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Rosa Parks Legacy Grows

by Earl Heath

Washington, DC – She is known as the “Mother of the Civil Rights” movement. In 1955 she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama Bus. She was arrested and what ensued was a year long bus boycott in the city. That was a major spark plug for the Civil Rights movement. Parks recently had a statue of her unveiled in the United States Capitol’s Statuary Hall. The statue is nine feet tall. Parks is seated, wearing a hat and clutching her trademark purse. She is the first black woman to have a full length statue in the building. Sojourner Truth, the abolitionist also has a bust in the facility.

Washington was not new to Parks. For 20 years she worked as an aide to Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.) When she passed away in 2005 she had the distinction of having her casket viewed

in the Capitol. The statue was sculpted by Eugene Daub and co-designed by Rob Firmin. It was the first statue to be paid for and commissioned by Congress since 1873. She takes her place among Congressman, Governors, Presidents “Here in the hall, she casts an unlikely silhouette — unassuming in a lineup of proud stares, challenging all of us once more to look up and to draw strength from stillness,” said Boehner, R-Ohio. While Parks and her husband, Raymond, never had a child, her brother, the late Sylvester McCauley, had 13 children. They decided Parks’ nieces and nephews didn’t need to know the horrible details surrounding her civil rights activism, said Rhea McCauley, Parks’ niece.

“They didn’t talk about the lynching and the Jim Crow laws,” said McCauley, 61, of Orlando, Fla. “They didn’t talk about that stuff to us kids. Everyone

wanted to forget about it and sweep it under the rug.” This year is the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the march on Washington. We have come a long way as a nation.” She’s the saint of an endless struggle this statue forever ordains Rosa Parks status as an icon to live out our declaration that we are all created equal,” said Assistant Democratic House leader James Clyburn.

A letter from baseball Hall of Famer Willie Mays who is from Alabama read: “Most times change does not happen fast—most times it happens bit little by little. Rosa Parks did what was natural. She was tired so she sat down. Her

Statue of Rosa Parks in The Capitol



photo: Earl Heath

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Tribes 4 Christ Ministry Welcome All to Easter Sunrise Service



Susan Curo

by Rose Davis

Susan Curo is a compassionate woman with deep feelings and love for humanity. Her spiritual path has been an exciting adventure. Her childhood was embraced by Catholicism, which did not provide all of the spiritual nourishment that she required. As a tribal person the

historical memory of the cultural devastation that the church had on her people has not been erased.

As an adult she felt an inexplicable void in her inner being. Susan is an enrolled tribal member of the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians. On her Father’s side came the Luiseno blood, her grandmother was a Wailaki from Round Valley Northern California. Her grandparents on her mother’s side were Choctaw and Irish.

Susan explains her introduction to Christianity “At age 19 I started working at The National Cash Register and met a tall blond girl named Rhonda Sippel. Rhonda shared her Christian faith with me. Religion had never made sense to me but the idea of being “BORN AGAIN” made a lot of sense and at age 20 I became a Christian. In 2003 I taught Sunday school at the Barona Baptist church and knew that God had called me to ministry.” Susan later met Christina Dillane who told her about Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) “a children’s ministry” and in 2007 she

graduated from CEF’s Children’s Ministry Institute in Warrenton, Missouri. In 2008 she went back to Missouri to attend CEF’s Missionary Staffing Program. Once she was home and had been teaching her children’s Good News Clubs, she realized that God didn’t call her to only teach children but it was going to be a much bigger ministry. She said she believes that the first settlers that abused the tribes “in the name of the Lord” were not Christians at all. Susan felt that she wanted to share what she learned through outreaches to the local tribes that show the true love of Christ, hence Tribes 4 Christ was born.

The first Christian concert and barbecue took place in Aug 2008. On Oct 2, 2008 (Susan Curo’s birthday) Tribes 4 Christ became incorporated as a non-profit. At the end of the year the first adult bible study took place on the La Jolla reservation and later the Barona Indian reservation adult Bible study took place.

The creation of the first Tribes 4 Christ

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Reid, McCain, Cowan and King Introduce Legislation to Pardon Boxing Legend Jack Johnson

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senators Harry Reid (D-NV), John McCain (R-AZ), William “Mo” Cowan (D-MA) and U.S. Representative Peter King (R-NY) today introduced a resolution to pardon the first African American heavyweight boxing champion, John Arthur “Jack” Johnson. The legislation calls on the President to posthumously pardon the boxing legend, who was wronged with a racially motivated conviction in 1913 under the Mann Act, which prohibited taking women across state lines for “immoral purposes.” “Jack Johnson was a legendary competitor who defined an era of American boxing and raised the bar for all American athletics,” said Senator Reid.

“Johnson’s memory was unjustly tarnished by a racially-motivated criminal conviction, and it is now time to recast his legacy. I am pleased to work with my colleagues in both the Senate and House to formally restore Johnson’s name to the full stature and dignity he deserves.” “Since 2004, Congressman King and I have fought for a posthumous pardon of Jack Johnson, the world’s first African-American heavyweight champion, for his racially motivated conviction,” said Senator McCain. “In past years, both

chambers of Congress unanimously passed this resolution, but unfortunately, it still awaits executive action and no pardon has been issued. We can never completely right the wrong perpetrated against Jack Johnson during his lifetime, but this pardon is a small, meaningful step toward acknowledging his mistreatment before the law and celebrating his legacy of athletic greatness and historical significance.” “Jack Johnson was one of the great African-American athletes. His skill and perseverance to get back up every time he was knocked down made him a champion in the eyes of the sports world and for those who, like him, pursued their dreams despite racial intolerance,” said Senator Cowan. “I’m proud to join Senator McCain and Representative King in their effort to restore the legacy he fought so hard to achieve.” “Jack Johnson is a trailblazer and a legend, whose boxing career was cut short due to unjust laws and racial persecution,” said Congressman King. “I urge the Congress and the President to do the right thing and take the final step and grant his pardon. I am proud to stand with Senator McCain once again to introduce this legislation.”

Achieving Water Security by Becoming Water Self-Sufficient

Water, water everywhere and all we want to drink, shower in, swim in, grow food with, etc.

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Many experts are projecting doom and gloom, scenarios of decreasing water supplies and increasing cost, yet the San Diego/Tijuana Region can easily become renewable water self-sufficient and even become a net water exporter.

Even if we assume the worst case scenario of zero precipitation and the complete cutoff of all imported water, the San Diego/Tijuana Region could more than replace all the freshwater it currently uses by installing 20% efficient PV panels over 3.75% of its roofs and parking lots. In 2015, an estimated 220 sq. miles of roofs and parking lots will exist in the San Diego/Tijuana Region. Multiplying 220 sq. miles by 3.75% = 8.3 sq. miles or 4.15 sq. miles on each side of the border.

The above statement is based on the following assumptions:

1. A yearly average of 5-hr. of sunlight per day,
2. 1,000 sq. feet of roof and parking lot

per capita,

3. An average potable water consumption level of 180 gallons per capita per day,

4. A 2015 regional population of 6 million people, 3 million on each side of the border,

5. That 70 gallons of freshwater can be extracted from seawater per kWh of electricity consumed by reverse osmosis (RO) pumps and,

6. Using photovoltaics panels that are 20% efficient at converting sunlight into electricity, (Commercially available panels are already as much as 22% efficient.)

The electricity produced by this system would be used to power RO pumps to pressurize seawater against RO filters that let freshwater through while excluding salt, other minerals and contaminants in general.

The issue of sucking marine life into reverse osmosis systems can be solved if seawater is extracted from wells close to the ocean or other wise sand filtered instead of extracting seawater directly from the ocean, a lagoon or bay. Since seawater coming into such wells would be sand filtered, marine organisms will be eliminated from the process.

Similarly, since “waste water” from the RO process will be twice as salty as seawater, it will have to be diluted by mixing it with seawater, also extracted from the near ocean wells, until the water to be returned

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Rosa Parks

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Harry Reid (L) joins President Obama at Ceremony. (Below) Rev. Jesse Jackson was on hand for tribute.

Photos: Earl Heath

action sparked an outrage that spread. We will try to remember to encourage change when it serves best. Today we will remember and we will honor.”

Parks defiant moment inspired others to sit in and march. That all paved the way for the Civil rights act of 1964 and the voting



rights act of 1965.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, said Parks “moved the world when she refused to move her seat. More than a thousand attended including 70 of Parks’ relatives who traveled to Washington for the ceremony. Parks Niece Sheila Keys assisted in the unveiling.

“She was a true Freedom Fighter,” said Rev. Jesse Jackson. “She gave it her all. She passed the voting rights test all three times she never failed that test.” The test was given to minorities as a deterrent to vote.

California Congresswomen Janice Hahn stated “Rosa Parks tells us that there’s always something we can do,” President Obama emphasized the connection that we all have. “Rosa Parks tells us that we all have responsibilities to ourselves and to one another.”



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“Lakota Woman” Mary Brave Bird to be Laid to Rest

by Levi Rickert, editor-in-chief in Native Currents

HE DOG, SD – Mary Ellen Brave Bird-Richard, known to millions simply as “Lakota Woman,” walked on last week Thursday on February 14 in Crystal Lake, Nevada of natural causes. She was 58. Lakota Woman, Mary Ellen Brave Bird Richard Mary Ellen Brave Bird-Richard 1954-2013

She was laid to rest today at the Clear Water Cemetery at Grass Mountain on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Born poor on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, she became an American Indian activist, writer, and lecturer who inspired many during her lifetime.

She was also known as Mary Crow Dog because she was married for Leonard Crow Dog for several years. As members of the American Indian Movement, both participated in the Trail of Broken Treaties which culminated in the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, DC in November 1972 and occupation of the hamlet of Wounded Knee in late February of 1973.

She became known as Lakota Woman because her 1990 memoir with the same name won an American Book Award and was adapted as a television movie in 1994. In the made for television movie, “Lakota Woman- Siege at Wounded Knee,” Mary Crow Dog was played by Irene Bedard, Inupiat Eskimo. Bedard was nominated for a Golden Globe award for best actress for her portrayal of Lakota Woman.

“I was saddened to hear she walked on. I could not believe it at first. I first heard about her when I was a university student and I read the book,”

Bedard told the Native News Network Friday afternoon. “It changed my perception, it helped my heart heal, it gave me a voice, and it inspired me to speak. I heard her voice - Lakota Woman. I sent it to my mother. I wanted to turn it into

a play, a one woman show. Mary Crow Dog meant so much to me. Little did I know that one day I would meet her, and hear her voice in person and portray her struggles and triumphs in a movie produced by the legendary Jane Fonda.” “Lakota Woman” is a book that recounts her life growing up on the Rosebud Indian Reservation and her involvement in the American Indian Movement.

During the occupation of Wounded Knee on April 11, 1973, she gave birth to her first child Pedro.

“She was in inspiration for a lot of young women who admired her for being at Wounded Knee and staying there to have her baby,” reflected Dennis Banks, Ojibwe, co-founder of the American Indian Movement to the Native News Network on Friday night.

“It was a moment that life came into the world right there at Wounded Knee. It was the first and only birth while we were there. When it happened, we cheered and cheered – it gave us the courage to go to the end.”

Banks is on the Rosebud Indian Reservation to attend the ceremonies in her honor today.

Besides “Lakota Woman,” Brave Bird - Richards wrote “Ohitika Woman” in 1993. The first memoir “Lakota Woman” gives account of her life through 1977. “Ohitika Woman” provided an account of her life after 1977. Both books were edited by Richard Eroles.

Among survivors are four sons: Robert He Crow and Francisco “Rudy” Olguin of Crystal Lake, Nevada; Henry Crow Dog of Grass Mountain, South Dakota and Leonard Crow Dog, Jr. of Oakland, California. She also is survived by her two daughters: Jennifer Crow Dog and Summer Rose Olguin of He Dog, South Dakota. Her mother, Emily Smith of He Dog. Two brothers: Robert Joe Moore and Michael Smith of He Dog; two sisters: Kathleen Moore of He Dog and Barbara Moore of Tucson, Arizona.

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia Named Director of Minority Health

BETHESDA, MARYLAND – Last week Dr. J. Nadine Gracia was appointed the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and the Director of the Office of Minority Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services, where she formerly served in an acting capacity. Dr. Gracia is the first woman since 1994 to lead the Office of Minority Health.

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia Named Director of Minority Health Dr. J. Nadine Gracia, Director of Minority Health

The Office of Minority Health is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities.

Dr. Gracia, who has served as Acting Office of Minority Health Director since November 2011, plays a key role in the Administration’s Affordable Care Act outreach to minority and underserved communities nationwide, and also leads the implementation of the HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities and the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities.

A pediatrician with epidemiology training, Dr. Gracia has served in academic medicine and government. From 2010 to 2011, she was the Chief Medical Officer for the Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. She provided programmatic and policy leadership and coordination of a portfolio that included child and adolescent health, climate change, disaster preparedness, environmental health, global health, Haiti recovery, and the White House Council on Women and Girls. Most recently, she led the development of Health and Human

Service’s 2012 environmental justice strategy, which addresses the disproportionate exposure of minority and low-income communities and Indian tribes to environmental hazards and promotes healthy community environments.

In 2008-2009, Dr. Gracia was one of fourteen White House Fellows and was assigned to the Department of Health and Human Services, where she worked in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Office of the Secretary. During the last two months of the fellowship, she was a policy advisor in the Office of the First Lady, assisting in the development of the childhood obesity initiative.

Previously, Dr. Gracia was a clinical instructor and general pediatrics research fellow at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, conducting research on community risk factors for violence. She received a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania and a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine. Dr. Gracia completed pediatrics residency and served as Chief Pediatrics Resident at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. She is board-certified in pediatrics and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Gracia is an advocate for minority and vulnerable populations and lectures nationwide on health disparities and children’s health. She is a National President Emeritus of the Student National Medical Association and a past Postgraduate Physician Trustee of the National Medical Association. A first-generation Haitian-American, Dr. Gracia earned a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in French at Stanford University.

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Remembering Wounded Knee - 40 Years Ago

by Levi Rickert, editor-in-chief in *Native Currents*.

Forty years before the "Idle No More" peace movement, there was the American Indian Movement.

Just as the Idle No More Movement has in recent months instilled tremendous pride in the First Nations peoples across Canada and arguably indigenous peoples globally, the American Indian Movement instilled incredible pride in American Indians in the United States 40 years ago.

Remembering Wounded Knee - 40 Years Ago Yesterday was the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the 73 day occupation of Wounded Knee led by the American Indian Movement

Yesterday, Dennis Banks and Clyde Bellecourt were back at Wounded Knee to remember and celebrate. Sadly, Russell Means walked on in October and was honored later in the day in a different venue on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Under a brilliant blue sky and cold temperatures, wearing a black parka over a black hoodie to keep warm, 75 year-old Banks stood not far from where he helped lead the largest American Indian rebellion against the United States government during the last 100 years.

Remembering Wounded Knee - 40 Years Ago Milo Yellow Hair with AIM co-founder Dennis Banks

He was there with other 1973 Wounded Knee warrior veterans. He was there with a new generation of American Indians who were not even alive 40 years ago.

Four groups American Indians of several generations walked in from all four

directions carrying American Indian flags and tribal nations' flags. Others formed a caravan to get to Wounded Knee. They came to remember what happened at Wounded Knee forty years ago.

The names of Dennis Banks, Russell Means and Clyde Bellecourt became well known among American Indian people across America.

Back then, while other teens looked up to baseball and football players, Native teens looked up to these men because their willingness to become warriors, along with other men and women who were at Wounded Knee. In short, they ignited American Indian pride. The American Indian Movement leaders were our new heroes. Average Americans had John Wayne to look up to in movies.

In real life, American Indians had Dennis Banks, Russell Means, Clyde Bellecourt and others to admire.

These warriors gained the admiration of American Indians in Indian country because they stood up to a corrupt tribal government headed by Dick Wilson and a corrupt federal government headed by Richard Nixon.

The American Indian Movement allowed for Americans to get past the Disney version of Indian chiefs galloping through the dusty prairies on horseback wearing long war bonnets. The 1973 Wounded Knee warriors-American Indian Movement members-wore blue jeans, cowboy boots, head bands and carried guns.

Why the guns?

Forty years ago, what commenced at Wounded Knee was nothing short of warfare against Indian warriors. The United States government deployed military tanks and tested weapons at

Wounded Knee that would later be used in other parts of the world by the US military. American Indians appropriated the term warriors for those American Indians at Wounded Knee. The media referred to them as militants.

In the end, it was reported that more than 35 tanks, over 130,000 rounds of ammunition were fired into occupied Wounded Knee. Military helicopters and jets flew overhead. Most nights were filled with gunfire into the cordoned off town from federal marshals and National Guard members.

It can be argued that prior to the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee, it

was not popular to be an American Indian in American society. The longer the siege lasted, the pride of being an American Indian tribal member intensified for Indians throughout America.

While the occupation at Wounded Knee did not solve all of the problems faced by American Indians, it did usher in a new chapter for American Indians because it helped to open the eyes of Americans who pretty much ignored Indians up to that point.

So, they came to remember what happened at Wounded Knee 40 years ago.

The current generation has the Idle No More peace movement that has spread into the United States. We still remember the men and women of Wounded Knee led by the American Indian Movement.

Oglala Lakota Sioux "Count Coup" on Border Town Liquor Stores

by Natalie Hand

PINE RIDGE, S.D. – Over 100 Oglala Lakota Sioux tribal members and allies, including members of Deep Green Resistance, rallied once again today to round dance and raise awareness of the dire conditions in the Nebraska border town of White Clay, NE, an unincorporated hamlet that has four liquor stores next door to the "dry" Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Led once again by Oglala Sioux Tribal President, Bryan Brewer, the non-violent protesters marched in to White Clay and served the Nebraska State Patrol and local county Sheriff Terry Robbins with a copy of a resolution from Traditional Headsman Floyd Hand of the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council which cites the 1851/1868 Ft. Laramie Treaties, an active, legally-binding agreement between the United States of America and the Great Sioux Nation. Within this agreement, a 10-

mile buffer zone on the exterior boundaries of the reservation was established, in which no liquor was to be sold. The State of Nebraska, with the assistance of the U.S. government, has ignored the buffer-zone clause. The Oglala Lakota Sioux believe that the liquor is a form of modern-day genocide, perpetuated by greedy profiteers in White Clay.

The protesters, led by Alex White Plume, Spokesman for the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council, proceeded to each of the four liquor stores and conducted a Lakota tradition of "counting coup" on each establishment, by touching it with their hand, or eagle feather staff. Lakota believe that when you count coup on an enemy, death soon follows. They believe that this act will essentially kill the liquor stores. All four stores were closed during the protest.

Already, reports confirm that liquor stores in White Clay could not cash checks due to the lack of cash in their tills.

Water Security

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to the ocean is no more than 20% saltier than seawater. Once diluted, its release into the ocean would be defused as an additional precaution against negative ecological consequences. Other sand filtering technologies have also been proposed.

Mining RO waste water for salt and other minerals opens up other local business and employment opportunities for

the region and could potentially eliminate the need to return RO wastewater to the ocean at all.

The size of the "worst case scenario" RO system discussed above could be cut in half, if recycled sewage water is filtered, disinfected, then used for irrigation. Using graywater at home would also be a plus for efficient water use. This is because half of the potable water currently used in our region is used for irrigating landscaping and crops.

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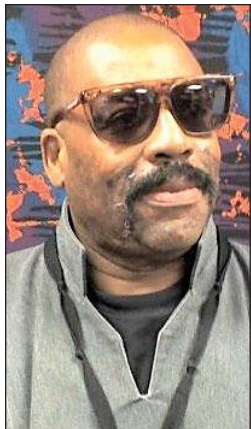
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BUFFALO IN WINTER

CROWFOOT-Blackfoot Warrior

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

Black History Month II: Honoring the Dignity & Divinity of Woman in our Community

by Min. Tukufu Kalonji



Dr. Karenga (2007) contends that “Dr. Anna Julia Cooper, is a founding theorist of what we call today womanism which Kawaïda philosophy defines as “thought and practice directed towards reaffirming the equal dignity and

divinity of woman and securing for her the rights and capacity to live a free, full and fulfilling life.”

It is of great importance to recognize and respect the critical need and necessity of our women in the Afro American and equally in the Native American Indian community, as it is indeed to do the same throughout the world for all women. Moreover, as nature should have it we must first respect and raise up the beauty and value of our own before we pay homage to the women of others, in particular the European. Thus, while March is women’s history month we make it a special point to see this month as Black History month II with a focus on our women.

We self consciously do this because in the Black and Indian community we are know all too well the oppressor’s onslaught on our women as he has done upon our community at large in a vain attempt to dehumanize us as a people. Nonetheless, we are not now nor never beat down; in contrast we engage the struggle to assert ourselves in community and society being the best of who we are as a people with a fervor matched

only by the intense heat of the sun at mid day on the Nile valley. Furthermore, we do this unashamedly as a definitive people with a definitive history.

Thus, in this addition of Black Path Commentary, we pay homage to a woman who, like her ancestors Dr. Anna Julia Cooper and Ms. Fannie Lou Hamer, is a woman warrior of rightness and righteousness. In addition, to that end, I am referring to Ms. Acintia Wright.

Ms Wright through her steadfastness is seeking to secure for others, especially women, as well as herself; the right and capacity to live a free, full and fulfilling life in the midst of a menacing public health issue that we know all too well, however it seems to some it is not an issue anymore. It is as Dr. Karenga (2013) writes in his article Cherishing and Choosing Life: Black Ethics, Culture & HIV/AIDS in the Los Angeles Sentinel, that,

This year, like last year, we cannot help but notice and make note that HIV/AIDS is not a prominent presidential, congressional, state or locally-promoted concern although, for us as a people, it is still a deadly and disabling disease, in spite of its becoming a less urgent issue with others., (P.A-6)

In spite of the adversity of HIV/AIDS not being of the eminence that it once held when White gay men initiated the discourse, and subsequently the direction of services, funding as to who were recipients of the benefits of research etc. Ms. Acintia Wright; teacher, activist, and mother extraordinaire, maintains a clear vision and unwavering love and hope for her people while on a daily basis she engages the struggle to heal our community of the devastation of HIV and AIDS. Furthermore, Ms Wright is the Education/Testing Outreach Coordinator at San Ysidro Health Centers in San Diego, CA. She is San Diego’s representative of the Positive Women’s Network steering committee, and one of the founders of the Woman 2 Woman support group for African American women in San Diego. Additionally, Acintia is the current chair of the Faith Based Action Coalition and the chair of the San Diego Care Partnership. This past World AIDS

Day Dec 1, 2012 Acintia organized and led churches and community to the streets in a prayer vigil and rally regarding the statistics of HIV positive people; and Acintia is the coordinator of the National Week of Prayer events that are held annually here in San Diego. In addition, she is acknowledged by the State of California Legislators for her community involvement in the struggle of prevention and intervention with the public health issue of HIV and AIDs.

With insight, initiative, dedication, sacrifice and achievement reminiscent of the tradition and in the spirit of Sojourner Truth, Mary McLeod Bethune, Anna Julia Cooper and Fannie Lou Hammer, Acintia is recognized locally, and internationally as well. In 2010, Acintia was awarded the Dr. Brad Truax award for her steadfastness leadership in HIV and AIDs Education and Prevention, serving as the California representative for The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia. This prestigious honor is given annually to recognize the exceptional contributions made by a person involved in the struggle in healing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our community, society, and indeed the world.

For her quintessential leadership and role in this awesome task, Ms. Wright is nominated to Dr. Shirley Weber’s Inaugural Salute to Women Leaders in the 79th District. This event will take place March 17 @ SDSU. For details, contact Lashae Collins at (619) 462-7878 in the office of Assembly member Shirley Weber. And in the final analysis, Acintia is my friend, my sister, and I am honored and humbled to be her friend and brother in the ongoing struggle in the interest of securing our community’s health and well-being.

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Reference: Karenga, M. (2013) Cherishing and choosing life: Black ethics, culture and hiv/aids in Los Angeles Sentinel, 02-07-13, p.A-6

Leonard Peltier

Why is Leonard Peltier still in jail, since 1977? He is a 68-year old Lakota prisoner of war. We need to help get him out.

Peltier, a former member of American Indian Movement AIM, is the longest incarcerated person in the US. He is in Coleman Prison Florida.

He was convicted of aiding and abetting the killing of 2 FBI agents in 1975. Life sentence is 7 years. He got more than 5 life sentences, violating US laws.

Spirit stayed strong cause he did not do it. Strong spirited because he did not do it. Native Elders, Pete Seeger, Harry Belafonte, Peter Coyote and others held a concert in New York City in 2012, to give President Obama a message to, as Peltier said, “Turn me loose”.

Says Peltier, “I never got a fair trial, international laws were violated, racists sat on the jury, I had no defence, evidence was manufactured and witnesses were tortured”. The weapon tests showed negative. Judge Haney said, “There is no evidence of first degree murder. No one knows who killed the agents or what he had to do with it. But somebody has to pay for this.”

He wants release or house arrest as he needs medical attention for a number of ailments, “I am willing to wear an ankle bracelet”.

Attorney General Eric Holder indicated in testimony before the U.S. Senate that some Wall Street banks have gotten so big that they are now above the law.

He actually said earlier this week:

I am concerned that the size of some of these institutions becomes so large that it does become difficult for us to prosecute them when we are hit with indications that if you do prosecute, if you do bring a criminal charge, it will have a negative impact on the national economy, perhaps even the world economy.

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On the Road with the BBIA

This Month the Bureau of Black Indian Affairs Takes Us On a Road Trip to Little Washington, North Carolina

by Rose Davis

This year 2013 has proven to be a transitional period for the Indian Voices Media Project.

Those closely involved with this community effort have been faced with major life altering changes. It is with sensitivity that the information is shared with our readers.

Our heart goes out to our graphic artist Elaine Hall and her family on the loss of her Mother. The February issue of Indian Voices was cancelled as the editorial staff was called to Washington, North Carolina to attend services for Dr. Harold Carr Davis, father of publisher Rose Davis.



Arriving in Washington, NC was a step back in time, before the internet and smart phones separated us from our instincts and when community was

defined by group of people who genuinely cared for each other. The small, diverse group of family, extended family and friends who surrounded Dr. Davis and his wife Alice (who preceded him in death) reflect that set of thoughtful people bound by a shared kinship of love and community, a people who live abundantly with less. We gathered at the Bonner Street Chapel and shared stories and tributes to his man and his robust life that touched so many. It was a moving and modest service that was elegantly and sensitively administered



by Funeral Director Betty Randolph and her staff.

The family home on Highland Ave no longer beats with the hearts of Harold and Alice Davis but rather with the legion of babies and young people who now fill the branches of the family tree. Matt and Ysabel Bailey are the elders who are now at the helm of this magnificent legacy. As the group gathered at the house the foundation rocked with stories, some repeated some new, and laughter all due to Linda our one person comedy team.

Rosa Beamon and her daughter Jackie whose caring involvement with the family offered the stability that only their steadfast devotion could provide.

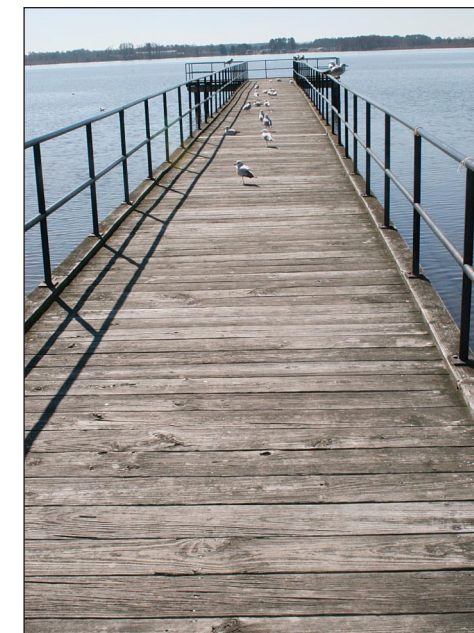
We all came together with a tribal essence that reflects the indigenous heritage that binds us together.

Washington, North Carolina is special with a unique, involved history. The population was 9,744 at the 2010 census. It is the county seat of Beaufort County. The closest major city is Greenville approximately 20 miles to the west. Often referred to as Little Washington, it was established in 1776 on land donated by Col. James Bonner, Washington is the first city named after General George Washington.

We were pleased

to have had the opportunity to become acquainted with Ashley Vansant publisher of the Washington Daily News and look forward to learning more about North Carolina journalism through him. We are also eager to network with Matt's son and his wife Tisha as they begin the venture of opening their new variety store Passion Island at 832 Washington Plaza. Exciting times lie ahead for Little Washington. This diverse community with a rich multi-cultural history serves as a role model for the decaying and collapsing urban centers throughout the country that have choked on greed and a misplaced value system, a place where service people at Office Depot will assist you in printing out your airline confirmation ticket with a smile and where the inevitable Wal-Mart serves as the Kasbah for the people. We hold Matt and Ysabel Bailey in our thoughts and prayers as they move into the role of elders and responsables.

We thank Washington, NC for providing inspiration and hope for the caring people of the world and for being the final resting place for those that we love.



Tribes for Christ

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Board was celebrated with a fellowship event barbeque at the La Jolla River in 2009. Susan demonstrated her rugged individualism by snaring a deer for the barbeque herself with her own rifle. The first Little Girls Prayer and Tea on an Indian reservation also took place in 2009.

Since that time a series of events and functions have taken place including the first Christian fellowship basket class. In 2010 The PaumaValley Community Church built a sixteen foot screen which launched a Tribes 4 Christ dinner and movie night under the stars. Featuring Louie Giglio's Indescribable. The first Christian baptism in over 40 years on a reservation occurred on the La Jolla Reservation.

Susan's faith and determination has been the source of community building

on the reservation. She explains "The Tribes 4 Christ Food Bank was started in 2011 and we are continuing with this ministry along with our clothes drive for families that are struggling. Anyone of any nationality is invited to shop for free at our food bank/clothes drive. We started in March of 2011 with emergency deliveries to tribal members' homes. We began with three volunteers and now we are up to 26 volunteers. It is inspiring to see our young folks helping the elders. "Like many of the non-gaming reservations our community does not enjoy the financial benefit enjoyed by those with casinos.

We depend on networking and the goodwill of those who share out vision." Susan recalls her inspirational relationship with Max Mazetti, who was continually working to improve tribal conditions. Tribes 4 Christ has a partnership with the North County Food Bank of San Marcos and with the La Jolla Tribal

Council's approval they are able to have their monthly food bank day at our La Jolla tribal gym. She explains, "We have assisted the Rincon Indian Health services in providing food vouchers to their clients that are also struggling. We have served over 1500 tribal and non-tribal clients by the grace of God and the generosity of our financial food bank supporters," They include the Barona Band of Indians, the San Pasqual tribe, the Rincon Band, and of course her own tribe the La Jolla Band." The local supporting churches include, Emmanuel Faith Community church, EFCC Men on a Mission, Pauma Valley Community Church, Agape Chinese Christian Alliance Church, Integrity Ministries of Boise Idaho, The Light of the Valley Lutheran Church of Valley Center, Vista Life Way Baptist, Rancho Baptist from Temecula, GC2 church of San Diego and the Simple Church of Florida along with many individual supporters.

Many plans are in the works. The Rincon Indian Pre school will be moving to a new location and Tribes 4 Christ will be helping with the transition as well as collecting school supplies food and kitchenware. If you would like to help by donating supplies or for more information contact, tribes4christ@msn.com The first Easter Sunrise Service will be happening soon and all of the local tribal and non-tribal churches, food bank clients and surrounding communities are invited. Susan Curo and Tribes 4 Christ are truly on a mission. Come celebrate

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Nigerian Breaks Academic Record at Johns Hopkins

A 22-year-old Nigerian, Emmanuel Oluabunwa, has made history at John Hopkins University, United States of America. Oluabunwa from Arochuku, Abia State, has done the nation proud by becoming the first black man to make a Grade Point Average of 3.98 out of 4.0 to bag a degree in Neurosciences in the university. He was also adjudged as having the highest honours during the graduation that was held on May 24 this year.



membership of 17 US Presidents, 37 US Supreme Court Justices, and 136 Nobel Prize winners.

"My parents moved the whole family when I was 13 years old. I was about to begin SS1 at Air Force, Ibadan. When I got to the US, I was enrolled with my age mates, which meant at 13, I was in middle

school. I went to Fondren Middle School, which was in the middle of the ghetto. That was one of the darkest years for me because I encountered a lot of peer pressure. Some of the students, ignorant about Africa, bullied me and called me names such as 'African booty scratcher' because to them, Africans were

dirty and scratched their butts all the time.

"Some asked me if I lived in mud huts and ate faeces for breakfast. I remember one day, when I was walking to the school bus, a boy came from behind and punched me in the face, called me an African and walked away. It took everything in me not to retaliate. I knew that God had put me in the U.S for a purpose and it did not involve fighting or selling drugs or doing the wrong things.

"My experience during that year gave me a thick skin. I learned to stand for what I thought was right even when the opposition seemed insurmountable. I also learned to look at the positive in all situations. Even though these kids were bullying me, I was still gaining an opportunity to school in America and nothing would stop me from making the

best of this opportunity.

"The shocker was that the kid that punched me in the face was black. I would have expected the blacks to be nicer to me. Nevertheless, I don't blame those kids because they were ignorant about Africa. All they knew about us was the stuff they had watched on TV or documentaries, showing primitive African tribes, living in the jungle and making noises like monkeys.

"In regards to the whites, there might have been some minor episodes but again I don't blame them for it because it is a problem with stereotypes," he said.

But in spite of this humiliation and racial prejudice against him, the first in a family of three was not discouraged. He faced his studies and was always coming top in his class. After he completed his middle school education, he passed the entrance examination to DeBakey High School for Health Professions. It was at this school that his interest in neurosciences and medicine started.

Sovovatum - The People of Soboba

Since time immemorial the descendants of the Soboba people are those whom have lived on and occupied the land that is presently known as the cities of San Jacinto, Hemet, Valle Vista and Winchester.

Today the Soboba Indian Reservation lies in the lower reaches of the San Jacinto Mountains, across the San Jacinto River from the city of San Jacinto.

Soboba's Tribal members have a rich and diverse Tribal history as members come from both Cahuilla and Luiseño ancestry. Prior to both Mexican and American settlement in the valley the people of Soboba were virtually self-sufficient. The Soboba people farmed land that was irrigated with surface water from the San Jacinto River, two of its tributary streams, Poppet and Indian

Creeks, and from more than forty perennial springs. These water sources sustained gardens, animals and orchards.

During the Spanish and Mexican rule in California, the Soboba Indians were recognized as an established Indian community. In approximately 1815, Mission San Luis Rey established Rancho San Jacinto as their furthestmost cattle ranch and Luiseño Indians were brought with them as laborers for the ranch. Some of the original Cahuilla inhabitants who were present in the valley during this time intermarried with the Luiseños.

After the missions were secularized the San Jacinto Rancho Viejo was granted to José Antonio Estudillo in 1842, with a stipulation that the new land owner "shall not in any manner prejudice the Indians who are established on

said land." For as long as he lived Jose Antonio Estudillo and Jose Antonio Estudillo Jr. respected the rights and well-being of Soboba Indians. Starting in 1868 the heirs of the Estudillo family began selling various portions of the Rancho San Jacinto Viejo and by 1880 most of the rancho lands had been sold and the Soboba people were left with no legal claim to their land or water.

On June 19, 1883, President Chester Arthur by Executive Order established the Soboba Indian Reservation, a 3,172-acre tract which included the Soboba village and the adjacent hills. The reservation today encompasses nearly 7,000 acres, 400 of which are devoted to residential use.

The Soboba Band has a current enrollment of approximately 1200 tribal members who are governed by an elected tribal council that consists of 5 tribal members.

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NAM Honors Best in Ethnic Media at Southern California Awards Gala!

Last night, March 7th, exceptional journalism work among Southern California's ethnic media was honored at a gala held at KPCC's Crawford Family Forum at SCPR's Mohn Broadcast Center in Pasadena. The event was presented by New America Media, the Los Angeles Multicultural Leadership Network [LAMLN], with support from the California Community Foundation [CCF] and KPCC.

Over 130 people, including ethnic and mainstream media, judges, honorees, special guests and NAM founding members, attended the event.



NAM Ethnic Media Awards 2013

The awards ceremony recognized the outstanding work of winners from over 150 individual entries. NAM recognized first-place winners in 12 categories including Governance and Electoral Politics, Civil Liberties, International Affairs, Health, Education, Environment, Economy, Arts, Culture & Entertainment, Sports and Community Advocacy. These nominees comprised a diverse range of ethnic and youth media outlets in the region: Latino, African-American, Jewish, Middle Eastern, Armenian, Native-American, and Asian-American communities including Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, South Asian and Japanese audiences.

Founding President & CEO of Southern California Public Radio, Bill Davis, welcomed the guests to the awards ceremony, emceed by Multi-Award Winner and Special Correspondent

for 89.3 KPCC, Miss Patt Morrison, and NAM's news anchor and Awards Chair Odette Keeley. Keeley also thanked the event's sponsors for their valuable support, including The California Wellness Foundation, Southern California Edison, AARP, The James Irvine Foundation, The McCormick Foundation and The California Endowment.

Keeley also cites that the awards event could not have been possible without the dedication of all the NAM staff, as well as support from the NAM

Board, funders, and partners representing the region's universities, non-profits, corporations and organizations. Many of them comprised the distinguished panel of judges this year.

Stewart Kwoh, founding president & executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, and Antonia Hernández, president and CEO of the California Community Foundation presented winners

in 2 categories, special selections by the Los Angeles Multicultural Leadership Network. Six winners were chosen for the Outstanding Reporting on Inter-Ethnic, Inter-Racial, Inter-Religious Relations category, while four winners were selected for the Emerging Youth Voices Awards category. Some of these winners came from youth-led community media outlets in areas long underserved by both mainstream and ethnic media.

The gala ceremonies also highlighted the critical contributions of NAM's Founding Ethnic Media Partners in Southern California, and Cora Oriel, president and executive editor of Asian Journal Publications, delivered brief remarks on behalf of the group.

In addition to recognizing the exceptional work of the awards winners, runners-up, and



Winners of the Outstanding Inter-Ethnic Reporting category presented by LAMLN
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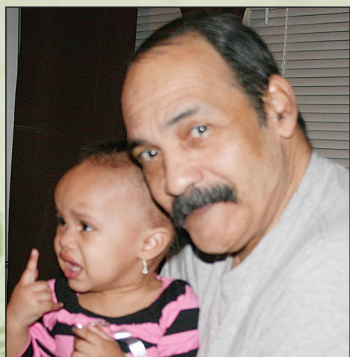
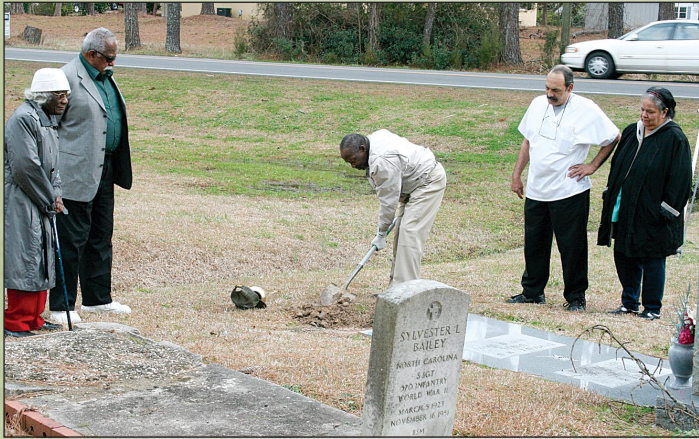


honorable mentions, NAM Executive Director and Executive Editor Sandy Close presented the Community Advocacy Award to the news site, the Alhambra Source, which concluded the evening.



The Journey Back

Washington, North Carolina
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Peaks Defenders Targeted with Federal Charges Coerced into Collateral Forfeiture Agreement

Flagstaff Couple Felt 'Forced' When Threatened with Additional Charges

by Dawn Dyer and James Anders,

FLAGSTAFF, AZ —Despite wanting to legally fight the charges brought on them by the Coconino County Forest Service, James Anders and Dawn Dyer state that coercion and underhanded tactics by federal prosecutors left them no choice but to sign the agreement. James Anders and Dawn Dyer were originally charged with two other individuals in December with two counts of a misdemeanor charge (Section 261.3a) for allegedly interfering with a Forest officer, after about a dozen concerned citizens had entered the

Coconino County Forest Service lobby on September 21st to address cultural and health concerns with the agencies' allowing the use of treated sewage effluent for snow making on the San Francisco Peaks.

According to Anders and Dyer the prosecutors threatened to add two more charges, possibly disorderly conduct and littering if they attempted to take the case to trial. Anders was advised that it was likely the judge had pre-determined notions about this case and that he was likely to receive stiffer penalties and higher fines. According to Anders, "It is simply outrageous how the 'justice' system works in this country! For simply attempting to address your government, you can be arrested, held, restricted,

threatened and extorted. Forest service officials outright lied in their original complaint affidavit and have continued to do so throughout this entire process."

The couple believe they were charged simply because they had attended previous protests regarding the San Francisco Peaks. According to Dawn, "We were there to show our support, assist in delivering two letters addressed to forest service supervisor Earl Stewart, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsak and others in the Obama administration. We were addressing our government officials, I took a few photos, but otherwise did not even utter a word. We were targeted by one individual in that office because we had attended previous protests."

Since the charges were brought in December, the couple have had their freedom of movement restricted and were not allowed to attend prayer circles or even travel for any other reason on Snowbowl road. The couple now believe that the reason and timing of the arrests was to keep people from protesting at Arizona Snowbowl during their 75th anniversary celebrations. (Although protests did occur in town that week.) The anniversary celebrations also coincided with the first sewage effluent snow being made on the San Francisco Peaks. Dawn Dyer stated, "I believe this whole thing was truly a violation of our freedom of speech and that it was deliberately done to squash legal protest on the issue."

The collateral Forfeiture agreement contains a dismissal of all charges without prejudice and no admission of guilt. The couple must agree to pay \$200 in court fees and restitution each.

Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence Seeks UN Intervention

by Kristy Kirkup, Parliamentary Bureau

OTTAWA — Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence wants the United Nations to intervene on the federal First Nations file. Spence, who ended a high-profile, 43-day personal protest in Ottawa in January, is now appealing to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD).

Spence, the International Indian

Treaty Council and the Mushkegowuk People of Attawapiskat First Nation have filed an 'urgent action' submission with the CERD. It makes six recommendations to the Canadian government, including a call for an "immediate meeting" with the Crown, federal government, provincial governments and all First Nations to discuss treaties. Spence previously called for a joint meeting as part of her protest but feds agreed to

meet with some First Nations leaders, including Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo.

Gov. Gen. David Johnston did not attend discussions, despite repeated demands from Indigenous leaders, because the feds said it would be "inappropriate" for him to participate in working meetings. Spence's UN appeal also calls for Canada to express a commitment towards "resource sharing" and

to probe implications of two government budget bills. The budget legislation is currently being challenged in court by two Alberta First Nations over allegations of a lack of consultation.

Former aboriginal affairs minister John Duncan signalled the feds would not repeal the pieces of legislation, which served as a lightning rod for controversy during the recent Idle No More movement. Conservative MP Bernard Valcourt was named aboriginal affairs minister on Friday after Duncan resigned due to an ethical breach.

Klamath Tribe Water Rights

"After 38 years of examining claims, Oregon has issued an order stating that the Klamath tribes hold an enforceable senior right to the water in Klamath Lake and several of its tributaries.

It's a decision that gives the Klamath

Tribes and other senior claim holders the power to limit irrigation deliveries in the high desert basin in years when there is too little water to meet everyone's need.

Attorney Bill Ganong has been working on the Klamath water adjudication since

he graduated from law school in 1978. He says the adjudication could mean changes in water deliveries this spring.

"Our snowpack is well below normal and if that doesn't improve, I expect there are going to be a number of people, especially upstream of Klamath lake, that are going to be shut off at some point," he says.

Jeff Mitchell, a chairman of the Klamath Tribes and a lead water negotiator, says the tribes remain committed to a 2010 settlement, the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement. It lays out a plan

for sharing water in dry years, restoring fish habitat, and removing dams.

"Adjudication doesn't really solve the basin's problems. It creates some winners and losers, but if we want long term stability and predictability in the basin, an agreement like KBRA really needs to move forward," he said.

But Mitchell did not rule out the possibility that the tribes might use their senior right at some point. The tribes want more water to remain in Klamath Lake to protect endangered C'waam, or suckerfish, which were once a staple food."

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Scottsboro Boys

by Kim Chandler

MONTGOMERY, AL – More than 80 years after their conviction in a case synonymous with Jim Crow injustice, Alabama might exonerate the Scottsboro Boys.

A group of lawmakers in the upcoming session plan to introduce a resolution that would officially exonerate the Scottsboro Boys and declare that they were the victims of a gross injustice.

Proposed legislation would also pave the way for a posthumous pardon from the state.

Injustice was done and was never corrected, said Sheila Washington, founder of the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Cultural Center in Scottsboro.

Amidst a mob-like environment and with scant legal representation, the nine African-American youths were convicted by an all-white jury of raping two white women aboard a train. One of the women later said they had concocted the rape story to avoid charges for vagrancy.

The case, which went to trial multiple times, ultimately resulted in two significant U.S. Supreme Court rulings requiring that defendants receive effective counsel and forbidding the systematic exclusion of blacks from criminal juries.

“It is past time to right this wrong that was perpetrated back 80 years ago.

Clarence Norris, the only Scottsboro Boy known to be alive at the time, obtained a pardon in 1976 with the support of then-Gov. George C. Wallace.

Washington has gone to politicians seeking justice for these young black boys that never saw it.”

She has run into frustrations.

State rules don't allow posthumous pardons by the state parole board. The proposed bill would allow the board to pardon deceased individuals for acts at least 80 years in the past. The proposed exemption was narrowly written so not to create a flood of applications.

“It's past time to right this wrong that was perpetrated back 80 years ago, said Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, one of the sponsors of the legislation.

Historian Wayne Flynt said it is almost universally agreed by people who have studied the case that the nine youths were not guilty.

But society decided because of who they were and the color of their skin that they must be guilty,” Flynt said.

The nine youths had hopped a freight train chugging through north Alabama. A deputized posse investigating a fight between black and white passengers stopped the train at Paint Rock on March 25, 1931. The posse questioned two women aboard the train who eventually claimed they were raped by the men.

Following a brief trial, all were convicted.

They had no chance of a decent trial, Flynt said.

Orr said a friend's father was on the jury during the second trial in Decatur. Jurors were sequestered in a hotel but had to walk through a gauntlet every day of angry people shouting, string them up and racial slurs.

The Ku Klux Klan burned a cross on the man's lawn. The juror, who had been a hold-out, told his son that he changed his verdict to guilty out of fears for his family's safety and a belief that the judge would toss the verdict, Orr said.

The case has parallels to Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* with mobs, prejudice, perjury and a white southern lawyer that risked much to do what he thought was right, Flynt said.

Despite the community pressure for a guilty verdict, Judge James Horton set aside the guilty verdict in the second trial citing the evidence of made-up testimony.

Judge Horton is the real life example. Atticus Finch is the fictionalized example, Flynt said.

Prosecutors continued to pursue the case. One of the men was shot in the head during a suspected escape attempt from prison, according to the Encyclopedia of Alabama. Charges were eventually dropped against four and the other four were convicted again.

Their lives were destroyed, Flynt said.

Washington said it's not too late for Alabama to set the record straight.

“Those boys were innocent,” Washington said.

Conversation with Daniel Marshall, Atty. – Marshall Law

by Jill Harper

It is always with an open mind when we at *Indian Voices* venture out on assignment with the intention of bringing back something useful for our loyal readers. More often than not, we find that in doing so, we bring back something for ourselves as well.

Today's assignment is much like the others; illustrious leader comes out from behind the monolith, delivers the day's marching orders using as few words as possible, and lacking any detail whatsoever. “Harper, North Park, good will.” I feel my tongue cluck instinctively. Good will? Editor speak for “damage control”. This is something Editors do to reporters to help us develop “journalistic integrity”. The reporting staff is of the opinion they do it because they can. I already know that today I will not be loitering for hours at my favorite Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, sipping the same large iced coffee, stealing napkins and getting free wi-fi.

As it would happen, the assignment takes place at the law offices of Attorney Daniel E. Marshall, located in North Park. I am greeted by the subject himself. In a blue button down shirt with the sleeves rolled up, he looks ready to get

down to the business of an interview while I am paralyzed with fear that perhaps this is my defense attorney, and “Her Illustrious Highness of Hidden Mercy” has found out about “that thing” that happened in 2004 and that I subsequently lied about in the application process, (which, cross my heart, I will NEVER do again).

But I digress. Thankfully, I am caught off guard by the outstretched hand of an old soul and energetic freedom fighter. We take each other in, and I feign knowledge of this man and his law firm and ask my first question, “What's your zodiac sign?” He laughs and suddenly now feel as if we are in best-friends-for-ever-land.

As we talk, I discover this Daniel E. Marshall person was certainly no stranger to over-achievement. While attending law school, he was running his own successful landscaping business. During and after law school he worked with a federal judge and later worked in civil rights for the City of San Diego. He reported directly to some former chief judge named Schwartz. Judge Schwartz was so cool they named the federal court in San Diego after him!!

After receiving his law degree, Daniel

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Carlos Rivero Master Builder

Owner Rivero Builders

by Jill Harper

The continued economic recession has forced most of us to make changes in the manner in which we spend. For many of us it has been a much needed wake-up call. We have become more conscious of how and where we spend our cash.

As consumers, we have had to become creative in our spending. For instance many homeowners have made the decision to remodel their existing home. It makes sense to invest in your investment during times of economic uncertainty.

Indian Voices had the pleasure of speaking with local builder and remodeling expert, Carlos Rivero of Rivero Builders.

We first became aware of Carlos' talent as a gifted craftsman while enjoying a brew with our friends at Indian Joe's Brewery, a local brew house in San Marcos, and a favorite of *Indian Voices*. Sitting at the their beautifully hand-crafted bar one couldn't help but notice its exceptional artistry. And to *IndianVoices*, a new friend was made.

Rivero Builders began in 2000, specializing in Custom homes. Throughout the next decade, Carlos built his empire by providing his customers with quality, affordable additions and remodels to existing homes.

Clearly, the man has a passion for building. When asked why he has remained so long in an industry that has

struggled for so long, his eyes revealed the reason, long before he replied, "I have always loved the smell of wood."

Typically a residential remodel can take up to six months, start to finish. This may seem like an eternity to a busy homeowner. There is an upside, however. The homeowner is involved in the entire building process and their decisions create the addition of their dreams.

Indian Voices was curious how Rivero Builders continues to thrive in an industry that has been at a virtual standstill during the recession. "I'm in the business of making people smile", he said.

Only the strong survive in an industry that has been at a nationwide standstill. Having weathered the storm, and Rivero Builders is still standing.

If you are a homeowner looking to give your home a facelift, call Rivero Builders today at 760-715-8003.

Marshall Law

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started his own law firm, Marshall Law, which focused in employment and disabilities discrimination.

His years spent as a Federal and State Civil Litigator resulted in 21 years of experience, expertise and knowledge in Civil Litigation. His firm Marshall Law, currently specializes in Landlord/Tenant disputes, but get this – his firm represents both plaintiffs AND tenants! As if that wasn't enough, he is the go-to guy in Post Foreclosure Evictions and Business Formation. I feel a nap coming on just thinking about busy he is!

For the better part of an hour, we traded lawyer jokes, talked about tenant rights and the laws that protect those rights, how long the eviction process takes and the steps to take should you find yourself on the tenant side of a dispute and even whether or not the Padres would win the world series in 2013.

(Okay, we didn't discuss baseball that day, but Daniel is such an interesting and interested person, had time permitted, I'd like to think we would have.)

As my "Day with Daniel" (as I call it) came to a close, I reflected on the meeting and what I would be bringing back to share with the loyal *Indian Voices* readers when I felt a voice faintly whisper in my good ear:

"You measure a man's greatness by the power of his convictions". As an attorney for the people, Daniel E. Marshall is the embodiment of those words.

May we all subscribe to the belief that our own greatness is be measured in the power of our collective convictions. Good will, indeed!

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THUNDER FROM THE FOURTH ESTATE IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT

Candidates Face Off

San Diego Fourth District Displays its Political Clout At Candidates Round Table March 7, at O'Farrell Community School 6130 Skyline Drive

by Judith Meeks

Nine citizens qualified to run for the Fourth District Council seat vacated by Tony Young came together at a community meeting sponsored by the United African American Ministerial Council and San Diego Future for Tomorrow Collaborative

The forum gave the candidates the opportunity to present themselves and their plans for the Fourth District Council seat, which could develop into a powerful political arm and possibly a swing vote at City Hall. Candidates: Dwayne Crenshaw, Myrtle Cole, Sandy Spackman, Monica Montgomery, Bruce Williams, Ray Smith, Tony Villafanca, Barry Pollard, Bianca Lopez Brown. Responded to several topics.

How Would You Improve The Community Relations to Decrease Violence Criminal Activity With Existing Resources

Myrtle Cole spoke from her ex law enforcement Chief and police training, on how she would promote safety in the community, with neighborhood watch, and police and community establishing a working relationship.

Sandy Spackman spoke from a family and community aspect that we must work on our self and our youth to improve the behavior, crimes and violence before it gets to the police level

Barry Pollard recommended that Ray Smith be visible to assist with the gangs issues, and there is a program in the community call Solutions.

What Would You Do To Improve The City Budget Problem, and What Is The Role of the City Auditor

Bruce Williams, Myrtle Cole, Barry Pollard and Bianca Brown gave the most convincing answers Myrtle and Barry mentioned that we in the 4th district community need to be at the table when allocated money is discussed. We know what is needed in our communities best. They mentioned that when audit time comes that accountability for what monies were spent and where it was allocated, match the records in the ledger.

The Community Questions and Comments:

Myrtle Cole and Barry Pollard were asked the most questions. Myrtle was asked about police problems with the community, crimes, African American children being taken away from parents and put in foster care system. She seemed to be scorned by some community members on the Union endorsing her, and also how long has she has lived

in the 4th District. She handled her self with grace and diplomacy and answered each question very well, and confirmed her residency and the redistricting how it effected her residency, however she prevailed, and asked those who had these concerns come to her campaign office and meet with her further.

Barry had a community business owner ask him about his 34 campaign violations when he ran in the 4th district race, Barry answered all violations have been corrected and you can confirm it by going to his website however; while this person was throwing stones at Barry Pollard, Barry fired back and mentioned to this Imperial Ave. business owner that he currently has some violations of his business license and handed the business owner some document while in front of the audience confirming this, as the audience Hoooooood!

Wow I have never seen any thing like that happen at a political debate!

Candidates that seem to be in the leading spot light of abilities to fill the 4th district council seat are:

Myrtle mentioned that when she is elected that she would engage herself to

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pants will also sample scrumptious desserts like frozen yogurt and New York cheesecake. Your Sunday will be well spent as you fall deeper and deeper into a delicious food coma while enjoying the quaint neighborhood of the College Area, with its charming storefronts, friendly atmosphere and of course your favorite restaurants. Tickets to the 3rd Annual College Area Taste are just

\$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 on the day of the event and proceeds benefit the College Area Business District in an effort to give each member business the ability to flourish. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit CollegeAreaBID.com or call 619.233.5008. Tickets are limited so purchase them soon to secure your ticket to this ultimate “taste”. This year's College Area Taste promises to be every bite as good as last year – if not better!

Finland and Native Americans

Finnish is one of the languages JRR Tolkien studied as a philologist. He studied ancient languages and gleaned history out of the meanings held within the words. He “created” the elvish languages of Quenya and Sindarin mainly based on Finnish. He also had something to say about Native Americans. Native Americans (Indians) did not all come

across a land bridge from Siberia to Alaska. Many migrated across the Atlantic from Europe and the mid-east. Many of the tribe of Joseph came to North America. Egyptians also, as well as some northern Europeans... way way before Leif Erikson. Try 500 to 700 BC. Even earlier.

Ever wonder why some central

American tribes built pyramids? They had originally lived in Egypt.

Why are there European style burial mounds along the Mississippi and European stone structures in North America?

It seems reasonable then that traits of Finnish might be found in some native american language.

It is also interesting that according to Tolkien the Elves migrated from a sea in the east to the west ... almost symbolic of the Native American origins.

Second Annual Lake Jennings Photo Contest Runs Through March

LA MESA, CA – Photos taken at Lake Jennings during March may be entered in Helix Water District's Lake Jennings Photo Contest. Prizes of up to \$100 will be awarded in adult and student categories. Photos can be of any aspect of the lake—wildlife, wild flowers, camping, fishing, boating, scenic views. They can be up to 10 mg and must be e-mailed to: lakejenningsphotocontest@helixwater.org. An entry and release form must accompany each photo and can be found at: www.lakejennings.org/photocontest/index.htm. Contest rules are also posted at this URL. Last year's winners can be seen at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Lake-Jennings>.

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be on the budget committee, work with the BID diamond organization which has a great 2-5 year plan, and that Imperial Ave. has plans that will make create it to be the “Jewell” in San Diego, also mentioned that she would work with the Coalition of Neighborhood Council to progress.

Dawayne Crenshaw mentioned his plan to think outside the box method, and not the business as usual when elected into 4th district council office seat. Dawayne mentioned his success, and track record of leadership in the community and residency, while working as director of the Coalition of Neighborhood Council (CNC) and he cleared up some questions asked by the community explained so to clear the misc-conception of some problems that arose while he was director.

This important community gathering is a reflection of the deep concern and desire of the citizens of this district to come together as viable and sustainable political force to compliment and support the vision of our newly elected mayor.

Dennis Rodman Goes to North Korea

PYONGYANG, North Korea – Former NBA star Dennis Rodman brought his basketball skills and flamboyant style — neon-bleached hair, tattoos, nose studs and all — on Tuesday to the isolated Communist country with possibly the world's drabest dress code: North Korea.

Arriving in Pyongyang, the American athlete and showman known as “The Worm” became an unlikely ambassador for sports diplomacy at a time of heightened tensions between the U.S. and North Korea. Or maybe not so unlikely: Young leader Kim Jong Un is said to have been a fan of the Chicago Bulls in the 1990s, when Rodman won three championships with the club.

Rodman is joining three members of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team for a Vice Media production to air on HBO in early April, Vice founder Shane Smith told The Associated Press

in an exclusive interview before the group's departure from Beijing.

Smith said the Americans hope to engage in a little “basketball diplomacy” by running a basketball camp for children and playing pickup games with locals, and by competing alongside top athletes of North Korea — formally known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.



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The Great Basin Resource Watch and the Western Shoshone Defense Project File Motion Against the Mine

by Lisa J. Wolf

RENO, NV – Two Nevada environmental groups have filed legal action contesting U.S. government approval of the Mount Hope molybdenum mine, saying it would remove an entire mountain and replace it with a giant open pit mine.

The Great Basin Resource Watch and the Western Shoshone Defense Project filed a motion for a preliminary injunction against the mine in federal court in Reno on February 20.

This legal action follows their filing of a February 15 complaint challenging the decisions of the U.S. Department of the Interior and Bureau of Land Management in approving the Mount Hope Project in central Nevada, 23 miles north of the town of Eureka. Mount Hope in central Nevada (Photo by Lisa J. Wolf)

“The Project will have immediate, irreparable, and permanent impacts to the local ranching and farming communities and families which have lived there since the 1860s and to the critical environmental, historical, cultural and wildlife resources that will be outright eliminated or significantly degraded by the Project,” the motion states.

The Bureau of Land Management signed the Record of Decision for Eureka Moly LLC’s Mount Hope mine in central Nevada on November 16, 2012.

Eureka Moly is wholly owned by General Moly, a publicly traded company that operates two world-class molybdenum projects in central Nevada. The Mt. Hope project is the company’s flagship project, containing some 1.3 billion pounds of proven and probable molybdenum reserves. It is considered one of the world’s largest and highest grade molybdenum deposits.

With its high melting point, molybdenum is used to make high-grade and construction-grade steel alloys for building, manufacturing, the military and in space exploration.

The company said February 19 that early construction activities are “progressing as planned at the Mt. Hope project site,” including “cultural clearance, clearing and grubbing, wood harvesting, and the development of wells and water pipelines.”

In their legal challenge to the mine, the groups say the Bureau of Land Management has failed to uphold an Executive Order protecting springs and waterholes on public land in the West issued 87 years ago by President Calvin Coolidge in 1926.

The groups object to the federal government’s “failure to protect Federal Reserved Water Rights and Withdrawn Lands, unauthorized disposal of federal property in these waters and lands, and

violation of Public Water Reserve No. 107.

PWR 107 states, “[I]t is hereby ordered that every smallest legal subdivision of public land surveys which is vacant, unappropriated, unreserved public land and contains a spring or water hole, and all land within one quarter of a mile of every spring or water hole located on unsurveyed public land, be, and the same is hereby, withdrawn from settlement, location, sale, or entry, and reserved for public use in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Act of December 29, 1916.”

“The ground water withdrawals associated with the Project are predicted to cause many springs and/or waterholes to be eliminated or have substantially reduced flows. The BLM must ensure that these springs and/or waterholes are not impaired by the Project, particularly the dewatering.

Las Vegas Mayor Goodman and Nevada Push Tourism

A House bill to let more international tourists visit the United States without visas, which could boost Southern Nevada’s economy and create jobs was promoted by US Rep Shelley Berkeley and Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman

U.S. Rep. Joe Heck pitched his own legislation to speed U.S. visa processing to draw more free-spending international tourists six months ago.

Berkley, a Democrat, signed on to Republican Heck’s bill. She and Heck also are among three dozen co-sponsors of the separate visa waiver bill. “Anything we can do to get people back to work is important,” Berkley said, noting visitors fuel Nevada’s economy. “Tourism is our No. 1 industry, and we need to expand our tourism base.”

Goodman and Marybel Batjer, vice president of public policy and communications at Caesars Entertainment Group, both said easing visa rules should be a bipartisan effort for Nevada. They praised Berkley on Monday as they did Heck when he introduced his visa bill last September.

Goodman said the competition

Nevada’s Weekly Wages Showing Improvement

Weekly earnings for Nevada’s residents are showing improvement, according to newly released data by the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation’s Research and Analysis Bureau.

“While volatile from quarter-to-quarter, average weekly wages in Nevada are trending up,” said Chief Economist Bill Anderson. “At the height of the recession, wages fell in both 2009 and 2010 before turning the corner.”

In 2011, wages were up 1.3 percent relative to 2010. Through the first three quarters of 2012 (the most recent data available), they have averaged \$827 per week. This represents a gain of 0.7 percent compared to the same period in the prior year, despite some weakness during the July-September quarter.

“Other barometers of the labor market’s health, which include job growth, the unemployment rate, and initial claims for unemployment insurance, have been trending positive of late and closed out 2012 with some encouraging results,” Anderson said. “Hopefully, this will translate into more noticeable wage gains once year-end results are posted. Typically, there is a considerable spike in wages during the final three months of the year.”

In nominal terms, average weekly wages averaged \$829, for all of 2011, the highest reading on record. With a solid fourth quarter, 2012 results may show a new record.

Governor Brian Sandoval said he is encouraged by the news that Nevadans are earning more and that other indicators of the state’s economic health are showing signs of marked improvement, but recognizes the need for continued efforts in economic development and job training.

“By all indications businesses are hiring more, paying higher wages and adding more jobs, which is good news for our state’s economy, however, I realize there is still much more work to be done in the area of economic development as there are still far too many Nevadans out of work,” Sandoval said. “We continue to work to develop innovative ideas that will attract more industries to the state and to support current businesses in growth and expansion.”

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REID: Violence Against Women Act Will Protect Women in Tribal Communities

In the two decades since the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) passed both houses of Congress on strong, bipartisan votes, incidents of domestic violence have fallen by 53 percent. This is an important piece of legislation that gets to the core of American values— respect and justice for all. However, the full scope of the protections offered to many women did not extend to Indian tribes. The Senate addressed that issue directly and this month reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act to ensure that new provisions go towards protecting all

women in Tribal communities in Nevada and across the country.

The reauthorized Violence Against Women Act will help law enforcement improve strategies to prosecute violent crimes against women and provide legal assistance to victims of violence. The law also will help fund shelters that allow women to escape their abusers and safeguard youth who experience dating violence or stalking. However, certain loopholes in federal law allow non-Indians who live or work on Indian reservations and who commit crimes of domestic vio-

lence to go unpunished. This disparity leaves victims in tribal communities at a disadvantage because they cannot seek justice through tribal courts. Provisions in the new, reauthorized VAWA would allow tribes to prosecute and punish these criminals. These measures partially restore criminal jurisdiction to tribes which they had until the 1970s.

The numbers are clear— domestic abuse is an epidemic in our country. Every year, more than 1,000 women are killed by domestic abusers. Every minute another 24 Americans will become vic-

tims of domestic violence. Every day another three women will die at the hands of their abusers. Despite overwhelming evidence that this legislation saves lives, House Republican leaders initially used procedural gimmicks and stall tactics to block its reauthorization. In the Senate, this commonsense legislation passed with a strong bipartisan majority.

I will continue to stand strong for women in Tribal communities. It is my hope that House Republicans pass VAWA without delay to give women everywhere the safeguards they need.

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among countries for international tourists is intense. She said the United States must make it easier for friendly foreigners to travel here, including waiving visa fees and requirements when there is no security risk.

Now, people from 36 countries don't need a visa to visit the United States for up to 90 days. Nearly 18 million visitors used the visa waiver program in 2010, Berkley's office said.

The proposed House legislation would allow the Department of Homeland Security to designate new countries to participate in the visa waiver program. Berkley called Poland a good candidate as well as Brazil, which has a growing class of big spenders. Batjer noted Southern Nevada also relies

heavily on Chinese tourism, and easing visa rules for China would help business here, too.

The average international traveler spends more than \$1,000 per stay of at least four days while the average domestic tourist in Las Vegas spends \$645 per visit of three days.

Goodman and Marybel Batjer, vice president of public policy and communications at Caesars Entertainment Group, both said easing visa rules should be a bipartisan effort for Nevada. They praised Berkley on Monday as they did Heck when he introduced his visa bill last September.

Goodman said the competition among countries for international tourists is intense. She said the United States must make it easier for friendly foreigners to travel here, including waiving visa fees and requirements when there is no security risk.

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