And So Begins the Holidaze...
By Monique Salhab

As the year shifts into the holidays, we will be bombarded with non-stop messages of things we need, must have, should have and so on. Hopefully, folks will find moments of reprieve to simply check out of the addiction called consumerism. We start the month with the watered-down version of Veterans Day, which was changed in 1954 from what use to be Armistice Day. Sixty-five years later, and the U.S. military continues to do what it does best: colonize, pollute, pervert and lie. Americans have become ritualized to say, “Thank You For Your Service,” as if this phrase is repentance for things seen, done, and experienced. As one of 18.2 million veterans in this country, “Thank You For Your Service” lands as little more than a platitude.

Do not be blind to the renovated marketing scheme of the Department of Defense, with their new commercials illustrating a picture of a young man or woman attempting to engage a parent in dialogue about enlisting, ending with the question, “So what do you say, [mom or dad]?” The military is a hardened predator; watching and grooming our children and young adults into signing their lives away and becoming G.I. (government issued) property. The U.S. is hungry and the only way to continue feeding the hunger, is to recruit poor white and Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color.

We can push back, though. This month, on Veterans Day, we can deepen our commitment to ending war and demilitarizing our schools, our borders, and our economy, and to giving our war veterans what we actually need. This month, each call to consumerism can be a reminder to re-commit to climate justice, and we can follow the lead of youth organizers who are escalating their action throughout the city and state. This month, as we gather around the table to share food with friends and family, we can honor that we’re on Native land and educate each other about the true history of Thanksgiving—what’s known in many communities as a National Day of Mourning—and commit to joining the ongoing struggle against colonialism and genocide.

More than anything, as you go through the daze of the holidays, find moments to pause, to be grateful and take a moment to remember what exactly you’re committed to doing better in your community. It’s not about our egos, it’s about doing what is just and right.

Send your submissions for monthly newsletter to monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org by the 20th of the month prior to your event. Send submissions for web calendar to web@abqpeaceandjustice.org. Contact Coordinator at abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.
Regularly Scheduled Events—held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted

**MONDAYS**

350NM.org 1st & 3rd Mon. 5-7pm, 4th Mon. 6:30pm. 350-6000
Veterans For Peace ABQ 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm. 207-332-8026
Non-Binary Support Group 2nd/4th Monday, 7-9pm, TGRCNM, 149 Jackson St. NE, 200-9086

**TUESDAYS**

ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, 6-7:30pm, quarterly. 459-9860
Sheng Zhen Meditation every Tuesday, 1-2p

**WEDNESDAYS**

Chair Yoga Weekly, 1:30-2:30pm, lisbethcarlisle@aol.com
Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly. 3:57pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
Nuclear Issues Study Group 1st Wednesday, 7-9pm, El Chante, 804 Park Ave SW. 879-8547
Ally Work Group 4th Wednesday, 6:30-8pm, TGRCNM, 149 Jackson St. NE, 200-9086

**THURSDAYS**

Activist Community Podcast 2nd/4th Thurs, 1-3pm, 450-1268
P&J Center Coordinating Council 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm, all are welcome. 268-9557
ABQ Move to Amend Working Group 4th Thursdays, 6-8pm, 238-2398

**FRIDAYS**

Al-Anon weekly, 5:15-6:15pm, Contact: thatgirlhasapainting@gmail.com
Sierra Club & Root Beer 1st Friday on odd months, 6:30-8pm, 243-7767
Transformative Communication (NVC) 2nd/4th Fridays, 11:30am-1pm, 881-4536

**SATURDAYS**

Good Food Distribution Weekly, 9am. 315-4167
Sitting for Peace Weekly. 9-10am. Bataan Park NE corner, 3407 Lomas NE, all welcome in silence. 265-2178
St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm, 1st Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, 345-3677, 977-4661.
Diné Bizaad Study Group 2nd/4th Sat. at 1pm, 1421 Central Ave. NE. rrezayas@unm.edu
Vigil for the Children Weekly, Noon. U.S. Fed. Courthouse, NW corner of 3rd/Lomas. medicinedrumcircle@yahoo.com
Medicine Drum Circle 2nd Sat. 1:30-3pm. St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal, 425 University Blvd NE. 417-4704
Cottonwood Medicine Collective healing clinic, 3rd Saturdays 11am-3pm. cottonwoodmedicine@gmail.com
Gray Panthers 4th Saturday, 1-2:30pm at Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe NE. 266-8823.

**SUNDAYS**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-noon. Potluck on 3rd Sunday, 11am-2:30pm. 440-6688.
St. Oscar Romero Catholic Community Weekly, 11am at St. Paul’s ELCA, 1100 Indian School NE. 352-4061.
Generation Justice Weekly, 7-8pm on KUNM 89.9FM

Alternative Christmas Fair

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church invites you to our annual Alternative Christmas Fair, Sunday, Nov. 24, 11am-2pm. Come to eat and shop to benefit the following organizations: Heifer International, Café Justo, Sanctuary Works, Farbretto, Family Promise Diaper Fund, PB & J Family Services, Fathers Building Futures, and Habitat for Humanity.

Silent Auction items can be brought to St. Andrew (5301 Ponderosa Ave. NE) on Sunday, Nov. 10th & 17th. If those dates don’t work for you, please arrange a drop-off time with Anna (aredsand@gmail.com) or Eleanor (269-6085). Anna and Eleanor can also be contacted to check if a donation is appropriate. Contributions of green chile stew, posole, and baked goods are also welcome.

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Friday, Nov. 1, Noon
**Press conference with Youth Climate Activists** at the Roundhouse, NM State Capitol, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe. More info: youthunited4climatecrisisaction.org

Saturday, Nov. 2, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Cornel West** on “The Socratic/Prophetic Traditions” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Saturday, Nov. 2, 6-10pm
**Medicine Drum Circle** presents a Calavera Dance to support asylum seekers, at Monte Vista Church (3501 Campus Blvd NE). Suggested donation $10 (no one turned away), tickets available at medicinedrumcircle.org. More info: Lisa, medicinedrumcircle@yahoo.com, 417-4704, and see also Noticias, pg. 5

Sunday, Nov. 3, 5-9pm
**Art Auction** to support asylum seekers, at Cantero Brewery, 3351 Columbia Dr NE. A percentage of beer sales will also go to the cause. More info: Lisa, 417-4704, medicinedrumcircle@yahoo.com, medicinedrumcircle.org, and see also Noticias, pg. 5

Monday, Nov. 4
The Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC) brings Dr. Joseph J. Shonka to UNM, discussing **The First Dirty Bomb: Trinity**. Dr. Shonka worked extensively on the Los Alamos Historical Document Retrieval and Assessment (LAHDRA) study on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Info: www.cdc.gov/LAHDRA, trinitydownwinders.com

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6pm
Meeting of **Sunrise ABQ**, part of the national Sunrise Youth Movement pushing for a Green New Deal to combat climate change, at the P&J. More info: fb.com/sunrisemvmtNM

Thursday, Nov. 7, 7-8pm
**New Mexico’s Immigration Landscapes** lecture series at the Peace and Justice Center is organized in conjunction with the Chicana & Chicano Studies course, “Immigration and Assimilation”. **Joteria Undocumentada** features Gabriela Hernandez.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Keeanga Yamahtta-Taylor** on “The Power of Social Movements” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Saturday, Nov. 10, 5pm
**Climate Concert** at the P&J to support Climate Justice youth activists and 350.org’s youth programs. Youth interested in singing, playing, performing or reading for the event, please contact Sheila Fox. Info: Sheila Fox, notablehealing@gmail.com

Sunday, Nov. 10, 3pm
Dr. Jared Farley speaks on **The Political Life, Influence and Philosophy of James Luther Adams** in the Theater of the UNM Student Union Building. Contact: Rev. Judy Deutsch, 890-1447

Monday, Nov. 11
The **Peace Center office will be closed for Armistice Day**. Previously scheduled events will still take place; call 268-9557 for info.

Monday, Nov. 11, 6:15–7:45pm
**ABQ Citizen’s Climate Lobby** monthly meeting, on the Monday following the 2nd Saturday of each month. Usual location: Erna Fergusson Library, 3700 San Mateo NE (btw Comanche & Montgomery), but contact to confirm: lisas.ccl@gmail.com. Info: citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/NM_Albuquerque

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 3-5:30pm
**CD Listening Gathering** for **Spirit Line: Woven Together For Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives** at the P&J. See also Noticias, pg. 5

Thursday, Nov. 14, 6–8:30pm
NM Interfaith Power & Light **Annual Fall Gathering**, titled **Active Hope: Young Adult Perspectives**, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 114 Carlisle Blvd SE. More info: fb.com/New-Mexico-Interfaith-Power-and-Light-131015146918315 and see also Noticias, pg. 6

Thursday, Nov. 14, 6–8:30pm
**Testify in Carlsbad about fracking water** in our rivers, taps, and food, at Pecos River Village Conference Center, 711 Muscatel Ave. Carlsbad, NM. More info: fb.com/NMSierraClub

Thursday, Nov. 14, 7-8pm
**New Mexico’s Immigration Landscapes** lecture series at the P&J in conjunction with the “Immigration and Assimilation” class. **Eternos Indocumentados** features a film screening and talk with filmmaker Jennifer A. Cárcamo.
Calendar of Special Events

Saturday, Nov. 16, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by David Cole: “Guardians of Liberty”, on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Thursday, Nov. 19, 6–8:30pm
**Testify in Farmington about fracking wastewater** in our rivers, taps, and food, at San Juan College Little Theatre, 4601 College Blvd. Farmington, NM. More info: fb.com/NMSierraClub

Thursday, Nov. 21, 7-8pm
**New Mexico’s Immigration Landscapes** lecture series at the P&J in conjunction with the “Immigration and Assimilation” class. **NM’s Prison/Detention Industrial Complex** features Selinda Guerrero.

Friday, Nov. 22, 6pm

Saturday, Nov. 23, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Nick Estes on “Indigenous People’s Resistance” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Sunday, Nov. 24, 11am-2pm
**Annual Alternative Christmas Fair** hosted by and at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa Ave. NE, includes silent auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity. To contribute/for more info: Anna, aредsand@gmail.com or Eleanor, 269-6085, and see also page 2.

Thursday, Nov. 25, 6–8:30pm
**Testify in Las Cruces about fracking wastewater** in our rivers, taps, and food, at NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd, Las Cruces, NM. More info: fb.com/NMSierraClub

Thursday, Nov. 28, 7-9am
**Sunrise Gathering** in remembrance of the genocide of Native Peoples. Bring food and non-alcoholic drink to share. For more info contact Allen Cooper at 304-3144.

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 28 & 29:
The Peace Center office will be closed for the Harvest Holiday and International Buy Nothing Day. Previously scheduled events will still take place; call 268-9557 for info.

Saturday, Nov. 30, 1pm
**My People Are Rising - Memoirs Of A Black Panther Captain** (Dir. Rafael Flores, 2017, 60m) is a documentary based on the autobiography of Aaron Dixon, former Seattle Black Panther Captain. Aaron Dixon will be in person for talk/Q&A plus book signing, at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave NE, All Seats $8.

More info: guildcinema.com/movie/2633

Saturday, Nov. 30, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a Q&A by Howard Zinn recorded in ABQ, on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Save the Date:

Thursday, Dec. 5, 7-8pm
**New Mexico’s Immigration Landscapes** lecture series at the P&J in conjunction with the “Immigration and Assimilation” class. **Trabajadores en Acción** features Hilaria P Martinez.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10am–4pm
Cottonwood Medicine Collective’s **Winter Community Wellness Day** at the Peace Center.

Monday, Dec. 23–Friday, Jan. 3:
**Peace and Justice Center on two-week winter break.** Previously scheduled events may still take place; call 268-9557 for info.
Benefit for Asylum Seekers

This past May and June, many of us representing Medicine Drum Circle fed Asylum Seekers being dropped off in Albuquerque by ICE and Border Patrol. We saw so many families with young children it was heartbreaking! In June, the Trump administration made a deal with the Mexican government to keep Asylum Seekers in Mexico until their hearings. Not since WWII has this country refused asylum seekers; it wasn’t right then and it’s not right today. We are having TWO benefits for Asylum Seekers in dire need on the other side of the border in Juarez:

**Saturday, Nov. 2, 6-10pm: Cavalera Dance at Monte Vista Church (3501 Campus Blvd NE)**

6-6:30pm: Opening Ceremony welcoming our Ancestors, Altar/Ofrendas. Bring your drums.

6:30-7pm: Master Drummers Chava & Yali; “Lamento de un Nino song” with Kathy & Lisa; puppet show about child separation, featuring children from our community.

7-8:15pm: Special Performance of *Yo Soy Joaquin* by Tlacaelel Fuentes

8:15-10pm: Dance with DJ Pancho Quinones

There will be food, piñata, raffle, drums, dance and songs. Tickets/Donations: $10 & up. Raffle Tickets: $5. To volunteer, call/text 417-4707. For more info contact Lisa, 417-4704, medicinedrumcircle@yahoo.com, or visit MedicineDrumCircle.org. Please bring items for Asylum Seekers such as non-perishable foods, warm clothes, socks, shoes, coats, blankets, hygiene products, diapers, sanitary napkins/tampons, etc.

**Sunday, Nov. 3, 5-9pm: Art Auction at Cantero Brewery, 3351 Columbia Dr NE.** Artworks by Mike Giant, Eliana Enriquez, Victor Escobedo, Agata Kijanka, and more. A percentage of beer sales will also go to helping asylum seekers.

**Spirit Line: Woven Together for our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives**

By Maria Chavez

The acronym MMIWG (Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls) is gaining much-needed attention, but the epidemic it references has been going on for far too long. Our Native sisters, mothers, daughters and friends are being abducted and murdered at rates far higher than non-indigenous women. It is estimated that in the US, 84% of indigenous women experience violence in their lifetimes and according to a US Department of Justice statistic, Native American women face murder rates which are more than ten times the national average. Yet, the priority given to these cases remains low, meaning many of the missing are never found and the murdered seldom receive justice, leaving grieving families with no closure. But the silence has finally been broken. We are demanding justice for our stolen sisters and there is a lot of work being done to end this violence.

One such example of indigenous women raising their voices for this cause is a CD released earlier this year, entitled *Spirit Line: Woven Together for our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives* which is a beautiful and powerful collaboration of artists singing songs and speaking words, poems and prayers to honor our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. To increase awareness of this issue, we invite you to come together for a listening of the CD in a healing and meditative space. This event is scheduled for **Wednesday, Nov. 13, 3-5:30pm at the Peace Center**. The running time of the CD is just over half an hour and the rest of the time will be dedicated to discussion, sharing stories and/or thoughts/feelings, and we will end with a meditation. The atmosphere will be relaxed, and we encourage you to bring a cushion to sit on or a blanket to lie on to ensure everyone is comfortable. The content of this CD is quite intense at times and may provoke strong emotions for some; we will have Healers present to assist us in processing these emotions and maintaining a healing space. *All ethnicities and genders are welcome.* We look forward to connecting with you and helping to bring this important issue into the light!

For more information on MMIW: mmiwusa.org, sovereign-bodies.org, fb.com/mmiwusa. On social media: #NoMoreStolenSisters.
**NM Interfaith Power & Light Annual Fall Gathering**

*Active Hope: A Young Adult Perspective* is conversation with a panel of 4 diverse young adults from New Mexico, **Thursday, Nov. 14, 6-8:30pm.** Program begins promptly **6:30pm at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 114 Carlisle Blvd SE.** As the effects of climate change and ecological collapse continue to imperil our world, where and how do we make meaning - where do we draw spiritual sustenance - where do we find joy – and how do we cultivate hope? Join us for an evening of conversation where we hear the voices of several young adults as they dive into these questions, striving toward the realization a more just, more resilient, and more joyous world amidst the challenge and crisis of climate change.

We will also be celebrating SEED and SPROUT Awardees. There will be interfaith prayer, refreshments and great conversations. This event is Free.

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**Humble Beginnings**

By Homa Lee, edited by Monique Salhab

On a bright sunny day in late September, Jiva and I had the beautiful gift of meeting Homa J. Lee, the son of Homa Ware Lee who owned Lee’s Food Store - the exact building that the Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center now inhabits. Homa was generous enough to share the history of the building and details of his father. He expressed, “I’m very impressed with the work you do and am pleased that our store has become a peace center. Your building is very special to my family.”

He also told us:

[Homa Ware Lee] was born in Oklahoma in 1905 and was named after the state. I was named after him. My dad's family moved to Albuquerque in around 1920. He gradually worked his way up through the Piggly Wiggly grocery chain, opening new stores and helping them to get going. When the Great Depression hit, my dad was operating a store at the intersection of Silver and Yale, a block away from [the Peace Center] that is presently occupied by Annapurna. The parent company went out of business during the depression, but my dad was able to acquire the store as his own. Business was very good during the war and my dad was able to save enough money [to] expand and build a new store at 202 South Harvard in 1950. That's when the building was constructed, and the grand opening [of Lee’s Food Store was sometime in the winter of 1950]. I grew up working with my dad in the store. We had a good meat market and quality produce. Large supermarket chains were becoming popular and we never did that well financially. Around 1966 my dad sold the store to another grocer, who proceeded to go bankrupt. In time the building became the Bahai Center and [now the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice].

Despite the building’s humble beginnings, its fate seemed destined to become the Peace Center. Sixty-nine years later, the structure continues to stand – having weathered storms, community shifts and moments of stillness. The brightly decorated exterior walls may hide the layered stories of the people who’ve walked through the doors, but we hope this one story reminds people the importance of community.
Call out for support for Leonard Peltier!

From fb.com/therednation:

USP Coleman 1 has been on general lockdown, restricted communication and no visits since the first week of July. Leonard Peltier, 75 years old, has spent nearly four months in lockdown so intense that even the Elder unit where he is housed is confined to their 10’x10’ cells 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and only allowed a half-hour to shower every 3 days. These harsh conditions prevent proper exercise and diet and can impact mental health.

Currently the prison will only allow Leonard to speak with one attorney at a time, about legal matters only.

Leonard has communicated to his attorneys that it looks like the lockdown won’t be lifted until sometime in December. Please send your letters to:

Warden Cheatham
U.S. PENITENTIARY Coleman 1,
P.O. BOX 1023, COLEMAN, FL 33521

And ask why Leonard & the Elder unit is under such a strict lockdown? Remember, white paper and no stickers on the white envelope. You can also fax or email to:

Attention Warden Cheatham
Fax: 352-689-6012
Email: COA / PublicInformation@bop.gov

Thank you for being a member of the Peace and Justice Center community! It costs about $150/month to produce this newsletter, and welcome donations that can support us to continue to produce it each month. If you want to contribute, please visit abqpeaceandjustice.org to make a monthly donation online, or mail or drop off a check at 202 Harvard SE.
White Privilege within Social Justice Organizations
By Monique Salhab

Many social justice organizations pride themselves for the external work and the community they affect, but what about the internal work? What about the effect of white privilege upon those who are Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color (BIPOC) within these groups? I’ve lost count of how many times I have heard the surprised gasp of assumption and statement, “I thought we were past that,” or “not here,” in relation my experience of patriarchy, oppression, classism, racism, misogyny and microaggression at the ABQ Center for Peace and Justice (ACP&J). The truth is, white supremacist behavior/culture thrives within social justice organizations, and many are struggling (and even refusing) to acknowledge it, much less deconstruct it.

Take a deep breath. I speak not of the overt white supremacy associated with hate groups, but rather, the insidious white supremacy culture related to colorblindness, tokenism, and safe ally-ship. In the last seven months, I have witnessed and experienced how my presence – Black, woman, queer, veteran, differently-abled – has been interpreted in a predominantly white space. I have been ignored, talked over, interrupted repeatedly, dismissed, tone-policed, and made invisible, because white fragility is triggered, and individuals are resistant to committing to doing their internal work.

Blended into white supremacist culture is the overwhelming (and pervasive) volume of emotional labor BIPOC are confronted with each day when they work in white spaces. The constant need to “educate” white people, hold space for white people’s emotions, the softening of discussions around racism and patriarchy, all while balancing the expectations of employment, friends, family, and space. “White privilege is a manipulative, suffocating blanket of power that envelops everything we know. It’s brutal and oppressive, bullying you into not speaking up for fear of losing your loved ones, or job. It scares you into silencing yourself: you don’t get the privilege of speaking honestly about your feelings without extensively assessing the consequences. And of course, challenging it can have implications on your quality of life. You might lose out on job offers because you’ve spoken openly and honestly about your experiences and perception of racism”. (Eddo-Lodge, Why I’m No Longer Talking To White People About Race, pg. 55)

The future of the ACP&J depends upon the Coordinating Council, “old guard” members and longtime volunteers willingness to commit to the internal work and healing the harm. It’s not the responsibility of BIPOC to take on the challenges of white fragility and its interlocking parts. Truth is, there is too much fear, denial and complacency to “[speak] directly about white power and privilege, [to interrupt the] common (and oppressive) discursive patterns around race.” (DiAngelo, White Fragility, pg. 67). So, if you want to know where the harm stops and the change starts, how about taking a look in the mirror?