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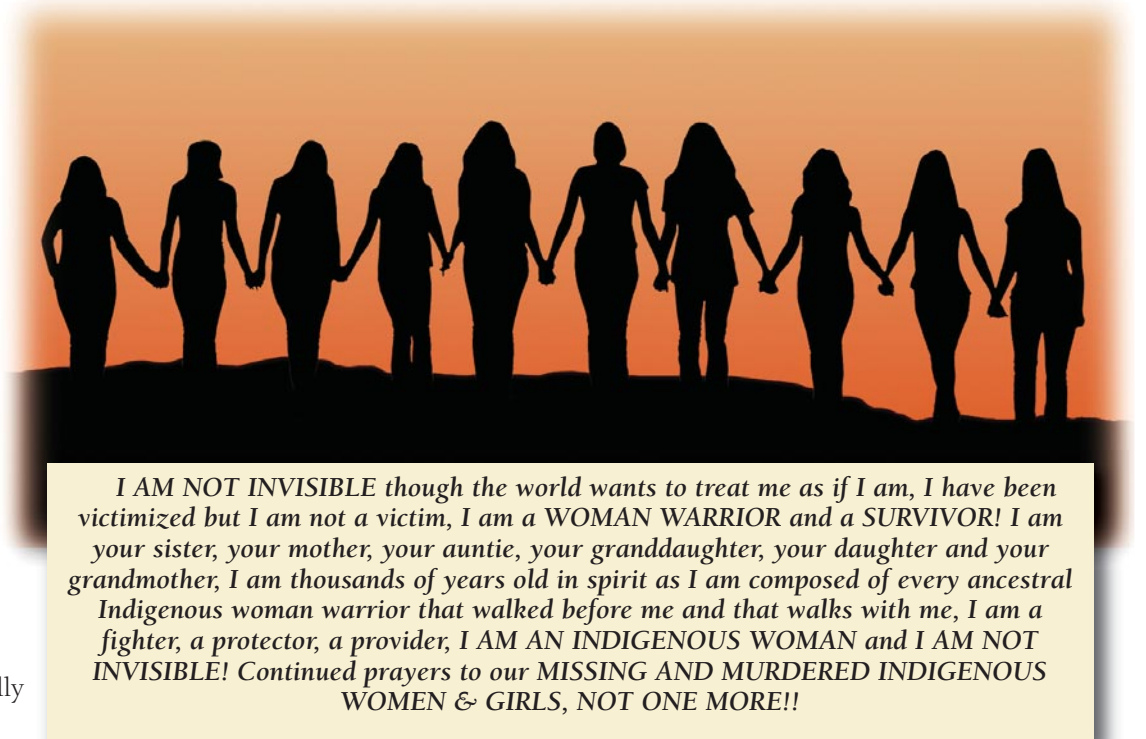
Hear Our Voices

by Meskee Yatsayte (Navajo, Potawatomi, Mixteca/Chichimeca Mexican) -FOUNDER of Navajo Nation Missing Persons Updates Volunteer Missing Persons Advocate

On a Sunday spring evening I'm scrolling through our local Facebook swap group looking for someone selling movies I come across a post that read "NOT SWAP RELATED ... I'm asking for the communities help. My daughter has been missing since March 30th.' 2013. Her name is Samantha Johnson. She's 22 years old 5' 4" tall. Weight is about 150 pds and she has long brown hair with purple streaks. She was last seen at the mall in Gallup. If you have any information please call me or the Crownpoint Police Department" At that moment I remembered that there were several other posts I came across like this months before. My curiosity kicked in and I Googled "Missing Native Americans" I came across a link to a Facebook page called "Lost And Missing In Indian Country" I looked through the

missing persons flyers they had posted and noticed a couple were Navajo. That peaked my curiosity even more. I again Googled "Missing Persons Database" and it took me to NamUs.org.

What I thought was just an instinct became a dedicated passion to research more. I needed to know what was being done to help our people find their loved ones. Many times I turned to Google and came up empty handed. Google actually didn't have answers to my questions or searches. NamUs became the next best thing. In the months ahead I started to realize we need a place to go for Missing Persons on our reservation so I created and founded the Facebook Page "Navajo



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Nation Missing Persons Updates" on May 15th, 2013. I just started off with sharing people's Missing Person's posts and staying completely anonymous. I never wanted any credit for what I was doing

to help my people. All that mattered was that I helped. As the page started to get more followers I added additional

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The Decolonization of Southeast San Diego

BAPAC keeps the light shining on the path toward liberation

Dr. Blair elected state-wide president at the Sacramento State Convention in October



Ellen Nash at the helm of Black American Political Action Committee San Diego. In a ceremony ending the year's monthly meeting of BAPAC, Dr. Willie Blair newly elected state president, passes the the gavel to Ellen Nash signifying an orderly succession from one chair to another.

by Rose Davis

BAPAC's long and proud history was founded by the late Percy Pinkey, a long-

time aide to U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein who created the organization when he and several other Blacks were appointees during Governor Jerry Brown first term.

"It is truly my honor to have been recently elected as state president of BAPAC," said Blair.

"Our African American men and women of good conscious have longed for a statewide organization that would ensure that Black people participated fully and successfully in the economic, political, and social fabric of this nation's greatest state. We are now at the precipice of achieving that great vision and opportunity."

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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

– Martin Luther King Jr.

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Decolonization

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Dr. Blair represents many in the community who are seasoned veterans of the civil rights era and who are vigorously pushing to assure that the lessons from that important time in history live on. Established families and life long San Diegans from the Black community who epitomize the legacy of Martin Luther King are grooming for political office and positioning themselves to seize power. Women of color are preparing to get onboard the cultural political train and they have robust citizen- sista support behind them. Life long native San Diegans with strong community ties and deep family roots are stepping onto the political stage. So far Genevieve Jones running for District Attorney, Ken Marlborough running for County Board of Supervisors and Monica Montgomery, running for Fourth District City Council have taken the lead in stepping onto the political stage and blazing the trail for others.

Make no mistake Southeast San Diego is populated by Change Agents. The ever present churches have historically provided the spiritual nourishment to "Keep on Keepin on" through dark times with a "Never say Die" determination to improve the quality of life for all people of color. Bro Hugh Muhammad Nation

of Islam Mosque 8, continues to battle the reptilian-brained city apparatus and bureaucracy's efforts to derail the development and mission of the Mosque. Political and cultural allies such as Indivisible are lending organizational support. Indivisible WATU recently organized a remarkable event in the heart of the Fourth District. A cross section of the community that included the homeless, clergy, republican, democrats, professionals, radicals, mainstream and curious citizens arranged themselves to spell out Justice while "Taking a Knee" A photo of the event was captured by a camera equipped drone. This and other civic actions in the Southeast area of San Diego signals an awakening and awareness of civic responsibility reminiscent of the Civil Rights Movement. Nostalgia for this era is pervasive and can be traced to BAPAC which can lay claim to the historical imblic cord and conscious of a caring community who have lived through and know the struggle. How appropriate it is that the ancestors have placed Ellen Nash, a veteran community organizer with a North Carolina Tar Heel heritage and a loyal and dedicated servant of God in the driver's seat of BAPAC. Indian Voices looks forward to many more stories associated with San Diego BAPAC as the year rolls out and it cross pollinates with the state organization.

San Diego American Indian Health Center Winter Gathering



There was much joy, cheer and cultural exchange at the Holiday party and gathering for the San Diego indigenous community Dec 9th 2017.

Held at a new location First United Methodist Church 111 Camino Del Rio S.

Storytellers.

There was plenty of food with potluck contributions added to the table.

Master organizer Paula Brim planned the event and wit

the help of her assistant Chamese Dempsey making sure that this San Diego American Indian Health Center holiday event would be one to remember.



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The Root Digger Corner

Greetings Readers! I am excited to have this opportunity to write a monthly column in "Indian Voices". I am a professional genealogist and family historian, and have been documenting my own personal ancestry since 2000. So much of our history has been annihilated by the colonization of the European that documentation of the Indigenous Nations, and people of the African Diaspora has been sparse. We have to use whatever surviving documents can be found along with DNA to help trace our roots to our originating families. This column is to inspire you to document your own ancestry and to begin discovering the stories of your ancestors to be shared and handed down to the next generation.

by Yvette Porter Moore

I was adopted at four months old and raised by a wonderful, loving, educated and civic minded couple. This fact did not stop me from wondering who my biological family was. I had always been curious. My curiosity got stronger as I got older and began to bare my own children. I wondered what would happen when my parents died, as they were old enough to be my grandparents. I had been raised in a small family and didn't know very many of our extended family members as my parents, both had been "only" children. I assumed that I would have no family after they were gone, and would have to make my own. So, with all this thinking, I decided to conduct my own birth search.

At 18, I requested non-identifying information from the adoption agency, and the worker slipped a clue in the paperwork by including my birth name "Victoria." Then at 21, I hired a birth search angel to help me find out who my birth parents were. The researcher, contacted me within a day with the information. It was a week before Christmas. She gave me the names of my parents and the last known addresses of my grandparents. My angel told me not to attempt to contact my grandparents until she located the whereabouts of my birth-mother. So, with that, I followed her instruction.



Two days before Christmas 1991, I was cleaning our apartment, and prepping the house for Christmas day so that my three children and husband would have a memorable one. As I was vacuuming, I heard a voice saying, "Go!" It got my attention, but I kept vacuuming. Then, I heard the voice say, "Go!" again. I stopped what I was doing and knew

that God was trying to get my attention to move forward in my birth search. I packed up my children and their things, told my husband that I was going out of town to meet my birth grandparents, and would return once I have accomplished what I needed to accomplish. Mind you, he was not very happy with my decision.

I had to drive to San Pedro, California, which was about two hours away from San Diego. I didn't know who was going to watch my children while I was visiting. Through a daycare center I was told of a local mother where a lady would watch my children for a reasonable price. I immediately drove to the motel, and went to the office. The clerk directed me to the lady that would be willing to watch my children. Once I met the lady, I explained why I was visiting and why I needed childcare. I told her the name of my birth mother and she stated, "I know your mother! She used to date my father!" She reassured me that my grand parents were nice people and not to be nervous. With this

reassurance, I was off and running.

I approached my grandparents home, and then stood outside the iron gate, ringing the doorbell. As I nervously waited, I saw a few faces peeking through the curtain covered windows. A few minutes later, a tall and hefty looking Native American walked out to the gate to see what I needed. I gave him my unrehearsed announcement and he told me to wait, as he needed to confer with my grandmother to see if it was alright for me to come in. A few minutes later, I find myself inside the house. My grandmother talked to me about my adoption, my mother, and shared lots of photos with me. She informed me that my mother was not there, however, she would be arriving on a tug boat that night (she was a missionary), and if I came back about 6pm, my grandfather would guide me to the port.

So, that evening, my grandfather led me to my Birth Mother. As I watched her tug boat float to the wharf, I began rehearsing what I was going to say to her. This is not how I wanted to meet my birth mother, however, this is the opportunity that God gave me. As the

tug boat was tied to the wharf, I saw a lady come out to the deck. I called out to her asking if she was "Ermalinda." She stated no and went back inside of the boat and the next person that appeared was my birth mother. As I looked at her shadow in the dark, I asked her if she was Ermalinda. She confirmed. I told her who I was, telling her my name, who I was born as and my date of birth. I told her that I had been looking for her. At that moment, she was very quiet. She told me she would walk over to where I was standing.

Our reunion was not what I expected. I thought there would be happy tears. She gave me a hug and stated, that she knew this day would come. We exchanged numbers and our addresses and vowed we would stay in touch.

Since that day, our relationship has been like a roller coaster. However, had I not listened to the voice of God, I would have missed the opportunity to have met my birth mother as she was to go back out on another missionary trip a day or so after Christmas.

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Tecate Kumeyaay Once Again Bombarded by Yet Another Border Wall

I Audrey Cabellos a Kumeyaay Native and Genealogist for 27 years helping my family trapped on the Mexican side of the border, navigating through original paper work, family trees, tying our Kumeyaay heritage, so they will no longer be a hidden culture of the Kumeyaay tribes, walled off from their homes and families, culture and blood relatives that still reside in the 7 tribes of California. We all need to come together to help our Kumeyaay families residing on reservations in Mexico. They need resources to complete their lifelong goal of becoming recognized and to protect their culture which means so much to them and their children.

I am doing everything I can in my power to help them but with the help of the Kumeyaay Nation our people can prosper once again and our culture made even stronger. In all my years in

genealogy I have never seen such complied organized family trees. Why they have not been recognized saddens me. I will continue to help with this problem and attend the meetings I have been invited to as they are helping me as well with finding my lineage.. I've waited a decade and now we will have everything we need to move forward as a Nation. Our people have endured culture hardship and loss of hope for tier future and the future of their children. We can bring that hope back if we come together as a Nation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Tecate Kumeyaay that are helping me. I am honored to be on this journey with all of you as we continue toward success for the future.

Sincerely,
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Indivisible Watu is a Southeast San Diego grass-roots organization dedicated to voter education, engagement and political activism.

by Angela Trinidad

The impact of the stunning upset wins in Virginia and Alabama sent a clear message that Black women are the decisive voters in the Democratic Party. The 2017 Women's March was an unprecedented declaration and demonstration of the power of mobilized women. Women have formed new grass-roots organizations, such as Indivisible Watu, and many became politically active for the first time. Perhaps the most significant outcome of this movement has been more women running for office, and as demonstrated in this

November's races, Women of Color running and winning.

We are energized by this development on a national level and seek to nurture it in our own region. Our mission is to support women in office, uplift women running for office and encourage more women to run for office in San Diego County.

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Native American Women Running for Governor



Paulette Jordan, a Native American politician from North Idaho, will run for governor in the Gem State in 2018. Jordan, a Democrat, announced her candidacy at her 38th birthday party in Moscow, Idaho, on Thursday.

Jordan is a member of the Coeur

D'Alene tribe. She serving her second term as a state legislator. A graduate of the University of Washington, Jordan has been deeply involved in civic life over the years.

"When you are raised by Idaho, it's a matter of giving back," she said. "And I look down at the heart of it all and thought, 'If I am raised by Idaho and I know Idaho and I suffer

with Idaho,' taking on the governorship would be the best way for me to impact people's lives, the best way to serve and give back."

Jordan joins a crowded race to succeed Idaho's current governor, Republican Butch Otter, who will not seek reelection after three terms. Among the dozen other declared candidates, only two are women. Jordan will face businessman A.J. Balukoff in the Democratic primary.

The last Democrat to win a race for governor in the heavily Republican state was Cecil Andrus in 1990.

If elected, Jordan would be the first Native American governor of a U.S. state. She'd also be the first woman elected governor of Idaho.



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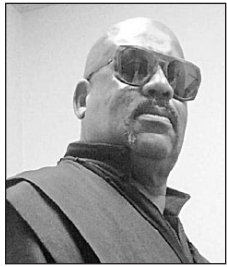
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Black Path Commentary: Critical Analysis on Culture, Community, & Struggle

The Nguzo Saba: Principles & Practice

Critical to the Rescue and Reconstruction of Black Family, Community and Culture - Pt. 3



Tukufu Kalonji



Clovis Honoree

by Tukufu Kalonji and Clovis Honoree

Continuing our discussion on the indestructible Nguzo Saba, its relevancy since its inception; and its legacy of its benevolence, beauty, and benefit to Black people, we now will discuss the second principle of the Nguzo Saba. **That principle is Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), i.e., to define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.** Kujichagulia as a value construct is both philosophical position and an applied practice. It is call for our collective understanding, acceptance, and defense of our being a distinct (African) people with our own rich history and heritage. Moreover, Kujichagulia like all of the Nguzo Saba calls for our being self-conscious agents of our inevitable rescue and reconstruction,

i.e. liberation as a people.

Inherent in this principle is the conception of our introducing ourselves to history and humanity and at the same time working on the process of sustainment of our collective history and cultural heritage. Thus, within the scales of human history and the overall progress of humanity we as African people not only define who we are but also this value gives deference to what our contributions are to the forward flow of human kind and its development. Finally this value implies we identify ourselves, live our lives according to our own values, image, and interest, and that we work study, and struggle to build for our future generations all based on our unique, special, and sacred heritage as African peoples.

Kujichagulia is essentially a commitment and practice. Dr. Maulana Karenga, the philosophical architect and author of the Nguzo Saba contends that;

Kujichagulia demands that we as an African people define, defend and develop ourselves instead of allowing or encouraging others to do this. It requires that we recover lost memory and once again shape our world in our own image and interest. And it is a call to recover and speak our

own special truth to the world and raise images above the earth that reflect our capacity for human greatness and progress. (Source: "Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture," Karenga, M.)

Dr. Karenga continues to argue that Kujichagulia raises fundamental questions with a focus in our identity as Africa peoples. He asserts that the first act of a free people is to shape its world in its own image and interest. And it is a statement about their conception of self and their commitment to self-determination. Furthermore, Dr. Karenga contends that [Frantz] Fanon has said each person must ask him or herself three basic questions:

1. **Who am I?**
2. **Am I really who I say I am?**
3. **Am I all that I ought to be?**

Karenga maintains that these are questions of history and culture, not simply queries or questions of personal identity. More profoundly, they are questions of collective identity, based and borne out in historical and cultural practice. And the essential quality of that practice must be the quality of self-determination. (Source: *Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture*, Karenga, M.)

As we review Black organizations/ agency in San Diego we find there are those who self consciously practice Kujichagulia and others who while not espousing such inherently demonstrate this value as well as other principles of the Nguzo Saba. San Diego Black Health Associates and Harmonious Solutions are two organizations that demonstrate Kujichagulia. While Harmonious Solutions founded by and led by Mr. Charles Kahalifa King has recently ceased its operations; its founding, focus, and function was grounded in African communitarian values and as a behavioral health agency Black peoples was the first, foremost, and in the final analysis the focus of its healing and educational practices. Secondly, San Diego Black Health Associates currently undergoing organizational restructuring

has as its mission statement "to enhance the health status of African Americans in San Diego County through advocacy, education, outreach, and professional development. "Both of these organizations founding and day to day practices either directly or indirectly imply a practice of self-determination on the part of Black folks in the interest of the overall Black community. Needless to say these and any of our organizations cannot do all that is needed by themselves.

We maintain that the Nguzo Saba being a foundation for families, and community, (to include organizations) to stand upon is not enough. What also must occur is the building of institutional capacity for sustainability. Building institutional capacity requires the work and support of the overall community. Thus individuals and organizations alike become engaged in varied mutually beneficial work directed to establishing and maintenance of necessary and sufficient resources; that is the personnel, funding, and materials required for creating and sustaining institutional capacity. That work in and of itself represents to a great degree a collective expression of Kujichagulia. Moreover in spite of adversity we can as we have demonstrated throughout our history achievement in self-determination. One of our ancestors who makes evident via an excellent example of Kujichagulia is the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey who argued "What humans have done humans can do." Consequently, Mr. Garvey built multiple organizations and businesses in the image and interest of Black peoples that had a national and international impact.

In closing we encourage our readership to, meditate deeply on the value of Kujichagulia and how you can put it into living practice in family, community, and especially within an organizational context. Until next time;

Mapambano Yanaendelea
(Another Swahili phrase for saying "the Struggle Continues!")

All of Us or None - San Diego

Dear Friends,

THANK YOU for participating in the San Diego Peace and Justice Community Summit!!

The Summit would not have been possible without you. We deeply appreciate your help,

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experiences we endured while we were in prison, and the discrimination we have encountered since our release.

All of Us or None also accomplished another goal, which was to expand the number of formerly-incarcerated people and their family members involved in the struggle to end the discrimination faced by people with criminal records. Sunday January 14th, 2018 at Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St. from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Thanks, Rev.

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To improve the quality of life of those who recognize themselves and choose to be recognized by others as "Indigenous Peoples of Color of the Americas" and in support of The American Indian Rights and Resources Organization (AIRRO).

African-Descendant Indian Voices - Year in Review and the Year Ahead

Happy New Year to the oldest people in America; Black Natives.

by Dr. Mustafa Ansari

Happy New Year In our new understanding of our American existence. "Luzia" and her family of 13 are the oldest

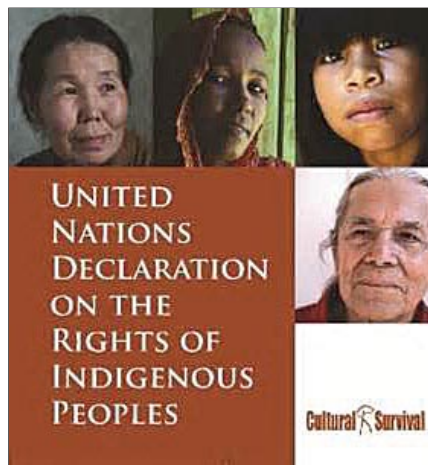
skeletons found in the Americas and they were phenotypically "Black African", like the Samoans, Hawaiians, Chileans, Mexicans, and yes Brazilians. Luzia and her family was found in Brazil!

We are celebrating what that means for the melanin rich natives of America who are choosing to identify themselves as natives.

Indian Voices and Blackrose Communications has allowed the American Institute of Human Rights to introduce a Black Native Section of Indian Voices to reconcile the people called 'Indians' with the people called Blacks, by the people called White. I hope you followed that.



Luzia Dr. Richard Neves



I am the Dean of the American Institute of Human Rights and I have taken the name "Smoking Gun". I took the name out of the respect for this project to restore people who have been destroyed by illegal racial categories and colonialism.

We will introduce the 'smoking guns' of history such as archaeological findings, and the evidences of the original peoples and how we are changing the circumstances of African-Descendants by restoring their identity, and their right to develop under international law.

We have the ability to take back ourselves and rejoice in our familial relationships and regain our true status as inheritors of lost territories, lost wages, and lost opportunities.

We can do that because we are interna-

tional human Rights Defenders, Experts, Law Professors and Lawyers who look forward to this next year in the life of the African-descendant natives of the United States.

We will also feature a "Webinar of the Scholars" series and a newsletter subscrip-



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tion as we move forward into the next year.

We invite you to visit and subscribe to the newsletter and "Webinar of the Scholars Series" at www.adconfederation.com and of course for the upcoming copies of the *Indian Voices* Newspaper.

William Loren Katz New Book Announcement

African Tree Press is proud to announce publication of four classic history books by or with new introductions by award winning historian William Loren Katz, author of forty books and editor of 212 others on African History. A History of Black America Black

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Ener Zapatista Art Reception – Centro Cultral De La Raza, January 12

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We are excited to share this call out to conscious visual artists as we approach the 14th Annual Enero Zapatista! We continue to celebrate our global resistance against all forms of colonial state violence and white supremacy as our indigenous brothers and sisters fight to protect their lands, as black and brown

folx push back against police and border patrol brutality; as trans/non-binary/gender non conforming folx struggle to protect their bodies and identities from inflicted violence and as third world peoples everywhere fight imperialist occupations. Locally, here in unceded Kumeyaay territory, the various bands of the Kumeyaay Nation have demonstrated autonomy in action through the ongoing preservation and defense of language, culture, land and life. Meanwhile, all over the world, various Indigenous communities from the Pashtun, Garifuna, and Secwepemc Nation to peoples in Azania, Catalunya, Palestine and Aotearoa continue pushing forward towards autonomy in their own respective and collective struggles.



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PERSPECTIVE from PEACHE

Photos Rochelle Porter



4th Annual Bridge Lighting Ceremony and Snow Day

Hundreds came out to support the 4th Annual Bridge Lighting Ceremony and Snow Play Day for the children. Congress Woman Dr. Shirley Weber, IBEW Local 569 and Council member President Myrtle Cole and other sponsors put on the wonderful event for the district and the children had a wonderful time playing in the snow. This was a first for most of the children. Santa was also there to take pictures with the children.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The 7th Annual Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce Gala Takes Flight

Thella F. Bowens was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the CSDBCC. The theme of the Gala was to honor African American in Aviation and Space. A few of the other honors went to Qualcomm for Corporation of the Year received by Janet Carson, Claude Rowe Trailblazer/Tuskegee Airman, United States Navy Commander Bobby E. Brown Jr. Trailblazer, Community Service Award Dr. Willie P. Blair, Janice Brown The Thella F. Bowens Woman in Leadership Award, Small Business of the Year Award went to Paul Robinson, Nate Howard took home the Young Entrepreneur Award and The Jesse J. Knight Jr. Scholarship Awardees were Sa Mya Griffin, Mark Burnette, Nawal Haye and Brittany Mari Jasper. The gala took place at the Air and Space Museum in Balboa Park. What a great time that was had by all.



Dr. Steven Jones President CEO of the CSDBCC and Thella F. Bowens Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree



Commander Naval Air Forces "Downtown" Bobby Brown received Trailblazer Award wife Regina Brown



Catherine Arambula, Anita Loyd, Michelle Diaz Agha, Peggie Cooper, Elizabeth Moore Stump, Honoree Thella F. Bowens, Malesha Jessie Taylor, Carlette Lewis and Nancy Rohland beautiful powerful woman.



Thella Brown surrounded by family and friends



Lynn Greenwade Business Development for GDM Inc. meet new friends at the CSDBCC Gala



Fred Long Owner and Operator of Fred's Playland and Janet Carson Director of Qualcomm Excepted the Corporation of the Year award for Qualcomm



Honorees Retired President CEO of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Thella F. Bowens and Michael Brunker of the Jackie Robinson YMCA

The New Archie Buggs Memorial Building

History was made in San Diego on October 10, 2017 with the renaming of the South Eastern Division Police Substation to the Archie Buggs Memorial Building. On the 39th Anniversary of the slaying of Police Officer Archie Buggs hundreds of Officers, City Officials, friends and family members gather to give honor and to share wonderful memories. This is the first time in the San Diego Police Department history to name a station after an officer.



Archie Buggs is the first Black Officer to have a building named after him.

Tribute to the Reggae Legends - Bob Day 2018

by WorldBeat Productions

Sat, Feb 17, 2018, 3:00 PM
Sun, Feb 18, 2018 11:30 PM PST
\$30 - \$60

Featuring Roots Reggae artists:

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and more to be announced! Lineup subject to change.

Tribute to the Reggae Legends Festival, formerly known as Bob Marley Day, has been an annual event in San Diego for 37 years now. The Annual Festival is one of Southern California's largest Reggae events. WorldBeat Productions has been the spearhead for bringing Reggae Music to San Diego with artists like Peter Tosh, Dennis Brown, Gregory Isaacs, Bunny Wailer, Mikey Dread, Black Uhuru, Steel Pulse, Burning Spear, Lucky Dube, Jimmy Cliff and the brightest stars from Africa, Latin America, Europe and Asia.

Festival Founder Makeda Dread was a personal friend of Bob Marley and after he passed in 1981, Makeda created a tribute to Bob Marley Festival. The first Bob Marley Day was held at the International Blend on 30th Street and then moved the following years to the Jackie Robinson YMCA, Carpenters Hall, North Park Theatre and Adams Ave. Theatre. Over the years, the event's popularity increased and so WorldBeat Productions teamed up with Moss Jacobs, who brought his expertise and professionalism to bring the event to large capacity venues such as the San Diego Concourse (Golden Hall) and

California Theatre. After reaching its capacity in these venues it was time to bring the team's hugely successful Bob Marley Day festival to the San Diego Sports Arena. After consistently selling out capacity shows for over 10 years, Bob Marley Day transformed into what it is now known as, Tribute to the Reggae Legends, in honor of all the great reggae artists that have passed throughout the years.

Support WorldBeat Center and My Chosen Vessel by purchasing your tickets on Giving Tuesday, November 28th. \$5 of each ticket sold on Giving Tuesday will support My Chosen Vessel's Sustainable Clean Water Program for the Maasai in Kenya. In addition, a percentage will also go to support WorldBeat Cultural Center's free programming. Please support WorldBeat Center's efforts in creating a global community through music, art, dance, and culture.

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Tribal Style Belly Dance: Middle Eastern dance with live drumming led by instructor Sabrina Fox. \$12.

West African Drumming: West African Djembe drumming class with instructor Abdul Sow. \$12.

Yoga: FREE! A variety of yoga styles taught by instructor Vania Oliveira.

Ki California Healing (Wednesdays 3-7pm): Ki practitioners with over 20 years of experience. Using the ancient Korean Taoist art of Ki healing, we help you achieve wellness of body, mind and spirit.

Hear Our Voices

Continued from page 1

administrators to help me run the page while I was unavailable. We started to make our own formatted missing persons flyers with a temporary NNMPU logo. I made our colors turquoise blue because turquoise is well known for Navajo people to wear and cherish. We started to interact with the families more through Facebook messages to collect more descriptive information to add to the flyers before we posted.

One day out of the blue it hit me to make a Missing Persons Flyer Booklet for all the Missing loved ones. I would put all the missing persons flyers in one booklet and pass them out to local Navajo Nation Chapter Houses, churches, businesses, police stations, hospitals, detox centers, homeless shelters, etc. Any place that would take them so people could look through them and in hopes someone may have information on any of the cases. Although I did this all out of my own pocket I continued to save money just so I could make more and more copies to pass out. It's been very helpful in getting the public's attention and bringing awareness to everyone about all the missing people we have on and off our reservation. What I wasn't expecting from making these booklets was that we would come upon more and more of our people missing. Some that were forgotten by the system and some that would make you scratch your head because they disappeared off the face of the earth without a trace of evidence. Where in the world could they be? Why was there no search party? Why have I never heard of this person missing? So many questions but never any answers. Some of these missing individuals weren't entered into the NamUs Database so we teamed up with Janet Franson from Lost and Missing In Indian Country and she started entering the ones that I came across that didn't have a MP# into the database. I also started to enter them into the Doe Network Database. We almost got all of them into the NamUs system all thanks to Janet. Collaboration is so powerful when it comes to getting things done and awareness brought out to the public.

Three years after I started my page there was a horrific crime that captured the attention of our entire Nation. The

abduction and senseless murder of 11 year old Ashlynn Mike. We posted her flier over and over on Facebook and prayed she would be found safe. But the outcome was so heartbreaking and it made us all open our eyes to the reality of the dangers on our reservations. What it also brought to our attentions was that the Amber Alert was not available on our Navajo Nation even though it was supposed to have been already in place.

A year had gone by and there was a couple more missing children and abductions that needed the Amber Alert issued and again the tribe still hadn't enforced the Alert system. This is when I became more involved. I sat in my car one day and thought to myself if my professor at the University could send us students (hundreds of his students) a text alert for homework reminders, there has to be an app I can use to make a small temporary Alert System for future needs. It took me all day to finally come across an app to do what I needed it to do. This is how I created the Unofficial Text Alert System

- TURQUOISE ALERT for endangered missing /abducted child (0-17 years).
- BRITANY ALERT for endangered missing adult with clear indication of developmental/physical disabilities. Unable to make decisions or communicate.
- STERLING ALERT for endangered missing elder/senior (60+) that has a clear indication of possible Alzheimer's, Dementia, Brain injury, disoriented by aging forgetfulness.

This unofficial alert system although small has been very helpful. So far to date I have issued two Turquoise Alerts, two Britany Alerts and four Sterling Alerts for the Navajo Nation communities. It's amazing how many people have signed up for the Alert System. If you'd also like to sign up for our text alerts you can either go to our Facebook page "Navajo Nation Missing Persons Updates" and click on the "SIGN UP" button and it will take you straight to the link to sign up by entering a cell number or email address. The quickest option is simply by texting "NNMPU" to the number "84483" direction will be followed.

As I became more involved with helping out our tribal members I realized that their voices wasn't being heard by

the tribal government and the law enforcement. Through the years most families that would contact us always seem to mention that nothing was being done to solve their loved ones case. There was lack of communication with investigators and families regarding cases. Some families felt neglected and ignored by law enforcement and a couple were reluctant to ask for any updates

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— Bobby Wallace

on the case because of the negative professionalism by some law enforcement. Although its very easy to point fingers at law enforcement, we also have to realize that they are short handed and limited to resources. Navajo Nation has seven districts that include Chinle, Crownpoint, Dilkon, Kayenta, Shiprock, Tuba City and Window Rock. There are 210 sworn police officers and each officer patrols within a 70 mile radius of the reservation. The Navajo Nation reservation is 27,000 square miles in all the four corners area.

As more research was done I started to feel the need to speak. Not for myself but for the families and most importantly the ones that were lost and missing because they have no voice. I finally decided to go from being anonymous to letting people know who I was and along with that came my voice. There was one case involving a missing female. This individual's family was so determine to find her. They constantly posted her flyer and hung up her missing persons paper flyer all through surrounding communities. Her mother would stand on the sidewalks holding up her picture. We helped by getting her flyer made to post on our page and also share on all social media outlets. The family decided to hold a march for her in hopes that they would get the attention of the community and Navajo Nation President. We at "Navajo Nation Missing Persons Updates" decided to join them on their march to the Navajo Nation President's Office. After the march was completed we were all greeted by a couple of the Navajo Nation Law and Order Committee followed by the Vice President Jonathan Nez. They made time to hear the families speak and also I brought up that we had several missing persons that have still not been found. I showed them the booklet with all the flyers I created and it open their eyes to the concern of this rising problem on our reservation.

With the help of the families, volunteer admins and volunteer missing per-

sons advocates that help me, we have gotten the attention of the Vice President Jonathan Nez and other Tribal officials to get something done for our people that are currently missing and be more focused on missing persons cases in the future. Our voices are being heard but we are so glad that the families are finally being heard and slowly resolutions are being brought to the table. We still have

a long journey ahead of us but we are not giving up hope that something will be done. Meanwhile, we continue to use social media to help out our people with posting important information like human/sex trafficking awareness, domestic violence awareness,

stranger danger awareness and substance abuse awareness because in most missing persons cases all these link together somewhere. We need to bring awareness to help prevent people from being a victim. Missing persons cases are just as serious and important as other criminal cases and they need to be investigated as such. We try to do NNMPU Missing Persons Awareness Stands every week-end in surrounding Navajo communities. What this is, is my family and I will spend 1 hour every Saturday holding up ALL the missing persons flyers handing out our Missing Persons Flyer Booklets to all that stop by. We also hold Missing And Murdered Indigenous Men And Women Stands throughout our communities. Navajo Nation Missing Persons Updates consists of 3 Volunteer MP Field Advocates (myself, Letitia Moon & Karen Lee-Begay), 1 Anonymous Volunteer Researcher, 1 page monitor/researcher/online MP advocate Char Zah and 1 Social Media Spokesperson (Kim Wapepah)

I want to reach out to my brothers and sisters from other Nations and encourage you to become a Volunteer Missing Persons Advocate for your tribe. It's all volunteer work. I won't lie, it's overwhelming at times and very stressful when you want something to be done and it can be very emotional when you work with a family and it turns out bad in the end. But I can guarantee you that it is so worth knowing that you are making a difference in helping a family when they feel all hope is lost. Let's work together and help bring them home and bring awareness across the Nations. If you want to consider starting a missing persons page for your tribe and you need help please don't hesitate to message me on Facebook or email me at NavNatMisPerUp505@gmail.com

*A special Thanks goes out to:
Bobby Wallace- The Longest Walk 5.3
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A Small Step Forward for Truth-Telling

by Marilyn Haring

Recently a new opera about California during the Gold Rush in the 1850s was performed in San Francisco. The composer, John Adams, and lyricist, Peter Sellars, avoided historical biases that romanticized the Gold Rush. Instead, the lyrics that told the story used the words written by women who were part of that historic movement, quotations from people of color, and songs sung by slaves. This was a rare and authentic account of the Gold Rush. I attended "Girls of the Golden West" and was struck by the opera's truth-telling.

Before the premier of the opera in San Francisco, the lyricist (Peter Sellars) spoke with passion about the terrible injustices brought about by the closed and radical society of white miners in the Gold Rush. He cited the mob rule that resulted in a Mexican woman being hanged one day after she killed a miner

who was attempting to rape her. (She was the only woman ever hanged in California.) And he spoke of the Chinese woman who was sold into slavery during the Gold Rush for \$20. His strongest remarks were about the atrocities in which at least 90,000 Indians were killed by the nativist miners. He emphasized this mass murder was genocide and must be acknowledged. Such truth-telling is rare!

Mr. Sellars's statements and the opera's lyrics take on additional importance because their reach is large and lasting. After several performances in San Francisco, "Girls of the Golden West" next will be performed multiple times in Dallas and then the Netherlands. If this opera endures, audiences in many locations and for many years into the future will experience events in the Gold Rush from an historically honest perspective--a sharp departure from past accounts.

Tracy Lee Nelson: Leave Our People Alone

La Jolla Amago, CA - This is the song I was gonna use as the title of the new cd, Blues Loving Man. (A little anger came out of me when composing this song LOL! I felt it had to be said!) all that has been going on with Native Americans throughout History, the Native Holocaust,

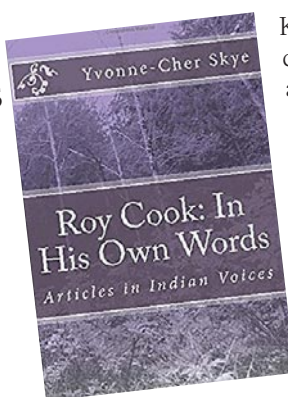


Genocide that's still on going! I said to myself, I need a song that says, Leave Our People Alone!! Here it is ... keeping the blues alive!

Leave Our People Alone - Provided to YouTube by CDBaby *Leave Our People Alone*. Tracy Lee Nelson Blues Loving Man. Watch on YouTube.

Roy Cook: In His Own Words

A compilation of articles written by Roy Cook, a Native Indian elder who spent his lifetime participating in cultural education and military veteran support, though not Kumeyaay, he spent his lifetime working with the



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Mass Arrests Pending for Human Trafficking, Sexual Harassment, Pedophilia?

By Scott Andrews

In the wake of victims of sexual harassment coming forward in the United States, the Trump Administration and local law enforcement are targeting those who violate human rights worldwide with mass indictments.

Those already forced to resign in the U.S. include top media and Hollywood figures, corporate CEOs, and an unusually high number of members of Congress said to be allowed to resign to avoid prosecution.

Crime rings being investigated engage in prostitution, sex slavery, and pedophilia.

In the Southern California border region, the Los Angeles Police Department has led investigations for crimes involving cross border abductions of Central American nationals, adults and children, who are held against their will or as workers or sex slaves. These victims are held for ransom or until they can pay back the gangs who have smuggled them across the border.

The Department of Justice has targeted the violent MS13 gang, an effort that has led to prosecutions and deportations.

National and area statistics paint the picture of a historic crackdown:

From October 30 through November

22, 2017, there are 4,289 sealed indictments filed in all 94 federal District Courts in the U.S. This is an unprecedented number.

The "normal" is 1000 in 12 months.

11/25: LAPD Reveals 28 Open Investigations Into Hollywood, 37 More in other Jurisdictions.

The LAPD says it has 28 open sex-crime investigations

linked to Hollywood and the media, and that it expects more will come.

As well as the investigations it currently has open, the force has also passed on 37 cases to other jurisdictions where it believes the crimes may have occurred.

In a convention city, San Diego politicians and law enforcement have been known to look the other way when it comes to prostitution. Area hotels hiring foreign workers are said to condition job security on sexual favors.

Observers are tracking whether San Diego County gets its "fair share" of cases as one of the "other jurisdictions" LAPD is referring investigations to for prosecution.

Will our district U.S. Attorney and DA answer charges of weak enforcement with yet another task force, or will they soon report out major area arrests in the busiest border city in America as part of the Trump team's national effort?



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Geneviève L. Jones-Wright

Geneviève L. Jones-Wright was raised in a single parent, low-income home in



San Diego, California where devotion to family and self-respect was cultivated. She decided in the fourth grade that she would attend Howard University School of Law after she learned about Justice Thurgood Marshall. Since that day, she has been determined to “carry the bags” of Justice Marshall as he had done for Mr. Charles Hamilton Houston.

In keeping with the vision, Geneviève obtained a J.D. from Howard Law after graduating from the University of San Francisco with a B.A. in mass media communications. Geneviève obtained an LL.M. in Trial Advocacy specializing in federal criminal defense from California Western School of Law. This one-of-a-kind program helped her perfect her craft and allowed her to work in both the Southern and Central Districts of California. Since 2006 she has proudly

served as a Deputy Public Defender in San Diego.

Beyond her advocacy in the courtroom, Geneviève is a volunteer attorney with the California Innocence Project and mock trial coach and member of the Criminal Justice Program advisory board at Lincoln High School. She serves on San Diego's Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention where she chairs the committee on gang documentation and serves on the Communications and Outreach Committee and Youth Subcommittee. Geneviève is also a board member of David's Harp Foundation, an organization that radically transforms the lives of “at risk” and homeless youth through the power of music. She is also a member of the State Bar of California's Council on Access and Fairness.

Geneviève is very active in the San Diego community at-large. In 2003, Geneviève co-founded and served on the Board of Directors of ELITE (Educated Ladies Investing in Tomorrow's Exemplars), a local program that prepared young girls for college. Her life goals are to use the law as a tool for our oppressed and most vulnerable, and to make plain to those groups around the globe that in life there are no limitations on your heights, except the ones you place on yourself. Geneviève has an abiding love for God and sincerely desires to manifest Divine Love through service by way of her life.

Colorado Desert Cultural Heritage Symposium, Steele-Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center, Dec. 2-3, 2017

by Norrie Robbins

Focusing on the long history of people in the Sonoran Desert, the Steele-Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center invited various experts to teach about ethnobotany (Deborah Small, Rose Ramirez), Kumeyaay rock drop structures (Mike Connolly), rock art (Steven Freers), the new mastodon/human site (Steven and Kathleen Holen), an outdoors science program for San Diego reservation children (Norrie Robbins), and cultural resources of State Parks (Russell Cahill).

Rose Ramirez shared that their book, “Ethnobotany Project,” was now in English and Spanish, and they were getting organized to have it translated into Kumeyaay. The Holens produced compelling evidence for the human/mastodon association at 130,000 years ago along what is now Highway 54. Bison first entered North America at that date, and so it was suggested that big game hunters were following the bison. Mike Connolly showed how he used his engineering skills to reproduce the ancient way of helping water seep into the ground and thereby create wet-

lands, like the one he created at the Campo Reservation along Diebold Creek.

About 100 people in attendance, friends, snowbirds, and strangers came to hear the day-long program sponsored by Anza-Borrego Foundation, California State Parks, and University of California, Irvine. They were drawn by the announcement that the symposium would focus on the Sonoran/Colorado Desert and its people and neighbors.

The following day was filled with field trips. The trips were to the path of the Anza Expedition in Coyote Canyon, Clark Lake Petroglyphs, stewardship of an ancient Mine Wash village, and a tour of the Begole Archaeological Research Center. I went on the field trip to Mine Wash, which was the site of an ancient village. The people who lived there 1,000 years ago were probably Cahuilla ancestors. On our walk, one of the participants discovered a perfect and beautiful side-notched obsidian point. The site steward said it must be left in place, but hidden. And thus, the arrowhead was dropped into a cactus cluster, so it would not be taken by tourists.



Moms United to End the War on Drugs

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NEWS *from Las Vegas/Nevada*

by Kena Adams

Bill AB234

Recently in a conversation with former Assemblyman Harvey Munford, we were reminiscing about his 30+ years as a Clark County teacher. We also spoke of few bills concerning education that he had passed while in office. AB234 is a bill that was passed in 2015 requiring Clark County teachers to take a course

in multicultural studies as part of their license renewal. They added an option (AB196) to the bill and are still working on the curriculum that should be included. Mr. Munford has asked Indian Voices Nevada to be the “watchdog” on the bill and keep the community informed. To involve yourself and attend meetings visit the Nevada Department of Education website.

Congratulation Nicco Montano for being the first Dine’ female UFC flyweight fighter to take the belt in Las Vegas!
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Las Vegas M/C Clubs Feed the Homeless

Local Motorcycle (Family) clubs came together Sunday November 19th to help take care of the city's growing homeless population by serving a Thanksgiving feast. The clubs came together to prepare favorite dishes for the guests such as turkey, ham, dressing, greens, and even cranberry sauce, to name a few. Together each club served more than 250 homeless patrons as they lined up near Las Vegas Blvd and Washington. This mix of Las Vegas residents or “bikers”, as some may put it, vary from business owners to teachers



with one thing in mind, how to give back. This has been a tradition now for more than the last 10 years. It started with 2-3 local clubs and has grown with more than 15 clubs participating present day. It was discouraging not to see one media outlet present except for Indian Voices. The real light needs to be shed on the commitment most “bikers” have to their communities. A real conversation crushing the stereotypical attitude citizens have when they hear that word, “biker,” should be discussed. This was a positive and giving event with no problems and zero media attention.

19th Annual Pahrump Pow Wow

Once again Pahrump is graced with the beating of drums dancing in the air. “It was bigger than last year,” stated Thomas Flores (Northern Paiute). This annual gathering added beautiful culture and food to Petract Park, located in the middle of the city of Pahrump. Paula Elefante, pow wow committee President, and her group have worked very hard to keep this important social gathering alive each year. First Nations Iron Horse Clan donated and prepared the food for the feed. They lined the food up buffet style as more than 150 dancers and elders enjoyed a beautiful dinner together. They really seemed to like the buffet style set-up as noticed by the volunteers from Native American Cultural Services. S&H Navajo Taco owner Herb McCabe (Dine’ Nation) said he truly enjoyed the pow wow and was pleasantly surprised



White Mountain Apache Dancers-Pahrump Pow wow 2017

by the great turn out. The Aztec and White Mountain Apache dancers awed the crowd as they enjoyed their frybread and listened to the Hummingbird Singers (Southern Drum) sing. The Northern Drum, “Scout Society,” traveled from Northern Nevada to grace us with their traditional songs. The grand prize raffle gift was a beautiful quilt made by Bonnie Allison (Apache) of Grand Junction Colorado. This is an important event in Indian Country and deserves our support. For more information email pahrumpowwow@yahoo.com or call 775-209-3444.

Historic Westside News**MOULIN ROUGE UPDATE**

As promised by County Commissioner Lawrence Weekly, a town-hall meeting to discuss the county's recent purchase of the Moulin Rouge site was held at Pearson Community Center in North Las Vegas Thursday November 16th. Commissioner Weekly stated in a recent Channel 3 interview that the Historic Westside is being left behind

and very under developed. The County Commissioners have decided to delay the purchase of the site for at least 2 weeks. The Westside residents have seen this before and hope that Commissioner Weekly and Clark County will make good on the promise to take the communities thoughts seriously when deciding the future of this Las Vegas landmark.

Tribal Voc Rehab Conference First Visit to Southern Nevada

Never in CANAR's 15-year history has it held its conference in the great city of Las Vegas. CANAR is a professional business organization in Indian Country that serves American Indians/Alaska Natives with disabilities. It provides culturally relevant trainings and workshops for members whom are employed by or work closely with the Native American population. Nevada VR programs, like

the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, Moapa Band of Paiute Tribe and the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe must be very excited to host CANAR in Southern Nevada for the first time. The event was held at Green Valley Ranch in Henderson Nevada on December 4-7th, 2017. For more information about this event please visit www.canar.org

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Bureau of Cannabis Control Announces Four Upcoming Public Licensing Workshops

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Bureau of Cannabis Control (Bureau) today announced plans to host four public licensing workshops. The workshops will focus on what licensing information is needed and what resources are available for people planning to apply for state commercial cannabis licenses.

The Bureau will be joined by other state and local agencies at each licensing workshop. The workshop schedule will include a brief overview and then transition to an open house where people can obtain information from and ask questions of different state and local agencies.

The workshops are free and do not require registration to attend. Each workshop is scheduled to run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Public Licensing Workshops Dates & Locations:

- January 22, 2018 – Monterey
Monterey Conference Center, 1
Portola Plaza, Monterey, CA 93940
- January 26, 2018 – San Diego

Town & Country Convention Center,
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA
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- February 1, 2018 – Oakland
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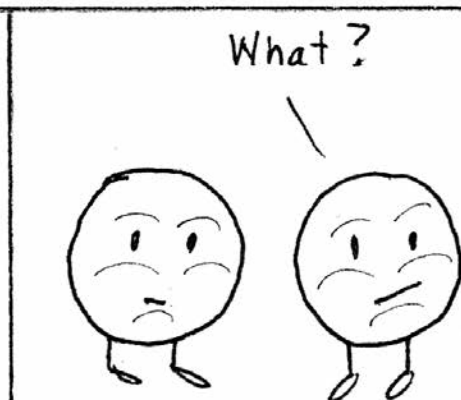
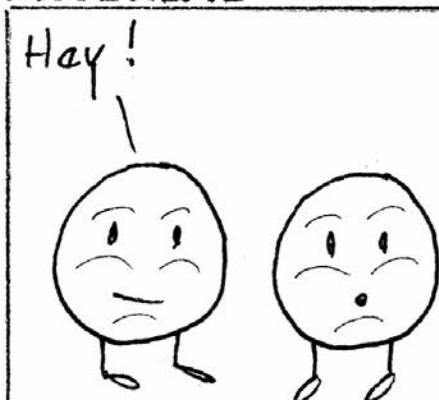
The Bureau plans to announce information on future workshops as they become finalized.

For additional information about the upcoming licensing workshop series, or to subscribe to email alerts to hear about updates as they become available, please visit our website: <http://www.bcc.ca.gov/>.

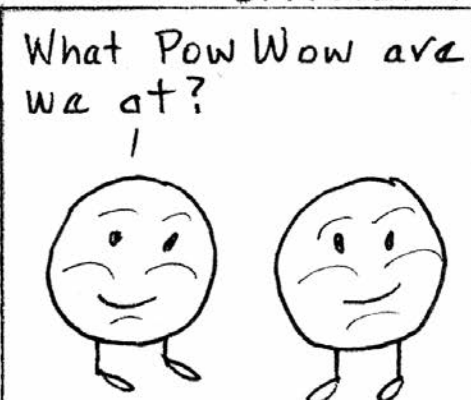
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New Year Greetings from the Community

"Indian Voices" embraces The New Year with a commitment to encouraging communicating "Face to Face" in order to facilitate community building free from electronic devices. Below are a list of statements and observations from a random sample of friends and neighbors who have shared their thoughts with us as the year rolls out.

Clovis Honore

The pendulum of human history, as it swings through the epoch of "western civilization", is nearing its lowest point. But every pendulum, once it passes its lowest point, begins an upward trajectory. A new age is eminent.

Judith Meeks

Sit at the seat of your elders. You don't know where your are going until you know where you have been.

Norrie Robbins

I'm so happy to be sharing with you this journey around the sun. Norrie

Tukufu

Let us do as we are taught in the Odu life. Embrace the spirit of Holidays Hari Z a Kwanzaa and Hari ya mwaka mpya.

Mel Vernon

I watch "YouTube" to study historical moments. I found free college education in Europe. How do I get my passport.? 2018 is going to be a great year!!

Yvette Porter Moore

As we come together to celebrate the Holidays let us also reflect on our lives. Let's take this time to write our goals, and pursue our passions in the Spirit of Love.

Minister Gregory C Mitchell

During this holiday season. Let us hold on to those less fortunate God has blessed us tremendously. Remember that when Jesus was born, it was in a manger. Let us also show love for our fellow man/woman. Love doesn't cost anything. Have a happy holiday season.

Soaring Eagles

Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year from all the Soaring Eagles Dancers.

Carla Tourville

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Chuck Cadotte

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Circling Hawk Creations.

Paula Brim

Very best wishes to all for a wonderful holidays and a healthy New Year full of Love

Joe Renteria

Thanks to all for a wonderful 100th year. Our community is great. As for next year, Let's Go For It!!

Sis Ava Muhammad

"In the name of Allah, Our Creator. In 2018, let the original inhabitants of the Earth unite to reclaim our own and restore our planet".

Bobby Wallace

We thank the creator, for life in these times, when councils pursue a positive way for their people, paved from councils and elders from the past We did not ask for the trauma, but it was given to us through greed for land and resources. Prayers to the ones who have passed on, prayers for the ones not here yet and prayers for ourselves.

Chida Rebecca

My hope is that no matter how good or bad this year has been for you that you will take the lessons learned in your lives and in the lives of others and use them to push you toward a greater purpose.

Angela de Joseph

Energized by the political success of women of color Indivisible WATU seeks to nurture this in our own region. Our mission is to support women in office, uplift women running for office and encourage more women to run for office in San Diego County.

Ral Christman

The Holiday season, a time to eat and keep each other warm. A time for planning and resolutions. My Resolution is to continue doing things that are more than 2018 years old. Eyaay Ehun".

Kathleen Harmon

I would like to express how grateful we are for coverage in Indian Voices. The beautiful pictures and stories promote unity. We love the dedication and commitment. Happy New Year ... it is going to be a good one.

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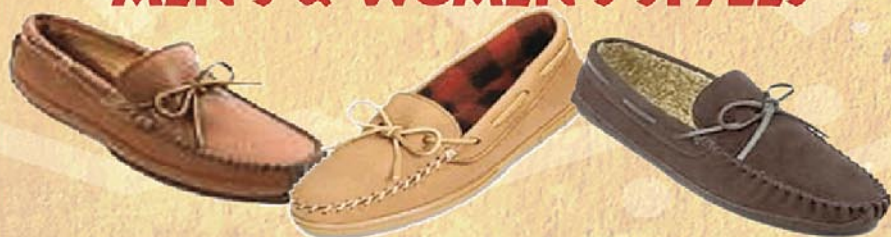


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