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Announcing the Indigenous San Diego App

Adam Rodriguez, Indigenous Community Leader Previews New Mobile App

Tribal Chairman Association partners with Procopio Native American Law Practice Group to produce the Indigenous App

The Southern California Tribal Chiarmans
Association and The Procopio Law Group are proud to
announce the launch of the Indigenous San Diego
mobile app. produced by Procopio and presented in
association with the Southern California Tribal
Chairmen's Association and Maatam Naka Shin.
Procopio's Native American Law practice is pleased to
bring this unique app experience to the community

Attendees of the 72nd Annual NCAI Convention and Marketplace were the first to download and experience the Indigenous San Diego app this October 2015.

Maataam Naka Shin is an organization created last year by the Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association for the specific purpose of developing programs celebrating the indigenous communities in the Southern California area during the centennial celebration of the 1915 Panamanian Exposition in Balboa Park in San Diego. The organization is chaired by Anthony Pico, former Chairman of the Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, and has active involvement of many of the local Tribal governments. They have established relationships with inter-tribal organizations, museums, educational institutions and local institutions. San Diego County is home to 19 Native American Reservations from four ethnic groups, the Kumeyaay (Ipaay & Tipaay), Diegueno, Luiseno, Cupa and Cahuilla. Yet few people coming to San Diego have the opportunity to learn about its diverse indigenous culture and history, as well as local Tribal businesses.

Work on the San Diego Indigenous T-Shirt Mobile App began with Maataam Naka Shin last year. The phone/pad application that will premier publically with the participants at the NCAI annual conference in San Diego in October. This is application, "Indigenous San Diego", provides an



Adam Abel Rodriguez, Ajachemen, Tongva and Caltilla acquaints himself with the new Indigenous San Diego Mobile App while exploring and discussing the beneficial features of the new app with Native American Law Practice leaderTed Griswold. Note the Chuck Cadotte T-Shirt

interface for users to learn about the location of publicly available (but not necessarily well known) San Diego area tribal museums, indigenous exhibits in public

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Seminole Days 2015 Veterans Military Honor and Ceremony in Brackettville, Texas

by Thomi Lee Perryman

For those that attended the history making ceremony on Friday September 18, 2015 Seminole Days 2015, on Fort Clark in Brackettville, Texas and sat in the sweltering heat honoring the Seminole and Native American Women and Men Veterans both retired and still in active military duties, their attention was undivided. The descendants of the famed Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts could only imagine how their ancestors dealt with everyday living conditions while both travelling, running, and being in their homes and family environments. It was by all means worth sitting in the sun honoring the Vets and ancestors. The two hour ceremony only gave them a quick glimpse of how they would have shared

the plights of a somewhat lost history. As requested by Chief William "Dub" Warrior and First Lady to the Chief Ethel Warrior of the Black Seminoles of Texas Warrior Band under John Horse, the newly formed Warren Perryman

Foundation

for Native

American

Research, Ndé was proud to honor, direct and host for the first time within the Seminole/Native American's community history in Brackettville, Texas and on Fort Clark a very distinguished panel of







Local, State and U.S. Congressional Representatives to present beautiful plaques and certificates to their Seminole & Native American Women & Men

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Kumeyaay Tribes Protest and Pray, as Pope Francis Canonizes Fr. Junipero Serra

by Mark R. Day

Moments after Pope Francis canonized Fr. Junipero Serra in Washington D.C. at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on Sept. 23, a group of Kumeyaahy tribal members staged a protest and prayed for their ancestors at Mission San Diego de Alcala.

A similar, but much larger group of tribal members protested at Mission San Carlos Borromeo near Monterey, Calif. where ceremonies honoring the canonization also took place. San Carlos Mission is where Serra is buried.

During the canonization ceremony in Washington, Pope Francis praised Serra for "spreading the joy of the gospel and defending the dignity of the native against those who would abuse them."

At Mission San Diego tribal members expressed disagreement with Pope Francis' statements.

On the contrary, they say that the Catholic Church owes them an apology and steps toward reconciliation for the atrocities they believe were committed during the mission period from 1769 to

"We didn't come here just to protest," said Elie Kein of the San Pasqual tribe, who joined a group of women in the mission cemetery passing sage incense and praying to their ancestors. "This is more of

a day of mourning for us. We are sad because of the pope's decision to canonize Serra, a man who did so much harm to our people.

Mission San Diego was the first mission

Serra founded in 1769. It was originally located close to San Diego Bay, but later relocated six miles inland to its present site by its pastor, Fr. Luis Jayme, because the land there was more fertile.

On Nov. 4, 1774, more than 600 Kumeyaay warriors attacked the mission killing Father Jayme as well as a blacksmith and a carpenter. This was

one of more than a dozen Indian attacks that took place throughout California during the mission period.

"All of this resistance was because of the atrocities, the beatings, and other abuses, said Stan Rodriguez, a Kumeyaah elder from San Isabel, Calif. "If the Catholic Church really wanted to make things right today, they would to go each mission, meet with the Indians, and make financial

reparations."

Kumeyaah tribal member Jacob Alvarado, in his twenties, recently graduated from San Diego State University with a major in American Indian studies.



Ana Gloria Rodriguez of the Kumeyaay Nation leads native American women in a prayer for their ancestors at the Mission San Diego de Alcala cemetery. Photo by Mark Day

"What we need from the church are not canonizations, but truth and reconciliation," he said. "The only place this is happening is Canada, where they listen to the tribal elders. America is behind the times on these issues.

At the Mission San Carlos protest, Louise Ramirez, the tribal chairwoman of Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation (OCEN) said, "They tell us that 2,000 of my people are buried here, but there are more. My people were tortured all over this area,

even under these million dollar homes."

Meanwhile, representatives of 50 California tribes held a press conference in Washington D.C., calling the canonization ceremony 'a disastrous celebration of

slavery and cultural termination."

Deborah Miranda of the OCEN nation said that California Indians have responded to the canonization with online petitions, prayers, debates, a mock trial, art installations, a 650 walk through all the missions, as well as social media and letters to the

"Yet Pope Francis, has not made a single public comment about California Indians," said Miranda. "It's as though we and our ancestors, are merely

canonization fodder.'

Several speakers at the press conference contrasted canonizing Serra with Pope Francis' public apology he made to Indians during his recent trip to Bolivia.

The noted Native American activist Susan Harjo called it "incomprehensive that the pope could make such an apology then confer sainthood on "a leading perpetrator of these very crimes."

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museums, cultural trails, tribal lands and preserves, and Native businesses, places to gather, art exhibits, and community meetings. It is an empowering way to incorporate the lived experiences of Native people in San Diego.

The application has received positive reviews thus far and it is certain to gain more wide spread use throughout the

San Diego community. with those who are interested in being educated and culturally literate.

Native American Law practice group leader, Ted Griswold and Adam Rodriquez had a lively discussion about the potential benefit of the mobile app, especially as it relates to the continued development of the San Diego Cultural Tours as well as promoting the community efforts of the American Indian Veterans Association



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IT IS TIME TO BREAK THE CYCLE!



The Stone That The Builder Refused

by Makeda Dread Cheatom

Earlier this summer, WorldBeat Center's Children's Ethnobotany Garden and Coastal Sage won second place in the Balboa Park Garden Theme Award for our collaborative Ndebele themed exhibit

at Del Mar Fair's Garden and Flower Show. We were surprised because we have worked so hard to be recognized as an institution in Balboa Park. Surprisingly, in 2015 we received a fouryear National Science Foundation (NSF) grant with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology along with other institutions and organizations across the country. We are the only cultural institution representing Southern California. During our first meeting in Ithaca, NY we learned that that there is a lack of African American and Latino students applying

> and graduating with science careers. WorldBeat Center has been integrating science and arts for years, but our work wasn't recognized.

Whatever your dream is, don't give up. If you keep pushing even when it looks like it's failure, there will be success on the other side. You learn so much through

know this hard to believe, but sometimes failure is your best teacher. As an African American woman, growing up in a conservative town, it definitely

suffering. I

has not been easy, but it wasn't easy for all our ancestors. Stay close to the Earth and keep our prayers and we will be guided. This is the key to inner sustainability.

We must also work with outer sustainability. Recently, with California's drought, Phil Yates introduced WorldBeat Center to a project to teach students about water efficient ways to grow plants with aquaponics. Scattered throughout the Children's Peace Garden are several wicking wells. These wells are drum barrel-like structures covered in plants. In the center of the barrel, fish swim in a pool of water and plants. The fish and water provide nutrients to the greenery growing on the outside of the barrel. Through these lessons in aquaponics, WorldBeat Cultural Center provides students with a holistic viewpoint of sustainability. We teach students about

conservation systems, water conservation and energy and waste reduction.

enterprising and entrepreneurship through aquaponics. We teach them how to build the wicking wells and how to sell this truly unique product," explains Jesse Graham, WorldBeat's Operational Manager.

On October 5th, 2015 WorldBeat Center won one of the 2015 Balboa Park Sustainability awards for the Wicking Well Aquaponic Project during the annual Balboa Park Sustainability Partners' Breakfast! The award was presented by Councilman Todd Gloria and Michael Schneider, VP Operations Support & Chief Environmental Officer, of SDG&E.





Native Family in Need of Legal Aid

Dear Supporters,

The Eagle Bull-Oxendine family is requesting your continued support, solidarity and unification. These are just a few words to describe our hopes as we share with you a concerning matter that reaches far beyond us, as a Native family. Our family was discriminated against for expressing our beliefs in that an organization should discontinue an antiquated Native American curriculum that perpetuates Native American stereotypes. These are issues that have relevance and meaning to all indigenous people.

Our two younger children Jada, 9 and Jase Maste,7 were asked to stay home from school after we, the parents, James Oxendine and Jeanne Eagle Bull-Oxendine, requested the school change its overtly stereotypical Thanksgiving curriculum. The curriculum included the making of feather headbands; an unauthentic Indian naming ceremony; and play-acting as Indians in "redface. The school sent out a flyer to students requesting students come dressed as a pilgrim or a Native American [See flyer].

As a Native American family, Oglala Lakota, S.D. and Lumbee Nation of N.C., we sought to address the school's curriculum by raising our concerns with the administrators of the school. We were mortified with the school's decision. The school sent a letter home to our family informing us to keep our children home during the four-day week of the Thanksgiving activities. This exclusion towards our children was not in accord with their policies to provide an inclusive educational environment.

A year later, we were interviewed by a local news reporter, who gave a TV news report on the situation during the Thanksgiving holiday. After the news report aired, the school sued us, James Oxendine and Jeanne Eagle Bull-Oxendine for defamation.

This type of treatment towards Native children and cultural appropriation reaches far beyond our family. It is an epidemic which negatively impacts us as indigenous people in our nation. We feel our family did our best to resolve the matter; however, we were sued as a result. Since then we have retained a lawyer who has been gracious and compassionate enough to work with our financial situation. As well, we started a GoFundMe



account and raised \$15k for court costs for the lawsuit; this includes the added cost of hiring a "discovery referee" to protect our daughter, Jada at her disposition. The money raised is in a trust account held by our lawyer; however, it is quickly depleting.

We took action by filing a counter suit for discrimination against the school. We are now in the process of raising a second round of funds to pay toward court and litigation costs. Our family budget with four children and husband James (active duty-US Navy), does not include lawsuits. Our lawyer truly believes in our case and has been willing to work with our financial situation, and has yet to receive any type of reimbursement for her services in this case. Our trial date is set for early March of 2016.

Our family is requesting donations to raise additional \$10K for costs that may reach upwards of \$20K-\$25K; to cover costs associated with the trial case. This

- Medical experts: to provide evidence on the harm caused by the school curriculum and mistreatment.
- Native American expert: a member of our cultural community who can provide the cultural and social ramifications of the school's discriminatory conduct.
- Psychologist: to provide evidence on the psychological and emotional stresses placed upon our family before, during and
- Depositions: The testimony of a party or witness taken before trial.
- Discovery Referee: to protect the children's well-being during deposition.
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All donations will be directly placed in our lawyer's trust account. We understand that not every person, family or

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Developing Future Leaders

Several years ago the Elymash Yuuchaap Indigenous Scholars and Leaders Program at San Diego State University was developed to provide leadership, mentoring and communityservice learning experiences for students pursuing higher education. The program helps prepare students to serve Indigenous communities. Moreover, the program was designed to engage, support and promote the cultural, social, academic, and leadership development of students committed to the sovereign identity and progress of Indigenous communities.

The name Elymash Yuuchaap is the Kumeyaay Nation way of saying "Youth Think." The campus of San Diego State University sits on Kumeyaay land. This name is used in deference to the first peoples of this region and honors their thriving heritage and culture.

Annually, a cohort of 15-20 students is invited to participate in a series of leadership seminars and service activities. The seminars are scheduled weekly as part of a one credit course through the Department of American Indian Studies. The seminar topics and activities are developed by community and tribal leaders with support from

SDSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The scholars who receive ongoing mentoring are also invited to participate in special events with nationally recognized speakers, local community leaders, and university officials.

As an additional incentive, SDSU offers the American Indian Communities & Culture Success & Sustainability Scholarship. A minimum of \$500 is awarded to outstanding students attending SDSU. The recipients must be members of the American Indian Recruitment Program (AIR) or the Elymash Yuuchaap Scholars & Leaders Program, both of which accept members from all ethnic backgrounds. To contribute to the American Indian Communities & Culture Success & Sustainability Scholarship or learn more about the Elymash Yuuchaap Scholars & Leaders Program contact Dr. Aaron Bruce abruce@mail.sdsu.edu or visit the website.

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

The Movement and the Media: Alternative Resources of Information Dissemination in a Context of Struggle



by Min. Tukufu Kalonji

"If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the

oppressing. The media is the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that's power because they control the minds of the masses" (Malcolm X).

Minister Malcolm X, the fire prophet, teacher of culture and struggle argued these relevant points about media 50 years ago. Consequently, as it was then so it is now that the media is a tool that has an awesome ability to capture the hearts and minds of the people. The question at hand is who is in control of the media. We know that the established order controls the mechanisms and operation of what is commonly referred to as mainstream media. Moreover, we know that what is mainstream America is in reality a multi-toxic cesspool, thus, we the masses must resist buying into the matrix of madness initiated and pushed by the ruling race and class.

So for example with the recent success of the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March /Day of Absence themed Justice or Else, did we the masses receive honest reporting on the success of the event called for by Minister Louis Farrakhan, and all the allies in a leadership role for making this event happen. Nor do we from mainstream media venues hear about Dr. Tiya Miles: A scholar and one of the most authoritative voices in redefining and reinterpreting the history of North America in a context of its diversity. Dr. Miles is at the University of Michigan,

where she serves as a professor in the Department of History and professor and chair of the Department of Afro-American and African Studies. Dr. Miles is a historian and the country's foremost expert on the complex interrelationships between African and Cherokee people living and working in colonial America. Moreover, we certainly had no mainstream news coverage of the 50th Anniversary of the Organization Us. The Nguzo Saba 2015 Conference held last month happened in recognition of the awesome contributions achieved under the leadership of Dr. Maulana Karenga, his philosophy Kawaida Theory, (and its core values, the Nguzo Saba); and the practical work of the Organization Us has made to Black Life and Culture on a national and international level.

In the final analysis, alternative media is the media of the masses. Whether community based and oriented print media, web based, social media networks et al; alternative media is the news resources for the people. Publications such as Indian Voice, and internet broadcasting services provided by Tayari Media Group; are a voice of the people, by the people, and for the people. It is in an alternative media context whereas we can put forth our collective position on the varied facets of our liberation struggle in a clear, concise, honest, and worthy manner. Given that this writer contends that for any of us who are committed to the lifelong vocation of working in the movement to build a better society, indeed a better world let us Harambee!! (work together as one) in supporting our varied alternative media professionals who like us on want the good and beautiful world we all deserve and want to live in.

Min. Tukufu Kalonji is Founder of Kawaida African Ministries,For info contact @ tkalonji@hotmail.com



American Indian Veterans Association Honor Guard present colors September 22, at the Riverside County Administration Center to honor veterans. The Riverside Board of Supervisors presented a Proclamation Supporting of the American Indian & Alaska Native Veteran Monument.

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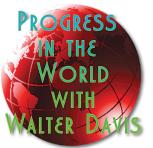
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Veterans. The ceremony began with the posting of the Colors by the USAF Color Guards from Laughlin Air Force Base followed by a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner sung by: Mr. & Mrs. Greg Bruno and Mrs. Pamela Best.

In trying to establish protocol, it was very important that the ceremony be called to order and asked permission to proceed by Jodi Kokopli Almendariz-Vela of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas and then extended permission to proceed was granted by Marie Veronica Warrior Sub-Chief of the Black Seminoles of Texas Warrior Band under John Horse. The honorable Mayor Andres Rodriguez of Brackettville was also in attendance welcoming the beginning and opening of Seminole Days 2015. It was fascinating to see the protocol set in order. As the ceremony then officially began, LTC, Richard L. Best USA (Ret.) presented an extremely well written and researched speech on the Seminole Women and Men that has served in the Military service in Mexico and Fort Clark. Following his speech he then proceeded to issue beautiful, lead crystal plaques to: MAJ Manester Y. Bruno USA (Ret.), MAJ Jo Ann Perryman Harris USA (Ret.), Louise R. Thompson, Specialist V USA (Ret.), William "Dub" Warrior USA (Receiving the plaques honoring all Men Vets and Active), Marie Veronica Warrior CAPT, USAF (Comm.) and Carolyn Woodard MAJ USAF (Ret.). All of the women and men accepted these their plaques with dignity and honor. There was also a very special plaque presented to Mrs. Bennie Jo Perryman descendant of the first known woman to scout with the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts, Teresa/Teresita Castro Perryman wife of the Scout James "Jim" Perryman.

The plaque presented to Mrs. Perryman was by Vice-Chief Richard Gonzales of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas. It was not without notice and honor that Carmen Gutierrez Del Rio/Eagle Pass Field Rep. U.S. House of Representative, Will Hurd Office issued beautiful and Official Certificate form the U.S. Congress to each of the recipients.

While sharing her knowledge and her speech on the women in the military dating back to the acceptance of women in the military, Carmen Gutierrez gave an astounding and well orated piece regarding the women whom had first served and how terrible they were treated as second class soldiers. While she was delivering her speech, there were several women in the audience that had wiped away several tears as they listened to her. Her speech was powerful! As the Sun had continued to beat down and the ceremony was nearing its' end, those in attendance refused to leave, while Mr. Thomi Lee Perryman Founder of the Warren Perryman Foundation for Native American Research, Ndé presented a short presentation regarding how important it was that we always keep in mind the sacrifices that our Vets had made while serving and protecting the lives of people throughout the times and

Mr. Perryman ended his part of the ceremony with a quote by his great grandfather Deacon Warren (Juan)
Perryman, "His principles and ideals" were: Be proud of your heritage; do not forget the graves of these scouts; honor them and cherish them. Mr. Perryman closing remark was, "We are not rewriting our history, we are just making sure that all info and records involving our people are recorded correctly". The Warren Perryman Foundation for Native

The Bureau of Black Indian Affairs Flag Dispatched to the Justice or Else 10-10-15 Gathering

The BBIA is a citizens group dedicated to re educating humankind about the historical realities associated with our indigenous population. Recognizing that (BIA) the official governmental Bureau of Indian Affairs is nothing more than the vestigial remains of a bureaucratic entity of little significance in todays world, an alternate was welcomed The BBIA offers a platform to build a functional body. The idea and concept floated from the organizational genius of Phil Fixico and has been nurtured by William Loren Katz and Rose Davis who provides an incubator for the organization within Indian Voices. The BBIA remains in an uninhibited conceptual structure free from government, community or bureautric restraints. The BBIA is powered by a loosely organized group of volunteers who come together infrequently as a Steering Committee.

In a gesture of solidarity with those community activists who are fighting for social justice the BBIA flag participated in the Justice or Else gathering in Washington D.C

American Research,
Ndé had set out to do
one thing, deliver and
present a powerful,
historical and
meaningful ceremony
and they did just that.
At the end of the
ceremony Mr.
Perryman had also
requested that the date,
time, and location of
the

ceremony be recorded in history and the ceremony was then officially over. It was







Chief William "Dub"
Warrior.
There was a beautiful VIP Reception following the ceremony in the "Arbor" behind the Ft. Clark Motel.



Adam Rodriguez is Ajachemen, Tongva & Caltilla

Raised to work with my hands and the belief to be good at what you do will always be in demand – speaking from a construction point of view. Then one day right before the last recession

that changed from quality to quantity. That turned everything upside down. Instead of quoting a price for a job according to the details of the project the company would hand you a figure which is one third less than that was quoted. This was life changing for the other companies in the field who followed suite (price fixing). This brings me back to my point of being American Indian. Having to make adjustments and transitions in diet, climate. and shelter is nothing new to American Indians



people. But this change affected more this time not just ghettos, barrios, reservations. The country shifted from manufacturing to high technology so people from all persuasions were affected to become

sacrificial lambs. Workers in their 40's, 50's and 60's were laid off and made to retire while people came from other countries that were educated for these new jobs in these new industries. Then to add injury to insult people had to go to other countries to teach other people how to do their jobs. Now this new group of people had to learn how to adjust to transitional changes and choices that they never imagined they would ever have to make. Welcome to our world.

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The Intertribal Agriculture Council would like to announce the 2015 INDIAN AG YOUTH ALLIANCE ESSAY CONTEST & CONFERENCE. All Students Interested in attending the 2015 Youth Conference during IAC's Membership Meeting are encouraged to apply by submitting an essay. The contest is open to Native American Youth enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe or descendants living on Indian owned land and entering grades 9-12 during the 2015-2016 school-year. This is a great opportunity for youth to showcase their writing talents. The deadline for submissions is 4pm (MST) on November 1, 2015. Please encourage all eligible youth to enter. Visit our Youth page for additional information.

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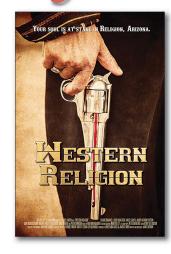


San Diego Film Festival Returns with a Bang

by Angela Wyatt

The 14th annual San Diego Film Festival returned to San Diego September 30th-October 4th. One of the premiere features, Western Religion cast two of my favorite Native American actors, Sam Bear Paw and Alan Tafoya. There was an introduction by Stanley Rodriguez and his two sons. Stanley, an Ipai

on for generations.



Kumeyaay instructor shared his culture by singing Wild Cat

songs. Each tells a story, this is how tradition has been passed

The feature film Western Religion premiered at the Reading Cinemas Gaslamp in San Diego Oct 3rd. This is not your expected cowboys and Indians movie. The western was set in the time frame of

the late 1800's. Religion is an old mining town in Arizona. The problem is they are running out of gold so they throw a poker



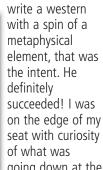
intense poker tourney. Without giving away the element of surprise that literally made me gasp outloud, I will give you a hint. The prize they were playing for was a large solid gold cross. Winner takes all. I highly recommend you see this film, you won't be disappointed. The wild west movie Western Religion kicks off its theatrical release at the Arena Cinema in



tournament that draws in all types of rowdy, colorful

characters and one very unexpected player for keeps. This film has everything, humor, intensity, excitement, suspense and a shocking surprise, totally unexpected.

Director/Writer James O'Brien said he has been doing



indie films for years. He wanted to going down at the increasingly

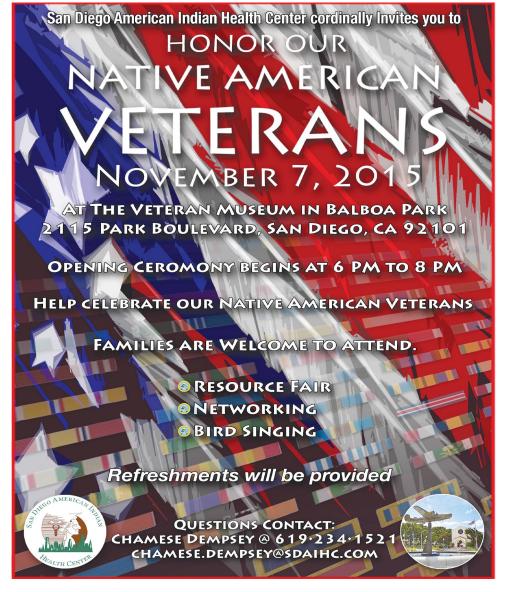


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by Esmeralda La Chupaflor

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by Esmeralda La Chupaflor

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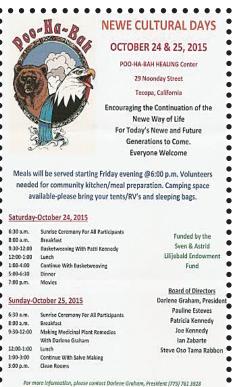
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like to eat Pizza, but it's rare to do so. We like fried noodles, sweet and sour pork, and vegetables. One of our favorite things to do is to jump rope. We hope one day to visit America and meet other children like you. We loved learning about you!

Stone Refused

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In addition, this type of farming does not take up much space. Many of these children have limited access to nature and aquaponics offers them a way to incorporate nature into their homes.

Another aspect of the Outdoor Classroom is the Urban Bird Program. The WorldBeat Cultural Center utilizes Cornell's curriculum for their Urban Bird Program in the United States and Mexico. To thank Cornell for this curriculum, WorldBeat sent Cornell's Lab of Ornithology a video of the children bird watching and learning about the importance of gardens and nature. Cornell loved the video and the great work of the WorldBeat Cultural Center so much that we were offered a four-year National Science Foundation grant!

"Cornell's scientists are concerned that Latino and Black youth are not entering into the science field. WorldBeat was and is already addressing these concerns with our Outdoor Classroom. At first, kids were scared of the outdoors. They were scared of ants and lizards. The program



teaches kids to enjoy the outdoors, to enjoy Balboa Park and its trails. They learn to develop an interest in and love for nature and science," Executive Director Makeda Dread Cheatom explains.

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NEWS from the Southeast

Love the Everglades Movement Aims to Restore Native Homeland

by Charlotte Miller

Although federal, state and local governments are doing their best to mitigate the legacy of destruction in the Everglades, much more needs to be done and done quickly before it's too late. The Everglades, one of the most unique ecosystems in the world, has been slowly wearing away under the push of commerce, invasive species, and water pollution.

Love the Everglades Movement is hoping to change all that. By bridging the talents of activists, artists, teachers, politicians, clergy, businesses and media, the Everglades can be revitalized, according to movement founder and activist Houston Cypress. Cypress, of the Miccosukee Otter Clan, was born and brought up on the Miccosukee Reserve that borders on Everglades National Park. He maintains ancestral villages in the central Everglades on what he calls "disappearing hammocks." "We need to protect and revitalize this sacred land," he said.

In August, more that 200 attended the 2-day Love the Everglades Movement Summer Symposium event held at Miccosukee Resort and Florida International University campus, where attendees got a first-hand look at the issues surrounding the unique ecosystem. Organizers were pleased with the turnout at the symposium. "Such a broad group of people," said Cypress. "From the newly engaged to our faithful followers, we heard over and over, this is a great way to be involved. With the outreach of FIU, Love The Everglades Movement was able to share with the student population - future advocates of the Everglades movement.

"There are problems," said Cypress.
"There are problems that are
environmental, structural, cultural and
spiritual plaguing the Everglades right
now. The first order of business is to
advocate for the urgency in cleaning up



the water." Cypress said the movement wants to bring attention not only to water quality in general, but to do it in different ways. "I'm an artist and there are many like me who want to use the artistic perspective to inspire action."

"Our ultimate goal is to improve the water quality and quantity, and to do that, we need to create a new water ethic," said Houston. "We want to stay on top of things, like how the water is being tested."

From a scientific and environmental point of view, the Everglades are being choked by pollution and toxic algae, and drying up because of over-consumption. And worse, these same waterways are being used as sewers by industries, and polluted by septic tanks and fertilizers. "We can no longer depend on clean water for drinking, fishing or swimming," said Cypress. "Our fresh water is disappearing, and the longer we wait to take action, the more costly it will be."

Although a bee and a flower may look different, they can't exist without each other. To that end, if we are to preserve and remediate the land we must begin with native plant species, explained Cypress. "By doing so we will provide habitat and food sources for the multitudes of wildlife that dearly depends on these plants." A great way to conserve water is to stop invasive species of plants, and reintroduce native species. "This is a practical and tangible way to help," said Cypress.

Preserving Indian life on Miccosukee is also a huge concern. "We are facing external challenges," explained Cypress. One of the tribe's sacred medicines is the swamp bay leaf, currently 95 percent

extinct, choked out by ambrosia, an invasive species. "This is the core of our spirituality," said Cypress. From a spiritual point of view, the Love the Everglades movement advocates for the respect of Miccosukee sovereignty and their sacred land. "We also want to work with all faith-based communities, too, to pray for our Everglades," said Cypress, "And to integrate a spiritual approach to the work we do."

Structurally, the proposed River of Grass Greenway, the 12-foot x 76 miles sliver of asphalt, may seem innocuous to city dwellers, and a boon for cyclists, but to Love the Everglades Movement supporters, and the indigenous tribes living along Tamiami Trail, Route 41, it is an insult and a desecration to an already fragile environment. Bobby C.

Billie, leader of the Panther Clan of the Miccosukee Simanolee Nation, addressed attendees at the LTEM symposium saying, "No River of Grass Greenway."

The Natives, who have known the Everglades longer than any white man, called the Glades, Pa-hay-okee, meaning Grassy Water. The Everglades starts at the Kissimmee River, flows into Lake Okeechobee, which means Big Water, and on into Florida Bay, and spreads east to west from Naples to Miami. It is one of the largest continuous wetlands in the world, and now only 30 percent of its original size. The Everglades is home to

hundreds of different varieties of flora and fauna found nowhere else in the world. Failed attempts at development and industry have disrupted the natural fight patterns of birds and travel paths of alligators and other creatures, some of which are on the brink of extinction. Love the Everglades Movement aims to restore the Everglades ecosystem, and will focus holistically on the short-term goals over the next two to three years. "Raising awareness and organizing positive community engagement at local, regional, national and global levels is where we want to go," said Cypress.
"The group will continue its mission by educating with workshops and field trips, and mobilizing communities for peaceful, non-violent direct action."



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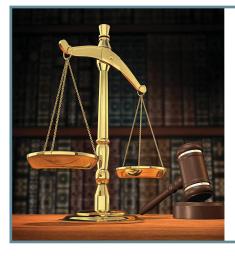
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NEWS from Las Vegas/Mevada by Kena Adams

Cultural Exchange Between Southern Paiute Nations and Maori of New Zealand

The Maori are the indigenous people of New Zealand. They are Polynesian and make up 15 percent of New Zealand's population. In 1800 visits by European ships brought disease to the people and almost whipped the tribes out. They share a lot of the same values of our Native Tribes here in the United States. For instance all literature was oral in the Maori people, it was passed down to succeeding generations orally. This included many legends and waiata (song). Although some stories are told as carvings in whare (homes). The most recognized tradition today is the "Haka" which is a war dance. The Maori first heard of the Paiute Nation through a documentary that aired in New Zealand about Moapa Band of Paiutes taking on

the Reid Gardner Generating Station. They reached out to Fawn Douglas on Facebook in hopes of meeting William Anderson. During their last week of travel here in the United States they met with Fawn and visited the Las Vegas colony and the Moapa Band of Paiutes reservation. They also got a chance to converse with Mr. Anderson concerning his constant battle with the ash and coal industry. After conversation they both learned that they dance and decided to dance together at Mount Charleston. Outside Las Vegas donated a bus to the Maori and Southern Paiute Nations and they got the chance to dance together. Tribal members from both reservations attended to see the event. What a beautiful cultural exchange.



NASA (UNLV Native American Student Association) Receives Over 300 Signatures for Indigenous Day

On October 12, 2015 NASA (Native American Student Association) of UNLV held a protest on campus trying to get signatures to change "Columbus Day" to "Indigiounouse Day" here in Nevada. Seattle, Minneapolis and South Dakota, have already changed this Italian-American holiday to pay homage to Indigenous culture each second Monday in October. As seen on the UNLV campus there is some opposition to this change. I felt the tensions when one student became visibly upset while speaking to the liaison and outreach Program Director, Patrick Naranjo during the rally. Patricia of the Yakima Tribe explained that when she helped rally in Seattle they felt the same opposition." We should not honor a man that created genocide," explained Patricia. "These wounds are wide open and have caused inter-generational trauma." This is defiantly a touchy subject, but progress is being made to push forward to honor Native Americans throughout the United States with an "Indigenous Day." Despite the opposition Fawn Douglas of NASA



did report they received more than 300 signatures for their petition on changing Columbus Day.



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Change the Name of the NFL Football Team

Throughout my career as a public servant, I have sought to defend the civil rights of every American, regardless of their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or background. The fight for civil rights often requires taking a stand on controversial issues. Racism and bigotry cannot be routed from our society without courageous men and women who are willing to call out injustice whenever it rears its offensive head. The Washington D.C. NFL team name is an example of such racism and disrespect.

There is no shying away from the fact

that our nation has a history of colonialism, injustice and bigotry. The injustices inflicted upon American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians are vivid examples of that dark history. Any remnant of that dark history must be addressed and eliminated. One sad reminder of our shameful past is the name of the Washington D.C. NFL team. The R-word is a racial slur. Plain and simple.

Every time this name is used, our country's shameful past comes to haunt us. I have repeatedly called for the team's name to be changed. It is offensive, it is ugly and

it is un-American. Nevada is home to 27 tribes, proud people who deserve to be respected, not denigrated on a national scale by a hateful and hurtful name.

I stand united with the Native American community in calling for the immediate change of this disparaging name. In 2013, I joined 49 other senators in calling upon team owner Dan Snyder to change the name of the Washington, D.C. football team. This letter was met with hardheaded derision and defiance. The team's owner defended the racial slur of a name saying it "respects" and "honors" Native Americans. I could not disagree more – the only way to truly honor Native Americans is to once and for all eliminate this racial slur from our national vernacular.

Last Congress, I joined Senator Maria Cantwell, of Washington, in sponsoring legislation to revoke the non-profit status of the NFL if it uses the Washington football team's name. In response, the NFL revoked their non-profit status themselves. This year, Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton has introduced legislation to revoke the antitrust exemption for the NFL if it uses the Washington football team's name. I applaud her efforts and will wholeheartedly support efforts such as this in the Senate.

Recently the NFL, led by Commissioner Roger Goodell, has paid an enormous amount of attention to less important issues. It is sad that both Roger Goodell and Dan Snyder refuse to accept that the Washington football team name is racist. The Washington football team name is deplorable, the NFL should take the high ground and end its connection to racism and bigotry by eradicating this hateful name.



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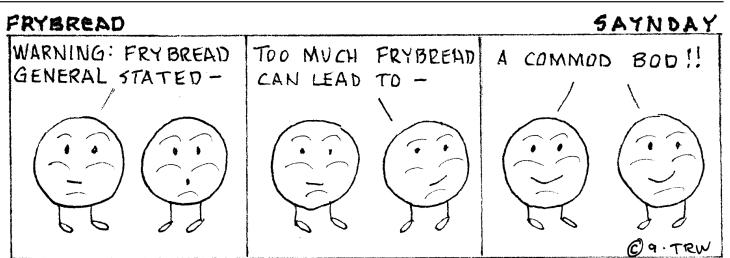


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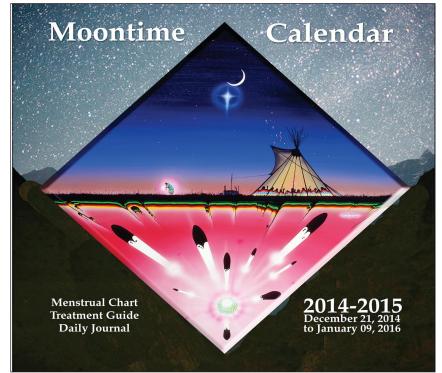
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