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InterTribalYouth Honors its “Volunteer of the Year” Director Marc Chavez



Marc Chavez (Center) with InterTribal Youth Alumni and future leaders on a recent trip to Panama.

YNS and InterTribal Youth (ITY) celebrate 13 Years of service to the community and its “Volunteer of the Year”, Marc Chavez, YNS Founder/Director. Helping launch its 2013 Volunteer Campaign, *Indian Voices* sits down with Marc to talk about his role and holding steadfast in the face of challenge and severe economic crises.

IV: How important is your role as a volunteer to the program?

Until recently, I never considered myself a volunteer. When meeting people, I am often asked what I do for work. I let them know that “I am Director of a Native American Educational Youth Program”. The usual response is how great and rewarding it must be. I reply with “yes, I am very content with what I do”. The next question from people is usually, “who funds this”?

Funding is the definitive topic when it comes to survival and growth of programs. In these times, resources of money are drying up all over the place, as is water.

This is where my role as a volunteer has been the most vital. Commitment to what you do and why you do it becomes the defining factor.

IV: How has your role as a volunteer affected the program?

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Soaring Eagles at Randy Edmonds: Legends Honoring

by Roy Cook

SCAIR Senior Advisor, Randy Edmonds is one of the honored local legends at the San Diego County Library and HHSA Aging & Independence Services new art exhibit - San Diego Legends: Living Well. This annual recognition is comprised of painted portraits, photographs, and impact statements about six local elders who lead by example. This all took place May 31 at 6 p.m. at the Rancho San Diego Branch. The exhibit included artist Mona Mills and

the San Diego Legends plus refreshments and performances by the San Diego Native American Soaring Eagles Dancers and Ballet



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Folklorico Aquetzalli of Lemon Grove.

Our Native American San Diego Youth Soaring Eagle Dancers in full

regalia and with traditional songs by the Green River singers represented each category of pow wow dance with spectacular response. Their attendance was in support of our honored elder and famous Emcee, Randy Edmonds.

Breaking Down Barriers & Building Relationships

Strategizing in Struggle for the Emotional Well Being of Community

On June 1, Harmonious Solutions under the leadership of C. Kahalifa King, Founder & CEO of Harmonious Solutions presented a well-organized Town Hall Meeting. The theme was Breaking Down Barriers and Building Relationships.

Marc Chavez

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For the last 5 years, over 70% of my working hours have been volunteer hours. Our program would not have survived and grown any other way. Few, if any, colleagues can say that they work without pay for so long.

I look at the work I do as a vocation and a matter of survival for our people. I firmly believe we are changing youth lives, often saving lives. I decided that I could not solely wait for funding sources to approve and initiate the work. That would put so much to chance. Politics, rumors, and economics have not properly educated our Native Youth in the past, so it would be fruitless to think they will start now.

IV: What were some of the hardest challenges you faced?

My own mind, and of course how I deal with it. Volunteering an abundance of hours, day after day, without pay is not easy. People always ask me "how do you do it?". This is usually followed by skepticism or a notion I must have an alternative money source I tap into. Many non-Indians believe our program must be funded and rolling good since American Indians own so many casinos. That is simply not how it is.

So it becomes a sovereignty of one's mind. One does not feel very sovereign asking for hand-outs year after year and writing long grants to tell them how needy, poor you are and hope they "get" what you are doing. This is ultra-competitive today.

The challenge on a personal level is me and my family to "getting by" with less. However, most people are barely getting by. Others are barely getting by - but with more stuff. I too barely get by, its just I have learned to live very, very simply. As a father of two and the sole breadwinner, I was very stressed in the beginning. However, I always look at my children and know they eat well and live an abundant life. They experience things that money cant buy and I would consider "world-class". In the work that I do, I know many youth in North America and South America who live with a lot less resources. I also know youth whom have material things, but live love poor. I believe love is what drives the InterTribal Youth Program and me. Love has a higher value.

The mission of Harmonious Solutions is to provide:

Culturally responsible conflict resolution, counseling, and community forums and services to all communities, in an effort to lessen conflicts, build better interpersonal relationships, and share knowledge to improve the quality of life harmoniously

The objectives of this community meeting were first for Harmonious Solutions to share the journey and expe-

IV: What is the future of ITY's financing and wealth of the Program?

As of 2012, we have "sunset-ed" our last subsidized grant, which has helped a portion of programing in the past. This means 2013 will see almost an entire staff of qualified select volunteers. We will continue to be open to monetary donations and "angel donors". Money continues to serve as a valued medium. In addition, to help augment cash flow, we are launching a small-commitment Volunteer Campaign.

We look to prophecy and old ways, which give answers. A shift of the ages shows that that Dollar currency is not the oldest and most important currency. Currency derives from currents, like water currents, always flowing. There are many things drying up in these times and top advisors are not putting their faith only in money. On the global market, folks are investing in tangible resources like water, alternative energy, land, etc.

Bartering, exchanging services for the good of survival will be reinstated. We need to be exercising our natural ability to collaborate, exchange and work together. This has been one of the pillars of our program. Educating our youth and maintaining our health needs to be our first investment, collectively.

IV: Explain the volunteer campaign?

We are seeking 20-Minute per week volunteer commitments. This will go a long way. For example, a person who is a "sphere of influence" can make referrals, recommendation to possible donors. Other ways are folks helping via social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, Prayers. Some will sign on to "hook us up" by coordinating small donations of water, food, clothes, etc. These are things that move our goals along.

I believe people care about the youth and are willing to commit, as "self-less service" volunteers will step forward. There are also folks who use dollar currency to serve or can direct us to someone who can. It takes a village to raise a child. We must diversify our idea of what wealth is and then share it.

To volunteer or for more information on 2013 summer programs for youth in California and the all ages family and friends International Exchange program in Panama, Central America, go to www.InterTribalYouth.org. email: info@intertribalyouth.org

riences of this agency during its two year contract period with the County of San Diego. Additionally the purpose included the highlighting of the impact of father absence in the Black community and the proposing of possibilities to rectify this matter.

This was accomplished through

Harmonious Solutions two-year report of its scope, focus, and delivery of services to the Black community. Also, its challenges and definitive achievement with its agenda. In addition, the dialogue with the community was aimed at raising the community's awareness, a search for solutions, and a call for action. The dialogue included as a fundamental focus on relevant issues of culture, Black manhood, and addressing mental health concerns from a Black cul-



Pictured from right to left: Charles Kahalifa King, CEO Harmonious Solutions, Mayor Bob Filner, Community Supporter, Ray Upchurch, Filmmaker at the Bethel Seminary in San Diego.

tural perspective. Secondly, it was to illuminate and discuss the many factors to reducing stigma and increasing accessibility to Mental Health, and Emotional and Behavioral Wellness services, and to increase engagement and support of mental health services specifically to Black Fathers.

The venue was a harmonious gathering of community with various

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Santee Sioux Tribe Rescinds Support for TransCanada's Keystone XL

Santee Sioux Tribe Rescinds Resolution to Support TransCanada, Inc. KXL Pipeline

by Debra White Plume

"Wow, I wonder if we will get to see the cranes?" was the thought on my mind. I had just hung up the telephone from a conversation with a movement brother who was calling from the Santee Sioux Nation Tribal Office. He had said that TransCanada was on the Tribal Council Agenda, and that council had just passed a Tribal Resolution to Support TransCanada's KXL Tarsands Oil Pipeline in the area of economic development and job opportunities. "What??" I practically screamed into his ear. (Sorry, bro!). So, to make a long story short, we answered the call from our good brother to come to Santee Sioux Nation.

We got some funds together, formed a delegation of activists, singers, speakers, warriors, elders, planned our route, got some gas money, made a plan and called our bro to let him know we were coming to answer the call of our allies.

Our Santee allies held community meetings, got some meals together, gathered funds, rented our delegation some cabins, made fliers, secured a training

location, did radio spots to let their people know we were coming to do a Sacred Water Protection Teach In on May 7 at 1pm at the Oyate Center in Santee Village.

Back home on the beautiful Pine Ridge Homelands, we arranged pick-up locations for delegation members, loaded the drum, blankets, duffle bags, and off we went in a small caravan of Oglala Lakota people dedicated to stopping the KXL tarsandsoil pipeline from entering 1851 Ft Laramie Treaty Territory. Santee Nation in Nebraska was the next stop in Owe Aku's Moccasins on the Ground NVDA Tour of Resistance!

We arrived two hours late, took some wrong turns, ended up in Santee Village, and eventually found the Niobrara State Park where there were cabins waiting for us. We unloaded our bags of snacks and drinks, and divided ourselves into groupings for the cabins. We had a delegation meeting, met with the Santee organizers, spoke strategy, had some good laughs, bungled our way through some technology problems (our Lakota Media Project workers were unable to attend) and finally gave up and said, we will just talk and not show the video. Then, all of a sudden, the computer and projector decided to work! We were so

surprised and thankful, but had to accept that we would be unable to show the documentary about our work to challenge uranium mining, Crying Earth Rise Up. (No wifi connection!)

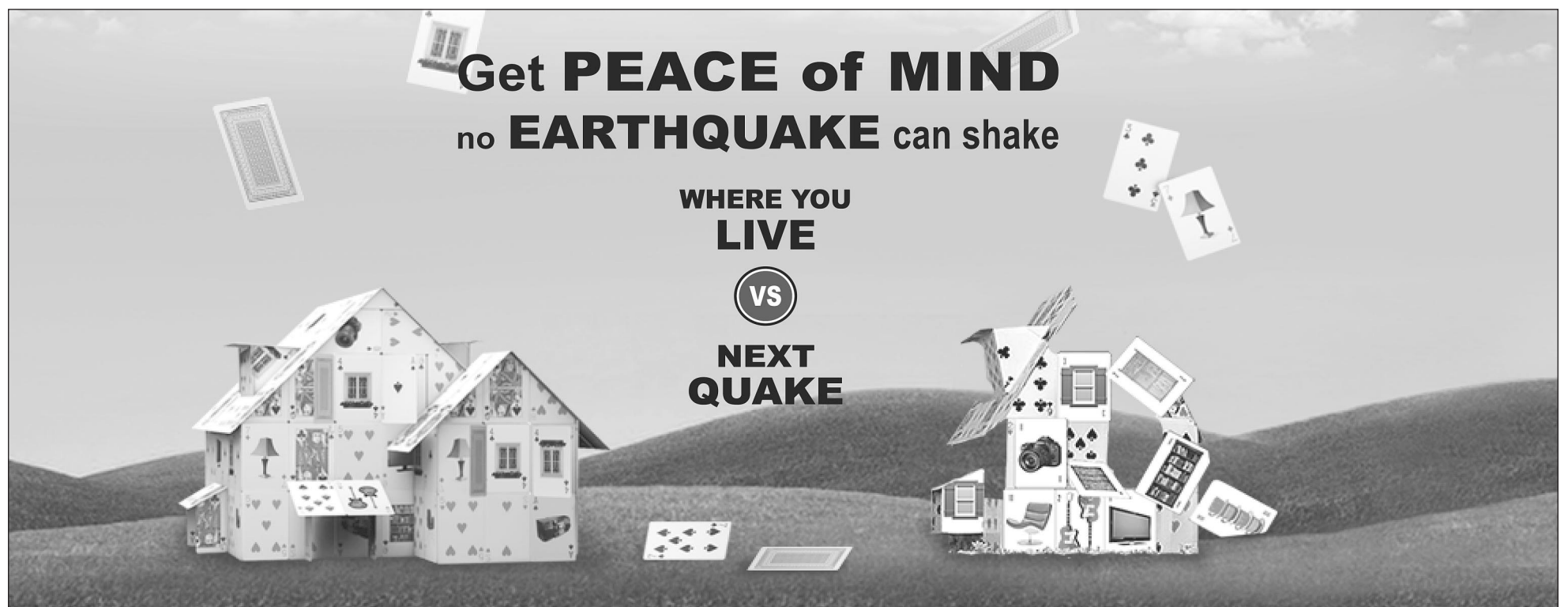
Then the meeting was over, we all went to sleep, anxious for the next day. We woke up around 5am, had some talks, and headed to Santee Community College. We met Jim Hallum, of the KZZY radio station, housed in a small RV trailer. He immediately put us on the air, nine of us spoke, sharing our message about sacred water and Lakota obligation to protect it, and the Oyuhpe Singers shared traditional Lakota music, literally rocking the little KZZY Radio Station! Our good ally, Jennifer Baker, and Alex White Plume shared a lot of valuable history, and a pipeline fighter from Nebraska spoke as well (wonderful allies!), and our radio show ended. There was a lot of teasing and fun laughter shared, as the poet/actor John Trudellis from Santee Nation, and acted in a role as a DJ on a little windblown Indian Reservation in a little trailer, in the iconic movie Smoke Signals.

We drove a few blocks to the Oyate Center, and set up real fast for the Sacred Water Protection Teach In. After opening with prayer and song, we all did our presentations to share about the terrible environmental impacts of the tarsands oil mines up in Canada and the proposed KXL pipeline from Montana to Texas. Alex White Plume of the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council spoke

about the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, an international standard for the treatment of indigenous peoples and our rights to territories, water, and ways of life. Kate Thunder Hawk of Wounded Knee, who spoke of environmental racism and solidarity for Unci Maka, said, "I will stand and die for my children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews against the KXL." I said to the group, "we are called to this path by Creator, the time is now to accept that responsibility, we will put our bodies out there, the fed gov or TransCanada, Inc. will have to put us in jail or kill us to lay that pipeline. Will the Santee Band stand for sacred water? Come to Owe Aku's Moccasins on the Ground Nonviolent Direct Action training June 14 through 16 at Bridger, SD and learn skills to defend your lands and waters." Melvin Lee, Santee, spoke about how the hunting season will be impacted by the KXL, including the economic benefits that hunting brings to their area and tribal economy.

There were about 60 people from Santee Nation who came to the Teach In, including several elders, which was a really good turnout considering there are only about 300 Santee people living on their Rez. Several 'Pipeline Fighters' and members from the Cowboy Indian Alliance (CIA) Against KXL from Nebraska attended, which was way cool. Faith Spotted Eagle from the

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Tim Giago: Indigenous Holocaust Museum at Wounded Knee

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Since 1492 the history of the Western Hemisphere has been marked by one of the greatest holocausts in the history of the world. There are no true figures to quote about how many millions of indigenous people have perished in this land that was once their own. Those who wrote the history of the settlement of these lands often reduced the numbers of deaths because they were so high that it would make the invaders of this land appear in history as blood thirsty barbarians. No culture wants to be remembered like this. But somewhere in the books of man there is a compilation of the millions of indigenous people who died at the hands of the invaders whether by guns, knives or diseases.

In Washington D. C. there is a museum to mark the holocaust brought upon the Jewish people by Adolph Hitler. It is a place of tragedy and yet it reminds the world of what happened to the Jews in hopes that this will never happen again. More than 6 million Jews died in the death camps operated by the Nazis and the Holocaust Museum stands as a stark reminder of these tragedies.

Perhaps five to ten times that number of indigenous people died beginning in 1492. It would be prophetic if the Oglala Sioux Tribe would build a holocaust museum to educate and to remind the world of what happened to the indigenous people of the Western Hemisphere. From South America, Central America and North America, millions of indigenous people died protecting and defending what was theirs. What happened to the Native people everywhere in the Western Hemisphere is one of the most shameful chapters in the history of mankind on this planet called earth. Wounded Knee may have been the final chapter on this holocaust of indigenous people.

It is only right that the Oglala Lakota build a Holocaust Museum of the Indigenous People right here on the grounds where the massacre of the Lakota took place on December 29, 1890. The museum could house the his-

tory of the millions who died from the tip of South America to the top of North America. Every indigenous tribe has its stories of the death and destruction that was visited upon their people. A museum of this nature would draw visitors from around the world and it would inform and educate the masses as to the true history of the Natives of this Hemisphere. But more than that, the museum would serve as a stark reminder that the hands of the invaders were not clean, but they were the hands of a people who tried in vain to destroy a culture and a people. Whether that destruction came in the form of forced religions or in the quest for gold, indigenous people died in its wake.

There are hundreds of stories to be told and hundreds of photos and artifacts to substantiate the holocaust of the Native people. It should be a priority venture for the Oglala Sioux Tribe and there should be many wealthy people and the United States government itself that would contribute money and the expertise to make the Holocaust Museum of the Indigenous People a reality. It is time to stop talking about the genocide foisted upon us and to do something about it. This idea is one that is achievable. We now need the Lakota people of vision to cease upon it and make it happen. It is time to tell the true history of the invasion of the Americas and about the millions of deaths that ensued. And the Lakota People should be the leaders in this endeavor because for all intent and purposes, the holocaust of the indigenous people ended on the Sacred Grounds at Wounded Knee.

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exchanges amongst all participants. It opened with a drum call by Teye Sa Thiosanne, African Drum and Dance Company. Followed by a Libation to the ancestors by Mzee (Swahili for respected and dignified elder) N'namdi Sikmbuzuko. Then we received an in-depth report and analysis of the work of Harmonious Solutions by Mr. Al Daniels Program Director. This was followed by a panel discussion with many persons from professional and community areas. In response to questions and concerns posed by the moderator, the panelist provided incisive analysis and interpretation of the multiplicity of issues raised in the discussion.

Among the panelist were Minister Clovis Honore, Ms Nyenyeketu D. Moss, Dr. John Warren, and Minister Tukufu Kalonji. The afternoon was a viewing of a film titled Daddy Hunger and a Q & A by its creator Mr. Ray Upchurch.

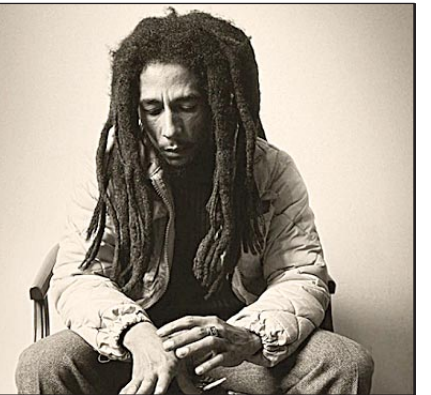
In closing *Indian Voices* extends its

gratitude to Harmonious Solutions and its staff for organizing this event and inviting us to cover it. For we at the paper recognize the significance of the issues focused on in this Town Hall Meeting. While it clearly is an issue of challenge and struggle in our Black community, so too, it also exist as a concern amongst our indigenous Indian family and community as well. Furthermore, given the historical importance and significance of the African American and Indian relationships, perhaps Harmonious Solutions can provide us a model that can be duplicated by social services providers and therapist who serve the Native American community.

Finally we at *Indian Voices* say to Harmonious Solution in the Ojibwe, the language of the Chippewa ethnic group – Gichi-apiitendaagwad (which means congratulations) and Chi-miigwech (which means thank you very much), for all of your work, the good you create in the lives of those whom you serve, and may you always be blessed with an abundance of goodness from the great spirit!

***I don't stand for the black
man's side, I don't stand
for the white man's side.
I stand for God's side.***

– Bob Marley



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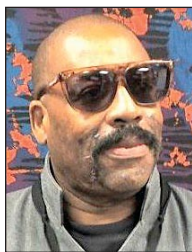


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Black Path Commentary: Critical Analysis on Culture, Community, & Struggle

Diet, Addiction, and Death in America: The Unholy Alliance of Food, Pharmaceutical, and Health Corporations



by Min. Tukufu Kalonji

An emerging and persistent ethical and social justice concern is the insidious relationship and behavior of America's major food corporations,

health care, and pharmaceutical industry. A recent federal report, The Food & Drug Administration: an Overview claims that amongst its many areas of responsibility, the FDA is responsible for, "protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy, and security of humans, drugs/ biological products; and our nation's food supply." The FDA is also responsible for advancing public health by helping to expedite innovations that make medicines and foods more effective, safer, and more affordable; thus helping the public get the accurate, science-based information they need to use medicines and foods to improve their health. Additionally, the pharmaceutical industry has to work in some forms of collaboration with the FDA. Consequently, the pharmaceutical industry develops, produces, and markets drugs or pharmaceuticals licensed for use as medications. Furthermore, they are subject to a variety of laws and regulations regarding the patenting, testing and ensuring safety and efficacy and marketing of drugs.

Moreover, it is a natural presumption that these corporations and the health care industry have a deeply connected relationship with the two aforementioned industries. Subsequently, these three major industries form what I have termed an Unholy Alliance as their insidious collaboration is with the primary interest of making a profit that overrides their claims regarding the health and welfare of America's citizens. This alliance is also

inclusive of the industries relationship with political entities; their supporting these politicians with money and other forms of unscrupulous support has led to the increase of diabetes, cancer, heart disease and a host of other debilitating diseases and death in America. As revealed in *A Review of Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us* the reviewer contends that,

In "Salt Sugar Fat," investigative reporter Michael Moss shows how executives and food scientists at Coca-Cola, Kraft, Frito-Lay and Nestle are well aware that sugary, fatty and salty foods light up the same pleasure centers in our brains that cocaine does. Though they avoid using the word "addictive," they knowingly concoct "crave-able" foods that have a high "bliss point" of sugar and hefty "mouthfuls" of fat. At the same time, they employ insidious tactics to keep their "heavy users" using and to hook new consumers, especially children.

Moreover, intensive medical research in the U.S. demonstrates that fatty processed foods and high fructose sugar treats are as addictive as cocaine and cigarettes." Furthermore, researchers found that obese and compulsive eaters are drawn to images of junk food in the same way cocaine addicts are attracted to images of a bag of the white powder."

The social justice concern is the lack of justice from the food and drug administration, the health care industry and America's major food corporations. The food corporations push toxic food that is extremely addictive, non-nutritious. The health care industry uses citizens; especially the poor and most vulnerable as guinea pigs with drugs that are even more detrimental to us than the illness's people are taking them for, and the politicians get rewards of all sorts to pass legislation to support these legally sanctioned criminals. Thus, the food makers, some farmers, and others related to America's food industries are collaborators in this evil imposition upon the American people.

According to the article *Addiction: Junk-Food Junkies*, "Food companies do not want farmers talking, telling the story of how the companies uses varied drugs in making foods addictive regardless of

the health consequence." A majority of this addicting food is targeted and distributed to low-income communities of color. Thus, the easy access, and lack of resources for eating better put the peoples at higher risk for disease and death because of poor diet. Moreover, related to the addiction to these foods is a concern how much the addictive products create or fuel other addictions such as alcohol, tobacco and other drugs there is a Scientific evidence illustrates the link between the standard American diet, its use of sugar and other processed foods and the number of cocaine and other substance abusers. A group of researchers have written in a journal of behavioral neurosciences that

The possibility that one maladaptive behavior (e.g., compulsive food intake) may serve as a gateway for the development of the other (e.g., drug addiction) has been proposed; a similar progression in use of increasingly serious substances of abuse has been characterized.

The greed for capital by the Unholy Alliance is a blatant and unethical misuse of power. The social inequity and injustice of creating and sustaining a major health crisis, is a violation of public trust in the in the interest only of corporate greed. Equal access is fundamental to American democracy. Moreover, equity happens when one or some are excluded to or lack knowledge, income, education, training, and other necessary resources to participate fully in public discourse, social, and political activities shaping their destiny and daily lives. Given that the nefarious activity of the unholy alliance is merely the making of money, it is a clear and present danger to the American idea of equality and equity for its citizens. Considering the conception of equality and equity in terms of access and opportunity, the Unholy Alliance is doing all it can with respect to gross violations of human rights. The health of the nation is in a despicable state, and peoples are dying at astronomical rates. Why is this madness, the public is told about these so called incurable diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes etc, yet in reality they can be prevented and cured via a micronutrient whole plant based diet.

Given that there is a connection between food and other chemical addictions, the public and private sector alike are compelled to hold the Unholy Alliance accountable for its malicious and greed inspired activities, to include the evils of substance abuse as a social ill. As there is evidenced of the results of the aforementioned industries, their relationship, and the rising health disparities of diet, drug addiction, disease, and death; a movement is growing throughout America. That movement commonly referred to as the Food Justice Movement is the education and conversion of people from animal based and processed foods to embracing as mentioned earlier a micronutrient whole plant based diet. Food Justice is communities exercising their right to grow sell and eat healthy food. Healthy food is fresh, nutritious, affordable, culturally appropriate and grown locally with care for the well-being of the land, workers and animals. People practicing food justice leads to a strong local food system, self-reliant communities and a healthy environment

With that said, the growth of the food justice movement, is resulting with people all over the country-to include this writer-who are experiencing excellent results with their health, as perhaps its most pronounced benefits. The food justice movement is a critique and corrective to the ill-gotten ways of the Unholy Alliance. Dr. Maulana Karenga, has argued that

Healthcare is a requirement of social justice due to persons as human beings and members of a society. It speaks to creating the context and capacities to live a good life and to strive toward fulfillment and flourishing. Disease, disability and unwellness deny or diminish our capacity to achieve these goods and thus, healthcare is required to deal with these impairments to health.

In rectifying this matter, I advocate as for the initiation of a comprehensive total (holistic) health education program. By holistic I mean the healing of mind, body and spirit through nutrition and diet education, incorporating a fitness program, and developing sustainable food growth

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Oliver Law Takes Command of US Troops (1937)

by William Loren Katz

General Colin Powell was three months old when Oliver Law, at 33 a tall, broad-shouldered Texas African American became the first Black Commander of an American Army. The exact date, June 12, 1937, was 75 years ago. Law was selected by a committee of three white officers to lead this integrated army.

Heard of Colin Powell but never heard of Oliver Law? Hardly surprising. Law's not mentioned in school books or social studies classes, and has not found a place in most college texts or history courses. But Law made his mark on world history in June 1937 and he had very good reasons. Oliver Law was among a brave band of 2800 American men and women (including 90 other African Americans) who rushed to help the Spanish Republic Spain during its Civil War (1936-1938). Their aim was to stop Hitler and Mussolini from using Spain as a springboard for their march across Europe and begin World War II. These brave Americans were joined by 30,000 other men and women from 52 countries who also volunteered their lives to save Spain's Republican government from being overwhelmed by Hitler and Mussolini and General Francisco Franco, their Spanish fascist ally. For the only time in world history a global volunteer force left their homelands to defend democracy in a distant land. Though few volunteers had any military training their goal was proud their own governments to stop fascist aggression then and there. England, France, the USA and other democratic governments were doing nothing about fascism – except encouraging it. So individuals decided to do something.

Among the US volunteers -- known as the "Abraham Lincoln Brigade" – military experience ran a low fourth to

enthusiasm, commitment and sheer guts. But Oliver Law was different. In Texas he had served six years in the Buffalo Soldiers, "US Colored Troops." This was the long night of US segregation and lynching that lasted through World War II and beyond. So US War Department policy prevented Law from becoming an officer or reaching higher than corporal. But in Spain life was different for African Americans. "I can rise according to my worth, not my color," Law said. This volunteer army included Black and white men and women who at home united during the Great Depression to fight for unemployment insurance, union rights and social security, and to end to segregation, discrimination and lynching. After the Lincoln Brigade's first battle at Jarama, Law's courage was rewarded with a promotion to lieutenant. Next he was put in charge of a machine-gun company. Then Lincoln Brigade Commander Marty Hourihan recommended him for officers' school. When the Lincoln Brigade Commander position became available on June 12th, a committee of three white Brigade officers voted to make Law a Captain and their Brigade Commander. One of the three, Steve Nelson, who had worked with him in Chicago, told why they picked Law: "He had the most experience and was best suited for the job." Further, he was "the most acquainted with military procedures on the staff at the moment ... he was well liked by his ..."

Nelson continued, "When soldiers were asked who might become an officer -- ours was a very democratic army -- his name always came up. It was spoken of him that he was calm under fire, dignified, respectful of his men and always given to thoughtful consideration of initiatives and military missions."


The rest of the story is sadder -- for Law, the Lincoln Brigade and the International volunteers and the world. At 10:00 AM on July 9th at the battle of Brunete, Commander Law insisted on leading his men against a fortified fascist position at Mosquito Ridge. Law, his runner New Yorker Harry Fisher recalled, was "running to the top of the hill," waving his men on. Law did not "attempt to protect himself, and in a matter of seconds, machine-gun fire ripped into him." Law's other runner, New Yorker Jerry Weinberg, crawled across the battlefield to pull Law to safety. It was too late: "He died less than an hour later," Fisher recalled.

Oliver Law's comrades buried him under a sign that proudly declared him the first Black commander of a US military unit.

Hitler, Mussolini and Franco defeated democracy in Spain and five Months later, Nazi Germany's marched into Poland and began World War II. Had the democracies heeded the warning of the 35,000 volunteers, the story of World War II might have been different.

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SAN DIEGO TROLLEY PROPOSED TO BE EXTENDED TO UCSD AND UNIVERSITY CITY










The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will extend Trolley service (light rail) from the Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego north to the University City community, serving major activity centers such as Old Town, the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), and Westfield UTC. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)—which will develop the project in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)—has prepared a draft environmental document analyzing potential impacts of the project. To learn more and comment, come to one of these five public meetings being held along the route of the proposed extension:

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<p>Friday, June 21, 2013 Public Hearing at 9 a.m. SANDAG Transportation Committee, Board Room (7th Floor) 401 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101 (Bus 3, 120 at 4th Ave./B St. & Bus 2, 7, 15, 30, 50, 150, 923, 992 at Broadway/5th Ave. & Blue and Orange Line Trolley at 5th Ave. Trolley Station)</p>	

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Black Indians: A Personal Journey

by William Loren Katz

The personal sojourn that led to a book named *Black Indians* began in the 1930s and my father, Ben Katz, who fell in love with African American blues and jazz music. He first had a large 78-rpm record collection, and then a large collection of African American history books and pictures. I had to be one of the few white kids in the world who went to sleep listening to Bessie Smith, Sidney Bechet and Louis Armstrong, and woke up surrounded by the writings of Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Du Bois, and E. Franklin Frazier. At a very early age Dad took me to Harlem's Schomburg Center for Research in Black History and Culture which he considered sacred ground. He also organized jazz concert benefits for The United Negro and Allied Veterans of America so I met Sidney Bechet and James P. Johnson in our living room, and Bunk Johnson sitting at our table at the Stuyvesant Casino. Jazzman Mezz Mezzrow introduced me to Louis Armstrong after his Carnegie Hall concert.

I also began to fall in love with jazz, blues and this history. Dad helped found the Committee for the Negro in the Arts with Charles White, Frank Silvera, Ernie Crichlow and Walter Christmas. Walter and Ernie and Dad became best friends, and I continued I was blessed to meet so many stimulating men and women of color. Before I joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 my senior high school thesis was a 200-page history of jazz—best described as amateurish, emotional and well illustrated.

My 14-years as a New York public school teacher were spent "bootlegging" my new knowledge into my social studies classrooms—to offset the appalling omissions and distortions of the state

curriculum and its approved textbooks. By 1967 a small New York publisher issues my *Eyewitness*, a Black history text I developed in my classes. I had written to Langston Hughes asking for permission to use several of his articles and one evening in late 1966 my phone rang. "What kind of book is it?" he asked. I explain it was a Black history book for young people and schools. His response was immediate and firm, "Don't leave out the cowboys!" I think he said it twice. "Yes, I have two chapters on them," I said. "Good, good," he said, "that's very important." I had his permission.

But I had something more. His five words changed my life. I knew the great poet of urban America had grown up in Lawrence, Kansas, was named after his uncles, John Mercer Langston a frontier Ohio lawyer who defended Underground Railroad agents—including his brother, Charles Langston. Another ancestor was Lewis Sheridan Leary, an Oberlin College student who fought and died with John Brown at Harpers Ferry. Langston Hughes also could trace his ancestry back to Pocahontas. My eyes were opening to a new kind of frontier.

I also had become familiar with the pioneering research on Africans and Indians on America's frontiers by Kenneth Wiggins Porter, a white Harvard-trained university professor. In 1968 when a New York Times Company asked me to serve as general editor of 212 African American reprint classics I had Porter select his best essays for his *The Negro on the American Frontier*. It appeared in 1971, as did my *The Black West*. After Professor Porter's death in 1981 his wife made me curator of his unpublished manuscripts, and I quickly

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Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. Addresses NAIHC Annual Convention

Federal agency reps, Congressional members rally to reauthorize key housing program

CHICAGO, IL – Tribal leaders and housing professionals from around the country are in Chicago this week for the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) 39th Annual Convention and Trade Show. Opening the session on May 21 was a riveting keynote address by Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr.

"It is a great sight to see so many of our tribal housing colleagues coming together for a common goal of providing safe, quality, affordable and culturally relevant housing for tribal members," said NAIHC Chairwoman Cheryl A. Causley. "Today is a special day for NAIHC and for all in attendance. We heard from a true leader of equality and justice for the human race. Having Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. address the NAIHC membership is historic for our organization. His words were truly inspiring."

Jackson told the crowd of nearly 450 of his Cherokee ancestry and vowed to work with Native people. "Today, in the legacy of the Civil Rights struggle, we stand with the National American Indian Housing Council in your quest for comprehensive economic development, and for policies that will improve living and housing con-

ditions," said Jackson. "We want to be your co-partners. We are family. The treaties made must be honored. Together, it is not just the American Indian Housing Council in this fight, but rather a coalition of conscience. The government that will rebuild Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, must prioritize honoring its 'first' promise, its 'first' obligation. Today we need HUD, HHS, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Justice to function."

Jackson led the audience to repeat his words: "We will survive. We will prevail."

The NAIHC Annual Convention is the preeminent tribal housing event for tribal housing professionals, offering peer-to-peer networking opportunities, best practices in the delivery of housing services and updates from federal agency partners, such as US Housing and Urban Development (HUD), US Department of Energy (DOE) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

NAIHC will reconvene in Las Vegas, NV, for its annual Legal Symposium on December 10-13, 2013. Visit the NAIHC website for more information - www.naihc.net.

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) was founded in 1974 as a 501(c)(3) corporation. NAIHC is the only national organization representing housing interests of Native people who reside in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages, and on native Hawaiian Home Lands.

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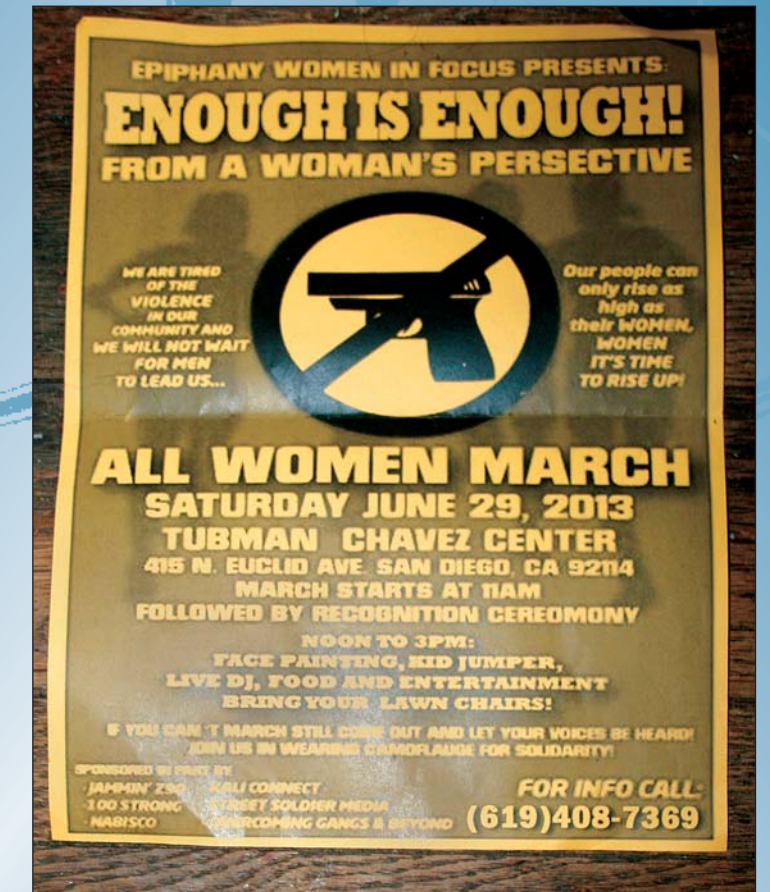
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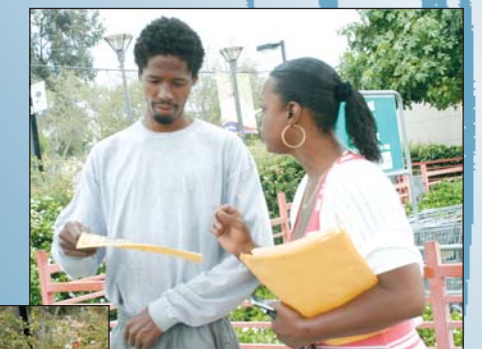
Enough is Enough All Women's March

Rashida Hameed is a life long resident of San Diego's Fourth District and has been actively involved in her community.

The collapse of social order and gang activity has taken a toll on the people's psyche. Rashida states "I have been to too many funerals and vigils and witnessed too many tears from mothers and family members who have been the victims of the random violence that plagues our community. We are tired of the violence and we will not wait for men to lead us. Mothers and women will take to the street to show the world that we intend to put an end to this insanity.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Rashida Hameed's non profit organization Epiphany Women in Focus has taken the lead in organizing the march to take place June 29th, 2013. Mayor Bob Filner and other officials have expressed their support.



History of Tourism

Tourism can be recognized as long as people have travelled; the narrative of Marco Polo in the 13th century; the "grand tour" of the British aristocracy to Europe in the 18th century; and the journeys of David Livingstone through Africa in the 19th century are all examples of early tourism. Thomas Cook is popularly regarded as the founder of inclusive tours with his use of a chartered train in 1841 to transport tourists from Loughborough to Leicester. Before the 1950s, tourism in Europe was mainly a domestic activity with some international travel between countries, mainly within continental Europe. In the period of recovery following World War II, a combination of circumstances provided an impetus to international travel. Among the important contributing fac-

tors were the growing number of people in employment, the increase in real disposable incomes and available leisure time, and changing social attitudes towards leisure and work. These factors combined to stimulate the latent demand for foreign travel and holidays. The emergence of specialist tour operators who organized inclusive holidays by purchasing transport, accommodation, and related services and selling these at a single price, brought foreign holidays within the price-range of a new and growing group of consumers. The "package" or "inclusive" tour democratized travel in Europe; foreign holidays were no longer the preserve of the affluent and socially elite classes.

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Body Bagging ... ever heard the term? Marines in the Corps's Mortuary Affairs

unit at Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq, are assigned the job of collecting and cataloging the bodies of dead Marines. They sift through the remains and effects, from prom photos to suicide notes and love letters, and put them into a bag, then into a metal box and then into a refrigerator to await the flight home. One soldier, Jess Goodell, recounts a Marine brought into the unit still breathing. She frantically called to her superiors, who replied simply, "Wait." She watched while he died. When she returned to the US, Goodell, like many others, was diagnosed with deep depression, substance abuse, PTSD and anxiety.

Oliver Law

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Though Oliver Law and a majority of the Americans died in Spain, survivors returned home to again fight fascism after Pearl Harbor. After the war veterans of the Lincoln Brigade continued to battle racism in the United States and oppose imperialist wars abroad, some into the 21st century. Now only a hand-

ful in their nineties are left.

[This article is based on my book, *THE LINCOLN BRIGADE: A PICTURE HISTORY* now updated and reissued in 2013. The book's pictures and information are based on interviews with Brigade veterans Steve Nelson, Harry Fisher, Sam Walters, and many others during two trips to Spain with these daring veterans and their families, and research. For those interested in reprinting this article I can supply important and informative photographs. Please write back.] William LorenKatz is the author of forty US history books, including *BlackIndians: A Hidden Heritage*. His website is -- williamkatz.com.

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natural public relations instincts have provided a notebook full of merchant friends. Many of these small business owners promote and foster the community spirit that defines this area of San Diego. To keep track of her contacts Serena has started her own business, called SOL Enterprises. The aim is to

keep small business owners connected and in communication with one another. Additionally Serena, whose multi-ethnic background brings a multi-cultural approach to community networking.

In addition to helping business endeavors Serena also plans to multi-task by assisting with community activities geared to build and sustain a healthy civic environment.

She is actively promoting and assisting Rashada Hameed with the planned

“All Women’s March Against Violence” in the Southeast area of San Diego (see notice on page 12) She highly suggest cooling off with a Snoball from O.U.R. SnoBalls (Organized-Upstanding-Reliable (see ad on page 12)

As SOL Enterprises evolves Serena invites all who are interested in helping to develop Sol Enterprises into a effective networking tool for our community while supporting our small businesses.

More to come in the next issue.

Rescinds Support

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Ihanktuwan Nation Yankton Homelands explained what the Treaty to Protect the Sacred is, and how nations are joining the treaty against the KXL. “Protect the Sacred is the name of our campaign to protect our sacred sites from the KXL” she said. Faith was on her way to a big meeting at the Pipestone Quarry in Minnesota.

A small group from our delegation met with Santee Tribal President Roger Trudell, (brother-cousin of John Trudell) sharing with him the strong stand the Oglala Band of the Lakota Nation is taking against the KXL pipeline to protect our drinking water, and we presented him with a Tribal Resolution we drafted that calls for the Santee Nation to oppose the KXL pipeline. President Trudell assured us the resolution will be on the tribal council agenda

for the June meeting (first Monday) and thanked us for coming to share our Sacred Water Protection Teach In. We thanked him for opposing the first Keystone pipeline a few years ago, that was done so quickly and quietly, hardly anyone even knew about it, let alone allowing time to oppose it!

President Trudell informed us the Tribal Council had taken action to rescind their Resolution 2013-30 supporting TransCanada’s KXL pipeline. Earlier in the day Robin LeBeau, Tribal Council from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of Eagle Butte SD, had asked TransCanada, Inc. employees (an Omaha Indian and a Comanche Indian) to leave their Reservation as their tribe opposed the KXL pipeline. I thought, ‘hmmm, this is not a good day for the KXL tarsands pipeline, but it is a wonderful day for sacred water!’ Apparently, TransCanada has hired natives to go speak to tribes on their behalf. Scouts?

To check us out?

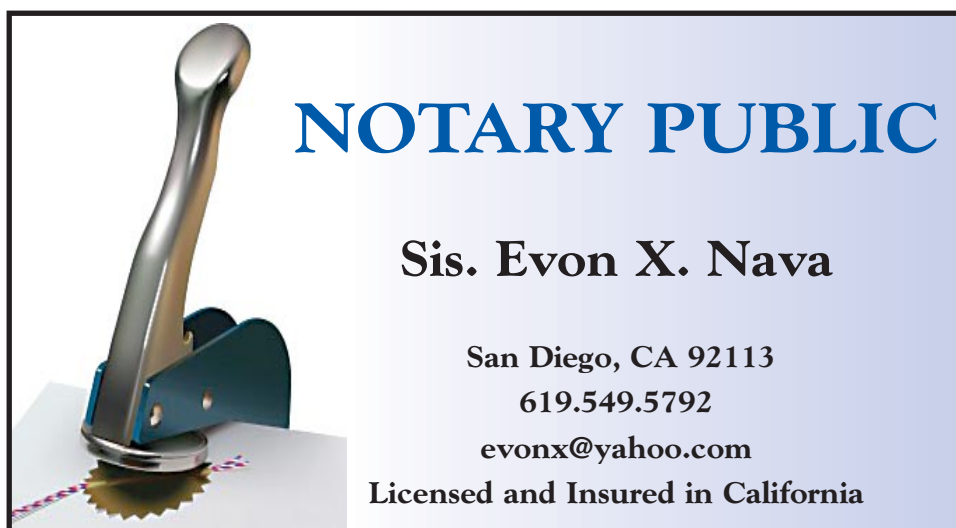
After that meeting, we went back to the Oyate Center, and enjoyed a scrumptious meal provided by the community and the organizers, and spend our last evening at the beautiful lodge along the river, which we all pledged to protect from the KXL pipeline. The Oypuhe Singers, led by George Jumping Eagle of Manderson, SD, sang a prayer song, a thanksgiving song, and a victory song along the banks of the Niobrara River, and we offered tobacco to the spirits, thankful for success in our mission. I felt like that was also a reminder that Arvol Looking Horse will bring out the Sacred Bundle on May 18 at Green Grass, to pray for protection for Unci Maka (Grandmother Earth) and sacred water.

It was a good trip, and the Great Sioux Nation has another band, the Santee Band, who will oppose the KXL pipeline from entering Treaty Territory! As we drove away from Santee, a huge

bald eagle flew overhead in circles, then fly along side of us for a while. I felt so comforted, guided, and blessed by our escort. I whispered, Mitakuye Oyasin, and put out some tobacco. As we drove along through the beautiful lands of the Sicanju Lakota on the Rosebud Homelands, we heard on KOYA Radio that there will be a March Against the KXL Pipeline on May 17 in Rosebud. We immediately formed a delegation and made plans to attend. We will be there!

Big wopila to Melvin Lee, Eugene Saul, DeWayne Wabasha, Jim Hallum and the many Santee for standing up for the sacred water, the land, and the people. On our travels home, across the wetlands near Santee, we saw a few her-rings, but we did not get to see the cranes, who had left several weeks ago from sandhills country, where sacred water rises, then disappears.

Next spring, next spring, I told myself, I will come back to the sandhills to see the cranes!

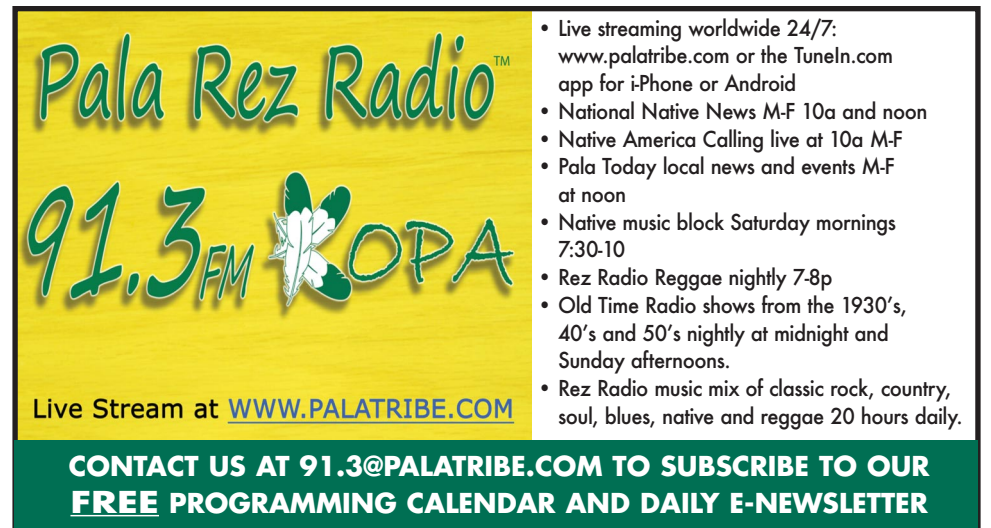


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Unholy Alliance

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programs within the designated or identified communities. Additionally, this requires collaboration with like-minded individuals and groups, in a campaign for food justice, which would among other things, include education, organization and mobilization of the masses. Then ultimately the confrontation of food and healthcare industry components.

The food justice movement has first, at a minimum of results an inclusion of the reversal and total removal of varied diseases reducing and total stoppage of the distribution and consumption of pharmaceutical drugs with debilitating side effects. Moreover, the cost to effectively heal oneself via a micronutrient whole foods plant based diet is much less expensive and environment friendly. Secondly, in order to build the food justice movement, an intense grassroots campaign must take place as is currently growing throughout America. Lastly, the food justice movement must engage the political machinery of the country to

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lobby and win support of those professional and layperson who know the truth about the Unholy Alliance. The engagement will involve political organizing to cultivate politicians at all levels of public office who wholeheartedly believe the principles and ethics of this movement as a measure to salvage humanity's health. The ruling race and class's recent public discourse on health care is focused on cost cutting, bending the curve, cost effectiveness, and analogous financial concerns, merely is accommodating to an attitude of a market economy that is concerned with minimizing price, rather than be concerned with the value and feasibility of human cost and the consequences of not having it.

In closing, this matter is an issue of life and death and only a steadfast involvement in the movement for liberation will suffice in bringing to an end the activity of the Unholy Alliance and its devastation on the health of the nation and its peoples.

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Viejas 1st Yucca Festival

by Roy Cook

On May 18, 2013, from noon to 7pm or so, the first Yucca Harvest celebration was held at the Viejas Tribal Culture grounds. The Yucca plant is and has been a multi-purpose plant for the Southern California and greater western Native American people for thousands of years. This day the food value of the yucca blossoms are prepared in the traditional way and offered to the many residents of the Viejas reservation and visitors to this worthy event.

Activities for all ages have been taken into consideration: children games of matched competing and carnival rides and water playground fun is in constant use over the warm afternoon. The hot-dogs, hamburgers and cool drinks lunch is generous and in keeping with the summer outing of the day. Earlier the collection and preparation of the yucca took place on the reservation under the instruction of Virginia Christman, a former Council member and culture bearer treasure of the Viejas tribe. Traditionally, the Kumeyaay collect - sha'aa - in March and April, the stem is peeled roasted, and eaten; blossom is boiled and also eaten. With the correct preparation the Yucca blossoms are most tasty and can be utilized in a variety of delectable dishes.

Visitors from the Colorado River, local reservation bands and urban Kumeyaay attended this event. There is a good sized group of Soaring Eagle parents and

children making friends and enjoying the entertainment of the day. About 4pm Chris Emerson, Quechan spoke to the river harvest tradition and the spirituality and cooperation and Creator's generosity of the day. He then sang a set of appropriate songs and along with his female cousins they danced harvest and friendship dances for all to enjoy. Then there was an interlude of American popular and traditional Native American songs.

Local Viejas bird singers, friends and children formed a singing line under the lead singer, Ron Christman. Young ladies, visitors and very experienced dancers formed the responding dancer line facing the singers. Ron led his group in a spirited and traditional selection of fine songs. It was a treat and joy to be a part of the singer's row. All the while, Ron kept up a teaching description of the local history of the resurgence of the traditional Tipai culture and Bird singing. After a long but not long enough, session of songs the cry went out for everyone to line up for Yucca selections and Kumeyaay Indian Fried bread with all the fixings. All was very, Viejas yummy! Cool drinks and a chance at seconds on the yucca were available for all to experience.

Finally, as the sun was setting and the totally soaked kids started to shiver, a last short set of four or more songs were sung for all our relations near and dear to our hearts and memories. Mehan, Royboy.

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"The story is as familiar as *Rebel Without a Cause* or even *West Side Story* — this idea growing up and hav-
ing issues with other factions or other



cliques inside your high school and this journey of self-exploration," said American actor Benjamin Bratt

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It's a new day in San Diego's 4th District

After a stunning display of democratic citizen action, Myrtle Cole emerged victorious in a special election to take the seat of Tony Young who left in January to head the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

"I am so grateful to the voters for the trust that they have placed with me and I promise to work hard every day to live up to that trust," she said. "The people are the eyes, ears, hearts and soul of this community and its government. And they deserve transparent, responsive and compassionate government."



The Fourth District congratulates Myrtle Cole and looks forward to working with the new council Councilperson.

"I'm honored to be taking the oath of office today," she said. "I am enthusiastic and eager about rolling up my sleeves and getting to work for Council District 4 residents and all citizens of San Diego."



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Paiute Environmental Activist Calvin Meyers Dies at Age 57

by Keith Rogers

Friends remember Calvin Meyers as an environmental activist and public speaker against plans by the Department of Energy to haul nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain and the Nevada Test Site. The former chairman of the Moapa Band of Paiutes died May 15 of complications from a stroke he suffered last year. He was 57. He was buried Saturday in the Moapa Indian Cemetery following a traditional service.

"He was self-motivated and fought for the land and the people," his Western Shoshone friend Ian Zabarte wrote in a memorial email message. "Those of us who were his colleagues eventually became his longtime friends. Over time we saw a glimpse of the world as he saw it, the things that gave his life meaning

and value," Zabarte wrote. "We listened, debated and joined in the battles he fought: nuclear weapons testing, nuclear waste, cultural preservation, coal-fired electricity generation. Each of these issues were won, at some level by him."

Calvin Ward Meyers was born Sept. 9, 1955, in Las Vegas. He grew up on the Moapa River Indian Reservation and graduated from Stewart Indian School in Stewart, which lies within Carson City. He later attended Intermountain Indian School in Brigham City, Utah. He was fond of photography, cooking, beading and educating Paiute youth about their culture and heritage, according to his friend Holly Woodward. "Calvin fought to keep Nevada wild, and wanted the state to lead the way in sustainable development. People should keep the momentum up and get involved in some of the

causes he worked so hard on," she said.

Meyers held numerous positions in the Paiute community including Moapa Band of Paiutes council member, vice chairman and chairman. He was a member of the tribe's Cultural Committee, the Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organization, and the Nevada Test Site Native American Program. He once wrote of his passion for beading "as a way of relaxation (that) also keeps my mind filled with good thoughts." He never hesitated to take the microphone and let government officials know where he stood on issues that affected Native American lands and cultures.

In a 2010 Southern Nevada Health District meeting about NV Energy's plans to expand a coalash landfill at the Reid Gardner power plant near the reservation, Meyers pointed out that the plant's

monitoring reports had numerous data gaps. He said the reports were too confusing for the average reader. "For me, it was like getting a message from Mars," he said. "What we need to do is get somebody else to do the monitoring, somebody not paid for by" NV Energy. In 2002, he wrote U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., urging wilderness protection for the sprawling Gold Butte area and protection for ancient rock art panels in Arrow Canyon, 60 miles northwest of Gold Butte.

"Medicinal plants and other forms of medicine are put in special places; and even though they may be found elsewhere, they may not necessarily hold the same medicinal power," he wrote. Meyers also offered his opinion about then-Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham making a surprise visit to Las Vegas in December 2001 for the final hearing on the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. Abraham attended the Cashman Center hearing before recommending the site for approval by President George Bush. "It's a slow day Washington," Meyers remarked.

Meyers was married to the late Mitzi Pete Meyers. He is survived by his brother, Randy Meyers, of Moapa, and many relatives in Las Vegas; St. George, Utah; Parker, Ariz.; and Mohave Valley, Ariz.

New ACLU Executive Director

After an extensive, nationwide search, the new Executive Director of the ACLU of Nevada is Tod Story. Tod has been serving as our Interim Executive Director since February, and stepped into his permanent role last week.

Our Celebration of Civil Liberties is next Friday, June 14. You are invited to join us in this celebration and welcome Tod into this new role. Tod and the rest of the board and staff are looking forward to working together toward our shared mission.

Since moving to Las Vegas in 1984, Tod has been extremely active in the community, demonstrating his long-time commitment to civil rights, equality and justice. For the past 14 years, he has served as District Director for U.S.



Tod Story

Representative Shelley Berkley. "I look forward to continuing the work of the ACLU of Nevada to address the needs of Nevada's citizens while defending and advancing our civil rights,

liberty and freedom," said Tod.

This is an exciting time for the ACLU of Nevada, and we would love for you to share this moment with us. We truly could not be here without you or your support!

Black Indians

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found them a home at Harlem's Schomburg Center.

Meanwhile faces of Black Indians—Apaches, Kiowa, Cherokees, Seminoles, and others—peered from the antique photographs I had selected for The Black West. I was looking at America's first Freedom Fighters, first Underground Railroad conductors, our country's first "Rainbow Coalition." My proposal for a book on Black Indians brought only one publisher response—Athenaeum's Young Adult editor Marcia Marshall.

Rules of the day for Young Adult books had advantages—it had to be written clearly and informally, use illustrations, explain important concepts, minimize "scholarship" and omit footnotes, and be under 200 pages. These were also disadvantages. Many readers wanted more evidence, scholarship, and deeper coverage—more than 198 pages could provide. Then there were U.S. Boards of Education demands—such as little coverage of Latin America. The final product bent a few rules by using many original sources, historical engravings and photographs as evidence, and provided a two chapters on Latin America.

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Sequester Should Not Have to Take Its Toll

Sequestration is starting to take its toll on our country and it's a shame that these arbitrary cuts are going into effect. We must reduce the deficit, but I strongly oppose sequestration. Sequestration's indiscriminate across-the-board cuts will create real hardships for many Nevadans and it will also affect Indian Country. Democrats are ready to work with Senate Republicans to find a solution that brings down our nation's deficit and creates more opportunities for the middle class, but time and again Republicans refuse to work with us. Indian Country needs and deserves more from Congress in light of

the special trust responsibilities the United States has towards Indian tribes. The Indian Health Service (IHS), in particular, is in line to take a hit because of the ill-conceived sequester. IHS is crucial to Indian Country in Nevada and elsewhere.

The agency provides healthcare service to approximately 2.2 million individuals across the country. This agency stands to lose \$220 million because of sequestration which will result in an estimated reduction of 3,000 inpatient admissions and an estimated reduction of 804,000 outpatient visits. This cannot be tolerated when so many people need to access quality

healthcare services. And because of sequester, schools on Indian reservations that receive aid to educate young children will go without \$60 million in total because of cuts. In my home state of Nevada, 120 teachers could lose their jobs, local law enforcement agencies will lose essential funding to prevent and prosecute crime and thousands of Defense Department employees will be furloughed – losing wages that support their families and our state's economy. Nationwide, sequester cuts will cost more than 750,000 jobs. I've been working hard to put Nevada and our country on a path towards long term success, but we can't

do that as long as these cuts continue to hinder our potential. Democrats offered a credible alternative to sequestration to protect middle class Americans and to maintain our national security.

Unfortunately, the Republican position is that we must not close even a single tax loophole for millionaires to reduce the deficit. It's a shame that sequestration's effects will hit where it hurts most- health-care and education. I hope Republicans come to their senses and realize how Indian Country will be affected if we do not come to an equitable agreement on how to end this senseless sequester.

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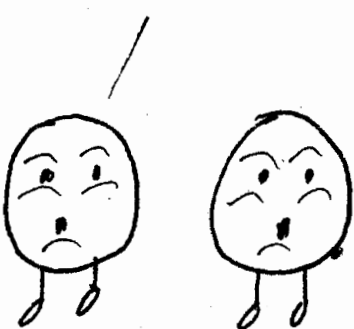
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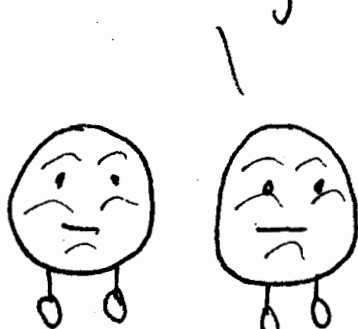
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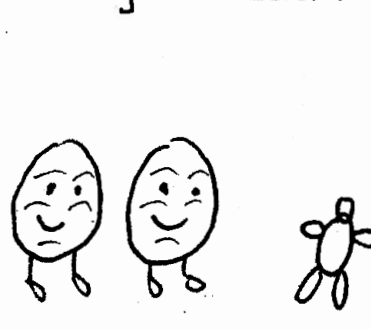


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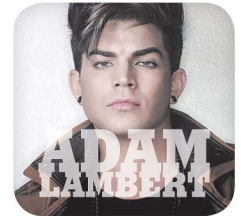
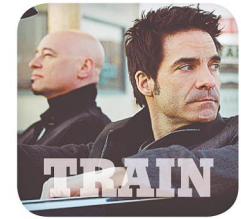
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