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Local Indigenous Leaders Organize to Get Legal Status for Indigenous Languages

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by Michael Odegaard

Rotary clubs are well known for leaders among the ranks of doctors and lawyers, but one San Diego County Rotary club may have just made history (again) in the recent installation of its first Indian chief: "Captain" of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, Melvin J. Vernon assumed the office of President of the Rotary Club of San Luis Rey (Oceanside) last July 1, accepting the gavel from Native Hawaiian Michael Odegaard who in 2019 qualified the Club as Rotary



Rotary Club of San Luis Rey President Michael Odegaard awards 2022 Peacebuilder Nominee Mel Vernon.

District 5340's (San Diego & Imperial County) first "Peacebuilder Club" for teaching the principles of Positive Peacebuilding. Whereas "negative

peace" is simply the absence of violence, "positive peace" represents the cultivation of the values and institutions that create peaceful societies according to the Eight Pillars of Positive Peace proposed by Rotary International's partner, the often quoted think-tank Institute for Economics & Peace (www.economicsandpeace.org) who annually publishes their peacefulness rankings both of nations and American states.

Since the Rotary Club of San Luis Rey in 2020 declared its goal of sponsoring a Luiseno oratorical festival by 2025 (and has dedicated each 3rd Tuesday meeting to Luiseno language instruction by Diania Cauldell) Oceanside Arts Commissioner Julia Fister, CEO of Studio ACE (www.studioace.org/valley-arts-festival) and Kumeyaay College's

director Dr. Stanley Rodriguez have joined the Club which meets at 8:00 am on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Tuesday mornings at the Pit Stop Diner at 3825 Mission Ave. Local community leaders interested in joining our efforts are invited to contact Club President Capt Vernon at melvern@aol.com.

In partnership with the United Nations Association of San Diego, the San Luis Rey Rotarians are now forming a Blue Ribbon Committee to lead San Diego, and hopefully the whole State of California, toward the United Nations' 2022-2032 International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL 2022-2032) goal of securing legal status of our region's indigenous languages. IDIL 2022-2032 Global Action Plan declares getting legal status for indigenous languages as a prerequisite for creating supportive

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News From the North

Greetings from North County.

This month's article will focus on Diania Caudell, retired, member of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, is a basket weaver/gatherer who is weaving her magic throughout North County. She is a board member of the California Indian Basket Weavers Association (CIBA). She is also a member of Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) representing CIBA. She speaks about the dangers of pesticides on traditional weaving materials that are harmful to the weavers. Diania, assisted by Roberta Estrada and Raenette Olvera, both are also members of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, conduct weaving workshops at various venues. The ladies continue their practice on the fourth Sunday of the month at San Luis Rey Mission where college students and other interested participants are welcome to join the fun.

Diania and Roberta collaborate with

Professor Bonnie Bade from CSUSM teaching Luiseno cultural history and basket weaving. They are also involved with the De Luz Ecology Center gathering traditional native plants and passing that knowledge onto others. Diania is also a docent with the Daley Ranch and for the last fifteen years has volunteered her time with the Native American programs for seventh graders of the Escondido School District. Diania also volunteers her time as a docent at the Santa Margarita/Las Flores Ranch on Camp Pendleton. She has worked with many other school districts throughout North County teaching about the Luiseno language of her tribe, Luiseno history and basket weaving.

This past April, Diania conducted a basket weaving workshop with the assistance of Roberta for families at the Literacy Center in Oceanside which is



Roberta Estrada, Raenette Olvera, Diania Caudell

part of the Oceanside Public Library. There were over twenty children along with their parents and the experience was enjoyed by all. Just this past week, Diania taught a workshop at the Mission San Luis Rey for forty-six friars and future friars and was assisted by Raenette, Ellen Sue (Acjachemen) and me. The event was a huge success with the men and their baskets turned out beautifully. Next week, Diania will conduct three consecutive workshops for the Art for Older Adults at the El Corazon Senior Center in Oceanside which is sponsored by the Oceanside Public Library. Diania and Roberta recently conducted a private class at Studio ACE for adults and they will teach

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Shirley and Hank Murphy Awarded Honorary Doctor Degrees

SDSU Award Five Honorary Degrees

Two esteemed and respected community leaders were recognized by San Diego State University for their service to the university, the San Diego community and the Nation.

San Diego State University awarded five honorary degrees this year that included Mrs. Dianne Louise Bashor, Tom Hom, Lidia S. Martinez. Hank

Murphy and Shirley Murphy (both Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters) are widely recognized and respected tribal elders within their respective tribal communities and nationwide. They founded the Southern Indian Health

Clinic in 1982, San Diego County. They also spearheaded the creation of the Sycuan Medical Clinic and the Sycuan Education Department. Hank Murphy was born on the Sycuan Reservation in El Cajon, California, and is an enrolled member of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation with multiple terms on the tribal council. In 1974, he founded the Sycuan Fire Department, one of the first tribal fire teams in the U.S., Shirley Murphy has conducted

research and development of indigenous knowledge and its application to educational curriculum, career counseling, community



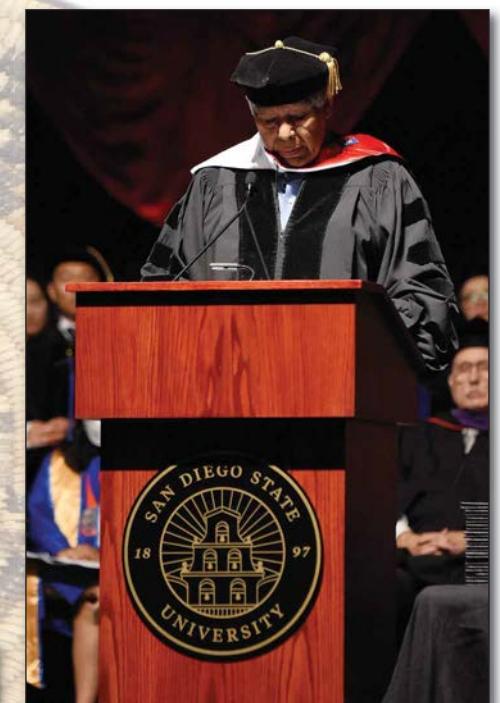
development and life coaching. In addition to a bachelor's degree in linguistics and a master's degree in counseling from San Diego State University she earned a second master's degree in cultural psychology

from California School of Professional Psychology.

Dr. Murphy has served in leadership roles for several colleges and universities, and has been awarded the Distinguished Educator of the Year award at the California Conference on American Indian Education.

Shirley Murphy was born in Oglala, South Dakota and grew up in nearby Pine Ridge and attended the Holy Rosary Indian Mission Boarding School. After high school, she served in the U.S. Navy for eight years.

She has lived with Hank on the Sycuan Indian Reservation in El Cajon Dehesa Valley since 1974. Hank is a member of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. Shirley is an enrolled



member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Thank you Shirley and Hank Murphy from the emerging educators and change agents for forging a path for the emancipation of the human-indigenous mind to roam comfortably while remaining loyal to the soil and honoring the dictates of the Ancestors as they prepare us for the future.

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another class there during summer camp for children. Diania will also teach basket weaving at another summer camp at the Mission San Luis Rey in July.

Diania is an honorary member of the

San Luis Rey Rotary Club and teaches the Luiseno language once a month to the members. She is a member of the Luiseno Festival planning committee of the Valley Arts Festival through Studio ACE. Diania is proud of her Luiseno heritage and enjoys sharing her culture with others.

Indigenous Language

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conditions to ensure the success of indigenous language revitalization projects and is founded on the right of local residents to receive public services in their indigenous language regardless of their English language speaking ability.

The IDIL 2022-2032 Blue Ribbon Committee will work with the support of UNA-SD directors to promote the goals of the IDIL 2022-2032 Global Action Plan. In addition to Capt. Vernon and Dr. Rodriguez, members of the Committee currently in formation also include San Diego Cherokee Patrick Suggs who is Project Manager with the Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific (that provides the US Navy with research and development in cyber and space systems and capabilities across all war fighting domains), and internationally renown technology business consultant Dr. Ray Bender, author of "Culture.com, Building Corporate Culture in the

Connected Workplace" published by John Wiley & Sons. Dr. Bender is a retired Army Colonel and a member of the Army's Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

To educate American, California, and San Diego residents on IDIL 2022-2032, informational Facebook pages are now accessible to the public:

www.facebook.com/AmericaLIL/
www.facebook.com/CaliforniaLIL/
www.facebook.com/SanDiegoLIL/

Surviving an 85 year ban, the State of Hawai i in 1978 was the first US jurisdiction to make official its indigenous Hawaiian language, and through its 2014 Official Languages Act the State of Alaska made all 20 of the State's indigenous language official along with English. The United Nations declared 2019 the "Year of Indigenous Languages" but later admitted that one year was an inadequate period to address the magnitude of the current threat to indigenous languages that requires coordinated legalization in order to stop the forces destroying them and their cultures in general.



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The Housing Crisis

The following article is an abridged compilation of excerpts from articles about the California housing crisis. It is intended to begin to identify most of the reasons California has a housing crisis. The bottom line is, obviously, California does not have enough housing for all the Californians who want to live here. Or do we?

California housing shortage.

"Since about 1970, California has been experiencing an extended and increasing housing shortage,[1]:3 such that by 2018, California ranked 49th among the states of the U.S. in terms of housing units per resident.[2]:1 [3]"

Wait a minute! A FIFTY YEAR HOUSING SHORTAGE?!? I find that hard to believe.

"Several factors have together caused constraints on the construction of new housing: density restrictions (e.g. single-family zoning) and high land cost conspire to keep land and housing prices high; community involvement in the permitting process allows current residents who oppose new construction (often referred to as NIMBYs) to lobby their city council to deny new development; environmental laws are often abused by local residents and others to block or gain concessions from new development (making it more costly or too expensive to be profitable); greater local tax revenues from hotels, commercial, and retail development vs. residential incentivize cities to permit less residential; and construction costs are greater because of high impact fees, and often developments are only approved if union labor is used.[9]"

In other words, everyone in California who has a hand in building homes is stuck on stupid. For forty years they have been stuck on stupid. Or is there something else?

Why aren't we building enough houses?

The Capitalists

The Builders

Why Doesn't California Solve Its Housing Crisis By Building Some New Cities? (Current Affairs Magazine - Left of center perspective)

"Developers should not be the ones leading new development. Development of places should be democratic, and building new cities in California will be an opportunity to figure out how to balance efficient central planning with broad public input and a design that gives people what they want rather than what planners or architects assume that they want."

Why Aren't We Just Building Enough Houses for Our People?

"Builders are focusing on more expensive homes, because that's where they can make the most profit."

Why aren't more homes being built? (CNBC)***

"...noted John Burns in a recent interview. "Land is extremely expensive, the developer is selling it for a lot of money and the only way to make money for a builder is to build a big, huge, expensive home."

The Capitalists

The Rich People

"But while many families are suffering the economic impacts of COVID-19, wealthier households with money to spend and capitalizing on low interest rates have driven up prices even more."

The Capitalists

The Corporations and Low wages

Wages can't keep up with rental costs Californians: Here's why your housing costs are so high (CBS 8 San Diego)

"Median earnings for Californians are higher than the national average, and are significantly higher in certain regions like the Bay Area. But on average, income over the past two decades has not kept pace with escalating rents."

The Government (The "interests")

High land prices to blame for California's extreme home values (First Tuesday Journal - California Real Estate

Journal)

"There are two factors that go into variations in land prices:

- Homebuyer and renter demand, which tends to fluctuate based on how desirable the area is, including access to jobs and amenities; and

- Government regulations over land usage, including zoning, permitting and environmental review processes."

"For example, Redfin finds that homes built in highly regulated areas can take three times as long to complete from start to finish compared to those in less regulated regions. This drawn-out process translates to higher costs for builders."

"California's legislature is well aware of the damage done by overly-restrictive regulations. Dozens of new laws have been passed in the past couple of years to combat the housing crisis, many of which can be found here."

The rich people

"Who has cause to celebrate when a new housing project goes up in your neighborhood? Young homebuyers, nearby businesses, new arrivals to the area, and, of course, developers. But people who have been living in the neighborhood for years may worry that the new development will depress the value of the homes they own, or trigger increases in the rent they pay. Those who prefer not to live next door to a construction site, or watch their zucchini garden wither in the shadow of a garish new condo building, have plenty of reasons to object."

"And those homeowners skew significantly white. White Californians are twice as likely as Black Californians to own their home, according to 2019 Census data. The racial gap in homeownership has widened over the years, which also means Black Californians are less likely to build wealth over time, said Carolina Reid, associate professor of city and regional planning at UC Berkeley."

Why can't we afford the houses we have built?

Californians: Here's why your housing

costs are so high

"The reasons are many and complicated, but two big ones are more expensive materials and a shortage of labor. While permitted units spiked by 430% between 2009 and 2018, the number of workers has grown by only 32%. Experts attribute the lack of construction labor to anti-immigration rhetoric, a tighter overall labor market and depressed wages."

The job "market" - how governments buy and sell "citizens" and others to the capitalists.

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"Wage labor: in order to work, one must have access to "means of production." One's "capacity to work," i.e., one's "labor-power"—to use Marx's term—is a commodity like any other, to be bought and sold [by the capitalists and the governments who support them]. People must compete for jobs, and, once hired, do what they are told."

Commentary: Five things I've learned covering California's housing crisis that you should know (Cal Matters)

"There is not ONE housing crisis. There are really THREE housing crises. Be specific about which one you're talking about."

"The first and most urgent crisis is the 150,000 homeless Californians sleeping in shelters or on the streets. Gov. Newsom has devoted more attention to this dimension of the housing crisis than any other. It's the most shameful symptom of how things have gone so wrong here, and is trending in the wrong direction."

"The second housing crisis involves the 7.1 million Californians living in poverty when housing costs are taken into account. While not homeless, 56% of these low-income Californians see more than half of their paychecks devoured by rising rents. Skewing Black and brown, these are the renters who face intense displacement and gentrification pressures, live in overcrowded and unsafe housing

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Our Original Founders Were Indigenous Women Who Controlled Their Own Bodies

by Harvey Wasserman/Reader Supported News

The real Founders of American society were not the 55 rich white male interlopers who staged a coup d'état in 1787-9 ... and whose misogynist

explained, the men were allowed to be chiefs because "it makes them feel important and it gives them something to do."

There were indeed tribes where men dominated. For many white "Christian" historians, the idea that females ran any

society remains impossible to comprehend.

The US Congress denied our First Peoples the right to vote until 1924. In a 1980s hearing on banning peyote, Chief Justice William Rehnquist was heard to say that the First Amendment "does not apply to Native Americans."

No Indigenous

Justice now sits on a Supreme Court hell-bent to colonize the female uterus.

Trump's MAGA cult wallows in fear of feminism. A score of abuse charges against him remain unresolved. A ban on abortion would force his rape victims to victim to bear his spawn.

From 800 broken treaties to eco-suicidal impositions and more, the Trump/Bannon/Putin/Tucker White Supremacists aim to obliterate our Original Indigenous rights.

But the First US Constitutionalists — including George Washington, John Adams and Ben Franklin — gratefully acknowledged their debt to the Indigenous. That legacy was memorialized in a 1987 Congressional Resolution approved while Nancy Reagan sat as our ruling matriarch.

The true cradle of American

democracy was the Hodenosaunee nation, spread across what's now upstate New York.

Called "Iroquois" by the French, these People of the Longhouse pioneered the world's most advanced democracy, linking the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga and Seneca. Their Confederation, said Franklin, ran "better than the British Parliament."

Their 113 Codicils—predecessor to

the Bill of Rights—guaranteed individual rights and freedoms. A woman's right to choose was everywhere assumed for thousands of years before the whites came.

Those rights permeate our culture. A woman's power to control her own body is enshrined in our Indigenous Originalism. The Court of the People must finally embrace its righteous power.

Gathering Of The Pai Tribes Makes Return After 2 Years

by Dawn Beauty
(Pai Woman) photo credit Edwina Hazelwood

An event that was once held annually has once again returned, as large gathering restrictions have been lifted. The event started in 1999 and was first hosted by the Yavapai-Apache Nation. The Pai tribes are Hualapai, Havasupai, Camp Verde Yavapai Apache Nation, Fort McDowell Yavapai, Prescott Yavapai and the Pai Pai from Mexico. The tribes rotate hosting this Gathering and the location is held on the hosting tribe's reservation.

This year's hosting tribe was the Hualapai Tribe, the People of the tall Pines. This year's event was titled Ba Wasi:vk Ba Way gil'ija "Memories" during opening ceremonies the Pai Women title holders performed a sacred Spirit Run. This Run was to give honor to the Pai Women title holders who have passed and to their surviving families.

Once the Spirit Run was completed the festivities continued with the opening performance given by the Havasupai Ram dancers. They kicked off the celebration by encouraging all to hold hands in unity and to dance for all living things. Spectators joined the Ram dancers as they danced the circle dance. This performance was followed by the hosting tribes Peach Springs Bird Singers, they sang traditional gourd

songs, while the Hualapai women danced the bird dance.

The afternoon performances started back up with the Yavapai-Apache Nation Warriorettes. They performed a war dance, this dance was traditionally



Yavapai-Apache Apache Warriorettes from Camp Verde- dancers included Royalty form the YAN Nation

performed by women when the men did not return from war and was done to honor them. The Warriorettes were led by drumming and singing of the Fort McDowell Meswadae singers.

The Havasupai Ram Dancers started the day's performances. The Havasupai Basket dancers made an appearance and showcase Havasupai baskets and to honor the skill of basket making. The performances came to an end by opening up to all singers and dancers. The next Gathering of the Pai Tribes will be held on the Fort McDowell Reservation 2023.



The United States started off as an oligarchy. Only rich white men could vote. In the pursuit of a more perfect union, women, African Americans and American Indians were finally able to vote.



The opposite of voting (democracy by the majority), is oligarchy. Putin is a good example of an oligarch. If we Americans do not vote, we are saying we want to live under something like Putin. If that's not what you want, you better vote.

And if you want a thoughtful source of information on this topic and many others, try www.thomhartmann.com.



Our Original Founders Were Indigenous Women Who Controlled Their Own Bodies Women's right's protesters march in San Francisco.
(photo: Kevin Kelleher/SF Gate) 20 may 22

progeny have always wanted to ban abortion.

Our true Original Founders were the Indigenous matriarchs who ran most of America for thousands of years before the first whites set foot here.

For tens of centuries they controlled their pregnancies by herbal means. The idea that any government (tribal or otherwise) could rule a woman's uterus would evoke disbelief and contempt from men and women alike.

In fact most North American tribes were run by women. The chieftains were commonly male. But they were chosen and could be removed at will by the matriarchs, who ran the homes and gardens, raised the children and made the major decisions about the future of the tribe.

As one Indigenous matriarch has

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San Diego NAACP Hanging On

Important upcoming meetings to rebuild our Branch! All are invited!

Greetings NAACP San Diego Branch Members and Community-at-large, I thank our members and our community as we continue to rebuild our branch after the multiple changes endured over the last several months. These changes include our Former President Maxwell who is no longer leading the branch. As a result, several Executive Committee Members have resigned including our Communications Chair, Dr. Leonard Thompson. As President, I along with the remaining Executive Committee Members continue to build upon the critical work in our community and humbly ask each of our members to help us continue to advocate for those who seek our help. Especially considering the NAACP San Diego Branch received its charter in 1919. At last night's meeting, we experienced a series of emergencies and mishaps, including not having the agenda posted.

Additionally, our secretary had an emergency and at 6:08 pm only two members and two executive committee members along with me were present. While we reviewed the Election process, I intended to ensure that we remind all members it's coming up soon. However, let me be very clear that our official discussions and process regarding the election will begin in September. Since there were very few members present at Thursday's General Body, we decided it was best to reschedule the meeting or at least hold a Special Meeting. This way, we can discuss critical issues to move our branch forward, including our SWOT analysis. Due to the need to hold a series of special meetings, we ask that you save the following dates to discuss our SWOT: Tuesday, July 26th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and Tuesday, August 9th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm as well. Thank you for your time, your patience, and your continued advocacy.

Sincerely, Brian Bonner, Acting President, NAACP San Diego Branch

Veronica Wood and “Origins”

by Alastair Mulholland

Like a shooting star on the night of a new moon, Veronica Wood showed up on the scene with the *Indian Voices* Newspaper. Unlike a shooting star, however, she has not vanished in an instant with a tease of magnificence but instead remained to reignite a fire that was dwindling. Initially promising to help update our digital platform, which she has delivered on with our new IndigenousWarriors.com website, she has also been instrumental in helping us secure our first grant as a non-profit! Additionally, Wood has contributed articles and selflessly donated her time, talent, intelligence, and tenacity to advance the mission of *Indian Voices*!

I recently had the pleasure to interview Wood over the phone about her new docuseries called Origins. In the series she will explore the creation stories of indigenous peoples around the world, with an emphasis on helping amplify certain narratives which have been especially ignored or silenced. The first of the series was filmed in Guatemala with the Kaqchikel Mayan community. Wood discovered the community after intensive internet investigation and felt an immediate connection with them. She reached out first with emails and then began the first work of the docuseries with phone calls to them in Guatemala in Jan. 2021. Shortly thereafter she flew out to Guatemala to meet and film the people. The film focuses on contemporary issues as told by the members of the community. Elders share details of their



creation story and the relevance of the Popol Vuh, a sacred text of the Mayan people. Wood shared with me the great importance of the growing and tending of the Milpa to the land. It is to them both a regenerative agricultural practice and spiritually rejuvenating.

Wood intimated the difficulties of their current living situation, "there is no trash collection, no running water, so people have to be self-reliant." Also interviewed in the film is the daughter of one of the lead medicine men. She seeks to learn Western medicine so that she can enhance it with the community's traditional healing methods.

Veronica Wood is a professional filmmaker and has her own business called Light & Noise. The film will debut as soon as this fall so keep an eye out for this one y'all! The next film in the docuseries Origins will be about the Yoruba people of Nigeria.

Family Of Indians - Shaileen Gonzales

High School Graduation- Kingman High School - May 2022

by Clarence Gonzales (ReconnectEnt & Promotions) Lavonne Gonzales

May, is graduation time, whether you're being promoted from eighth grade into high school or earning a degree from a college or university. High school is always an exciting time. You're leaving adolescent years, to "either become part of the workforce", or to attend college.

Shaileen Gonzales - A member of the Hualapai tribe and by far a pretty knowledgeable young lady, along, with other graduates from the Kingman high school, shared the football field at Kingman high school on Friday May 27th, in Kingman, AZ.

Shaileen's father is Gary Gonzales Jr. who taught Shailene the skill of hunting. Shai, as her family calls her, takes part in traditional, cultural teachings. She has learned ethnobotany, tribal stories, how to sew and most of all how to be a great young Hualapai lady. Shai has earned a scholarship, in pharmaceutical, from Mohave Community College.



Recently, Shai has traveled with Bobby Wallace and the red road warriors. Red road warriors, a group of Native American Activists, that protest to protect ancestral and tribal lands. While, coordinating a spirit run from Wic'ahme (Spirit Mountain). To the "Ranch", located in Wikieup, Az. The group attended, Shaileen's graduation. Presenting her with a pendleton blanket. It was definitely, an honor to see this young lady, move forward and to watch Mr. Wallace, present Shaileen with the pendleton blanket.

With the tradition of giving a pendleton blanket. There are a few times a person will receive a pendleton. As a gift for a person that is cherished or loved by the giver, It is an honor to receive one. When you have done a great accomplishment and a

person or company wants to show appreciation and gratitude. Then, when your time on earth is done. For Native Americans, this is our tradition and culture.

In life, our goal should be to reach for the stars. The sky's the limit, I'm sure we have all heard this saying, if not once then a few times in life.

landlords, anti-gentrification advocates and homeowner groups all lobby lawmakers and the governor one way or the other. It's part of the reason inertia is the default state of things."

"But there's a king hornet that is by far the most effective and powerful: the State Building and Construction Trades Council."

I will not get into a discussion of the role of the State Building and Construction Trades Council in the housing crisis. However, the information above should give you a pretty clear view. Poor, working and lower middle class people, who have almost nothing to do with creating the housing crisis, are at the mercy of rich and powerful interests who are not willing to make the sacrifices necessary for everyone to have an affordable roof over their heads.

And there you have it. Until the hearts and spirits of those who control the housing market are softened enough for them all to change the way they do business in the housing "market" we will continue to have a housing "crisis"

Clovis Honoré, Social Justice Editor

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If The Creek Don't Rise

by Kevin A. Thompson

"God willing, and the Creek don't rise" might just be an expression of hope that things will go your way, or it may be, a warning about the Creek Indians who used to control the southeastern United States.

I take a certain pride in all this, being of Creek descent. We have a broad multi-national history, encompassing communities from the Mascogos of Mexico, Seminoles of Texas, Oklahoma and eastward to the Atlantic coast to the Bahamas. The Muscogee-Creek nation of Oklahoma is the third or fourth-largest federally recognized Indian tribe in the United States. I doubt anyone knows how many of us live outside those communities as individuals and families, and we probably wouldn't agree on the figures if it were possible to collect them.

You see, Creek identity is not a simple thing. Even our national name, Muskogee, has variant spellings in English; "Muscogee" and "Muskogee". Many Seminole tribes were Creek Indians in the past, and still speak the Muskogee language, but some hold fast to their individual language of Miccosukee.

There's ongoing debates as to whether

the Seminoles are a branch of the Creeks, or if the Creek and Seminole Freedmen deserve (I believe they do) citizenship in the respective Creek and Seminole nations of Indian Territory. Even many Black Seminoles disagree on whether they should identify more as Indians or as Maroons, self-liberated people with more in common with Gullah-Geechee people than with federally-recognized Indians.

One source of this complexity is that the terms "Creek" is itself inadequate. Creek Indians were not a single ethnicity, or a single tribe. We were a confederation of autonomous towns in present day Georgia and Alabama, with affiliates remaining in South Carolina and as far north as the Smoky Mountains in North Carolina. Warfare and slave-raiding would force people to establish communities in Florida, linking with surviving Timucuan people.

In Anglo sources, this was known as the Creek Confederacy. In Muskogee, it was called Este Maskoke em Etehvlatkv (es-TEE em EE-te-ha-LAT-kah). Muskogee/Creek was its lingua franca, but many of the towns spoke their own Muskoghean languages, such as Yamasee, Hitchiti and Alabamu. The Yuchi and Shawnees Indians had their own towns in the Maskoke em Etehvlatkv, both of these peoples arising from different language families.

On top of this, Creek Indians don't all look like the same race. Even

slave-owning Creek Indians who were actual members of the C. S. A., the Confederate States of America (yes, that confederacy) admitted that Upper Creeks were heavily intermarried with "negroes."

Few authors have attempted to tackle the sprawling history of Creek Indians, or those who might loosely be considered Creek Indians. The only one I know of was the late J. Leitch Wright, Jr. (a white Anglo Southerner) who wrote Creeks and Seminoles. Wright also employs the term Muskogulge, refer to the peoples who might be considered Creek, Seminole, Yuchi, Negro, Shawnee, Apalachee, or some combination. Wright admits that "Muskogulge" is actually plural, meaning "those who speak Muskogee", he uses it as singular, and adds an "s" as in one chapter titled "The Black Muscogulges" when describing a collective.

There is a certain delicious irony in plural term, Muskogulgee, being used as singular in the current social climate, where plural pronouns (we, them) are now being used to describe individuals, especially with the Creeks being such a multiplicity of ethnicities. However, "Muskogulge" does not seem to have been accepted and I have not seen it being used since Wright used it.

Aside from the actual resistance of Creek and Seminole people to adopting Wright's terminology for themselves, is that Wright himself died suddenly in

1986, before Creeks and Seminoles, was published. He was therefore unable to promote the book or engage with the public about its contents. He deserves credit for other numerous works on Southeastern Indian history. He was trained as an engineer at Virginia Military Academy, yet the field he really helped revolutionize in academia, was history.

Perhaps Dr. Wright is a real prophet of the largely hidden (to non-Creeks) Creek history. The subtitle of Creeks and Seminoles is the Destruction and Regeneration of the Muscogulge People reflects his belief that the Creek peoples, like a rain swollen river, were on the rise.

Most historians of the Muskogee Diaspora focus on very particular places and time periods in Seminole and Creek history. Freedom on the Border: The Seminole Maroons in Florida, Coahuila and Texas (Kevin Mulroy); The Fort as Prospect Bluff (Dale Cox); The Black Seminole Legacy and North American Politics, 1693-1845 (Bruce Twyman); The Invention of the Creek Nation, 1670-1763 (Steven C. Hahn) are some examples.

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founder of this organization.

In 1611, the King James Bible was published and was accepted as "the standard bible, from the mid 17th to the early 20th century" (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/King-James-Version>).

"1609, On January 2, 1492, King Boabdil surrendered Granada to the Spanish forces, and in 1502 the Spanish crown ordered all Muslims forcibly converted to Christianity. The next century saw a number of persecutions, and in 1609 the last Muur's still adhering to Islam were expelled from Spain" (www.history.com>this-day-in-history/reconquest-of-spain).

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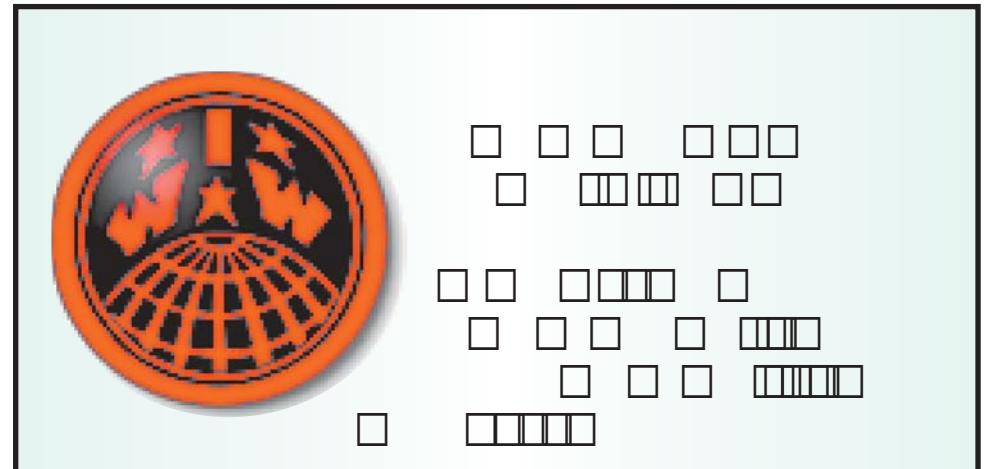
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Confronting Disinformation in Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities By Ethnic Media Services

by Christine Chen, Executive Director of APIAVote

Misinformation and disinformation are one of the great challenges facing Asian American and Pacific Islander communities today. They are making our communities less safe, weakening our trust in the election systems, and tearing some families apart.

We saw how mis- and disinformation have impacted both the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections, and it continues to have an impact on issues that are important to our communities, including vaccinations, immigration, and public safety. For example, we have seen disinformation campaigns telling voters the wrong election day, lying that immigration officials are appearing at the polls, claiming voting-by-mail is ripe for fraud, contending schools are indoctrinating students with critical race theory, and more.

Additionally, disinformation is also being used to direct hate towards Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, and to pit communities against each other and against other communities of color – such as claims Chinese Americans are spreading

COVID-19 and that Black and brown Americans are the main initiators of anti-Asian Hate. All of these narratives have the real potential to threaten our democratic process, mis-inform voters with non-factual information on which they may base their vote on, and most importantly – cause harm.

These narratives are able to spread easily through AAPI communities because frankly, social media companies are not doing enough to combat the problem. On top of this is the fact that AAPI communities speak over 50 languages, come from various cultural backgrounds, are found across many social media platforms that often utilize closed groups, and non-English content is less likely to be flagged. These all make it hard to monitor, track, and report problematic narratives. As a result, it is also hard to push back with quality information.

Confronting disinformation will require major change; however, it is also important we arm ourselves with the tools to detect disinformation in our own social media feeds so we are able to push back one step at a time. Here are some tips:

Treasury Applauds Appointment of Chief Lynn Malerba as Treasurer of the United States

Chief Lynn Malerba will become the first Native American to serve as Treasurer of the United States and will lead the newly established Office of Tribal and Native Affairs.

WASHINGTON – Today, ahead of Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen's visit to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, President Joe Biden announced the appointment of Lynn Malerba, Lifetime Chief of the Mohegan Tribe, to serve as Treasurer of the United States. Chief Malerba is the first Native American to serve as the nation's Treasurer. To underscore the Department's commitment to Tribal

nations, Treasury also announced the establishment of a new Office of Tribal and Native Affairs. The new office will be led by the new Treasurer and coordinate Tribal relations across the Department.

Chief Malerba became the 18th Chief of the Mohegan Tribe in 2010 and is the first woman to serve in this position in the Tribe's modern history. She previously served as a member of the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee. Chief Malerba's appointment as Treasurer of the United States will also mean that for the first time in U.S. history, a Tribal leader and Native woman's signature will soon be seen on the nation's currency.

allows us to challenge our assumptions and catch us from making the mistake of believing something untrue or misleading.

When coming across disinformation, it is important to not only know how to detect it – but do something about it. If something is false, report it! If you know the person posting it, and they are open to feedback, try kindly and privately speaking with them about your concern and leading them towards factual resources. Doing this prevents public embarrassment and can help them understand the problem with the post. Lastly, never engage with a problematic post; bad actors rely on any type of reaction to spread their message.

Unfortunately, most of us will come across disinformation in our everyday lives. It is an issue that needs to be addressed by social media companies and our elected officials, but with these insights in mind, we hope to confront disinformation head on, one person at a time – and move towards a world where our communities are empowered with good information.

If you cannot find other reputable sources about what you are researching, check the source of the information! If it appears to be a news outlet or blog, use MediaBiasFactcheck.com or AllSides.com to determine if it is a trustworthy source.

It is important to note that identifying disinformation can be difficult if something appears believable, especially if it already fits into our existing belief system. When consuming any information from a source you are unfamiliar with, or if it does not have any sourcing, ask yourself if this fits too comfortably into your belief system. This

Christine Chen is the co-Founder and Executive Director of Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote). APIAVote is the nation's leading nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to engaging, educating, and empowering Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities to strengthen their voices and create impact. For decades, our action-driven organization has led national initiatives to ensure AAPIs are represented and heard.

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Dedicated to the innocent victims of the mass shooting at the Robb Elementary School, Uvalde, Texas on May 27, 2022

Green Tennis Shoes

By Kenneth G. White Jr.

He shot her with an AK-15
a horrific mass murder scene
hundreds of automatic weapon shots in that Uvalde, Texas school
Mom and Dad identified their Daughter only by her green tennis shoes

An assault rifle's bullet travels 3,000 feet per second when fired
And explodes violently in the body
What if the victim was you
Not a child with green tennis shoes

Get up and go to school
Never come home again
So sad but true
our baby girl with the green tennis shoes

Politicians bought by the NRA
Will not change gun laws no way
They will stand with the gun lobby win or lose
And conveniently forget about the life of the girl with the green tennis shoes

No conscience
No heart
Assault weapons over the lives of innocent children they choose
not a 10-year-old murder victim with green tennis shoes

Total insanity in deep dark dungeons of society
The Big lie, insurrections, white supremacy, hate crimes, replacement theory
So what if a human life gone was briefly mentioned on the evening news
On with our racist agenda, not green tennis shoes

All Ethnicities
It is not Republican vs Democrat; it is not me against you
It is empathy, compassion, protection and love for humanity
Recognizing the innocent life of the girl with the green tennis shoes

Let us make a vow to ourselves and God Almighty
Let's be honest and true
We need true change that values human life over guns
In memory of our baby girl with the green tennis shoes

Our dear Creator, Mother Earth, Father Sun
I know you have a conscience and have a heart
hear my humble prayer from me to you
God bless and keep our dear angel with the green tennis shoes

Cliché vs Cliché

by Jeri Rose

Too big to fail?
Give me a break;
Government and banks
hand in hand on the take.

Out of our pockets
worked for wealth flows
gold parachutes open
wind of war blows.
Everybody's looking
to make a buck
with these folks in charge
we're shit out of luck.

Gwendolyn Parada Chairwoman



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Soberjunkie, A Cannabis Brand, A Musician, A Father And An Educator

by Clarence Gonzales (*World Of Cannabis*)/(*Rezconnect Entertainment*)
Lavonne Gonzales

SOBER JUNKIE- Not your average household name and soon, will be a name and an artist to be recognized. Chris Michael's, stage name- Sober Junkie. Has made his way, like any struggling artist in the music industry. With hard work and determination. He was blessed, with a management deal by way of a cannabis company, based in New York. SJ, as his friends call him, resides, in Las Vegas, NV. SJ's music has made a bang from the west coast all the way to the east. His management deal is from the company IVibe 1 tribe, from the Seneca Indian nation.

SJ's, professional career, in the music industry is making progress. In 2020, SJ was blessed with residency at the rooftop bar, in Las Vegas, NV. His YouTube views are in 400,000 on the YouTube channel "Soberjunkie". In the past 4 years he has performed in cannabis and culture, Las Vegas Cannabis awards and the west coast function.

Being, from a life of drugs and poverty was the fuel that burned within. To make



this journey a win, win situation. But, with 9 years in sobriety was the icing on the cake. Using cannabis as a tool to get sober.

Now, with his own strain of cannabis, "Purple Junkie", in dispensaries, in New York is a dream come true for Chris Michaels.

Training to be a contender in the sport of MMA, an accomplishment that was a working effort the past few years, and launching a tour beginning on June 10, 2022 in New York with promotion, music and a meet and greet style functions in Upstate New York and at the local dispensaries in New York.

"THE REZ TO REZ TOUR", an event filled with music, motivative speakers and cannabis education, with the feeling of, cannabis is the "new" medicine of yesterday and today's modern world(s).

"Look out for more music and cannabis education, from Soberjunkie" or tune into IG @thesoberjunkieofficial

Creator, has laid more than a blessing on this young man. He has a warrior spirit, within him. To share his hope, strength and experience with the world. In today's world, is different from yesterday's world.

Squadron 59 May 2022

Submitted by Robert
Betancourt SM



The Billy Mitchell award was presented to Cadet Master Sergeant Cassidy Clark on Tuesday 24 May 2022 after she had completed all the tasks required by Civil Air Patrol in four years as a cadet. Squadron Commander Eugene Hawks approved this promotion to second Lieutenant. Colonel

Bender group three wing commander then presented Cadet Clark with The Billy Mitchel award and a challenge coin.

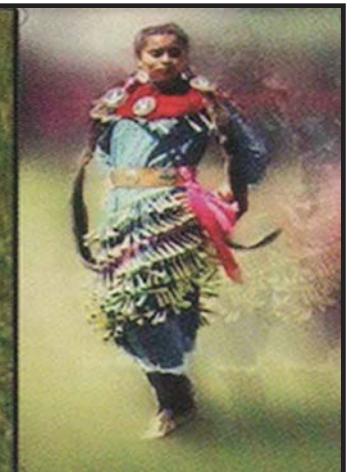
COLONEL BENDER PRESENTS THE AWARD
Colonel Summers U S AIR Force

Colonel Summers US AIR FORCE March Air Force Base did a speech on the Billy Award and its significant scholarship with entry into the Air Force as E-3 rank.

Summers was impressed with Clark achieving this award in four years as a cadet.

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by Camille Appling

The McKinneys: Still Side by Side



Last Month The George D McKinney Retirement Center opened up to memorialize late Bishop George and

Jean McKinney, The Structure is a Side by Side 60 unit facility that houses several

pertinent members of the elderly community. The Project Coordinator and Daughter in Law of the late Bishop George and Wife Jean Wendy

McKinney opened the day's festivities with astonishing details of the Elderly living Centers inception and future. She was joined by her husband George



Anthon and his brothers Glen and Gordon in welcoming the community.

The service and sacrifice of the McKinney family allotted the right to honor several members of the community with the housing facility that includes a Computer Center and Fitness Center. Hugo Carbajal, the Vice President of Tenant Association proudly spoke of "beautiful landscaping, air conditioning throughout the house and a beautiful kitchen." Mrs Elvie Washington spoke of "being grateful to Lord for the dream from the Bishop and his wife and for blessing us through them, and thanked the Lord for the entire McKinney Family"

Various members of the community supported the event including Ariel Gibbs from Monica Montgomery Steppes office, Paul Seilip, The Hunt Group, Jerri and Greg Mauro of the Legacy Center of Mission Valley, Various Stakeholders, Their Turkish Brother Krissaud, Financier Sonia Rahm, Community Representative Mathew Griffith from Mayor Glorias Office and Peoples Advocate Shane Harris who declared a powerful blessing over the Center

including encouraging Mathew 25:37 Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 38 And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me.'

We believe that Bishop and Jean McKinney would be very proud of the Center and its covering over the Community , if interested in Sr Housing come visit at 5641 Imperial Ave.

San Diego Unified Job Fair

On June 24, 2022 from 9am-2pm San Diego Unified opened opportunity for thousands of San Diegans to become



employed as teachers, school bus drivers, school law enforcement, food service workers , custodians, gardeners and various positions through the school district . The staff was highly informed about the programs for

employment and very helpful to everyone from caring community members, recent graduates and people coming out of early retirement. The future employees gathered on the lawn at 4100 Normal Street and were encouraged to apply and interview in person and on computers The event hosted several tents, onsite childcare, banking opportunities and nonprofit agencies that catered to the future employees and students. The benefits include medical, dental and offers thousands of dollars in sign on bonuses too.

Please look up <https://www.sandiegounified.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=27732478&pageId=28033986> for more information about employment with one of the finest establishments in San Diego.

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Reservation Economic Summit 2022



Indian Voices meets with Pequots of Connecticut.

This summer Las Vegas welcomed the Native American Economic Summit to Caesars Palace. The Summit was filled with indigenous Americans from all over North America including Canada, Us and Mexico. The summit offered motivational speakers, government officials, various companies and organizations specializing in everything from Furniture, Textiles, Gas and Electric, Big Businesses and Banking. The summit covered these topics over a week while encouraging networking to improve native relations. Topics included Enterprise Development, Gaming, Business of Healthcare, Entrepreneurship, Natural Resources, Energy Development, Business of Entertainment, Leadership and Governance, and Infrastructure.

The American Indian Artisan Market allowed participants to purchase clothing, jewelry, decorations and various Native American products. The seminar offered Native American Matchmaking, Attendee One on One Networking and A Career Development Day. Indian Leadership came in from all over displaying talents in Leadership and Business acquired by youth and elders. There were also caregivers and counselors available with traditional and modernized methods of treatment. The event combined the finest our community offers both strong in tradition and prepared for the future. For more information view <https://www.ncaied.org/>

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The Athenaeum Library

Founded in 1899 The Athenaeum Library has been the center of the Arts Community in La Jolla Ca.

Beautifully placed a few blocks from the St. Marys of the Sea Catholic Church and La Jolla Beaches the library has been home to countless artisans showcasing visual and performance arts for over a century. The traditional

architecture is both classic and modernized with elaborately decorated performance rooms filled with books and artwork from all over the world that are both reflective of multiculturalism and education. The Athenaeum is a part of the family of community theatres sponsored by the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Foundation which sponsored the music room where this summers series took place under the Erika Torri the Jacobs Executive Director, supporting staff Carol Buckley and several others.

This Spring /Summer events included everything from Erika Torris VIP art receptions displaying elaborate thought provoking portraits and weavings. Soulful folk music artistry from singers Lisa Sanders,Yale Strom and Sutton James, Eloquent Classical music from Gustavo Romero and compelling Artwork by the feminist Joan Aquin featuring religios imagery paired with women's issues.

As the Spring Summer Concludes look for the upcoming Fall 2022 events at the Athenaeum.org. The Athenaeum is also proud to announce its Barrio Logan Location at the Bread and Salt at 1955 Julian Ave where receptions and classes are held regularly to support the Greater San Diego Art Community.



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THE MANUSCRIPT



by April Nurse

It can be difficult to find peace in the midst of our chaotic world. Meditation is great but how affective is it when your boss is pushing deadlines, mom is scolding, the kids are yelling and life keeps getting more difficult? How on earth do you find quiet in the storm? The answer may include putting a rock in your pocket. Earthing or grounding are the popular terms for practices long held by indigenous people around the world. It's resurgence in popular culture suggests that people are rediscovering that the earth holds the key to our collective healing.

Grounding in popular culture often refers to spending time barefoot in nature. Studies show that even twenty minutes can provide effective results in restoring the integrity of our body's electrical currents to near normal. What exactly does that mean? Being physically interactive with the earth is good for our health. It can clear the feeling of overwhelm, it can ease anxiety and even help lower cortisol levels.

The ancestors remind us that even those with no mouth speak. It's good to see us coming back to our earth for the answers. Not all of us have the means to go lay under a tree, we don't all even have



grass to walk in. For those of us in apartments, the only accessible nature is often what we can create on a balcony or windowsill. That's ok! We just get a little creative with it. Pick up that pretty chunk of rock that feels good to you right now and put it in your pocket. As a rule of thumb, the darker and denser the stone, the more capacity it has for helping with this grounding business. Now just roll it around in your hands when you feel anxious, when you're up against overwhelm or worry. It will, on a smaller scale, have the same effect as that barefoot walk. Office plants are another amazing way to keep your cool in stressful environments. There are lots of low light indoor plants for difficult spaces. Add a little Jasper or obsidian to your plant pot and you may find yourself more present and less attached to the office drama.

The relationship between people and nature requires balance. We cannot live without it and it cannot live while we use it without regard. Incorporating minerals and plants into our daily lives not only help us energetically but it reminds us that we are the stewards here on earth. It's our job to take care of it and keep it healthy and vibrant. Not just because it's the right thing to do but also because our well being relies on it. We are never separate from the earth.

Peace And Love at Pow Wow By The Sea

18th Annual Fathers Day Pow Wow by the Sea

The Pow wow Committee proudly proclaims that the 18th Annual "Fathers Day Pow wow by the Sea" held June 18th & 19th 2022 in Imperial Beach, CA at the Pier Plaza administered a healthy dose of natural healing medication ... nature's antidote to pandemics and human discord.

The community oriented two day event is held at the entrance of the beach on a beautiful grassy area that featured sand



sculpture, head staff, drum groups and dancers of all ages, traditional dinner for the public and vendors in an American Indian traditional pow wow atmosphere. This small but mighty Pow Wow reflects the intimate and precious connection that bonds our

indigenous family and provides the inspiration to follow the Ancestors on the land of the Great Kumeyaay Nation.

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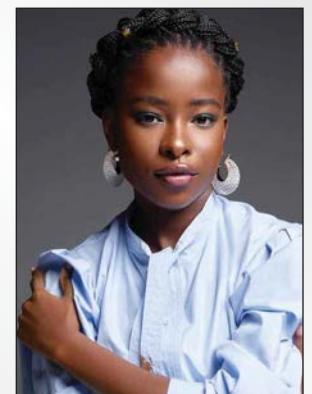
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Hymn For The Hurting

by Amanda Gorman

Everything hurts,
Our hearts shadowed and strange,
Minds made muddied and mute.
We carry tragedy, terrifying and true.
And yet none of it is new;
We knew it as home,
As horror,
As heritage.
Even our children
Cannot be children,
Cannot be.
Everything hurts.
It's a hard time to be alive,
And even harder to stay that way.
We're burdened to live out these days,
While at the same time, blessed to outlive them.
This alarm is how we know
We must be altered —
That we must differ or die,
That we must triumph or try.
Thus while hate cannot be terminated,

It can be transformed
Into a love that lets us live.
May we not just grieve, but give:
May we not just ache, but act;
May our signed right to bear arms
Never blind our sight from shared harm;
May we choose our children over chaos.
May another innocent never be lost.
Maybe everything hurts,
Our hearts shadowed & strange.
But only when everything hurts
May everything change.



"Open Letter to Our Media Colleagues SB911 Alert

"Olly Olly Oxen Free" - Come Out
Come Out Wherever you Are

The Challenge of Walking in Two Worlds is especially punishing for those in the story-telling profession who choose to flow outside of the comfort zone of the prescribed safe haven offered by corporate media. We are calling you back to the playground as the bullies are retreating.

As the strong leg supporting our democracy, too many of us have been shamelessly derelict in holding onto the solemn responsibility and commitment to the people. The rest of us have been in psychic leg irons keeping lines of

communication open within a decaying media environment. Through benign neglect the very core of the indigenous intellectual world view is being ignored and suffocating. Additionally the time and effort required to decode the bill is in direct conflict with the ultimate DEADLINE!!! ... that of saving our Democracy.

All indigenous journalist worth their salt are utilizing collective skills to actualize the Great Law Of Peace to avoid Totalitarianism.

We fully support Sandy Close, Ethnic Media and Regina Wilson, CA.

Black Media in opposition to SB911 as it stands.

Indigenous Muurs

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indigenous people went through with the establishment, of law of man. The bible talks about life, how life is, what not to do and how god (Creator) healed others with believing in him. Its a belief that he is the spirit.

In todays world our stories are presented in song. Some with the drum and others with the sacred gourd. Modern society presented a strong testimony in rap songs, that's my opinion.

"Gud nya yuj ya ha:m ja"- As we look at our past, it will tell us how life might be. We were given the gift of choice. We were given the land, the universe. An elder once told me, "if you take care of the land, the land will take care of you".

Indigenous Muurs Of America-

Section 1: Indigenous Peoples
Article 1. Definition.

1. In this Declaration Indigenous peoples are those who embody historical continuity with societies, which existed prior to the conquest and settlement of their territories by Europeans; as well as people's brought involuntarily to the new world who freed themselves and re-established the cultures from which they had been torn. Alternatively, as well as Tribal peoples whose social, cultural and economic conditions distinguish them from other sections of the national community and whose status is regulated wholly or partially by their own customs or traditions or by special laws or regulations.

2. Self-identification as Indigenous or Tribal shall be regarded as a fundamental criterion for determining the groups to which the provisions of this Declaration apply.

3. The use of the term peoples in this instrument shall not be construed as having implication with respect to any other rights that might be attached to that term in international law.

-Rauf Bey / Ali El Amin

The Buses Are Coming

 San Diego CA – The San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art (SDAAMFA) is pleased to host the national celebration recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the courageous actions of the Freedom Riders. The exhibit June 17 – September 7, San Diego will be the site of a national, interactive, photographic exhibit entitled “The Buses Are a Coming”.

The exhibit will be installed in downtown San Diego at the Quarryard, 1301 Market Street. The predominate elements includes historic photographs documenting the Riders and their horrific experience, videos, and interactive audio interviews.

Opening night will feature live performances by the Scan-Harbor Elite Youth Ensemble, from NYC and a performance of the Freedom Rider's Musical, by San Diego based creatives, Richard Allen, and Taran Gray. Visitors will also have an opportunity to



some very special guests, a few of the 1961 Freedom Riders.

Gaidi Finnie, Executive Director, SDAAMFA noted, “An interesting historic fact is that the Riders were like the diverse protesters who took to the streets in 2020. They were predominately Black and white youth (under the age of 30). Age did not deter them from getting on those busses and risking their lives for the rights of Black Americans in 1961. Our young people today followed a great example of courage and conviction”

This important exhibit opens, on June 17 at 6:00 PM. Local dignitaries and Civil Rights icons will also be on hand to open the exhibit and welcome the Freedom Riders to San Diego. Throughout the duration of the exhibit there will be various programs

designed to encourage visitors to come to the exhibit.

All activities held in association with “The Buses Are a Coming” are free to all. Please check the SDAAMFA website for a complete list of programs and activities.

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SDSU Oaxaca Center for Mesoamerican Studies Inaugurated

After decades of research and collaboration between San Diego State University and local organizations in Oaxaca, SDSU has committed to a more visible, physical, and integrated presence. The new SDSU Oaxaca Center



Left to right: Dr. Cristina Alfaro (San Diego State University Vice President of International Affairs), Assemblymember Jose Medina, Senator Ben Hueso, Ana Molina-Rodriguez (SDSU Deputy Chief-of-Staff), Charlotte Ochiqui (SDSU Alumni Association President)

The SDSU Oaxaca Center for Mesoamerican Studies was inaugurated on May 18th, and was followed by a research symposium in partnership with the Alfredo Harp Helu Foundation and the Juan de Cordova Research Library. I am humbled to have been a part of the inauguration and share in this historic occasion.

Lithium Valley Talks

I joined Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia in Calipatria recently to meet with local stakeholders to talk about the lithium investments Governor Newsom unveiled in his revised May budget proposal. The Governor is proposing millions in investment to train a local workforce and

lithium extraction at Lithium Valley, near the Salton Sea. That would include \$80 million for the San Diego State University campus in Brawley, which would develop and train a workforce. As of now, the budget by Newsom proposes an 80/20 split with 80 percent of revenues developed by lithium extraction going back into the Imperial County and the other 20 percent going to Salton Sea restoration projects. We listened to the communities' concerns, and we are working with the Governor's office to ensure people get a fair share of the revenues they deserve.

registration and election information in order to enable all eligible Americans to participate in our democracy.

“Tribal nations have played a significant role in influencing the contours of American democracy, yet systemic barriers continue to disenfranchise Indigenous people and impede a free and fair electoral process,” said Secretary Deb Haaland. “The Interior Department is committed to defending the right to vote, which includes increasing access to voter registration and engaging young people in our democratic system.”

“Today’s announcement helps further the Administration’s goals of increasing voter outreach, education, registration and turnout in Indigenous communities. Haskell and SIPI serve as important touchpoints in their respective communities,” said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland. “Designating these schools as voter registration agencies is an important move that will allow more Native people the opportunity to register to vote.”

Indian Voting

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Interior recently announced that it is working with states to formally designate the Department-operated post-secondary Tribal institutions – Haskell Indian Nations University in Kansas and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) in New Mexico – as voter registration agencies under the National Voter Registration Act. This designation will facilitate voter registration opportunities for enrolled students and members of the community.

The announcement follows the release of the White House’s Native American Voting Rights Report, which chronicles the barriers Native voters face and recommends actions for policymakers at every level to help break these barriers down.

These efforts support President Biden’s Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting, which aims to expand access to, and education about, voter

"Santana Block" - Kingman Arizona's Bullystreet Rapping Barber

Santana Chavez - Otherwise known as Santana Block. A young chicano entrepreneur and business owner. Owner of Bullystreet Blends, in Downtown Kingman, Az.

by Clarence Gonzales (Rezconnect Entertainment) Lavonne Gonzales



Kingman, an old school town and the heart of route 66 where the Hualapai Indian people roamed freely at one time back in history. A town that was an all caucasian town and as time moved forward became one of the fastest growing small towns in Arizona.

Today, Kingman has a diverse minority rate amongst the population that inhabits the beautiful mountain range of Mohave county. It borders the state lines of Nevada and California, along interstate I- 40 and junction 93 to Las Vegas.

Chavez, age 26 has been rapping for three years. He has performed in Arizona's hip hop festival in the metropolitan Phoenix area. Chavez has earned his spot amongst the other up and coming hip hop artist in Arizona. He is one artist to be seen and heard in the years to come.

As a Barber, Santana Chavez is one of the talented barbers in his field. Skilled in various cuts. His work peers that lease the chairs at his establishment are talented and skilled as well. Keep in mind that the art work in his Barber shop was done by his father Salomon Chavez. If you are ever traveling through Kingman, Az and need a clean fade. I recommend Bully street blends (@bullystreetblends) in downtown Kingman Az 423 east Beale Street.

As an artist Chavez has the skill of tagging. An art skill that a long time ago during the break dance era was seen on the train cars. Today, tag art is making its way back to society with positive impacts.

Look out for @santanablock on Instagram and follow him on YouTube Santana Block (<https://youtu.be/SPRiwaevBZ8>).

Santana, produces banging tracks and represents Kingman, Az, like no other. We here at Rezconnect Entertainment know him personally and give Santana Chavez that promotion he deserves. As a young father, a friend and great person.

Recovery Investments in the Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Recognizing the significant public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Tribal communities, the American Rescue Plan included over \$30 billion for Tribal governments—the largest single one-time infusion of federal dollars into Indian Country to-date. Through the implementation of recovery funds Treasury has deepened its relationship with Tribal governments and its understanding of the unique challenges they face.

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

- The Tribe received almost \$200 million through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), which it used to weather the immediate effects of the pandemic, including \$11 million for premium pay and \$18 million for COVID-related projects focused on vaccination incentives, contact tracing, isolation shelters, and burials.

- The Tribe is also investing \$40 million in several substantial housing projects. With housing costs on the rise, the Tribe saw SLFRF as a solution to overcrowding, a lack of affordable housing on the reservation, and a rapidly growing population.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- With almost \$10 million from the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1) program, the Tribe has served over 700 households in need of rental and utility assistance.

Homeowner's Assistance Fund

- The Tribe is using more than \$5 million in funds from the Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF) to rehabilitate and repair 384 existing homes, provide

utilities assistance to 350 households, property tax assistance to 200 households, and mortgage payment assistance to 93 households.

Capital Projects Fund

- On Tuesday, the Treasury Department will announce the approval of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's plan to use more than \$160,000 in funding to upgrade their broadband infrastructure. This project will help the many tribal members who cannot afford internet in the home, which prevented children from attending school virtually and employees from being able to connect to remote work.

State Small Business Credit Initiative

- The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has received a preliminary allocation of nearly \$8 million, which enables the Tribe to support access to capital for small businesses.

Biden Administration Investments in Tribal Internet

Capital Projects Fund

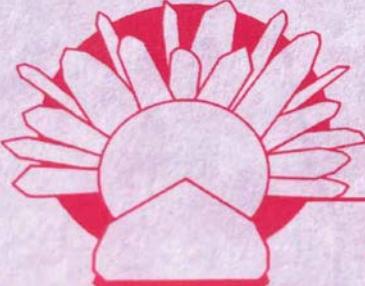
- Under the American Rescue Plan, Treasury established the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) with \$100 million set aside to Tribal governments and the State of Hawaii's Department of Hawaiian Homelands and Native Hawaiian Education Programs. Tribal governments have used CPF funding on broadband infrastructure projects, multipurpose facilities, connectivity devices, and projects to access high-speed internet.

- Treasury will announce the approval of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's plan to use \$160,000 from this fund to upgrade their broadband infrastructure.



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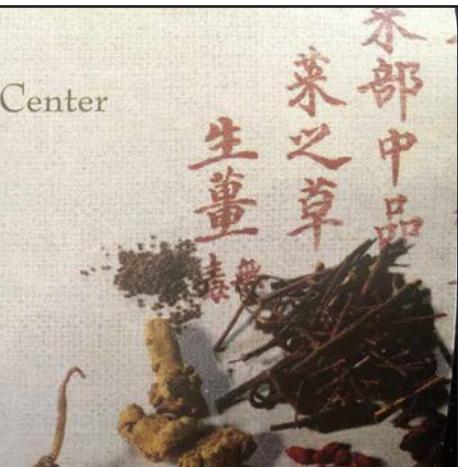
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A History of Voting

- 1796 Farewell Address, Washington cautioned that American democracy was fragile. "Cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government."
- 1789 States set voting rights in NJ. Unmarried and widowed women were allowed to vote, regardless of color. (Since married women were not allowed to own property, they could not meet the property qualifications.)
- 1807 NJ took away voting rights from black males and all women
- 1828 Jews allowed to vote in Maryland and non-property-holding white males could vote in the vast majority of states
- 1868 Fourteenth amendment
- 1870 The Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution prevents states from denying the right to vote on grounds of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude". Then followed Jim Crow laws.
- 1876 Native Americans are ruled non-citizens and ineligible to vote by the Supreme Court of the United States
- 1882 Chinese-Americans lose the right to vote and become citizens through the Chinese Exclusion Act.
- 1890 Native Americans can apply for citizenship through the Indian Naturalization Act
- 1920 Women are guaranteed the right to vote by the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution
- 1948 Arizona and New Mexico are among the last states to extend full voting rights to Native Americans, which had been opposed by some western states in contravention of the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924
- 1961 Residents of Washington, D.C. are granted the right to vote in U.S. Presidential Elections by the Twenty-third Amendment to the United States Constitution

NEVER GIVE UP

"Think back to 1787. Who were 'WE the people'? ... They certainly weren't women ... they surely weren't people held in human bondage. The genius of our Constitution is that over now more than 200 sometimes turbulent years that 'we' has expanded and expanded." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Bans Off Our Bodies

by Sasha L. Chakrabarty

Saturday July 2nd, Oceanside 10 AM City Hall. The stage is set. Lots of signs, upset women (and men), and a heavy but positive energy is in the air. A person who goes by Mo, leads the protest. Before taking to the streets of downtown Oceanside, we are prepped on the route. Mo let all of us know there is a police blockade, we will stand on all four corners of Pacific Coast Highway, and to not engage any anti-protestors. We will protect one another should anything get too hectic. With that in mind, we are off. Hundreds of us. The scene is a blur of signs reading: NO ROE V. WADE? GOOD LUCK GETTING LAID, KEEP YOUR ROSARIES OFF MY OVARIES, HER BODY HER RIGHT HER CHOICE. Cars honking in support, pedestrians cheering us on, and of course, what would a protest be without the uneducated calling us murders and getting in our faces spouting lies and their own personal, most often, religious beliefs. Keep your whack views out of my life, please and thank you. The protest snaked down to the pier in Oceanside from PCH and looped back

around towards City Hall. The protest and march were beyond powerful. Chants echoed through the underpass, beach goers in awe of our resilience and resistance. What the six out of nine Supreme Court Justices has done is beyond incomprehensible. America, baby girl, are you ok? This not 1920, this is 2022. We are in the age of personal choice and personal freedom.

During the protest, I remembered my own experience with Planned Parenthood; there was a location in Carlsbad. Not so surprisingly and sadly, that location is no longer there. I was not there for an abortion. I came in as a broke no insurance 19-year-old wanting to get my sexual health checked out. The beauty of Planned Parenthood is they offer a variety of services and will help anyone, no questions asked. Every day, protestors (again mainly out of their own religious beliefs) of Planned Parenthood would be out there with signs, yelling profanities at anyone who walked in. First off, do they know my business of why I'm entering the building? Let me tell you, no. Secondly, why are the police protecting the protestors? I'm the one who should be protected. I'm being

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90 Years Young



Mrs. Bettie Jackson
90 Years Young

harassed by people who I don't know, nor do they know me, and random things are being thrown, and these people are violently angry. Seems like the wrong people are being protected.

Circling back to the present moment, I'm in utter disgust. Roe v Wade was established in 1972, and in 2022, it's gone. Just like that. Therefore, we protest. Therefore, we organize. Therefore, we march. We are the revolution. We will not be silenced. We will not be ignored. We are women and must stand together in this time. My heart goes out to the 10-year-old who's a victim of incestual rape forced to carry

that baby. My heart goes out to the 33-year-old woman whose placenta detached causing a toxic bodily reaction, which will result in death, and doesn't have access to a safe and legal abortion.

My heart goes out to the scared 17-year-old who was taught abstinence only as a form of sex education and accidentally got pregnant. My heart goes out to the woman who's simply not ready for a baby currently. My heart goes out to all, no matter the circumstances.

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