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Leonard Peltier Released From 49 Years of Wrongful Incarceration

by Vanguard Administrator

Sumterville, FL – Tuesday morning, Leonard Peltier was released after spending more than 49 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. An enrolled citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Peltier will return to his tribal homelands in North Dakota.

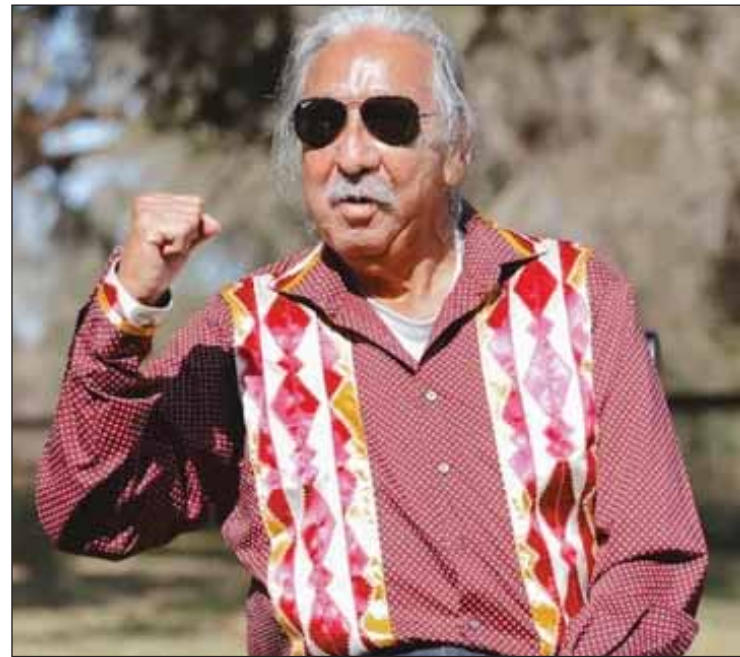
The release comes as a result of decades of advocacy and organizing efforts by NDN Collective and its partners, who have worked tirelessly to secure Peltier's freedom. In a show of solidarity, NDN Collective is facilitating Peltier's return to the Turtle Mountain community, where he will be welcomed back with open arms.

"To be free today is a profound blessing," said Peltier upon his release. "They may have imprisoned me, but

they never took my spirit! Thank you to all my supporters throughout the world who fought for my freedom. I am finally going home. I look forward to seeing my friends, my family, and my community. It's a good day today."

Nick Tilsen, Founder and CEO of NDN Collective, expressed his elation at Peltier's release, stating, "Leonard Peltier is free! He never gave up fighting for his freedom, so we never gave up fighting for him. Today, our elder Leonard Peltier walks into the open arms of his people."

Peltier's wrongful incarceration has long been viewed as a symbol of the broader oppression faced by Indigenous Peoples. Tilsen emphasized the significance of this moment, noting, "Peltier's liberation is invaluable in and of itself – yet just as his wrongful incarceration represented the oppression



Leonard Peltier release

photo by Angel White Eyes

of Indigenous Peoples everywhere, his release today is a symbol of our collective power and inherent freedom."

The advocacy for Peltier's release

gained momentum in recent years, culminating in a response from high-ranking officials. "This moment would not be happening without Secretary Deb Haaland and President Biden responding to the calls for Peltier's release that have echoed through generations of grassroots organizing," said Holly Cook Macarro, Government Affairs for NDN Collective. "Today is a testament to the many voices

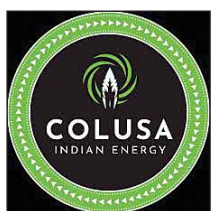
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Indigenous Captains of Industry: Colusa Indian Energy

Part Two

by David Bear-Esparza

"I want to make a revolutionary impact in energy in Indian Country before I'm done," says Ken Ahmann, Chief Operating Officer of Colusa Indian Energy.

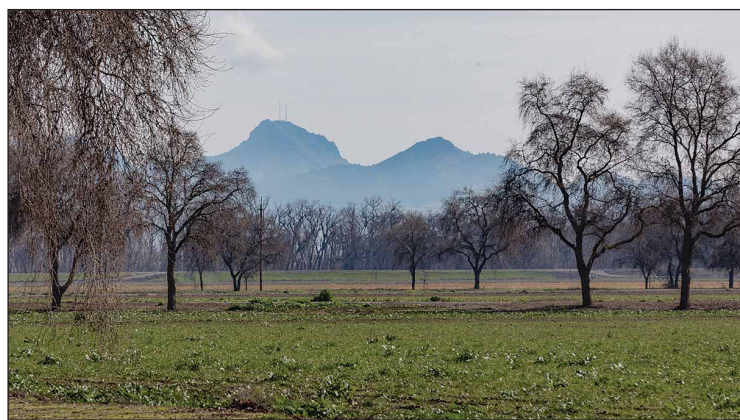


The independent power company is a Section 17 corporation, fully owned by the Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Rancheria, which is situated about an hour north of Sacramento, California.

"I have worked for the tribe for a

little over 20 years," says Ahmann. "I've spent the majority of my adult life with this one tribe. I originally showed up as a contractor working to build their original cogeneration power plant.

The reason we did that is because PG&E averaged over 50 outages per year at the reservation, which is pretty bad business, and especially for a casino. Before I came to Colusa, I had my hands in the construction, management and operation of over 50 micro-grids across the country, and this was the last one we built as that company."



Ahman says he may be a corporate executive, but he is decidedly not a capitalist. He says seeking the greatest financial gains are not what gets him out of the bed in the morning and credits the tribe's traditional ways as providing the moral and ethical backbone of the organization.

In effect, Colusa Indian Energy uses

profits from doing business with more financially well-off tribes to subsidize build outs on the reservations of tribes lacking the same kind of monetary largess. Once the power grids are built and installed, and tribal members are trained to operate and maintain them, no further monetary contractual obligation with Colusa is required.

To be sure, company policy, practices, and culture might read like an aspirational, more altruistic way of doing business. But Colusa Indian Energy's laudable ethical standards are not merely goals for some far-off future. This is how the tribe has conducted its operations since day one.

If you read part one of the Colusa Indian Energy story in our March issue, you might be inclined to think the indigenous energy revolution Ahmann

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Paloma Aguirre Serves as Mayor-at-large for the City of Imperial Beach

Paloma Aguirre is a first-generation Mexican American. She was born in San Francisco, CA and lived there until she was eight years old. Her family then moved to Mexico where she spent the rest of her formative years.

In 2001, she moved back to the U.S. in pursuit of a college degree and competitive bodyboarding. Upon arrival, she first surfed Imperial Beach and immediately fell in love with its people and its waves. Mayor Aguirre went on to compete in bodyboarding competitions, both locally and regionally. On occasion, she found herself competing in the men's category where she is known to have won a trophy or two.

After putting herself through college, she graduated from the University of San

Diego (USD) with a B.A. in Psychology. She later earned a certificate in Nonprofit Management from Brandman University and obtained a Master of Advanced Studies in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) in 2015.

Early in her career, Mayor Aguirre worked as a social-justice community organizer in South San Diego, helping low-income families address immigration, foreclosure, and predatory lending issues. Later, she joined WILD Coast, a formerly Imperial Beach-based coastal and marine conservation non-profit where she worked for over 10 years. Aguirre's primary focus was fighting cross-border pollution of the Tijuana River Valley that directly impacts

the coastal region of the San Diego-Tijuana border region, including Imperial Beach. Her bilingual and bicultural lived experience allows her to be a leading advocate in the fight against sewage pollution.

In 2014, Aguirre was named Woman of the Year for her outstanding leadership in environmental conservation and for her work restoring the Tijuana River Valley. In 2016, she was selected for the prestigious NOAA Sea Grant Knauss fellowship in Washington D.C. where she worked for U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ). Aguirre assisted him in drafting and passing bills



to reduce trash in our oceans and improve math and science skills in minorities. In 2018, she was elected as the City's first Latina Councilmember for the City of Imperial Beach.

Mayor Aguirre represents the City of Imperial Beach on the San Diego Community Power Board of Directors, and as alternate on the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Board. She also serves as Speaker Anthony Rendon's San Diego Coast appointee on the California Coastal Commission, and as Governor Newsom's appointee to the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, an independent federal advisory committee, which advises the President and Congress of the United States on good neighbor practices along the U.S. border with Mexico.

In her spare time, Mayor Aguirre enjoys bodyboarding and spending time with her husband and two dogs Dante and Dasha.

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speaks of has already begun. And if you've been paying attention to U.S. economic policy news, you may have heard the tariffs on imported goods are allegedly part of a plan to bring manufacturing back to the U.S.

The challenge to that notion, however, is the fact that the re-shoring of



conventional manufacturing to the United States will take years, not weeks or months to develop.

Presently, the tech sector in the U.S. remains strong and globally competitive. Unlike the manufacturing of hard goods, technological productivity does not depend on extensive build outs of physical, non-energy-related infrastructure.

Instead, as Ahmann says, "Development in the tech sector is energy intensive. I view tribes as the obvious next-step-collaborators with state and federal governments as far as energy planning. For instance, if you want to build a data center today in PG&E territory, it will likely take 7 to 10 years for them to give you that power. The grid is on the brink of collapse nationwide, and a lot of this is because we're leaning on a century-old-model that needs to be broken."

Indeed, there isn't anything like a single, grand, interconnected power grid in the present-day United States. According to the sustainable-energy-focused nonprofit, Rocky Mountain Institute: "The U.S.

power grid is, in fact, highly fragmented and consists of not one, but three different sections. These are called the Eastern, Western, and ERCOT interconnections — three separate power grids that are almost completely isolated from one another, electrically speaking."

Moreover, at a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) conference held in October of 2022, Aaron Bloom, Executive Director of NextEra Energy Transmission, flatly stated: "The United States is the only macro grid in the world that doesn't have a plan of any type."

Instead of waiting for further catastrophic grid failures, or for FERC to develop a comprehensive and herculean restructuring effort, perhaps Colusa Indian Energy and its various partners, hold a more practical and realistic perspective.

"I'm a huge proponent of public power, of municipal utility districts. I want tribal utility authorities to be viewed the same as a municipal utility like a SMUD [Sacramento Municipal Utility District], Roseville Electric, or Redding Electric, so that the tribes can not only take their own energy futures in their hands, and not just for their own reservations but also for adjacent communities too," says Ahmann.

"Those adjacent communities have a lot of difficulties and red tape to overcome. That, to me, is a very long-term strategic goal, you know? How do we get policy makers to view tribal utility authorities as collaborators?"

According to Ahman, when the Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Rancheria decided to cut the cord to PG&E, the company made it clear it was not interested in giving up any territory to any client. But that has not, thus far, proven to be the standard operating procedure of every other energy supplier.

As Ahman explains, "Often times, we will interface with co-ops or with municipal utilities or whatever who already have good relationships with tribal communities and they will tell us they have been losing money for years. Please

take this over."

The very idea that any company, which provides something as needfully essential as energy and is demonstrably failing at it, should decline help from an enthusiastic and more capable entity is extremely questionable at best.

"It's exploded with interest," says Ahmann. "We're two years old, and we are in development with 60 tribes. We've been picked up by some non-tribal governments as well. Some big corporations and farmers too. It's just

crazy."

"We've had to scale this thing much faster than we wanted to, but we are trying to meet the demands of Indian Country. What we are doing here is not just brutal capitalism. We are engaging in tribe-to-tribe business."

The reality of indigenous peoples boldly charging forward in this way and at this time when their services are so desperately needed is, in itself, an electromagnetic vision quest come to fruition.



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Indian Voices Welcomes Paul Langston - A Wapponogh Citizen And Historian

Mr. Langston will be sharing his historical observations about the Black/Indian connection at the foundation of Colonial America.

My name is Paul Langston. I appreciate you taking the time to hear about my families Black Native American history today. My family's Native history begins with Wampanoag Indian Sachem (Chief) named Cawnecome, in Massachusetts. He was called the Sachem of Manomet (Black Pond or, Herring pond tribe), which Plymouth was called prior to the arrival of the English in 1620. He was sort of holding the title for his nephew. He was one of the original 9 Native Sachem signatories to sign Massasoit's treaty of peace or submission with the

English that became known as the Pilgrims. Cawnecome was subsequently killed in 1623. At that time his nephew Quachatasett, our direct ancestor, became the Sachem on Manomet. Manomet extended for around Plymouth south to approximately Barnstable, Sandwich on now Cape Cod. He and his son Kusepett, AKA: Sepit (Cepit), are on many land deed negotiations. One being the giving of land to the South Sea Indians for their use forever. That Native American Indian Land is now called Mashpee. Upon the death of Quachatasett, his son was recognized as Sachem of Manomet. My great grandmothers great-great-great grandmother was the last of the Sepits in our family.
(To be continued in May issue)

Law Students Sue to Oppose Trump Administration's Ongoing Assault on Legal Profession

Suit Alleges EEOC is Operating Without Authority, Improperly Weaponizing Civil Rights Laws to Attack Legal Profession

Washington, D.C. – A group of law students responding to the Trump administration's ongoing assault on the legal profession and attempt to turn civil rights laws on their head has filed a new lawsuit, which asks a federal court to stop the handover of sensitive personal data for attorneys who work or applied to work at 20 law firms currently being targeted by the Trump administration. The suit, Doe 1 et. al. v. EEOC, was filed by Democracy Forward in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Following President Trump's Executive Order on March 6 targeting the law firm of Perkins Coie and directing the head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to review practices at large, influential, industry-leading law firms that have attempted to ensure their talent pools are truly reflective of the profession, on March 17, 2025, acting head of the EEOC Andrea Lucas sent letters to 20 law firms, demanding that the firms hand over detailed personal information about their applicants and employees, dating back 6-10 years. The letters are part of an administration-wide effort instituted by President Trump to threaten law firms as a way of preventing them from challenging the current administration. "The President's ongoing assault on the legal profession threatens core pillars of our democracy," said Skye Perryman,

President and CEO of Democracy Forward. "After weeks of unlawful targeting and bullying law firms and members of the judiciary, the Trump administration is now weaponizing the EEOC to target the next generation of attorneys. Thanks to brave clients like the law students we are representing in this case and our attorneys and staff at Democracy Forward, this administration's lawlessness will continue to be challenged at every opportunity in order to protect people from their harmful agenda." The sensitive data demanded by Lucas as part of her unlawful investigation includes law students' names, sex, race, contact information, academic performance, compensation, participation in affinity groups, and numerous details about their employment history. The students affected by this breach of privacy are asking that the Court declare acting chair Lucas' investigation unlawful, stop her from taking any further action to obtain employee information from the law firms without following the proper statutory processes, and finally to order the EEOC to destroy any data that they have collected to date. The Trump administration has engaged in an assault on law firms and the judiciary as an increasing number of judges have ruled against their lawless behavior. Earlier this month, Democracy Forward organized thousands of lawyers to send a letter to U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi, urging her to reject political attacks on attorneys and law firms. The letter represented a broad coalition of legal professionals from conservatives to progressives, united in concern that recent attacks—many stemming from the Project 2025 playbook—are part of an effort to scare people from exercising their right to access the justice system. Democracy Forward is a national legal organization that advances democracy and social progress through litigation, policy, public education, and regulatory engagement. For more information, please visit www.democracyforward.org.

Freedom Still Rings

by Liz Colvin

The high spirits of the Hands Off rally in Austin, Texas was filled with cheers and interesting signs. I took lots of photos and walked the grounds of the south side of the Texas Capitol. The crowd was larger than expected with roughly 7-10k in attendance. US Senator Lloyd Doggett



Writer Liz Colvin (l) participated in the Hands Off Rally in Austin, TX. gave a memorable speech which fostered others to speak about important social issues, e.g., Social Security. While meandering my camera and sign through the congested aisles an older Caucasian female touched my shoulder, "Aren't you afraid of being here?" she asked. As a Black woman, I stopped in my tracks while her shocked companion removed his glasses awaiting an answer. "Too many people died for me not to here. I'm here to fight for those who can't fight for

themselves. I'm not afraid." After my reply, they smiled and admired my response. I walked away proud to represent my BIPOC community. Thinking of all the voices of the past from Sojourner Truth, Robert J. Conley, James Baldwin, and Nikki Giovanni; they all fought hard to be heard. We now have fresh, inspiring voices of KB Brookins, Margo Tamez, and Todd Brady de Garcia to name a few. Their voices are captivating the world with rhythmic flows of cadence while birthing a sonic boom of freedom. April is National Poetry Month, and below is a poem from Todd Brady de Garica:
-blind choreography-
What you believe
Could be
What I believe and we would
Have never known that
About each other because
You and I are
Two people to be kept locked
Into being kept apart,
Rather than standing right
Next to each other, and,
Even then, someone
Who we don't even know, currently
Makes tons of hate money,
Making sure that
People like you and I
Are kept in our own corners,
Not talking with each other, at best,
Friendship a maybe, maybe not.
- Todd Brady de Garcia

His words are meant to fortify our uniqueness as people, while expressing what is occurring around us. There's nothing wrong with acknowledging both. Freedom still rings.
Source: With Permission: The Three of Everything. Self-published, tbdg@toddmanners, 2024. de Garcia, Brady Todd. "blind choreography," page 13.

Tiyospaye and the Red Bear Trejos of Pine Ridge

by Kevin Thompson

I am, or was, part of Lupe and Melda Trejo's Lakota tiyospaye (tee-YOSH-pay-ay) or kinship circle. A Lakota person described the tiyospaye as several family tipis arranged in a literal circle around a common fire.

The central tiyospaye surrounded the annual Sun Dance held on Red Bear land on Pine Ridge, South Dakota. There were "satellite" tiyospaye, established by committed Sun Dancers, who returned to other parts of North America and established sweat lodge communities. This was the larger tiyospaye.

I am Creek, not Lakota, and it was one of the outer tiyospaye I connected with, via my hometown Unitarian Fellowship, my friend Jim Holley who ran a sweat lodge and was an adopted brother to Lupe Trejo, who was part of the Red Bear tiyospaye in South Dakota.

Being part of this circle still ripples through my life. The people I met there opened up new paths for me, including a literal marriage and the enlargement of my family. It even led me to the Baptist church and indirectly to my work with *Indian Voices* (but that's several other stories).

Melda Red Bear Trejo lives on in the memory of all who knew her. Christian missionaries made pilgrimages to meet her. She and her husband, Lupe Trejo, established their Sun Dance sometime in the early 1990s before his departure from this life in the late 1990s.

Lupe himself, of Mexican/Aztek origin, had once aspired to become a Catholic priest. After forty-something years of marriage, fatherhood, and farmwork, he became a spiritual community leader of a different kind, leading Sun Dances. However, he still considered himself Catholic throughout his life, and Melda considered herself to be a Christian, despite their open practice of Lakota tradition.

Sun Dance was held on Down East, the Red Bear homestead in Pine Ridge. I served as Firekeeper, picked by Lupe himself for the task. I experienced the most intense of prayer times. I carry that intensity with me when I engage in Christian prayer.

Larissa Petrillo is a Canadian academic who met the Trejos through a couple I had met at the Trejos in the early 1990s. She established a relationship with Melda and Lupe and collaborated on a book, *Being Lakota*, mostly about Melda but with substantial input from Lupe, who died before its completion.

Petrillo and Melda portray a much more detailed description of Lakota life than I could ever hope to produce, and I recommend *Being Lakota* for insight into Lakota life in the late 20th century. However, the book validated my memory because, everything that Lupe told me about his life, he also told to Petrillo. My skills as an oral historian were intact.

Melda and Lupe had several sons my age. There are some stories there, for sure. Lupe liked me and expected me to listen, which I did. I always listen to stories from my elders. Melda's brother, either Solomon Red Bear, Jr. (or was it Albert?) was pleased at my presence at prayer and stated that he was happy to see all races of people, "white and colored," in attendance. He even offered to introduce me to some local women who "have land" (half-jokingly) to entice me into staying on the Rez.

I had only one brief one-on-one conversation with Melda. When I told her I was in grad school to become a teacher (she must have asked me, because I would not have announced it), she said I should apply for a teaching position at the local school "because they need good teachers."

In the final shot of the 1992 movie *Thunderheart*, the Val Kilmer (RIP this very week) character pauses at the exit of the Rez, shocked at how different the non-Indian world feels to him after his spiritual transformation on the Rez. That's how leaving Pine Ridge felt for me, too.

I wanted a few days to contemplate all this, but alas, it was not to be. After 20 hours of driving, I arrived home on a Wednesday morning and a temp agency called me to do an interview. The next day, I was on the factory floor, back on the grind. Wakan Tanka, or God, had work for me to do.

But the human connections I made in my local sweat lodge, and those I made at Sun Dance, continued to enrich my life. My reconnection with my own estranged Midwest relatives comes out of my time in the tiyospaye.

My marriage, in-laws, and youngest children come from that time.

For more, read:

Laura Petrillo, *Melda Red Bear Trejo and Lupe Trejo, "Being Lakota: Identity and Tradition on Pine Ridge Reservation," Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, 2007*

Massive Crowds Everywhere! And Everywhere You Look, You Will See The True Leaders of This Next Revolution

by Michael Moore
(excerpt)

Good lord! Do you know what you all did on April 5? Tens and tens of thousands of us in the streets in every major city across the nation. Check this out — these are the

scenes in the Twin Cities in Minnesota, in NYC and LA and Boston, in Philly and Chicago and Seattle, in Lansing, Michigan and Houston, Texas and Palm Beach, Florida and Atlanta, Georgia and Columbia, South Carolina, and in Washington, D.C. ... This is America.

And that's just a teeny tiny taste of what happened EVERYWHERE yesterday. There were thousands in Detroit and Buffalo and Cleveland and Dallas and Austin and Tulsa and St. Louis and Milwaukee and beyond. And it wasn't just the metropolitan areas — all day I was getting photos and emails and texts from all over the country... over a thousand in Traverse City. Massive crowds in



Cincinnati and Pasadena and Lexington and Missoula and Des Moines and... you get the picture because YOU were there in each of these places and far beyond. People in over 2,000 cities and towns and villages all across this country took part. And THIS is just the beginning. We are only just getting started.

You are not alone. We are not alone. There are more of us than there are of them. Build your communities. Find your people. Organize, Organize, Organize. And fight back. In little ways and big ways. This is the French Resistance. This is up to us.

Yours, Michael Moore, Filmmaker and Citizen

The Massachusetts Language

The Massachusetts language is an Algonquian language of the Algic language family that was formerly spoken by several peoples of eastern coastal and southeastern Massachusetts. In its revived form, it is spoken in four Wampanoag communities. The language is also known as Natick or Wôpanâak (Wampanoag), and historically as Pokanoket, Indian or Nonantum.

The language is most notable for its community of literate Native Americans and for the number of translations of religious texts into the language. John Eliot's translation of the Christian Bible in 1663 using the Natick dialect, known as Mamusse Wunneetupanatamwe Up-Biblum God, was the first printed in the Americas, the first Bible translated by a non-native speaker, and one of the earliest examples of a Bible translation into a previously unwritten language. Literate Native American ministers and teachers taught literacy to the elites and other members of their communities, influencing a widespread acceptance. This is attested in the numerous court petitions, church records, praying town administrative records, notes on book

margins, personal letters, and widespread distribution of other translations of religious tracts throughout the colonial period.

The dialects of the language were formerly spoken by several peoples of southern New England, including all the coastal and insular areas of eastern Massachusetts, as well as southeastern New Hampshire, the southernmost tip of Maine and eastern Rhode Island, and it was also a common second or third language across most of New England and portions of Long Island. The use of the language in the intertribal communities of Christian converts, called praying towns, resulted in its adoption by some groups of Nipmuc and Pennacook.

The revitalization of the language began in 1993 when Jessie Little Doe Baird (Mashpee Wampanoag) launched the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP). It has successfully reintroduced the revived Wampanoag dialect to the Mashpee, Aquinnah, Assonet, and Herring Pond communities of the Wampanoag of Cape Cod and the Islands, with a handful of children who are growing up as the first native speakers in more than a century.

TYRANNY (noun)

Government by a ruler or small group of people who have unlimited power over the people in their country or state and use it unfairly and cruelly

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INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES



by Vincent McCarthy: mvc16@aol.com

‘Ehaa Tellekukp – Finding Traces of Shared Yuman History in Arizona (‘Iipay Aa)



On a recent roadtrip to northern Arizona, I found myself in what I thought was a dramatically different landscape from my southern California home, only to stumble upon similarity after similarity. Most striking was when, while visiting historical monuments at the border of Yavapai territory, I learned that the Yavapai word for “water” is “a-ha”, and the word for “rock” is “wi”—Almost identical to their Kumeyaay equivalents, “ehaa” and “wii”. I was hardly surprised, knowing these languages belong to the Yuman language family, but seeing their connection in person still brought a sense of amazement at how the same words could carry so far and for so long. The Kumeyaay and Yavapai languages of today are part of a greater history of Yuman peoples scattered across the Southwest. The oral histories that survive tell of migration, interaction, and separation, but the details of language divergence and the stories of countless individuals who lived and thrived on this terrain have unfortunately not been documented as in other parts of the globe. That leaves, however, plenty of room for indigenous people of today to create a body of indigenous language literature that can educate and inspire generations to come. If you have a story to tell or a message to share, I hope you take this opportunity.

Pily chiipam, nya’talych ‘emat wehaym ewuuwhlly war. ‘Ewaa kwenyur kwa’stik ‘ehin, Cottonwood wiich chuuhiiim chehepils, Arisoon ketuullvi yaqs. Puum waahlly war. ‘Enyaach pweebl peyaa ‘emat uumallvi ewuuwch ‘akekwiis, “Uuch puy ‘ema’wipha?” Nurh umaaws. Pes ‘ematvech Sedona helyepaym ‘ewuuwch ‘iis, “Hoo, mu’yuum umaawa?” Nyaapum ‘enaas, kunuwvu ‘echaayihch ‘uunyaa kway’kuu chephuukm ‘enyaakm ‘enaams. Matetayvu ‘enehekaych ‘emtaar ‘enekehaps. Mes-haraay kunkun ‘enepekwilli, Kuchaan Kukupaa nyechemaat nya’enepekwillych nyaapum Yumavi ‘epechhuukwiipch ‘esan ekwach ta’urpem ‘esuws.

Pily Kalifoorn ‘echaamch ‘emat ‘ehini ‘enekhaps. ‘Enyaaklly kuuyum nyamaam,

matetay uuhurm mehekay. Matetay peyapch werraaw: ‘ekwiych nyii chehwaarh umaaw. Nyuk matekun yiirvi, hahpaa kwa’maay ‘ewups, Sandyeeegvi ‘enychewiich umaaw. Nyata’naach Gila Bend ‘enehekays, nyaapum Phoenix ‘enekemichech puy ketuull ‘eneyumch ‘enaam. Phoenix ketuullvi, yuuhuy nya’hwin rewiiis, ‘emat llapellap. Nyaapum matetaych ‘ichekwiis. ‘Enyaa tuukaa mu’yum nyapekwillym ‘epechhuukwiip stikm ‘enakch. ‘Epechhuukwiipvi ‘emtaar nyaapum matetay kway’kuu ‘ewups. ‘Um ‘estikm nyaapum helyepaym ‘ewuuws. ‘Ily kwa’stik ‘ehin tewaam ‘ewuuwhlly ‘ar; purp, pes ‘uuyaawvu rewiiis. Helyepay ‘eyiwch ‘ewuuwch ‘apesiiw: ‘ehwapches. ‘Enurh ‘emaaws ‘ehwapch Arisoonvi hemiiiv. Iinuypvk ‘emat peyaach purpch apesiwh umaaw, ‘iichachvu, ‘uuchuch nyuk ‘enurvu peyii ‘echehepillh.

‘Iiwaarm nyatenaym ‘emtaar ‘ehin ‘enekemich, puu etuy Cottonwood yaqs. ‘Ewaa kwenyur peyaa chehich weyuuw halampuulaamp hemiiy puy kunyewayvek. ‘Iipayvech ‘emat ‘ehin nyechewiich chehich nya’hwin nyewich: Ha’a, kewaakvi, ‘Epenyaay nyematvi (Tiipay Aam halampuulaamp “ha’a” wiich chuuhii). ‘Emat hewaki halampuulaamp ‘ehmiiych hetemiis. ‘Ily peyaach nyumvey ‘ehaa helyepay hemiis, ‘ehmiiym wesiich. ‘Iipay nyematvi ‘ehaach ‘estik perewiis, puknaach halampuulaampvech ‘elyemis, ‘ehmiiyh umaaw. Peyii, ‘emat ‘ewuuwvi, ‘ehaach wenuwch matwaam wehapm halampuulaampvech ‘ichekwii hetemiiches.

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JOURNALIST’S NETWORK

San Diego Documenters Program

The San Diego Documenters program has achieved quite a bit since we started back in 2024!

- Trained a total of 302 Documenters, of which, 128 were students, 184 were BIPOC, and 182 were women and nonbinary.
 - Attended more than 218 public meetings.
 - Administered more than 61 public training workshops in English and Spanish.
 - Published over 67 news stories, briefs, recaps, and perspective pieces.
- We are hyperfocusing our Documenters

program on South Bay to support inewsources initiative called “Amplify South Bay.” We will expand to the rest of the county as funds become more available.

We are pausing our bilingual Spanish programming. We need more staff capacity to ensure that we are best serving our Spanish-speaking communities.

News coordination is going to be handled by our editorial team at inewsources. This will free up my and Isaac’s time to focus on deeper engagement with the community and other special Documenter projects.

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Community Journalism

A community journalism collective is a group of individuals, organizations, or news outlets that work together to provide local news and information to a specific community. These collectives aim to strengthen local journalism by collaborating on reporting, expanding news distribution, and helping journalists do their most impactful work. They often focus on underreported stories, engage with the community to understand their needs, and prioritize building trust.

Key aspects of community journalism collectives:

Collaboration: They often involve a variety of actors, including local journalists, community leaders, and other media organizations.

Focus on Local Issues: They prioritize stories that are relevant to the specific

community they serve.

Community Engagement: They actively engage with the community to understand their needs and priorities, ensuring that the news they produce reflects those needs.

Building Trust: They prioritize building trust with the community by being transparent, visible, relevant, and fair in their reporting.

Supporting Local Journalism: They play a vital role in supporting the survival and growth of local news organizations, particularly in the face of declining newsroom resources.

Examples: The Central Valley Journalism Collaborative, the Listening Post Collective, and the KC Media Collective are examples of community journalism collectives, each with its own unique approach and focus.

KUMEYAAY

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A Discussion about Reparations

by Windy Goodloe, secretary,
Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery Association

Over ten years ago, on May 21, 2014, Ta-Nehisi Coates' article "The Case for Reparations" was published in The Atlantic. Coates wrote about the need for America to "reckon with our compounding moral debts." More than a decade after this impassioned article sparked a debate about reparations, it is still a hot topic.

Belinda Royall was the first recorded case of a person receiving reparations for slavery in the United States, in the form of a pension. Ms. Royall, who was also known as Belinda Sutton, was born around 1713 in West Africa, in what is now present-day Ghana. She was enslaved by the Royall family in Medford, Massachusetts. When her owner Isaac Royall Jr. escaped to Nova Scotia at the beginning of the American Revolution, he left her behind. In his will, however, he left unique wishes for Belinda. He gave her the option of freedom. He also stated that she should be provided with security so that she may not become a charge in the town of

Medford. Further, if she didn't accept the offer of freedom, she was to be bequeathed to his daughter Mary Erving. Belinda was the only one among the people Royall enslaved who was emancipated.

In February 1783, Belinda petitioned the Massachusetts General Court. She requested a pension from the proceeds of

The Negros Mascogos are a group of Black Seminoles who fled the United States, particularly Indian Territory, in 1850, in order to escape slavery. They found refuge in Mexico, but have always longed to be recognized as American citizens. So reparations for the Negros Mascogos would be dual citizenship. And it's not like they are asking for anything



her enslaver's estate. She was awarded an annual pension of fifteen pounds and twelve shillings.

However, following Belinda Royall's successful petition, no other federal reparations bills have been passed.

When most people think about reparations, the first thing that comes to mind is money, but reparations can take many forms. One thing that Coates stressed in his article was the importance of the people seeking reparations being able to say and define what form those reparations would come in.

I recently sat in on a webinar titled the "Fourth Session Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, International Civil Society Work Group – Reparations Panel" that was sponsored by the UN. I found out about this webinar through Daniel Stern, who spoke about diasporic perspectives on reparations during the meeting. He spoke on behalf of the Black Seminoles/Negros Mascogos in Mexico.

that is impossible because their neighbors, the Kickapoo, have received this benefit. Dual citizenship would allow the Negros Mascogos to come into the states for work, to visit family, and to contribute positively to their economy.

This quest for reparations is interesting on many levels. There are times when the fight is loud, in the form of protests. There are times when it is quiet, in the form of speaking to one or a few individuals about it, getting people to understand and possibly change their minds. There are people who have been advocating for reparations for decades. As with most changes, this will continue to be a long process. It takes time for hearts and minds to change. It takes time to elect politicians who see the importance of reparative justice. But there are many people who have been fighting this fight for an incredibly long time, and they have no interest in giving up anytime soon

*If there is no struggle, there is no progress.
Those who profess to favor freedom, and deprecate agitation,
are men who want crops without plowing up the ground,
they want rain without thunder and lightning.*

– Frederick Douglass, abolitionist, former slave

Leonard Peltier

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who fought tirelessly for Peltier's freedom and justice."

In celebration of his return, NDN Collective is hosting a community event and feed Wednesday to honor Peltier and welcome him back to his homeland. This gathering will serve not only as a celebration of Peltier's freedom but also as a reaffirmation of the strength and resilience of Indigenous communities in the face of adversity.

As Leonard Peltier steps into this new chapter of his life, his story serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of justice, advocacy, and the enduring spirit of those who fight for freedom.

by Davis Vanguard



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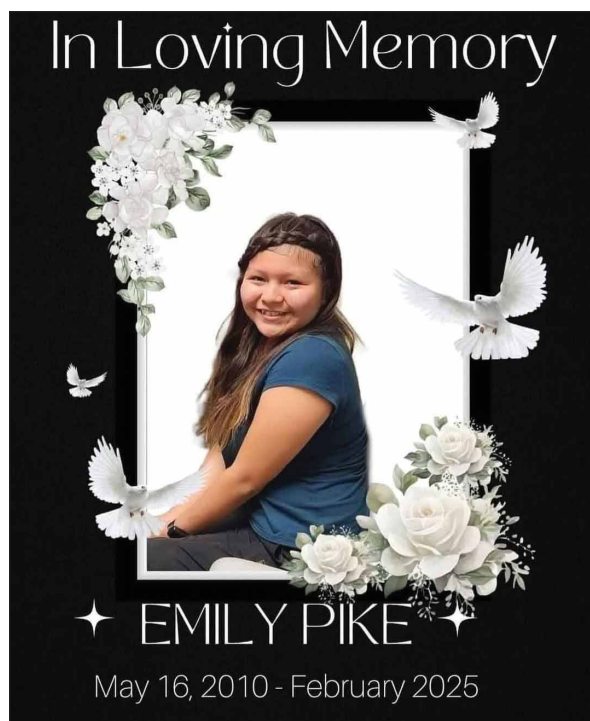
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a large mural that can be seen from the Bashas' grocery store. This is in memorial of Emily.

Myron Star, an artist from San Carlos, Apache tribe. He learned of Emily's love for art. Which was the inspiration to create the mural painted on the water tower, in Peridot, Az.

As Native Americans, we hold the world, the people, all colors of the medicine wheel deep in our soul. Not just, "Native", but that's the Indi- genous way of mankind.

Darlene Bravo, a Hualapai Tribal member of the Hualapai tribe, in Peach Springs Arizona. Was one of many supporters of Little Emily's tragedy. As I spoke with "Bingy", as her friends and family call her. Bingy, shared her experience with the foster care

resource program. Which was the inspiration to travel to the capitol building located in Phoenix Arizona. Along with fellow tribal members. To contribute their "Voice", in supporting the MMIW movement.

There is a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who is guilty of taking Emily's life.

"The San Carlos Apache Tribe put forth the \$75,000 reward, hoping for any information that will lead to an arrest in this case.

If you know anything about Emily's death, you can call the Gila County Sheriff's Office at 928-200-2352, Bureau of Indian Affairs at 505-917-7830, or San Carlos Apache Tribal Police at 928-475-1755."



Darlene Bravo (Red Hand Print)



Photos: Darlene Bravo

On January 27, 2025-Emily Pike, a 14 year old Apache child was found- " Her case is unresolved. Just like many other missing and murdered indigenous women. Today, many tribal members throughout tribal communities in the United States, are working to make sure there is justice in her case".

"Our hearts, heavenly, weigh on our shoulders", because of this tragedy. The positive thing about this situation is that the "People", are uniting as one. Praying, singing and paying homage to our little angel.

Emily, who is a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. She went missing in January, from Mesa Arizona. Her remains were found on February fourteenth outside of Globe, Az. In a remote area off of the U.S, Route 60.

On a large water tank that can be seen off the U.S. Route 70 In Peridot Az. There is

"The woman is the foundation on which Nations are built. She is the heart of her Nation. If that heart is weak, the people are weak. If her heart is strong and her mind is clear, then the Nation is strong and knows its purpose."

– By Ojibwe Elder Art Soloman



NETWORKING



VETERAN NEWS

OUTREACH

In collaboration with Jerry Ashton

Upcoming Veteran Debt Summit - Media Will Make The Difference

If you haven't heard from me recently, it's because I've been busy constructing the first-ever Veteran Debt Summit, which will take place June 4-5-6 In New Orleans, LA, in concert with the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the WWII Museum.

If you remember my history, I co-founded the charity RIP Medical Debt (since rebranded Undue Medical Debt), which to date has gained national attention by:

- Abolishing over \$30B (yes, Billion!) in April alone in medical debt for millions of Americans on top of the \$15B already forgiven from 2014 to January 1, 2025.
- Our Executive Director, Allisson Sesso, has been named one of the 100 Most Influential People in 2025 by Time Magazine.

Can my newest endeavor, launching

the 501(c)(3) charity End Veteran Debt, make a similar impact by removing debt – all forms of debt – from the backs of our Veterans?

A lot of people and organizations who want that answer to be YES will be attending this summit. Most of all, members of the media will be welcomed, not just to cover the event but to serve as speakers, panelists, and attendees. Give me a call or drop me a line, and I'll tell you why.

Veterans are more vulnerable than ever, more likely than ever, to need help.

Jerry Ashton

*Founder, End Veteran Debt
Co-Founder, RIP Medical Debt
Campaign Director, Veteran Mission Possible
Campaign Director, End Veteran Medical Debt
Member, Military Veterans in Journalism
USN Journalist (JO2), 1955-1959*

Separation of Powers

The separation of powers is a fundamental principle in many constitutional governments, dividing governmental authority into distinct branches to prevent any one branch from becoming too powerful. This division typically includes the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, each with its own specific functions and powers.

Purpose:

The separation of powers aims to prevent tyranny and abuse of power by ensuring that no single branch can exercise all functions of government.

Key Branches:

Legislative: This branch makes laws, typically represented by a parliament or congress.

Executive: This branch enforces laws, often headed by a president or prime

minister.

Judicial: This branch interprets laws and resolves disputes, often including a court system.

Checks and Balances:

The separation of powers is often accompanied by a system of checks and balances, where each branch has the power to limit the actions of the other branches. For example, the legislative branch can impeach and remove the executive branch, while the judicial branch can review the laws passed by the legislative branch.

Historical Influence:

The concept of separation of powers has roots in the writings of philosophers like Montesquieu, who advocated for dividing government power into distinct branches.

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Rise Together as One: WorldBeat Center's 33rd Earth Day Celebration

**Sunday, April 20th | 12 PM - 7 PM |
Healing Garden opens at 11 AM
Free Event | RSVP Encouraged**

by Makeda Cheatom

This Earth Day, as we embrace the season of renewal and rebirth, we invite the community to "rise together as one" in unity, healing, and action. Just as nature awakens in spring, we have the opportunity to rise up and make a collective stand for change.

Our planet, our food, and our health are threatened by the impact of conventional living—but the power to create change lies in our collective hands. WorldBeat Center's Earth Day Celebration is a free, family-friendly gathering that highlights cultural expression, environmental education, and holistic wellness.

Live performances include home-grown, Big Mountain, Quinto Sol, Empress Akua, Mara Sulu with Revival, Maka Roots and Soulplant. These artists embody the spirit of San Diego's Reggae Roots. Big Mountain was presented by WorldBeat Center from its early years before going international.

Guest speakers include professor and love advocate Starla Lewis speaking on "Mother Earth". In addition Dr. Derah will be speaking on health and wellness and the importance of cleaning out the body during this change of season.

Cultural Showcases will feature:

- Japanese Taiko Drumming by San Diego Taiko
- Hip Hop Dance by Junkyard Dance Crew
- West African Drum and Dance by

Nana

- Afro-Cuban Percussion by Juan Sanchez and Ensemble
- Brazilian Samba by Super Sonic Samba

• Native American Blessing and Drumming by Tim Red Bird and the Red Warriors

- Earth Poetry by Jonnierenee Nia Nelson

The Ethnobotany Sanctuary Garden and our Climate Action Corp fellows will offer a range of enriching activities for all ages. Participate in a Community Seed Swap to share and collect heirloom varieties, or take a Guided Garden Tour to learn about the plants that thrive in our sustainable garden. You can also deepen your connection to nature through Compost Workshops, gaining valuable insights into organic gardening practices. For a more meditative experience, join Plant Spirit Meditation and Tea Tasting with herbalist Cindy Saylor, starting at 11 AM inside WorldBeat's Sanctuary Garden. Local wellness practitioners will also offer Healing Modalities, helping you relax and recharge. Children can enjoy earth friendly Art and Craft Activities, while adults browse the Garden Plant Sale, featuring a selection of heirloom and medicinal plants perfect for nurturing your own garden at home.

Indulge in delicious, plant-based meals at our all-vegetarian food court, offering a variety of nutritious options for all tastes. Alongside, explore wellness and multicultural vendors showcasing eco-conscious products, from sustainable goods to wellness essentials.

Browse through our earth-friendly informational booths, where you'll find valuable resources on environmental sustainability, health, and community-focused initiatives.

This year's Earth Day Celebration is a moment for healing, reflection, and action. Together, we will rise as one for the planet, our communities, and future generations. Whether you're a lover of music, culture, or nature, there's something for everyone at this vibrant, life-affirming event.

Join us at WorldBeat Center on Sunday, April 20th to celebrate the earth, our cultural heritage, and our shared commitment to a better world. We look forward to rising together with you.

33rd Annual Together We Rise Earth Day Celebration

Sunday April 20th 420 **12pm-7pm Free RSVP**

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WORLD BEAT CENTER

A Call for Action for the Crisis in Sudan

by Makeda Cheatom

As the world stands by, Sudan is experiencing a humanitarian catastrophe of staggering proportions. The ongoing conflict, primarily fueled by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and allied militias, has erupted into what can only be described as a genocide. Thousands of civilians have been massacred, and millions more have been forced from their homes, seeking refuge from violence that seems unending.

This is not a distant tragedy — it is a collective human failure, one that demands our urgent attention and action. As a descendant of Africa and a proud advocate for justice, I find myself compelled to speak out and share the suffering of the Sudanese people. In

Darfur the scars of war are visible, not just in the land but in the hearts of those who have lost everything: families, homes, and even hope.

Sudan's displacement crisis is one of the largest in the world today, with over 14 million people affected by the ongoing violence. Whole communities have been torn apart, and children are growing up in makeshift refugee camps, devoid of the basic necessities that allow life to flourish. These are not just numbers—they are mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters whose lives have been irrevocably changed. Yet, despite the scale of this crisis, the international community remains eerily silent, its response inadequate and fragmented. In my years of advocacy, I have seen

how vital it is for communities to come together, to heal, and to find strength in solidarity. We cannot allow the silence to continue. It is time for global consciousness to awaken. We must support organizations that are on the ground offering aid.

But beyond just providing food and shelter, we must offer something deeper: dignity. We must ensure that those displaced have access to education, healthcare, and resources that allow them to rebuild their lives with hope. It is not enough to respond with temporary relief; we must support long-term solutions that empower the people of Sudan to restore their culture, their families, and their futures.



The crisis in Sudan is not isolated—it is a reflection of the many systemic issues we face around the world. But in the face of overwhelming adversity, I know that there is still room for change, for compassion, and for justice. We must stand together, not just as observers but as active

participants in the global movement to end the suffering in Sudan.

I ask you, wherever you are, to lend your voice, your resources, and your time to this cause. We cannot afford to look away any longer. The time for action is now. Sudan's pain is the world's pain, and together, we can make sure it is heard and addressed with the urgency it deserves.

How Light Pollution Affects Birds — and Us

by Abby Karp

Shedding Light on a Hidden Threat

Light pollution may appear to be a hallmark of modern life—providing security, extending productivity, and illuminating our cities. But beneath this artificial glow lies a lesser-known hazard that impacts both wildlife and human health.

For birds, particularly those that migrate at night, artificial lighting can be fatal. Bright city lights disorient their natural navigation systems, often leading to collisions with buildings or causing them to veer off course, wasting vital energy reserves. These disruptions also interfere with essential behaviors like breeding and foraging, ultimately threatening the survival of many species.

Humans are not immune to the effects of excessive nighttime light. Exposure to artificial light after dark can interfere with melatonin production, the hormone that regulates sleep. This disruption in circadian rhythms has been associated with a range of health issues, including insomnia, depression, obesity, and certain cancers. Just as birds depend on the natural balance of light and dark, so do we.

Reducing light pollution starts with small, conscious actions: turning off unnecessary lights, especially during bird migration seasons; installing motion sensors or dimmers; opting for

Light Justice and Migration: Call for Environmental Equity

Saturday, April 26th, 2025 6pm-9:30pm **FREE**

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- Expert talks on light pollution, bird migration, and environmental justice
- Mindful birding and a native planting workshop
- Night Sky Star Party with stargazing and community connection

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warmer-colored bulbs; and supporting community efforts to protect dark skies. By becoming more aware of how we use light, we can create healthier environments for both people and the ecosystems we share.

Ready to reconnect with the natural rhythms of night and nurture your connection to the sky and the earth?

Join us for a special evening at the WorldBeat Center that brings together community, conservation, and the cosmos. The night includes a mindful birding walk, an educational presentation on light pollution and its impact, a bird-friendly native planting activity, and a star party under the open sky with telescopes provided by the San Diego Astronomy Association.

Our vegan café will be open and serving a hot, delicious dinner. Whether you're a nature lover, a stargazer, or simply curious, this gathering offers something for everyone.

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TOGETHER AS ONE - ONE LOVE

by Cindy Saylor

As a plant person and nature devotee, everyday is earth day to me. But I love coming together at the World Beat Center to celebrate a day devoted to our appreciation of our beloved mother earth. Now more than ever we need to remind ourselves that the earth is here for us. The plants are listening and offering guidance. We are one with each other and with all beings. We are all family, we are all related. We are all connected. You are not alone.

On April 20th come out for music, delicious food, inspiring workshops & teachings and feeling the joy of being TOGETHER AS ONE - the theme of this year's World Beat Center Earth Day Celebration.

You can join me at 11am for a Plant Spirit Meditation and Tea Tasting. We will gather as a beloved community in the World Beat Center garden. Connect with the earth and ourselves, as we feel the blessings of the plants during the tea tasting. The outside world melts away in the garden as we feel our own hearts open and relax. We are able to listen and hear the guidance that comes from within. The collective power of sitting in a circle with others adds a magic that is hard to describe.

Take a pause to appreciate the beauty of our mother earth, gaia, the one that always holds us on **Sunday April 20th at the World Beat Center!** I hope you will join me. As the days lengthen and grow



warmer here is a tea recipe to brighten your heart and uplift your spirit. This tea was inspired by Bob Marley and the love, magic and music he brought to us all.

One Love Tea Recipe

2 Tbsp Hibiscus

1 Tbsp Tulsi

1 Tbsp Rose petals

Optional: Red clover, Rose hips or Marshmallow root

Add herbs to a quart jar. Fill with hot water and cover. Let sit for 30 minutes or longer. Strain and drink as is. Or pour over ice. Add a squeeze of orange or honey or sweetener of choice if you like.

Learn more: worldbeatcenter.org

Upcoming: Seeds of Herbalism - An Introduction to the Art & Science of Herbalism - Begins April 26th. Learn more: everydayplantmagic.com

Cindy Saylor, Everyday Plant Magic is an herbalist, nutritionist, community educator, poet and devoted to sharing the teachings of the plants and the earth that have been shared with her.

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CALIFORNIA - In a significant stride towards enhancing Indigenous representation in media, FNX (First Nations Experience) is excited to announce the launch of its dedicated streaming app and platform. This groundbreaking service is tailored exclusively to showcase Native American and Indigenous voices and narratives from around the world.

FNX, which debuted as a PBS-affiliated broadcast channel in September 2011, was established through a collaboration with KVCR television on the San Bernardino Valley College campus. This launch was made possible by a start-up grant from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Similarly, the new FNX App has been developed with funding from a grant provided by San Manuel.

Lynn Valbuena, Chairwoman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, expressed her enthusiasm for the new initiative, stating, "Creating a streaming platform for FNX advances our vision for Native American and Indigenous media creations to share our experiences with the world. We are proud to support an initiative that will bring opportunities for Native American creatives to make their mark on entertainment and education. We look forward to the stories and quality content that will be shared through this new streaming app."

The FNX App is now freely available for streaming on all smart devices, providing widespread access to a dedicated space for Indigenous stories and perspectives. With a national TV broadcast reach extending to 84.5 million households, the app is instantly accessible to over 85% of the U.S. population, or approximately 284,665,000 people. This significant milestone in Native American representation is reminiscent of the

pioneering days of BET. Described by Native community members nationwide as a "Native Netflix," the FNX App marks a pivotal moment in media history.

To celebrate this milestone, FNX is hosting a red carpet gala event to be held on May 1, 2025, at Agua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage, California. The evening promises to be a spectacular showcase of entertainment and Indigenous cuisine featuring:

- A headline performance by The Halluci-Nation (formerly A Tribe Called Red)
- Gourmet offerings by James Beard Award-winning Chef Sean Sherman (The Sioux Chef)
- Stand-up comedy from JR Redwater
- A hoop dance performance by ShanDien Sonwai LaRance, a 2x Champion with Cirque Du Soleil
- A dynamic performance by the Electric Turquoise Dance Troupe

The celebration not only marks the platform's debut but also honors the vibrant culture and contributions of Native American communities to our collective media narrative. Join us as we step into a new era of media inclusivity with FNX's latest venture – a celebration of heritage, storytelling, and technological innovation.

To download the FNX App and start enjoying the free, on-demand content, visit <https://fnx.org/app/>

To purchase tickets for the FNX Red Carpet Gala and Concert, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fnx-red-carpet-et-gala-tickets-1253799631449>.

About FNX TV: FNX TV is the only National Native and World Indigenous Television Network in the U.S. and is distributed within the PBS Public Television System. The station broadcasts a variety of programming that celebrates Native American and Indigenous cultures, including documentaries, films, news, and music. FNX is expanding on their current broadcast services with a new "free" app that includes a livestream of the FNX broadcast channel and extensive Video-On-Demand Content.

About the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians: The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is a federally recognized tribe located in Southern California. The tribe is a major supporter of Native American arts and culture and the founding partner of FNX Television.

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Upcoming Indian Voices Contributor

Maaliyah Papillion is a Creole and Indigenous actress, singer, model, director, and third-generation healer from a long line of Indigenous leaders. She's a master's student in the MLS Indigenous Law program at the University of Oklahoma and an enthusiastic council member of the Atakapa-Ishak Nation of



Southwest Louisiana. She is also the owner of Chrysalis Transformative Healing, a wellness-focused collective that specializes in teaching emotional regulation techniques with an emphasis on self-care. Her film *Ishak* (2024), and debut poetry book *Feathers, Fledglings and Flight* (2026) focuses on retelling her ancestors' stories in modern ways.

Shared History

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'ewuuws, peyaach 'estik: 'ehwiiwches. 'Ily peyaa pa'yurch hewakch aayaap hemiis. 'Ur 'elyemism nyewich; eyachech 'ichekwii. Eyachvu 'emull 'etema pes nya'etuupaam nyaamatech welliich. Nyimvey 'echehalyp 'echehepilch, 'ily peyaach meheyayp pukenaach. 'Ehwiiwvu 'lipayvech uumiirrp, heyaay 'ekurm naam huumaayph wiich. Eyachvech 'esuw 'ehanch chemenyaays. 'Enyewaaypvi, 'ehwiiwch nyaam matsay kwa'kurvi hetemii. Pes 'ehwiiw peyaach 'iipay 'emtaar kunychewayp nyii 'ekurh umaawi. Nyata'waach 'iichaas, heyaay 'iipay 'emtaar puu kupaayvech matetay peyaa wekuull 'ehwiiw peyap wemuullch, nyaapum nyechewaam aakewayk checheyiwkuh.

Kway 'iiaarpem 'enechanch 'emtaarm 'enekewayks 'emat 'ehini 'ewupch. 'Ewaa kwenyuuy kwapesiiv haanuw yirvi 'ewups, puully heyaay 'iipaych 'emat kumeyay 'ukuwaay 'ewaa wechaawch nyechewayp. 'Ewaa peyaa 'ewily 'ematm wechuw, Millychishvech "Montezuma Castle" wiich chuuhii. Peyii heyaay 'iipaych nyechewayp matwaam wehap: tiyach, chewuww marway nyuully etehaamii, puknaach nyii naamhllly ewaarph umaaw. Nyatenamch 'aaskay, tehiilly wechaawch 'iipay marway achhuukaayp; 'ehaan nyechewaypkuh. Pes 'iiaarm hemuuch naam nyechewaa nyaamat wechaam. Mu'yuum naam nurh umaaw; iinuypvek 'esuw matt 'ehaach nesoom. Nyaapum 'iipay tekunyawayvech 'emat 'ehini tenyewayh umaaw; 'lipayvu retewii nyumvey puuk puwk 'ekurm

naam tenam 'esuw huumaaypch.

Heyaay 'iipay nya'hwinch matekun 'emaay helyepay nyechewaypches. 'Ewaa peyap 'ewilym wechaawch: heyaay nyuk wennam, pes matwaam shahuk shahuk emak nyinyuy sekap wechaawch. Pily kupilly "Tuzigoot" wiich chuuhii, 'ewaa emily 'iawalps. 'Ewaa peyap 'ehapch uumall 'ematvu kenaap tenyewaym 'ewuuws. 'Enurs chehichvech wiis, "ehaa tellekukp". 'Emat peyii Yavapay nyawihch Apache nyechewaypches: chehich nya'hwin 'ematvu wiinys, aa "ehaa" nyewich. Yavapay Aam uumallm 'ewuuws, aa "A-ha" weyuuws. 'Iipay Aa perewiis! Aa hewakch aa nya'hwin nyechewiich: 'Iipay Aam "ehaa", Yavapay Aam "a-ha" ches. Nyaapum nyemich 'ewuuws. Wiich kenaaps heyaay 'iipaych 'ewily wehwaallch achhuukaayps, kwellyhiw rewii. Yavapayvech kwellyhiw (nyaruu) nyawihch 'ewily 'uuchuch nya'hwin wiich chuuhii: "wi". Nyinyuy, 'Iipay Aam perewiis. Tiipay Aam, 'ewilyvu "ewii" matt "wi" wiich chuuhii.

Kiicha' keyipna, 'ellyemekatt 'apesiivs. Peyii ta'waas, 'Iipay nyemat 'aakurch apesiiv, 'enyaa haakaay kunuwm 'aa ta'yiws peyaam 'epamch, nyimvey 'Iipay Aavu 'ewuww ta'yuuw. 'Eyiiwch tuuhwimh umaaw, aa "ehaa" nyaapum "wii" Yavapay Aam 'Iipay Aam nya'hwinches. 'Emat nya'hwin kupaaykuh. Heyaay kwapesiiv, 'Iipay Yavapayvech 'iipay 'ehin tenyewaykuhs. Mu'yum 'entuu-urph umaawa? Maayk neyiwa, kumyum mat wechaam, 'uuch 'ellypiiwarph llya'ama? 'Aaknach nyaamat nyii kumyum 'eyewiph umaawh. Pes 'uuchuch stikm 'ichuuwaalph, aavu 'entuu-urpvek.

"Respect for all life is the foundation." — The Great Law of Peace.

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~ On the Town with Camille ~

by Camille Appling

A Women’s Voice: University of California San Diego Market Location

The UCSD and Market location celebrated the right for the women’s voices to be heard in medical care. The event included discussions and information to help people make informed decisions about women’s health. There was music, dancing and lots of healthy fellowship. The participants included men and women of all ages and ethnicities with the goal of health and wellness, and we left with a really cool swag bag. Check out parkandmarket.ucsd.edu for more community events!

Art and Fashion at Overload Skateshop

On March 29, 2025, the North Park skate shop Overload presented a beautiful display of artwork, including graffiti and artistic photography. The event welcomed skate families and community members who enjoyed fellowship and really good food. The artwork was modern and reminiscent of skate geniuses like Tony Hawk and local skate moms. Overload carries the finest Vans and Air Jordans and really cool clothes. Check out Overload at shopoverload.com.

Dia De Los Ninos 2025 - The Magic of Alfonso

The City of Lemon Grove celebrated Dia de los Ninos in style with a magic show with Alphonso at the Lemon Grove Library. The magic show was filled with beautiful babies, twinkling toddlers, and a few elementary

superstars. Alfonso kept the little crowd going with all types of cool magic. The community was very supportive of the event, and there was barely enough room for everyone! The event was a breath of fresh air with multicultural children from all over the world meeting at the local library. Please checkout additional happenings in the City of Lemon Grove at lemongrove.ca.gov.

IGA Native Star Store


On April 2, 2025, the Gaslamp Area welcomed the opening of the IGA Native Star Store, located at 631 5th Avenue. Native Star is filled with Native American artwork, traditional and modernized clothing, food products and Native cosmetics. There were local artists like Rueben and others who displayed their artistic interpretations of Native life. The event included a beautiful bar and charcuterie table and went on through the evening in the beautiful Gaslamp District. Please come visit the Native Star for its lovely homage to Native American culture and art.

Celebrating Hope and Financing for California Kids

On April 9, 2025, I was welcomed at a spectacular event celebrating hope and financing for California kids. The



Treasurer of California, Fiona Ma, has expertly designed the CalKids Program to help students save money for the future. Ma was accompanied by the hilarious Tiffany Haddish at the Sacramento



Special Guest!
We are excited to welcome Tiffany Haddish, acclaimed comedian, actress, and advocate for foster youth, as a special guest at the CEWAS Summit. A former foster youth herself, Tiffany founded the She Ready Foundation to empower children in the foster system with essential resources and opportunities. She will share her inspiring journey and discuss how early financial empowerment can transform young lives and pave the way for a brighter future for all Californians.

California’s Early Wealth Account System Summit: PATHWAYS TO PROMISE

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Conference where they discussed the Calkids Investment and Development Program. The Calkids Program is an excellent start for our students’ futures. If you’re interested, please check us out at

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“Kumeyaay Elementary School provides students with an enriched curriculum. This includes science and music instruction teachers funded by our foundation. On average, our teachers have 18 years of teaching experience, and three have been certified by the National Board

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Hawaiian Volcano Observatory Is Being Evicted Amid Federal Cuts

Observatory leaders have assured local emergency officials their public service will continue, but questions linger about how and where that work will happen.

By Marcel Honoré

For more than 100 years, the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory has kept a close eye on K lauea and other geologic hot spots to warn Big Island residents before eruptions, while training hundreds of volcano

researchers from around the globe. Now, the observatory’s staff faces eviction from their current headquarters at the Ironworks Building in Hilo — where they have been housed during construction of their new, permanent observatory — as part of the Elon Musk-led effort to end hundreds of federal leases early. It remains unclear exactly how that lease cancellation will affect the observatory’s research and public services; no one seems to want to talk about it.



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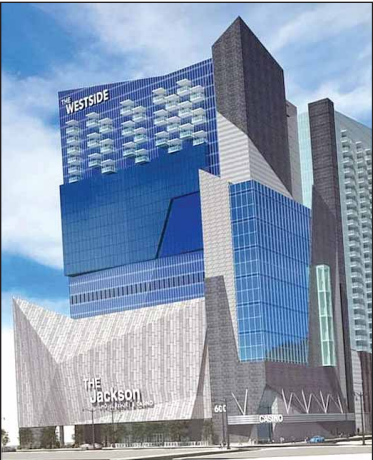
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Historical Westside Affairs

Great turnout and meeting with the Historic Westside community. I'm proud to be doing my part to help bring development to area! Special thank you to Jo Cato for being the facilitator I've seen for one of these meetings! Big props to Evelyn Pacheco and Bishop Rimson!



Indian Nations Gaming & Governance Program was at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino



What a week! The Indian Nations Gaming & Governance Program had an amazing time sponsoring and attending the Tribal Self-Governance Conference, hosted by the Self-Governance Communication & Education Consortium (SGCETC) at the beautiful Gila River Wild Horse Pass Resort & Casino. From insightful sessions to reconnecting with friends (and making new ones!), it was an unforgettable experience. Huge shoutout to Jay Spaan, Executive Director of the @tribalselfgov, for bringing it all together! We can't wait for next year!



Shout Out

by Freedom Crystal Jefferson

The Lovelock Paiute Tribe would like to give a shout out to one of our members Trey Snooks, son of Nolan and Nicci Snooks, who competed with Team Battle Born during the Las Vegas Madness Tournament!

There is a kind of sadness that comes from knowing too much, from seeing the

world as it truly is. It is the sadness of understanding that life is not a grand adventure, but a series of small, insignificant moments, that love is not a fairy tale, but a fragile, fleeting emotion, that happiness is not a permanent state, but a rare, fleeting glimpse of something we can never hold onto. And in that understanding, there is a profound loneliness, a sense of being cut off from the world, from other people, from oneself.

CATHERINE'S CORNER



Fighting Trump Cost Hikes

by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto

This month, President Trump's economic chaos reached a new peak. After weeks of threatening, he announced sweeping tariffs on our closest allies. Let me be clear: I agree we should be bringing manufacturing back to the U.S., but these broad tariffs are a tax on middle- and working-class Americans and they will undoubtedly raise prices at the grocery store and at the gas pump. According to the Yale Budget Lab, these tariffs will cost American families \$3,800 per household.

These tariffs will also have a chilling effect on tourism. If Donald Trump continues his attacks on our allies, we know Nevada will see a decline in visitors, a huge economic hit to the Silver State.

The Biden administration worked to give Tribal communities a seat at the

table on discussions about trade policy, including tariffs. I have pushed Jamison Greer, President Trump's U.S. Trade Representative, to maintain those Biden-era policies and continue to involve Tribal leaders in these conversations.

I'm also fighting back with legislation. I recently introduced the Tax Cut for Workers Act to give millions of working Americans a tax break as the cost of living rises. My bill would expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to further lower taxes for working-class Americans. I introduced this bill along with Senator Michael Bennet's (D-Colo.) American Families Act, which permanently expands the Child Tax Credit. And I'm going to keep working to move these bills.

I am committed to lowering costs for hardworking American families, despite the Trump chaos. All Nevada families deserve financial security and stability.

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Native American Conferences

In April 2025, Nevada hosts several Native American conferences. Key events include a Tribal Drinking Water Conference in Reno (April 21-24), the UNLV Powwow for the Planet in Las Vegas (April 12-13), and the National Tribal Historic Preservation Office (NATHPO) Conference in Reno (April 21-24). Additionally, there are various workshops and seminars focused on Native American issues and interests.

Specific Conferences and Events:

- 2025 Tribal Drinking Water Conference: This conference, held in Reno, focuses on tribal utilities and water quality, offering training and networking opportunities, says RCAC.
- UNLV Powwow for the Planet: This event, hosted at UNLV in Las Vegas, promotes cultural preservation and leadership development, showcasing traditional dances, music, and arts, according to UNLV.
- 25th Annual NATHPO Conference: Hosted in Reno, this conference celebrates the Tribal Historic Preservation community and their efforts in protecting Native places, according to NATHPO.

Indian Voices Junior Journalist

Stop the SA

Hi my name is Kamia and April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This is really important because there are kids and teens that this has happened and they didn't get justice the person who did it to them didn't go to jail or have consequences for their actions. When a victim tells their parents or anybody else about what happened maybe somebody at school maybe their friend sometimes they say that it was the victim's fault and that they deserved it. This is not true it is not the victims fault they couldn't control what happened to them. It not only happens to females, but can also happen to males. it's really important that we bring awareness to these problems and not just push them away. It's really important that we help these victims and show them that they're not alone and the people who did this to them should be behind bars. There are over 650 million girls and women and 410-530 million boys that have gone through this. This is a lot of girls and boys and this is a huge problem, but we can fix this problem by bringing awareness and telling our stories. So start bringing Awareness.

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Jefferson Griffin Moves to Disenfranchise More North Carolina Voters

In a move that could disenfranchise even more voters in the North Carolina Supreme Court race, Jefferson Griffin asked the appeals court to expand the number of ballots needing corrections beyond the 1,675 identified by state officials and limit who can fix them.

The move comes after state election officials put the number of ballots at risk of being thrown out in the race at a significantly lower mark than previously reported.

Meanwhile Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs is continuing her fight in federal court to ensure all votes are counted. On Wednesday, Riggs and several pro-voting groups filed motions in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of appeals seeking to block the state from starting the cure process.

A Key Federal Elections Agency is Moving Forward with Trump's Anti-Voting Order

The Election Assistance Commission — an independent bipartisan commission — is moving forward with President Donald Trump's anti-voting executive order by "seeking consultation" from state election officials on how to implement the order's proof of citizenship requirements.

On April 11, the commission sent state election officials a letter "seeking consultation" on how they would apply Trump's proof of citizenship demand if his order ultimately stands — and how the new requirement would affect voter registration in their states.

A coalition of voting rights groups sued the Trump administration order that would disenfranchise millions of voters. During a hearing on the lawsuit today, the Trump administration argued that the letter the EAC sent was unrelated to the executive order. But the district court judge who held the hearing appeared skeptical of that argument.

"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education."

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First International Flight Touches Down In Puerto Escondido

Courtesy of Mexico News Daily

Direct flights from the United States to the laid-back beach town of Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca, are now available as the sunny surf destination seeks to open up to new tourism markets.

The weekly flight, which launched on April 5, is serviced by United Airlines' partner Mesa Airlines and departs from Houston, Texas, every Saturday.

"This direct service benefits Houston in many ways," head of aviation for Houston Airports Jim Szczesniak said. "It will boost our hospitality and tourism industries while creating new partnerships and economic exchanges between our city and Mexico."

Operating on board an Embraer 175 with a capacity between 70 and 76 seats, the flight departs George Bush International Airport (IAH) at 9:51 a.m. and lands at Puerto Escondido International Airport (PXM) at 11:35 a.m. The outbound flight departs Oaxaca at 12:35 p.m. and lands in Texas at 4:17 p.m.

Oaxaca Tourism Minister Saymi Adriana Pineda Velasco said that this first international flight is a milestone that marks the beginning of a new era for Puerto Escondido.

The flight, she said, results from a major renovation of the airport, which

recently received a historic investment of 200 million dollars. This investment includes upgrades to runways, taxiways, commercial aviation platforms, general aviation platforms and access to roads.

Carlos Manuel Merino, the general director of airports and auxiliary services of Mexico, said on his official X account that "this new air link represents a significant tourist and economic opportunity to the center of Puerto Escondido." Meanwhile, Houston Mayor John Whitmire mentioned in late 2024 that "adding Puerto Escondido to our growing list of international destinations is another win for Houston before the 2026 FIFA World Cup."

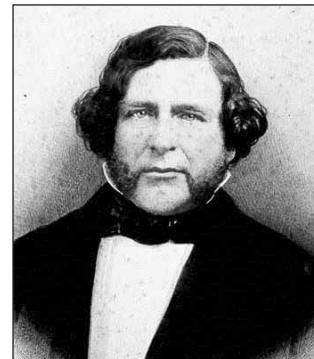
Puerto Escondido, until recently, had remained relatively unknown to foreign tourists. But its reputation as a laid-back surfing destination has increased tourism in the area.

Thanks to its coastline featuring eight unique waves and some of the best beach breaks in the world, Puerto Escondido was recently designated a World Surfing Reserve — a coveted title that acknowledges the region's world-class waves and ecological significance.

With a new international flight and airport renovations underway, Pineda expects the airport to receive some three million tourists per year.

Imperial Beach, CA

Imperial Beach is a beach city in San Diego County, California, with a population of 26,137 as of the 2020 United States census. It is in the South Bay area of San Diego County, 14.1 miles (22.7 km) south of downtown San Diego and 5 miles (8 km) northwest of downtown Tijuana, Mexico. Imperial Beach is the southernmost city in California and the West Coast of the United States.



Santiago E. Argüello

History

Rancho Melijo, which encompassed all of modern-day Imperial Beach, was granted to Californio ranchero Santiago E. Argüello in 1833.

Imperial Beach sits on the traditional territory of the Kumeyaay people, who had established the village of Alyshuwii. [8] Founded in June 1887, the city takes its name from Imperial County, California, a desert climate 100 miles (161 km) east. Farmers and land owners from the Imperial Valley came to the area in the late 1880s seeking cooler weather during summer months.[citation needed] In

March 1887, over 2,000 laborers descended upon nearby Coronado, California to construct the Hotel del Coronado, the largest resort in the world at the time. A large number of the workers stayed in Imperial Beach and some would later make it their permanent homestead. The city would incorporate in 1956, operating its own mayor-council government providing city fire department service and policing by the formation of its own police department but eventually, years later, through the contracting of services through the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

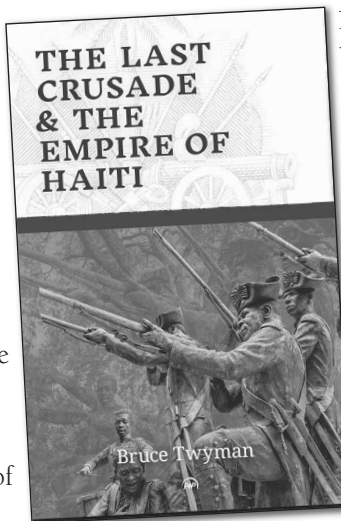
Imperial Beach has undergone a makeover to become more visitor-friendly and commercially viable. In 2004, the city began implementing a community redevelopment plan to improve the commercial corridor along Palm Avenue and Seacoast Drive. Aside from a few smaller hotels, Imperial Beach remains a highly residential city with little hotel or motel accommodation for visitors. On September 13, 2010, after many years of planning, demolition officially began on the old Seacoast Inn located off Seacoast Drive. Construction of a \$22 million hotel called Pier South Resort was completed in the former Seacoast Inn's place in December 2013, with the new facility offering 78-rooms across four stories plus a restaurant, bar, spa and conference facilities.

A New Book Release From Africa World Press

Bruce E. Twyman, the author of *The Black Seminole Legacy*, and *North American Politics, 1693 to 1845*, has a new title release. The new book is, *The Last Crusade and the Empire of Haiti*. This book was inspired by Twyman's Black Seminole Legacy research. A key nexus between the Haitian Revolution and the Black Seminole Wars, was the Haitian Maroon General George Biassou. Biassou exited Haiti in 1795 and arrived in Florida with a small auxiliary force as allies of the Spanish colonial government. Though Biassou would die in 1801, members of his band married into the broader Black Seminole community, and participated in the

Patriots War of 1812. Even a superficial examination of Biassou leads directly to his subordinate officer in the beginning of the Revolution, Toussaint L'Overture.

The Last Crusade and the Empire of Haiti, highlights the Roman Catholic struggle against the Islamic rise and expansion into Europe and territory formerly held by the Roman Empire. The official Church struggle initiated against Islam was the Crusades. A major location of the Crusades was on the



Iberian Peninsula. This was the site of Spain and Portugal – previously known as Roman Hispania. The Islamic Moors conquered and held the Iberian Peninsula for 700 years. The Crusades on the Iberian Peninsula was known as the Reconquista. After victory over the Moors in 1492, the Christian Soldiers of the Reconquista became Conquistadors in the

New World Of America.

The Spanish established colonial Hispaniola as their first colonial base in the early Sixteenth Century. By 1700 Hispaniola was divided geopolitically into Spanish Santo Domingo and French San Domingue. The San Domingue Revolution (popularly known as the Haitian Revolution) between 1789 and 1804, established the Haitian Empire under Emperor Jean Jacques Dessalines. Haitian President Petion would give Gen. Simon Bolivar military and political support, while converting him to the idea of ending slavery as a key part of the Revolution against Spain.

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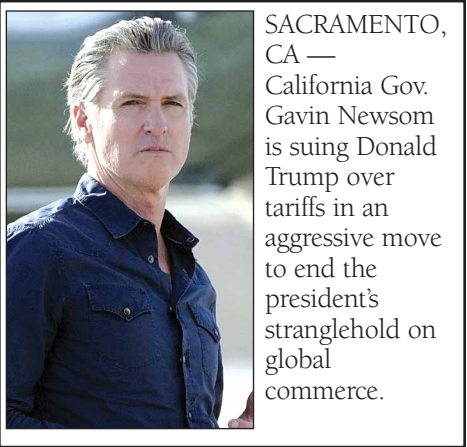
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recovery due to the TLC from his wife Laura and 3 fur family cats. He still has a bit of a limp but that is not holding him back as he picks up the pieces and continues with getting San Diego Gray Panthers firmly planted. Stay tuned for details.

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Hawaiian is **wiwo'ole**
Kumeyaay is **yulj maw**
Cherokee is **niganayesgvna**
Navajo is **t'áálá'íí'**
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Chamorro is **taya' mina'ā'ñao**
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NO matter how you slice it the survival instinct is one thing that we share as mammals roaming the earth. The will to survive is the tool motivating action when life is threatened. In old Southeast SD the survival instincts have taken on a cultural art form. As the undefined world of tomorrow encroaches on the established order, a collective consciousness is awakening folks in the community. The never-ending, ongoing battle of modern day colonialism is at a fever pitch as homeowners are seduced and fall prey to coercive pressures of a duplicitous judicial system and bankers that serve only the rich.

Taisha Johnson, a homegrown community member has increased the volume on her ongoing bureaucratic struggle to preserve the legacy of her family and her father Jimmy Johnson, a long time soldier in the citizen army. Up until now the Johnson's have been fighting a silent war against illegal foreclosure much like is happening in City Halls throughout America. While the attention of many has been diverted by to the psycho-drama currently playing on the world stage, Taisha has been diligent and steadfast in her commitment to neutralize and tame the cabal who work with the

City Attorney's office in a blatant land grab. With a Harriett Tubman and Ida B. Wells spirit, Taisha Johnson has alerted the cabal that they have struck a rock. Her bravery and Indigenous Intelligence are an inspiration.

The Great Kumeyaay Nation created an inviting and hospitable opening to the **State of the County** meeting at the San Diego History Museum in Balboa Park on the evening of April 16, 2025. Opening remarks by Jon (Eagle Spirit) Elliot highlighted the deep spirit held by the tribe. He pointed out the human connection and togetherness and encouraged working together in unity. Congressman Juan Vargas and Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer laid out an optimistic game plan for collective action to resist increasing authoritarianism coming from the Federal government.

As we continue the story to the next chapter, the Ancestors are shining light on a democracy-preserving solution: Stay focused on Freedom of Speech - Academic Freedom - Independent Freedom for Civil Society - Respect for Due Process.

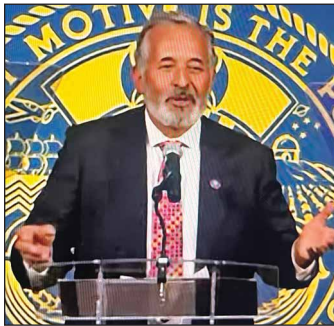
Southeast San Diego is Kumeyaay Land. These blended cultural influences forge a strong cocktail and good medicine for an ailing constituency. The community continues to awaken and many are taking on leadership roles. Taisha Johnson is one of these brave, fearless Spiritual Warriors.

In an alphabet soup of four letter political acronyms – Love is one four letter word that flies high over SESD (SouthEast San Diego). Grandfather, the Holy Spirit and Indigenous Intelligence are alive in the land of the Great Kumeyaay Nation.

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Addressing the State of the County



“We are Crow. If you don’t live, someday the world won’t remember we were even here. This world will need us some day. When white men concrete the whole world and the world revolts, men won’t know how to live with the land then. She will need some of us to teach them.” -- 1923



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Native American Bank worked with the Red Lake Retail Center, a tribal business established by the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, and 8 other partners to combine a USDA loan guaranty with equity contributed through New Markets Tax Credits, in order to finance a project located on tribal trust land.

The loan proceeds from this cutting edge structure allowed the Red Lake Retail Center to replace and expand it's existing structure. The expanded store features a dollar store, eat-in and take-out food options, an in-house bakery and numerous services that directly compete with off reservation offerings that previously required a 60+ mile round trip.

This lending operation played a key role in addressing the grocery gap experienced by Native American communities. Through a multitude of partnerships and our loan guaranty and trust land expertise, the Red Lake Retail Center was successfully rejuvenated, leading to substantially increased access to fresh groceries and employment opportunities on the Red Lake Nation.

Native American Bank was the lead lender in a Red Lake Retail Center project which financed the construction and remodeling of a grocery store located on the Red Lake Nation, home of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

