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## Native Americans, Including Kumeyaay, San Diego Activists and Supporters from 4 States Support the Hualapai Nation in Opposing Proposing Lithium Mine

by Bobby Wallace – Henri Magli

Few, if any, narratives in America are older, or more repeated, than the story of Native peoples struggling to protect their lands, resources, lifeways, and even their culture, from exploitation, abuse and destruction. That very story is yet again unfolding with the Hualapai Nation in northern Arizona, who are in a struggle to protect their ancestral lands from lithium mining. A struggle that pits the long-term energy interests and demands of the United States against the cultural values of the Hualapai people, the health of the land and its inhabitants, and has nothing less at stake than the very survival of the entire Hualapai nation.

Ivan Bender, caretaker of Cholla Ranch and Hualapai Tribal Member, has

spearheaded the way to protect the place considered sacred by the Hualapai people, and with a group of dedicated individuals are driving force between the multi-state opposition to the mine. Thanks to the work of the group, Hualapai Tribal members, local community members, and allies are working to prevent further exploration drilling for the Big Sandy Lithium Project that would desecrate Ha’Kamwe’ (“warm spring” in the language of the Hualapai people) and the ancestral homelands of the Hualapai people.

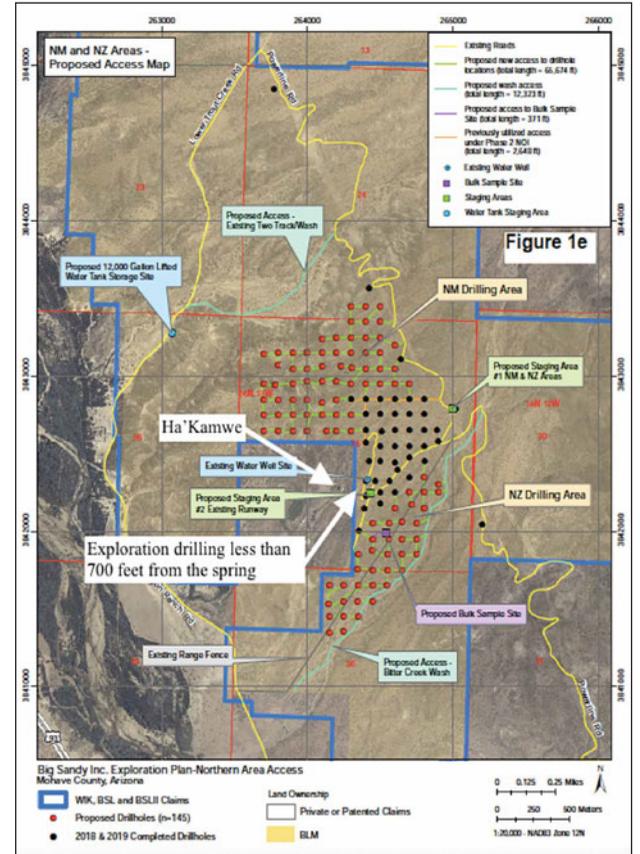
25 people, from 4 states and multiple Native Communities, came to Arizona on the weekend of November 6-8 to stand up and oppose the lithium mining in Wikieup AZ. This is an incredibly dedicated group of individuals, who support the Hualapai’s efforts to oppose a proposed lithium mine

Proposed drill sites (red dots) for Phase 3 of Sandy Valley Exploration Project. From Appendix D. White boxes with arrows added for emphasis. Notice that the drill sites and mines come to the boundary of the reservation and the natural spring that feeds the Cholla Ranch-Hualapai Sovereign Land.

that will surely decimate the water systems including the “Old Water” Ha’Kamwe’

### What is Ha’Kamwe’?

According to the Protect Ha’Kamwe.org website, Ha’Kamwe’ means warm spring in the language of the Hualapai people. Ha’Kamwe’ is fed by water naturally stored underground in volcanic rocks that seal it off from the land surface above (aka, a confined volcanic aquifer). Under pressure, water flows underground along a geologic fault and



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## Guardians at the Gateway

by Michael Miskwish

From the earliest explorations by Hernando de Alarcón in 1540, the overland route, from mainland New Spain into Alta California across the Colorado River was recognized as strategically and economically important to Spanish colonizers, and, subsequently, the Mexicans. The path was charted by Juan Bautista de Anza in his 1774-1775 expedition which was followed by the establishment of two missions in the lands of the Quechan in 1780-1781. But the Quechan bristled at the heavy-handed disregard for their customs and traditions. Missions La Purisima Concepción and San Pedro y San Pablo de Bicuñer were attacked on

July 17, 1781 and destroyed after a two-day battle. The destruction of the missions left the Spaniards with only the difficult overland route up the Baja peninsula, or the grueling sea journey sailing against both the prevailing winds and the California Current.

The Spaniards regrouped and sought to utilize the Dominican Mission of Santa Catalina in the mountains of the Pai Pai people, south of the Kumeyaay, as a strategic location to launch attacks. From there, the Spaniards sought to project their power through the Cocopa lands and reopen the route to upper California. The Cocopa were able to hold off the Spanish soldiers with the aid of the swampy terrain of the Colorado River delta which hindered the use of horses and wagons. Within ten years, the Spanish withdrew all but a colonial guard detachment and abandoned any



further efforts to secure the Colorado River crossing.

The defeat of the Spanish empire was secured in the 1821 revolution that created the independent nation of Mexico. However, the desire to reopen

the Colorado River crossing was still a priority. The short-lived Emperor of Mexico Agustin de Iturbide (1822-1823) was worried about threats to Alta California, tasking Father Felix Caballero of the San Miguel and Santa Catalina Missions to open a trail. Caballero, with a Mexican army contingent, made contact with Kamias

(agricultural Kumeyaay allied with the Quechan) who pretended friendship but attacked the Mexicans Spaniards mid-way in their Colorado River crossing. The expedition survived the

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## A Plea For Civility From California Secretary of State Shirley Weber

“Bullet, that is a six letter word for you.” No, those are not the words from a recent horror film, nor a quip in a video game, they’re from a note left for Colorado’s Secretary of State Jena Griswold. Griswold, like many Secretaries of State across the country, is being targeted and threatened with violence.

This grotesque behavior is a result of the persistent false claims of fraud in the 2020 election. This myth has been perpetuated by fear-mongering politicians and pundits alike and now is reaching new levels of danger. A state-level Secretary of State is often an overlooked role, tasked with ensuring fair elections and making government more transparent and accessible. Yet recently many of my counterparts have

found themselves under unusual and foul attention from those deeply entrenched in the misinformation campaign known as The Big Lie.

Threats of violence have no place in our country, where we have long prided ourselves on our ability to accept election results gracefully, no matter the result for our particular interests. Will you join me in condemning the vile threats and verbal attacks against my fellow Secretaries of State?

Certifying an election should not be a partisan issue. These continuous false claims of foul play sow distrust in our election systems and weaken the collective faith in our democracy.

Please share this and call on an end to threats against our election officials.

Onward, Dr. Weber

## A White Guy Thanks *Indian Voices*

According to Howard Dean, “Eleven companies in this country control 90% of what ordinary people are able to read and watch on their television. That’s wrong. We need to have a wide variety of opinions in every community.”

Americans are fed infotainment instead of news. What the hell is critical race theory anyway? CNN is owned by AT&T, CBS is owned by Viacom, MSNBC by Comcast and ABC is associated with Disney. None of these

businesses specializes in news. They only care about profit.

An estimated 2100 newspapers have closed since 2005.

Local newspapers offer critical information to communities. *Indian Voices* is a community treasure. It is also a “health benefit” for us fortunate readers. It is good food for thought. Enjoy your meal!

*Preston Chipps*

## Guardians

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attack and made their way back to Santa Catarina with their supplies gone, the mission a failure.

After the passage of the Mexican Constitution in 1825, the new Governor Echeandía entered Alta California following the overland route up the peninsula. It wasn’t long before he, too, sought to reopen the overland route across the Colorado River. At this time, the Kumeyaay had established a balance of power with the Mexicans, holding most of the interior lands except for an outpost of Mexicans at the Mission Santa Ysabel on the northern boundary of the Kumeyaay lands. Efforts to increase the garrison at Santa Ysabel risked inflaming the independent Kumeyaay, who maintained strongholds at Tekemuk (Mesa Grande), San Felipe Valley and Cuyamaca Valley.

Nevertheless, Governor Echeandía ordered Lieutenant Romualdo Pacheco to establish a fort to safeguard the desert crossing. Pacheco chose a shallow lake next to the New River channel as his site. By mid-February 1826, Pacheco reported to Governor Echeandía that the fort was established. The response by the independent Kumeyaay was an attack against Santa Ysabel Mission, on

April 5, 1826, by 100 warriors from the San Felipe Valley. Juan Maria Ibarra led a Mexican counterattack with missionized Indian allies into the San Felipe Valley, killing twenty-eight of the independent Kumeyaay and taking twenty pairs of ears. The next day the missionized Indian allies killed an additional eighteen. One independent Kumeyaay captive was held for a couple of weeks and then executed on April 23rd.

On April 26th, 1826 independent Kumeyaay launched an attack on Fort Pacheco from the San Sebastian area killing three and wounding three other Mexican soldiers. After the attack the Mexicans decided to abandon the fort and it was never reactivated.

This was the only fort built by the Mexican government in Alta California.

The overland route across the Colorado River remained secure until the coming of the Americans in 1846. Even then, it took two years after the establishment of Camp Yuma in 1850 before the Quechan agreed to end hostilities. The resistance of the Quechan, Kumeyaay/Kamia and Cocopa over a 50 year period helped to delay the settlement of Alta California and helped to maintain the independence of their Nations well into the American period.

## Cindy Brown Will Not Be Silenced

The Duty of Candor.

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## Some Thoughts About Healing Our Nation

by *Gwendalle Cooper*

I believe that healing begins with each individual being dedicated to healing. It begins by changing ones attitude. I found the following principles to work.

Begin with Truthfulness: learning what is really the Truth. My father taught us there are 3 sides to every story; your side, the other person’s side, and the right side. One must seek the truth, not just parrot what you are program to believe.

Compassion: is realizing that we are all humans and all are related. We just happen to come in different flavors (colors). One must first begin looking inward and learn to forgive oneself.

Realizing we must release anger, resentments, and judgment about oneself before one can have true compassion for others.

Tolerance: this is not a matter of “putting up with something or someone” but understanding everyone has challenges. “As ye sow, so shall ye reap.” For bearing someone’s own challenges whether it is environmental, physical, or mental.

Successful healing begins with the individual putting these concepts into practice; not easy but necessary. It has been my acquired experience that healing is successful when these principles are put into practice.



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# Randy Edmonds is the Grand Master of Ceremonies

by Alastair Running Bear Mullholland

If you have been to a pow wow in Southern California, then you have heard Randy Edmonds. His deep soothing voice blended with traditional whimsy and humor creates a feel good and educational Pow Wow Experience. Accompanying his wonderful announcer voice is his commitment to Native American people, as is evident by his decades of advocacy work. It is no wonder that he is asked time and time again to emcee countless pow wows around Southern California and the entire United States of America.

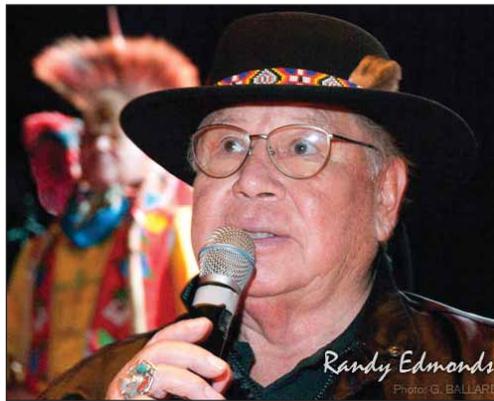
Edmonds is of the Kiowa and Caddo Nations. He explained to me how the Kiowa made their way from Montana toward Oklahoma, during which time they made alliances with the Comanche and then the Apache, who arrived in Oklahoma under Geronimo's leadership. Oklahoma was a forced destination for many Native Americans, mostly because of the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Oklahoma became a destination for 39 tribes from around the East Coast and Mid-West. Edmonds further explained that the federal government sought to better monitor the Native Americans by forcing them into that one area.

Edmonds was born in 1934 and

moved from Oklahoma to Los Angeles in the 50's as part of the Indian Relocation Act of 1956. Upon arriving in Los

Angeles, he met many other Native Americans from different parts of the country. He eventually became the Director of the Los Angeles Relocation Program. He explains how during this time there were no pow wows the way we know them today.

Not wanting to lose their culture by assimilation, some began forming drumming groups to help retain their songs, prayers, dances, and spirituality from their respective nations. He began being asked to emcee for these initial drumming groups that persisted though the 60's and 70's, at which time the pow wows started to form. He said in the beginning of these drumming groups many Sioux were present and offered dances, until they began to form their own drumming groups representing a Northern style. Although there would be many different Native Americans present



at these early drumming groups an agglomeration of styles melded into predominately two styles; Northern and Southern.

Edmonds elaborated that this was a type of Pan-Indian way, an effort to retain all native cultures and create unity within the whole.

After Los Angeles, Edmonds moved to San Diego, where he founded the Indian Human

Resource Center. He served on the Human Relations Commission of San Diego and Los Angeles, was an administrator for the Los Angeles Indian Center, the Equal Opportunity Program, and founder of the National Indian Urban Council. Edmonds has served as an advisor on Native American issues to local, state, and national governments for decades. He officially retired in 1999, but he hasn't let that stop him from emceeing or winning an Emmy. Yes, in 2019 he won an Emmy for his role as narrator for an animated film called Crow The Legend. It is a heartwarming

film based on the Native American story of the revered Crow. The film features more than a few heavy hitting celebrities like John Legend and Oprah Winfrey, and you can watch it for free on Youtube! Of all the pow wows Edmonds has been a part of, he felt most honored to be selected the Head Gourd Dancer and Head Staff at the Gathering of the Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque New Mexico.

The Imperial Beach Pow Wow by the Sea, on December 18 and 19, will be Edmonds' next MC event. He adds that the Pow Wows are a way for Native people to celebrate our culture, bring together many spiritualities, create a space for healing, and an opportunity to educate non-native peoples. For youth that wish to follow in his footsteps he advises that they get involved with their community, listen to their elders, and establish status for Native Americans because still many people are not aware of Native issues even though there are 18 reservations surrounding San Diego County alone.

The traditions, world view and customs of the Kumeyaay will embrace and honor all nations at the Pow Wow by the Sea. Randy Edmonds will be there with Santa to communicate and amplify the message.

## Historic Unanimous Approval for National Park Service Director

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The U.S. Senate has unanimously approved the nomination of Charles "Chuck" Sams III as National Park Service director.

He becomes the first Native American to lead the agency that oversees more than 131,000 square miles of parks and other landmarks.

Some conservationists hailed Sams' confirmation as a commitment to equitable partnership with tribes, the original stewards of the land.

Sams told the Confederated Umatilla Journal that he's deeply honored.

Sams has said he would work to ensure that Indigenous history of National Park Service lands is included.

Sams is Cayuse and Walla Walla and lives on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon.

## Project New Village Hosts Its 10th Annual Fannie Lou Hamer Legacy Celebration & Fundraiser

A festive gala highlighting community activism!

WHEN & WHERE

Dec. 2nd, 2021 - 5pm-7pm  
Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier  
1000 N Harbor Dr, SD 92101

Please join us as we celebrate the 104th birthday and legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer, a human rights leader and forerunner in the food justice movement. This festive event will highlight food activism and artistry, and serves as the primary fundraising

campaign to aid Project New Village in their fight for food justice in Greater Southeastern San Diego.

Co-hosted by San Diego City Councilmembers Monica Montgomery Steppe (4th District) and Sean Elo-Rivera (9th District), this gala event promises to be filled with fun and purpose! The night will feature Mozambique inspired comfort food, beverages, live acoustic music, artistic performances focusing on social justice, and our awards presentation honoring those community members who have shown an inspiring dedication to food justice and activism throughout the past year. This year's

event is extra special as we are honored to have Greg Akili, Director of the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute, featured as our guest speaker for the night.

Tickets are only \$50 per person, and all proceeds will benefit Project New Village as part of our 'Justice Through Equity' fundraising campaign, helping to build equity and create food justice in Greater Southeastern San Diego through urban agriculture.

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## JOE RENTERIA 1917-2021

by Susan Renteria

80 year San Diego Resident and Cherokee Indian, Joe Renteria, aged 104, passed away peacefully on Sunday October 24, 2021. Orphaned at a young age, Joe had many adventures. From riding trains as a Hobo to walking on stilts in Ringling Bros Barnum & Bailey's Circus to meeting Father Flanagan himself at BoysTown Boys Home in Omaha, Nebraska.

An Army and Navy Veteran of WWII and Korea, Joe served as Admiral Bull Halsey's Staff Photographer in the South Pacific Theater. After retiring, he was employed by San Diego State University as Head of Photography for 34 years.

Joe also served on the Native American Indian Health Center Board, Native American Child Services Board and the Native American Human Resource Board. The Indian Community was very dear to Joe's heart and he attended every PowWow that he could, visiting with all his friends and making new ones. For many years, he made sure to get to the SDAIHC Balboa Park PowWow early to help set up chairs and then to teach the kids to walk on stilts that he had handmade.



He loved to go to the Elders Meetings and Craft Class on Friday nights, then to attend the Wellness Group that Sparrow Goudey held on Saturday mornings. I think he was the best eater they had during their potlucks. And he simply enjoyed popping in to the Health Clinic and making everyone smile.

Joe and his son, Michael, built their Point Loma adobe home themselves, taking adult classes for plumbing, electrical and brick laying. His beloved wife, Jill, had designed the home and Joe and her took time to travel all the way to San Francisco visiting every mission along the way, taking pictures of them and making notes on the construction of them as research for their own adobe home.

Joe used his talent as a photographer to fund the build, photographing a wedding a week for a year. Joe always had an upbeat attitude and was always willing to give a helping hand. His lifelong motto was "Go For It". He always told everyone to "Keep Moving" and that the secret to a long life is POSITIVE THINKING! Joe will be missed terribly by all who knew him. But he is at peace now and forever with his darling wife, Jill, of 71 years.

## Celebrating The Grand Opening of the Iipay-Tipai Kumeyaay Mut Niihepok :Land of the First People

by Camille Appling

On October 26, 2021 San Diego was graced with the Opening of the Iipay-Tipai Kumeyaay Muy Niihepok State Park located at 2829 Juan St. near the Old Town Transit Center. The crowd was graced with the presence of Armando Quintero the Director of



California State Parks and Recreation, who opened the ceremony for the Tribal Elders including Mr. Kenny Meza of Jamul Indian Village: A Kumeyaay Nation and Dr Stan Rodriguez Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel. The Community was serenaded with Bird Songs by Dr Harry Paul Cuero of the Campo Band Kumeyaay and Chairman John Christman of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins and Former Senator Christine

Kehoe were celebrated as distinguished speakers accompanied by Chairwoman Angela Elliot Santos of the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. Mr. David Toler and Mr. Johnny Eagle-Spirit also spoke highly of Community and New Park.

Healing America:

Many organizations like The Kumeyaay Wellness Center were present to support Community and extend an invitation for supportive Health Services for the Community including Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health Services. Other participants included the Rincon Youth Storytellers who provided the Community with holistic natural Skincare products and Sage that are available for purchase at 760-215-4378.

The Park Opening also included a Powerful Prayer Circle lead by the Elders that included Healing Music and Handshaking to bless the Nation. The Iipay – Tipai Kumeyaay Park is now open to the public.

## Cal Reparations Task Force Looks at Long History of Racism in American Agriculture

by Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media

Last month, Lawrence Lucas, founder of the United States Department of Agriculture Coalition of Minority Employees (USDA-CME), testified before

the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans.

For full story go to Indian Voices website: indianvoices.net

## San Diego Unified Names New Elementary School After Kumeyaay Village

Due in great part to the guided sway of Erica Pinto, chairwoman of Jamul Indian Village and a member of San Diego Unified school naming committee, incremental societal advances are being made.

The San Diego Unified School Board voted unanimously Tuesday 11-8-21 to approve the name for the new school, which will open within the Civita development in Mission Valley next year will be called Nipaquay Elementary to honor Indigenous history.

The Kumeyaay village existed in the

area long before Spanish colonization.

San Diego Unified officials, are making great efforts to embrace ethnic studies and other racial diversity efforts in recent years The naming process is a chance for reconciliation and for acknowledging historical injustices against people of color, including a history of violence against Indigenous people.

"Things are just changing, and we are on the right path for student leadership and equity and justice and that recognition of genocide," said Erica Pinto.



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## Work Harder

A hedge fund called Alden Global Capital is buying up and gutting newspapers all over the country, including some of the nation's most storied publications.

Their strategy is simple: Strip the newspaper to bare bones. Cash in on existing subscribers and advertisers. Watch profits go up — and journalism die.

## Lithium Mine

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emerges from the spring.

This sacred spring is a place for healing. In the words of a Hualapai Elder, “this is holy ground!”

### Who is protecting Ha’Kamwe’?

Ivan Bender, caretaker of Cholla Ranch and Hualapai Tribal Member, is leading the way to protect this sacred place. The Hualapai Tribe and the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (including 21 tribes) are opposed to the mine. The community of Wickiup, adjacent to the proposed mine, has also voiced many concerns at several assemblies with mining representatives.

Bender, who lives on, and is the caretaker of, the Cholla Ranch-Hualapai Sovereign Land, was first made aware of the drilling. During one of his routine drives around the area, Bender came upon a rig and a team of people drilling next to the Hualapai reservation. “They didn’t say or tell us anything,” said Bender (referring to the drilling). “I just saw them when I was driving around doing work on the Ranch”

Bender said he stopped to talk with the people working the drills to tell them to not drill near the well that supplies the water for the reservation. But then he saw that they had drilled exactly where he told them not to drill.

“There used to be a steady overflow of water from our well on the Cholla Ranch-Hualapai Sovereign Land,” said Bender, “but after they drilled near our well, the water is now only a trickle compared to what it used to be.”

“The water pressure use to be a lot greater and stronger before they bored the hole, and they drilled down 300 feet” Bender said, as he spoke more of the water and of the lake that sits below the ranch.

This is truly an oasis in the desert!!!

### Natives from the Yuman Language Family Band Together

The Tribes that make up the Yuman Language Family span the SW United States and Northern Mexico. At one time, these native groups all belonged to the same, larger indigenous group. Both the Kumeyaay, in San Diego, and the Hualapai, in Arizona, belong to the Yuman Language Family speaking people.

“We are all of the Yuman Family, they are our brothers and sisters and that’s why we feel so passionate about helping them with their Sacred Water, Sacred Sites, and not have it erased from their history, said Bobby Wallace, a Tribal Member of the Barona Band of Mission Indians.

Wallace has been actively engaged in social justice issues related to Native Americans, their heritage, and their lands, for many years including the Upper San Diego River Park Project and many more issues across Turtle Island. “If we want to retain our historical sites, protect the water on Turtle Island, and protect the future for the generations to come, we have to fight and stand up for what’s right!! That means all water and all life around it!!” Wallace also explained, “We are in a very strange

time in history where big money is crashing upon us, and if we can’t think wisely and press back on the decimators of Mother Earth, we will lose everything, and water,, which we can’t afford to lose. We are in a serious drought and every drop underneath the ground counts” Wallace concluded.

Wallace first met Ivan Bender when he went to Arizona a few years ago to leading a march to support and protect the bees. At that time, he told Bender to call him if he ever needed help on anything else.

It wasn’t long after that Bender took Wallace up on his offer, and called him to discuss the drilling near the Hualapai reservation. Without much prompting, Wallace committed himself to support Ivan, the Sacred Water and the struggle of the Hualapai to assist in protecting their land and water.

Also joining the support of the Hualapai was Chief Harry GoodWolf Kindness, of the Mohawk-Oneida Tribe. Chief Kindness, is one of the original social justice warriors fighting for native rights since the early ‘70s.

Chief Kindness mentioned that “we had our first walk in September, when we walked for 110 miles over 4 days, from Peach Springs to Kingman, ran past Hualapai Mountain and then on to Ha’Kamwe’ to bring attention to the Lithium Mining. Paperwork from the Hualapai Tribe was served to the Drilling Company first and then to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with Official notice for them to cease the drilling, and to not allow the mining.”

### Serving Notice to the Drilling Company and BLM

The goal of the weekend of Nov 6th was to strategize, then to serve notice to the mining company and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), from the Hualapai Nation, to stop all drilling and to oppose the mine.

On Sunday, November 7, a group of 12 crammed into a pickup and went looking for the drilling companies. They traveled in approximately 11+ miles through the mountains until we came upon one of the drill sites.

Bobby Wallace and Chief Kindness politely approached Victor, the lone miner who was working the site for the American Drilling Corporation, who came and kindly greeted the group. “We are from the Yuman Language speaking people, supporting the Hualapai People, land and ancestors the original people of this territory,” said Wallace. “We want to give you this document so you can take it back to your Prime Contractor, and show them that we really don’t like the mining, that’s going to tear up Hualapai Ancestral Lands. They have cremation sites, history, heritage, and water, and we feel that the lithium mining is going to take it all away.”

“We want to let you know, we really don’t like it,” continued Wallace. “We really don’t.”

Victor listened politely, and said “I didn’t even know what we were drilling for. They just said they need 10 holes drilled.”

“And you can pass this on to the BLM and their chain of command as well,”

shared Wallace, “We really don’t appreciate how they can just start throwing out permits without Tribal Consultation. I mean, real Tribal Consultation. Like, sitting down and talking about where sacred sites are, and every place you’ll dig.”

The next day, a larger group met in Kingman, Arizona. They convened in an open lot, shared a prayer circle, organized themselves, and marched for about a mile to the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. All along the march, the group were supported by people honking their horns as they drove by in solidarity.

Joining the group were Yousef Miller, from Activist San Diego and the San Diego Racial Justice Coalition, who drove up that morning to join the group, and Drake Havatone, a Spiritual leader of the Hualapai, and his son Longhair Havatone.

The group convened in front of the BLM office for prayers and chanting. Ivan Bender addressed the group, saying “what we want for our children, and our children’s children, is to enjoy what we enjoy today. That’s what we want for our generation. We don’t want the lithium mine here today, not tomorrow, not next year, not 10 years from now. Someway, somehow, we hope they understand.”

Bobby Wallace, Chief Kindness, Yousef Miller and Drake Havatone, then walked up to the BLM office, where Amanda, a BLM representative, came out to greet the group.

“We went out and delivered papers again to the drilling company, and talked to the guy working, respectfully,” said Bobby Wallace. “Please, be easy with the permits, because they guys are drilling through the water. They’re drilling through sacred sites of the Hualapai People. It’s disrespectful. We don’t like it.”

“You’re the Bureau of Land Management,” continued Wallace. “You’re supposed to protect everything, the trees, the land and the water, everything. We were here first and have been here since the beginning and that should include protecting us too. We’ve been here before anybody. So, please, hear what we have to say.”

Wallace continued, calmly, “I don’t know how many times we have to come back. We’re being honest. We’re good people. We’re not disrupting anything. We just want some respect, as people. We’ve already gone through that in our history, being treated as less than dogs. Now we can speak up. Now we can come and talk to you guys in a rightful way. But our brothers and sisters of the Hualapai people are being left out of this stuff. They should be notified, and see what they have to say about this. Everything! Instead of just sending people out there to just start punching holes into Mother Earth.”

“We’re here to show some respect and say, ‘hear our voices,’” said Wallace.

Amanda responded politely by saying that “tribal consultation is ongoing. No decision has been made at this time. I appreciate you coming here to talk to me and express your concerns for the project.”

### Support from the Community

Bender and the Hualapai are also getting support to their opposition to the proposed lithium mine from local residents. “My family had ranchland when I was growing up as a kid,” said Karen Vanderlit. “I came up to see my old ranch about a year ago and I met Ivan Bender. I discovered that my old ranch was part of the Hualapai reservation, and consequently, I learned about the lithium mining that’s going on.”

“I then learned that the community of Wickiup hadn’t been informed about the Phase 3 drilling, or that they were doing a public commenting period,” continued Vanderlit, with dismay. “So, I drove up to Wickiup and started asking community members if they knew anything about it, and nobody seemed to know anything. So, I was a little upset about that.”

“I’ve been in Wickiup for 30 years,” shared Pat Sherril, another local resident. “We have fought off other things, but this is unprecedented because now we’re in a drought and we’re being attacked by the mining industry. If they’re successful, we know they’ll destroy the land.”

“The real issue for the community is, where would we move, if we did? Where would we find a place that is as beautiful as this? And be able to afford it,” asked Sherril.

“We’re growers and it’s important for us to have that water so that we can continue to do our operations,” said Sherril. In addition to the destruction caused by pit mining, another major issue is the large amount of water required to extract the lithium. Extracting only 1 ton of lithium requires approximately 500,000 gallons of water. And this is in a region experiencing a major, prolonged drought.

I asked Sherril if the BLM, or any of the mining companies, notified anyone in the community about the drilling going on here or the proposed mining. “No they haven’t. I wouldn’t have known about it if it had not been for Ivan knowing about the drilling,” said Sherril. “And then he told Karen Vanderlit, and then she got a hold of me.”

Sherril continued that “Hawkstone, the company doing the drilling, came in and were going to do a lunch presentation-thing, at somebody’s restaurant. We got them to switch it over to the school where we had standing room only. We had the support of the whole community to defeat the mine. Hawkstone is the company that is currently drilling but we don’t believe that Hawkstone actually has the capacity to make a mine. So, I believe they are a front drilling company for somebody else. I think it’s Freeport-McMoRan. They’re the ones who own the Baghdad mine now. They’re currently pumping about 8,000 acre feet of water to operate their mine.”

The struggle over water is ever-present in the arid southwest, especially now, during a major, prolonged drought. “I was wanting to put a little pond on my property in Wickiup, and my gosh, they came unglued,” mentioned Sherril. ““Oh no! You can’t do that!” Because they didn’t want me to use any water. They can’t come in with a great big straw and then tell somebody



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).

## Tamiko Avery Searching for Her Truth

*Tamiko Avery, a long time friend of Indian Voices shares her struggle to untangle her personal history. Through enormous personal hardship and sacrifice she continues to work with others to overcome the identity crisis suffered as a result of historic colonization. Originally from San Diego, CA Tamiko now resides in Austin, TX where she continues genealogical research, She is a cultural crafts artist and loyal supporter of "Indian Voices".*

Hi! My name is Tamiko Avery. My Great Grand mothers name is Murdie Taylor. Her enrollment card is #2117. My Great Grand Mother was 2 years old when she got enrolled.

Mt Great Grand Father Robert Taylor was enrolled # 2113

My Great Grand Mother Mimy Taylor

was enrolled #2114. They were all enrolled as Chickasaw Freedman.

Both my Great Great Grand parents were slaves. Robert's owner was Calvin Lau and Mimy James McClish. The owners were both Chickasaw by blood. They were Indians that enslaved other Indians as slaves. There were slave owners that were Chickasaw by blood. My Great Great grandmother Miny's slave owner was James McClish. My Great Great grandfather's slave owner was Calvin Love. Her slave owners were Indians on the Chickasaw Nation Roll by blood. Wow.

The Civil War was in 1861-18654. My Great Great grand mother and Great Great grand father, I'm pretty sure lived in fear of the Whites and the Indians.

My Great Great grand father is from Mississippi. He is Mississippi Choctaw and my Great Great grandmother is Cherokee/Creek. So both of my Great Great grandparents are half breeds. As we all know the five civilized Freedman are Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole Freedmans are All Indians. They are half breeds owned by other Indians.

All of the five civilized tribes that

were enrolled are real Indians that are on the Dawes Rolls.

About 33 years after the Civil War in 1890 my Great grand mother was born. She was enrolled at the age of two.

On the Chickasaw Freedman Dawes Roll her parents were slaves, so I see why their cards said Chickasaw Freedman

But my Great grand mother was never a slave and she didn't have slave owners either. My Great grandmother was born from her parents who were half breed Indians.

My Great grandmother was born an Indian by blood on the Chickasaw Nation Reservation. Both her parents were on the Chickasaw Nation Reservation. enrolled a Freedmen. My Great grandmother wasn't born from slaves either, because 33 years after the Civil War her parents were not slaves. Remember, she was born in 1890. The Civil War was 1861- 1865.

God Bless Everyone. Red Warrior Women are fighting for us and they are fighting to educate about the truth regarding discrimination.

Thank you for listening to my story, God Bless.

## Food and Water Watch

President Biden and Secretary Haaland recently announced plans to prevent new oil and gas development on public lands within a 10-mile radius around Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

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The plan for a 20-year withdrawal would not be possible without constant pressure from the Indigenous-led Greater Chaco Coalition, which we're proud to be a part of.

We're celebrating this positive step toward more meaningful sovereign tribal government-to-government consultation

and essential protections for this region in collaboration with frontline communities. But there's more work to be done to stop Big Oil & Gas.

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Every day that drilling and fracking



continues is a day lost in the fight to stop climate change. And everywhere around

the country, communities are already suffering the consequences of rampant drilling, fracking and fossil fuel use. Fires, floods, heat waves and water shortages have become the norm, and our leaders need to do everything possible to reverse course now.

Thank you for everything you've done to support our work to stop drilling near Chaco Canyon and on all public lands. Our work isn't over.

President Biden promised to listen to the science on climate change and public health – not Big Oil & Gas. Together, we can hold the Biden administration to its promises and stop endless drilling on public lands.

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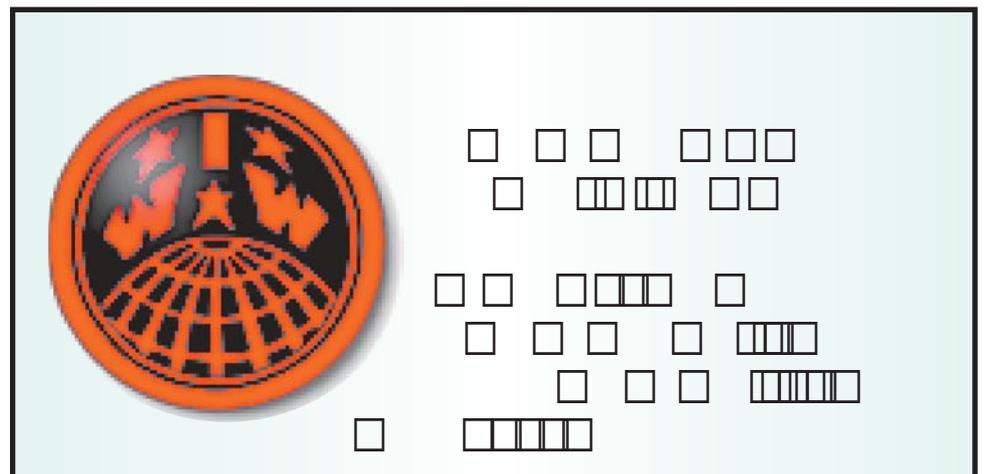
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## USNS HARVEY MILK T-AO 206 CHRISTENING & LAUNCH CERMONY



On November 6, 2021 the USNS held the Christening & Launching of the USNS Harvey Milk T-AO 206. Harvey Bernard Milk was an American Politician & First openly gay elected official in the history of California. Lieutenant Harvey Milk served in the US Navy from 1951-1955 on the USS Kittiwake (ASR-13). Mr. Stuart Milk Co-Founder and President of the Harvey Milk Foundation shared the story of his Uncle and how they didn't want the US Military to change their reason for releasing him because it would change the true history of Harvey Milk's life story. Lieutenant Harvey Bernard Milk was assassinated on Nov. 27, 1978 in San Francisco, CA. General Dynamics NASSCO added the USNS Harvey Milk Launch (T-AO 206) to the Movers & Shakers joining the USNS John Lewis Launch (T-AO 205) named after leaders who fought for civil and human rights. Fleet oilers serve as a supply lifeline for Navy vessels carrying fuel, food, parts and items needed to sustain military operations at sea.



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# One of My Favorite Immigrants: The Carrot

by Corine Fairbanks

While I was growing up, carrots were a staple in my family. They were always in the refrigerator, but hardly ever used unless my mother boiled them or used them in a soup. Then in grade school, I ate raw carrot sticks as they were served in the cafeteria. I wouldn't say it was my favorite vegetable, it was a "filler" and it was under the discriminating category of take it or leave it. I usually left it.

As I got older and had a family of my own, of course, I wanted to cook food for my family in a much healthier manner. My refrigerator, once again, was usually stocked with a bag of carrots, and since I was now in charge of the food budget, I didn't want the carrots to just sit in there and rot. I took on the tasty challenge of hunting for carrot recipes to make cooking with carrots a more enjoyable experience.

From my trolls for recipes of the humble carrot I came across knowledge that far exceeded my expectations and ran my pallet hungry for more about this unique but common root vegetable that was brought to this continent and had become a kitchen staple.

What took me by surprise was that I found out that my new friend immigrated here, and there have been different opinions as to where exactly the carrot originated, and which area of the world could take the prize for its' domestication. I assumed alike most common vegetables, they were indigenous to North America, but carrots were introduced to North America in the 1600s. Most experts agree that carrots were reported to have originated in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran, documented as far back as the 10th century. Over the past few thousand

years, the carrot has migrated all over the world; from Persia, Arabia, Spain, Italy, France, China, Germany, England, Japan, and then finally, North America.

The stereotype of immigrants from the "old country" ("old country" hmpf ... I hate that saying! It makes no sense and is scientifically incorrect, anyways...) having large families in this case is true. The carrot is related to includes angelica, anise, celery chervil, coriander/cilantro, fennel, parsley, cumin, dill, parsnip and (eek!) hemlock. Also, there are more

than 100 varieties of carrots. I must admit that I had never really investigated the type of carrots I bought in the past. I would just grab a bag;

throw it in the cart and wander to the next aisle at the supermarket. However, I learned, varieties of carrots are divided into categories based on their shape.

The most common carrots include Danvers, Nantes, Imperator, Chantenay and Ball (or Mini). The Imperator is what most commercial growers sell and are commonly found in grocery stores throughout the United States. Yet, I honestly can't tell you if that is what I normally bought, because I was an ignorant and blind consumer...I didn't ask questions, if the bag said "CARROTS" and it had pointy, long, and orange things in it, well then, that was good enough for me and my "wanna be healthy eating" alter ego.

Carrots also come in different colors other than orange, there is an earthy purple, maroon(ish)/red, an off white, and bright yellow. However, the orange carrot is the most recent domesticated species (at least over 500 years or so), and the most popular probably because of the sweeter taste and the most amount of beta-carotene.

I am only giving you a brief, very

brief summary of it. There is actually a museum dedicated to this wondrous little veggie .

One thing the online Carrot Museum did not mention is that the carrot does have checkered past. Hey, no one is a saint, right? The New York Daily News reported that in 2015 drug smugglers decided to try bringing \$1.7 million worth of narcotics over the US and Mexican border disguised as cucumbers and carrots again! They were caught of course but that didn't stop them from trying again in 2016. This time, 2,817 packages of marijuana, wrapped into carrot shapes with orange plastic were seized. According to the article the canine team were not fooled a bit and could sniff it out. Officers said it was worth about \$499,000. The sad part of this story is that the carrot was framed!

Who would have ever thought a little carrot stick could have so much history and diversity wrapped around it?

## But Wait! There is more:

Wild carrots were harvested for medicinal uses long before it was actually domesticated used as a side dish to a meal. Carrots are a potent source of antioxidant compounds, and contain healthy doses of vitamin A carotenes. The health benefits of carrots include reduced cholesterol, prevention from heart attacks, warding off of certain cancers, improved vision and reduced signs of premature aging. Furthermore, carrots have the ability to increase the health of your skin, boost the immune system, improve digestion, increase cardiovascular health, detoxify the body, and boost oral health in a variety of ways. Carrots have been traditionally known to treat parasites. They also provide a well-rounded influx of vitamins and minerals.

Finding out all the good health benefits is what really got me experimenting with carrot recipes.

Here is an easy and tasty recipe that I have made in the past and seems to get good results and positive feedback from friends and family.

## CARROT FRUIT SALAD

Ingredients

- 4 cups shredded carrot
- 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple in juice, drained and liquid

reserved

- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup of unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1 Apple (chopped)
- 1 Pear (chopped)
- 1 orange (chopped)
- 3 Tablespoons of Olive Oil
- 1 Tablespoon of Lemon juice (or more depending on taste)
- A dash of fennel
- A dash of vanilla

In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Stir thoroughly to combine. Let sit a few hours in refrigerator so flavors can meld, though you can serve immediately if desired. Serve.

I like this recipe because it doesn't use any mayonnaise and all the juices from the fruits mingle well together. It is sweet and the lemon adds a little tartness to it. I have used a dash of apple cider vinegar before and it came out pretty well too.

Carrots are multi-dimensional, multi-purposeful, and can keep their flavor even if they are raw, steamed, roasted, in soups, stews, cakes, puddings, breads, and juices (and the list can go on and on depending on how brave and experimental you are!).

Finally, as an Indigenous woman I have found it interesting that most people seem surprised to find out that carrots are not "native" or "indigenous" to this continent. It is just accepted that carrots have been part of our food system forever and their importance in nutrition and in culinary arts is not questioned. Migration has been part of human history since the beginning of time. Whether it be foods, herbs, livestock or people. How absurd is that that people that came here (without invitation) and colonized, have gaslighted and changed the narrative of the Indigenous people of this continent. Peoples who had trade routes north and south before there were any boarder systems. Our relatives of the south make enormous contributions in labor, taxes, art, culture, and economic stability. To deny that, speaks more to the systemic and institutional racism that exists in this country.



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## Master Artist Creates Mural at Local Restaurant

by D'Victoria Flores

Shawn Nelson "Turquoise Man" is a Master artist from the Navajo-Dine tribe. He was born in East Los Angeles 2-15-58 as a boy his family moved to live with his paternal grandparents on the reservation in Wide Ruins, Arizona where he was introduced to the native traditional ways to recognize and learn about the native way and the sands from the Four Corners for the traditional sand paintings.

For the past 40 years Shawn went to art schools, took many classes where he was taught what other sand painters learned, as he combined with his creative mind using other mediums such as: acrylic, oils, wood, recycled materials to create 3-Dimension effects with his art pieces.

This has been a very challenging years 2020-2021 due to the pandemic because art shows or venues are very limited. But

this was our lucky day!

We were in the area of Oceanside, Ca. We passed by Los Amigos Restaurant Mexican Food on 3935 Mission Ave. and had the best albondigas soup ... Shawn met with both owners/chefs brothers Mario and Julio Chairez. They we're opening another larger location on 2011 Mission Ave. also in Oceanside, Ca.

That is where Shawn created 4x8 foot paper mache mural painting of the city of downtown Zacatecas, Mexico. Because all recipes were passed on to the Chairez brothers from their mother's heart to the kitchen in their home in Zacatecas. The restaurant's menu has a variety of foods that if you order for one month you will always have a special meal each day.

Thank you, and blessings for a new start of the holidays to come...

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## THOMAS THE TRAIN

by SM Robert Betancourt

The Civil Air Patrol Cadets served as crossing guards for the trains and trolleys. The cadets got to set up and use

for the seven day event(Thomas 560 and Percy 160 passengers each) which was the largest event the museum had ever had. Sarah Holder, Director of the museum said the civil air patrol made



the new digital radios coordinating the efforts with the Southern California Rail Museum while the California Military Academy was there to assist with other duties. The visitors were impressed by the professional demeanor of the cadets making the big operation run smoothly. There were two trains every half hour

the event run smoothly. During the seven days the cadets from several squadrons with three area cadet commanders and some senior members bivouacked on the grounds to be available in the mornings. The next event is The Polar Express November 24 to December 31 at the railway museum.

## Valley Arts Festival

by Camille Appling

On November 6, 2021 The Heritage Park of Oceanside, California Welcomed The Valley Arts Festival: Creative Culture, A Celebration of a Luiseno Tribe, The San Luis Band of Mission Indians. The Heritage Park is Located near the San Luis Rey Mission de Francia, known for its Exemplary Leadership under the late Father Antonio Peyri who introduced the Catholic Faith with love, respect, peace for the Native American Culture.

The Celebration included Julia Fister, Executive Director Studio ACE, Mel Vernon, Captain of the San Luis Band of Mission Indians, and The Mayor of

Oceanside, Esther Sanchez. Later Spiritual Storm serenaded the Community with the Native American Flute following Cathleen Chilcate Wallace's compelling stories of Native American Life. The Children and Elders gathered from all over San Diego in honor of the event.

The Festival was filled with Healing Arts like Basketweaving taught by Diania L. Caudell of the Luiseno Tribe, additional tables included Rock and Sand Painting, The Muramid Art and Cultural Centers "Paint a Mural" Handmade Native flutes and the healing of Native Soul food like Fry Bread. Please visit the [www.sanluisreyparrish.org](http://www.sanluisreyparrish.org) and <https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/ns/parks/events/heritagepark.asp>.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

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This years Dia de la Muertos Celebration at Old Town took place November 1 -2 2021. The traditional display of Dia de la Muertas decorative festivities filled the Old Town community with nostalgia and care for Our Loved ones. The Old Town was filled with music, facepainting, churros, frescos and presentations to honor Our Loved Ones.





## Lapidary Love

by April Nurse

My love affair with gems and minerals started by chance. My father passed away rather suddenly and as we were going through his things we found a pouch full of rocks. Figuring out what they were sent me on the path to become an obsessed collector, jewelry maker, and lapidary artist.

On a whim, a friend and I decided to take a class and learn some lapidary and metalworking skills. Taking a hunk of rock and turning it into wearable art is a process that never gets old. What you see on the outside doesn't usually translate to what's on the inside. Even translucent stones are full of surprises. Every piece is different, every mineral has its quirks; every piece has a story and a struggle. Every cabochon journey has its arc and

every finished piece holds the triumph of my success in its energy. Of course not every story ends well, but the stories that do, are sparkling reminders of why I keep working at this trade. Every piece has a place, every frustrated fragment still holds the infinite potential to become some other form of art. It reminds me that even when we're broken we still have value, we still deserve respect and grace. With minerals and I suppose with life, beauty starts with the undoing.

I realized as I developed my skills that to create jewelry is to continually recreate oneself. It was only after I took the time to honor who I was and how I wanted to be seen, that I really started to make pieces I was proud of. Everything I make, I make because I love it. I got to know myself again through art, one piece at a time.

10 years ago I would have laughed at the idea of hard rock mining or even sifting through tailings at local mines; but I've done it and already have plans to do more. The deep satisfaction that comes from sinking my hands into the earth and welcoming new finds is part of what makes this adventure worth it. I am grateful for every rock I've found and every adventure I had along the way. My favorite local gems are the amazing rockhounds who shared their tips, tricks and even their tools with me. It's a community unlike any other, inclusive of people of all ages and abilities, all of whom seem willing to share their knowledge and skills.

Despite the friendly folk, the lapidary world can be difficult to break into. Personally, the cost of tools and classes was quite prohibitive. Thankfully, gem and mineral societies exist to bridge that gap. Gem and mineral societies that operate under t, exist to provide information and access to members and

potential members. It's a great place to start and a wonderful resource if you have questions about history, mining, mineralogy, tools, techniques, jewelry making and more. At present I serve as the Treasurer of Vista Gem and Mineral society, a club and non profit located in the beautiful city of Vista. While the face of mineralogy and lapidary is changing, we're still a group of knowledgeable and skilled folks who are here to make learning these arts accessible.

Lapidary work gave me an outlet, it gave me perspective and it gave me a skill that will serve me for the rest of my life. It reconnected me with myself and with the earth. It's safe to say it wasn't just the rocks that needed a bit of polishing. I have a lot more to learn, and a lot more questions that need answering. I hope more people find lapidary and experience something akin to the love I found. Feel free to visit [vistarocks.org](http://vistarocks.org) for more info or follow our journey on instagram @vistarocks

## On Ending The Filibuster: An Explainer

As many of you may know, the filibuster is not in the U.S. Constitution. The quick and dirty description of the filibuster, and why it's being talked about so much today, goes like this. There are 100 total members of the U.S. Senate; two from each of the 50 States. Most legislative bills can be passed by a simple majority of just 51 votes. Before the filibuster, which first appeared on accident in 1837, whichever party held a majority in the Senate had near unlimited power to pass legislation. With a simple majority of just 51 "yea" votes, and barring a presidential veto, the legislation in question became law. Matters such as impeachment, expulsion from the Senate, and constitutional amendments have always required a two-thirds supermajority of 67 votes.

But with the filibuster, unless the same ultra-supermajority of Senators voted to end debate and vote, any new legislation could be blocked indefinitely by endless oratory. In effect, the filibuster before 1975, allowed just 34 Senators to oppose the will of the other 66.

How did this happen?

The filibuster was given its awesome powers in 1806 when, at the behest of VP Aaron Burr, the Senate eliminated the

"previous question" motion, which allowed a simple majority to end debate and bring legislation forward for a vote. During the rest of the 19th century, many Senators tried to bring an end to the monumentally frustrating filibuster.

But the filibuster itself was used to stifle any such efforts.

The original design of the Senate was that it should be a true deliberative body. As such, once a Senator is recognized on the floor, they must be allowed to speak as long as they see fit, uninterrupted by absolutely anyone, in order to fully vet, explore, argue for, or against any legislation. Such high-minded, optimistic ideals gave rise to the filibuster. But historically, as the filibuster was often cynically used to block anything an opposing party wanted to accomplish, something had to be done to mitigate its gross misuse.

In 1917, during the lead up to the First World War, President Woodrow Wilson argued for the need to allow U.S. merchant ships to arm themselves. Stymied by gridlock and the use of the filibuster, President Wilson pressured the Senate to adopt a new rule called "Cloture," which could end a filibuster and bring the matter to a vote with a

two-thirds supermajority. The Cloture rule was adopted that year.

In 1975, the Senate reduced the number of votes needed for Cloture to a three-fifths supermajority or just 60 out of 100 votes. To this day the "filibuster rule," still requires 60 votes to close debate.

The procedural part, called the "traditional filibuster," requires a Senator to stand on the floor and speak for hours on end, thus delaying any vote indefinitely. The mere threat of the filibuster often makes this part unnecessary. On highly partisan legislative issues, many bills fail to ever surface at all when it is certain they lack the required support of a supermajority.

The traditional filibuster takes some fortitude and commitment. Senator Strom Thurmond famously used the filibuster, speaking for 24 hours straight, in an attempt to impede passage of the 1957 Civil Rights Act. He and his colleagues did the same in 1964 and were unsuccessful both times.

In 2013, Senator Harry Reid of Nevada used the filibuster to read from his own autobiography to block confirmation of executive and judicial nominees by the opposing party.

Four-years later, in 2017, Mitch McConnell would exact his revenge by successfully passing legislation to bar use of the filibuster to block Supreme Court nominations.

The value of the filibuster can be debated ad infinitum... A short defense for keeping the filibuster is that it prevents a tyranny of the majority. A potent case for eliminating it altogether, is that it prevents democracy—representative governance of the majority from functioning as designed.

The filibuster has not worked as intended. It has not ensured that the U.S. Senate actually functions as a deliberative body in which legislation is thoroughly debated in good faith. It hasn't accomplished that at all.

Are you glad to have the filibuster when your party doesn't hold the majority?

Absolutely.

But are we, as a nation, truly better off when the party which won the most votes, and gained the most seats, cannot govern as rightly expected by its constituents? Do we want to continue the experiment in democracy, or do we want to call it off as both parties behave as spoiled brats and say: if we cannot have it all our own way then we will take our ball and go home?

## Anishinaabe Water Protector Winona LaDuke and Allies Continue to Agressively Oppose Enbridge Lone 3

The Canadian Oil Giant, Enbridge is already moving on seeking expand its ability to deliver Canadian tar sands to the Gulf Coast for export to global markets.

The company is also looking at ways to expand its capacity across its Southern Access Extension and Flanagan South pipelines, corporate officials reportedly said on its third-quarter earnings call. It's just waiting on a major Canadian regulatory decision later this month that

will determine whether Enbridge can overhaul the way it awards space on its biggest tar sands pipeline network into the U.S., allowing it to contract up to 90 percent of its capacity on its Mainline system by signing long-term deals with potential shippers, rather than operating as a so-called "common carrier." Corporate officials say they will provide more details on future projects at a December investors event.

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# APOTHECARY...

## Elizabeth Warren Urges Biden to Free People Imprisoned on Marijuana Charges

by Mike Ludwig, Truthout

Citing “over a century of failed and racist cannabis policies,” Sen. Elizabeth Warren and two other leading Democrats have joined a growing chorus of activists, celebrities and lawmakers calling on President Joe Biden to pardon people with federal marijuana convictions and set up a process for formally clearing their criminal records.

Warren joined fellow Massachusetts Sen. Ed Markey and Sen. Jeffrey Merkley of

Oregon in sending a letter to Biden last week requesting a “blanket pardon” for all nonviolent federal marijuana convictions. The lawmakers urged Biden to use his constitutional authority to pardon a “broad class” of people, which would fulfill “promises” made by Biden on the campaign trail and transform the lives of “tens of thousands of Americans,” including those who are currently in prison and formerly incarcerated people who may have difficulty accessing jobs and services due to their criminal record.

## Kumeyaay Ipai/Tipai Flag Raising and Fire Ceremony at SDSU

*Reigniting the Spirit of Truth and Healing*

by Oletha Leo and Tamara Strohauer

Celebrating Native American Heritage

Month at San Diego State University began with a week of special events culminating on November 5th, 2021 with a fire ceremony and the permanent raising of the Kumeyaay Nation's flag on campus. November 5th was the 246th anniversary of the Kumeyaay Revolt, when in 1775 Kumeyaay people descended on the Mission de Alcalá in Presidio Park and rescued their relatives held captive there. On this historical day, Kumeyaay people were humbly honored by SDSU and our collective community.

Words words shared by Jacob Alvarado Waipuk, from the village of Ahmukatlatl (San Pasqual) from the Wapik Sha'mull,

At the SDSU Kumeyaay honoring event Native Truth and Healing California Genocide Conference held November 21-24, 2019. A Senate resolution was then passed for the flag to fly there in perpetuity. On November 22, 2019, a healing sacred fire was also lit at dawn. at SDSU to launch the Native Truth and Healing California Genocide Conference



Chairman Anthony Pico confers with SDSU associate

Ivan Sam shared the meaning of the fireplace, and all were provided tobacco and cedar to put down healing prayers with that fire. Mr. Robert Wallace shared the meaning of the ashes, the meaning of the altar he placed before the fire, and his continued activism for sacred sites and Native peoples. “It means that once again our voice is being heard by the Ancestors and the People, on Sacred Land under the concrete and asphalt of SDSU, ‘the hills of the Kumeyaay,’ and the flag being risen, and words from the Elders being spoken at that moment in time, is a show of respect for all indigenous beings learning, growing and advancing into their life in a great way, within Kumeyaay Territory.”

Dr. Pico shared his heart with all in attendance, speaking of his people, of the Warrior Spirit within, and the sacred meaning of this ceremony.” It was a privilege to raise the Kumeyaay flag to remember all of our people, men, women and children who gave their lives so we, today can carry on our traditions of ancient Kumeyaay values of empathy, compassion, kindness, generosity, sympathy, cooperation, goodwill, unity, and so much more.”

Following Dr. Pico's honoring, Kenneth G. White Jr. of Navajo Nation shared a poem he wrote for Kumeyaay relatives and likened the flag to a sacred eagle feather flying

## The Kumeyaay Nation

By Kenneth G. White Jr.

Of the great Kumeyaay Nation

You are standing on Kumeyaay land  
With the sacred fire burning  
You are a part of a heartfelt celebration  
Of Creator's spiritual validation of the land  
belonging to Kumeyaay Nation

You can put me out in the street  
You can shackle my hands and my feet  
You can vilify and judge my heartfelt  
demonstration  
I will always stand up for the Kumeyaay  
Nation

The Kumeyaay flag is raised like an eagle  
soaring in the sky  
The significance of this blessing is beyond  
our human expectations  
We love our people from the beginning of  
creation  
And love will always sustain the Kumeyaay  
Nation

My heart, mind, and soul  
Are in a sacred personal Warrior Spirit  
place  
Of motivation and restoration  
To forever protect the land and spiritual  
foundation of the great Kumeyaay Nation

The Warrior Spirit is present today  
Like it has been present among us for  
thousands of years  
The flag and the fire are the liberation  
Of the Warrior Spirit's grace and love for  
the Kumeyaay Nation

There is no turning back  
I am here for the duration  
I am representing our people, past, present  
and future generations  
Showing my unconditional love for the  
Kumeyaay Nation

Call it what it is  
Let the truth be told  
It was an abomination and desecration  
Of the ancestral burial grounds of the  
Kumeyaay Nation

Creator is on our side  
He is a kind and merciful Spirit  
He is truly the essence and foundation  
Of the great Kumeyaay Nation

A fake wall will never break the sacred  
circle of the people  
They can try to build an imaginary line  
From now until damnation  
They will never ever divide the Kumeyaay  
Nation

Creator  
Mother Earth, Father Sun, Warrior Spirit  
You are the ones  
Giving resilience and resurrection  
To the great Kumeyaay Nation

Peacefully protesting silently in prayer  
There's a cop over there  
Looking at me with disdain and  
discrimination  
It's okay, long live the Kumeyaay Nation

Make no mistake Brothers and Sisters  
Today's ceremony is a declaration  
The fire and flag will always be the  
protection and connection  
to the elders and ancestors of the  
Kumeyaay Nation

Going to stand reverently in prayer  
In the heat, in the rain  
For the Indigenous honor and salvation

On behalf of our kind and loving Creator  
We stand here humbly in prayer and  
celebration  
To humbly reignite the Warrior Spirit  
Of the great Kumeyaay Nation



above this campus When asked about his experience of the ceremony he stated, “It was a humbling and powerful moment. Watching the beautiful Kumeyaay flag being raised represented hope and healing for the people; and sincere recognition of the Kumeyaay people, land, sovereignty, and connection to Mother Earth. This good faith recognition was great to see.”

Closing ceremonial gifts were given to each attendee containing cedar and sage donated by Oletha Leo and family of Viejas Band of Kumeyaay, village of Matarawa. Attendees signed an honoring chair for our beloved Joe Renteria, who

passed at 104 years of age on October 24, 2021, and his spirit was included in the procession and flag raising.

This special evening offered healing, which may carry us through the next century of truth telling and teaching processes in this place we call San Diego State University, this place where Kumeyaay people have thrived for thousands of years, this place where the grandchildren of Kumeyaay ancestors can learn, grow and gather as their ancestors did. May we stand in honor of this spirit of healing for future generations, forever acknowledging the people who came



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## NEWS, NOTES, HOT TAKES

## Wait, Say What?

First off, the good stuff. We hope it turns out to be good stuff anyway... If you have been keeping up with this column you might know that Dayton, Ohio was searching for a new chief of police. The area NAACP was applying pressure for the new chief lawman to not merely be another representative of the status quo of failed policing which demonstrably results in favorable dispositions toward affluent white folks and studied ambivalence, suspicion, even hostility toward everyone else. This writer cynically speculated the nationwide search was for show purposes only, and that the interim Chief Matt Carper, who has been with the D.P.D. since graduating from the academy in 1992, would surely be installed as a matter of course. Not so. Instead, Dayton City Manager Shelley Dickstein announced in October, that she would appoint Kamran Afzal to the top cop spot. Afzal was chief of police in Hopewell, Va. as well as Durango, Colo. Afzal is originally from Pakistan. He holds degrees in economics and public administration. In both posts in Virginia and Colorado, he employed a relatively

more progressive model of policing with greater community interaction and a more compassionate stance toward homeless populations. Afzal will take the helm on December 20, 2021.

## World's Ugliest Man, Best Wrestler, Poised To Become House Majority Leader in 2023

Back in high school as a wrestler, Jim Jordan amassed an amazing 156-1 win-loss record. He was also a two-time NCAA Division One Champion before becoming an assistant coach at Ohio State. In 2018 allegations surfaced that OSU wrestling team doctor Richard Strauss had been sexually abusing OSU wrestlers both before and while Jordan was an assistant coach there. As many as 177 male students from 1979-1998. Six student wrestlers went on record saying Jordan knew about the abuse and took an active role in covering it up. Richard Strauss committed suicide in 2005 and to this day Jim Jordan is associated with enabling the horrific sexual abuse to continue.

Jordan has emphatically denied he

knew about the allegations and has never taken any responsibility for covering it up despite numerous eyewitness accounts of him being present when students came forward about Strauss' sexual abuse. During his time at OSU as a coach, Jordan even gave out a grossly inappropriate annual award called "King of The Sauna," to the wrestler who had the "best banter" in the team showers, the place where much of the sexual abuse took place.

In 2018, Jordan's campaign paid Shirley & Banister Public Affairs \$95,000. The PR firm built a website in defense of Jordan and distributed statements on the matter.

Jim Jordan is a fighter. That's for sure. And what a record the man holds. Trouble is, after his stellar wrestling career ended Jim Jordan has become well known for fighting for mainly the most deplorable of causes.

You may remember Jim Jordan as the loudest Trump defender during the Mueller hearing preceding DJT's first Impeachment. And then again Jordan came to Trump's defense during the twice impeached former president's attempts to resist the peaceful transitions after he lost to President Biden.

Jim Jordan's current congressional term ends in January of 2023. He has said he will not run for a vacant senate seat but will run as incumbent to

maintain his rep. seat. Jordan is the favorite to win re-election of his house seat in the Nov. 2022 election.

If, as the house of representatives stands a very good chance of becoming a Republican held majority after the midterm elections, Jordan stands well-positioned to become speaker of the house as majority leader. As, unsurprisingly, perhaps the staunchest Trump loyalist, with demonstrably no will to stand up to evil, Jim Jordan as house majority leader could very well mean the end of Democracy in America as we know it.

## That's Mayor Jeffrey Mims Jr.

Democratic mayoral candidate Jeffrey Mims Jr. handily defeated Republican Rennes Bowers with a whopping 67 percent of the vote to Bowers' 33 percent. Mims is a current Dayton City Commissioner, a well-known former school board member, and Dayton Education Association leader, coach, and teacher. Mayor elect Mims says that safety, education and recreation, "are the keys to a foundational city."

With a new Black Mayor with strong ties to the community, and a police chief with a track record for forward thinking the near future looks promising for Dayton, Ohio.

## "Let Mona Come Home"

An evening of Hawaiian hospitality for friends and supporters of Mona Maertens to enable her to live the rest of her life where SHE wants to be at home with her son Michael Odegaard.

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## About Devoted Son

Michael Edmund Malulani Kamehameha Maertens-Odegaard is the Hawaiian kupuna (respected elder) currently living in Oceanside who started the Hawai'i Bilingual/Hawai'i Ielo P'lua campaign and wrote the first urban design curriculum for Hawaiian Language Immersion Schools to end the apartheid relationship between the indigenous and colonial languages. Indian Voices will cover more about Michael's and his journey as the story develops in the Dec. issue.



## Our Next Registrar of Voters...

Perhaps a surprise, perhaps not! The long awaited announcement is finally here.

I am pleased to announce that Cynthia Paes has been appointed to the position of Registrar of Voters for San Diego County. Cynthia has been with the County for nearly 20 years, with over 10 years of that time dedicated to the Registrar of Voter's office. She began with the County in 2002 with the Health and Human Services Agency and in 2011 transitioned to the Registrar's office as the Chief Deputy of the Election Services Division. Two years later she was promoted to Assistant Registrar of Voters and on January 8, 2021, she became the Interim Registrar of Voters.

I know she will take the office to new



heights ... she already has. Please join me in congratulating Cynthia on her new role and do share the news with your respective teams!

Fondly, L. Michael Vu  
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## Lithium Mine

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with a little bitty straw that you can't have any [water]."

I asked Sherril how many companies are involved in the drilling at the moment. "When this thing started, we had Hawkstone, Lithium America, who changed their name," recounted Sherril. "What they do is always changing their names, and I think it's just designed to try to confuse us, and keep us from getting a good footing in terms of our opposition. That's a game they like to play. We've had that before."

When asked what the next steps are for the local community, Sherril responded that "we'll have a community meeting in Wickiup in about a week or two, where we'll ask everyone to sign up on our social media accounts so we can start getting the word out farther. We'll also start doing some testing of water in the wells on the east side of the river to establish a baseline of water quality. We already have water quality maps, where we can match that to. That way, if we do not win this battle and they come in and put this mine in anyway, any pollution that starts to seep in our water systems will show up, and we can verify that it's from them. The Department of Water Resources will start monitoring water levels as well. We'll be able to establish another baseline."

### The Global and US Demand for Lithium

In this age of global climate change, and on the heels of the international COP26 summit (Conference of the Parties), attended by the countries that signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) – a treaty that came into force in 1994, there has never been a more concerted effort to find alternatives to fossil fuels. One such alternative is electricity, and electric powered vehicles (EV). And a key component of the batteries of EVs is lithium.

"It's really the blood in a battery," said Jonathan Evans, president of Lithium Americas. "Without it the batteries won't work."

Transportation is the largest contributor to U.S. emissions (around 29% in 2019). Cutting emissions is crucial if Biden is to deliver on his ambitious climate goals and a switch from fossil fuel-burning engines to electric ones is a core component of the

president's strategy. Biden has committed to halving greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, in line with the Paris climate agreement, and reach a net-zero economy by 2050.

"The future of the auto industry is electric," Mr. Biden said in August. "There's no turning back." The White House announced in August of this year "an ambitious new target to make half of all new vehicles sold in 2030 zero-emissions vehicles."

And it's that conversion and commitment that is at the heart of the lithium controversy. Barrons.com states that "a single electric vehicle has roughly 10 kilograms—or 22 pounds—of lithium in it. A ton of lithium metal is enough to build about 90 electric cars."

With automakers pledging to soon make most of their vehicles electric, lithium demand is expected to increase as much as tenfold in the next decade. Right now most of it is mined in Chile and Australia, and almost all of it is processed in China.

Recognizing the precarious position that lithium production puts the United States, the Department of Energy has released a national blueprint for lithium batteries. It says relying on other countries creates a "strategic vulnerability" for the U.S. economy.

Yet, the conversion to a "green economy" comes with its own high costs. According to AZCentral.com, in an article printed on October 2, "The Environmental Protection Agency said the metal mining sector accounted for 41% of toxic substance releases and estimated that hard rock mines have contaminated about 40% of watersheds in the West."

The pursuit of energy has been a challenge for humans ever since energy was first harnessed. From the very first fire humans ever created, we have been releasing carbon into the atmosphere. At some point, at every point, we have to make a choice, because every source of energy has a price and a consequence.

As Chief Kindness summed up, the price and consequence will affect us all equally, whether we live in the city or on the Hualapai reservation. "We are one planet, one people, working together. There's only one Mother Earth. It doesn't matter what you think, where you come from, or what you believe in, if the planet is not here, nothing matters. Where do we live? There's no Plan B?"

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## Santa Clause Splashes into the Pow Wow by the Sea

Santa has abandoned his traditional schedule to make an unseasonal visit to Imperial Beach CA to preside over the Annual Pow Wow By The Sea event with sage, sweetgrass tobacco and cedar on Dec 18-19 according to Jeffery Jackson, principal and chief facilitator for the event. He explains, "One World Bridge" an educational non-profit was planning to hold their 16th Annual Pow Wow by the Sea on Father's Day Weekend in June, 2021 but due to the pandemic had to be canceled for the second year in a row because of the beach closings.

The beach opened up later in the summer and the City of Imperial Beach asked One World Bridge to hold a Pow Wow before the end of the year. So the POW WOW committee decided to have the first annual "Christmas Pow Wow by the Sea on Dec. 18-19, 2021.

Jackson aspires to keep the Native

Indigenous culture at the fore front of the gathering. The Pow Wow is traditional with day money for the dancers and will serve a dinner to the dancers-drummers and the public attending.

The event will have a Tiny Tot Dance Give Away (toys for all children), storytellers, sandcastle sculpture, decorated tee pee and traditional teachings by academy award winning Randy Edmonds as the MC.

This year pow wow will be honoring the "Soaring Eagles" a youth group learning native dances and their culture.

For more information: See flyer in this Nov. edition 619-708-7858 or grassdancer7@yahoo.com

*Note: One World Bridge will be having their annual Father's Day pow wow next June 2022. "Christmas Pow Wow by the Sea" will be held at the same place Pier Plaza on Seacoast Ave.*

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