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Over 70,000 Showed Up to Surround The White House to Demand End to **Genocide, End to Occupation**

Peace Activists "Jail" War Criminals While Thousands Surround White House for a Free Palestine "We see them for what they are war criminals!"

WASHINGTON, D.C. - CODEPINK joined the Surround the White House Red Line protest in full theatrics on Saturday by placing Biden and Netanhayu impersonators under arrest for their Genocide in Gaza.

CODEPINK activists put figures of President Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu in a jail cell in Lafayette Square across from the White House. As the International Criminal Court (ICC) pursues a warrant for Netanyahu's arrest and President Biden supplies the weapons that his

government is using to commit the atrocities in question, the group is demanding accountability and an end to U.S. complicity in Israel's genocide in

Today marks eight months of US-Israeli genocide of the Palestinian people, and it marks the 54th



anniversary of the occupation of Gaza. A month ago, Biden said that the invasion of Rafah was a red line. But now, the invasion of Rafah has continued for weeks and has expanded to the entire Gaza Strip, and Biden's red line is nowhere to be seen. Instead of following through and stopping military aid to Israel, Biden has authorized billions

weapons shipments to be used to kill and massacre Palestinians.

CODEPINK East Coast organizer Krys Cerisier spoke at the rally.

"We stand side by side with struggles across the globe to tell everybody in the White

House that we can see them. We can see them for what they are, and that is war criminals, war criminals who deserve to be held accountable for the countless genocides, the countless wars, and the countless crimes they have committed against black and brown people across the globe," they told the crowd.

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Celebrating Freedom: Bridging the Historical Narratives of June 19th and the 4th of July



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The United States of America has a rich and complex history. We are defined by two significant dates, fifteen (15) days apart, that shaped our identity and fight for freedom. The moments that best symbolize that fight are June 19th, known as "Juneteenth," and the 4th of July celebrated as "Independence Day." While the 4th of July represents the nation's aspirations for freedom, Juneteenth symbolizes the long journey toward realizing those aspirations for all Americans. These dates represent the ideals of liberty, equality, and the pursuit of happiness, while also providing us an opportunity to align and commemorate them together, as one long "Celebration of American Freedom.

The Historical Context: On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, a seminal moment in American history. This document proclaimed the separation of the thirteen American colonies from British rule. This day is proclaimed as

"Independence Day," symbolizing the birth of a nation founded on the principles of liberty, equality, self-governance, and "freedom.' However, at that time, the promise of these ideals was not fully realized for all Americans, as nearly 700,000 enslaved human beings remained in bondage.

June 19th: Juneteenth and the legacy of slavery allows Americans to observe and reflect upon the hardships endured by those enslaved people, as well as recognize their "unpaid" sweat equity contributions to America's progress and eventual "greatness." This day is a reminder that the ideals of liberty and justice proclaimed on the 4th of July weren't fully realized until nearly 90 years later. The narrative of Juneteenth highlights the protracted struggle for freedom, and the resilience of the multitude of Americans who continued

to fight for "freedom and equality for all," specifically for the enslaved Africans in America.

While the 4th of July signifies the birth of a nation built upon freedom, it is essential to acknowledge that the full realization of these ideals is a complex and ongoing process. The story of Juneteenth allows us to recognize the long struggle for freedom faced by African Americans and the persistence required to overcome the systemic oppression of slavery and all of the obstacles to obtain the American creed of true freedom, justice, and equality for which we have all cried, suffered,

Aligning these dates means celebrating the progress, while also recognizing the challenges that persist.

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CA Consortium Urban Indians



Founding

Established in 2006, CCUIH is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) statewide alliance of Urban Indian Health Programs and substance abuse treatment facilities collectively referred to as UIHPs. By blending the leadership and experience of our consortium members with shared resource development, and by combining applied research with educational and policy advocacy efforts, CCUIH offers innovative strategies to support the health and wellness needs of the Urban Indian community in California.

Our mission is to facilitate shared development resources for our members and to raise public awareness in order to support a health and wellness network that meets the needs of American Indians living in urban communities.

Vision

CCUIH envisions a future in which all American Indians living in urban areas gain access to quality, sustainable, and self-determined health and wellness services. We are building a legacy of healthy American Indian communities for generations to come.

Celebrating Freedom

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To truly honor the spirit of both Juneteenth and the 4th of July, it is crucial that we recognize the ongoing struggle for equality and justice. This requires acknowledging the historical injustices endured by African Americans and the ongoing work necessary to dismantle systemic racism. This alignment not only emphasizes the shared values of freedom, justice, and equality for all citizens, but it also encourages us to confront the injustices of the past, while building a more inclusive and equitable future.

As we recognize and celebrate these two significant dates in American history that are only fifteen (15) days apart, it is crucial to acknowledge the close interconnectedness of our national narrative. We are a diverse and vibrant nation tied together by our historic past.

By embracing these historical narratives collectively, we can realize unity, empathy, and our shared responsibility toward a more equitable society. Therefore, let us celebrate these fifteen days together by embracing a continuous celebration of the richness and diversity of the American experience and be intentional about planting seeds for a more inclusive future ... by intentionally never forgetting to include the Natives of this land we call America!

More about C. Sade Turnipseed, PhD, MBA, MS: Dr. Cassie Sade Turnipseed is a Public Historian (historic preservationist), who is continually conducting research on cultural narratives, and the significant social influences that created the world's largest economy that evoked musical traditions (e.g., the "blues," spirituals, country, jazz, soul, and hip-hop) ... "all things cotton." Turnipseed is currently a professor of Public History at Jackson State University and occasionally serves as an adjunct professor at Mississippi Valley State University. Her true passion is her work with the youth. She often states, "If it doesn't involve young people, it doesn't involve me.

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"We say no to war. We say no to bombs. We say no to mines, to planes, to tanks! We say no! We say yes to education! We say yes to food - to care for the community! But we say no to being led by people who only care about funding war," they continued.

Biden refuses to draw the line, so today, over 70,000 came together nationwide to do just that. Surrounding the White House, participants demanded an immediate ceasefire, an immediate end to the siege on Gaza, the freedom of all Palestinian prisoners, and an end to the occupation of Palestine.

CODEPINK joins the movement for Palestinian liberation and steps up from where the administration has failed. On June 8, people all over the country will encircle the White House to show solidarity with Palestine. Wearing red, protesters aim to embody the red line that President Biden has not upheld.

For more information, please contact Melissa at melissa@codepink.org.

"I know, to banish anger altogether from one's breast is a difficult task. It cannot be achieved through pure personal effort. It can be done only by God's grace." - Gandhi

No Spiritual Surrender -- Wiconi

I'm Defending Your Access to Birth Control

Dear Friend The fall of Roe v. Wade left millions of



Americans without access to vital reproductive and abortion health care and opened the door for broader attacks on reproductive freedom. These assaults disproportionately harm communities that already face barriers in accessing care, including people of color, immigrants, LGBTQ+ Americans, and young people.

This week was a split-screen moment in Congress on this issue. I signed a measure to force a vote on the Right to

Contraception Act, which would ensure access to the full range of contraceptives for all Americans. Meanwhile, Republicans in the House voted overwhelmingly to restrict access to birth control for veterans and Republican Senators blocked consideration of a bill that would have created a federal right to contraception.

I will continue leading the charge to protect access to birth control and other important reproductive health care services and push back on these extreme efforts to restrict it. Your health care decisions should be made between you and your doctor, not by politicians.

If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my Kirkland office at (425) 485-0085 or delbene.house.gov. For more updates on what I'm doing for WA-01, you can follow me on social media at the links above.

Take care, Suzan

Peace and Human Rights

Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) is a community of people working together for peace, equality, and justice and against racism, occupation, and colonisation.

Together we are the biggest organisation in the UK dedicated to securing Palestinian human rights.

PSC brings people from all walks of life together to campaign for Palestinian rights and freedom.

We are united in our belief that Israel's flouting of international law, continued military occupation of Palestine, and systematic discrimination against

Palestinians is unacceptable; so together we are taking action.

We are taking on corporations that profit from the occupation, our government that still refuses to hold Israel to account, and the media that does not report the truth. And we are building a mass movement for Palestine in the UK.

We believe in people power. The more of us standing together, raising the call for justice and equality, the louder our voice. We know that united we can take on the might of governments, corporations, and the media - and we can win.

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Black Panther Party Monthly Review

GONE FISHIN'

Henry Lee Wallace V Chairman, San Diego Original Black Panther Party For Community Empowerment.

Greetings, friends, colleagues, supporters, and contributors,

In honor and tribute to all of our brave warriors and change agents who have contributed and continue to selflessly keep the fight for human justice and dignity paramount in San Diego, I am going silent in June.

I will be in retreat, fortifying myself, resting and re-organizing myself in preparation for the challenging months ahead to join in the collective effort to preserve and protect our Democracy dall that it represents. I look forward to

and all that it represents. I look forward to staying in touch with you and can be reached at henrywallace208@gmail.com.

The Black Panther Party will be roaring in July. Captain Morgan Lee.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

A Bottled Water Company in Michigan Is Still Extracting Millions of Gallons of Water for Free

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer had pledged to crack down on bottled water companies taking water at the same time Flint, Michigan, faced a water crisis. Six years later and in her second term, little has changed.

When Gretchen Whitmer campaigned for Michigan governor in 2018, she took aim at Michigan's bottled water industry — and the state policy that gave it unfettered access to free water.

Nestle was extracting hundreds of millions of gallons of groundwater a year, which it bottled and sold under the Ice Mountain brand. The only cost: a \$200 yearly fee per site. The company asked the state for a 60% boost in how much it

could take from a well that draws from the source of two cold-water trout streams. At the time, the Flint water crisis was still in the spotlight, contributing to broad pushback. Nearly 81,000 public comments opposed the permit request; 75 supported it.

In April of that year, state officials said they didn't have any grounds to deny the request and gave Nestle the go-ahead. The same week, the state said it would stop providing bottled water to Flint.

The contrast seemed clear: Nestle gets free water, Flint families don't. And one of the staunchest critics of the arrangement was Whitmer, a rising Democratic leader who had served 14 years in the Legislature.

National City - Kumeyaay Garden, California

National City is a city located in the South Bay region of the San Diego metropolitan area, in southwestern San Diego County, California.

The population was 56,173 at the 2020 United States census, down from 58,582 at the 2010 census. National City is the second-oldest city in San Diego County, having been incorporated in 1887

Human presence within the modern city limits of National City may have begun as early as 130,000 years ago, as allegedly evidenced at the Cerutti Mastodon site. Archaic period sites have been found along Sweetwater River which runs through the city limits of modern-day National City. Before the arrival of Spaniards, the area which modern day National City occupies was part of the territory of the Diegueño tribe, also known as Kamia, and later Kumeyaay. Later in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century there was a Kumeyaay village, north of the modern National City boundaries, on Chollas Creek.

The Spanish named the 26,000 acres (11,000 ha) of land El Rancho del Rey (the Ranch of the King), used by Spanish soldiers to graze horses. After independence from Spain, in 1810, the Mexican government renamed it Rancho de la Nación (Ranch of the Nation).

Governor Pío Pico granted Rancho de la Nación to his brother-in-law John (Don Juan) Forster in 1845. President Andrew Johnson, in issuing the land patent, listed the name as simply "The National Ranch", the English translation of the land grant name, "Rancho de la Nación".

In 1868, Frank Kimball and his brothers Warren and Levi, contractors and builders from San Francisco, purchased the entire rancho and thus began the foundation of the city, retaining the National name.

Frank Kimball first brought novelty and change to the area by building his personal residence. His home included a bathtub as well as hot running water, making it the first modern house in the entire county. However, it was more than his personal innovative endeavors that allowed the region to flourish. By constructing the first roads and railroad in what is now National City, Frank and his brothers most notably were responsible for introducing modern transportation to the residents of the community. The brothers also implemented the area's first post office and a wharf for sea-bound imports and exports. These large ventures, coupled with smaller personal missions, both contributed to the overall goal of creating a community unparalleled to the

BCA Seals Records Under Adult-Use Cannabis Act

Minnesota criminal history records that qualify for automatic expungement under the Adult-Cannabis Act are no longer visible in the in the Minnesota Criminal History System (CHS) except as allowed by law or court order.

Our Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) has expunged (also referred to as sealing) 57,780 records in the CHS almost three months ahead of schedule. The Minnesota Judicial Branch determined that 213 records should not be expunged.

The law expunges more than just cannabis-related offenses, because drug offenses are not always broken out by drug type. Also, certain felony drug possession offenses may qualify if the case resolved in the person's favor or were dismissed.

"We are pleased to be able to deliver on this legislative priority," BCA Superintendent Drew Evans said. "Minnesotans will see changes to their records immediately and as additional expungements are made in the months and years ahead."

Since the Adult-Use Cannabis Act became law on Aug. 1, 2023, we have worked to identify all records in the state's CHS that qualify for automatic expungement. Meanwhile, our tech-savvy staff completed extensive coding changes to the system so that qualifying records could be sealed.

We've notified the judicial branch that those records have been sealed and have provided local criminal justice agencies with a list of those records so that they can be expunged in their own systems.

There are additional records — mostly cannabis-related felonies — that qualify for review by the independent Cannabis

Expungement Board, which will consider whether resentencing or expungements are appropriate under the law. Because each record must be considered individually, this process could take several years to complete.

We've posted a notice on all records in the CHS, letting those who view the records know about the possibility of future changes under the Adult-Use Cannabis Act. We'll review records again in 2025 to seal any additional records that were still going through the court system during the 2024 expungement process.

Because Minnesota is part of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact, records will remain visible in other states unless a court says otherwise. For that to happen, a petition has to be filed and the court system needs to order the records sealed from view in other states.

We're also working on expunging records as required by a second law enacted in 2023 by the Minnesota Legislature, the Clean Slate Act. Under that law — which goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2025 — certain records that currently require a court order to be sealed will qualify for automatic expungement. We anticipate meeting the January deadline.

People can request copies of their own records held in the BCA system at any time, including after records are expunged. Other access to expunged records in the CHS requires a court order.

We will continue to provide updates throughout this process on the Expungements page on the BCA website. You can learn more about our records on the CHS Frequently Asked Questions page.

times. A lasting mark of the Kimballs was the trees they imported and planted from Europe and Asia, accomplished via a partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These trees can be found dotted throughout the city to this very day. It was the passion and influence of the Kimballs as well as other early pioneers that made way for the city's incorporation on September 17, 1887.

In the mid-20th century, businesses on National Avenue catered to the entertainment of sailors stationed at Naval Base San Diego, and became known as the "Mile of Bars". In the late 20th century, the city, seeking to end the association of the street with drinking culture, urged the growth of automobile dealerships, transforming the area to be known as the "Mile of Cars". Part of the change of business types was the closure of a Pussycat Theater in 1999. The last of the bars that was on the "Mile of Bars" was the Trophy Lounge, which lasted until at least 2004. In the early 21st century, the city began to utilize eminent domain to create new developments; this met some criticism, to include on Reason TV in a

video narrated by Drew Carey.

Sanctuary city debate

As of 2017, National City was home to an estimated 25,000 immigrants and refugees, or two out of every five residents.[21]

Former Mayor Nick Inzunza declared National City a sanctuary city, meaning that it limited cooperation with federal immigration enforcement efforts, in a proclamation which he presented to immigrants' rights activists on September 30, 2006, during dueling rallies that brought about 400 people to City Hall. This was the result of a statement Mayor Inzunza made on National Public Radio on September 8, 2006. This proclamation divided the city between the stance of the ex-mayor and the federal and state regulations regarding this matter.

On November 7, 2006, Ron Morrison was elected mayor of National City. On November 28, 2006, Mayor Morrison appeared on the KPBS program Full Focus with Gloria Penner and was asked if National City will continue to be a sanctuary city for illegal immigrants.

Aging Together

by Rayanne Westfall

The Gray Panthers is an organization that advocates for greater equality, for not only the elderly, but for every group marginalized by discrimination. Maggie Kuhn started the Gray Panthers in 1970 when age discrimination forced her to

Preston Chipps is not only the secretary for the Gray Panthers San Diego, but he is also a cofounder of the chapter (graypantherssandiego.org).

Last year, AARP California sponsored Chipps when he attended the California Village Movement conference in Oakland, where he asked a speaker about the nearby chapters of Gray Panthers. Upon contacting the chapter closest to him, the president of that Long Beach chapter told Chipps that she wants "to help you guys" in SD "get a chapter started because we want chapters up and down the coast." As a community advocate for AARP California, he is a perfect fit to help raise the organization in SD.

In order to assist further development of this branch, a connection has been made with Henry Wallace of the Black Panther Party. It's been suggested the Gray Panthers should "get together with the Black Panthers and do a story" about what their organizations do and what they could do



when working together, considering that both are community centered. When Black Panthers age, they get gray. A story that they

could do, for example, is the benefitting effects they have on the communities that they are involved with and how these effects work together. The Black Panthers helped massively with the civil rights movement progression, garnering rights for black people and continuing to do so. The Gray Panthers have helped and are continuing to help advocate for rights for the elderly. This organization helps with issues that are personal too, not just larger social issues that regular citizens can't always see or participate with.

Social isolation is an epidemic, especially among older crowds. "The problem that we typically face is that people have families" that separate over time, the "kids move away and the spouse dies, and all of a sudden, there's a lonely neighbor." Being able to host and attend social events regularly is important for people of every age. The Gray Panthers want to integrate this idea and have it be more widespread. being able to depend on each other and help those in our community will keep everybody strong and healthy.

Just like a cat colony. Meow!



Star Blanket at **Fathers Day Powwow** Imperial Beach

Donated by Hank and Shirley Murphy- Sycuan

Proceeds go to the Roy Cook foundation for college scholarships. Raised over \$900

How The BBC Arabic's Lifeline Service In Gaza Is Delivering Vital Information To Displaced Citizens And Airing First-Hand Accounts Of Survivors

On Nov. 3, 2023, the BBC World Service and BBC News Arabic launched an emergency radio service in Gaza, 27 days into the current conflict. The broadcast is a BBC Lifeline program — a radio newscast specifically for survivors of a humanitarian crisis — providing Gazans

vital information on aid deliveries, air drops, medical care, safe shelter, clean water access, and more. Despite the constant threat of air strikes and internet shutdowns, the radio service has been continuing to broadcast twice a day.

Mexico's President-Elect Sheinbaum Says There Will Be 'Broad Consultation'

President-elect Claudia Sheinbaum said press conference late Monday afternoon Monday that a

controversial plan to allow citizens to directly elect Supreme Court justices and other judges would be among the first constitutional reform proposals to be considered by Congress when recently-elected lawmakers assume their positions in September.

She said there would be "broad consultation" before the judicial reform proposal is discussed by

Congress, but was unable to stop the Mexican peso from sliding as she spoke about the plan that President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) sent to Congress earlier this year.

Sheinbaum, who won the June 2 presidential election in a landslide, held a

after what she described as a 'very emotional, historic and important meeting" with López Obrador, her political mentor since she served as environment minister in his Mexico City government in the early 2000s.

AMLO is an outspoken critic of Mexico's judiciary, claiming that it serves Mexico's corrupt elite rather than the majority of Mexican people.

Sheinbaum told reporters that she would announce a

gender-balanced cabinet next week, that she would meet with a delegation of United States government officials on Tuesday and that she intended to accompany AMLO on trips to inspect the current government's infrastructure projects, such as the Maya Train railroad.

But her main focus — and the topic reporters were most interested in — was the package of constitutional reform proposals the current president submitted to Congress in February.

The 61-year-old president-elect said that the proposed judicial reform as well as proposals to increase pensions for teachers and other public workers, and to prohibit the re-election of all politicians would be the first proposed constitutional changes to be considered by the new Congress

Sheinbaum, who will take office on Oct. 1, said she expected those reforms to pass Congress "at least in the first months" after the new Congress is sworn in on

She said that other reform proposals sent to Congress by AMLO would be considered at a later date.

Sheinbaum also said she would put forth two of her own constitutional reform proposals — one that would ensure that

all women aged 60 to 64 receive government financial support and another that would guarantee educational scholarships for all public school students.

She said that those initiatives would be a priority as well.

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INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES



by Vincent McCarthy (jmvc16@aol.com)

Mu'yuuch 'lipay Aa kwaayp 'eyuu How I Became a Speaker of Kumeyaay



Synopsis: This is my journey of how I seek to reclaim my ancestral language which was once lost. I will share with you how learning 'lipay Aa opened doors and allowed me to meet some amazing people. I

encourage you to learn your ancestors' language and see where it takes you.

Xaawka, 'iipay nyaamat. Nicholas Smith wii nyechuuxii. Mattaam shaxuk xewak 'enyewich. 'Enyaach 'Iipay-Kumeyaay 'eyuu. Paskwa (San Pasqual Reservation) kupaay. 'Enyaach kuuyaaw nyawixch kwaachemuyuuw 'eyuu. 'Etaly Lisa Baker wii chuuxii. 'Enekwaaw Calaway Baker wii chuuxii.

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Energy Transfer Appeals to Minnesota Supreme Court After Unicorn Riot's Win in Appeals Court

Continuing its three-plus year quest to have the courts force Unicorn Riot to hand over documents, oil company Energy Transfer filed an appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court on June 5,

2024. This follows the May 6 ruling favoring Unicorn Riot by the Minnesota Court of Appeals that rejected ET's attempts to obtain newsgathering materials through a subpoena.

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JOURNALIST'S NETWORK

What Voters Are Telling Their Local Newsrooms

"I would like [candidates] to talk about how high and unreasonable the cost of living has become. Do we pay rent and insurance but go hungry?"

"Need to address returning Roe vs Wade. Such a big deal that made our country turn back time. No one should govern another person's body. Period."

"I'd love to hear [candidates] talk more about what's really really at stake, which is personal liberty and freedom. Everybody really wants that, but people disagree on how that looks."

Dear friend,

These are comments from three Coloradans who took the Voter Voices survey, the centerpiece of our ambitious new experiment in collaborative election-year news coverage.

I've got 5,250 more where that came from

More than 60 newsrooms around the state are asking voters what they want candidates talking about as they compete for their votes, what issues matter most to them and how much faith they have in the fairness of local and national elections.

And voters are answering. They're singling out democracy and good government, the economy and cost of living, immigration, and the environment and climate change as their top concerns.

They're telling their local newsrooms that they want candidates to quit with the backbiting and fingerpointing. No more winner-take-all,

compromise-is-a-dirty-word politics, respondents said; democracy is at risk, the planet is in peril and we don't have time for this nonsense.

Last week, news outlets around the state started publishing the first stories based on the statewide responses. If you missed them, you can find them on COLab's website.

These stories are just a start. I said this in my last note to you and I'll say it again: The survey is a tool. Voter Voices represents a pledge by local newsrooms to listen and act. And so, you're going to see newsrooms such as the Ark Valley Voice commit on their websites to reporting on what their communities say matters to them. You're going to see newsrooms like the San Miguel Basin Forum asking audiences what might be missing in the responses received so far. You're going to see reporters and editors at places like The Colorado Sun and Colorado Newsline ask candidates to respond directly to Voter Voices survey concerns and comments.

If you haven't taken the survey, please do. If you've already taken it, you can share it with your friends, family and social networks. It will remain open into October. We especially need more responses from young people, people of color and conservatives.

I called Voter Voices an experiment. It is actually many. It is a test of how newsrooms, some of them once rivals, can work together and learn from one another. It is a test of both the potential and limits of collaboration and coordination to improve local news. And it is also a test of the power of Coloradans to inform their local news coverage and of that coverage to get from candidates the straight answers voters need.

Democracy demands fair, accurate, responsive, independent local news. And local news needs you. Not everything we do is going to work. But damned if it's not worth trying.

Tina Griego

Managing Editor, COLAB, Colorado News Collaborative

The Fourth Estate Organizes the Grassroots

Hundreds of news professionals gathered in San Diego for the Institute for Nonprofit News' yearly conference this week. Our inewsource team was well

represented at INN Days, with three of us on panels sharing knowledge with our fellow colleagues.

Our CEO Lorie
Hearn kicked off the
conference on a panel
titled "Supply &
Demand: What Does
It Take for Journalism
to Thrive?"

Assistant Editor Jennifer Bowman co-led a roundtable focused on maintaining equity and inclusion within

investigative reporting.

Steve Breen, our editorial cartoonist and illustrator, drew portraits of guests at our ice-cream social.

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I sat on a panel discussing practical applications for AI in newsrooms.

It's conferences like INN Days that really showcase just how many people across the

country (and world!) are dedicated to innovating how we, the industry, do journalism and identifying the opportunities that lie ahead.

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Juneteenth 2024 in Brackettville, Texas

by Windy Goodloe, Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery Association secretary

The lead-up to our annual Juneteenth celebration in Brackettville is filled with lots of planning, hopefulness, and anticipation. Each year, we look forward to seeing new and old faces as we commemorate the end of slavery in Texas.

Since Juneteenth became a national holiday in 2021, our celebrations have



From left to right: D'metrea Barkus, Chief Phillip Barkus, Windy Goodloe, and Gary

taken on a new meaning as more and more people learn about Emancipation Day and realize that they have as much right to celebrate as we do.

This year, my celebration began on Tuesday, June 11, in Austin. Corina Torralba (SISCA's treasurer) and I had been invited to participate in Juneteenth panel discussion with Mando Rayo, taco journalist and the host of the *Tacos of Texas* podcast. We were commemorating one year since Mando and his team

celebrated Juneteenth in both Brackettville and El Nacimiento de los Negros and created a two-part series podcast about it.

First, we were interviewed by Zahra Crim at the KUT studios on the University of Texas at Austin campus. Then, later that day, our panel discussion was held at Casa de las Ofrendas, which is a Latin-Queer entrepreneur retail and events social enterprise. In a room filled with warm and welcoming faces, Corina and I discussed several aspects of Juneteenth — what it means to us, why we celebrate, the food, the events, and much more. The event, which was catered by Hoover's, an Austin staple, featured a special fusion menu that melded Southern, Black Seminole, and Mexican foods together.

After our Austin event, I went home, to Brackettville, Texas, and spent the next few days preparing for our big event. On Friday night, we had a welcome dinner for Chief Phillip Barkus and Ms. Carmen Hidalgo, our guest speaker and parade marshal, respectively. Guests were served lasagna, salad, and corn on the cob. For dessert, we ate cake. After saying our goodbyes to everyone who attended, we all went home in order to get some rest and prepare for the next day, which was chock-full of events.

The next day, full of anticipation for the day ahead, I got up before my alarm and got ready. Then, my boyfriend Gary and I met Chief Phillip Barkus and his wife D'metrea so that we could ride out to the Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery and give them a quick tour.

At 10:00, the small but mighty parade made its way down Ann Street. Led by the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, our parade featured our parade marshal, Ms. Carmen Hidalgo; the Tiny Town antique car and carriage from Castroville; several family cars, and the fire truck.

The parade ended at Carver School. Once everyone entered the cool Carver School building, we began our program. This year, the program featured a welcome message from SISCA president Jerry Fay, a prayer from Sterling "Smiley" Goodloe, a history of Juneteenth, along with readings from the Emancipation Proclamation (by Gary Wallace) and General Granger's General Order No. 3 (by Kevin Johnson. Our guest speaker Chief Phillip Barkus of the Dosar Barkus Band of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma spoke about the importance of unity. Afterward, Micco Fay discussed his recent trip to South Carolina.

Following the program, we had our BBQ plate sale, which featured brisket, chicken, sausage, beans, rice, and potato salad. We sold out of everything in just over an hour.

Just as the BBQ plate sale was ending, Dr. Diana Mason with the Texas Veterans Hall of Fame walked in. She happened to be driving by, and when she saw all the cars at the school, she decided to stop and see what was going on. She'd been waiting for an opportunity to stop by and couldn't have picked a more perfect time. Just over two years ago, our four Medal of Honor recipients were inducted into the Hall of Fame. After the ceremony, four beautiful plaques were made to commemorate the event. Because Dr. Mason had surreptitiously stopped by on Juneteenth, she was able to present the four plaques while several descendants of the four men were in attendance. She also honored veterans who had served for fifty years or

The next event was loteria. It was fun to sit in and watch the tension mount as

players got close to yelling "bingo" only to be bested by someone else. There were a lot of laughs as the game was played. Chief Phillip Barkus won several rounds and let other players pick out prizes for himself. He owed it all to beginner's luck.

After several rounds of loteria, we gathered at the Commissary on the Fort to watch Dru Holley's *Buffalo Soldiers*: *Fighting on Two Fronts*. While snacking on popcorn and drinking soda, attendees learned about the simultaneous battle that black soldiers fought while members of the US military.

Following the documentary, several of us returned to the Carver School where we ended the night in the presence and company of friends, both new and old.

Juneteenth has always been like Christmas to me. It's always been a time when I get to see my family and friends and eat good food and learn about our history. I am looking forward to next year, to seeing how much more we can grow our event and make it something that all who attend look forward to.

Discovering My Royal Heritage While Surviving in Black Skin

Reviewed by William Portela

Discovering My Royal Heritage While Surviving in Black Skin is an illuminating virtual journey within the black skin of the author whose life was abruptly uprooted from his southern home in Mobile, Alabama, and transported to the western coast of Los Angeles, California. The consequences of the covert and overt racism Webster E. Moore experienced while living through the paradox of racial integration in high schools, college, the navy, and his workplace,

provide the reader with Moore's vision of the institutionalized xenophobia that exploded into the Watts Rebellion of 1965.

Webster introduces the reader to the launching of Black student unions, the

Black Panthers, the congress of racial equality, and some of their leaders, such

as Malcolm X, Huey Newton, Stokely Carmichael, Angela Davis, and the non-violent crusade of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

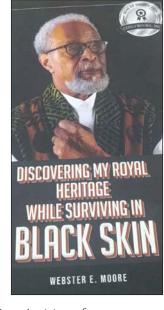
The author, Webster E. Moore, culminates these encounters by taking the reader out of the United States of America to Egypt only to discover his great ancestry: Pharaohs in black skin who were the original authors of the first written language, literally the very African birth of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

I asked Webster E. Moore a few questions at the Los Angeles Book Festival. Here are his responses to my

questions:

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Leonard Peltier Is Getting What May Be His Last Chance At Freedom

by Jennifer Bendery / Huffington Post

The Native American rights activist, whom the U.S. government put in prison nearly 50 years ago after a trial rife with misconduct, is getting a parole hearing.

After nearly 50 years in prison, Native American rights activist Leonard Peltier is about to get what may be his last chance at freedom.

Peltier, 79, is up for a parole hearing on Monday.

His last parole hearing was in 2009. Given his poor health and the many years he'd likely have to wait for his next hearing, it is unlikely he would survive to make another one.

The U.S. government put Peltier in prison in 1977 after he was convicted for killing two FBI agents in a 1975 shoot-out on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. But his trial was riddled with misconduct, and his prolonged imprisonment has drawn sharp condemnation from prominent human rights leaders, including Pope Francis, Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama and Nelson Mandela. Dozens of U.S. senators and members of Congress have urged his release. So have dozens of Indigenous legislators.

Amnesty International, an organization typically focused on human rights violations abroad, has an entire campaign centered on Peltier's case.

"Leonard Peltier has been imprisoned for nearly 50 years, and now suffers from severe health issues," Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, told HuffPost in a statement. "It's time for him to go home and live out his remaining days with his family and his community."

There was never evidence that Peltier committed this crime. The FBI and U.S. attorney's office never did figure out who killed those agents.

But Peltier, who was one of dozens of people present at the shoot-out, was the only person left for them to go after. He had been separated from his co-defendants, all of whom had already been acquitted on grounds of self-defense. Prosecutors in his trial hid key evidence. The FBI threatened and coerced witnesses into lying. On the second day of the trial, a juror admitted she was biased against Native Americans but was kept on.

Peltier has maintained his innocence the entire time he's been in prison. He had a chance to be released in 2009 when he was up for parole, but it would have required him to say that he murdered the two FBI agents. He wouldn't do it. His parole was denied.

On Monday, a hearing officer with the

U.S. Parole Commission will conduct Peltier's hearing in a conference room at the maximum security prison in Sumterville, Florida, where he is incarcerated. The hearing is expected to last all day and is not open to the public.

Peltier is limited to two witnesses speaking on his behalf and will also speak for himself, according to his lawyer. One witness is a doctor who has examined Peltier and will testify about his serious health issues, which include diabetes and an aortic aneurysm. The other is a Native American ally to Peltier who is a prominent voice in Indian Country. Beyond Peltier's witnesses, family members of the two FBI agents who were killed will also be there.

The hearing officer has 21 days to make a decision on granting parole. If it is granted, Peltier will go through a short process before being released. If it is denied, his attorney can file an appeal with a U.S. district court.

Peltier's team will make the case that he be allowed to live out his final years in home confinement. He currently spends most days confined to a cell with inches of space to move within because the prison is regularly in a state of lockdown. He needs a walker to get around. He is blind in one eye from a stroke.

"I implore the Parole Commission to show justice and mercy by granting Mr. Peltier parole on humanitarian grounds," Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-Ariz.), the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee and a longtime supporter of Peltier's release, told HuffPost in a

Remarkably, some of the same U.S. government officials who helped put Peltier in prison in the first place have since come forward and admitted how flawed his trial was, and have urged clemency for him. They include former U.S. Attorney James Reynolds and the late U.S. appeals court judge Gerald Heaney.

And in 2022, legal experts with the United Nations Human Rights Council issued an unusual and damning legal opinion that Peltier's prolonged imprisonment is "arbitrary" and only because he is Native American. They concluded he should be released immediately

"He has now spent nearly five decades locked away from his community, family, and loved ones enduring a punishment that he and hundreds of thousands of others, including the U.S. attorney who prosecuted him, know he was never due," Grijalva said. "An injustice of that magnitude can never fully be made whole, but it is not too late to grant him the remaining years of a life that the federal government wrongfully stole from him so many years ago.'

So why is Peltier still in prison? The FBI doesn't want him released.

"The FBI remains resolute in our opposition to Leonard Peltier's latest application for parole," FBI director Christopher Wray told HuffPost in a

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After our Revolutionary War, as soon the British came right back and invaded us again in the War of 1812. They set up the Corporation of the United States with the Rothschild's Federal Reserve System central bank, which is now being dissolved.

They then fucked up another rebellious colony by starving Ireland, forced most of the population who were indentured servant slaves off their rented farms in the middle of winter, and forced the mass migration to America.

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1 - Jewish Rothschilds, Swiss' Bank of International Settlements, and US Rothschilds "Federal Reserve System" are the central bankers losing control.

BigBanks have dominated by printing unlimited cash, charging interest which the Muslim world bans, and by raising the national debt whose massive interest payments divert money for parks, health care, housing vouchers for Flannery and interest free loans for business and non profit start ups.

- 2 Recent revelations that just 3 monopolies, London's BlackRock, Vanguard, and State Street, own 88% of the shares of the Fortune 500 companies is a new exposed monopoly that they have kept secret for centuries.
- 3 The many BRICS nations below are replacing Rothschilds central banks with their own currency backed by gold.

New York Review

In its reexamination of entrenched narratives about the expropriation of

Native land, Michael Witgen's work is changing how Native people are situated in the arc of North American history.

Growing up in the southwestern United States, I often heard stories from my stepfather about people who enriched themselves by stealing from Natives. These were not tales from the past, but ongoing stories taking place on the

reservation

lands where he was employed and later lived. My stepfather spent much of his career working to preserve land and and he spoke to me frequently of the businesspeople, corporations, lawyers, and federal and tribal officials who routinely tried to defraud Native people. Though my stepfather is white, he grew up with extended family who were enrolled members of western tribes, and he became invested from an early age in understanding the bureaucratic machinations that denied people land and money that was rightfully theirs. As a boy I imagined the predatory individuals and entities he described as simple villains, and even as I grew older and began to comprehend the shape and design of

their trickery, they remained faceless, the means of their duplicity hidden and incomprehensible.

The institutional lineage of indigenous dispossession is at the center of Michael John Witgen's Seeing Red, which was a finalist for last year's Pulitzer Prize in history. It is neither a popular history nor a polemic, offering instead a deeply researched look at the ideological and legal foundations of the systems that have despoiled

Native nations. Witgen's subtitle, "Indigenous Land, American Expansion, and the Political Economy of Plunder in North America," reveals the scope of his history, which examines the ways, both sweeping and quotidian, that early American settlers, traders, diplomats, and politicians stole and expropriated land. The Native people in Witgen's account, however, are recognized not for their victimhood, but for their adeptness at reasserting their rights, dignity, and sovereignty against the supposedly insurmountable power of the



US Department of the Interior, 1911. The man

pictured is Padani-Kokipa-Sni of the Yankton Indian

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Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe Raises the Flag for Juneteenth and **Honors Community** Contributions



On June 13th, 2024 community leaders gathered outside the San Diego County Administration Center to raise the Juneteenth flag ahead of the national noliday on June 19, which



commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S. San Diego County supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe hosted the event, marking the beginning of regional Juneteenth celebrations. Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, celebrates the day on June 19. 1865, when the last enslaved people in Texas were informed of their freedom, over two years after the

Proclamation. The ceremony included a County Proclamation honoring the WorldBeat Cultural Center for their dedication to the spirit of Juneteenth.

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Juneteenth: A Legacy of Freedom and Hope

As the nation celebrates Juneteenth today, we are reminded of a profound and often overlooked chapter in American history—the day the last enslaved African Americans were finally freed. On June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, Union General Gordon Granger announced the end of slavery, more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Ain't that cold, again trying to hide our freedom! This belated declaration of freedom, now a federal holiday, is both a commemoration of emancipation and a call to action for ongoing social justice.

General Granger's announcement, delivered to the people of Texas, marked the official end of slavery in the United States. The news sparked joyous celebrations among the newly freed Black Texans, who sang, danced, and feasted, laying the foundation for the annual observance of Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day.

Despite the initial joy, the journey towards equality was far from over.

In the years that followed, Juneteenth celebrations spread beyond Texas, becoming a symbol of resilience and hope for African Americans nationwide. These gatherings often faced resistance and repression, but Black communities persevered, using the day to honor their heritage and the enduring struggle for civil rights. In contemporary America, Juneteenth

has gained widespread recognition as a vital part of our national history. Officially declared a federal holiday in 2021, it serves as an opportunity for Americans to

reflect on the legacy of slavery and the ongoing fight for racial equality. Across the country, parades, educational events, and cultural performances highlight the achievements and contributions of Black Americans. Moreover, it is a day for activism, spotlighting issues like systemic racism and social injustice that still plague society.

For the next generation, Juneteenth holds particular importance. It is not just a day of remembrance, but also a source of inspiration and a call

to continue the work of those who fought for freedom and equality. Educating young people about the history and significance of Juneteenth can foster a deeper understanding of the African American experience and instill a sense of pride and responsibility.

As we celebrate Juneteenth, we look ahead to a future where the ideals of freedom and equality are fully realized. This day serves as a reminder of our collective history and the ongoing efforts needed to create a just and equitable society. It is a moment to honor the past, celebrate progress, and renew our commitment to the work that remains.

Juneteenth stands as a testament to the resilience and strength of the Black community. As we commemorate this historic day, we are called to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who came before us and to continue striving for a brighter future for all.

Ouilt Codes and Nature's Guidance on the Underground Railroad

by Makeda Cheatom

In the unwritten history books, the Underground Railroad was a beacon of hope for enslaved African Americans seeking freedom. That is why we need cultural centers like the WorldBeat Center, uncensored libraries and centers of all art forms. Hidden in plain sight, this network of secret routes and safe houses relied on the bravery and ingenuity of countless individuals. Among the most intriguing aspects of this clandestine operation were the quilt codes—symbolic



stitched into quilts that served as covert maps and messages for those on the perilous journey to reedom.

The Jnderground | Railroad operated in

secrecy, and communication was a formidable challenge. Quilts, however, provided an inconspicuous medium to convey vital information. Hung on clotheslines or draped over windowsills, these guilts blended seamlessly into the everyday life of the 19th century, yet they held profound significance for those who knew how to read them.

Each guilt pattern had a specific meaning. The "Monkey Wrench" pattern, for example, signaled that the time had come to gather tools and prepare for the journey. "Wagon Wheel" indicated that a wagon, essential for transporting escapees, was nearby. "Log Cabin," with its central square often stitched in red, suggested a safe house, a place of refuge and warmth along the journey. The "Bear's Paw"

advised travelers to follow mountain trails, providing safer, less-traveled routes.

These codes were not universally understood but were taught within the enslaved community, often passed down orally and through careful instruction. The guilt codes required intricate knowledge and a sharp memory, as a single misplaced stitch could lead to disastrous consequences.

Complementing the use of quilt codes, nature itself became a guide for those fleeing slavery. Harriet Tubman, one of the most renowned conductors of the Underground Railroad, famously used her deep knowledge of the natural world to lead countless individuals to freedom. Tubman, often called the "Moses of her people," relied on the North Star to guide her. This steadfast star provided a reliable celestial marker, always pointing north toward freedom.

Tubman also used other elements of nature in her journeys. She listened for the calls of owls as signals and used rivers and streams to mask the scent from tracking dogs. Her intimate understanding of the wilderness enabled her to navigate treacherous terrain, avoid slave catchers, and find food and shelter. Enslaved individuals used various plants for survival along the way. For example, wild berries such as blackberries and raspberries

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provided much-needed nutrition. Dandelions and other edible greens offered vitamins, while herbs like mint could help soothe ailments. Nuts from trees, such as acorns and walnuts, were another crucial source of sustenance.

While some historians debate the extent of the use of quilt codes, the stories persist, supported by oral histories and the testimony of descendants. These guilts represent more than just practical tools; they are symbols of resistance, resilience, and the unyielding pursuit of freedom. Alongside the guidance of the stars and nature, they tell a story of profound courage and ingenuity.

In essence, the guilt codes and the natural navigation techniques of the Underground Railroad highlight the creativity and resourcefulness of enslaved African Americans. They transformed simple household items and the natural world into powerful tools of liberation, embedding

messages of hope and guidance into the fabric of everyday life. The legacy of these tools of liberation are a testament to the enduring human spirit and the relentless quest for freedom.

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Join us at the WorldBeat Center on Wednesday, June 19th for a memorable experience of our Second Annual Harriet Tubman Freedom Bird Walk, a special event in celebration of

Juneteenth, Immerse vourself in nature and the enchanting world of birds while fostering environmental conservation. This sensorial journey will introduce you to the diverse birds of the beautiful Balboa Park.

In collaboration with the Celebrate Urban Birds Project and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the bird walk will commence at 9AM at the WorldBeat Center, where we

will take a moment to reflect on the significance of Juneteenth and talk about the significance of Black heritage flags. As an act of gratitude and reciprocity

and land acknowledgment of the Kumeyaay, San Diego's native tribe, we will plant a native tree in our new native outdoor classroom garden.

> We will talk about Harriet Tubman and how she used nature as a tool to help free her family and many slaves. We will walk along Park Blvd and into Pepper Park and will identify birds along the way (guided by Tammah Watts). All participants will receive

complimentary bird-friendly seed packets so that you can support them with food and shelter.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary event celebrating freedom, nature, and the indomitable spirit of Harriet

Tubman. Bring the family on Wednesday, June 19th, 9AM-1PM for an unforgettable experience connecting with birds, the community, and the environment.

LENTIL LOAF By Twintastic Twins

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 red onion, diced fairly small
- 1 medium carrot, grated
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced 1 teaspoon of smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon of curry powder
- 1 teaspoon of thyme
- 1 tablespoon of soy sauce or Bragg's Liquid Aminos ½ teaspoon of cumin powder

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan(not frying pan), and add the diced onions, grated carrots, and minced garlic. Cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes. until slightly softened.

2. Add the smoked paprika, curry powder, thyme, cumin and black pepper, and cook for another minute or two, 3. Next, add the red

stock. Bring to a simmer, and cook for around 20 minutes, stirring regularly, until the lentils are soft. Towards the end of the cooking time, preheat the oven to 350. 4. Next add the oats and

lentils and the veggie

chives, and mix thoroughly to combine. The mixture should be moist, but not runny. 5. Thoroughly oil a metal loaf pan

1/4 teaspoon of black pepper

1 cup of dried red lentils

1 ½ cups of rolled oats

(optional)

4 cups of vegetable stock

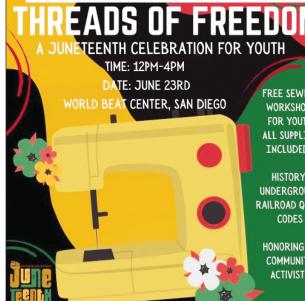
Small bunch of chives, chopped

(9x5 inches is best) and transfer the mixture to the pan. Smooth out the top of the mixture until flat. 6. Place the loaf on the center rack of the oven and cook for around 40 minutes, until golden brown and crispy. Allow to stand for at least 5

> minutes before turning out the loaf and slicing. This loaf is delicious served with mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, and your choice of veggies...ÉNJOY!!









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Jerry Ashton Wiped Out \$10b In Medical Debt. Now He's Battling Veteran Debt

by The Hill, Joseph Choi and Brad Dress

After launching a nonprofit that's eliminated more than \$10 billion of medical debt in the U.S., a Navy veteran is seeking to relieve the burden of debt for his fellow former service members.

Jerry Ashton leveraged his experience in the debt collection industry to launch Undue Medical Debt, formerly known as RIP Medical Debt, in 2014. By the time he stopped in 2020, the nonprofit had already bought out billions in medical debt across the county.

Now he hopes to do the same through his new organization End Veteran Debt, this time targeting fellow veterans, who he says are uniquely burdened by debt.

"The intention of End Veteran Debt is exactly that. It's a twofold mission. One obviously is to end veteran debt and the other one is to reduce veteran suicide, which we find inseparable," Ashton said.

Although the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) covers medical treatment for veterans related to their military service, they may have to pay for other, unrelated services or if the VA contracts with another business. Some may also go to non-VA facilities incorrectly assuming the VA could pick up the tab.

Veterans collectively owe more than \$382 million in medical debt as of 2022, according to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), impacting 875,000 veterans.

The CFPB also reported that it had 5,000 complaints from veterans on medical debt from 2018 to 2021, representing 10 percent of all calls about medical debt in that time period.

The VA has sought to ease the burden of medical debt by implementing new rules that only authorizes it to report the debt to credit agencies if it has exhausted collection efforts, if the veteran is not significantly disabled or income-restricted, and if the debt is more than \$25.

Medical debt, however, is generally a

smaller issue for veterans, who are primarily struggling to tackle credit card and other types of financial debt.

According to Ashton, who served in the Navy during the 1950s, young service members are prime targets for "predatory debt."

"All you have to do is drive around a military base. You're going to see the new cars and the newest car loans, you're going to see the payday loans, you're going to see all kinds of scammy businesses. Maybe they don't call it that, but the way that they treated the veteran is," Ashton said.

Much of this has to with their youth, noted Ashton, as many end up using their first paychecks on large purchases like cars because "they didn't know what they were doing." He also cited payday loans as a frequent source of debt for this cohort.

"The amount of money or the wages that are paid to the military right now aren't really sufficient to the financial reality that we live in. So, you're always going to have people closer to poverty," Ashton said.

The Wounded Warriors Project (WWP) has said more than 9 in 10 of its veterans have debt other than a mortgage payment and more than half live paycheck-to-paycheck.

And the WWP, which helps to provide physical and mental health care for veterans, also noted more than 43 percent of its veterans can't afford an emergency expense of \$1,000 or more.

Undue Medical Debt relieves patients of debt by negotiating with hospitals to buy out outstanding charges for pennies on the dollar. With his aim of addressing all different forms of debt for veterans, Ashton is aware his newest organization is taking on a more complex problem.

"It's definitely granular," Ashton conceded but he noted Undue Medical Debt's work "wasn't that easy at first" either. His prior organization took six years to meet its goal of abolishing \$1 billion, but by the time it became 10

years old, this amount had grown more than tenfold.

End Veteran Debt is aiming to abolish \$80 million in outstanding dues, \$1 million for every year since D-Day through a campaign that Ashton has named "Debt-Day."

The mechanism of debt erasure is similar to Undue Medical Debt's method. Money coming into the organization will go toward locating debt and ensuring it's erased, though End Veteran Debt is outsourcing this work to ForgiveCo, a public benefit corporation that partners with nonprofits and companies to buy out debt for pennies on the dollar and forgive it.

ForgiveCo was founded by Craig Antico, a fellow co-founder of Undue Medical Debt.

"I'm starting from scratch with Craig," Ashton said. "When I left, I retired from the [board of Undue Medical Debt], it was to focus strictly on veterans. So, Craig had a general view of how to take care of debt for the public. Mine was and is a focus on veterans."

The yearlong "Debt-Day" fundraising campaign signifies the first step in End Veteran Debt's endeavor.

Reflecting on the first days of Undue Medical Debt, Ashton said, "We just didn't magically acquire the debt any more that we can magically acquire a veteran's. So, it does require fundraising, but we decided to build it around the theme of D-Day. Liberation, the Allies hit the beach to liberate Europe. Our idea is to hit the beach, the financial beach, and liberate veterans."

"Joint Veteran Recognized Candidates Triumph in 2024 Clark County Primary Election"

by Andre' Haynes & Patsy Brown, JD. from the Armed Forces Chamber PAC

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~ On the Town with Camille

by Camille Appline

The California Jobs First 'Network'

On May 20, 2024, the California Jobs First Network met to discuss the grassroots issue facing our communities



at the Jacobs Center, located at Euclid. The meeting included representation that is both multicultural and educated and that is determined to come up with resolutions for our community through government funding. The organization is both conscious and creative and seeks to keep and create programs for housing, employment and homeless prevention and many other social needs

Haitian Day at the City Heights Recreation Center

On May 18, 2024, San Diego's Haitian Community celebrated their culture with

a healthy game of soccer, music and food. The Haitian Community also welcomed in HPACS Citizenship attorneys to help with naturalization and local caterers and vendors. The combination of sports and socializing made the event



a colorful and splendid event.

Volunteering at the Paul Mirabile Center

It was a great honor to serve breakfast at the St. Vincent de Paul Center this week. The local homeless population received free homecooked food served from St. Vincent's Paul Mirabile Center. The center also supports the community with healthcare, housing, clothing and job training. Many of us seek to help the less fortunate, and this is an excellent opportunity through the food ministry. We pray that nourishment helps prevent unnecessary starving, deaths and illness and promotes housing and employment restoration. If you would like to help, please contact St. Vincent!

Foster Care Benefits and Financial Rights

In honor of May 2024 being Foster Care Month, Attorney Shane Harris of the People's Association of Justice Advocates secured the California Assembly Bill 2906 with the support of



County Supervisor Jim Desmond. The bill is designed to secure foster child benefits and financial rights. The bill supports self-sufficiency and the right to utilize funding to support their life.

"I am pleased that, this week, San Diego County Supervisors passed my proposed measure for the county to become a sponsor of AB2906. I have signed off on the new county policy my office proposed. Foster children deserve their social security and disability benefits, not the counties who already receive federal and state monies for them. AB2906 is a game changer, and the state legislature and governor need to pass and sign this," Harris said.

Attorney Harris, a former foster child himself, along with others, have clear proposals to promote normalcy for foster children to protect rights like housing, education, job training and family reunification. Harris is also working with para-programs like Parent Share, founded by former foster child Caitlin Radigan, whose organization helps with childcare and lactation for foster families.

These are programs that are imperative for the protection of God's people. The community has the right to champion for foster rights with Harris. Attorney Harris is in good company with the support of heiress and philanthropist Cheryl Morrow, community leader Brian Goodin, the Grandparents Network, Cheryl Lambert and me. If you are inspired to help this cause, please check us out at Pajmoveme.

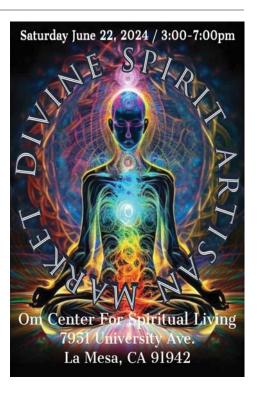
In Tribute to My Mother's 97th Birthday

June 9 was a momentous and joyful multi-cultural occasion as Charlotte Bettencourt kicked off her 97th birthday celebration at the Brigantine Restaurant on Shelter Island on the land of the Great Kumeyaay Nation.



The momentous occasion launched a marathon of activities that included walking tours and tourist activities and excursions. Surrounded by a multitude of family and friends, she and her conclave enjoyed storytelling, reminiscing and family intimacy, while savoring the past and enjoying the present. It was a momentous and delightful occasion for all

Robert Bettencourt



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JCB Comes to California

by Robert Betancourt

JCB is a British company that has been making electric construction equipment



for five years and has a line up of many pieces such as: Telehandlers, Electric one-ton mini excavator, power dumpsters, small portable charging stations, and many attachments. Walmart is using these machines for renovations inside its stores and other building where customers come

and go as these machines operate at five decibels and require a minimal crew to complete the task. These machines can be used as a COOP for tribal renovations and less chance of spillage and noise. Since they are

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Nevada Politics ...

Nevada Could Determine The Next President

June 10, 2024 — According to The Nevada Independent, former Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-Las Vegas) and Las Vegas City Councilwoman Victoria Seaman said Tuesday's primary results were exactly what they expected. Based on results from the state's early voting period and initial return from Tuesday, Berkley held a nearly 4,000-vote lead over Seaman, with both well ahead in a field of 15 candidates. Las Vegas City



From Left to Right: Dick Collins Chapter Vice President, Forrest Darby Dick Collins Chapter President, Congresswoman Dina Titus, Maura Shapiro Dick Collins Chapter Secretary

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Councilman Cedric Crear trailed Seaman by roughly 6,000 votes and was 10,000 votes behind Berkley. Nevada is considered a swing state, which means it has the ability to switch between both democratic and republican parties.

Army veteran Mark Robertson won the Republican primary for Congressional District 1, setting up a rematch of the 2022 contest when he lost to Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV). Councilwoman Olivia Diaz, a former lawmaker who previously worked as an elementary school teacher, has emerged as the winner of the Ward 3 Las Vegas



(L) Congresswoman Dina Titus And Kena Adams IV Regional Advertising Director

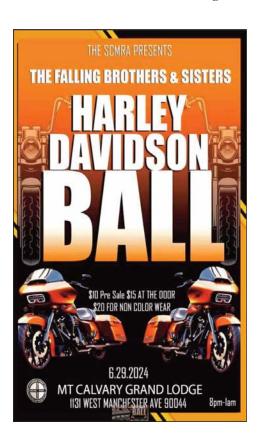
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District 17, Culinary Union-backed Linda Hunt defeated the Assembly Democratic Caucus' pick, Mishon Montgomery. Republicans got the candidate they wanted to take on Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV). Army veteran Sam Brown, the preferred choice of the GOP establishment in both D.C. and Nevada, will win Tuesday's Republican primary for U.S. Senate, according to a race call made by The Nevada Independent. He will now take on Rosen in the general election in a race that political analysts have said will be a "toss-up" and, if he

Nevada has seen "never befores" in so many senses of the word, from multi-billion dollar casinos to sports stadiums. And our political season is vibrant and full of excitement. Now that early voting has ended, Nevada will wait for the final call in November. Good luck to everyone, and may your intention be with the communities of the State of Nevada.

wins, will all but guarantee Republican

control of the Senate.





AFL-CIO Dick Collins Chapter Welcomes Dina Titus

The June (Monday, June 10th) meeting welcomed Congresswoman Dina Titus, a true crusader in the fight to save Medicare. She greeted the guests with a big smile and her usual "go get it" demeanor. She has been fighting for Nevada for more years than I can remember. Her record definitely speaks for itself!

This month, the guests had a few celebrities of their own like Doug Basham of "The Doug Basham Show." His show was voted Entertainment of the Year at the Excellence in the Arts Awards. It is one of the highest-rated talks shows in Las Vegas.

Veterans were also represented by attendees such as Twanna Weatherspoon. Twanna is with the Cold War Patriots and PCM. She helps former and current nuclear weapons workers (Nevada Test Site) access the EEOICPA benefits they deserve.



Twanna Weatherspoon
Cold War Patriots

Also in the crowd was USAF Veteran Dave Crete. Besides being a local real estate broker, he is also the founder of The Invisible Enemy, which is a nonprofit that advocates for veterans who served on the Nevada Test and Training Range. He served at the Tonopah Test Range from 1983-87.

It was a great meeting as usual as we fight for the rights of our seniors, retired and active union members, and for all of Nevada.



Dave Crete Retired USAF Founder of The Invisible Enemy photo credit/yvonnehawk



(R) Doug Boshman "The Doug Bosham Show" (L) Yvonne Hawk Indian Voices Nevada Tribal Coordinator

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Jewish History - Women's Rights in California

Selina Solomons was a Sephardic Jew from a middle-class family in San Francisco. She is best known for her dedicated leadership in the fight for women's suffrage and the crucial role she played in California women finally achieving this right in 1911.

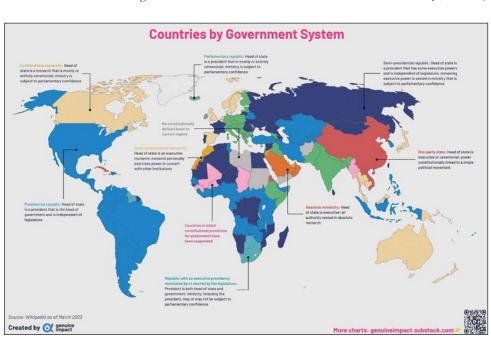
In 1910, Solomons established the Votes for Women Club in downtown San Francisco. The club aimed to spread the idea of suffrage to women outside of the affluent leisure class by providing meals and educating working-class women about the suffrage movement. It was a successful venture, and the suffrage movement continued to gain momentum.



However, as Solomons later wrote in *How We Won The Vote in California*, convincing people to support the cause was not always easy.

Portrait of Selina Solomons from How We Won The Vote in California: A True Story of the Campaign of 1911, Selina Solomons, 1912.

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Historic Westside Happenings ...

Juneteenth Southern Nevada

In recent years, Juneteenth has emerged as a vital celebration across the nation, and Nevada is no exception. As we approach Juneteenth 2024, the Las Vegas Valley is gearing up to honor this significant moment in history with various engaging platforms designed to educate and empower the community.

From educational initiatives to community events, Juneteenth Nevada aims to foster a deeper



Miss Nevada Juneteenth 2024 Charlee

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Getting to the Wedding Wardance

by Orlando Ike, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

You are all invited to celebrate our Wedding War Dance! This is a small glimpse of the events leading up to Orlando and Billie Jean's journey to get the Wedding War Dance

I was born in 1971. My English name is Orlando, and I come from the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, "UMOnHON", which means "against the current." So, I've been dancing with power throughout my life. When I was five years old, I started dancing as a fancy dancer, and I had a great teacher who helped me make my own regalia. As I grew up, I took up karate for a couple of years, then moved on to boxing at the age of 10, continuing for 17 years.

After high school graduation, I moved to Elko, NV, where I had an older brother, and started my own boxing team. It was during this time that I also began dancing in the traditional style in the powwow circle. As I got older, I learned more about crafting regalia for myself. Now, equipped with these skills, I help others and even teach regalia-making classes. Additionally, I am proficient in beadwork, although I am still learning how to make porcupine head roaches.

I reside in Madison, WI, where I met my beautiful lady 10 years ago. Our story began when she wanted to buy some earrings I had made, and we started talking as a seller to a buyer at a powwow arena. Over time, we connected on Facebook and eventually began dating, despite being in different locations — she was in Madison, Wisconsin, and I was in Macy, Nebraska. Despite the

Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition

distance, we realized we had much in common and officially became a couple.

As we attended various powwows together, we grew closer, and she eventually asked me to move to Wisconsin with her. I agreed, and to make some extra cash, I did beadwork and participated in arts and crafts fairs. I participated in one fair, paying \$75 per booth, and the proceeds went toward organizing a Christmas party for the community. My involvement was recognized, and the tribe donated \$1,000 to the event. I even played the role of NDN

As time passed, I asked Billie Jean Howard to marry me, and on our wedding day, we faced a somber moment when we learned that the judge's sister had passed away. Despite this, the judge officiated our wedding, and we expressed our condolences and gratitude. We had planned a wedding war dance afterward, but tribal customs dictated that all celebrations halt in times of mourning, so we postponed it.

Eventually, the time came for our wedding anniversary war dance, but COVID-19 restrictions delayed our plans. However, we remained determined, and through fundraising efforts like the Native American Craft Fair, we set a date for our dance on July 24th, coinciding with Billie's birthday. She has brought immense joy and positivity into my life, and I am grateful for her and our wonderful friends who support us. We will finally have the honor to celebrate our love and heritage. Welcome us and share our wedding War Dance this July

The Historic Westside Legacy Park Ceremony

The ceremony took place on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

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NEWS rom San Diego North County By Linda Kallas

The 24th Annual San Luis Rey Intertribal Powwow took place on June

8th and 9th at the Old Mission San Luis Rey Grounds in Oceanside after a five-year hiatus due to COVID. This event was a welcome return to a celebration that has been sorely missed. This was evident by the number of people who showed up to enjoy the festivities. At different

points during the two-day celebration, some events were standing room only.

Both days started with the Blessing of the Area, followed by Gourd Dancing. The Grand Entry opened with Mel Vernon carrying in the Eagle Staff and others with the flags honoring our country, the tribe, POWs, and California. Following was the amazing dancers with all the different types of regalia brimming with color and delighting the audience. The Inter-Tribal

Dancing contests began afterward.

The Fancy Shawl dancers wooed the observers with their fluid and mesmerizing dances. All the other dancers performed with incredible skill and beauty. While watching the incredible dancers, we also enjoyed all the

drummers. The Host Northern Drum was White Cloud Singers, and the Host

Southern Drum was Red Warrior. We were also honored by a performance of

> the Southern Bird Singers and Faustino Fredericks, who played several different kinds of flutes during the dinner break.

performances, there was a vendor area that offered tribal arts and crafts for sale such as jewelry and

t-shirts, along with other items. There were also food vendors with a host of different meals and goodies, including the San Luis Rey fry bread booth that had a continuous long line both days. The San Luis Rey tribe provided meals to all the dancers, drummers, and other participants free of charge. They used the Mission's

ended around 7pm, which allowed ample time for spectators to enjoy the wonderful display of regalia, dancers, drummers, and even an honorarium for a young dancer who selected this powwow to come out. We are all looking forward to next year's

powwow, June 14th and 15th, which will be celebrating 25 years.



In addition to the

kitchen to cook fresh dinners for them.

Saturday's events went into the night until around 11pm, and Sunday's events

\$1 Movies Coming To **Regal Theaters In San Diego County**

The promotion also includes a \$5 Snack Pack that comes with a junior-sized drink, snack-sized popcorn and fruit snacks.

by Kristina Houck

SAN DIEGO, CA — With school out for summer, the Regal Cinemas chain is bringing back \$1 family movies all summer long.

Regal's Summer Movie Express promotion features a variety of family-friendly films, including "Despicable Me 3," "Migration," "PAW Patrol: The Movie" and "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse.'

The discounted movies start at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through

The promotion includes a \$5 Snack Pack that comes with a junior-sized drink, snack-sized popcorn and fruit snacks. An optional Dippin' Dots add-on is available

Roberta Garcia Hummingbird Wind



by Melissa Marcia Gonzales

Roberta Garcia, born in Los Angeles, California, was raised by Stella and Ray Volanos. She was also raised with the loving guidance of her grandfather, Manuel Garcia. She was given her Indian name—"Sits

Good Eagle Woman"—by TJ Plenty Chief, and her Aztec name is "Humming Bird Wind," which was given to her by Sonora Cobb. She is vibrant and exudes the embodiment of both Aztec and Chumash traditions. In 2014, she made Las Vegas, NV her home.

Roberta's journey has been rich with diverse experiences. As a caregiver, she has nurtured and supported those in need. Her involvement in organizations like the Woman's Paiute Circle and Fifth Sun Project reflects her commitment to community and spiritual connection.

Roberta's advocacy against domestic violence, through her role as a spokesperson for 38 Roses, showcases her dedication to empowering women and fostering safer communities. In the past, she taught martial arts and defense classes in Reno-Sparks, NV, sharing her expertise and instilling confidence and self-defense skills in others.

A proud bearer of her cultural heritage, Roberta is deeply involved in traditional Aztec and Chumash ceremonies. From leading powwow dances to donning traditional Aztec regalia, she honors her

for \$3.

These are the Regal theaters in San Diego County:

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- Regal Carlsbad: 2501 El Camino Real, Carlsbad
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- Regal Edwards Rancho San Diego, 2951 Jamacha Road, El Cajon
 - Regal Parkway Plaza, 405 Parkway



ancestors with every step she takes.

Roberta's life philosophy is rooted in respect for Mother Earth and reverence for her elders. She embodies the teachings of her ancestors, advocating for the preservation of traditions, languages, and sacred lands. Her wisdom lies in the simple yet profound act of listening to her elders, learning from their stories, and carrying their legacies forward.

While Walking the Red Road, Roberta has faced challenges, but through humility and perseverance, she has emerged as a beacon of strength and wisdom. Her journey serves as an inspiration to all who seek to walk in harmony with the earth and honor the wisdom of those who came before her

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recognize the work of Mexican women," the president-elect said after noting that women usually do the majority of household chores.

Sheinbaum, who will be Mexico's first female president, advocated "a very broad discussion in the entire country" before the different reform proposals are considered by Congress.

In the case of the proposed judicial reform, bar associations, university law faculties, Supreme Court justices, judges and judicial workers should participate in the debate, she said.

Sheinbaum said that people need the opportunity to truly understand Mexico's judicial system and the proposed reform. She added that López Obrador agreed with the plan to subject his proposed reforms to debate.

Sheinbaum didn't say whether she would accept modifications to the proposal judicial reform, but stressed that the debate will focus on the initiative as sent to Congress by the current president.

Asked about opposition parties' positions on the proposals, Sheinbaum simply said they have the right to disagree with them.

The proposed judicial reform and separate proposals to disband a number of government autonomous agencies and make changes to Mexico's electoral system have spooked markets since it became clear from the June 2 election results that Morena would be able to approve constitutional changes with little or no negotiation with opposition parties. Critics say that the proposals will reduce checks and balances on executive power.

Final election results indicate that Morena and its allies have a two-thirds majority in the Chamber of Deputies, allowing them to pass constitutional changes without opposition support, while they are just a few votes short of a supermajority in the Senate. Morena national president Mario Delgado has

expressed confidence that gaining the support of a few opposition lawmakers to approve constitutional reforms will not be an overly difficult task.

When Morena's leader in the lower house of Congress said last week that the ruling party would seek to hold a vote on the proposed judicial reform in September, the peso promptly took a nosedive.

Sheinbaum's remarks on Monday had a similar effect, with the peso falling as much as 1.8% to 18.58 to the US dollar after she spoke, according to Bloomberg. The peso was trading at 18.50 to the greenback at midday Mexico City time on Tuesday, about 8% weaker than its pre-election level.

Specifically asked whether she was concerned about the volatility of the peso, the president-elect said she didn't believe the discussion and eventual approval of the judicial reform would have a negative impact on the currency.

"The president will leave us with very good finances" and the Mexican economy is in "very good" shape, Sheinbaum said.

She declined to disclose whether she would live in the National Palace as president, as AMLO does, or whether she will follow in her predecessor's footsteps and hold weekday morning press conferences colloquially known as mañaneras.

In other remarks, Sheinbaum committed to having "very good" relationships with state governments, a majority of which are led by Morena governors, and pledged to maintain support for the Plan Sonora renewable energy initiative.

She also said that her meeting with López Obrador would be her first "of many others" as president-elect.

"Tve always said, it's an honor to be with Andrés Manuel López Obrador. We're part of this great project of transformation of our country," Sheinbaum said.

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Royal Heritage

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finally landed in Egypt (the grounds of Africa), the origins of people in black skin and the origin of Western Civilization. Could you describe your utter wonderment when you saw the Great Pyramid of Giza?

MR. MOORE: After I settled down from the exhilaration of my Nubian brothers linking my physical features to the Pharaoh Ramsey II, I proceeded to visit the only surviving structure among the seven wonders of the world, the Great Pyramid of Giza. However, before I could get close to that wonder, I had to face an enormous sculpture guarding the causeway leading to the Great Pyramid, the oldest known religious monument in history, denoting both body and soul. This massive sculpture, the Sphinx, emerged from the thoughts of our ancestors. As I stood transfixed, trying to contemplate its purpose and lesson to be learned, I had to center myself so as not to be so overwhelmed by its size, the human head on top of the animal's body and the snake around its forehead - representing divine intelligence, its gigantic paws, the length of the body, and why was it built before the pyramids?

I thought of the power within me—who I am compared to others who are transfixed, seeing and defining me according to the color of my skin, the size of my brain, the texture of my hair, and the size of my buttocks!

The lesson of the Sphinx is not being defined by others but by "knowing thyself."

The reader will take away from this book a better sense of "what happened"?

The ancestorial history of people in black skins was literally transformed into Greek, Jewish, and Islamic history, while "Black history" is relegated to "slave history." The reader will discover that we are all just one race—the human race

Leonard Peltier

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statement.

Wray provided a lengthy statement laying out the bureau's reasons:

Peltier was convicted of the brutal murder of FBI Special Agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams at South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1975. We must never forget or put aside that Peltier intentionally murdered these two young men and has never expressed remorse for his ruthless actions.

Over the past 45 years, no fewer than 22 federal judges have evaluated the evidence and considered Peltier's legal arguments, with each reaching the same conclusion: Peltier's claims are meritless, and his convictions and sentence must stand. In addition, Peltier's crimes include a post-conviction escape from federal custody, during which he and his crew fired shots at prison employees.

Granting parole for Peltier would only serve to diminish the brutality of his crime and further the suffering of the surviving families of agents Coler and Williams, as well as the larger FBI family.

But even by the U.S. government's own admission, Peltier is not in prison for "intentionally" killing anyone or even for killing anyone. Government officials dropped that argument decades ago, when their case fell apart, and charged him with aiding and abetting whoever did kill those agents. The claim that Peltier has "never expressed remorse for his ruthless actions" makes sense given he's maintained his innocence the entire time he's been in prison, even when it's almost certainly resulted in him being denied parole.

The FBI has not acknowledged the misconduct at Peltier's trial, or the pleas for his release by the former U.S. government officials who played a direct role in putting him in prison.

The FBI has also not addressed the key context of that 1975 shoot-out: the FBI was intentionally fueling tensions on that reservation as part of a covert campaign to suppress the activities of the American Indian Movement, or AIM, a grassroots group of activists focused on drawing attention to treaty rights violations, discrimination and police brutality targeting Native Americans. Peltier was a prominent AIM member and an FBI target.

In a bombshell interview last year, retired FBI special agent Coleen Rowley

said the bureau's steadfast opposition to Peltier's release is rooted in vindictiveness and misplaced loyalties. Rowley, who worked for years with prosecutors and agents directly involved in Peltier's case, described how new FBI agents are "indoctrinated" with the bureau's version of events surrounding the 1975 shoot-out. She has urged Peltier's immediate release.

By all appearances, the FBI simply wants Peltier to die in prison, if not for any other reason than to avoid having to admit the U.S. government lied to put him in prison in the first place.

As Peltier's attorney Kevin Sharp previously told HuffPost, "In order to get clemency, you have to get the FBI on board. They have an inherent conflict. You have to get the U.S. attorney's office on board. They lied to get him in prison. They have an inherent conflict. They're not going to say, 'Oops, sorry.'"

"It's this holdover with the FBI," added Sharp, who is a former federal judge who was appointed by President Barack Obama.

"It's this holdover with the FBI."

- Kevin Sharp, Leonard Peltier's

If Peltier's parole is denied again on Monday, there's really only one other way he's got a chance at living out his final years at home in North Dakota with his family and tribe: if President Joe Biden grants him clemency. The president could do this unilaterally at any point. So far, he has chosen not to.

As a political matter, the issue of Peltier's release isn't going away.

Democrats in Congress have publicly appealed to Biden at least four times to grant clemency to Peltier. The National Congress of American Indians, the largest and most powerful Indigenous rights group in the country, has said Peltier's freedom is a priority for the organization and its membership heading into the November elections.

In 2022, the Democratic National Committee unanimously passed a resolution calling on Biden to grant clemency to Peltier.

A White House spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment.

In a rare interview in 2022, Peltier told HuffPost what he would say to Biden if he had five minutes alone with him: "I'm not guilty of this shooting. I'm not guilty. I would like to go home to spend what years I have left with my great-grandkids and my people."

with one common heritage—Africa.

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He has toured and researched the initiated in the ancient African religion of Ifa in Nigeria, the Yucatan Pyramid in Mexico, and the historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu.

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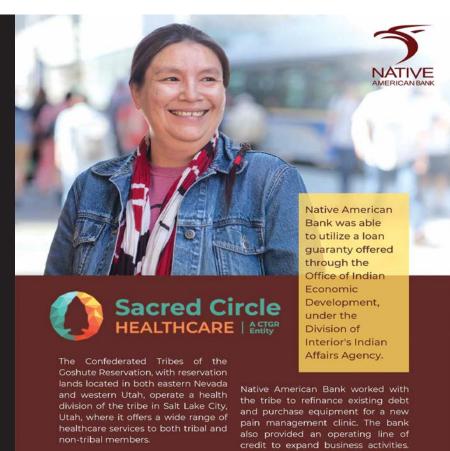
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