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## Giving Up On Hate

by Nobody In Particular

As over-intelligent primates, the human species needs social interaction, a sense of community, and a sense of purpose. We need these nearly as much as we do food, water, air, clothing and shelter.

We need a sense of purpose to be sure but what if that sense of purpose is tragically misguided? I say that at present, that sense of purpose is maximally corrupted and reeks of a hellish odor.

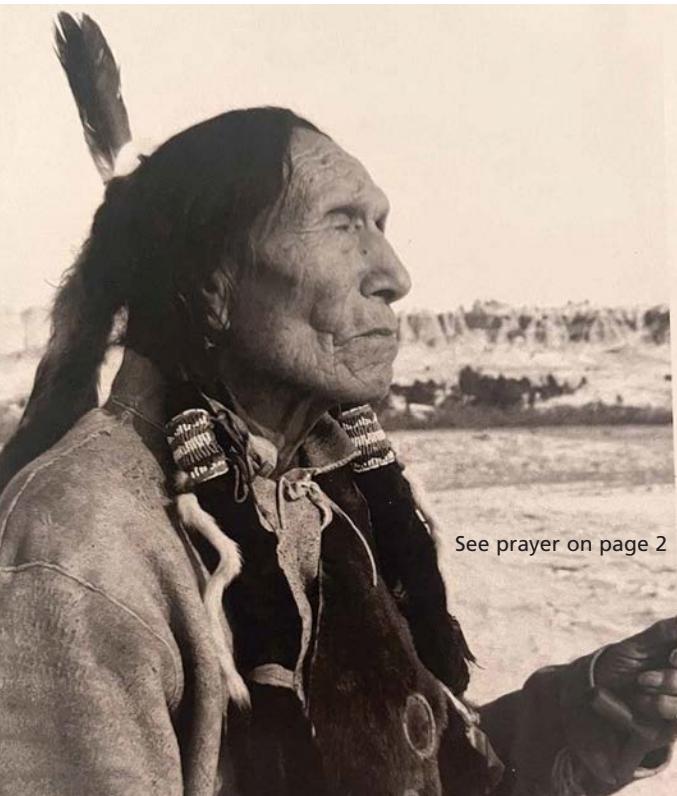
What if, what is making this world such a frightening mess of mass shootings, ideological and racial division, war, and politically motivated violence, is chiefly the result of one monolithic misguided perspective?

As simplistic as this might seem, I posit confidently, with a few exceptions, that the above notion is true.

Presently, far too many of us think our purpose is to judge, hate and condemn other tribes and members of

other tribes. It's a phenomenon as old as human society: we are the good ones; they are the bad ones. And while throughout human history there certainly have been near entire populations that ended up viewed as the baddies, and on the wrong side of history, if you go back far enough in any peoples' history you will see that every culture and society take turns as victim and villain, oppressor and oppressed. No peoples ever, has held an exclusive on good or evil.

The atrocities of Nazi Germany, Rwanda, the Khmer Rouge, and Colonial America for instance, do not truly suggest any of these peoples are intrinsically, in anyway, prone to greater evils than any other peoples. Instead—and I know this is not what many of you want to hear—those atrocities committed by disparate peoples over great distances of time and geographic location, powerfully suggests that evil is not the provenance of any distinguishable social group of humans



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Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, 1948  
Nicholas Black Elk, Lakota Catholic Wichasha Wakhan (Holy Man); Mid 1860s-1950  
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but belongs to our entire species.

This isn't a popular idea because to accept it is to surrender all hatreds of the other. "We are better than them: here's why, and please don't ask me to stop hating them. Deep in my heart I know I am right."

You can tell me all day why white people are the root of many great evils; and your case against them might not necessarily be wrong. But make that case against white people with caution. Anyone clever and motivated enough can make a decent case

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## Sandy Close Ethnic Media Call to ARMS

Voters of Color and Women Saved the Democrats from Disaster

by Peter White

Despite new laws to keep people from voting and gerrymandering election districts to take away the power of minority communities, the Republican "red wave" that pollsters predicted ahead of last week's midterms didn't happen.

Ethnic Media Services debriefed six experts on their reactions to the election results and what should be done to prepare for the 2024 election.

"Voters of color were very concerned about the state of their lives beyond the economy," said Sergio I. García-Rios, assistant

professor at the University of Texas at Austin and former director of Polling and Data at Univision News. "A second concern

in all of our polls was gun safety, and mass shootings and also security along the border."

García-Rios said that President Biden's message about saving democracy resonated with voters of color concerned about rising extremism. But they also sent Democrats a message: "We're disappointed with both parties."

That theme was picked up by Christine Chen, executive director of Asian Pacific Islander American Vote



(APIAVote), who says the number of Asian American voters who eschew both parties is growing. APIAVote

conducts an annual survey of Asian American and Pacific Islander voters.

"We noticed that there's an increasing number of independent voters among the Asian American electorate, 35% overall, and the Chinese actually had the largest percentage at 47%. Even the Vietnamese, who support Republicans at a higher rate than any other Asian ethnic group, are losing party identification to independents," Chen said.

Driving many black women were concerns around safety, said Karma Cottman, who leads Ujima, which focuses on violence targeting women in the black community. "Safety for us as women, safety for us as members of the black community, overlaid with what safety looks like in terms of physical and financial safety so we are able to take care of our families."

Cottman pointed to down ballot elections, noting strong support for black female candidates. "We were voting up and down ballot for black women," she said.

Voter intimidation, meanwhile, did not prove to be a major issue this election, says Gowri Ramachandran, senior counsel of the Brennan Center's Democracy program. "We had law

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## Los Angeles County Commission for Women to Hold 38th Annual Women of the Year Commemorative Celebration

### Nominations Now Open for Themed Event "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories"

LOS ANGELES - Every year the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Commission for Women recognize and celebrate women who work to bring about social and economic change, promote women's equality, and serve as outstanding role models for over 5.2 million local women.

The Women of the Year commemorative celebration "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2023, at the Sheraton Grand during Women's History Month.

District Awardees are selected by each Los Angeles County Supervisor and Community At-Large Awardees are

selected by the Commission for Women in the following seven categories: Education, Health, Arts/Media, Business/Labor, Law/Public Safety, Women Veterans, and Community Advocate.

The Commission for Women is now welcoming nominations of individuals whose achievements meet the established eligibility criteria to receive recognition in celebration of Women's History Month.

Nomination applications are available for download at the Los Angeles County Commission for Women website: <http://laccw.lacounty.gov/>.

Deadline for accepting nominations is Monday, December 5, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact staff member Cesar Hernandez at 213.974.1455.

A portion of the proceeds from these events will be used to provide education scholarships for young at-risk women.

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why it is actually you and your tribe, that are the worst people on the planet. So long as you and your tribe are human, there's going to be evidence that your people got things terribly wrong at some point too.

"Nice whataboutism bruh." Is that your response? Are you, dear reader saying I'm excusing white people of blame for their injustices against people of color because people of color harm others too? No, I most emphatically am not. I am not excusing anyone. I am however, asking for mercy, forbearance for EVERYONE. Hatred has a very hard time thriving where there is abundant mercy and compassion for all.

Giving up on that satisfying, intoxicating hatred also means giving up on the belief that only you and the members of your tribe and affiliated tribes are the most virtuous people on the planet. Say that out loud if you believe it. But you cannot really believe it because it's not a rational thought.

No new code of ethics, however brilliant, will ever better replace practicing informed compassion in a case-by-case basis. No tribes. No parties. No Them and Us. Just one big hot mess of an Us: a wonderful and lovable, horrible and detestable, pitiable and exalted species.

Political differences are not just grounds for hatred. Neither is religion or lack of religion. Nor is skin color. Any color. Even white.

Yet, we are here at each other's throats, fighting for crumbs when our so-called representatives in government engorge themselves and become millionaires, without even coming close to fulfilling their sworn duties to protect our nation from enemies foreign and domestic. Our lands and waters are defiled and polluted. Our schools unequally and unjustly funded. Our "criminal justice system" is

the single greatest agent of state sponsored kidnapping, false imprisonment, rape, torture and murder. All those things are happening to millions of incarcerated people in American prisons every day. This is what humans will do to each other when there is no transparency or accountability in governance.

There is no escaping being a fallible human. But there is a chance of resisting hatred. I refuse to hate anyone simply because they belong to the wrong tribe, believe the wrong things, love the wrong people, worship the wrong god. Or even because they are white. White people are not my enemy. Republicans are not my enemy. Hatred, anger, and unjustified violence are my enemies.

And what about the people that hate me because my skin is brown, my heterosexuality questionable, and my party Democratic? For the most part, they hold this view of me because they were invited to by nearly everyone in their nuclear families and geographic communities. How many of us could resist that level of universal indoctrination?

I don't hate or despise these people. I pity them. And I pity you too if you think you are anymore entitled to your hatred of them than they are entitled to their hatred of you. I hate greed. I hate corruption. I hate cruelty. But I don't hate humanity. I'm not a fan of mass shootings, public stoning of infidels, permanent ostracization of almost anyone. These are the grim flowers of the collective hatred of humanity.

When we give in to the hatred of the other we are really giving into the hatred of our own species. Love and respect for all peoples and the planet we live on is the only viable path forward. But can we give up the thrilling sense of false purpose and stature that hating-the-other has to offer? That is entirely up to each one of us right here and right now.

### Prayer of Nicholas Black Elk

Grandfather, Great Sacred One,  
you have been always,  
and before you nothing has been.  
There is nothing to pray to but you.

The star nations all over the universe are yours,  
and yours are the grasses of the earth.  
Day in and day out, you are the life of things.  
You are older than all need,  
older than all pain and prayer.

Grandfather, all over the world  
the faces of the living ones are alike.  
In tenderness they have come up  
out of the ground.  
Look upon your children  
with children in their arms,  
that they may face the winds,  
and walk the good road to the day of quiet.

Teach me to walk the soft earth,  
a relative to all that live.  
Sweeten my heart and fill me with light,  
and give me the strength to understand  
and the eyes to see.  
Help me, for without you I am nothing.  
Amen.

*Nicholas Black Elk, pray for us!*



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## TURN THE TIDE ON HATE

# School Board Sparks National Panic

Olympia, WA - The Olympia School Board's unanimous decision to appoint Talauna Reed to the board has sparked vocal hate cloaked in concern. Ms. Reed is the first African American board member and an outspoken critic of the police. People are so upset that her appointment was recently covered by Fox News. Local anger was on full display during the tense November

board meeting where 30+ people gave public comment, all but one regarding Ms. Reed. Angry commenters pounded fists and shook their heads while criticizing the board and expressing outrage over Ms. Reed's past. The bashing of her beliefs, experiences, and qualifications were clarified by two speakers to be "not racism", but concern for students.

Roaring applause after hateful comments was met with solidarity from people who actually know Ms. Reed. An Olympia Student Equity Committee member countered the fear mongering that the appointment jeopardizes student safety by sharing that they look up to Ms. Reed as "a community organizer and inspiring woman who is doing the kind of work to help underserved people and make positive change that I want to do in my future."

The truth expressed by students, alumni, parents, workers, and community members at the podium revealed that Ms. Reed is a compassionate, community building visionary. One pursuing a holistic, justice-centered approach to safety. In a public statement, Ms. Reed shared her goal of restoration and giving children and adults hope while utilizing trauma-informed practices in order to not cause further harm. She wrote that "Safety starts from within by creating a

school culture where all students, staff, and community members are treated with dignity and respect."

By reorienting us to the reality that we keep us safe, she challenges the dominant narrative that safety is maintained externally by police. That helps us understand that we can have safe communities if we create a culture where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Things the police are designed to prevent, as validated by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley when he asserted, "The policeman isn't there to create disorder. The policeman is there to preserve disorder." That is, disorder for the working class, marginalized peoples, the poor, and those pursuing a better world to maintain racial capitalism (a term acknowledging how capitalism developed as an inherently racialized system which uses differences between people (like skin color) to justify exploiting some people over others). The direct lineage between slave patrols and the police is a history that has been systematically ignored.

The appointment of Ms. Reed has elevated the vision of a liberated world with systems of care ensuring all people are free and have their basic needs met. Where safety is secured through love, empathy, and solidarity instead of legality, enforcement, and surveillance. Her appointment will engage more

people in cultural diversity and de-escalation training, restorative justice models, anti-racism, and trauma-informed care. In sticking to her values she has legitimized other crucial work like mutual aid, political education, and direct democracy to build communities that provide for their own safety and wellbeing.

The hate in response to the Olympia School Board's decision is an important example of the way in which our system has succeeded in dividing people, in stripping them of their humanity. How it has instilled fear, competition and delusion to the point where they defend inhumane institutions over the wellbeing of their neighbors. As one student commented, "Many people have a hard time with change, and as it has been said, when you're accustomed to privilege, equity feels like oppression." The school board's appointment is a significant step towards necessary change. The struggle for equity just got a boost in Olympia.

To learn more about a world without police and prisons, check out <https://www.8toabolition.com/> and <https://criticalresistance.org/>.

**No Spiritual Surrender**  
-- Wiconi

## Stop The Hate

by Camille Appling

With the Scars and Spiritual Pain of Racism and Bigotry felt by many we often seek for solutions for healing for Social Resolve and Productivity. While there is still suffering, during the storm we can gravitate to anchors of is quite pleasant to reflect on San Diego's Welcoming Multicultural Environments that nurture Racial Harmony with Equality and Community STOP THE HATE. As a native San Diegan I've participated in programs like Camp Anytown that aimed to STOP THE HATE by sharing personal experiences about race and promote cultural sensitivity. At Camp Anytown we learned of our friend's personal experience and how to be sensitive to how we treat people and to stand up for ourselves and cohorts against bias and discrimination.

Currently places like the Jacobs Center at Euclid houses a vast Multicultural Environment that really STOPS THE HATE . The Jacobs center was created in 1995 by Joe and Vi Jacobs the owners and namesake of Jacobs Engineering for "Education to Employment" and "Community Engagement". The Jacobs Center houses organizations like RISE San DIEGO, a Diverse Leadership Development Program that coaches future leaders for success in the Non-Profit arena. RISE is home of the RISE Urban Leadership Fellowship (I'm a Fellow) and the ILIA Awards (Inclusion Leadership in

Action). Rise uses its forum to promote racial healing in peace through active engagement. Catholic Charities and Mana de San Diego a Superior Organization of Latinas in Leadership share the Jacobs Center along with Homestart a housing assistance that helped my family program and Multi-Cultural Health Foundation. We are so grateful that the Jacobs Center embodies diversity and progress. The center encourages respect of diverse cultures and healing after discrimination in the workplace. The organizations work separately and in conjunction with each other to improve society.

The World Beat Center, a Jewel and Wealth house of Culture and Creativity has always supported the San Diego Community with Music, Art and Dance that crossed cultural barriers with Adoration and Distinction. Located near Balboa Park The founder of the World Beat Center Makeda Dread has sponsored Reggae and Hip Hop Concerts, Bob Marley Art Workshops, Native American Cultural Days and African Food Festivals. Makeda has always been a proponent of healing through the Arts after racial discrimination .The predominantly African American center is very welcoming to National and International Cultures receptive to our Center. The World Beat Center has never been afraid to address Discrimination and Injustice. In this day and Age, the Stop the Hate initiative allows solutions to surface to promote racial harmony and respect. The World Beat Center is an Excellent Place to do so.

Located near the World Beat Center is

the Centro Cultural de Raza where the finest in Native and Hispanic Culture is displayed with Music, Art and Dance. Imported Coffee, Books and Clothing fill the giftshop while the meeting area houses Zapatistas Political Events, Poetry Readings, and Posadas. The Latin identity is as diverse as the day is long with fair to light, caramel and dark brown complexions, slanted and big round eyes both light and dark representing everything from lithe to curvy to beautifully big figures from Mexico to Spain, Cuba to Columbia , California, Texas , Florida to New Yourica all displayed and valued. It is here that there has been triumph over hate and discrimination to promote Education, Employment, Healing and Peace.

Another Cultural Base in San Diego is the Athenaeum Music and Art Library, with locations in LA Jolla and Barrio Logan. The Athenaeum in La Jolla often hosts Prominent Jazz, New Age and Folk Musicians and even Acapella Singers. Musicians like Willie Jones III, Gilbert Castellanos, Ralph Moore and Harvard University's Acapella Group Harvard Din have showcased their talents at unforgettable performances at the Sea Side Library. La Jolla's location has showcased fine artwork by various artists from all over the World. The Barrio Location Bread and Salt located near the honored Chicano Park teaches classes on visual arts and highlights Painters, Graffiti Artist, University level and Street Educated musicians. All in support of Stopping the Hate and promoting respect through the

Arts through multicultural interactive experiences.

Blessed with its creation, San Diego's Precious Legacy Center of Mission Valley is a Religious Center that Stops the Hate through healing. The founders Dr Morris and Theresa Cerullo have traveled the World performing miracles like making all types of people walk. They have ministered all over Italy, Africa, India, Asia and South America and More. The Legacy Center is a Resort nestled in the Heart of Mission Valley San Diego, hosts an array of conferences and events like Christmas City too . Last Years, Christmas City featured Reggae Gospel, Oldies and Modern Hymns. Everything at the Center involves multiculturalism healing to Stop the Hate including the World Market an international market onsite, and a legacy of Nations which harmonizes the ministry from all over to increase healing and World Peace.

We salute the International and National Community of San Diego for Striving for healing and Peace after Discrimination to Stop the Hate. Countless individuals from all races have purposely included multiculturalism and tolerance into the fabric of our community so that the people can move into success and a loving community. Please remember our friends and cohorts day to day that declare with their actions that we matter as Indian Voices, no good deed unseen. We encourage you support the Centers we shared about here at [worldbeatcenter.org](http://worldbeatcenter.org), [centredelaraza.org](http://centredelaraza.org), [https://legacysandiego.com](http://legacysandiego.com)

## The Weingart Foundation Awards Over \$13.5m to Nonprofits Advancing Racial Justice

*The funds support strong and healthy communities, invest in BIPOC leadership, and promote collective healing in communities most impacted by systemic racism.*

Los Angeles, CA — The Weingart Foundation, a private grantmaking foundation, awarded 54 grants totaling over \$13.5 million to organizations providing critical services to communities most impacted by systemic racism, advancing racial equity, and building power in historically disinvested neighborhoods. The majority of funds, \$8.2M, provide unrestricted support, giving nonprofit partners the flexibility to spend resources where needed. Reflecting



the Foundation's commitment to racial justice, 87% of organizations receiving unrestricted financial support are led by people who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC). This round of funding is the first round for the Foundation's fiscal year.

"Stepping into a new year, we are building on our ongoing dedication to advancing racial justice in partnership with organizations that demonstrate time and time again that a just future is possible," said Miguel A. Santana, President and C.E.O., the Weingart

Foundation. "From providing lifesaving resources, to building political power, our nonprofit partners are opening opportunities and strengthening communities across Southern California, and we are honored to stand with them."

As part of its commitment to sustain social movements, the Weingart Foundation invests in leadership



development in BIPOC communities by supporting youth leadership and by strengthening nonprofit leaders. Four partners are currently hosting fellows from Weingart's, which focuses on developing current and emerging leaders of nonprofit organizations and movement networks. Weingart is also investing \$740,000 total to , and , three groups that organize youth to empowering the indigenous, migrant, and farm working communities of Ventura County.

Investments in powerful racial justice coalitions are also a priority for the Foundation. This includes \$600K in grants to the a coalition of nonprofits in the Inland Empire focused on advancing racial equity, co-led by and

"With support from the Weingart Foundation, we can further our mission of

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## Anchor Your Soul

by Kenneth G. White Jr.

When all is said and done, it all comes down to our children, grandchildren, and those of you that are so blessed, our great grandchildren. We are inundated with lying political adds every day, leading up the November 8, 2022, elections.

Separate this mess from your heart, mind and soul. Anchor your soul to your children and their future well-being when participating and voting in this political process. Anchor your heart to our great Indian Nations and their future preservation and status as sacred land and sovereign entities recognized, blessed and sustained by our Creator forever. Anchor your mind to do what is right for your children and their future for many generations to come.

What does the future hold for our children when considering candidates running for office? Do these candidates even have a substantive policy for our children, or are they simply out to get your vote?

Let Indigenous wisdom prevail in your mind and heart. Crazy Horse's prophecy speaks of seven generations, so to continue this prophecy uninterrupted, please anchor your soul to our children not the political rhetoric in the air this voting season.

Focus. Take pause and a deep breath of that cedar you hopefully are burning. As election day approaches, we all need to ask ourselves this question when dismissing the big lie, going back to day-to-day reality, and remembering democracy and voting are inherently, substantively and eternally all about our children.

This democracy was built upon the Iroquois Confederacy model. Ask yourself - What do our dear children mean to me? In this spirit and with all due respect -

### Conclusion

Please don't stand on the sideline, get out in your community, and vote. Vote like your life depends on it because in reality, it does.

As Dine', as Indigenous brothers and sisters, and all ethnicities, anchor your souls to your children this voting season and forevermore. God bless you. God bless our children.



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What do our dear children mean to me

They are our future generation

They are our hopes and dreams

They are our destiny

That is what our dear children mean to me  
They will carry on our clanship, language and history

They are our future leaders

They are blessed, born with balance and harmony

That is what our dear children mean to me

Our babies are innocent in this racist society

Their generations will fulfill Crazy Horse's prophecy  
Yes, they are our Creator's blessing and remedy

That is what our dear children mean to me

See that little one sitting at their desk

That child may be the next leader of our Tribe  
During our time of great need

That is what our dear children mean to me

Look at their beautiful smiles

Enjoy their laughter

Be their friend, confidant and mentor

They are filled with love and spirituality

That is what our dear children mean to me  
Just like Martin Luther King

Annie Wauneka, Manuelito, and John F. Kennedy  
I guarantee one of our children is going to make history

That is what our dear children mean to me  
Hold them close to your heart

Our dear children and God are only a prayer apart  
Give them all your love to the highest degree

That is what our dear children mean to me  
Do not judge them love them

Do not scold them teach them

Each child is unique and one of a kind

Happy innocent healthy and free

That is what our dear children mean to me  
They deserve every opportunity

They want you to listen to them

They will surprise you with the truth

Oh, how insightful a child can be

That is what our dear children mean to me  
Love me for who I am

Not what you want me to be

Love me like my ancestors and elders

They are praying for me eternally

That is what our dear children mean to me  
Dear teacher did you know you are

The only sober person in my life

Alcohol and drugs at home are a way of life  
I feel safe here at school with just you and me

That is what our dear children mean to me  
Love me hold me

Keep that alcohol and drugs far away

Teach me how to pray and I will be okay

Connect me to God Almighty please

That is what our dear children mean to me  
I may be adopted or come from a broken home

But if you love me, I will not be alone

I am crying out to you

I just need a hand to hold and sincere empathy

That is what our dear children mean to me  
I may live among addiction and poverty

But if you give me a chance

I will succeed

Just give me a chance unconditionally

That is what our dear children mean to me  
You see children are the greatest gift from God

Avgly

No matter their background or ethnicity

They are more precious than all the world's

Silver, gold and money

They are priceless human treasures

That is what our dear children mean to me

## “Living Building” Airport of San Jacinto

by Robert Betancourt Jr.

A development team of local residents, myself, Lindblad Architects Office, and consulting engineers are forming a non-profit public interest association that represents a consortium of community investors, to ensure a successful development, construction, occupancy and operation of an Electric Aircraft Field, (EAF) and of a low density "15 minute community," where daily needs are within a short walk, bicycle or transit trips, centered around the EAF, 2 miles from San Jacinto's central business district.

Our EAF and "15 minute community" are based on a "living building" concept in which ecological resilience and sustainability are regenerated on the EAF site and in the surrounding "15 minute community," to address habitability challenges of extreme climate disruption.

The airport hangar is subterranean to allow airport operations to economically function with extreme and ever rising temperatures on the surface.

The EAF is located on nine acres

between North Sanderson Avenue and Ramona Expressway.

Our proposed airport has a grass runway with the hangar subterranean, highlighting a control tower with rammed earth splayed walls, as the only building above grade.

The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians will operate and manage the EAF and pilot training base, with the assistance of Hemets Squadron Fifty-Nine of the California Wing Group 3, Civil Air Patrol, to ensure addressing the current shortage of military and commercial pilots to fly aircraft, now numbering 100,000, by the introduction of training electric aircraft such as the Pipistrel Alpha Electro. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will own the EAF.

The EAF, featuring a grassy field, with light-weight electric aircraft, militates noise, while recharging the groundwater aquifer.

Just three aircraft accommodate eight to nine training flights per day, with a small solar photovoltaic array and high capacity chargers.

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## Indian Voting

BILLINGS, MT — A Montana court today struck down as unconstitutional two state laws that hinder Native American participation in the state's electoral process.

One measure, HB 176, would have ended Election Day registration; the other, HB 530, aimed to prohibit paid third-party ballot assistance. Native American voters living on reservations disproportionately rely upon both Election Day registration and ballot assistance to cast votes in Montana.

In 2020, two Montana courts struck down a substantially similar measure to HB 530, finding the restriction on ballot collection "disproportionately harms...Native Americans in rural tribal communities."

Plaintiffs Western Native Voice, Montana Native Vote, the Blackfeet Nation, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe brought the lawsuit, , against HB

176 and HB 530. They are represented by the Native American Rights Fund, American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Montana, and Harvard Law School's Election Law Clinic.

Today's ruling from the Montana 13th Judicial District Court follows a two-week trial in August 2022 challenging four voting-related laws. (The Montana Democratic Party and Montana Youth Action had challenged two other laws — SB 169, which makes the state's voter ID requirement much more restrictive, and HB 506, which places further limits on absentee voting. The court in today's order also struck down SB 169; it had previously granted summary judgment to plaintiffs on HB 506.)

The court ruled these various laws violate several provisions of the Montana Constitution, including the right to vote, equal protection, free speech, and due process.

Plaintiffs had previously obtained a preliminary injunction against HB 176 and HB 530, when the court found that Plaintiffs had made a *prima facie* showing

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## INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

### Outline of Indigenous Language Revitalization History in the United States

by Michael Odegaard

When there were only an estimated few hundred remaining speakers of Hawaiian language in 1983, members of the ‘Āinahau o Kaleponi Hawaiian Civic Club in Orange County, CA, along with the other associated Hawaiian Civic Clubs, were invited to contribute funds to help purchase a school bus to take young children to a park in Waimea, Kaua‘i to gather under the protection of a banyan tree where they would be immersed in Hawaiian language each weekday. At the time, no public buildings were available to the Native Hawaiians due to the June 8, 1896 law signed by Sanford B. Dole, President of the Republic of Hawai‘i (Act 57, Sec. 30) that prohibited Hawaiian language to be the medium and basis of instruction in all public and private schools. The “language nest” (pūnana leo) began its indigenous language medium instruction in 1984, and the linguicidal law was finally repealed in 1986. Today the number of Hawaiian language speakers is estimated at over 30,000.

The illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian constitutional monarchy by social darwinist American businessmen in 1893 was successfully countered through the superior morale of the Civil Rights Era that strengthened Native Hawaiians' resolve to insist that the Hawai‘i State Constitution be amended in 1978 to include Hawaiian as an official language of the State, along with Education Code amendments to ensure that Hawaiian language parity with English would be enshrined in the State's vision for the future. Hawai‘i's progress toward this vision has since inspired the State of Alaska in 2014 to make their 20 indigenous languages official, and South Dakota did the same in 2019 with its three Sioux dialects of Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota. Legal recognition of its indigenous languages is an important step a state can take to address its genocidal past toward its first nations, and several important progressive legal milestones, both domestically and internationally have prepared the way to create favorable conditions for indigenous language revitalization and survival.

America's Indian Wars largely ended in the early 1860s through forced relocation to reservations when the US Department of the Interior began instead to force the assimilation of its indigenous peoples beginning in 1879 with residential (“boarding”) school internment camps designed to “kill the Indian, save the man.” Children were ripped from their families, often in hand cuffs, and forced under threat of physical and emotional abuse to abandon their mother tongues (and also kinship and cultural systems) and learn to speak only English. In 1924 Native Americans were finally granted US

citizenship with the promise of its associated civil rights, however crimes of genocide were only first codified in international venues such as the United Nations whose charter was ratified in San Francisco in 1945, in part, to prevent genocide.

In 1966 United Nations guaranteed minority linguistic rights among its member states in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and two years later Canada adopted its Official Languages Act guaranteeing equal status and respect for French language. The American Indian Education act was adopted in 1972, the same year as the publishing of Robert Jaulin's “White Peace” (“Paix Blanche”) which defined ethnocide in terms that included both intentional and unintentional effects of western economic development, and two years later the Native American Programs Act began Federal funding for indigenous language preservation. The American Indian Self-Determination Act was passed in 1975, and the following year the University of Hawai‘i established academic standards for their Hawaiian Language bachelor's degree program. The United Nations' 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child that recognized the right of a child to use their minority language was followed up the next year in the United States with the Native American Languages Act which began to finance the preservation of 200 American indigenous languages through immersion education. In 1996 the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Linguistic Rights established indigenous linguistic rights as a fundamental human right.

In 2003 Mexico recognized in its General Law of Indigenous Peoples' Rights 68 indigenous languages as “equally valid” as Spanish, and two years later the US House Concurrent Resolution 195 affirmed the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) before it was ratified two years later by the UN General Assembly; the significance of UNDRIP is that it establishes the minimum legal protections by which indigenous peoples may survive. In 2014 the UN adopted an Outcome Document from the World Conference of Indigenous Peoples which set a schedule timeline for indigenous peoples to establish their rights, and four years later Canada adopted its Indigenous Languages Act. In 2019 the Hawai‘i Supreme Court ruled that its residents have the right to an indigenous language education, and during the present 2022 election cycle, residents of Maui County, Hawai‘i are voting to amend its charter to make its government bilingual to establish equal rights of participation in governance for its indigenous language speakers.



To improve the quality of life of those who recognize themselves and choose to be recognized by others as "Indigenous Peoples of Color of the Americas" and in support of The American Indian Rights and Resources Organization (AIRRO).

## Two Spirit Traditions

Two-spirit individuals were experts in traditional arts - such as pottery making, basket weaving, and the manufacture and decoration of items made from leather. Among the Navajo, two-spirit males often became weavers, usually women and men's work, as well as healers, which was a male role. By combining these activities, they were often among the wealthier members of the tribe.



Two-spirit females engaged in activities such as hunting and warfare, and became leaders in war and even chiefs.

"This is the first gallery exhibition that highlights the role of Two Spirit people in traditional Native American society and includes the extremely rare work of the two best known 19th Century two spirit artists, We'wha and Arroh-ah-och, along with contemporary Two Spirit artists.

Prominent in this exhibition are a Zuni ceramic bowl circa 1880 attributed to We'wha (1849 - 1896) the well-documented Two Spirit artist and a Laguna ceramic attributed to Arroh-ah-och, a Two Spirit ceramicist in Laguna also active at the end of the 19th century" (We'wha and the Two Spirit Tradition, Then and Now)

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"Two-spirit" refers to a person who identifies as having both a masculine and a feminine spirit, and is used by some Indigenous people to describe their sexual, gender and/or spiritual identity. As an umbrella term it may encompass same-sex attraction and a wide variety of gender variance, including people who might be described in Western culture as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual,

transgender, gender queer, cross-dressers or who have multiple gender identities. Two-spirit can also include relationships that could be considered poly. The

## Two Spirit History

Adopted in 1990 in Winnipeg, Canada. In place of the French word (berdache). Two spirit describes the Identity of traditional roles in certain tribes. The sexually uninhibited beliefs of American Indians were shamed and deemed barbaric and at god's mercy if they did not stop immediately.

Even with the modern adoption of pan-Indian terms like two spirit, not all cultures will perceive two spirit people the same way, or welcome a pan-Indian term to replace the terms already in use by their cultures.

Two spirit roles, in particular, were singled out for condemnation, interference, and many times violence. As a result, two spirit traditions and practices went underground or disappeared in many tribes.

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creation of the term "two-spirit" is attributed to Elder Myra Laramee, who proposed its use during the Third Annual Inter-tribal Native American, First Nations, Gay and Lesbian American Conference, held in Winnipeg in 1990. The term is a translation of the Anishinaabemowin term niizh manidoowag, two spirits. (Statistics provided by: LGBTQ2S+ Health)

## Statistics

In a state survey, nearly 1 in 3 LGBTQ and Two-Spirit AI/ANs (29.4%) reported experiencing hate violence—a higher rate than any other LGBTQ community

- Nationwide, approximately 40% of gay men and half of bisexual men have experienced sexual violence, compared to 20% of heterosexual men
- 75% of bisexual women and 44% of lesbians have experienced rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner, compared to 35% of heterosexual women
- 47% of our transgender siblings and 55% of all non-binary people experience sexual assault in their lifetimes
- Two-Spirit elders who have experienced discrimination report poorer health and increased physical pain and impairment
- Two-Spirit identifying women face multifaceted challenges including stigma regarding their sexual orientation, exclusion from mainstream Two-Spirit discourse, and sexism from both AI/AN and LGBTQ communities (Statistics provided by: National Resource Center on LGBTQ+ Aging)

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## Young Black & 'N Business Roosevelt Williams III Receives Peacemaker Award

by Michael Odegaard

On October 30, 2022, Roosevelt Williams III, CEO of Young Black & N' Business (YB&NB) and his YB&NB Team received the Peacemaker Award of the San

into a growing select group of Peacemakers worthy of special recognition.

YBNB is a community organization devoted to serving and motivating the



Diego Coastal Rotary Club in front of their mural at the intersection of Euclid and Imperial Avenues which they have dubbed "The Four Corners of Love." The Peacemaker Award is designed to regularly honor distinguished and hard working San Diego community members or organizations throughout the year who have made a significant difference in promoting, creating, or facilitating peace initiatives and transforming or preventing conflict while exemplifying the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self. The Peacemaker Award recognition also helps promote awareness of peace & conflict resolution and conflict prevention initiatives to better understand what is happening on the ground and who are the leaders working on the front lines.

Roosevelt Williams III's grassroots efforts and commitment to help build goodwill and peace, as well as unique accomplishments through economic development actions as the CEO of Young Black & 'N Business to bring people together to help them develop or connect to economic opportunities that build positive peace in San Diego are very noble efforts. Congratulations Roosevelt as he and his YBNB team are now welcomed

overlooked and the underserved majority working together as one to be healthy, happy and successful. They support people to empower themselves through business development programming, entrepreneurship education and events, as well as charitable events while inspiring others to be their best selves to prosper and share the wealth as they promote their motto: "IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO US!"

Roosevelt is also currently working as a Community Development Specialist for the City of San Diego and is appointed as one of the lead movers and shakers overseeing the Promise Zones Initiative to help revive under resourced areas throughout San Diego in particular around Southeast San Diego. In order to get to this level, Roosevelt learned a lot from his great-granddad as a kid growing up in Valencia Park in San Diego. He learned a trade — cobbling — and a whole lot more. Matthew Cook Sr. taught his great-grandson honor, integrity, "how to make your name a good name," Williams said. He taught him how to look a person in the eye, how to work, how to save money, how to maintain a home. He even taught the youngster etiquette, like how to behave at the dinner table. His

## ELECTION RESULTS: Native American Candidates in 2022 Midterms

by Native News online staff

Updated 2:54 p.m. ET | Nov. 10 - Incumbent Rep. Yvette Herrell (R-NM), a member of the Cherokee Nation, conceded yesterday in her race with Democrat Gabe Vasquez to represent New Mexico's 2nd District in the 118th Congress. Herrell was seeking a second term in the U.S. House. The AP called the race this morning.

"While we are disappointed by the final results, I am incredibly proud of our team and the work we did serving our district, and I am grateful for the steadfast support of so many who helped us along the way," Herrell said in a statement. "I'd also like to congratulate Gabe Vasquez on his victory."

The race earned national attention as Republicans and Democrats battle for control of Congress. The win by Vasquez flips a seat in the House, and Mexico's congressional delegation will all be Democrats in the next Congress.

Updated 5:35 pm. ET | Nov. 9 - Native American candidates from both major parties showed mixed results in the 2022 midterm elections. Here is a round-up of

great-grandfather worked two, sometimes three jobs. He worked at North Island naval base and as a cobbler. Roosevelt picked up the trade and started Sole Cobbler repair shop, which he ran for a while before turning his attention to YB&NB full time.

Today, Roosevelt, 36, wants to pass on all that he learned to entrepreneurs through the business organization he founded. Roosevelt, the CEO and president of YB&NB, provides instruction and inspiration to business people through the organization's events,

election results involving Native American candidates from tribes across the country. This story will be updated



Minnesota Lt. Governor (White Earth Band of Ojibwe) celebrates her reelection with supporters after she and Governor Tim Walz beat back Republican challengers.

(Photo: Fox 9 YouTube)

throughout the day.

Republican Markwayne Mullin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, won a special election to represent Oklahoma in the U.S. Senate. With the victory, which was called by the AP shortly after the polls closed, Mullin becomes the first Native American to serve in the U.S. Senate since former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (Northern Cheyenne) retired in 2005.

Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk) won a third term to represent Kansas in the U.S. House. Davids, a Democrat who made history as one of the first Native American women to be elected to Congress, beat back a challenge by her Republican opponent in a redrawn

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programs and digital magazine. He said he looks to elders, like his great-grandfather, for leadership skills. "He told me it's not about me; it's about we."

YBNB will be hosting their annual Black & Gold Gala event on December 4th at Sycuan this year. More details can be found at:

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### Ingredients

1 cup Millet\*  
1/4 cup parsley  
1/2 cup grated carrots  
1/4 cup diced onions  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1/4 cup Braggs liquid aminos or tamari (soy sauce)  
1/4 cup dried herbs of choice  
1/4 cup garbanzo flour  
1/4 cup oats

### Instructions

- Cook millet (see cooking instructions below) and let it cool. With oiled hands, crumble the millet. Mix in the vegetables, oil, Braggs, and herbs. Add the flour and oats, squeezing with your hands to make a stiff mix.
- Divide the mixture into 6 balls and form burgers. Arrange the burgers on an oiled baking pan and bake until they are a golden color and form a light crust.
- Instructions for cooking millet**
- Use 1 cup of millet in a heavy saucepan with 2 cups of water and 1 teaspoon of oil.
- Bring to a boil and cover with a tight



fitting lid and reduce heat. Allow the millet to simmer slowly until the water evaporates. The millet will separate and fluff up. Add a little more water if the millet still looks grainy. Each grain must open, losing its beady appearance. When cooked properly, millet will be light and fluffy. Let it cool before using it in the burger recipe.

**Serving Suggestions:** Serve on sliced bread or bun topped with your choice of vegan mayo, mustard, catsup, pickles, lettuce, sprouts, tomatoes, raw or grilled onions.

**Variations:** 1) Shape the mixture into balls. Bake and serve in pita bread with your choice of toppings.

2) Put the mixture in a loaf pan and bake until browned. Cover with tomato gravy and bake 10 more minutes. Serve with your choice of veggies, mashed potatoes and a green salad ... ENJOY!!!!

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## Marcus Garvey's Son, Dr. Julius Garvey Visits WorldBeat Cultural Center

by Makeda Ori Cheatom

On November 17th the son of the honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey joined us for the revised book tour release of his "The Philosophies and Opinions of Marcus Garvey". The original book was compiled by Amy Jacques Garvey in 1925 and this revised edition of Volume 1 of "The Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus



Garvey" is an attempt to fill that need for the Black Lives Matter and Human Rights Movements currently attempting to transform the sociopolitical and economic landscape. In this edition, Garvey's ideas are organized by Dr.



Julius Garvey around themes that hold even more relevance today as we tackle the many challenges of our time. It is Garvey reimagined for the 21st century.

Marcus Mosiah Garvey was born on August 17th, 1887 in St Ann's Bay, Jamaica. Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League (UNIA-ACL, commonly known as UNIA). Today the UNIA has chapters worldwide. In Jamaica he created the People's Political Party (PPP) which was Jamaica's first modern political party to defend the interests of the Black Majority.

Marcus Garvey has inspired every major black movement of the 20th century, both in Africa and the Americas. Followers of Garvey's ideology include Hon Elijah Muhammad, Minister Louis Farrakhan, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. Also leaders of African Independent states such as Presidents Nnamdi Asikiwe, Kwame Nkrumah, Jomo Kenyatta, Nelson Mandela, Patrice Lumumba, and Julius Nyerere.

Dr. Julius Garvey, MD, OJ is a retired Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon as

Institute for Human Development and serves as Chairman for both entities as he champions the cause for Afro business exchange, cultural unity and mental health.

It was an honor to see the appreciation from the son of one of my greatest Pan-African heroes who gave me the inspiration to move forward, be self-sufficient and define for myself and not be defined by others. Marcus Garvey's slogan is "One God, One Aim, One Destiny" and "up ye mighty race". Reggae artists like Burning Spear, the Mighty Diamonds and many more have numerous songs about Marcus Mosiah Garvey. I went to Dr.



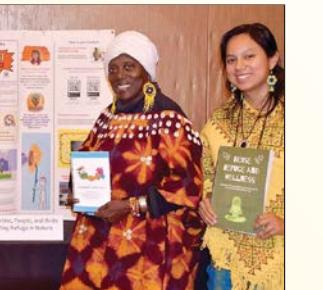
Marcus Garvey's house when I was in Saint Ann's, Jamaica. The place was rundown and unlivable with squatters inside and we paid them off so that we could film and meditate on Garvey's dwellings. We laughed and had a great time as we drove off to see Bob Marley's mom, Mother B. Both heroes are from Saint Ann's Bay. I wish you all could have

felt reggae like we did back in the day. I was talking to my friend, Ami and we were saying how blessed we were to feel that energy and to be a part of the inner revolution of consciousness through Reggae music.

## NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH: PRESERVING OUR PAST FOR OUR FUTURE

This year's ATALM conference was incredible. ATALM is the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries and Museums. The theme this year was "Intertwined cultures: Stronger

together" hosted at Pechanga Casino on October 25th-27th. This was the second ATALM conference we have attended and presented. ATALM's purpose is to raise public awareness of Indigenous cultural institutions through an international network of partners, both Indigenous and non-indigenous; provide culturally responsive services and programs through regional and national training events, web resources and individual consultation; partner with national organizations to incorporate



equitable co-creation in science. During the conference, we met some incredible people and learned a lot from the workshops. On the last day we watched the motivational documentary "Imagining the Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascotting" followed by incredible dialogue. We're looking forward to screening the film at WorldBeat Cultural Center this November. What an honor to meet the featured activists and film producers.

From this conference, we've learned to be guardians of our culture because every year we are losing elders. It was inspiring to see the selected awardees for this year's "Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International Award

Program" including Arvol Looking Horse. The conference also had many presentations, panels and workshops that shared valuable information about a number of topics

like how to use natural pest control for textiles, storage and digitizing solutions, solutions to archiving oral history recordings and transcripts and government funding opportunities. It's amazing how indigenous basket weaving, textiles and beadwork is so similar to other native cultures around the world.

We are so grateful to Karen Kitchen for introducing us to this conference and opening the opportunity to share our recent research with the Noise Project, an NSF funded community led project around

Thank you Teresa Moore for stopping by and taking photos. Looking forward to next year's conference in Oklahoma. Let's continue to intertwine cultures together.



## Batisado, Capoiera Graduation

by Makeda Cheatom

WorldBeat Center would like to celebrate all the graduates and initiates that participated in this year's Capoeria batisado with Os Malandros De Mestre



Touro and Mestre Preto Velho at WorldBeat Cultural Center. Master Dennis Newsome also known as Mestre Petro Velho has taken these kids out of an environment that is detrimental to their wellbeing. I will never forget one of the stories that Dennis shared about the mother of his students that was sitting on a corner prostituting. Maestro Dennis said he pulled over and cried when he realized that was his student's mother. So many children have grown up at the WorldBeat Center and with great instructors like Mestre Petro Velho whom I've known since he was 16. It's been an honor to have hosted the batisado each year for over a decade.

Capoeira, well known as an African Brazilian Dance/Fight ritual evolved in Brazil during the era of enslavement. The Batisado is an initiation ceremony for the newest students into the Capoeira "Roda" (Circle). Various rituals and traditional Batisado practices are employed during the ceremony. For older students it is a time to receive recognition for their

Mestre Preto Velho is the first African born outside of Brazil to hold the title of "Master of Capoeira" in its 500 years of history. This title was bestowed on him by "Grupo Cultural de Capoeira Corda Bamba" de Mestre Touro of Brazil. Mestre Touro is one of only a few grandmasters of Capoeira in Brazil. Mestre Preto Velho is registered with both the "Liga Carioca de Capoeira" and the "Federation of Capoeira Sport of the State of Rio de Janeiro". Mestre Preto Velho also has other schools in the U.S. and returns to Brazil periodically to have select students train in the grand tradition of the Brazilian African masters.

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## Ethnic Media

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enforcement leaders in some communities coming out and saying, look, intimidation of voters and of election workers is not going to be tolerated," she said.

Exit polls showed Republicans gaining ground in support among African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans. While support for Democrats remained high among women and young voters, Cottman echoed those who say Democrats spent too much time trying to flip predominantly white districts instead of investing resources in communities of color.

While Democrats maintained control of the Senate following a narrow win this weekend by Nevada's Catherine Cortez Masto, control of the House remains in question, though Republicans have the advantage.

Common Cause National Redistricting Director Kathay Feng says extreme gerrymandering was a decisive factor in Republicans' strong showing in states like Ohio and Florida and will be key should they retake the House.

In red states where the state legislature controls redistricting and Republican governors approve the maps

they draw, the fight for fair maps is a David vs Goliath proposition. But in North Carolina and Minnesota, courts forced district maps to be redone. And in New Mexico, Native Americans threatened to blockade the commission if it didn't redraw the Navajo districts. They did so.

Feng, who has been at the center of efforts to challenge partisan gerrymandering through litigation and state-based organizing around ballot initiatives and legislation, says citizens have been able to get maps drawn fairly where election commissions do the redistricting.

"Across the board we saw many improvements," she noted, pointing to states like California, Michigan and Colorado.

In Michigan, voters passed a measure in 2018 to create an independent Redistricting Commission. It has made a big difference there. State Representative Joe Tate is likely to become the first black speaker of the Michigan House. In Detroit and nearby suburbs, an African American is going to be representing this district for the first time in Washington. And in Michigan's 12th Congressional District, incumbent Democrat Rashida Tlaib, who is Palestinian American, will be representing her newly configured

district.

In Colorado, the Citizens Redistricting Board meeting for the first time drew a Congressional district with a 40% Latino population. "And that district, the Congressional 8th, elected for the first time a Latina representative to be part of the Congressional Colorado delegation," Feng said.

"It's significant to note that in each of these states there has been tremendous participation by communities of color to come out and talk about where those communities are, to talk about the growth, and to make sure that the lines are truly reflective of those communities," she added.

Feng drew a sharp comparison with the growth of Latino populations in Texas and the black population in Florida. "Those communities were sliced and diced up so that the growth was not represented, or the historic representation was essentially dismantled. So, we see a significant difference between the states that have commissions of some form or another and those that do not," she said.

Feng likened redistricting to fixing democracy's clogged plumbing.

"You don't want to know what's in there. You don't want to look at it. And when it bursts, it's a mess. And that's

why you've got to fix it before you have that disaster... and because so many communities participated in redistricting, this time round, we saw a lot of that plumbing get fixed."

## Thomas Jefferson's Collected Letters

"No experiment can be more interesting than that we are now trying, and which we trust will end in establishing the fact, that man may be governed by reason and truth. Our first object should therefore be, to leave open to him all the avenues to truth. The most effectual hitherto found, is the freedom of the press. It is therefore, the first shut up by those who fear the investigation of their actions."

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) US President (1801-09)  
Letter to John Tyler Washington (28 Jun 1804)

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hangar, groundwater aquifer, above grade rammed earth control tower, for our 140,000 square foot, EAF hangar, housing approximately 51 aircraft.

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An estimated 327,000 cubic yards of subterranean sandstone are to be excavated, to create the hangar, with a diameter of 580 feet.

The above-grade landing and take-off field is irrigated by an subsurface drip irrigation system of gray water supplied by adjacent housing.

The field of native grasses can be cut and harvested for animal food supplement, adhering to our "living building" concept, with local economic and ecological benefits, by training new pilots, skilled in flying decarbonized, zero emission and quiet aircraft.

**Footnotes:**  
The Civil Air Patrol has been an auxiliary of the Air Force since 1947. In the new system:  
At six flight hours, a glider license is obtained.  
At twelve flight hours, a commercial glider license is obtained.  
During the next flight hours, the "right of passage," or solo flight is completed.  
At 20 hours, a check ride in a powered flight is completed for the PRIVATE PILOT Certificate.  
Training pilots for electric motorized gliders would cost the AIR FORCE, which finances the aircraft, maintenance, training, Ten Thousand Dollars, versus gas powered at Fifty Thousand Dollars, alleviating the need that twenty-four Squadrons compete for six planes.  
For youngsters aged twelve to fourteen, enrolled in the Civil Air Patrol, at the same field, where Federal Air Regulation Part 20 training is completed, compliance with Federal Air Regulation Part 107 "DRONE License" is provided, with a small training area with obstacles, which meets the required "Ground School," for achieving PRIVATE PILOT status, fulfilling the "Search & Rescue" part of the original mission of the Civil Air Patrol, to locate missing persons and to assist FEMA in damage estimates of local disasters.

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by Camille Appling

## St Patrick's Fall Festival

October 15, 2022

welcomed the St Patrick's Catholic Churches Fall Festival to the North Park Community. The event was filled with games, food and face painting . The church welcomed the community with Rosaries and

Religious Items to encourage faith and family. Church members performed dances and the bands played music to get the festivities going. The children were encouraged to play basketball and visit the Pumpkin patch. This event inspires healing in peace to reduce religious discrimination to support our Stop the Hate Initiative. Come check us out at stpatrickschurch.we connect.com



## Taste of Africa

The Honorable Makeda Dread hosted the Taste of Africa event held at Balboa Parks World Beat Center this Saturday October 15, 2022. People including The Elders and Children came from all over the World to participate in this blessed event to support the community with food and healing. The event included Drumming by The Healing Art Network Mundo Music and Water for Refugees based in El Cajon Ca. There were also Award winning Spoken Word Artists speaking of Advocacy and Exercise Coaches promoting Eating and Exercise . Events like Taste of Africa Stop the Hate through Love and Respect for each other through experience, The healing in the community from past discrimination was shown through blended families of different and

same races too. We encourage World Beat Centers multicultural environment because it educates and improves the lives of others through



Community Respect. check us out at worldbeat.org.

## Legacy Centers Feast of the Tabernacles

This October 6-9th 2022, The Legacy Center opened its Doors for This Years Feast of the Tabernacle. The event was hosted by Greg and Jeri Mauro while the fabric of the conference was woven together by Susan Peterson, the honorable Morris and Theresa Cerullo Daughter. The origin of the holiday is precious in nature in that it symbolizes the

"restoration process" and to replicate the the Feast of the Sukkot (Booths) that Jesus Christ participated in.

The Legacy Center is a ministerial powerhouse for multiculturalism and healing through authentic christian experience. The healing and peace that occur here is "balm on the wounds of society" after physical emotional abuse. The Cerullos were known as miracle workers both physically and emotionally and were often seen as making people walk again. They used their faith to restore belief after discrimination and injustice around the world including child abuse and starvation to Stop the Hate.

## Fighting Fentanyl

One Safe Place in San Marcos hosted a Fight Fentanyl Abuse Event at 1050 Vallecitos Blvd. The event was hosted by District Attorney Summer Stephens who spoke of the dangers of Fentanyl a pain medication that is lethal in as little as two pills and the medical phenomena of opioid overdose prevention drug Narcan. The participants were given a live presentation for Narcan delivery to save peoples lives from accidental overdose by Claudia Rempl the IFT Operations Manager of A Global Medical Response



Solution. In addition to the presentation we heard three parent account of losing their children to Fentanyl. The devastating effects of Fentanyl have devastated many and the community has the right to know how to stop the need for pain relief to that extent. The event also highlighted the students involvement in creating posters and announcements about Stopping Fentanyl Abuse. When the community works together to fight such a devastating epidemic the working together eliminates past hate with mutual respect and concern for healing. If you or someone you love has been affected by fentanyl please check out this website: <https://americanaddictioncenters.org/fentanyl-treatment>

## La Jolla Art & Wine Festival

This Year's La Jolla Art and Wine Festival filled the Streets of LaJolla with Fine Art, Gourmet Food, Clothing And Wine. Artisans from all over the world used flowers and canvases to heal the Greater San Diego community with soothing Arts and Culture displaying



singing, Pet Adoption and Arts Workshops where you could make a picture or decorate your crown. The African Paintings and weavings complemented the Latin Inspired photographs. There was a beautiful tribute to

the Disney Princess Legacy through a selection of melodies from The Princess and The Frog and Pocahontas. There was also a selection from Reggae artist in the Internationally Inspired Beer and Wine Garden. The Art and Wine joins people in Celebration and soothes the soul through healing after long weeks of work and studies. The Art exemplifies expression of experience both good and bad, right and wrong, realistic and fantasy. Come enjoy next years festival <https://www.ljawf.com>

## Larry T Baza Foundation

The Bread and Salt location in Barrio Logan celebrated the Life and Legacy of Larry T Baza through showcasing the Larry T Baza Scholarship Fund . Larry T Baza was a "titan of the Arts" and was appointed San Diego's Commission for Arts and Culture appointed by President pro tempore of the California State Senate Toni Atkins and was a Friend of Mayor

Todd Gloria (San Diego Union Tribune). Baza , raised in San Diego was an advocate of Civil Rights and served as a Executive Director of The World Reknowned Cultural Centro de la Raza in Balboa Park . During his life he advocated for the LGBT and multicultural community to fight against racism and bigotry. He used the Arts to heal himself and others from the pain of intolerance. It is here that Larry was able to Stop the Hate through Arts and Advocacy.

The scholarship is sponsored by the Vapa Foundation , where the goal is to "enhance the quality and access to the Arts" for High School Students. The event auctioned Pottery, Sculptures, and Paintings from various Artists from all over the world. The Larry T Baza Scholarships goal is to raise money for students studying the Arts entering into San Diego City College as freshmen. Teachers , Professors and Artists from all over were in attendance and were able to raise over \$14,000 dollars for the Students in honor of Larry T. <https://vapafoundation.org>



## Weingart Foundation

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building healthy, productive communities in the Inland Empire," said Dina Walker, President & C.E.O., BLU Educational Foundation. "We also look forward to continuing to build Black leaders, increase educational access, and advance equity along with our partners through the Black Equity Initiative and appreciate the Foundation's partnership."

The Foundation also provided seed funding which aims to uplift and invest in Latino-led and serving nonprofits, research and highlight issues impacting the Latino community in the Inland Empire, and work to address disparities in the region.

Weingart Foundation program officers work proactively to identify region-specific needs in the Foundations five-county region of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. Giving is guided by the Foundation's strategic framework, which includes a commitment to 1) Strong and healthy individuals and communities; 2) Civic, cultural, economic, and political power of those most harmed by inequities; and 3) Equitable and just systems.

Housing and homelessness is one of the Foundation's areas of special interest. The Foundation directed \$9.25K in grants to community organizing groups working on campaigns related to tenants' rights, housing development, and organizing people experiencing homelessness. This includes , in the Inland Empire, and for their work on Skid Row.

South L.A. and South East Los Angeles

(SELAs) are geographic areas of special interest for the Foundation as these represent regions that have been systematically under resourced. Close to 20% of the Foundation's awardees are first-time partners, the majority representing organizations based in South L.A. These partners include a Community Development Financial Institution (C.D.F.I.) offering technical assistance to South L.A. entrepreneurs; which provides culturally responsive, trauma-informed care to communities impacted by violence; and that helps system-impacted youth with an array of healing supports.

To advance more equitable and just systems, Weingart is investing \$1.5M to the, a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership with the state, aimed at power building efforts within Native American communities across California. an Indigenous-led racial justice organization disrupting the existing systems of moving and controlling capital, serves as the lead partner for this pooled fund initiative that is centered on racial and economic justice, racial healing, and narrative change.

"We are proud to partner with such passionate nonprofit organizations working tirelessly to end systemic racism and to forge a new path forward," said Aileen Adams, Board Chair of the Weingart Foundation. "We are consistently inspired by the organizations on the ground meeting essential needs in impacted communities and by how they empower these communities as they build a more equitable future for us all."

For a full list of the Weingart Foundation's partners, please visit: [weingartfnd.org](http://weingartfnd.org)

## An 1835 Treaty Granted The Cherokee Nation A Place In Congress; 187 Years Later, The House Is Considering It

by Kristin Shiuey.

On Dec. 29, 1835, U.S. officials acting at the direction of President Andrew Jackson and representatives of the Cherokee Nation agreed to a treaty



Chuck Hoskin Jr., the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, asked Congress to meet the terms of the treaty.

that required the tribe to leave its Southeast homes and migrate west of the Mississippi River.

But one section of the treaty granted the Cherokees the right to select a delegate who would serve in the House of Representatives. Specifically, Article 7 of the Treaty of New Echota states that the Cherokee Nation is "entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives of the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same." To this day, nearly two centuries later, the United States has not held up its end of the bargain.

But on Wednesday, the House Rules Committee heard testimony regarding the legal and procedural factors relating

to seating a Cherokee Nation delegate. (The Senate approved the treaty, as per procedure, but the House needs to set the terms for adding a seat.)

The committee's ranking member, Republican Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, acknowledging the government's shortcomings, stating: "For far too long, in our nation's history, the federal government accumulated a sorry record of making promises to tribes and then breaking those promises as soon as it was expedient to do so."

While Cole, a member of the Chickasaw Nation, said he was happy the Cherokee Nation is seeking fulfillment of the treaty, he expressed concerns about double-representation of constituents, the character of the House and the overall constitutionality of adding an additional seat.

Chuck Hoskin Jr., the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, noted in his opening remarks that his people were standing up for what they were promised.

"Cherokee Nation has, in fact, adhered to our obligations under these treaties. I'm here to ask the United States to do the same," he said. "It's time for this body to honor this promise and seat our delegate in the House of Representatives. No barrier, constitutional or otherwise, prevents this."

## Diania Caudell A Skilled Basket Weaver And Representative Of Her Tribe



Diania Caudell is a leading interactive basket weaver of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians and Luiseño culture, the first peoples of Oceanside.

"I enjoy sharing the history of my people and the art of basketry to both young and old. The Luiseño people are

still living and breathing here in San Diego and Riverside counties, and our history is important to share," she says. "I've always been proud of my heritage and my family connection to the area."

Caudell, is a retired accountant and an elder member of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians (her brother, Mel Vernon, is captain of the San Luis Rey Band). She lives in Escondido and has two children and two granddaughters, as well as many cousins.

## NEWS

*"Our People have called this beautiful valley home since Time Out of Mind. Today we celebrate a space to come together in peace and harmony to celebrate The Spirit of the Valley."*

Mel Vernon, Captain, San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians.

A celebration of a Luiseno Tribe, the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians took place on November 12, 2022, at Heritage Park in Oceanside, CA. What a glorious event it was. The Valley Arts Festival ran from 11-3pm with plenty for all to enjoy. The theme for this year's event was "Spirit of the Valley." The purpose of the celebration was to inform and enrich the participants understanding of the Luiseno culture and history. There were about 600 attendees at the event and there was something for everyone to engage in. The Opening Blessing was given by Mel Vernon, Captain of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians. Opening remarks were given by Mel Vernon, Oceanside Mayor Esther Sanchez and certificates awarded from the office of Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath.

Studio ACE secured funding for the celebration through a grant from The Conrad Prebys Foundation. Other sponsors of the event were the Oceanside Public Library, Friends of the Oceanside Public Library, Oceanside Cultural Arts Foundation, Muramid Art and Cultural Center, Mission San Luis Rey with promotional sponsorship by Visit Oceanside and continuing education sponsorship by the Oceanside Arts Commission. The event was free to the public apart from the fry bread and included vendors booths that offered flutes, clothing, jewelry to purchase.

Mel Vernon, Captain of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, emceed the live entertainment. The celebration featured Spiritual Storm (Native American Flute), Tracy Lee Nelson (Native American Blues), Faustino Fredericks (Native American Flute), Cathleen Chilcote Wallace (Native Story Telling) accompanied by her son, Brandon on the Native American flute. The closing segment was performed by Dancing Cloud Drum circle. In addition to the

music, attendees had a myriad of choices to learn the Luiseno culture through art projects: Muramid Art & Cultural Center designed two murals to be painted, gourd



Marge Anderson, Mel Vernon & Rob Anderson  
Photo credit: Danie Boon

painting with the Mission San Luis Rey, rock and sand art with Studio ACE, and basket weaving with Diania Caudell. Other booths featured were Preserve Calavera, the State and County Parks and Cleveland Forest, the Indigenous Sovereign Nations ERG, the Oceanside Public Library, and informational displays about the Luiseno culture. Each attendee received a free bag with buttons and stickers from different organizations and a Fry Bread book or Luiseno/ English coloring book.

Joanne Tawfilis, PhD Fine Art, created a mural reflecting the theme of "Spirit of the Valley" and was displayed during the event along with last year's murals and other murals in the storytelling tent. The celebration was a result of months of planning headed by Julia Fister and Mitzi Summers and the staff at Studio ACE. Members of the planning committee included Roberta Estrada, Diania Caudell, Mel Vernon, Linda Kallas, Helena Hazelton, Gwyn Grimes, Joanne Tawfilis, Jennelise Hafen, and Blake Kern.

The atmosphere was electric with hundreds of smiles passing one another. This unique event was something to behold. Seeing a community come together to learn, to engage, and to enjoy a gorgeous autumn day in a beautiful park setting was food for the soul. A portion of the proceeds from the Valley Arts Festival will be donated to the San Luis Rey Mission Indian Foundation for enrichment programs.

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Kena Adams, Coordinator Las Vegas/Nevada

## Ending Homelessness in Nevada

Since 2001, Southern Nevada has been working toward ending homelessness throughout the region and striving to ensure that each member of our community maintains economic self-sufficiency, and most importantly, health and well-being. The Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board is the group responsible for overseeing Help Hope Home, Southern Nevada's plan to end homelessness. Indian Voices Las Vegas Coordinator, Kena Adams, has sat on the board for over 5 years. The board consists of a variety of City, County and community organizations meeting monthly to end homelessness through communication, collaboration and a true concern for our city and the homeless residents within it. In less than one week Nevada Homeless

Alliance and Help Hope Home proudly presents 2022 Project Homeless Connect at the Silver Nugget Event Center on November 22. This event assists homeless and low-income participants with services from housing and food stamps to hair cuts and teeth cleaning. The event is always in need of sponsors, volunteers and organizational support. Visit the website today [www.helphopehome.org](http://www.helphopehome.org) to be part of the solution to end homelessness in Nevada. Indian Voices is committed to its community and will continue to strive to serve its community by sharing resources with its readers. Remember dial 211 for endless Health and Human community referrals and resources within Clark County, from evictions to emergency shelters.

## Former Assemblyman Harvey Munford Celebrates Street Named in His Honor

As always former Assemblyman Harvey Munford invited the historic westside community out to celebrate Sunny Place Dr officially being renamed to Harvey Munford St. The renamed street is located off Martin Luther King Jr between Bonanza and Washington street. This lifelong athlete, politician, school teacher and business owner has been a pillar in the Westside community for more than 2 decades. Even in his 80's he continues to fight for his community with local leaders for the good of the people. He has been a

longtime *Indian Voices* friend and we have followed him for quite some time. It is a well-deserved change with the over 50 years of service he has given

Southern Nevada.



## Crusaders for Justice: A Legacy

by Janean Ferrell

A beautiful Rosenthal China dinnerware and tea set with hand painted flowers and real gold trim is an unusual vehicle for a legacy of ideas, but this one is. Ida B. Wells, journalist/activist would host the rich, famous, and powerful from all over the world and bring awareness to the inequity in justice for African American people. When she died, she bequeathed the China to her daughter, Alfreda Duster.

Alfreda would go on to make contributions to Chicago politics for the Black community, like her mother. She would also edit and publish "Crusade for Justice; The Autobiography of Ida B. Wells." Alfreda would go on to tour the country promoting the book and bringing awareness to her mother's story. When Alfreda Duster died, she willed the China to her daughter, Alfreda Ferrell.

Ms. Ferrell started her career as an



Tiana Ferrell with Ida B. Wells' china.

educator but left to become her aunt's (Ida B. Wells' oldest daughter) caretaker. Intrigued and inspired by tales of her grandmother, Ms. Ferrell began her own activism. She formed the Ida B. Wells Foundation with her brothers and became its face. Ms. Ferrell started an exhibit of Ida B. Wells memorabilia, including a complete place setting of China, touring the country with it. After a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis, Ms. Ferrell was forced to curtail her travelling and had the exhibit housed on loan to the Ida B. Wells Museum in Holly Springs, MS. A place setting was also on loan to the Women's Museum in Dallas, TX. When the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) opened they requested

## 31st Annual Southern Paiute Pow Wow



The Moapa Veterans Powwow was November 5-6th, 2022 at the Southern Paiute Veterans Memorial Park in Moapa, Nevada. The event honors veterans including those from Southern Nevada, Southern Utah, and Northern Arizona and has grown to become bigger and better each year. The public is welcome and invited to attend and join in honoring our nation's veterans. I remember when I was a young journalist and first met Leroy Spotted Eagle, Southern Paiute Medicine Man. I asked him if I could cover the pow wow, and with a smile he replied, "Yes." Later in my journalistic journey I met his wife Lucy, the organizer of the pow wow after Leroy's passing. That was more than 15 years ago, time is flying. Lucy has also now transitioned into her next journey. May Leroy and Lucy Spotted Eagle rest in eternal peace as we continue to honor their spirit with the pow wow. For more information, visit [sopva.com](http://sopva.com)

something of Ida B. Wells to display. Ms. Ferrell and her granddaughter, Tiana Ferrell, escorted a place setting to Washington, DC. This would be one of the final public appearances for Ms. Ferrell before she transferred ownership of the China to Tiana.

Tiana has attended law school, worked with the Atlanta chapter of the NAACP (which Ida B. Wells helped found) and worked at Rust College (Ida's alma mater). She has written and produced "The Ladies Car" a play based on the events of Ida refusing to leave a first-class train car, for the smoking car, which was deemed first class for Black people. Tiana, seen as the natural successor to direct the Ida B. Wells Museum, was finally given her dream job only to discover the severe mismanagement of the Institution. In trying to fix the damage, Tiana was ousted from her position. She has since decided to take the China and its message of equal justice for all to people around the world, much as the three generations of women before her did. We can only hope that message is one day received, and the next generation of Wells women won't have to carry on the work of justice and tolerance.

## Indian Voting

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that those laws were unconstitutional. On September 21, 2022, the Montana Supreme Court upheld that preliminary injunction as to HB 176. (The State did not appeal the preliminary injunction ruling as to HB 530).

The following reactions are from:

Alex Rate, Legal Director, ACLU of Montana: "As we face increasing and unrelenting attacks on our democracy, it is an unfortunate reality that the courts are the place of last resort for protecting our constitutional rights. Our clients shouldn't need to be filing lawsuits to vindicate basic rights — but as long as the Legislature continues to attempt to erode those rights, we will be standing side by side with tribes and voting rights organizations to make sure that they remain intact."

Jonathan Topaz, Staff Attorney, ACLU Voting Rights Project: "The court was right to strike down these brazen and unconstitutional laws that would severely burden Native American voters in Montana. Yet again, the courts in Montana have rightly determined that the Legislature cannot trample Native Americans' fundamental rights."

Jacqueline De León, Staff Attorney, NARF: "Once again Tribes and GOTV organizations have been forced to defend the rights of Native voters from laws designed to make it difficult or impossible for Natives in Montana to vote. Passing discriminatory laws did not work then, does not work today, and each time Montana legislators try to limit the rights of Native Americans, we will protect Native rights in court."

Samantha Kelty, Staff Attorney, NARF: "Hopefully this decision will inspire elected officials to stop designing legislation that cripples the ability of specific groups of people to vote, and instead apply their time in office toward addressing the systemic inequities that ballot collection and Election Day registration allow Native and rural voters to overcome," she said, citing as examples vast disparities in mail service, internet connectivity, and distance to voter registration and polling sites.

Theresa J. Lee, Litigation Director, Election Law Clinic at Harvard Law School: "Our clients stood up for not only their own constitutional rights and the rights of all Native American voters in the state, but indeed for the rights of every single Montanan. The evidence they put forward was overwhelming, and we are thrilled that the court heard that evidence and struck down these suppressive laws."



## General Aviation Airport & A Tribe

by Robert Betancourt Jr.

With the rise of midterm conservatives and Citizens United funding reelection campaigns; Local populations get limited to their choices like a train, jobs.

The SOLUTION is forming a Council of local governments with a combined proposition to have local control of their area. One example is in Riverside County where a the local Airport that has existed from 1928 to now has been rezoned by two County Supervisor to LIGHT INDUSTRIAL as of 17 December 2020.

By forming a BOOSTER CLUB, an ENBANC of LOCAL Council of Governments

To petition the Federal Aviation AGENCY to return the airport back to local control including a new local proposition from the people to do action to return to local control as it was in 1935 prior to World War II.

The local people with the city of Hemet - San Jacinto - and the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians is petitioning the Federal Aviation Agency headquarters in the Orville Wright Building, Washington District of

Columbia to access the \$1.2 billion pot to improve airports by sending an EMail 9-arp-bil-airports@faa.gov to Julianne Dwyer which in turn will open the door for a commuter rail to Perris, California connecting the Metro Rail. This action opens up an INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION GRANT which is part of the Department of Energy. The train would restore parlor cars from the Southern California Railway Museum located at 2201 South A Street, Perris, California. The museum has an existing roundhouse and a repair pit. Two years ago in Hempstead, England a diesel locomotive was converted to electric with a battery which was on "Fully CHARGED" on YouTube in September 2019. This could be millions less as the same eighty pound rail would be used and the cantanerry (overhead wire) would only be at the stations.

Tribes could do the same thing and recreate an experience and help to improve the local airport, possibly forming "a FLIGHT" of Civil Air Patrol cadets with 3 Native American Veterans. This action since the Civil Air Patrol is an Air Force Auxiliary to further justify improving the airport.

Jim is sailing in the Hansa 303 division.

Japan will make Paralympic Sailing history by hosting its first simultaneous Para World Sailing Championship at the same time as the Hansa Championship. Over 120 sailors from eleven countries will compete in Hiroshima Bay in the Para World Sailing Championship (Hansa 303 male and female, and Liberty classes) and Asia Pacific Championship (Hansa 303 single and double, Hansa 2.3 single and Liberty).

The Prime Minister of Japan, Fumio Kishida, has championed the role of Para Sailing and Para sports in creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive society: "I am convinced that the many participants from all over the world who will gather in Hiroshima to compete in the scenic Seto Inland Sea will inspire and encourage people ... to develop a society in which diversity is respected."

### The Burgee Exchange

by Robert Betancourt

Christina Rubke designated me to exchange the Island Yacht Club Monterey California for

The Newport Yacht Club Newport Rhode Island on 7 October. This is the first time a paralympic sailor became a commodore or head of the yacht club. Below is a little more information on Christina who may appear in the paralympic games in the sailing event.

Two of our small boat championship racers, Cristina Rubke and Jim Thweatt, in the 2022 Hansa Class Asia Pacific Championships. The regatta will be held at Kanon Marina in Hiroshima, Japan from October 20-23rd. Cristina is competing in the Liberty division and

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## Native American Midterms

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district. Davids earned 55% of the vote, while her Republican opponent Amanda Adkins won 42% in the election.

Republican Tom Cole (Chickasaw Nation) won an 11th term to represent Oklahoma's fourth district in the U.S. House, easily defeating Democrat Mary Brannon. Cole, co-chair of the House Native American Caucus, earned 67% of the vote, while Brannon won 33% of the vote. The win allows Cole to extend his streak as the longest-serving Native American in the history of the House.

In Alaska, incumbent Mary Peltola (Yupik) appears to be on track to win the state's at-large House seat, which was occupied by Republican Don Young for 49 years. Peltola, who won the seat just two months ago in a special election, leads her GOP opponents, former Governor Sarah Palin and Nick Begich III, by a considerable margin. Because of Alaska's new ranked-choice voting system, which requires one of the candidates to win more than 50% of the votes to be declared a winner, the results of the Alaska election may not be decided for several weeks.

Another race involving a Native American candidate was too close to call this morning: Incumbent Yvette Herrel (R-NM), a member of the Cherokee Nation, is in a tight race with Democrat Gabe Vasquez for New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District. Vasquez held a slim lead of about 1,227 votes at 4:35 p.m. this afternoon, with 95 percent of the vote counted, according to the New York Times, which still lists the contest as a "toss-up."

In California, Republican candidate John Mark Porter (Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe) lost to Democrat Pete Aguilar in a bid to represent the 33rd Congressional District in the U.S. House.

Lynette Greybull, who is Northern Arapaho and resides on the Wind River Reservation, was defeated in her bid to win Wyoming's lone seat in the U.S. House. Trump-backed Republican

candidate Harriet Hageman won nearly 70% of the vote and will fill the seat currently occupied by ousted GOP Rep. Liz Cheney.

In Nevada, incumbent Mark Amodei, a Republican, won a 7th term to represent the state's 2nd Congressional District, defeating Elizabeth Mercedes Krause (Oglala Lakota), who is the first Indigenous woman to run for Congress in Nevada.

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Three other Native candidates lost their races to earn seats in the House: Charles Graham (Lumbee) was beaten by incumbent David Rouzer in the race for North Carolina's 7th district in the U.S. House; Republican Joe Akana (Native Hawaiian) lost to Democrat Jill Okuda to replace incumbent Congressman Kai Kahele, who did not run for reelection; and Democrat Taysha DeVaughan (Comanche Nation) was defeated by incumbent Morgan Griffith in her effort to represent Virginia's 9th district.

At the state level, several Native American candidates won key victories in Oklahoma, South Dakota and Minnesota.

In Oklahoma, incumbent Governor Kevin Stitt (Cherokee) easily won a second term, defeating Democrat Joy Hofmeister, who had the support of the state's five largest tribes.

In South Dakota, incumbent Shawn Bordeaux (Rosebud Sioux) retained his seat in the state senate, defeating Republican Joel Koskan, who was arrested and charged with multiple counts of sexual abuse against a minor child last week.

And in Minnesota, Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan (White Earth Band of Ojibwe) celebrated reelection with Democratic Governor Tim Walz, who beat back Republican challenger Scott Jensen.

*NOTE: A paragraph was deleted during the production process about the results of the Wyoming Congressional election involving Lynette Greybull (Northern Arapaho). The story has been updated.*

*We should use our intelligence as intelligently as we can as often as we can.*

*It's our medicine, it's our protection, it's our self-defense.*

—John Trudell



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# California Tribes Will Manage, Protect State Coastal Areas

by Sophie Austin

Five California tribes will reclaim their right to manage coastal land significant to their history under a first-in-the-nation program backed with \$3.6 million in state money.

The tribes will rely on their traditional knowledge to protect more than 200 miles of coastline in the state, as climate change and human activity have impacted the vast area.

Some of the tribes' work will include monitoring salmon after the removal of a century-old defunct dam in the redwood forests in the Santa Cruz mountains and testing for toxins in shellfish, while also educating future generations on traditional practices.

The partnership comes three years after Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom apologized for the state's previous violence and mistreatment against Indigenous peoples. Newsom said the state should allow for more co-management of tribes' ancestral lands.

Megan Rocha, who's on the Tribal Marine Stewards Network's leadership council, said these coastal areas hold cultural significance for various tribes, making the partnership monumental.

"It's focused on tribal sovereignty," she said. "So how do we build a network where it provides for collaboration, but again, it allows each tribe to do it in the way that they see fit and respects each



Sea lions are shown on the northwest coast of San Miguel Island, Calif., on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009. The California Ocean Protection Council voted Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, to provide \$3.6 million to support the Tribal Marine Stewards Network, a collaboration between five coastal tribes and state government to protect marine ecosystems.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes, File) (Damian Dovarganes / Associated Press)

tribe's sovereignty."

The network plans to create agreements between tribes and with state government for managing these areas.

Rocha is also executive director of Resighini Rancheria, a tribe of Yurok people that is part of the network.

She worked with other tribal leaders, members of nonprofit groups and the state's Ocean Protection Council, which coordinates activities of ocean-related state agencies, to develop a pilot program for the network that was years in the making.

In 2020, Ocean Protection Council staff recommended the agency set aside \$1 million toward the pilot program to support the network in conducting research, reaching out to tribes and creating plans for the future.

The council voted Thursday to provide

an additional \$3.6 million which will support the groups in their continued efforts to monitor coastal and ocean resources, offer educational opportunities to tribal members, and pass along cultural knowledge to younger generations.

Taking inspiration from similar partnerships in Australia and Canada, the groups said they hope other networks bloom across the United States.

Leaders plan to expand the network to include more tribes throughout the state, Rocha said. California has 109 federally-recognized tribes, the second highest number in the country behind Alaska. But there are also many tribes that aren't federally recognized.

Multiple tribal leaders referenced Newsom's public apology in explaining part of why the network's public launch is happening now. In recent years, U.S. officials have committed to collaborating with tribes on managing public lands.

Creating a network of tribes to steward

areas with the backing of state government money and nonprofit support breaks new ground in the United States, said Kaitlin Gaffney of the nonprofit Resources Legacy Fund.

"I think we're going to look back in 20 years and be like, 'Oh, we were there. That was where it was started. Look what's happened since,'" she said.

Some tribes in California and around the nation have had their rights to ancestral lands restored under the Land Back movement.

About 60 attendees from nonprofit groups, tribal nations and the Ocean Protection Council gathered in Sacramento to commemorate the network's public launch last week. Leaders thanked experts, advocates, tribal leaders and public officials who made the launch possible.

Valentin Lopez, chair of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, which is part of the network, said climate change has forced governments with a history of exploiting Indigenous lands to acknowledge tribes' deep-rooted knowledge of protecting ecosystems.

"We're in the crisis mode," he said.

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**SAN DIEGO, California:** November 14, 2022 – San Diego American Indian Health Center ("SDAIHC"), a San Diego based non-profit community health center that provides comprehensive dental, behavioral health, and community wellness services to individuals located in San Diego, CA, has learned of a data security incident that may have involved the data of current and former individuals served by SDAIHC. This notice serves as an update to our previous notification published on August 15, 2022.

On May 5, 2022, SDAIHC discovered it was the victim of a sophisticated cybersecurity attack affecting the digital network. SDAIHC took immediate steps to secure the network environment and engaged cybersecurity experts to assist with an investigation. The investigation determined that an unknown actor gained access to and obtained data from the SDAIHC network without

authorization.

The following personal and protected health information may have been involved in the incident: name, address, Social Security number, driver's license or state identification card number, tribal identification card number, passport number, medical information, health insurance information, and/or date of birth.

As soon as it discovered the incident, SDAIHC took the steps referenced above. SDAIHC also notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will provide whatever cooperation is necessary to hold the perpetrators accountable, if possible. SDAIHC takes the security and privacy of personal information in its possession very seriously and is taking additional steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future.

To date, SDAIHC is not aware of any evidence of the misuse of any

information potentially involved in this incident. However, beginning on August 15, 2022, SDAIHC mailed notice of this incident to potentially impacted individuals for which SDAIHC had identifiable address information. SDAIHC then worked diligently with experts to review the impacted data set and identify any additional potentially impacted individuals with address information. That process was completed on October 14, 2022, and on November 10, 2022, SDAIHC provided notice of this incident to those individuals. In this notification letter, SDAIHC provided information about the incident and about steps that potentially affected individuals can take to protect their information. SDAIHC also offered individuals access to complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services through IDX.

SDAIHC has established a toll-free

call center to answer questions about the incident and to address related concerns. Call center representatives are available Monday through Friday between 6:00 am – 6:00 pm Pacific Time and can be reached at 1-833-764-2924. Individuals can also access information regarding the incident, services, and steps you can take to protect your information online at <https://response.idx.us.SDAIHC>. All potentially affected individuals may qualify for complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services through IDX. Individuals who have not received a notification letter must obtain verification of eligibility through the call center to enroll in services.

The privacy and protection of personal and protected health information is a top priority for SDAIHC, which deeply regrets any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause.

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