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Kumeyaay Nation Leading the Way to Economic Sovereignty

The James Irvine Foundation Pledges Funds To CIMC and Statewide Apprenticeship Programs Thus Strengthening Native Self Reliance And The Great Law Of Peace

On April 14, an announcement was made at the California American Indian Organizations (CAIO) monthly meeting held at the Sycuan Singing Hills Resort. The James Irvine Foundation's "Better Careers New Fund" will provide \$400,000 for an apprenticeship readiness program for California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) and its partners. Its partners, Riverside-San Bernardino Building Trades Council and Torres-Martinez Tribe, plan to move



l-r: J. L. "Jackson", Lorenda Sanchez, Dr. Henry Murphy & Dr. Shirley Murphy

forward on the American Indian Apprenticeship Initiative (AIAI) to bring construction trades training and jobs to Southern California tribes.

Dr. Shirley Murphy and Dr. Henry Murphy, founders and sponsors of the CAIO, presented a special gift to Lorenda Sanchez, executive director for CIMC, which was an honorary star blanket. Christina Arzate, field office

coordinator for CIMC, and Slaughter Bradley (with Riverside-San Bernardino Building Trades) received beautiful scarves for their work with and support of the Indian initiative.

Lorenda Sanchez and Christina Arzate of CIMC have

worked in Indian Country for over 30 years to provide supportive services, such as education and employment, to the reservation families. CIMC is a statewide organization with offices throughout the state.

The planned training is called the MC-3, which is a multi-core pre-apprenticeship training program consisting of 130 hours certified by the

North American Building Trades Council. The MC-3 gives individuals an opportunity to experience the different construction crafts to see which one they may want to enroll into. The classes consist of hands-on math, safety training, CPR training, and onsite visits to the different construction trades training centers in their local area.

The graduates are given certificates for completing the program. This gives them a license to hunt for construction trade jobs that they are interested in. They can apply to enter into the union state apprenticeship programs. The local building trade councils in San Diego, Riverside-San Bernardino, and Kern-Mono counties among others will be the foundation to help facilitate the pre-apprenticeship training.

Slaughter Bradley, executive business manager for the Riverside-San Bernardino Building Trades Council, will be leading the effort with his

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San Marcos University Promotes Legal Recognition of Indigenous Languages



by Michael Odegaard

On April 5, the University of St. Katherine in San Marcos initiated their Forum Lecture

Series with a presentation titled "Preserving California Indigenous Languages through Legal Recognition." It reflects the growing academic interest in Indigenous Languages Revitalization programs growing throughout the United States. The presented to the complete college student body and local community members at the San Marcos Civic Center.

The presentation heralded the current "Juneteenth Moment" for indigenous peoples worldwide. It reviewed the international human rights theory of genocide and the 2007 United Nations International

Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It included the Hawaiian language revitalization movement (which has increased the number of speakers of Hawaiian from a few hundred 40 years ago to over 30,000 speakers today), Maui's vote last November to make their government bilingual, and recent developments that took place locally and in other American states.

Timeline of Significant Events

1819 - Civilization Fund Act funds 408 Indian Residential Schools (until 1969) across 37 states, including 21 in Alaska and seven in Hawai i with the greatest concentration in Oklahoma, Arizona, and

New Mexico

1830 - Indian Removal Act and Trail of Tears until 1850, indigenous peoples forced onto reservations

1840 - Kamehameha III begins first public education program west of the Mississippi River in the Hawaiian language

1885 - Kamehameha Boarding School uses English-only curriculum (like other Native American boarding schools) to divide English and indigenous language speaking students

1893 - Illegal overthrow of Hawaiian government by white supremacists ends bilingual governance

1896 - Hawaiian language banned as medium of instruction in public education

1898 - English becomes official language of unilaterally annexed Hawaiian Islands, records of torture, expulsions and dismissals of Hawaiian-speaking students

and teachers ensue

1919 - Hawaiian language classes restored to public schools

1924 - Native Americans granted US citizenship, Kamehameha Schools curricula includes optional Hawaiian language classes

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The California Attack on Solar and Equity

by Clovis M. Honoré, Social Justice Editor

In a largely unexpected announcement, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announced that new utility rate increases, as a provision of , which was passed in June of 2022, will go into effect in January of 2024. This comes on top of recent rate hikes by SDG&E in January of this year and rate increases in 2022. This bill was apparently voted on during the legislative session's last day. It authorizes investor-owned utility companies (IOU), like Sempra/ San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Pacific Gas & Electric, and Southern California Edison, to start charging a flat rate to their customers, regardless of how much electricity they actually use. The rate is set to be graduated, with higher fees for wealthier customers and lower flat fees for lower-income customers, according to a recent filing by SDG&E.

The CPUC announced that it would begin collecting a flat rate on every monthly utility bill in the state. Sempra Energy, which owns SDG&E and the Southern California Gas Company (SCG), was embroiled in controversy when its natural gas customers saw their bills increase drastically at the beginning of 2023, sometimes doubling without warning or notice. Sempra blamed it on high natural gas prices. California State regulators launched an investigation into the radical rate hikes. California's governor, Gavin Newsome, pushed through and signed a that would penalize utility companies' excessive profits.

On April 15, 2023, the rules that govern Net Energy Metering (NEM) will change. NEM is how a customer with a solar system on their property balances the difference between how much energy their solar system feeds into the electric

grid (which is sold to other customers at the retail price) and how much electricity the solar customer uses from the IOU when the solar system is not generating, like at night. The benefits of having solar will decrease substantially when SDG&E reduces the value of the electricity it buys from solar customers, while maintaining the high rates they charge all customers when they use the electricity produced by SDG&E.

There are two divisive issues involved in these changes to how energy is produced and consumed in San Diego and Southern California.

The first is the question of equity. Some claim that these changes will benefit lower-income and middle-income households because higher-income customers will pay a higher flat fee while lower-income customers will pay a lower flat fee. However, any increase is an increase. Lower-income customers may not pay as much more as higher income customers, but they will still be paying more than they are paying now. So what SDG&E and the CPUC are saying is that the rates for everyone will go up, but the rates for higher-income clients will increase more. Low-income customers, who are already struggling to pay what are sometimes the highest energy rates in the country, will still see an increase in their utility bills. It is difficult to see how that will benefit low-income utility customers.

The second issue is the disparity between solar customers and non-solar customers. San Diego County has more than 100,000 solar systems generating electricity during the daylight hours. Almost all of these solar systems were paid for by someone other than SDG&E or SDG&E's non-solar customers. This is electricity generating infrastructure. If Sempra/SDG&E had built this

infrastructure, the cost of it would be on every SDG&E bill. People who paid for their own electricity generators (solar systems) are now generating electricity for everyone else for free. In other words, if you didn't buy, lease, or otherwise pay for a solar system, you are paying SDG&E for electricity that was generated for free to SDG&E customers. It was already paid for before it hit the grid.

If Sempra/SDG&E had spent a billion dollars (or more) to generate the electricity that all the solar systems generate, that cost would be on your bill. It isn't. You would be getting the benefit of the solar-generated electricity for free, but SDG&E is actually charging you for it. Think on that for a minute.

People who bought solar systems have already paid for the electricity that their solar systems generate. Many, if not most, of the solar customers generate more

electricity that they use. The addition of a flat fee is a way of charging solar-generating customers for the electricity they generate, that they have already paid for, all over again.


Sempra/SDG&E and the CPUC need to simply lower the bills of lower and middle-income customers. Charging them a flat fee will not lower their bills or make electricity for your entertainment system and gas for your hot water heater less expensive. SDG&E and their customers might also want to show more appreciation for the solar customers who are feeding pre-paid electricity to the grid for everyone to use. You're only paying for it (again) because SDG&E makes you.

Government of the people should overrule the power of corporations, and economic self-determination should take precedence over monopolies.



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Probate Judges Raiding Assets of Seniors

by Michael Odegaard

In 2020, a satirical black comedy was released titled "I Care a Lot." It highlights corruption in the court-appointed eldercare system. The Britney Spears conservatorship case also brought to light how court-appointed conservatorships are being abused in California.

A conservatorship can be filed when it is believed that an individual cannot manage their own finances. Once the petition is filed, several attorneys become involved and are paid using the assets of the individual named in the petition. These fees add up quickly and are a problem that needs to be addressed. The standards for these attorney's fees are often far too vague, and the probate judges often award these attorneys unjustified and excessive fees.

Currently, there are no checks and balances or accountability because of the

"go along to get along" mutual back-scratching culture among attorneys in the probate court. Of the two types of conservatorships, of the person and of the estate, the Palm Springs-based Spectrum Institute has recommended, for a decade, that reforms be implemented to protect innocent victims of mismanaged estates in California's probate courts.

In the December 2021 program of the Commonwealth Club of California titled "Fee for All: How Judges are Raiding Assets of Seniors & Lining Pockets of Conservatorship Attorneys" (website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+9Y-GmhVtIP8>), Thomas F. Coleman, executive director of the Spectrum Institute, explained, "One day, an attorney might be representing a proposed conservatee. The next day, in a different case, they may be representing a petitioner. On another day, they may be representing a conservator or

Swatting is a Hate Crime

by Kevin A. Thompson

Swatting is a hate crime. What is “swatting”? Swatting happens when someone calls the police on another person and claims that person is involved in criminal activity. This call prompts the police to arrive at that person’s residence with their guns drawn, ready to neutralize the imaginary threat.

As any American could predict, people often get shot when the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team shows up. Sometimes, a cop gets shot by a homeowner, who is also armed and doesn’t realize their home is being invaded by law enforcement; therefore, they shoot in self-defense.

To be fair, victims of swatting can be of any race or community. White people, Black people, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and others have all been victims of swatting.

A few weeks ago, four Harvard University seniors were rousted out of their beds at 2 a.m. Three calls had been made to 911 stating that the students had been involved in a kidnapping. The caller, who claimed to be a former student, gave detailed information about the dorm suite and its inhabitants. The campus police said they called two of the students in advance, but both students later said they were asleep and did not answer the calls.

The police brought the four students, all Black, into the hallway with their hands up. For the four students, this was humiliating. None were involved in any criminal activity, and there had been no discipline problems in their first three years at Harvard. An arrest could have jeopardized their college careers and future job prospects, not to mention the risk of physical harm they were exposed to when the armed cops showed up.

The 911 caller had known the Black students’ suite number and, apparently, their race. In fact, the caller insisted on providing details to the 911 dispatcher. Since Harvard is a predominantly White university, the Black students would have stood out enough for someone to target them for their race.

That makes this swatting incident a racial hate crime.

Here’s another example from 2018, which involved the actor Ving Rhames. A neighbor called 911 to report a “burglary” at the Rhames’ home. Mr. Rhames’ two bulldogs, who stayed in the fenced-off backyard, apparently did not even bark while this alleged burglary was taking place. Police were dispatched to Ving Rhames’ home.

When Mr. Rhames answered his front door, he was greeted by a laser-sight

Want to Protect Your Health? Start by Protecting Indigenous Land.

By protecting Indigenous territories in the Amazon, more than 15 million respiratory and cardiovascular-related illnesses, like asthma and lung cancer, could be avoided each year and almost \$2 billion dollars in health costs saved. That’s according to a new study in Nature.

The decade-long study looked at the health impacts of wildfires in the Amazon and the amount of dangerous particles absorbed by the rainforest. It found the Amazon can absorb nearly 26,000 metric tons of dangerous particles released each year with Indigenous territories responsible for absorbing nearly 27 percent of that pollution.

Rainforest foliage acts as a biofilter for air pollution and improves air quality

pointed at his forehead from a police firearm. Thankfully, the police believed him and realized the call was false and malicious. Ving Rhames said the only bright side was that his teenaged son had not answered the door. The boy might not have kept his cool. Instead, he might have overreacted and provided an excuse for the police to pull the trigger.

And what of the 911 caller? A neighbor who had lived next door to the Rhames family for several years, somehow, did not recognize Mr. Rhames in his own backyard. Or did they know it was Mr. Rhames entering his own house and tried to bring harm to him anyway? This was a swatting call for sure and a targeted racial hate crime, as well.

To their credit, some police departments are recognizing the dangers of swatting to them and the community. A false swatting call sucks up limited



Protecting Indigenous lands in the Brazilian Amazon could prevent millions of respiratory diseases and billions in healthcare costs.

by reducing the concentration of pollutants produced by fires, like dust, soot and smoke. According to researchers, ecosystems with less trees, greenspace and organic protection from airborne pollutants, like cities, see higher rates of health disparities, including general respiratory irritation, bronchitis, and heart attacks.

police resources from any real crimes that may be occurring at the same time. There is the danger that the law-abiding swatting victims will act to defend themselves. Many police have demonstrated, in incidents that are not as widely reported, that they have no desire to target, arrest, or harm innocent people; instead, they want to have good relations with the community. Once they realize a 911 call is false or malicious, they apologize to the victims.

But that does not excuse any person who cowardly uses law enforcement to inflict harm on other people. That is a crime of hate.

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In the Brazilian Amazon, wildfires are often set by cattle ranchers, illegal miners, and other land-grabbers working to expand their businesses, exacerbating deforestation and threatening Indigenous territories. In 2020, land conflicts in Brazil hit 1,576 cases – the highest number ever recorded by the Catholic Church-affiliated Pastoral Land Commission since it first began keeping records in 1985.

Researchers found that the particles released by those fires traveled hundreds of miles to distant cities, penetrating the tiny sacs in the lungs and passing directly into residents’ bloodstreams.

The study concluded that protecting Indigenous territories from wildfires and land grabs could help prevent thousands of diseases. Research suggests that when Indigenous peoples are given financial and legal support for land management, as well as property rights, forests have better outcomes.

Under former president Jair Bolsonaro’s four year administration, deforestation in the Amazon rose 56 percent with about 13,000 square miles of the land destroyed. While Indigenous peoples have lost an estimated 965 square miles of their traditional territories due to Bolsonaro’s policies.

Indigenous leaders are urging current President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to follow through on promises he made during his campaigning to create new Indigenous reservations in the Amazon and continue reversing his predecessor’s policies.

“This study reinforces what Indigenous peoples have been saying for ages,” Dinamam Tuxa, executive coordinator of the Association of Brazil’s Indigenous Peoples told the Agence France-Presse.

“It demonstrates the importance of our territories in fighting dangerous pollution ... and climate change.”

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NAJA Announces 2023 Native American Journalism Fellows

The Native American Journalists Association selects Indigenous fellows for virtual curriculum, conference attendance

NORMAN, Okla. – The Native American Journalists Association has selected seven students for the Native American Journalism Fellowship (NAJF) class of 2023.

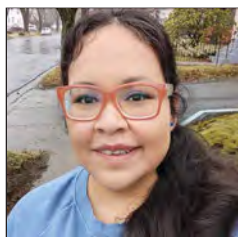
The 2023 class of fellows will participate in a virtual curriculum with selected mentors representing broadcast, radio, print and digital media. This innovative experience will be designed to leverage the advantages of a digital newsroom while allowing fellows to strengthen reporting skills, pitch stories to news outlets, participate in the National Native Media Conference, and network with other Indigenous journalists.



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About the Native American Journalists Association

NAJA serves more than 950 members, including media professionals working in tribal, freelance, independent and mainstream news outlets, as well as academia and students covering Indigenous communities and representing tribal nations from across North America.

The Return of the Ancestors

by Dawud Hassan

Our goal with the Return of the Ancestors Tours is to dispel the stigma of traveling and doing business within the continent of Africa. Black men, women, and children from around the African diaspora should visit Africa, at least, once in their lives. It is so important for self-love to be able to identify with a culture and a land.

Although Black people have been marginalized in history since arriving in the Americas during the advent of slavery, the Black man and woman have actually

been present here long before any slave ship touched the shores.

The omission of the truth and outright lies combined with over 400 years of torture, trauma, and social programming have left the Black man, woman, and child at a loss.

Our prayer is that, through the Return of the Ancestors Tours, we will be able to realign the Black consciousness of those who attend by sparking cell memory. Science now tells us that DNA can be used to store external information.

Studies now prove that one drop of DNA can hold enormous amounts of information that can be saved and extracted. Scientists believe we could store all the world's information in one room if it were encoded onto DNA. The shelf life for information in DNA is hundreds of

thousands of years!

This is a phenomenal discovery and speaks to the fact that we are indeed physically connected to our ancestors through the DNA we share.

Our statement is that visiting the birthplace of humanity is essential for Black men, women, and children in reclaiming our history, which leads to knowledge of self, self-acceptance and self-love. A person who has a handle on all of these things vibrates higher and interacts with the world in better alignment and understanding. People who gain knowledge of themselves are then free, free of stigmas and fears, free to become the best versions of themselves as God intended them to be.

We believe this is medicine, and we invite the global diaspora to return to Africa with us as we invoke our ancestors, purposefully knowing that they are here with us and guiding us to the right path of

peace and understanding.

While we are in Nigeria, we will hold several events. Such as:

- A celebration of the 50th anniversary of hip-hop with the Hip-hop Health and Wellness Marathon and Festival
- A panel discussion about health, wellness, and business opportunities on the continent.
- Shopping and cultural tourism
- Visiting royal kings and governors
- Joining the great Oshun festival
- Visiting historical sites and much more!

We are excited to offer this experience and look forward to seeing you all there.

We pray for the upliftment of all people in creation. We give thanks and send love to the whole human family!

For more information, please visit:
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Genocide Awareness Month

During month of April, as we observe commemoration days for four genocides, we also take the opportunity to raise awareness about all genocides, including those being perpetrated today. Denial is the last phase of genocide. The act of

denial is one that seeks to rehabilitate the perpetrators, to normalize the hateful ideologies that animated the violence, and ultimately to rob the victims of the comfort that acknowledgement can bring. A ceremony and statement will take place at the Barona Museum 10:00 Tuesday April 25.

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1944 - Raphael Lemkin defines genocide, monolingual war economy expedites the end of almost every Hawaiian newspaper, Hawaiian language demoted to “foreign language” status

1945 - UN Charter ratified in San Francisco

1948 - UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

1958 - Indian “Adoption” Foster Program initiated until 1970s

1966 - UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights guarantees minority linguistic rights

1968 - Canada Official Languages Act guarantees equal status for French language, first minority linguistic rights legislation in North America

1972 - “White Peace” (“Paix Blanche”) by Robert Jaulin defines Ethnocide

1974 - Native American Programs Act begins federal funding for indigenous language preservation

1976 - University of Hawai i at M noa offers bachelor’s degree in Hawaiian Language

1978 - Hawaiian Language made Official Language with English in Hawai i Constitution, which also specifies “State shall promote study of Hawaiian language,” BA in Hawaiian at UH Hilo taught in Hawaiian

1980 - Hawai i Dept of Education pays elders to teach Hawaiian culture and language part-time

1984 - P nana Leo Hawaiian Medium Preschool began (illegally) in Kekaha, Kaua i park followed by 11 other sites statewide over the next 10 years, Inuktut made official language of Northeastern Territories

1986 - Ban on teaching in Hawaiian language lifted, Hawaiian Language Immersion Programs begin in public schools

1987 - US adopts Native American Languages Act, New Zealand adopts M ori Language Act

1989 - UN Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes right of children to use their minority language

1990 - Native American Languages Act begins to finance preservation of 200 American languages through language immersion schools

1992 - UN Declaration on the Rights of

Persons Belonging to National, Ethnic, Religious, & Linguistic Minorities

1994 - Native Hawaiian Education Act funds immersion schools

1996 - UN Universal Declaration of Linguistic Rights as fundamental human rights

2003 - Mexico: General Law of Indigenous Peoples’ Rights recognizes as “equally valid” 68 indigenous languages, Ireland: Adoption of Official Language Act

2005 - US House Concurrent Res 195 affirms UN Decl on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples prior to UN adoption

2006 - US Language Access Act 290 establishes numerical standards (lesser of 1,000 or 5% of population) to trigger provision of alternative language services, establishes planning, coordinator

2007 - UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) adopted to establish minimum standards for Indigenous Peoples’ survival

2008 - First Hawai i resolution written bilingually to “enhance” State Constitution

2009 - Accredited online Hawaiian Language instruction begins

2014 - Alaska: 20 Indigenous Languages made Official with English, UN Outcome Document from World Conference of Indigenous Peoples to schedule implementation of UNDRIP

2015 - UN Sustainable Development Goals require indigenous language participation in local definitions of sustainability by 2030

2016 - UN General Assembly proclaims 2019 Int l Year of Indigenous Languages, American Evangelicals repudiate Doctrine of Discovery

2018 - Canada Indigenous Languages Act

2019 - UN International Year of Indigenous Languages; South Dakota makes three Sioux dialects official, Hawai i Supreme Court: access to Hawaiian Medium Education guaranteed by State Constitution

2022 - UN International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL) begins campaign to legalize indigenous languages by 2032, NW Territories (Canada) Official Languages Act recognizes 9 indigenous languages along with English & French; Maui County approves bilingual government to begin July 2024, Northern Ireland: Identity and Language Act

2023 - Vatican repudiates Doctrine of Discovery

New Study Reveals Woeful Lack of Diversity Across News Beats

Courtesy Ethnic Media Services

A new Pew study looks at diversity across news beats in the US. The data comes from a 2022 survey of 12,000 journalists and finds that, like the newsrooms they work in, an overwhelming majority of the reporters covering major beats in the country are white and male.

Those beats include energy and the environment (84% white) and sports (82% white). Social policy, along with education and health, are more likely to be covered by reporters of color or women, though only slightly, according to the study.

“What we wanted to do here was to provide some really important data to create conversations around who was covering certain beats,” says researcher Jeffrey Gottfried, who helped author the study.

He adds the figures are in line with findings from last year that found 77% of all workers in US newsrooms are white, far behind the overall workforce in the country, where workers of color account for about 40% of the total, according to

the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Among the 12,000 journalists included in the survey, only 6% identified as Black, 8% as Hispanic and 3% as Asian. Sixteen percent identified as working in newsrooms targeting specific demographic groups.

Low wages and the lack of clear pathways to entrance in the media profession for young people of color are some of the reasons behind the figures.

“It’s difficult to figure out how these numbers square with the ethnic media sector, since the overwhelming majority of ethnic media newsrooms employ people of color who are culturally and linguistically fluent with the audience they serve,” says EMS Executive Director Sandy Close. “If anything, the study underscores why ethnic media play such an indispensable role in the news media landscape – to report on and reflect the lives of those communities underserved by the general market media.”



In preparing the original survey, Gottfried says his team first had to settle several key questions. “We were trying to decide, what is a journalist. How do we conceptualize what we are studying here?” With the explosion of social media and the increased fragmentation of today’s media landscape, trying to figure out who in fact qualifies as a journalist can be a slippery question.

To answer it, Gottfried and his team cast a wide net to include “anyone


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they, themselves, might be a guardian ad litem. So all these attorneys know this, if they raise objections to the fees of another attorney, this could come back to bite them in another case where their fees are challenged. So, all too often, nobody raises any objections to any of the fees, whatsoever."

This practice has recently been called into question because it can overburden the assets of the party in need of assistance while completely ignoring their wishes. In one case, Catherine is an elderly woman with dementia who created advanced planning documents to ensure her care in her later years, including an advanced health care directive and a durable power of attorney that named one of her daughters as the agent. She also created a trust and put all her assets into it with competency determined at the time of its creation. However, one of her sons, who believed he should have been the designated conservator, petitioned to have his mother put into a conservatorship.

Catherine was forced into a conservatorship by her son against her will. During this process, her legal representation was lacking as her court-appointed attorney withdrew right before the trial. Catherine's attorneys were largely paid from her trust. Their fees amounted to over \$340,000. All the attorneys and private fiduciaries involved intended to submit large bills in order to

In Memoriam: Dr. Rosalyn Howard

by Windy Goodloe, Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery Association secretary

In 2018, during our annual Seminole Days celebration, Dr. Rosalyn Howard was one of our esteemed guest speakers. She came to speak about an aspect of our diaspora that we didn't know much about – the Black Seminoles of the Bahamas. She was, quite literally, the expert in her field.

During her speech, she enlightened the audience about the Black Seminoles who continued south, into the Bahamas, after escaping slavery. This group began arriving in Andros Bay as early as 1821. They isolated themselves and in doing so honed their culture, which included their own language, foods, and crafts.

Dr. Howard didn't just study this group. She lived with them, and she grew



From her biography on the University of Central Florida website: "Professor Rosalyn Howard was an Associate Professor of Anthropology at UCF. She specializes in Cultural Anthropology and her primary area of research is ethnohistorical studies of the African Diaspora with a focus on the interrelationships formed by African and Indigenous peoples in the Americas and

to love them individually and as a community incredibly deeply. It was evident in the way she spoke about this group of Black Seminoles from the Bahamas.

the Caribbean. Dr. Howard has conducted extensive research among mixed Native-African populations in the Bahamas and Bermuda. Among her publications is the book entitled Black Seminoles in the Bahamas, an ethnographic study of the Black Seminole descendant community of Red Bays, Andros Island, Bahamas."

She was kind enough to return in 2019 to give another speech. By this time, she had become a dear and beloved friend to our community in Texas. In 2021, when we began revitalizing our language, she was right there on the Zooms with us.

We last saw her this past January at the Florida Black Historical Research Project's 185th family reunion, where many people had the opportunity to thank her for her work that has helped to advance our understanding of the Black Seminole diaspora. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved her. May she rest in the sweetest peace.

Living and Working Between the US and Mexico During the Pandemic

by Alistair Running Bear Mulholland

From an American perspective, the San Diego and Tijuana customs border, one of the busiest international crossings in the world, is designed to control the flow of immigrants, visitors, and illegal goods and drugs from Mexico into the US. The COVID-19 virus was added to the control list. Misinformation, on the other hand, was not.

As you wait in "la linea," as it is colloquially known, street vendors offer tacos, music, and sombreros. When they are not asking for money or selling some chicles

(gum) or trinkets, children play in and out of the cars. These are considered social interaction points for potential COVID-19 infections, given that more than 300,000 people cross the border daily.

According to an article published on the Office of Governor's website in October of 2022, Governor Newsom "recently invested \$477 million to support the state's model COVID-19 response and humanitarian efforts at the southern border."

Fortunately for Californians, according to an article published by the University of Texas News, "Mexico has a higher vaccination rate than 18 U.S. states, with 10

of these in the South, four in the Midwest and four in the West." The article explains that this is because the vaccine was not as politicized in Mexico as it was in the US.

Gonzalez Barrera, 40, a wireman for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 569, knows this scene very well. Barrera used to live in Tijuana and work in San Diego. Now, he lives in San Diego and travels regularly to Tijuana to visit family and shop. Ethnically, he and his wife are of Mexican descent with indigenous ancestry.

Initially, he was hesitant. Since he does not use social media, his exposure to COVID-19 information, or misinformation, was primarily from word of mouth through his social circles in both Mexico and the US,

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receive payment from Catherine's assets.

The court's rules have changed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and it has highlighted the need for some reforms in the legal and court system. In one case, the court approved the billing of over \$1 million for attorneys who were hired to put Catherine into a conservatorship against her wishes. Other aspects of legal fees included a private fiduciary who charged over \$150,000, a guardian ad litem who billed Catherine \$100,000, an interim trustee who charged \$150 an

hour, and an additional attorney who charged \$450 an hour. This demonstrates how some lawyers can take advantage of their positions of power and how the court system approves such extreme billings.

In another current case in San Diego, the attorneys hired by the conservatorship applicant prevented all witnesses and documents indicating the conservatee's wishes from being heard at trial.

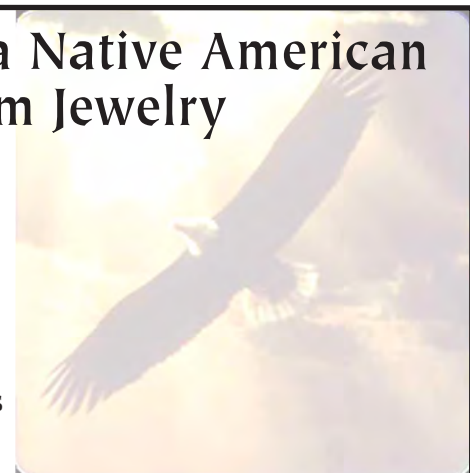
The Spectrum Institute recommends, at minimum, that perjury be prosecuted in

probate courts and that the fees for the court-appointed attorney for the conservatee be paid for by the State. The current law requiring the conservatee to pay for their court-appointed attorney all too often forces the attorney to commit perjury in the court and forces a conservatorship so that they will be paid for their court time. According to the Spectrum Institute, the State could recover these fees from increased property title transfer fees.

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April 16, 2023

by Heather Cox Richardson

A few quick notes tonight about some ongoing stories:

There is more news about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and his misreporting of his financial connections. This morning, Shawn Boburg and Emma Brown of the Washington Post reported that for twenty years, Thomas has reported rental income totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars from a real estate firm that was shut down in 2006.

The misstatement might be dismissed as a problem with paperwork, the authors note. “But it is among a series of errors and omissions that Thomas has made on required annual financial disclosure forms over the past several decades, a review of those records shows. Together, they have raised questions about how seriously

Thomas views his responsibility to accurately report details about his finances to the public.”

The cascade of stories about Thomas threatens to continue to undermine the legitimacy of this Supreme Court.

Last night, the nation suffered one mass shooting in Dadeville, Alabama, that killed four people and wounded twenty-eight others, and another in Louisville, Kentucky, that killed two and wounded four. On Friday, Republican hopefuls for the 2024 presidential nomination courted members of the National Rifle Association, the NRA, at the organization’s 2023 annual convention, promising looser gun laws.

South Dakota governor Kristi Noem complained about liberals who “want to take our guns,” and boasted that her granddaughter, who is not yet two, has a shotgun and a rifle.

Meanwhile, the Biden administration continues to focus on rebalancing the Indo-Pacific to counter China. Just two weeks after the fiftieth anniversary of the

U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam and nearly thirty years after the restoration of diplomatic ties in 1995, the U.S. has broken ground on a new \$1.2 billion embassy compound in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh yesterday and vowed to “broaden and deepen” relations between the two countries.

Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai, U.S. Agency for International Development administrator Samantha Power, and members of Congress have all visited Vietnam recently as part of a long-term strategy to help area friends and allies counterbalance China in the Indo-Pacific region.

Yesterday, Blinken emphasized how the U.S. and Vietnam, working together, “can advance a free and open Indo-Pacific, one that is at peace and grounded in respect for the rules-based international order.” But, as Vietnam has a one-party communist government, he explained, “When we talk about ‘free and open,’ we mean countries being free to choose their own path and their own partners and that problems will be dealt with openly; rules will be reached transparently and applied fairly; and goods, ideas, and people will flow freely across land, the seas, the skies, and cyberspace.”

Vice President Harris spoke yesterday at a march for reproductive rights in Los Angeles, where she emphasized how deeply our international standing depends on our commitment to freedom at home. “I’ve been traveling around the world as your Vice President,” she said. “When we, as Americans, walk in those rooms around the world, we have traditionally walked in those rooms, shoulders back, chin up, having some authority to talk about the importance of rule of law, human rights.

“But here’s the thing we all know about what it means to be a role model: People watch what you do to see if it matches what you say. So let us understand that what is happening in our nation right now,

by extension, can impact people around the world who dare to say, ‘I want my country to be like the United States and protect rights.’ And those autocrats and those dictators might look at those folks and say, ‘What are you pointing to as the example?’”

“We are seeing, around the country, in a myriad of ways, those who would dare to attack fundamental rights and, by extension, attack our democracy,” Harris said. “Around our country, supposed so-called extremist leaders...dare to silence the voices of the people.”

“A United States Supreme Court, the highest court in our land, that took a constitutional right that had been recognized from the people of America.

“We have seen attacks on voting rights; attacks on fundamental rights to love and marry the people that you love; attacks on the ability of people to be themselves and be proud of who they are.

“And so, this is a moment that history will show required each of us, based on our collective love of our country, to stand up and fight for and protect our ideals... [W]e have been called upon to be the next generation of the people who will help lead and fight in this movement for freedom and liberty based on our love of our country.... [W]e stand for our democracy. And we stand for foundational and fundamental principles that have everything to do with freedom, liberty, and equality for all people.”

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Lack of Diversity

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working to create, edit, and report original news content.” That definition, notes Gottfried, allowed the researchers to gather data from a large swath of the sector, offering as broad a lens as possible on the current state of diversity within the media profession today.

“We didn’t believe that we could do a project like this unless we made sure we were very thoughtful that we were including journalists very broadly,” said Gottfried.

Among some of the more telling data points was the fact that while a majority of journalists reported that diversity is lacking in their newsroom, less than half said it was considered a priority, while conversations around diversity and inclusion were more likely to happen among journalists of color and younger journalists working in the profession.

Gottfried also noted the “overrepresentation” of journalists included in the survey who tended to be clustered in major metropolitan areas like New York, Los Angeles and Washington DC.

The data comes as trust in media has fallen to record lows, according to a

report released by Gallup and the Knight Foundation in February that found half of Americans believe the news industry intentionally misleads.

It also comes as hate crimes targeting ethnic, religious and sexual minorities is on the rise, calling into question the media’s ability to effectively cover issues impacting communities far removed from the newsrooms ostensibly meant to serve them.

Anecdotal experiences shared by reporters interviewed for this story also suggest that reporters of color hired by general market outlets can often find themselves pigeonholed into covering their respective communities while being shut out of more general beats.

“In the wake of the Black Lives Matter movement and during the pandemic, there was an upheaval across many major newsrooms around diversity issues,” says EMS Co-Director Julian Do, pointing to outlets including the New York Times and the LA Times, which recently hired its second African American executive editor, Kevin Merida.

“So while there may be some minorities now in management positions, there is still a ways to go when it comes to story and beat assignments.”

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It was a great day for all cultures and all people. It was a great time to see our community together fighting hate, teaching tolerance and always seeking justice. It is said a people united will never be defeated. The Earth is our Mother. We must build an economy together that is conscious of each other's cares and needs and that focuses on the Earth, the planet we live on and that we are a part of. We take our Mother Earth for granted. We have impacted the soil, the ocean and the atmosphere. We need to turn everything around within the next 20 to 30 years for humanity. We need to wake up fully. There are so many things going on.

Here are some of the heaviest environmental issues that we are facing: biodiversity loss (the loss of species and inhabitants at an alarming rate), deforestation, urban expansion, mono-agriculture, overfishing, and toxic pollution. These are causing significant damage to our planet.

Check this out. Over a million species are at risk of extinction. Environmental chemical pollution is one of the biggest reasons for this. We do not need these poisons killing our wildlife, our bees, our birds, our

butterflies... Let's wake up people! Don't let start talking about the honey bees. We have a decline in our honey bee population and they are facing

environmental threats including habitat loss, microplastic exposure, diseases and climate change. The decline in the honey bee population has raised the alarm of scientists, farmers and most Americans. We need honey bees and other pollinators because they play a critical role in maintaining the health of the ecosystem and food production.

Air pollution from industrial and transportation sources contributes to poor air quality which causes a multitude of diseases like respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular disease, cancer (lung, liver, pancreatic, and many more), liver disease and brain degeneration. And all this leaves to suffering and premature death not only in humans but in animals and plants. It also affects the waterways, the ocean and the soil. You know water is life. Water pollution remains another pressing issue that is affecting both freshwater and marine environments. Polluted water harms aquatic life. It also affects human well-being and health. Some of the sources of water pollution include industrial and agriculture runoff, sewage and plastics. Everybody should listen up to these huge problems we facing.

Let's clean it up! Let's return to the ways of our ancestors.

Deforestation, most people are not thinking about this. Deforestation is clearing the forest for commercial or residential use, agriculture and other nonsense. It leads to habitat loss, soil erosion and a reduction and biodiversity. Deforestation also contributes to climate change by releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere so listen up the forest produces most of our oxygen. Overfishing is another significant environmental issue that affects the marine ecosystem. Unsustainable fishing practices can harm the broad ecosystem. Overfishing leads to the depletion of fish stocks. It creates havoc in highly regulated ecosystems where every creature depends on a network of other creatures to survive and flourish.

Our window is closing and we had plenty of warning. We all must do more to rebalance our Earth. We recommend you read the book "Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life" by Edward Wilson. This book is about our planet's fight for life.

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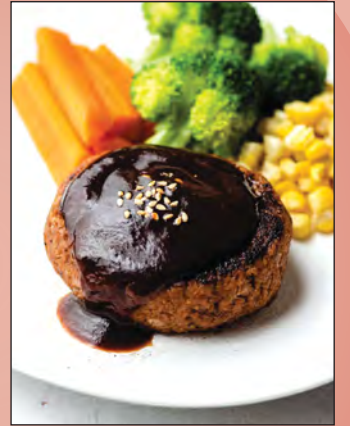
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by Twintastic Treats

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Community Leaders Honored for Making Change Happen at the Grassroots

by Peter White

They imagined a world that didn't exist yet and went about building it.

That was the common theme from three community organizers whose work proves that change really can happen through grassroots efforts, despite gridlocked legislatures, polarized politics and economic uncertainty.

The three organizers, among six who recently received the James Irvine Foundation 2023 Leadership Awards, spoke on Ethnic Media Services' weekly national news briefing last week.

Criminal justice reform

Dorsey Nunn runs Legal Services for Prisoners with Children and co-founded a parallel non-profit, All of Us or None. A criminal justice reformer who set up a small nonprofit for people – like himself – who are or were formerly incarcerated to fight for prisoner rights, Nunn operates a staff of 29 people, including four attorneys, as well as a network of chapters across the US.

His organization spearheaded the “Ban the Box” campaign that has stopped questions about conviction history from public employment applications in 50 cities in 35 states.

“We are building a powerful political movement to win full restoration of our human and civil rights,” Nunn said.

Honest conversations about discrimination need to be about why it doesn't stop once someone leaves prison. “When is my penalty up?” Nunn asked.

“People can only see us as a liability; they have yet to see us as an asset. At what

point can we actually demonstrate that you can't lock up 2 million people without locking up brilliance, without throwing away a lot of people?”

Nunn added that the transformation in perception has to occur among people who are themselves incarcerated.

“The greatest victory for me is when formerly incarcerated people show up and recognize that they got something to actually do to change not only their life, but to change how society functions.

“I'm a father, a grandfather and a great grandfather. At this point none of my kids have been to prison, and I interrupted that process because I was at home to take care of them,” he said.

Improving conditions for service workers

Saru Jayaraman is the President of One Fair Wage and Director of the Food Labor Research Center at University of California, Berkeley. She started a national movement of restaurant workers, employers, and consumers after 9-11.

Jayaraman was a young lawyer in 2001 when she started organizing workers who lost their jobs and the families of the victims from Windows on the World, the restaurant at the top of the World Trade Center Tower.

“On that morning 73 workers died, and 250 workers lost their jobs,” she said.

Since 9-11 Jayaraman has been fighting to raise wages and improve working conditions in the restaurant industry. She says a majority of restaurant workers in the U.S. are immigrants. Seventy percent are women of color.

“We grew into a national organization with 300,000 workers in all 50 states and

our fight expanded beyond restaurant workers to include all service workers.”

That includes anybody who is tipped like nail salon employees, car washers, hair stylists, or people who push wheelchairs in airports.

“All of those folks are tipped workers receiving a sub-minimum wage,” she said.

Many gig workers are impacted by these issues as well. She said gig companies like DoorDash and Instacart cut wages by the amount customers tip—in effect, stealing workers tips.

“We are seeing a really historic moment of worker revolt, in which low-wage workers across the economy, and particularly in the restaurant industry, are for the first time refusing to work for these poverty wages,” Jayaraman said.

She says the restaurant industry has been one of the largest and fastest growing private sector employers in California and the United States for decades.

“But it's been the absolute, lowest paying employer for generations dating back to emancipation when the sub minimum wage for tipped workers was created,” she said.

Recently, ballot measures and bills to raise the minimum wage to \$15/hr. have moved through legislatures in 15 states. “Even red states like Arizona, Idaho and Ohio are having this on the ballot next year.”

Tackling homelessness in LA

Chris Contreras is working miracles in the incredibly shrinking world of affordable housing in one of the nation's largest epicenters of homelessness. He is the development director of Brilliant Corners, a housing services non-profit based in Los Angeles.

“California accounts for about one third of the entire U.S. homeless population. At

last count, over 170,000 Californians are unhoused with at least 60,000 living in Los Angeles County on any given night,” Contreras said.

“We operate the Los Angeles Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool, or Flex for short, which is a nationally recognized supportive housing model that helps thousands of people exit homelessness each year,” Contreras said. The program launched in 2014 as a public-private partnership with rental subsidies and case management services.

The L.A. housing crisis disproportionately affects communities of color. Black Angelinos make up 8% of L.A.'s population but account for more than 30% of its homeless individuals, Contreras says.

“We also have seen a 26% rise in Latino homelessness, meaning that Latinos now make up 44% of L.A. County homeless.”

The solution to chronic homelessness lies in coordinating resources from a number of stakeholders: owners, builders, the criminal justice system, and healthcare systems, as well as rental subsidies, either from federal or local funding, Contreras said. With that support, his program taps dedicated professionals who build relationships with landlords and developers to secure existing and new units, as well as dedicated housing services and case management services to support an individual's transition to long term stability in their new home.

Brilliant Corners creates a pool of housing units that can be matched quickly to any client experiencing homelessness. It saves landlords the trouble of advertising a vacancy by paying them two months' rent in advance. To date, the Flex has sponsored relationships with more than 1,100 of these so-called scattered-site landlords.

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counterparts. Slaughter stated it is a great opportunity for both the Indian people and the local construction trade unions for a lasting relationship to making a difference.

J. L. “Jackson”, who is the spokesperson for the American Indian Apprenticeship Initiative, stated, “We

have been working with Indian communities to bring opportunities to enroll individuals into pre-apprenticeships and state apprenticeship programs to become journeymen and women. It's important that the tribal individuals can work on their own tribal construction projects this is one way to do it. And if they would like to travel, they can work almost anywhere in the USA, including Hawaii and Alaska.”



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~ On the Town with Camille ~

by Camille Appling

Shane O’Garry – Church Of Salvation

This month I was able to meet with enigmatic Shane O’Garry of the Church of Salvation. O’Garry a Boston Native came to his pastoral lead here in San Diego after experiencing and overcoming homelessness in a triumphant opportunity to serve. Shane’s past entrepreneurial and accounting training added to his ministerial preparation to address the homeless dilemma. The Church of Salvation has undoubtedly delivered with their “For I was” Program that has fundraised and donated to countless families and individuals living on the Streets. O’Garry began with \$25 gift certificates for families and has distributed over \$6000 in total to five families. He also has extensive experience at the Salvation Army connecting clients to homeless databases and has moved 40 people off of the Streets into shared and single housing . O’Garry continues to invest in “stability” for his clients with his primary success stories of family reunification and placement including “Consistency and Love”. He is currently seeking funding for proper outreach where the clients can rest and train for new employment and housing. For more information visit thechurchofsalvation.org

BizCon 2023 – YNBN

This April 5th and 6th welcomed the 2023 Young Black N Business Bizcon Conference to the Beautiful San Diego Convention Center. The event was hosted by President and CEO Roosevelt Williams III with guests including Finance Expert Dame Doria Cordova, Attorney Daniel Horton, Realtor Jonas Royster, Psychologist Dr Michael Crawford, Engineer Deschuznell Caitlin, and Entrepreneur and Businessman Chase Morgan who gave pertinent lectures on Business Development and business pertaining to Young Black N Business. The speakers discussed everything from financial management to motivation. The two-day event covered government and private enterprise and offered



information about Housing and Employment Programs from the public sector. Sponsorship included the US Bank, Cox Business and San Diego International Airport and countless others. www.joinynbn.com

Citizens of Courage 2023



On April 24, 2023 We had the pleasure to attend the District Attorney Summer Stephens 33rd Citizens

of Courage 2023 Award Show at the beautiful Town and Country Hotel in picturesque Hotel Circle. The event highlighted heartfelt stories of Citizen Intervention. The first Award went to school bus driver Terry Miller who interrupted the sexual assault of a young woman. Miller observed the young woman in distress and moved quickly to secure her and arrest the assailant to prevent further assault. She wants people to know that the “bus drivers are there for them” to help keep them safe from harm. The next story was filled with heartbreak . Carlos and Elizabeth Munoz family lost a promising son with a future in Psychology to gang violence. They were awarded for creating a Center for Support for people that have been hurt by violence. Their story of helping others after tragedy is both heartfelt and triumphant. We were also Introduced to Juan Fierro who rescued Spencer Stevenson from a hit and run driver. Spencer was hospitalized with Acoma and required nine months to learn how to walk. He was saved from a worse fate by Juan who encourages “if you see anything wrong do something about it” and hopes that Humanity makes you help. Lastly Linda Martinez rushed to the aid of a gunshot victim and alerted law enforcement to get him to safety. Linda chose to help fearlessly and it saved the victims life. All of their stories of Heroism inspire and encourage. We hope that these stories inspire and encourage you to help where you can. The simple actions of humanity and duty in our everyday life can create a blessing for our better angels. For more information contact the office of the District Attorney.



Tax Equity

While millions of households across the United States are scrambling to file — or extend — their taxes by the April 19th deadline, members of our billionaire class are doing a great deal more smiling than scrambling.

Why? Because the U.S. tax code is built to reward wealth over work and serves big corporate interests over working families.

Trillions of dollars goes untaxed each year, deftly squirreled away by tax professionals hired by the nation’s wealthy and powerful or left untouched because the federal government doesn’t tax wealth as it does income.

Individuals and families can’t solve the care crisis on their own. The economy cannot thrive if mothers, women, and caretakers continue to be crushed by the lack of investments in the care economy.

Over one recent five-year period, a bombshell ProPublica investigation from 2022 revealed, the 25 richest Americans

paid a true tax rate of roughly 3.4 percent. This means nurses, teachers, firefighters, and other middle class frontline workers paid a larger share of their income in taxes than America’s billionaires.

Corporations, too, are skilled at avoiding taxation. In 2020, at least 55 of the largest corporations in America paid no federal corporate income taxes despite enjoying substantial pretax profits in the United States.

So what could we fund by creating a tax system where the wealthy (mostly white men) and corporations (mostly led by white men) pay their fair share? We could start by investing in women and families.

In the spirit of tax season, the National Women’s Law Center created an interactive tax calculator that provides examples of how much revenue could be raised by taxing the patriarchy through different tax policies — and how that money could be used to fund public investments in paid leave, child care, and aging and disability care, which all of us need and deserve.

LA County Announces Historic Legal Settlement With LA Alliance to Bring New Resources to Fight Against Homelessness

Agreement will add 1,000 new mental health/substance use disorder beds and 450 subsidies for enriched residential care at board and care facilities

Los Angeles County announced that it has reached a groundbreaking settlement with LA Alliance to resolve this long-running litigation with a pledge to commit up to an estimated \$850.5 million in additional funding to increase beds, services, outreach, and interim housing for the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.

The new resources are in addition to the \$293 million in new funding the County committed to during the course of the lawsuit to provide 6,700 beds for people experiencing homelessness near freeways and for unhoused seniors—bringing the County’s total commitment to more than \$1 billion.

The new settlement with LA Alliance will provide 1,000 new mental health and substance use disorder beds for the unhoused while making available 450 subsidies to provide individuals at risk of homelessness with enriched residential care in board and care beds throughout the County.

The historic settlement also increases the number of County street outreach teams to cover all Los Angeles City Council Districts, while committing to providing wrap-around medical and social services for the more than 13,000 permanent and interim housing beds the City has committed to build in its separate settlement with LA Alliance.

County leaders hailed the settlement as a historic milestone. Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Hahn said the County looks

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Colorado News Collaborative Organize Grassroots Media

Ha. we friends, We would love to see you at this May 9 event in Denver where the Colorado News Collaborative is releasing a report to which many Native folks across the state contributed.

Members of the media have been invited as well and we plan to have time for exploring the recommendations together, as well as networking. This is an opportunity to get to know reporters and editors in our communities who want to improve their coverage of Native communities in order to counter stereotypes and invisibility.

To launch the release of the Indigenous

Voices report, we’d like to invite you to an in-person event on May 9 to come together and discuss the recommendations with other members of Indigenous communities and Colorado journalists.

The event will take place at the COLab lobby space in the Buell Center for Public Media from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be an interactive program with COLab and MWNB during which we will review the report and invite local journalists to learn ways to implement the recommendations.



Camille Mercier New CEO Spirit Mountain Casino

Courtesy Dean Rhodes, Smoke Signals

Tribal member Camille Mercier has been named the new chief executive officer of Spirit Mountain Casino, becoming the first woman to lead the Tribe's gaming facility since it opened in 1995.

Mercier, 52, will take over on May 1, Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors Chair Andrew Jenness said.

Mercier succeeds Tribal member Bruce Thomas, who has been interim chief executive officer at the casino since June 2021 when Stan Dillon resigned.

Jenness said the board received two Tribal member applications for the job and Mercier was selected because of her depth of experience, education, ongoing professional development and commitment to the Grand Ronde Tribe.

"We are proud to be able to hire a skilled, experienced Grand Ronde Tribal member to such an important and high profile job," Jenness said. "Camille is eminently qualified to take the helm at Spirit Mountain and create long-term success for the casino, the Tribe and the broader community."

Thomas will stay on at the casino until May 15, but Mercier will be running the show as of May 1, Jenness added.

Mercier began her career with the Tribe in the late 1980s as an educational aide. She then transferred to Social Services and spent time in the Prevention Department. She also served as the casino's Human Resources director for 15 years before moving out of state.

According to her LinkedIn profile, she

has a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership from George Fox University in Newberg and a master's in business administration from Willamette University in Salem.

Before returning as the Tribe's Human Resources director in 2018, she served in a similar role for Ameristar Casino in Iowa and the Lucky Eagle Casino in Chehalis, Wash., which is owned by the Chehalis Tribe.



She started working as the assistant chief executive officer at Spirit Mountain Casino in September 2021. In that role, she focused on creating efficiencies for

Spirit Mountain's business operations through strategic planning, developing better collaboration and communication processes, and evaluating new opportunities.

"I began my career at Spirit Mountain, and I'm proud to be an enrolled Tribal member," she said in a press release announcing her hiring. "I have a strong desire to ensure our success and aim to do so through collaboration, communication and supporting our most important resource – our people."

In addition to being the first female to lead the casino, she also is third Tribal member in the job after Thomas and Randy Dugger.

"The fact that Camille is the first woman CEO is a fantastic milestone," Jenness said. "What is more important to me is that we got the right person for the job, and she is that person."

Mercier also has served on the TERO, Health and Royalty committees and is a current member of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Directors.

NEWS from San Diego North County By Linda Kallas

On March 18, 2023, the Mission San Luis Rey held their first-ever art festival in celebration of their 225th anniversary. The event was attended by hundreds of people with many activities for all to enjoy. The festival was held on the mission's grounds and featured different food booths, an art contest from local Oceanside schools, live entertainment, plein art artists, and street chalk artists.

The diverse entertainment line up showcased The Kings of La Jolla band with Mel Vernon, Aki Drumming, Ballet Folklorico, and Irish Dancers. There also were several art activities for all to enjoy, such as basket weaving with Diania Caudell, sand art with Studio ACE, gourd painting with Helena Hazelton, and mural painting.

Joanne Tawfilis, owner of the Muramid Museum, provided a 225-foot mural for attendees to paint. The mural is designed in three 75-foot sections with the themes of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The

center section, today, is being painted by professional artists and was on display while they worked on it during the event. The artists included P.J. Fosselman, Cheryl Elders, Sergio Solomon, and Angel Garcia. The past section features a Luiseno village scene. The tomorrow section features the mission with a multitude of people from all different cultures. It will take a few months to complete and will be brought back out for the public to paint on again on June 16-18 during the return of the fiesta.

Other upcoming events at the mission will be the Heritage Ball in August, the St. Francis Festival in October, art lectures in November, and a Christmas concert in December. Gwyn Grimes, director of the mission has been working with committees and the community for months pulling all the events together. As stated earlier, the art festival was well-attended, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Nevada Republican Law Makers Debate Gun Legislation

In Nevada, Republican lawmakers doomed a package of gun regulations before it had even reached a committee hearing, the Nevada Current reports. The proposals seemed reasonable: a bill making it a misdemeanor to bring a gun to a voting site (and a felony if the intent was to disrupt the election) and one to bar people convicted of committing hate crimes from possessing firearms.

"Before a word of testimony had been uttered Thursday on three bills championed by Democrats and intended to put a dent in gun violence, Assembly Republicans proclaimed in a news release they'll unanimously reject two Assembly measures, stating they are 'controversial bills scheduled on short notice at irregular times,'" the Current wrote.

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NEWS

from Las Vegas/Nevada

Kena Adams, Coordinator Las Vegas/Nevada

The Firsts: Clark County

Las Vegas is no longer a hidden jewel in the desert. As of 2023, Clark County has over three million residents (about the population of Arkansas), who certainly are experiencing “the big city” feeling



Proposed Harlem Knights

Photo: Review Journal

in a place that was once referred to as “The Mississippi of the West.”

Some would say Vegas used to be a small town.

Clark County has experienced so many “firsts” over the last few years. We now have our first Native-owned casino in the infamous strip corridor, our first football stadium and team, our first Native American Vegas hockey player, Zach Whitecloud, and we are now being recognized as the sports capital of world.

Formula One has also returned to Sin City after 40 years to burn up the Las Vegas strip in November. This month, the historic Huntridge Theater re-lit its lights and marquee after more than 20 years. This is something downtown residents thought would never happen. Our own Huntridge resident, activist, and politician Melissa Clary has played a big part in the restoration and preservation of this historic neighborhood located near downtown.

Downtown has already seen so many improvements to the area, thanks to Las Vegas mayor Carolyn Goodman’s admiration for the area. And of course, we’re saving the best for last. There is the Harlem Nights proposal in West Las Vegas. The project calls for a 687-foot-tall tower (taller than Hard Rock International’s planned 660-foot-tall guitar-shaped tower on the Strip) that will include 764 hotel rooms and 458 residential units. It will also feature a

casino space, a 900-seat theater, retail shops, a restaurant, and a bar on the building’s top floor.

It’s not the first time a major project has been proposed at the site. In 2016, the Nevada Gaming Control Board put the brakes on plans for a \$2 billion project that would have brought a 400-room hotel and a 2,000-seat performing arts center.

If you can take the heat and handle the traffic, Vegas might be the place to come and visit (or live). We certainly have a lot to offer, and we have no state tax!

Chasing Horse Faces Nevada Courts

NORTH LAS VEGAS (AP) —In mid-February, Las Vegas police arrested former actor Nathan Chasing Horse at his home after uncovering what they describe as two decades of sexual assault and human trafficking allegations.

Chasing Horse is known for his role in



Nathan Chasing Horse

Photo: Nativenewsonline

the Oscar-winning Kevin Costner film “Dances with Wolves.” Police say he built a reputation for himself among tribes across the United States and Canada as a so-called medicine man and used his position to abuse young Native American girls.

Chasing Horse is accused of sexually assaulting girls as young as 13 and taking wives as young as 15. Police say the assaults occurred in multiple states, including Nevada, and in Canada.

This month, a Nevada judge tossed a drug trafficking charge against Chasing Horse but upheld a Las Vegas grand jury’s sweeping indictment on 18 sexual abuse-related felony crimes. Clark County District Court Judge Carli Kierny said in

an order that there was enough evidence against the alleged cult leader for “a reasonable grand juror to conclude that the sexual assaults occurred,” but dismissed testimony connecting the actor to psychedelic mushrooms investigators found during a search of his home.

Chasing Horse asked the judge to throw out the entire indictment, arguing that all his accusers — including a 16-year-old girl — consensually had sex with him. The age of consent in Nevada is 16. His attorney, public defender Kristy Holston, declined to comment on the judge’s ruling.

Clark County Announcements

- Las Vegas Career Fair - Thursday April 27, 2023 - Sunset Hotel & Casino, 1301 W. Sunset Road
- UNLV American Indian Alliance Scholarship is NOW open- <http://www.unlv.edu/aia>
- Online registration is now open for the Clark County School District 2023-24 - register.ccsd.net
- In loving memory of Las Vegas native Cheryl Lockhart, first woman owned/operated crane lady in the business. Rest well. We love you very much.
- Do you have an announcement, event, or memorial you want listed? Email us at indianvoicesnevada@gmail.com by the 5th of the month if you want the announcement listed.

Northern Nevada News Tribes’ Latest Challenge Thacker Pass Mine Rejected by Court

RENO, Nev.— Construction is underway on the highly-contested Thacker Pass lithium mine in northern Nevada after a court ruled earlier this month against the tribes trying to stop the mine.

After U.S. District Court Judge Miranda M. Du ruled on Feb. 6 against conservation organizations, a local rancher, and several tribes who filed suit to stop the project, three separate federally-recognized tribes filed an additional lawsuit on Feb. 16 to stop the construction of the mine.

The Thacker Pass region is considered sacred by the tribes who call it “Peehee Mu’huh,” or Rotten Moon in the Paiute language because, in 1865, federal cavalry killed more than 30 men, women, and children and then left their bodies to rot.

Lithium Nevada Corporation (LNC), the subsidiary of Lithium Americas, said in a news release that it began construction of what is being touted as the largest lithium mine in North America. According to the company, lithium reserves at Thacker Pass can support the production of up to one million electric vehicles a year for up to 40 years. Production of materials could begin as soon as the end of 2026.

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City of San Diego Celebrates National Volunteer Week

Hundreds of volunteers provide vital support to city's parks, libraries, safety and other services

SAN DIEGO – During National Volunteer Week, April 16-22, the City of San Diego is recognizing the work done by City volunteers who offer their time and energy to improve communities and serve their fellow residents. Over the last year, hundreds of City volunteers donated more than 145,000 hours, working with several City departments as literacy tutors, fire cadets, youth sports coaches and more.

“Our volunteers are integral to the City and the communities we serve,” said Human Resources Director Julie Rasco. “While we value our volunteers all year long, Volunteer Week is the perfect time to show appreciation for the work they do. We encourage anyone who is interested in volunteering to explore one of the many opportunities available at the City.”

- City volunteers showed resilience and commitment in 2022, helping to

improve the lives of San Diegans.

- Crisis Interventionists served almost 18,000 hours supporting residents experiencing traumatic events.

- Legal interns volunteered almost 8,000 hours helping residents navigate the legal system.

- Volunteers in the Parks and Recreation Department's AgeWell Services supported older San Diegans with more than 3,000 hours of work.

- The Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol spent 4,000 hours helping keep residents safe.

- The San Diego Public Library's READ San Diego volunteers devoted nearly 3,000 hours to helping adults improve their literacy.

- Fire cadets spent almost 3,000 hours training in the fire service.

- AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers worked for 4,500 hours on the Promise Zone Initiative in Southeast San Diego.

For more information on the City's volunteer program and how to apply, visit the City's Volunteer, Internship and Work Readiness web page.



Grab a Rock and Go With the Flow

by April Nurse

Inclusion is being talked about everywhere these days, and the rock world is no different. Inclusions are the naturally occurring mineral elements that interrupt an otherwise uniform structure. Inclusions are the emerald-green manganese in moss agate that create its trademark moss or the iconic black or golden needles of titanium dioxide in rutiled quartz. Inclusions bring a unique beauty to the world. Where once uniformity reigned as the mark of quality, inclusions are paving a new path forward and quickly becoming the norm.

Inclusions occur in rock as the environment shifts in pressure and temperature. Change introduces new minerals and conditions resulting in a completely unique find. It's not unlike the communities we've come to know. Our chosen communities often come from very different circumstances than us. Yet, somehow, we find our way to each other, creating memories and building bonds that change our worlds.

Inclusions can often make minerals stronger. Often, inclusions in soft minerals give stability and add much-needed reinforcement. They can add unexpected flashes of color and contrast as well. They are not unlike the wonderful things that make us unique and memorable. It's no wonder we gravitate toward them. My generation was taught to cover up and hide anything that made us different. They used to tell us that it was ideal to be just like everybody else. Thankfully, there

comes a day that one wakes up, finds a mirror, and looks hard for those elements that make us as unique as our fingerprints.

When I joined my first rock club, the leadership was changing. The tried and true losing to the what if. What if, instead of struggling and serving, we took a risk and tried thriving? What if we tried something different? What if we took a chance on something more aligned with our goals? What if we stepped outside our comfort zone and reached for something better?

In answering those questions we've found ourselves with a club more reflective of the community we live in. We're all different ages, races, genders, and beliefs, unified through the love of minerals and metals. We've become more interactive, receptive to change, and we've found new layers of support in our community.

Everybody is navigating this world blind. There are no absolutes other than a defined beginning and a sure end. You get to decide how you shape the in-between. Do you live aligned with love or with fear?

When the earth shifts and introduces you to the unfamiliar, I hope you have the courage to look for silver linings and see the beauty in it. In the most literal sense, inclusions are a reminder that perfection is boring and unrealistic. Yes, there's comfort in safety, but it leaves no room for anything more. We deserve more. Wear your jewelry like you wear your freckles and scars. Celebrate each other's differences and celebrate each other.

Senator Dave Min Introduces Legislation To Protect California's Biodiversity For Future Generations

SACRAMENTO, CA — Today, Senator Dave Min (D-Irvine) announced the introduction of Senate Bill (SB) 337, which would establish a statewide goal to conserve at least 30 percent of California's land and coastal waters by 2030, also known as 30x30. Conserving the Earth's lands and waters is one of the best tools available to prevent extinctions and protect biodiversity and ecosystem services. Protecting lands and waters can also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon, helping to advance climate goals. The bill, which is co-sponsored by Defenders of Wildlife, passed out of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee and is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

“We are in the midst of a global extinction crisis, and it is time to double

down before it's too late,” said Senator Dave Min. “I am proud to author legislation that puts California on track to protect 30 percent of state lands and coastal waters by 2030. We must act swiftly and decisively to ensure that our iconic species, like California condors, monarch butterflies, tule elk, golden trout, sea otters, elephant seals, grey whales, redwood trees, giant sequoias, and California poppies, survive the threats posed by habitat loss. Through the strategic conservation efforts outlined in

SB 337, we can protect the places we love and the species they support for this generation and the next. Thank you to the incredible partnership built by the Power in Nature Coalition, and for spearheading this legislation and codifying our statewide conservation goals into law.”

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forward to collaborating with the plaintiffs and the City of Los Angeles to implement the agreement, which represents significant progress towards saving and improving the lives of the unhoused once the lawsuit is dismissed.

“We are locking arms with our partners at LA City and doubling down on our resolve to address this crisis of homelessness together, with the shared aim of saving lives, alleviating suffering and finding truly regional solutions to move us forward,” Supervisor Hahn said.

“I want to thank Mayor Bass for stepping in and urging us to do better,” she added. “This agreement shows we did and I hope Judge Carter agrees and signs off on this settlement. The County is committing to a significant increase in resources and we are happy to put this litigation behind us so we can devote our full attention to helping people and communities that need our assistance.”

Both sides will now ask U.S. District Judge David O. Carter to dismiss the case against the County so the settlement can go into effect.

The County and LA Alliance reached an initial settlement last year but continued to negotiate, which led to an expansion of mental health and substance use disorder beds from 300 to 1,000, as well as 450 new subsidies for enriched residential care for board and care beds.

“This agreement means more beds and services for our unhoused residents, including those living on Skid Row in my district,” said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District. “I look forward to working with the City of Los Angeles as we continue to implement strategies that we know will bring people indoors. I'm thankful to Mayor Karen Bass for her continued leadership in serving our joint constituencies.”

“The settlement with LA Alliance demonstrates that this is a new day in Los

Angeles where City and County leaders are fully aligned in responding to the homelessness crisis with the urgency and close coordination that is required,” said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Third District. “I am happy to have this court case behind us so we can focus 100% of our energy and resources on solving the crisis. We are in a state of emergency and there's no time to waste.”

“Accountability and transparency are some of the most important elements that came from the discourse of the LA Alliance settlement proceedings,” said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Fifth District. “I am pleased that both the County and the City were able to come to agreements on clear roles and deliverables by each party. We both must satisfy our respective responsibility to one another and to our constituents at large. I will continue to drive the County towards more accountable and transparent homeless solutions with all 88 cities, as we partner to bring housing and services to those most in need.”

This settlement comes as the County moves urgently to mobilize additional resources under the local emergency on homelessness declared by the Board of Supervisors in January. These efforts include an intensive focus on encampment resolution, close collaboration with cities, providing additional interim and supportive housing, and expanding mental health and substance use disorder services.

The emergency declaration builds on extensive efforts by the County over the past 5½ years that placed more than 90,000 people in permanent housing, provided nearly 124,000 with temporary shelter, and prevented 22,000 others from falling into homelessness.

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Living in Mexico

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and his own conjectures.

His concern for the vaccine's safety was because of its newness. "It is difficult to know its potential long-term side effects," Barrera said.

He struggled with COVID-19 news on the radio because it seemed to be inconsistent. To Barrera, forming decisions based on witnessing what was going on around him actually carried the most weight. He still has doubts about the vaccines and hopes everything will be alright.

Nevertheless, to date, Barrera has received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. He went forward with the decision for two reasons. Firstly, he was required to be vaccinated in order to continue to remain employed at most of the available worksites. Secondly, he wanted to do whatever he could to limit transmission of the virus to his family, since he regularly works in close proximity to many people.

He recalls how some of his relatives were very cautious during the pandemic, requiring physical distance in their interactions and masks during their visits.

He explained that that was not realistic for him. "I took pictures of our port-a-potty at the construction jobsite to show them how hard it is to realistically follow their standards, dozens of men use one in a day, and they may not be cleaned for several days."

Not long after receiving the vaccine, he tested positive, and subsequently so did his

family. Fortunately, their infections were not severe.

Victor Calixto, 30, a first-year inside wireman apprentice for the IBEW Local 569. Residing in Tijuana, he does a 3-hour round trip daily to work and study in San Diego.

Calixto had tested positive with COVID-19 three times. The first time was around July of 2020, when he was working for Hoist Fitness, a manufacturer of exercise equipment in Poway. It started with a sore throat. His employer requested that he should be seen by a doctor.

Calixto, like many of Hoist Fitness's employees who lived in Mexico, got Mexican health insurance as it was more affordable and more practical. So he went to get a checkup at SIMNSA, one of the best hospitals in Tijuana.

The doctors x-rayed his lungs and ran some blood work. They said the blood work showed that his body was responding to a virus of some kind and that the x-ray showed the beginning signs of pneumonia. They prescribed him several medicines, some for pain, some for the sore throat, some to prevent blood clots, and two more kinds that he didn't remember.

Calixto explained that the tactic in Mexico was to treat the symptoms because they had no access to vaccines at that point. He felt better after three days of taking the medicines.

At that time, early in the pandemic, COVID-19 tests were also not very accessible and so the doctors were reluctant to use them unless they had beyond a reasonable suspicion of its transmission.

Calixto was sent home to isolate and reported back to the hospital after a week to take a COVID-19 test which returned positive. He was told to return to the hospital once every three days to get blood work and lung x-rays. He was out of work for a total of six weeks but received unemployment during that time. He was isolated for three weeks, but on the fourth week, his family decided to break the isolation, which was much to his relief.

In November of 2020, Calixto began working at a different company called Connect PV, a manufacturer of photovoltaic systems, also in Poway. Upon beginning employment, he had to take a COVID-19 test which came back positive. This time, he was out of work for two weeks, but without any unemployment benefit. When he returned, the tests showed negative and he fortunately had zero symptoms during this time.

Calixto's final positive test was shortly after he got his brother a job at Connect PV in January of 2021. When his brother took the preliminary COVID-19 test as required for employment, unfortunately it returned positive. Since Calixto had been close to his brother, the company also asked him to take a test and wear a mask at work until he got the results.

Like his brother, Calixto's test results also came back positive. With this third infection, although he had developed symptoms of tachycardia, he decided not to see a doctor this time because he felt he could beat it on his own.

During this time, his parents, wife, son, and other family members also contracted

the virus. For most of them, it was like contracting a cold. Unfortunately, his aunt and cousin died not long after. The aunt was 60 and her daughter, his cousin, was only 37. He explained that the anxiety he felt when his aunt and cousin went to the hospital might have contributed to his experiencing tachycardia.

Calixto got the Pfizer vaccine as soon as it became available to his age group. While he had heard many urban legend misinformation about the vaccine's safety, he doubted them. "They have done worse things [to us], and we're still alive," he surmised.

Calixto said that the mood in Tijuana was more relaxed throughout the pandemic than in the US. While masks were worn in businesses and restaurants, life in the streets and neighborhoods continued as if there was no pandemic at all, in contrast to San Diego. Calixto credits this much to how neighborhoods are built in TJ, which include many communal and close living spaces.

Similar to Barrera, Calixto also does not use social media much and received most of his information about the vaccine from word of mouth.

Regardless of the source of information (misinformation or facts), whether from the government or experts in the US or Mexico, the deciding factor for Barrera and Calixto was the wellbeing of their family. And vaccines, despite some outstanding questions on efficacy and side effects, have shown to be a valid option for mitigating serious COVID-19 illness and enabling people to continue to support their families.

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- Day 13) May 24 Dulce NM to Bloomfield NM Total 71mi
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 - Day 21) **June 1 Rest Day/laundry and Visit a Tribal Nation**
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 - Day 23) June 3 Paulden AZ to Grand Canyon Caverns Airport
 - Day 24) June 4 Grand Canyon Caverns Airport to Edge of Golden Valley

- Day 25) **June 5 Rest Day/Laundry Davis Camp/Bull Head**
 - Day 26) June 6 Edge of Golden Valley on Hwy 68 to Arco 10,001 Harbor Ave Mohave AZ 86440- 62 miles
 - Day 27) June 7 Arco 10,001 Harbor Ave Mohave AZ 86440 to Harbour Inn 4749 AZ 95 Parker AZ 85344
 - Day 28) June 8 Harbour Inn 4749 AZ 95 Parker AZ 85344 to Ripley Ca. (Hwy 78 & 35th St.)
 - Day 29) **June 9 Rest Day/Laundry Ehrenberg AZ/Blythe, CA**
 - Day 30) June 10 Hwy 78 & 35th St (Ripley CA) to El Centro (Corner of Wilsei & Austin Rd.)
 - Day 31) June 11 El Centro (Corner of Wilsie & Austin Rd.) to S2 & Hwy 78
 - Day 32) June 12 S2 & Hwy 78 to Barona - 53.60 miles
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