits the Runway



Marcie Baine is the designer behind the brand, B.JASH.I Couture. Marcie creates beautiful couture gowns with a Native American influence evident in the details. In addition to creating one-of-a-kind enchanting gowns, ready to wear separates and accessories, Marcie has begun designing cozy wraps. The wrap/shawl is constructed from a weave of a wool blend yarn. Each wrap will have a basket design, beginning with her Karuk tribe basket patterns.

On the evening of October 4th, Fashion Week San Diego was wrapping up with the much anticipated finale. The event was held at a grand venue, Port Pavillion on Broadway Pier. On schedule at 7:00 pm B.JASH.I unveils her new Spring/Summer collection 2015 "Native Glam". The lights dimmed and the music began. Electric Pow Wow Drum by A Tribe Called Red echoed throughout the room. Upon hearing the traditional drum beat I instantly felt chills run down my arms. The song took a modern twist with techno sounds and a marching rhythm.

The first model emerged looking stunning. Hair pulled back in a long tight braid she was adorned in a B.JASH.I Couture halter style maxi dress. A print, the colors of a winter sunset. Hues of purple, pinks, and orange shimmered on the shiny fabric as it swayed down the runway. Her earrings were a traditional statement piece, bone and bead style. One after the other the models captivated the audience displaying amazing looks.

Couture gowns, ready to wear separates and traditional accessories. From tulle to silk B.JASH.I incorporated modern trend with an accent of Native American style in each piece. Marcie succeeded in offering a unique and refreshing collection. I was entranced as I watched "Native Glam" strut to the beat of the techno drum and thought to myself, what an extreme contrast. Then the voice of my Kumeyaay elder friends came to me. I remembered in conversation they stated ... "We are living in two worlds, modern and traditional." This was very evident in the seven minutes on the runway at the Port Pavillion on Broadway Pier. To view and purchase her designs visit www.Bjashi.com

*Article by Angela Wyatt
Photos by Chuck Fedalizo, CF photography Studios*

San Diego Minority Community Reinvestment Coalition



The San Diego minority community organizational leaders came together with Federal Banking Regulator Meeting:

November 3, 2014 to examine and



discuss Income and Racial Income Inequality. Facilitated by veteran activist and social justice soldier Hammed Abdul-Rahim. Serious issues regarding wealth disparity in San Diego were studied

San Diego Wealth Gap Facts:

- Minorities account for over 54% of the population
- Minorities account for over 71% of San Diego poverty



\$66,017 versus Latino Median Income of \$43,601

- Minorities account for less than

• Wealth Gap between whites and minorities has grown 21 to 1

• San Diego White Median Income



14% of 2012 San Diego Conventional-FHA Home Loans

- San Diego minorities are declined for home loans more than 4 to 1 over non-minorities

• Latinos account for over 48% of California and San Diego foreclosed homes

• Less than 3% of all available private equity is invested in minority firms in any given year, despite minorities accounting approximately 54% of the San Diego population

• Less than 47% of San Diego minorities are covered by health insurance

• Over 87% of San Diego's minorities reside in low to moderate income communities



• More than 78% of San Diego minority families are headed by a single mother and are living in poverty

• San Diego Unified School District (2012): African Americans (11% of students-78% classified as socio-economically disadvantaged) Latinos (45% of students-84% classified as socio-economically disadvantaged) Asian (14.8% of students-60% classified as socio-economically disadvantaged)

• San Diego Unified School District (2012) High School Drop out Rate: White (6.7%) African American (14.3%) Latino (13.2%) Asian (14.4%)

• San Diego Unified School District (2011)-4th Graders: Math Proficiency-White (66%) African American (17%)



Community Activists Judith Meeks and Curtis Robinson supporting the cause.



Hammed Abdul-Rahim founder and president of the Black Contractors Association of San Diego, Inc. and Bro Hugh Muhammad strategize.



Latinos (24%) Reading Proficiency-White (57%) African American (17%) Latinos (17%)

A celebration and ribbon cutting celebration was held at the San Diego Minority Construction Coalition Headquarters 345 15th Street, San Diego CA 92101 (619) 481-7624

Columbus

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World. "I took some of the natives by force." The enslavement of American Indians was both Columbus's first act in the Americas, and a first step in his Crusade.

More Spanish troops arrived in the Americas to crush the Aztecs of Mexico, the Incas of Peru and other peoples of the Americas. Spaniards brought new weapons and a new battle cry — "Santiago Mataindios" or "Kill the Indians." They unleashed the world's largest, longest and most devastating genocide. Millions upon millions died of a harsh slavery, forced starvation and mass executions as well as European diseases. Entire villages and cities disappeared.

Along with his sailing skills and fierce ambition, Columbus carried in his heart the burning embers of his monarchy's intolerance, violence and ravenous greed. Though the Admiral found Caribbean people "tractable, peaceable" and wrote King Ferdinand, "there is not in the world a better nation" — he concluded they must be "made to work ... and adopt our ways."

Oppression built slowly. Columbus's initial voyage seized a few dozen Native men and women, some as slaves, others to present at the Royal Court. But his goal was largely exploratory. After another voyage he wrote to his King, "From here, in the name of the Blessed Trinity, we can send all the slaves that can be sold." Spain's rulers eagerly agreed

to supply him with 17 ships, a thousand soldiers, priests who would conduct mass conversions, and orders for a brutal colonization. He began an island by island search for gold and slaves that decimated the fifty to a hundred million Native Americans.

Las Casas a Dominican Priest, denounced Spain's invaders as "ravaging wild beasts, wolves, tigers and lions" whose ultimate aim . . . is to acquire gold." The only true Christians in the Americas, he stated, were Native Americans. Indians, he found, had their own name for the Spain's Christians — "Yares" or devils.

Columbus did not "discover" anything but islands filled with people who greeted him with water, food and gifts.

We should follow the advice of today's Native Americans who reject Columbus Day in favor of a Native Americans Day. All Americans need to study and celebrate the heroic battles that pitted our first Americans against Europeans who would conquer and enslave them, and their African allies.

A Native Americans Day can educate all of us about the Indians who united with Africans to fight against foreign tyranny before, during and after 1776. It will remind everyone that Native Americans still seek the lands and monies promised in ancient treaties with United States. And it will inform us anew that Americans of color whose ancestors fought and died for the principle of freedom still do not enjoy all their inalienable rights.

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Monsanto and Dept. of Defense Help Fund Pharma Company that Could Earn Billions from Ebola Treatment

There are some experimental drugs under development by pharma companies that show some promise, but nothing is commercialized yet. (9)

One fascinating development worth investigating further is that TEKIRA Pharmaceuticals, a company working on an anti-Ebola drug, just received a \$1.5 million cash infusion from none other than Monsanto. Click here to read the press release, which states "Tekmira Pharmaceuticals Corporation is a biopharmaceutical company focused on advancing novel RNAi therapeutics and providing its leading lipid nanoparticle (LNP) delivery technology to pharmaceutical partners."

The money from Monsanto is reportedly related to the company's developed of RNAi technology used in agriculture. The deal is valued at up to \$86.2 million, according to the WSJ. (11)

Another press release about Tekmira reveals a \$140 million contract with the U.S. military for Ebola treatment drugs:

TKM-Ebola, an anti-Ebola virus RNAi therapeutic, is being developed under a \$140 million contract with the U.S. Department of Defense's Medical Countermeasure Systems BioDefense Therapeutics (MCS-BDTX) Joint Product Management Office.

Additional Tekmira partnership are

listed at this Tekmira web page.

Not to invoke any charges of collusion or conspiracy here, but a whole lot of people are going to have raised eyebrows over the fact that Monsanto just happened to be giving a cash infusion to a key pharma company working on an Ebola cure right in the middle of a highly-publicized Ebola outbreak which could create huge market demand for the drugs. The fact that the U.S. Department of Defense is also involved with all this is going to have alternative news websites digging hard for additional links.

Sadly, the history of medicine reveals that drug companies, the CDC and the WHO have repeatedly played up the severity of disease outbreaks in order to promote sales of treatment drugs. I'm not saying this outbreak isn't very real and very alarming, of course. It is real. But we always have to be suspicious when windfalls profits just happen to line up for certain corporations following global outbreaks of infectious disease. Vaccine manufacturers, remember, made billions off the false swine flu scare, and tens of millions of dollars in stockpiled swine flu vaccines later had to be destroyed by the governments that panicked and purchased them.

Karen Hudes

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<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2014/oct/21/government-borrowing-10-percent-higher-budget-deficit#comment-42581114>

then this:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmpubadm/writes/publicpolicy/m03.htm>

then this (ignoring bogus warnings of virus contamination on the UK Parliament website)

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/committees-public-administration/Complaints-1-consolidated-13-sept.pdf>

then this: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/khudes/international+gold+reserves.pdf>

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The chances that we all work together to clean up this corruption are excellent. A very accurate power transition model has been predicting that we will win ever since Elaine Colville, another World Bank whistleblower from Scotland, and I started getting our statements published by the UK Parliament. Native Americans will have an important role to play in helping us to reclaim our worth as individuals.

Last week, Pope Francis condemned the world's "Cult of Money" saying that the economic crisis had left millions of people in rich and poor countries worse off.

Jake Dakota Jacome with AC Green Ex-Lakers Player

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Professor Charles Ogletree Enlivens San Diego's Diverse Community

It was a power packed two days for the politically engaged community and change agents in San Diego, particularly in the 4th District. Powered by the supreme authority and control of the Black Church the call went out. On October 15-16th a gathering of concerned citizens assembled to pay honor and respect to an esteemed community and national leader, Charles James Ogletree, Jr.

The Guest of Honor, Charles Ogletree is Professor at Harvard Law School, the founder of the school's Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice,



and past national president of the Black Law Students Association. These accomplishments are but a back story when added to the fact that Ogletree taught both Barack and Michelle Obama at Harvard and has remained close to Barack Obama throughout his political career.

The community confab, which was masterfully coordinated by Frank Jordan, had a glimmer of a small town political convention.

The Christian Fellowship on Kelton Ave was the setting for the first evening. There were awards and presentations from a cross section of civic and community groups.

The reception and conduct of the San Diego's diverse community was at its prideful best. For a moment the 4th District became a village. SDUSD Board Trustee, Marne Foster opened up the

session at St. Stevens Church with an impassioned delivery about the importance of education. She pointed out the responsibility that all factions of the community have a part to play in the healthy, sustainability of the collective whole.

Councilwoman Myrtle Cole elegantly represented her district.

There was much sharing and deliberating. Photo-ops were a high priority. There was a noticeable abundance of hugging.

Community leaders and other strange bedfellows mixed and blended with the impassioned proletariat and the loyal opposition.

The Chief of Police Sally Zimmerman emphasized the Officer Friendly mission of her department. District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis stressed her exhaustive efforts to bond and relate with the electorate from the throne of the ruling class. St Stevens Church offered a respectful, jubilant space to blend



Photos: Rochelle Porter



futuristic civic ideas void of progressive or conservative labels.

The spirit of the community reigned supreme. Professor Charles Ogletree ended the forum with the humble advice to care for each other and step forward with love.

San Diego is grateful to Rev. George McKinney and all of the ecclesiastical community for their spiritual inspiration and hospitality.

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Latinos in USA tells their Idol, Harry Reid, "If You Mess with Us You Are Messing with the Best"

by Rolando Larraz

Latinos in the USA send a message like Tony Montana to their favorite idol, Senator Majority Leader Harry Reid, saying that "If you f*** with us you are f***ing with the best,"

Well, the election is over and now we may be able to enjoy a few days of tranquility, peace, and calm before everyone starts complaining again; and most likely, the complaints will come from those who did not vote in this election, or did not do their homework regarding who to vote for.

One thing we can be sure about is that the Latino community took some words from Tony Montana's Scarface to send a message to their favorite idol, Senator Majority Leader Harry Reid, saying that "If you f*** with us you are f***ing with the best," and replaced him as Majority Leader for lying and playing political games with them on the immigration issues.

Reid, who up to now has been the Latino's second God, has been lying to them by promising them immigration reform, amnesty and many other promises that would lead them (Latinos) to believe they were going to be allowed to stay in the country and get citizenship; he has been playing political games with the Latinos in every election and now he gets the payoff for playing those games.

Every time I told the Latinos that Reid and Obama were playing games, they got really upset with me and thought that I said that just because I didn't like Reid or I didn't like Obama or because I was probably a hardcore Republican, but none of that is true.

I don't like Harry Reid because for a very long time, in my humble opinion, he has been a hypocrite; I am not going to call him a liar because as a senator and as Majority Leader, he deserves respect, so I am going to say— because it sounds better and more polite — that he didn't tell the truth all the time.

I cannot say that I dislike Obama; after all, the Las Vegas Tribune was the first newspaper in Clark County to endorse Obama for President, before the Culinary Union and many other organizations, but when we were presented with a picture of the Obama headquarters office in Houston, Texas showing a picture of the Cuban Flag and a picture of Argentinean mercenary Ernesto "Che" Guevara on the wall, we immediately withdrew that endorsement.

We tried to talk to the national headquarters to get some sense of why the picture of a socialist mercenary and the flag of a communist country were displayed in the headquarters of a man running for the presidency of the United States of America, and no one ever answered our question, so we withdrew that endorsement.

I am not a Republican; neither am I a Democrat. I believe that I am a journalist with a mission to clean out our government of corruption and eliminate police abuse and end the police state system that we now have; I believe that I am a journalist with a dream to have a judicial system equal to none with judges that follow the law and do not think that they above everyone and every law.

I am the kind of person that on many occasions gives the wrong impression, and I know that; but I believe that we are all entitled to have the best government there is and one we can be proud of.

I was not born in this country but I have been in Clark County more than half of my natural life and I love Clark County, Las Vegas and the United States and I want to turn the time around and make this city the way it was in the old days.

Sure, it was a time of favors; there were friendships and there may have been some "help" to someone in need; but there were no lies, no extortions, no slandering of one's "non-friends" as there are in the present day.

I remember one time a man I used to know — who I am not going to name because he is already dead — made a terrible mistake that no one was allowed to make in the gaming world; he had a very high profile job in one of the best — if not the best — casinos of the time, and ended up driving a taxi. I went to see the sheriff, Ralph Lamb, and asked him for leniency to allow him to go back to work in what he knew.

Ralph Lamb told me, "Ask me anything but that, please." The Sheriff did not BS me; he did not tell me that he was going to think about it; he did not tell me that he would let me know in a few days; he was straightforward, honest, kind and polite — and humble enough to see me when I was a nobody, because that is the way the people in power, the important people in this community, used to be.

I remember when Senator Floyd Lamb used to go to my office at the La

Verdad newspaper; remember that Floyd Lamb was at that time one of the most powerful persons in Nevada and some of the Spanish people that happened to be there on unrelated business could not believe that the humble gray-haired man that walked into my office was the most powerful senator of the time.

Sheriff John McCarthy used to visit me in my office or at my home very frequently and people could not believe that that single man, driving his own car, was the number one law man in our county.

On my wedding night, John Moran and his wife Goldie were at my home, and as always, they did not come with empty hands; they brought us a wonderful wedding present that up to today I still have and cherish as a sweet memory.

Please understand this: I am not bragging about the people I used to know; I am just comparing how the people act nowadays even when in reality they are not that important. Notice that I am not using some of the present personalities as an example, because that is what I would call bragging.

If Reid and Obama would have kept their promises to the Latino community — in particular, the Mexican community, which for a long time and up to now have idolized the senator and today feel betrayed by both Senator Reid and President Obama — there might have been a different outcome.

I have always been a firm believer that many Latinos, when they become American citizens, register as Democrat because they may confuse Democracy with being a Democrat; but that is a big mistake.

Tuesday night was a good example of what happens when someone politically betrays or double-crosses a Latino — plain and simple, they lose control of the U.S. Senate.

Hopefully the new Republicans at the Senate and the House will not make the same mistake of double-crossing anyone and do a good job for the country; and hopefully the new majority leader will not let his new position go to his head as happened with his predecessor.

My name is Rolando Larraz, and as always, I approved this column.

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Warren was Honored Sunday by the ACLU in Beverly Hills along with Participants Jim Berk, Cyndi Lauper and Cameron Strang

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, regarded by many progressive Democrats as their party's alternative to Hillary Clinton, told attendees at an ACLU gala in Beverly Hills on Sunday

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in Nevada and across Indian Country are eager to pursue economic and community development plans. I was pleased that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced in October that more than \$3.5 million dollars in grants will be directed to seven different tribes to kickoff important small business, healthcare, infrastructure and housing projects.

The grant funding comes from the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program which assists

Indian tribes in accomplishing their self-determined community development goals. Nevada tribes stand to benefit tremendously from these crucial, job-creating grants. For example, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe will use its grant funding to expand a health and medical facility. The Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone's grant will provide funds for new manufactured homes for tribal members who are living in overcrowded

situations. Additionally, the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe will use its grant to renovate a Head Start building.

I am proud to announce this funding, which promotes tribes the flexibility to decide for themselves how best to meet their own community development needs. I will continue to work so Nevada tribes and others have the tools they need to pursue development efforts in their communities and continue to build their economies.

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