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WorldBeat Center's New Kumeyaay Indigenous Garden

The Peoples Embassy

by Rose Davis

There is a precious piece of San Diego that belongs to the universe, a parcel of geography separated by a time zone of inner peace and tranquility. The WorldBeat Center is the San Diego Commons

Although the area breathes serenity and calm it has seen its battles and survived threats to its existence. It stands now as a pillar and repository of social and political change because of one person, Makeda Dread, a change agent who has fought a spiritual war with the tenacity of a warrior armed with the armor of truth, human dignity and a smile. In the tradition of the earth loving peaceful Kumeyaay the original

inhabitants of this land she has transformed an old water tower into a icon of human potential and a Peoples Embassy for intellectual futuristic political possibilities. It is space that would that would be a comfort zone to Ghandi and Buckminster Fuller.

The WorldBeat Center is on the itinerary of thoughtful tourists and truth seekers looking for legitimate and meaningful examples of indigenous human potential. It is a green friendly space that offers a sense of renewal and hope. Makeda Dread and her followers have melded into an extended family offering healthy social solutions based on the traditions of the Kumeyaay People. Their work assures that the treaty with nature is not broken and that the surrounding space offers sustainable environmental solutions to the threat of

degradation. All done with harmonious orchestration, resilience grace and the smile of an all knowing environmental sovereign monarch Makeda.

As a non-profit multi-cultural arts organization we are dedicated to promoting, presenting & preserving the African & Indigenous cultures of the world through Music, Art, Dance, Education & Technology. We are located in beautiful Balboa Park in the heart of San Diego, California. Through consciousness raising the worldbeat Center promotes peace within our San Diego community by providing on going programs and services that nurture the spirit of children, the elderly, and everyone in between. Our main goal is then to create unity within diversity.

I cook in white and I'm digging in white clothes. I'm here in WorldBeat Center's new Kumeyaay Indigenous Garden.



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Calling the Indigenous Community Together In a Heartbeat!

by Larry Kibby

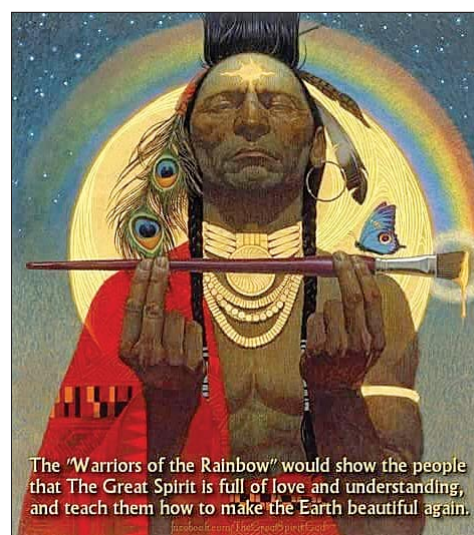
From the Elko Indian Colony in Nevada

While we dance before the tree of life with the apparitions of times gone by, the spirit of the heart must be devout and not hidden in depravity, for if one chooses only to envision negative reasoning, so then shall one not be of truth under the sun and Father Sun knows the essence within.

And if we should wonder at the excellence of man and the miracle of existence, let not our mind be seduced by what is nothing more than examples of inhumanity that inflict poor hearts with greed. The transgressions of their souls shall fall upon the wind as mere particles of dust that shall perish incessantly. This kind of Man stands before the multitudes and his voice dispenses untruths and falsehoods, beckoning virtue and the pristine to do his will but his greed knows no shape and he is heartless while his mind searches for reason and his snicker is a mockery of all that is pure and just.

Good and strong hearts of our Indian

people reach out to the universe with a desire for our ancestors and grandfathers



The "Warriors of the Rainbow" would show the people that The Great Spirit is full of love and understanding, and teach them how to make the Earth beautiful again.

to guide and provide them with direction, while some appeal to the unfaithful master and so many stumble upon man's greed, yearning for the riches of time, failing to recognize authenticity and morality.

Wickedness will lead innocent Indian people to an arena of corruption that boasts of false hope, misdirection and delusions of honor, while the depraved ones claim to hold information to the path of purity and spirituality, lying of virtues and fake principles while the guiltless through ignorance will follow a fraudulent vision.

Foolish intelligence desires to stand above all, bragging that its wisdom is connected by ancestral knowledge, which makes their understanding as an Indian righteous and unblemished and that all Indians must dance and partake in ceremonial honor through their word and acts only and the bridge of sincerity becomes twisted, blocking hope from achieving dedicated ethics and some Indians will not know.

Do not ever surrender to those whose values and morals express greed, hate and corruption, for to do so would be to fall into a bottomless pit of incinerating incompetence and the spirit of your heart will be swallowed up by the demonic and immoral impostors who dare to say they are Spiritual and Indian. Cleansing and purification is a path of respect for our ancestors and future generations.

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NEWS from Southern Florida

Nation of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan Rallies in Miami for Justice or Else Million Man March

by Charlotte Miller, South Miami correspondent

Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan was in Miami recently as part of a countrywide tour to rally for the Million Man March, Justice or Else. The Million Man March set for October 10, 2015 in Washington, DC, marks the 20th anniversary of the original Million Man March in 1995. Farrakhan's message was strong, his rhetoric powerful – some would say militant and combative even – but the message was clear – the violence and inequality at the hands of whites against blacks and other minorities must stop.

First, Farrakhan met with close to 30 invitation-only guests at Fort Lauderdale's Atlantic Hotel. Attendees were a cross of blacks, Latinos and Natives and a smattering of whites. Farrakhan invited Miami resident and spiritual leader Wayne William Snellgrove to lead the gathering in prayer. Snellgrove is a Cree Tribe member from Fishing Lake First Nation, Saskatchewan. Snellgrove emphasized, "Aho Mitakye Oyasin – to all my relations – let us all come together in a spirit of forgiveness and hope."

"It is important to see the indigenous people among us today," Farrakhan told the gathering. "The Native people are great. Indigenous people were here long before any white man. Blacks, browns and reds have not had fair dealing."

As a student of Elijah Muhammed, former Nation of Islam leader who died in 1975, Farrakhan reiterated Muhammed's teachings. "There will come a time when

the black, the brown and the red will all be united. That time is now."

"We are living in a time of tyranny under the United States government," he said. "Death is sweeter than continued life under tyranny."

Farrakhan made it clear that the unity he calls for is not necessarily an "us against them" mindset. In an earlier radio broadcast, Farrakhan told listeners that as minorities begin to rise from the bottom, the mask of civility will be removed. Those whites whose true compassion for the plight of the blacks will be recognized. "There are some whites whose minds are different than those who have gone before and who now want to do right," he said. Regardless, whites are in a privileged position.

Historic Mount Zion speech

Later the same week, the historic Mount Zion Baptist Church hosted Farrakhan in his first public speech in Miami in 20 years. Mount Zion has in the past served as a meeting place for Rev. Martin Luther King and other civil rights activists. Christians and Muslims filled Mount Zion to capacity and many were not able to make it in. Major Miami news outlets including the Miami Herald and CBS affiliate Channel 4 were barred from the event. The leader has received widespread media criticism for his outspoken and biting commentary on race relations in America.

In his three-hour speech, the minister pulled no punches. Farrakhan made mention of the recent church shootings in South Carolina, the killing of young

Trayvon Martin who was shot and killed by a neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman, the police shootings of black men in Miami's historic black neighborhood of Overtown, the random beatings of young black men by white police officers, the rape and abuse of black women in the hands of white men. "Every time they kill a black man, or beat a black woman, we are being radicalized," Farrakhan told the predominately black audience.

The how and why of Justice or Else

"Some one asked me the other day. 'What is this justice that you're seeking?' I am seeking the principle of fair dealing between us and them," he told his audience. "If justice was there, there would be no need for judgment."

"On this the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March we want to demand from our government what is due us. We're not asking for justice – we are demanding justice," Farrakhan said. "Power concedes nothing without a demand that is backed by power. We have never gone united," he said of the original march, "but we as a people [will] go as the original inhabitants of this planet. We want what's right!"

There has been too much abuse of women, too much pain in families, and too many who cannot seem to find the true connection. The family of slain teen Trayvon Martin was among attendees.

Farrakhan made references to the true

book – the book of nature. "You can't plant wheat and get back corn. And when you plant corn, you always get back more corn. The God of justice never sleeps. When you lay down with wicked, you wake up with wicked. When you sow an evil deed you will reap an evil deed."

Farrakhan called on black men to step up and be accountable and responsible, a task made difficult, he said, by the white man. "First, the man maintains as the provider and protector of the woman in his life. Satan has turned this upside down. Black men are not supporting their families," he said. "A man is a provider, protector and a guide for his family imbued with the requisite knowledge. The demand is on him." Whites have disrupted the natural order by limiting education and earning potential by outsourcing jobs to cheaper labor markets.

And he called on blacks to stop killing each other. "How can we charge others with killing us when we're killing us?"

The crime of the Christian church

"We've been sold on the idea that white is right, with white Jesus, white angels and white God as being all that is good. And what color are we?"

Blacks came to this country in the holds of ships, he explained. They were kidnapped, deceived, mothers and daughters murdered, culture and history denied. "When Constantine came with the white supremacist cross, the Indigenous

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IT IS TIME TO BREAK THE CYCLE!

Demanding Justice - The Road To Washington, D.C.

by Sis. Mary E. Muhammad, Roving Correspondent

San Diego, CA – Whether you examine the barbaric and inhumane slave route to the Americas, named the Middle Passage, or the miles trod by the indigenous Nation, such as on the infamous Trail of Tears, as they were savagely forced to leave their lands and relocate, on foot to reservations – you will find parallel roads linked together by the common thread of injustice. It is estimated that 2 million Africans lost their lives on the slave route to the Caribbean and the Americas, countless millions of indigenous people lost their lives directly or indirectly due to the actions of the U.S. government. Justice Or Else is the theme of the 20th Anniversary of The Million Man March, which was the largest gathering in the history of America. The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is calling on the Black, Native, Latino, and

all people who recognize, and have been disaffected, by the injustices occurring daily in this country, to unite on October 10 on the mall in Washington, D.C. There is also an invitation to attend a special International Indigenous Prayer Ceremony on October 9th, as a precursor to the Justice Or Else event. Sweat lodges and tipis will be set up on the mall, and all spiritual leaders, youth, elders, and families are encouraged to attend. The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan states, “This was to be a nation by white people and for white people. Native Americans, blacks were to be the burden bearers of the real citizens of this nation.” In recognition of this harsh reality, and response to his call, a coalition has been created, the Native and Latinos for Justice Committee, with members throughout the country. Their aim and purpose, in collaboration with Local Organizing Committees in cities throughout the land,



is to organize and mobilize the Indigenous, Latino, and Black communities to unite under the banner of Justice Or Else to demand an end to the wickedness being perpetrated against our people. Citizens of diverse religions, races, organizational and philosophical affiliations are committed to standing in Unity on 10/10/15 - and beyond.

The road to justice is indeed a long one, full of pain and travail. The Holy Qur'an, religious book of the Muslims, says "... And what will make thee comprehend what the uphill road is? (It is) to free a slave, Or to feed in a day of hunger an orphan nearly related, Or the poor man lying in the dust." (Ch. 90:12-16). The Justice Or Else/Natives and Latinos For Justice Movement puts all who step forward to lend their support on the path to freeing those who are mentally enslaved by the racism, sexism, classism, and materialism rampant in society. Under the guidance and inspiration of The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, those involved in the Movement are uniting to feed the masses with truth, the most life sustaining

substance of all. It is a fact that 45.3 million people in America are living in poverty; 60% of people in prison are Black and Latino; 32.4% of Native American youth under the age of 18 live in poverty; Black unemployment is 2X that of white; 28 hours from now police will have murdered someone Black. One million people will stand together on October 10th to demand justice and make a change in the world we live in.

All roads lead to Washington, D.C. – 10/10/15. Organize, Mobilize – Unite!

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Local Indian Tribes Reflect on Mission Life, Serra Canonization

by Mark R. Day

The aroma of ceremonial sage brush and the sound of Indian drums and chants mingled with the cool ocean breeze blowing over Mission San Luis Rey recently at the 19th annual Inter-Tribal Pow Wow, described as a “celebration of history, culture and spirit.”

Scores of visitors gathered in front of the picturesque mission. The main attraction was a large ceremonial circle where Indians from throughout the U.S. chanted and danced in colorful native dress.

Around the circle tribal members from the Apaches, Kiowas, Navajos, Senecas, and other nations mingled with local Luiseno bands and Kumeyaahs, shared stories and compared experiences and family memories.

The upcoming canonization of Fray Junipero Serra was not a hot topic at the gathering, but most of the Indians La Prensa San Diego spoke with opposed it.

Carrie Lopez of the San Luis Rey Band of Luisenos sat near an information booth and explained that many tribal members had mixed feelings. “It’s very sad,” she said. “We are very sophisticated Catholics. We want to respect the Pope,



Carrie Lopez of the San Luis Rey band of Luiseno Indians opposes the Serra canonization. Photo by Mark R. Day

but we can’t condone that shameful part of our history and the atrocities committed against our people.”

Lopez, a special consultant to her tribe, suggested that it would be healthy if the church made amends and acknowledged what happened at the missions. “There would be a great

healing. Whatever they say won’t change our sense of what happened. But at least an acknowledgment would be less stinging.”

Lopez said that because of those hard feelings, it took many years to celebrate the pow wows at San Luis Rey mission.

“Neighboring tribes boycotted this event at first, but later joined us. I don’t think the anger and pain over the atrocities ever goes away. We now have a different relationship with our local missions, but we can’t hold them accountable

for what happened in the past.”

The Serra canonization has given the tribes a chance to revisit their history, said Lopez. “We know a lot more now than we did 50 years ago. We have more facts and less folklore.”

Later, at a dinner for the local tribes in the mission quadrangle, Linda Foussat said that her family is strongly opposed to the canonization. “But many of us are Catholics and it divides us. It upsets me,” she said, as tears welled up in her eyes. “I think of the beatings, and later on, after the mission period, how the Anglo settlers offered five dollars for the scalp of an Indian.”

Nearby, another Luiseno tribal



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Donald L. Fixico (Shawnee, Sac & Fox, Muscogee Creek and Seminole) is Distinguished Foundation Professor of History. He is a policy historian and ethnohistorian. His work focuses on American Indians, oral history and the U.S. West. He has published a dozen books: *American Indians in a Modern World* (2008); *Treaties with American Indians: An Encyclopedia of Rights, Conflicts and Sovereignty*, 3 volumes, ed. (2007); *Daily Life of Native Americans in the Twentieth Century* (2006); *The American Indian Mind in a Linear World: American Indian Studies and Traditional Knowledge* (2003); *The Urban Indian Experience in America* (2000); *The Invasion of Indian Country in the Twentieth Century: Tribal Natural Resources and American Capitalism* (1998), 2nd ed., 2011; *Rethinking American Indian History*, ed. (1997); *Urban Indians* (1991); *An Anthology of Western Great Lakes Indian History*, ed. (1988); and *Termination and Relocation: Federal Indian Policy, 1945-1960* (1986). He has two forthcoming books, *Call for Change: The Medicine Way of American Indian History, Ethos and Reality* (June 2013) and *Indian Resilience and Rebuilding: Indigenous Nations in the Modern American West* (October 2013), see Cspan <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/311752-1>.

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University of California, Berkeley; UCLA; San Diego State University and University of Michigan. He was an Exchange Professor at University of Nottingham, England and Visiting Professor in the John F. Kennedy Institute at the Freie University in Berlin, Germany.

Teaching Interests and Courses

At the undergraduate level, Professor Fixico has taught a survey history of "American Indians Since 1900" and a pro-research seminar for history majors. He has directed independent studies, honor theses for Barrett, The Honors College and theses at the Arizona State University West Campus. At the graduate level, he has taught seminars on "Federal Indian Policy, Laws & Treaties," "American Indian History Research Seminar," "An Oral History of the American West," and "Readings in the American West." Professor Fixico has directed master's theses and doctoral dissertations and serves as an advisor to several graduate students. He has been a mentor to students as well as to junior faculty in the Provost's Mentoring Program.

Professional Service Activities

Professor Fixico has worked on nearly 20 historical documentaries. In 2000, President Clinton appointed him to the Advisory Council of the National Endowment for the Humanities and in 2002 he was the John Rhodes Visiting Professor of Public Policy in the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University. In 2006, the Organization of American Historians awarded a short-term residency award to Professor Fixico to give lectures for two weeks in Japan. Professor Fixico has given lectures nationally and internationally and works with tribes and indigenous organizations. In 2012, he lectured at Sichuan University in China and Auckland University in New Zealand in 2013.



A New Day at Harriet Tubman

They never saw it coming. After two years of controversy, teacher turnover, and accusations of Board member interference in the daily operations of the day-to-day operations of Harriet Tubman Village Charter School, Dr. Barney Wilson arrives on the scene to take over the helm. He brings with him a fresh new vision for the school and a huge dose of optimism. His plans include moving the school towards becoming a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics school with a focus on Maritime studies.

Dr. Wilson is an experienced leader. Some think of him as having the intellectual and experiential understanding needed to make the school the best school in San Diego. With Bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering, economics and mathematics from Carnegie Mellon University, and a Master's degree in business administration from Carnegie Mellon and a doctoral degree in urban educational leadership from Morgan State University, he certainly looks good on paper. He has ten years of experience as the top principal from Baltimore, Maryland and has even ran a community college. He has owned several businesses including a consulting firm, a landscaping and cleaning business, a roller skating ring and a championship wrestling federation. Lastly, he ran for public office three times including a seat

in congress. Although he never won any of the elections, those experiences will help him to navigate the political waters here in San Diego.

So what will he do for Harriet

Tubman Village Charter School? He has a clear cut four-year plan to position the school to be the best. The first year will be about focus and discipline. The second year, he calls "finish what you start". The third year is entitled "dominate". And the fourth year he says will be labeled "getting back to basics". He does not believe in teacher turn-over, suspensions nor chronic absences. He believes that his strong and clear voice will set the tone of what is expected of the teachers, staff, students, and community partners. He will be developing the "Next Generation of leaders", his students.

If you want to hook your train up to a fast moving engine, keep an eye on Harriet Tubman Village Charter School. It will become a national school of excellence and best practices.



Together in a Heartbeat

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The spirit of the Indian is alive, full of dignity, honor and pride and the man of solitude does not defer to mirrored images

of clowns but adheres to the universal realm of the ancestors. Those who find a spiritual path, as the lonely Indian does, they shall come to find and know that the Indian World is alive.

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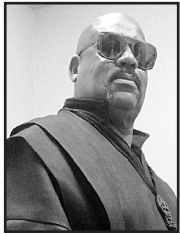
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Black Path Commentary: Critical Analysis on Culture, Community, & Struggle

Reflections & Reinforcement of the Good Word: Respecting & Support the Vision and Mission of "Indian Voices"



by Min. Tukufu Kalonji

Habari Gani, (Swahili for what's the news?), to all of our family, friends and supporters of *Indian Voices* news. We want to take this month to

recognize and give again our respect of the varied ways in which you have been a support to the efforts of *Indian Voices* and by extension of my column Black Path Commentary: Critical Analysis on Culture, Community, & Struggle. We extend our deepest gratitude for the multifaceted way in which you have been part of the *Indian Voices* family. Whether as a subscriber, advertiser, reader, resource for a story et al, it has been a warm and wonderful relationship. We have in a humble and consistent way strived and struggled to give you a culturally centered contextual view of critical issues from an Afrocentric perspective.

We sought to achieve this via this column, as well as the multicultural viewpoints of other writers, their stories, events that we cover, highlighted organizations who are moving in struggle to do as our missions statement asserts and that is,

"To advance and promote a supportive system of information sharing grounded in Native Indigenous values and traditions while developing pioneering efforts to build bridges with emerging grassroots coalitions of labor and community groups in order to create sustainable economic environment.

Indian Voices news is the inspiration and innovation of our sister, Ms. Rose Davis. For 30 years, imbued with the spirit of her ancestors, Indian and African alike, she is one who lives her life to the fullest in the interest of strengthening family, community, and culture. Having a love of community that radiates like the sun over the Nile

River at midday, she is hereby commended for all of her efforts, which for the majority of the life of *Indian Voices* news; she has managed primarily single handedly with the help of only a few friends, and family members.

Over the last three years we (Black Path Commentary) sought to provide a Black perspective on critical issues and concerns impacting our communities. We examined through the legacies of heroes and heroines throughout our history and those living amongst us today that Ameirkka's hypocrisy in its self congratulatory narrative is no more than its continued hegemonic impositions on us as a people. Moreover, that in spite of the established orders promotion of what it calls a "post racial society" the fact remains that as ancestor Paul Robeson argues, "The battle front is everywhere, thus there are no sheltered rears". We then sought to assert ancestors Robeson's position and thus in the context of his position we that we are compelled to struggle constantly and continuously for justice and against that which is in opposition to our best interest in in all areas of our daily life and for the generations to come.

Ms. Davis' role in bringing a radical multicultural media project without the conservative or leftwing slant typical of the mainstream papers in our community was and is crucial to the life of Black Path Commentary as she remains a steadfast warrior for righteousness on behalf of her community.

It is essential that we the community whom she serves continues our support of *Indian Voices*. Thus, on behalf of *Indian Voices*, I am requesting all who find in value this newspaper to please make a donation of whatever you can on a monthly basis to Rose Davis to assist in offsetting the cost of the printing and production of the paper. It can be a \$1, \$5, \$20 or whatever you can realistically

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The Ancestors bring Gerardo Garcia Cota to his People

Howka. My name is Gerardo Garcia Cota. I am 32 years old. I write this letter to my people, the Kumeyaay nation, my tipie brothers, and Native Americans from different tribes, in hope of a response. I have lived in the U.S. since I was four, 1987. I was deported and sent to live in Mexico six years ago. I have been in the U.S. with court permission since April,

2015. Here is my lineage: My great great grandparents, Antonio Meza and Petra Osuna were pure blood tipies as was my great great grandparents Benito Meza Osuna and Eulogia Ruiz. My other great great grandparents were Vincente Lopez Loya and Maria Francisca Meza Thing. My family tree extends for generations on my grandfather and grandmother's side of the family in the Kumeyaay nation. I have more family tree I could write about, but space is limited.

My reason for writing is because I am seeking help to be recognized in the U.S. as a Kumeyaay Native. I have contacted the Sycuan, Viejas, Campo and other Kumeyaay nation members for aid and I haven't gotten a response from them. A Campo native gave me a letter acknowledging me as a Kumeyaay native. But, the U.S. government is requesting an Enhanced Tribal Card for me to be considered for living and working in the United States. I want to be recognized as what I am. A Native American seeking to live and work in the United States. I do not want any financial gain from this. I want to be free as my ancestors were to seek a home and a life. If I do not receive this card, I will be put in prison again and then deported to Mexico where I fear for my safety. I have never committed any crimes. I just want to come home. I am very depressed and feel very alone for my people have not offered me help. I cannot do this without my People This is a big SOS to my people, the Kumeyaay, for them to issue me a Enhanced Tribal Card. Love to my people. I am a tipie in distress. Truly yours, Gerardo Garcia Cota.

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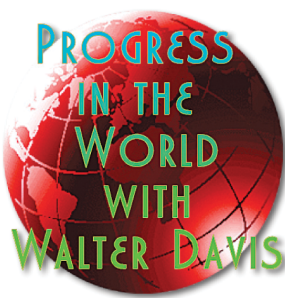
Howka. It was a beautiful day in Santa Ysabel. I met many wonderful people from the Kumeyaay nation. It was there that



Bobo, a native from the nation allowed me to participate in the ceremony. I felt beautiful to meet such lovely people. It was very heart warming and I thank the Lord for that experience even though I still haven't found anyone among my people to help with my need to gain acceptance to the nation. I face a fear of being mistreated and tortured if I am returned to Mexico. I am Native American and the Mexican government says that I am and do not recognize me as Mexican. I am discriminated against because of my native status. If I were to be put in immigration custody again I am afraid of ending up in the hospital for mistreatment I have previously received in the detention center. I am Kumeyaay. I am not saying all immigration officers are bad people for I met many officers who were loving and kind. But, there are some who are mean and prejudiced.

I saw my Kumeyaay mother and aunt and my brothers and my cousins this weekend at the ceremony. We all participated in the events. It was warming to be there with family and others from the Kumeyaay nation. I also met a lovely lady who is a friend of my family. Miss Karen Vigneault, a tribal member and she encouraged me to keep fighting the good fight and to remain in my country, the US and not be sent back to Mexico where our kind are being mistreated, tortured as the government is taking tipie lands.

I will keep fighting and going to church that helps me with life through ministry and fight this spiritual battle. I am thankful for the Pettigrew's who are helping me with this battle and my new lawyer Matt Holt. I am hopeful for the future where I would like to live a simple life of family, work and service. I would also like to thank Ms Rose Davis for her help. Blessings to the Kumeyaay nation.



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Tearing Down the Flags of Hatred and Oppression

by William Loren Katz

1935 was half a century before Bree Newsome was born and 80 years before she climbed that flagpole to pull down a Confederate flag that stood for slaveholders, racial terror and treason. She and James Tyson her spotter were quickly arrested.

On July 26, 1935 Bill Bailey, a broad-shouldered Irish American seaman and union organizer, decided to pull down the swastika flying from the bow of Nazi Germany's luxury liner BREMEN anchored in New York harbor. Posing as tourists Bailey and other American seamen came aboard. As his buddies started a fight to distract the ship's crew, Bailey climbed the flagpole and tore at the flag that represented Nazi persecution of religious, racial and political minorities.

Bailey yanked, his friends battled Nazi sailors, and the swastika would not come loose. "I would have eaten the thing to get it off," he later told me. Finally the swastika gave way, he threw it into the Hudson and New York police arrested him and his comrades. When

Marilyn Vann and Freedmen Descendants Head to Washington, D.C.

Marilyn Vann, Cherokee Nation citizen and President of Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes Association; and Leeta Osborne Sampson, Councilwoman for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and Cesar Bruner Band Chief - will go to Washington DC in fall of 2015 to meet with public officials/staff, federal agency staff, as well as Civil Rights leaders on issues important to the freedmen exercise of 1866 treaty rights. We need YOUR help to fund this trip.

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freedmen treaty rights out of ignorance.

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congressional staff, federal agency staff, and non profit Civil rights leadership, freedmen leaders and their supporters must "make the DC rounds" to keep the freedmen cause before the media,, policy makers and civil rights leaders. Your donation will assist in making this trip happen. Donations will be used for travel expenditures including hotel, plane, taxi, etc.

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agencies on laws/regulations/money distribution plans which impact tribes/tribal members/descendants of tribal members. However, there is no

such requirement of consultation regarding impact on freedmen descendants. It is up to the freedmen descendants and their supporters to "stay in the game and at the table" to protect exercise of 1866 treaty rights.

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Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels denounced Bailey and demanded protection for his diplomats, Mayor LaGuardia sent along ten Jewish police detectives, further infuriating Goebbels.

The world applauded Bailey's brash courage as they did that of Bree Newsome. By the next year Bailey joined The Lincoln Brigade, 2800 other Americans of every race, who rushed to Spain to fight a fascist military take-over orchestrated by Hitler and Mussolini. He fought in an integrated machine gun company. During World War II, he helped liberate the Philippines.

Freedom fighters Bree Newsome and Bill Bailey never met but had a lot in common. Their audacious acts against racial hatred and oppression were four generations apart but remain forever linked by a strong sense some ordinary people have to defend others from injustice and persecution.

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Upcoming Canonization of Junipero Serra Draws a Divided Reaction

by Charlie Perry

On September 23, 2015 Pope Francis of the Catholic Church will travel to Washington D.C. to canonize 18th century Spanish Friar, Junipero Serra, who founded the first nine Spanish Missions in California.

"He was the evangelizer of the West in the United States," said Francis, while flying to the Philippines to finish up his trip to Asia. Serra traveled from his station in Mexico to bring Christianity to the Native population of California. The decision to raise Serra to sainthood has sparked controversy from California Indians.

"When you recently announced that you would canonize Fr. Junipero Serra we were in absolute disbelief. It is incomprehensible for us to think that you would canonize a person who is ultimately responsible for the death of approximately 100,000 California Indians and the complete extermination of many Native tribes, cultures and languages," Amah Mutsun Tribal Band Chairman Valentin Lopez stated in an open letter to the Vatican written in February 2015 to Pope Francis.

Serra may have had the intention of converting California Indians but the Spanish soldiers who populated the missions had alternative motives. "We came to serve God and the king, and also to get rich," stated Erna Diaz del Castillo in a 1568 correspondence to officer Hernan Cortes. Spanish historian Gonzalo Fernandez de Ovido y Valdez referenced in 'Rivers of Gold: The Rise of the Spanish Empire from Columbus to Magellan' by Hugh Thomas stated, "They (Spaniards) are the sort of men who have no intention of converting the Indians or of settling and remaining on this land. They come only to get some gold or wealth in whatever form they can obtain it."

Spanish soldiers routinely forced themselves upon California Indians, "The grand plan of this occupation was that soldiers would eventually marry Indian women and we would have a Mestizo, mixed population loyal to the crown.

Soldiers simply raped Indian women, and children. Why would you marry them if you had to relinquish any sort of rights? Only a handful of soldiers ever married Indian women, stated Castillo.

"In the California missions, the new European diseases-smallpox, mumps, measles, malaria-killed many of the Indians that were forced to live there. The Mission Indians also died from respiratory ailments and illnesses caused by poor sanitation. They died from syphilis introduced to them by the soldiers and the colonists-and by the use of mercury for treating it. From the Franciscan viewpoint, there was no moral dilemma as long as the deaths of thousands of converts contributed toward populating heaven, stated in a 2010 article about California Mission Indians on Native American Netroots.

Serra stated in a 1775 report to Friar Francisco Pangua, his Franciscan superior at the Colegio de San Fernando in Mexico City. "In the midst of all our little troubles, the spiritual side of the missions is developing most happily. In (Mission) San Antonio there are simultaneously two harvests, at one time, one for wheat, and of a plague among the children, who are dying."

The Catholic Church's process of canonization is broken down into four steps. "Today the process proceeds as follows: When a person dies who has 'fame of sanctity' or 'fame of martyrdom' the Bishop of the Diocese usually initiates the investigation. Information is gathered, and then a transumpt, a faithful copy duly authenticated and sealed, is submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints," stated a report from The Catholic Education Resource Center. "In December 1948, In Fresno, California, the Historical Commission for the Serra Cause, a triumvirate of scholars, testified before an ecclesiastical court and presented the record," stated Dr. James Sandos, University of Redlands Farquhar Professor of the American Southwest in an article written for the Historical Review in 1988.

The Catholic Education Resource

Center went on to say, "The congregation examines to see if the candidate was motivated by a profound charity towards his neighbor, and practiced the virtues in an exemplary manner and with heroism. Throughout this investigation the 'general promoter of the faith' or devil's advocate, raises objections and doubts which must be resolved. Once a candidate is declared to have lived life with heroic virtue. He may be declared Venerable." The Los Angeles Times reported, "In 1985, the Pope (John Paul II) declared Serra 'Venerable' the first of the three steps, a designation that means that the church believes that the 18th-Century Franciscan who founded the California mission system lived 'a life of heroic virtue.'"

The next step is beatification, "A martyr may be beatified and declared 'Blessed' by virtue of martyrdom itself. Otherwise, the candidate must be credited with a miracle, stated The Catholic Education Resource Center report. The Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints decided Tuesday morning that a St. Louis nun was cured of a serious neurological disorder 27 years ago as result of the intercession of Serra, Stated Father Noel F. Moholy via the Los Angeles Times in 1987.

One additional miracle is needed to complete the prerequisites of

canonization leading to sainthood, "In order to be canonized, a candidate must have performed two 'miracles.' The first ascribed to Serra was his healing of a lupus patient who had prayed to him. The pope (Francis) aided Serra's cause by declaring Serra's life's work to be the second miracle," stated Andy Galvin, a Chochenyo Ohlone and the Curator of Mission Delores, via Breitbart California in 2015. Once each step has been fulfilled a mass will be held to officially rise a candidate to sainthood.

What is under controversy by California Indians is the second "miracle" of Serra's life's work. Many believe he allowed horrible atrocities to happen to the Native peoples of California at the hands of Spanish Soldiers who administered corporal punishment and sexual assault against them.

"You can't put a smoking gun in his hand, He's like Heinrich Himmler, and other middle level bureaucrats. I'm not even sure you can put a whip in his hand, but he believed in all these things so he made them happen," stated Edward Castillo Professor Emeritus of Sonoma State University. Serra wrote in a 1780 letter to Spanish Governor Felipe de Neve, "The spiritual fathers should punish their sons, the Indians, by blows appears to be as old as the conquest of these kingdoms."

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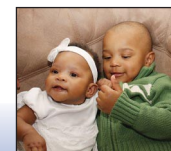
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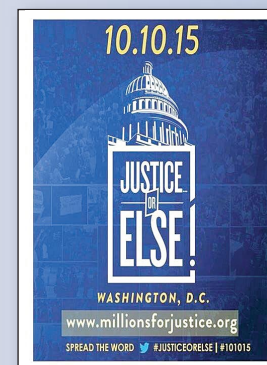
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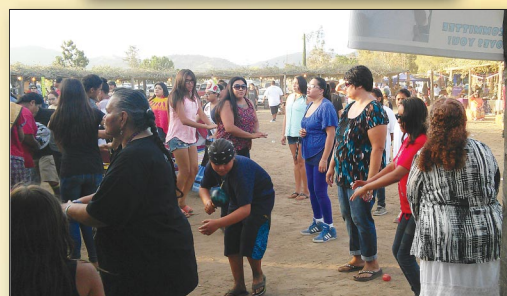


Activist and respected member of Congress John Lewis and his award-winning co-creators Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell of the graphic novel series "March" make a special presentation following their 2015 Comic-Con appearance.



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Sol Remedy brought the Junior Seau band shell to life playing reggae throughout the day during the surfing championships in Oceanside.

Once the music starts the festivities begin with joyful, happy and spirited audience participation. People

enjoying being on the planet. Two lead singers Alastair and Alexis backed by three guitars, a saxophone, trumpet, trombone, keyboard and drums wailed away underneath the hot sun. Hands down cool haircut winner went to Alastair.

Two lovely Latinas are featured in the group called “The I Ways”, Esmeralda Aldaz moving slowly on percussion including the rhythmic rainstick and Lilly (radio) Lopez on the hypnotic, almost middle-Eastern sounding air-operated, keyboard called a melodia.



Semiole Days Celebration

In the year 1872 the Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery was established just outside the city limits of the small West Texas town of Brackettville. For the first time in its history, the descendants of the highly honored and decorated United States Army Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts, the Vets of yester year and of present day are being given homage by their ancestors on September 18, 2015 on Fort Clark in the city of Brackettville, Texas with a full military honor. Accompanying the ceremony are several high-profiled guest speakers. In looking back at almost a century and a half in existence of the Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery, the newly formed Warren Perryman Foundation for Native American Research, Ndè non-profits' CEO/FOUNDER Mr. Thomi Lee Perryman, the great-grandson of Mr. Warren (Juan) Perryman including the Board of Directors: Manester Y. Bruno/President, Veronica M. Warrior/Vice-

President, Mrs. Helen Perryman-Williams/Secretary, Jo Ann Harris/Treasure and Sabra Bradley/Parliamentarian is presenting a dynamic and history making Military Ceremony honoring several of the Black Seminole Women descendants of the Scouts: MAJ Manester Y. Burnouse, Retired; MAJ, Jo Ann Harris USA, Retired; Louise R. Thompson Specialist V, USA; VERONICA WARRIOR, USAF, Capt. (Commission); CAROLYN WOODARD, USAF, MAJ, Ret. and WILLIAM “DUB” WARRIOR, USA; (will be receiving the plaques representing all men that has served in the United States of America Armed Service), along with Mrs. Bennie Jo Perryman living Matriarch to the James and Teresita Perryman family, will be receiving the special honorary plaque for Terasita Perryman wife of the Scout James “Jim” Perryman the first woman to scout with the Seminole Negro-Indian Scouts in her honor. Also, being presented

is a must see documentary “By Blood” from New York. The doc involves the history of the Five Freeman Tribes of which promises to be an eye opening experience as to who, what, when, why, and information that has written about over the years. The Warren Perryman foundation will also close its' two day educational presentation with a lecture by Doug Sivad (Investigative Journalist & Author) of “The Muskoga Black Seminole Indian of Mexico and Texas” and renown author Shirley Boteler- Mock will present a children's segment in the historical Post Theater on Ft. Clark. Mr. Thomi Lee Perryman is being true to the wishes of his late great grandfathers Warren Perryman's wishes and legacy. These honors are powerful and way overdue. Mr. Warren (Juan) Perryman, son of Scout James and Teresita Perryman departed us with a binding quote; “Be proud of your heritage, do not forget the graves of these Scouts, honor them and cherish them”.

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NEWS *from the Northwest*

A White Man's Powwow – Coos County Fair and Rodeo

by Yvonne-Cher Skye, Northwest Correspondent

It was a warm summer afternoon, when the family and I went to the local county fair. An event that had been anticipated upon by all members of the family for the various events and opportunities to meet up with friends and family. For the mother, the center of focus was the rodeo, her love of horses, and western regalia drew her to seek out the stadium where friends were holding seats for us. For the father, it was a focus

on taking his children on the various rides or observing them as they rode the various carnival rides whose flashing lights dazzled as the sun set and the nighttime took over.

Having attended many Powwows of the native variety, as well as taking a course at Fresno City College wherein we studied powwows extensively in a Native American Art course taught by a Native American instructor who herself sponsored and headed powwows for her people. I can honestly make comparisons between the two events

from an audience perspective.

I decided to observe the beginnings of the rodeo and watched the youth barrel racing competition where a majority of the riders were preteens astride miniature horses. It was exciting to watch the dexterity with which these young ones guided their horses on the course. The announcer's voice echoing through the stadium urging on the riders and the crowd with statistics and details of which honored the current participant. Having attended many powwows in my lifetime, I was reminded of the MC of the dancers at an Native Powwow whose job is to announce the style, the people, and entertain and inform the audience with statistics, anecdotes and jokes.

I have also had the honor of working with a mother whose children both participated in barrel racing with their miniature horse named Maverick in the

state of Ohio. As a result, I did admire the courage and training that those children had put into their costume, their handling of their horses and the bravery to race in front of a full stadium of strangers. The amount of time spent with family, trainers and their horses can be paralleled with the amount of time a dancer or performer at a Powwow must take to hone their skills in preparation for the event. The care and choice that one makes as to what they will wear from the riders perspective often includes added features and embellishments sewn by their mothers or themselves to make their outerwear truly a unique design. The amount of magic and energy that is put into their regalia (for lack of a better term) includes hand stitching and prayers of encouragement of safety and love and courage to perform a risky tasks such as barrel racing.

White Man's Powwow - Exhibition Halls

by Yvonne-Cher Skye, Northwest Correspondent

While at the Coos County fair held in Myrtle Point in Oregon in July, I had the opportunity to walk around the exhibit halls during the time of the of the rodeo, thus allowing me access and privacy to slowly view and admire the talent and effort put into the various arts, photography, culinary, and textile projects on display. I felt that I could view with a discerning eye as I have extensive background in museum curation and have visited over 100 museums and such exhibits over my lifetime. And as I am writing for a Native American newspaper, I also will call my artistic knowledge derived from courses taken in Native American studies and art taught by Native Instructors. One of whom, I may mention is the late Roy Cook, who taught at San Diego Mesa College. I have learned from Native artists that each has elements that they chose to work into their art that signifies their native roots and gives honor to spirit and the world within which we live.

As I viewed the photographs, the

images of animals in various natural settings and the hues, and chroma which stimulated my senses I sought names I might recognize. A boy was walking behind me in the gallery showing his grandparents the awards he had received from his past year's collection of animals from domestic cats, to hummingbirds hovering over a leaf. It was in examining the placards that accompanied that I realized I did not see native names. I wondered at this as I continued through the other exhibits making a game out of trying to find even a hispanic name and to my chagrin did not see any. It was then that I decided to consider this event as a white man's powwow. It was an opportunity for people to submit their arts, their crafts, their food items and produce they had grown to be viewed and judged by their peers and awarded, in a very public manner in an effort to introduce the public to their lifeways, and creativity which defines their familial traditions and who they are in their own lives. The exact definition of a Powwow presented in a Native American Arts studies course I had taken in my undergraduate program.



A cake made to represent a stump with a bee hive and flowers growing over it by the 4H club of Coos County.
Photo: Yvonne-Cher Skye

An endearing attribute of county and even state fairs are the focus on agriculture and agribusiness as themes and this county fair was no exception, the theme of Country scenes and Children's dreams enabled more of a focus on young talent. As with this of course, I sought any native themes and did not see any booths or exhibits with elements that may indicate Native Pride.

The closing thought on this White Man's Powwow is, as the banners and programs indicate it was sponsored in part by the Three Rivers Casino of Coos Bay which is owned by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Coquille, Suislaw Indians. One wonders why there wasn't more Native American submissions to the exhibit halls so they could share their art with the attendees of this fair.

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people showed their humanity,” said Farrakhan. “And with this symbol of the cross, he and his army conquered [the indigenous] using a white Jesus as the sign of leadership. I would be suspicious of a church that raised that kind of hell and blamed Jesus,” Farrakhan said.

The art of forgiveness

Forgiveness comes in a process, and the heart is not a safe, Farrakhan explained. “You just can’t unlock it with the forgiveness key and all of the sudden all is forgiven. You get up in the morning and look in the mirror. You know what you need. You make the necessary adjustments before you face the day. After acknowledgement, repentance, atonement, reconciliation and then comes the forgiveness.”

“You want forgiveness without repentance? The pain is real today. Accept the responsibility to right the wrongs. We learned the language and wear the name of our oppressors. At the root, we’re all one and the root is calling us back to itself. Let’s come back to our roots and grow into something else,” he said.

He called on participants to strive to be God-like. “In your best state, you reflect God perfectly. Do things that are worthy of praise. Get high off the wisdom and never come down. You can’t wear the name of the Most High unless you’ve ascended to the most high. Come back to the Creator.”

Black lives matter

“Black lives matter.” Then the white folks come and say, ‘Well, all lives matter.’ All lives matter? If our lives don’t matter, than why should yours? We are broken men and women,” he said. “We’re not powering down no more. You should know an enemy when you see him – not by the color of his skin, but by the nature of his mind.”

“It’s not black or white; it’s what’s wrong or right,” said Farrakhan. “Somebody has to pay for what’s been done. Justice cannot sleep forever. What will justice look like? America is the head of a snake. We want to take you out of the tyranny of America. Your duty is to speak your truth to someone who has injured you. When you suffer in silence you give the guilty party a pass.”

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In a YouTube video promoting Justice or Else, Farrakhan says that people are angry because the government cannot suffice the needs of their people; angry because few have gotten wealthy at the expense of many. The poor and the sick and the unlearned multiply, and the value of their lives is diminished by the rich and the powerful. “When human life is devalued in the eyes of man and you are unworthy of the gift of life, it is easy for one to take the life of another. Black, Hispanic, Native, and even poor white lives are devalued. There is a way I have to behave. I’m free, but not free to rob you of yours – not free to take from you what does not belong to me. So I will construct my life according to these righteous principles,” says Farrakhan.

“This land belonged to the Mexicans and Indigenous. How can you call them aliens? That’s a horrible thing to say,” he continues. “Now is the time for God to intervene and bring the bottom rails to the top.”

Farrakhan is also critical of the government’s treatment of soldiers. “They have sent black and poor white soldiers to fight on the basis of lies. They told you a way to kill and brought you home. They have to reconstruct you to live as civilians, and they’re not doing that. Be sure you have a job so you can take care of your family, and they’re not doing that.”

Of women, the leader said, “Women must be set free. What God has put in you must be developed and cultivated and used for the advancement of a nation and a world.”

“God’s world is in need of a truth that will set up a government where everybody can live in peace with real freedom, real justice and real equality.” Farrakhan ended his three-hour speech at Mount Zion by saying, “When you come to Washington, speak your truth from your heart. Elijah Muhammed said we are mining out of the earth its treasure you put into the service of self, family and community. A leader has to suffer to open the way. They won’t make a move until you move them.”

“I never hurt anyone. I just told the truth, and I’m looking for fellow travellers. We are not seeking anything from you but to learn so you can fight the enemy,” he said.

To learn more about Justice or Else Million Man March, visit www.justiceorelse.org.

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Hi Everyone. I hope you all had a great summer like I did. I went on two road trips with my family to Arizona and Los Angeles. Now school has started and I look forward to sharing stories about the great adventure of learning. I want to introduce you to my cousins Hannah and Mishy. Hannah is six years old and Mishy is five. I have great fun with them going to the beach, singing and telling stories. They speak Spanish and I am learning the language from them.



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Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association Substance Abuse Update

Meeting Date: July 17th, 2015 • Update from David "Wolf" Diaz

Substance Abuse Committee:
Chairman Mark Romero, Michael Calac, Eric La Chappa, Anthony Pico, and David "Wolf" Diaz
SCTCA Staff: Denis Turner, Executive Director & Recording Secretary

The first topic discussed was the announcement of a Planning Committee Meeting for the California Native American Adult Treatment Center (CNAATC) on Friday July 31st, 10:00am at Southern Indian Health Clinic. Invitation notices will be sent out to those with an invested interest in this project. The reason for this meeting is to determine who will be the responsible party for a grant application from SCTCA in the amount of \$8,500. This grant will be utilized for a grant writer to prepare a proposal / template in regards to seeking funding for exploratory & development grants for the CNAATC. As of now SIHC has offered to be the responsible party for the grant but it is noted that they would need to meet with their board members for approval. As an alternate the IHC has agreed to take the lead in the event SIHC is denied.

Anthony Pico attended a meeting at Sycuan on July 13th for the Kumeyaay

Diegueno Land Conservancy (KDLC). At this meeting he asked two questions one being, would the KDLC be willing to make land available for the CNAATC and if so how much land is available? In response to those questions they answered yes to making land available and there is about 42 acres. They purchased this land several years ago with money that was pooled by the tribes. It was unanimous that whatever the land need is, that's what they are prepared to do. They also said there is a well on the property. There is about 6 miles of dirt road when you past the first property line to where the best site is.

Certain members from the Substance Abuse Committee will be going on a field trip to visit this possible site for the CNAATC on August 13th 2015. It is located on the eastern side of Kuuchamaa Mountain (Tecate Peak) near Tecate. Kuuchamaa Mountain is considered to be the most sacred mountain of the Kumeyaay people. It is known for the spiritual power obtained from the mountain to call for peace and healing among the Kumeyaay and neighboring nations. We will also be going to the Mosler Property which is part of the KDLC located near Julian CA along Highway 79. This site has a total of 38

acres and is designated to provide a location for cultural enrichment programs for the Kumeyaay people and help preserve ancestral knowledge. This land was offered and brought forward as an alternate location due to road conditions.

Terry King who is the CFO for SIHC attended a Roundtable Tribal Leaders Meeting in Sacramento on July 7th. At this meeting he mentioned our intentions for the CNAATC and the reception for this facility we need was met with enthusiasm. There was one comment made, why not just request that the grant proposal be applied to an existing treatment center. The answer to that is we need a facility close to: accommodate families who will be an integral part of the treatment process, transportation will be significantly shorter, and less expensive. Overall the CNAATC received a very positive response. Another comment was made that no one has ever come with a business plan, resolutions etc.

As an update on the resolutions of support from Tribal Governments. We now have 22 of a possible 31 which is 71%. We as the Substance Abuse Committee wish to express our immense gratitude for your involvement and support of an endeavor of this nature.

Anthony Pico has been asked to be a speaker at the fifth annual "All Tribes in Recovery Gathering". He will not only share his experience, strength, and hope about his personal journey of recovery.

But he will also give a progress report on all the achievements made towards the vision of this healing center becoming a reality. And how the recovery community at the gathering can contribute to our brothers and sisters at the Adult Treatment Center. He will share this upon approval from CNAATC.

I thank SCTCA for the recent opportunity to visit Washington DC and attend the United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference. The conference was an important occasion to learn of many helpful tools for our youth in regards to spiritual, mental, social, and physical aspects of life. First Lady Michelle Obama addressed more than 1,000 Native American Youth at the first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering held at the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel as part of President Obama's Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative and his commitment to improve the lives of Native youth across the country. I attended a workshop on Drug Free Communities for Native Youth - Proving Prevention Works. After the workshop was over I had the chance to speak with Helen Hernandez who is from the Executive Office of the President. Helen is the Drug-Free Communities Support Program Administrator who works for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Upon speaking with her of our progress and intentions for the CNAATC she said she would be willing to send us links and resources that could provide federal funding for such a project.

Reflect on Mission Life

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member asked not to be identified. She said her family had long ago abandoned Catholicism. "The church never did anything for our people," she said. "They destroyed our culture, our religion, and our way of life. And now they want us to thank them for this and canonize Serra? What's up with that?"

Bobi Fisher sat with her sister, Norma Bavier, eating salad and fried chicken. They consider themselves devout Catholics, but both opposed the canonization of Serra. "Put yourself in our place," said Fisher. They took away our language and our land. They put us to work. Serra was like a slave owner in the south. It wasn't about grace or charity. It was about the almighty dollar—how much money they could make."

Bavier added: "When you look at the mission archives, you don't find out about the lives of the Indians, but about how many barrels of wine were produced in a year."

Edward Gonzalez, also a Luiseno, said the canonization was purely political. "The Catholic Church wants more members," he said. "As for Serra, he believed everything he did was for the good of the church. Our people believed in mother earth, the sun, and the moon, yet everything was taken away from them. Who gave them the right to do

this? We had our own religion."

Rupert Costo

Testimonies of Indians who lived at the missions are barely mentioned in most scholarly works. But in 1987 Rupert Costo (1906-1989) of the Cahuila tribe included many such testimonies in his book, "The Missions of California: a Legacy of Genocide".

The book served as a rebuttal to a report issued by Bishop Thaddeus Shubsda, of the Monterey/Fresno Diocese, promoting Serra's beatification, the first step toward canonization.

Costo included the testimony of more than a dozen Indians, mostly from San Diego County. Oral histories handed down through generations through tribal elders told of forced labor when Indians were compelled to cut timbers from Mt. Palomar and carry them to build the Pala mission.

"What my elders passed on to me was how our people were treated a slaves and punished," said Maurice Magante of the Pala band of Luiseno Indians. "It was a terrible part of our history."

Tony Pinto, also a Luiseno, commented on Serra: "He probably did not beat the Indians with his own hands, but he sure ordered such things. Wasn't he a disciple of the Spanish Inquisition? That such a man could become a saint is ridiculous."

The Costo book, though well documented, was dismissed as poorly researched, "too emotional," and

historically unreliable by eight scholars appointed by Bishop Shubsda. Instead, these historians defended the Franciscans, claimed that the treatment of the Indians was benign, and supported Serra's canonization.

The Shubsda report is included in the Costo book. It was submitted to the Vatican's Congregation for Causes of Saints, and Pope John Paul II beatified Serra on Sept. 26, 1988, calling him "a shining example of Christian virtue and the missionary spirit."

But even as plans for Pope Francis to canonize Serra this September in Washington D.C. have been confirmed, Carrie Lopez said that tribes throughout the state are taking votes against the move. "There is also an online petition against it, as well as strong editorials in Indian newspapers," she said.

There have also been a number of protests against the canonization planned in recent months at Mission San Carlos near Monterey, Mission San Juan Bautista near Hollister, Mission Santa Barbara and at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles.

On July 9, the San Diego Historical Society will host a presentation of the book: "Junipero Serra: A Man on a Mission" by Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz at the Junipero Serra Museum. The authors are promoting the Serra canonization. Spanish paella "prepared on site by the Casa de Espana" will be served to the guests.

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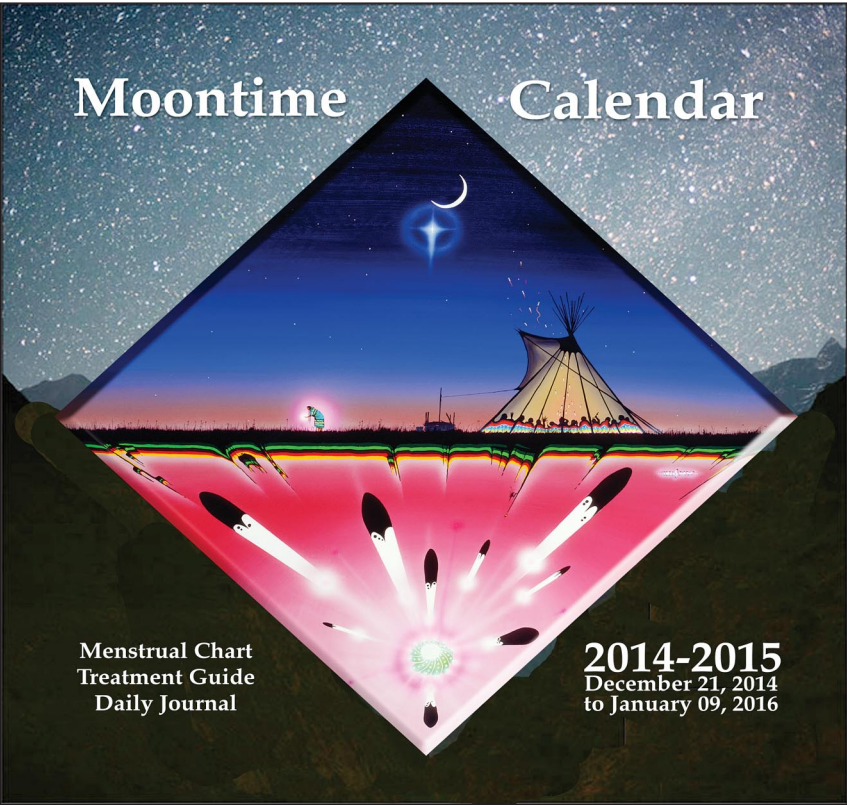
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“NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY SUMMIT 8.0: POWERING PROGRESS” EXPLORES THE FUTURE OF ROOFTOP SOLAR WITH FIRST-EVER SUMMIT DEBATE

Charles Cicchetti of the Pacific Economics Group Shares the Stage with Lisa Wood of the Edison Foundation to Debate Net Energy Metering and the Future of Rooftop Solar

LAS VEGAS, NV — “National Clean Energy Summit 8.0: Powering Progress” heads in a new direction with its first-ever debate on Aug. 24 at Mandalay Bay Resort Convention Center. Leading economist and co-founder of the Pacific Economics Group, Charles Cicchetti, Ph. D., will share the stage with Executive Director of the Institute for Electric Innovation (IEI) and Vice President of The Edison Foundation, Lisa Wood, Ph.D., to debate the merits of net energy metering and its role in the future of rooftop solar.

Rose McKinney-James, managing principal at McKinney-James & Associates, will moderate the debate, ushering in a new format to drive the dialogue around the future of the clean energy economy at the National Clean Energy Summit.

“This new debate format is an exciting change as we see it as an important way to foster a robust discussion about an issue that’s fundamental for the future of rooftop solar,” said Rose McKinney-James, former Clean Energy Project chair and moderator of the debate. “Like always, we’ll do our best to drill down to the bottom of the

issue and see if we can stimulate conversations that will focus on solutions.”

Cicchetti is the former Chairman of the Wisconsin Public Utilities Commission and an expert on energy legislation and regulation. He is the author of numerous publications including “Going Green and Getting Regulation Right.” Cicchetti believes net metering plays an important role in the future of rooftop solar and the continuing development of the nation’s clean energy economy.

Wood is an electric industry expert, author, public speaker, and professor specializing in current issues and innovations in the power sector. Under her leadership at the Edison Foundation and IEI, the organization has published three recent books about the changing power grid including “Thought Leaders Speak Out: The Evolving Electric Power Industry.” She believes the nation’s electric utilities are indispensable to the power grid because utility companies have the end-to-end platform visibility to ensure reliability, resiliency, affordability and safety. The two will share the stage for a moderated debate intended to help the audience better understand and form qualified opinions on this important topic.

The Future of Rooftop Solar Debate will be one of an exciting lineup of speakers and panels at National Clean Energy Summit 8.0. President Barack Obama, U.S. Senator Harry Reid, John Podesta, former

counselor to President Barack Obama, Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz, Center for American Progress President Neera Tanden and Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education Dan Klaich will lead the schedule. Already announced panels include a conversation on game changing investments like the Gigafactory with representatives from Tesla and Panasonic, a discussion about the grid in the information age with the director of ARPA-E and executives from top renewable energy companies, and a look at how American communities are adopting clean energy and efficiency today.

“National Clean Energy Summit 8.0: Powering Progress” is co-sponsored by U.S. Senator Harry Reid, Center for American Progress, the Clean Energy Project, MGM Resorts International and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In its eighth year, the Summit has become the nation’s foremost clean energy conversation, with past speakers including Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton, Joe Biden, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Elon Musk and many more.

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The purpose of the 2015 EMG Town Hall on Veterans Suicide is to increase public awareness of the number of veterans committing suicide and to help prevent it. A special panel made up of

community leaders will answer questions and offer solutions.

Scheduled panel members include Jim Lytner from the Veterans Care Foundation; Mayor Allan Litman from the City of Mesquite; Richard Egan from the Southern Nevada Suicide Prevention Training Program for Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Judge Melissa Saragosa from the Las Vegas Justice Veterans Court and Senator Pat Spearman from North Las Vegas. The moderator is LJ Harness from Cadillac of Las Vegas. Sponsors include Cadillac of Las Vegas, Chef Lucky Thai and the Salt Room LV. Media partners include the Arielle and Bruce TV Show” on W COBM.com, Guardian Liberty Voice, Las Vegas Informer, Veterans Reporter News and “Veterans Talk The Forgotten Promise” on KDWN 720AM.



Preserving Native Land

Last month, President Obama permanently protected over 700,000 acres of land in eastern Nevada as the Basin and Range National Monument. This land, two basins and one range, is the perfect example of the stark beauty of the Nevada desert.

Nevada's Great Basin has always been the home of the Washoe, Paiute and Western Shoshone People. Their traditions, languages and stories are part of a rich cultural fabric that Nevada shares with America and the World.

This monument is an area where the Mojave Desert meets the Great Basin and Joshua trees and cactus give way to a sea of sagebrush. This monument is an area that is home to desert bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk and pronghorn antelope. This monument was an area that provided food and shelter for Native Americans, and where one can see their history today in incredible rock art panels. This monument is an area that also reflects our unique western history—from early explorers to

hardrock mining to the ranching that still exists.

I was not raised in the mountains; I was raised in the desert where there's no water, few animals and the landscape is harsh but beautiful. I first visited this exact area in 2007, after I had been informed of a four-decade-old modern art project in the middle of the desert. When I first saw it, I felt at home. I became passionate about doing something to protect this incredible work of art and the stark beauty of the desert surrounding it – both of which are priceless.

In the center of Basin and Range National Monument is City, a grand modern art sculpture the size of the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The creator of City is internationally renowned artist Michael Heizer, who has been working on City since 1972, which will now be preserved for generations.

The protection of this untrammelled piece of the Basin and Range honors the beauty of the desert as well as its rich history. I was pleased that the President's

proclamation setting aside this land included strong protections of the rights of Indian tribes. The proclamation ensures the protection of Indian sacred sites and cultural sites within the monument's boundaries. Additionally, this designation guarantees access to the monument by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses.

By designating this monument, we are also protecting the wildlife that roam these basins. Birds like the Loggerhead shrike, Sage thrasher and Brewers Sparrows as well as the Pygmy Rabbits, Coyote and Kangaroo Mouse deserve to be preserved.

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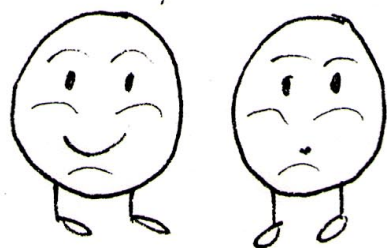


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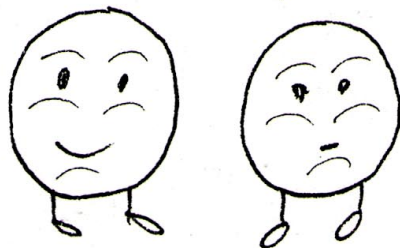
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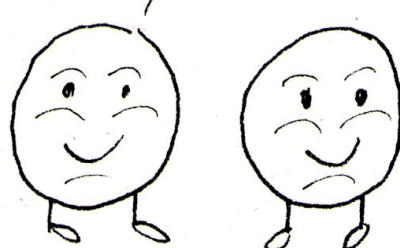


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HEAD STAFF

Headman - Sheldon Scalplock Sr., *Siksika Nation*
Headwoman - Shelley Bointy, *Lawrence, KS*
Head Teenboy - Darian Adakai, *Flagstaff, AZ*
Head Teengirl - Askwi Roan, *McNe-o Beach, Alberta*
Head Jr Boy - Jaron "Babbus" Yazzie, *Farmington, NM*
Head Jr Girl - Seneca Stanley, *Tacoma, WA*
Head Gourd Singer - Stephen Little Cook, *Tonkawa, OK*
Head Gourd Dancer - Larry Brown, *San Carlos, AZ*
Announcers - Ruben Little Head, *Hampy Flats, MT*
Dennis Bowen, *Allegheny Seneca Territory, NY*
Arena Directors - Jacquelin Hamilton, *Shawnee, OK*
Victor Khatsalano, *Chilliwack, Canada*
Drum Boss - Jason Whitehouse, *Madison Heights, MI*
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