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## On 30th Anniversary of Oglala Shootout Peltier supporters continue calls for Freedom from political imprisonment

Oglala SD—A ceremony was held June 26, 2005 at the gravesites of Joe Stuntz, Jim and Jun Little, all casualties of the Reign of Terror on Pine Ridge. It was Thirty years ago, on a hot day like this, a shootout occurred in the Oglala community. Two FBI Agents drove onto private land. Gunfire immediately proceeded. A few hours later, the bodies of AIM member Joseph Stuntz, and the two FBI Agents were found laying in an open field.

A climate of fear existed on Pine Ridge in the 1970s following the Liberation at Wounded Knee in 1973. It was coined the "Reign of Terror" where everything and everyone was either GOON or AIM. Innocent people got assaulted if they were labeled to be either. Alcohol mixed with a tense climate of hostility led to this volatile climate.

There were alot of politically motivated murders of people who were considered AIM supporters. AIM investigators, members of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee claimed they documented politically motivated deaths of over 60 AIM supporters. Various non-tribal groups on and off the rez often disputed this number throughout the years since WKLDOCs initial report.

Still to this day, many Oglala Lakota people speculate that there were other factors involved in initiating this war. One element in this war is the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an agency responsible for catching bad guys on the reservation. The Major Crimes Act gave this group an invitation to our Sovereign Lakota territory.

Thirty years later, the tense climate on the rez has faded. The remaining casualty of the shootout, Leonard Peltier, is alive and now in Terre Haute Indiana federal prison. Peltier was recently moved to Terre Haute after officials decided to make Leavenworth a "medium" security prison. Peltier suffers from a number of ailments but manages to keep his freedom campaign going.

At this 2005 gathering, supporters, families of the reign of terror, and veterans from that shootout 30 years ago gathered to honor their relatives who passed on. The day began with a special prayer above the empty grave of Anna Mae Aquash. Prayer leaders then held other ceremonies for Wallace "Jun" Little, Jimmy Little and other family members.

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## LSA withdraws from annual June 26 Oglala Commemoration Event

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 4, 2005

Kyle SD--First of all, the Lakota Student Alliance would like to thank Leonard Peltier for allowing us to be actively involved in his campaign for freedom. The struggle for Leonard Peltier's release is very important to the World as well as the Great Sioux Nation. The circumstances which convicted him and the ongoing efforts to keep him jailed are cause for concern, as well as his failing health. We must never forget Leonard in our hearts, unless we want these same circumstances to repeat.

The Lakota Student Alliance would like to thank the various performers and guest speakers of the Oglala Commemoration Event. Your generosity and dedication to a very important Lakota issue is truly an inspiration to those of us

having to live a daily struggle on this Reservation. We thank the sponsors to this event who have constantly supported the LSA security and the LSA coordination. We wish to thank all of those involved with the annual Oglala Commemoration Event—held on the anniversary of the shootout at Jumping Bulls property in 1975. The families of [deceased] Wallace Little Sr & Jr, Joseph Stuntz, Harry and Cecelia Jumping Bull, William Good Voice Elk Sr., we thank the American Indian Movement, the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, all Peltier support groups, and the Lakota Oyate.

However, we must regretfully state to you all involved with this event, that the Lakota Student Alliance must now withdraw our participation as coordinators, directors, and members of a committee that conducts activities on the

June 26th annual event. Our resignation from involvement in this annual event does not necessarily mean that the LSA will cease in our efforts to assist with Leonard Peltier's freedom. We are simply moving on from this day forward.

The LSA started this event in June 2000 with the help of the LPDC and Andy Mader, then of the Arizona AIM chapter. On this journey we met wonderful people such as Lisa Reinhold, Ann Wayquay Scopetti, Barry and Gina Landeros-Thomas. Of course we already knew our elder Grandma Rosalyn Jumping Bull from our younger years and previous gatherings. These people have generously donated a great deal of their time and talent to assist with this event.

The initial Idea of the LSA effort at Leonard's freedom was to form a committee—as an organized effort—to tell

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## LSA Statement regarding the declaration of Clyde H. Bellecourt Day in Minneapolis

May 12, 2005 - On a cold day in Minneapolis you could walk into the Elaine M. Stately Peacemaker Center and instantly feel very warm and welcomed. Clyde Bellecourt, founder of the American Indian Movement, comes from his office with a smile and greets you like you were his nephew or niece.

Clyde starts to talk about one of the most historic Indian rights organizations in the Western Hemisphere and its founding in Stillwater Penitentiary in 1968. Those of you who met Clyde, know the story of the American Indian Movement. Its a very poignant history, one with happiness, sadness, humor and triumph. Clyde will more than gladly give you a tour of the many accomplished visions of the American Indian Movement founders.

He shows you a bottle of Maple Syrup, harvested by the students of Heart of the Earth Survival School, an alternative educational institution. The organic Maple Syrup program and the Wild Rice harvesting projects are among the many

awareness raising efforts in the fight against Diabetes. Diabetes is the number one killer of Indian people on reservations.

Clyde then directs the tour through the computer room of the American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center (AIOIC) where many native children have graduated from.

Clyde met members of the Lakota Student Alliance in 1995 at a Grand Governing Council Meeting in Minneapolis. He often invited us to an AIM sponsored Powwow or a Sundance. He never tires of talking about the ways of life that Indigenous people share and believe in. The ways of life that are under attack.

On May 6, 2005, the mayor of Minneapolis declared it Clyde H. Bellecourt day and marked another historic day for the American Indian.

We the members of the Lakota Student Alliance wish to acknowledge this day of celebration as Clyde Bellecourt is proclaimed a hero of modern American

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## Leonard Peltier Speaks on the Occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Jumping Bull Shootout

Hau Kola,

I know this is a dictated speech that is going to be read to you, however, I want to speak to you as if I were there, or should I say, here with you. Every year someone or some people at Oglala remember the sacrifices of the people who were there trying to make a difference for our people. And every year I remember the ones who aren't with us, the ones who can no longer be with us, and the sacrifices that they made. Sometimes I'm at a loss for words for the heartfelt appreciation I have—that you would remember all of those that gave their lives - as Joe Stuntz did; and, all of those who continue to strive in so many different ways to serve the people.

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the story of contemporary history, to the future leaders of this Lakota Nation. It is our hope that the wounds from the 70s Reign of Terror on Pine Ridge suffered by our people, deceased and living, would lead to healing. We felt that a history similar to the 70s era, which many of us had endured and survived must never be repeated again. With a healing, we as a unified Lakota nation, would be stronger to pursue the restoration of the Sacred Black Hills (He Sapa) to the Great Sioux Nation. As a unified nation, together we would be better equipped to stop the ongoing assaults against our people by the oppressive state. So that the many issues we face daily, could be properly addressed and healed in a sacred manner.

As children, we were witness to an undeclared civil war on our lands. We later learned that those traumatic experiences were initiated by United States govt agents, bureaucrats, and policy makers. We witnessed many brutal assaults against our parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, from GOONs and often WASICU in the bordertowns. We

know what War is, which is why we understand the necessity for peace and solidarity.

The issues of Leonard's freedom, of the Pine Ridge Reign of Terror, the unresolved casualties, are paramount to understanding the sacrifices already made by many. Leonard Peltier is a living casualty. His confinement in a small square cell is what many younger Lakota people have been made to feel. Peltier can attest to this growing epidemic when he refers to US prisons as the "the fastest growing Indian Reservations in America." His personal health and wellness is a major concern for those not with him daily. When "disruptions" occur within his struggle to be free, it affects him in many ways that we don't think about. Disruptions and animosity within his support movement adds to his living casualty. There is great disharmony when the animosities intensify. When we as coordinators, begin to feel responsible for failing to keep the harmony while Leonard cannot, we experience a continuous downward spiral.

We must remember our Lakota oral

histories and traditions which urge us into being the protectors and not the disrupters. As organizers within the larger matrix, we see our people continuing the oral histories, as well as the harmony. But things get messy as usual. Disruption and disharmony find a way in, as most organizers can relate. We cannot be involved in that mess. We blame ourselves for any inconsistencies or unpredictable circumstances which may have offended any of our associates. We ask anybody who may have been offended to accept our apologies.

With this conclusion, we humbly offer our withdrawal from the annual event. We reaffirm our commitment to the freedom of Leonard Peltier and justice for the Reign of Terror.

PS: On this sad day we also wish to offer our condolences to the family of grandpa Calvin Jumping Bull, Rosalyns brother. Calvin passed away on July 1. He dedicated himself to helping the younger Lakota generations to be proud of speaking their indigenous Lakota Language. He was an instructor to many of the LSA members. He will be remembered

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The people then gathered in a circle adjacent to the Little Family cemetery to remember Joe Stuntz, who had fallen from an FBI sniper during that shootout.

Over 300 people took part in the walk for justice to Jumping Bull property. A statement from Leonard Peltier was read to the gathering. Harvey Arden, former editor of National Geographic was present. Arden now is the biographer for Leonard Peltier and other Indigenous Elders worldwide. Arden assisted in Peltier's autobiography "Prison Writings: My Life is my sundance." Bruce Ellison spoke about recent legal proceedings for Leonard's freedom. The Peltier Legal team is awaiting a response from federal judge regarding Peltier's recent appeal.

Later, an even larger crowd moved over to Loneman School for the concert portion of the event. Elk Nation opened the evening with honor songs. Invited speakers Tom Poor Bear and Janis Schmidt discussed their issues in between musical sessions. LPDC coordinator Raquel Burnet spoke on behalf of the Defense Committee. The performances

were great. Folk Singer Dale Alan, pop performer Darren Geffre, Lakota Hoop Dancer Clem Holy Eagle, and performer Wayquay gave a showing.

But the crowd was riveted by the hip hop performance of Julian B. and his three children on stage. Julian arrived at the concert with his father from the Muscogee Creek nation.

All the way from Manitoba Canada, came Little Hawk who really felt honored to be part of this year's lineup. Little Hawk (Troy Westwood) was an original member of the 2002 Juno Award winning Aboriginal group 'Eagle and Hawk'. Juno awards in Canada are the equivalent to the U.S. Grammy Awards. It was an honor to have a performer who joined the ranks of Juno award winners like Shania Twain and Avril Lavigne.

LSA Security for this year's event included Clint, Charles, and Wambli Yellow Bird, Mike Richards, Terance High Bull, Stanley Good Voice Elk, Sam Long Black Cat, Lequaw West, Kim Ledeau, and Rachel Good Voice Elk.

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I deeply regret that I can't be there with you. But yet in a way, I have to count my blessings. I have lived to see changes take place for our people. Though they are not as good as I would wish, there have been changes brought about by Joe Stuntz and others who have sacrificed in some way for our people. As I said, I have to be grateful because, although in a limited way, I have had the chance to get to know my children, some of my grandchildren, and they in turn have gotten to know me; something that my brother Joe and so many others who lost their lives fighting for the people, did not have an opportunity to do.

When I first came here, I was considered a young warrior and now within my circle, I am looked upon as an Elder- Something that hopefully all of you will come to be a part of in your lifetime. I had a friend once, an Elder who has since gone on, who once said to me that every person that he had consulted with on their death bed had spoken of the Creator and their family. That became the highest priority in their life and what was left of it. And he spoke to me of many because he had been an emergency room technician at one time. In thinking and remembering this, it always reminds me of the Sundance and the Sweat lodge and how the extremes of pain and sacrifice always seem to bring those same concerns to mind. Each of us - from the day we are born, to the time that we pass on, should remember to talk to the Creator and pray for our relatives.

Forgive me if I sound a little sentimental or dramatic, but I've experienced thirty years of dying, thirty years of hearing that some of my relatives have gone on, thirty years of praying for our people, and I am so grateful that the Creator has allowed me to talk to you in some way and let you know that you are my family. You are my relatives. You are my young warriors and my Elders. And, if I am remembered for anything at all, I want it to be that I never gave up - for you. I want you to know that I have faith in you, that one day your efforts will bring about a stronger nation; a nation where alcoholism, diabetes, suicide, and poverty do not control the lives of our people.

I know lately there has been a lot of concern and rumors about various

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Indian History by the Mayor of Minneapolis. We apologize for not being there to share the celebration. Instead we hope that others across the nation will recognize Clyde.

Relevant Info:

American Indian Movement - [www.aimovement.org](http://www.aimovement.org)  
Clyde H. Bellecourt Scholarship Fund - [www.clydebellecourtscholarshipfund.org](http://www.clydebellecourtscholarshipfund.org)

## Mitigation Act Update: Missouri River Compensation bill passes Senate

### Bill Would Add \$226 Million to Tribal Trust Accounts

From Press Reports:

S.374 A bill to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River. The bill increases the trust account established for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of South Dakota from \$39.3 million to \$186.8 million and the account for the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of South Dakota from \$27.5 million to \$105.9 million.

Relevant Links:

Senate Indian Affairs Committee - [internet.indian.senate.gov](http://internet.indian.senate.gov)  
Indianz online - [www.indianz.com](http://www.indianz.com)

Note: In March 1999, members of the Lakota Student Alliance occupied federal lands on the Missouri River. They established the "First Fire of the Oceti Sakowin" to protest a land transfer of Treaty Lands to the State of South Dakota. The LSA released a series of statements objecting to the land transfer. The LSA vowed to remain camped on the Laframbois Island until the Missouri River, Cheyenne River Sioux, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Terrestrial Wildlife Mitigation and Compensation Act was repealed. In August of 99, the "mitigation act", as it was commonly known, was repealed. LSA declared a victory too early as it was reintroduced in a 2000 rider.

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individuals who have collaborated in some way with the government against their own people, people who are giving away some of our sovereignty; giving away our right to determine our own destiny and to handle our own affairs. With this in mind, I want to encourage you to remember always who we are and I want to ask you to remind yourselves that this is our land, given to us by the Creator, and our freedom was given to us by the Creator. The forest, the trees, the animals, the prairie - were all given to us by the Creator. No man of any nation or color or origin has the right to take that away. We have the right, given to us by the Creator, to resist; to protect our own; to stand firm

on the principles and the teachings the Creator has given our people for thousands of years.

We are a beautiful people; we have a beautiful culture, and we should seek to join with all our brothers and sisters and relatives of other Indigenous nations who are faced with the same dangers of loss. There is an old Cheyenne saying I once heard that a Nation is never defeated until the hearts of it' s women are on the ground. The hearts of our women may be low, but they are not on the ground and I damn sure ain' t gonna let it happen on my shift. I love you to the nth degree. I always will. You will always be in my prayers. Do what you can, where you can, from where you stand and - to quote Sitting Bull - let' s see what

kind of nation we can make for our children. I don' t say I love you easily but I want you to know that I love you - my heart is with you and never, never, never .give up !

Before I finish, I want to say thank you, though I was told by an Elder that it was better to show your thanks with your deeds and your gifts, rather than just speaking it with your mouth. I apologize that I have nothing to give but I want you to know that you have my prayers, my thoughts, and what is left of my life. I will always be with you.  
Your relative!

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse,  
Leonard Peltier

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## How you can help Leonard Peltier.

Send letters to Congress people Senators and politely demand Leonard's Freedom. Please be courteous and professional, as LPDC does not wish to complicate Leonard' s situation.

### **Federal Bureau of Prisons**

320 First Street NW  
Washington, DC 20534  
202-307-3198  
info@bop.gov

### **House Of Representatives**

[www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.shtml](http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.shtml)

### **Senators**

[www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

Write to Leonard Peltier at Terre Haute  
You can write to him at his new address.  
Let him know you are still behind him.

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## Act Now Before Congress Expands the Patriot Act

ACLU: The Patriot Act was passed, with minimal debate, a mere 45 days after 9/11 after intense pressure by the White House and then-Attorney General John Ashcroft. Because of its size and the speed of its passage, many in Congress now admit that they did not properly read or review the enormous bill.

Though some of the law is innocuous, several provisions -- some of which are set to expire unless Congress votes to renew them -- dramatically weaken key checks and balances on government power, which prevent the abuse of our rights. Despite bipartisan support for fixing these provisions and more than 400 community resolutions calling for appropriate changes to the Patriot Act, some in Congress now want to renew all of the expiring provisions of the Patriot Act without any meaningful reforms.

We cannot let this happen. Urge your members of Congress to reform the Patriot Act.

### **The Patriot Act:**

Expands the government's power to search your home in secret and to delay telling you for months or indefinitely. Section 213 made it easier for government agents to get courts to issue "sneak and peek" search warrants, which let them break into your home, rifle through your belongings, swab for DNA, copy files from your computer, seize property and keep you in the dark about the search for an indefinite amount of time. This provision is permanent, but would be reformed under the SAFE Act. At a minimum, it should be limited to a set amount of time and only allowed in true emergencies. The Justice Department recently admitted that 90% of these sneak and peeks have been used in cases that have nothing to do with terrorism.

Facilitates access to secret court orders that allow agents to seize personal records. Section

215 lets the FBI apply for secret court orders to compel libraries, bookstores, hotels, hospitals and other institutions to turn over personal records without showing any facts connecting your records to a foreign terrorist, let alone probable cause that you did anything wrong. The judge is required to issue such an order if federal agents certify that they want these records for a foreign intelligence or terrorism investigation. The business that receives the order is forever gagged from telling anyone about it. This provision is set to expire. It should not be made permanent. It should be fixed to require a showing of specific facts connecting your records to a foreign terrorist and there should be a meaningful right to challenge, as supported by the SAFE Act.

Lets the FBI access business, credit, Internet and banking records without going through a judge at all. Section 505 broadens the government's ability to issue "national security letters," which allow the FBI to demand records about you from financial institutions, Internet service providers, telephone companies, credit agencies, insurance companies, car dealerships, and libraries that provide Internet services to patrons—all without going through a judge or demonstrating any facts connecting your records to a foreign agent or foreign terrorist. If not repealed, this provision should be amended to incorporate the modest SAFE Act fix and should include an expiration date.

Contact your members of Congress and urge them to oppose expansion of the Patriot Act.