What is Crystal Meth/ Methamphetamine?

Crystal meth is short for crystal methamphetamine. It is just one form of the drug methamphetamine. Its most common street names are ice or glass. Crystal meth’s effect is highly concentrated, and many users report getting hooked (addicted) from the first time they use it.

Methamphetamine usually comes in the form of a crystalline white powder that is odorless, bitter-tasting and dissolves easily in water or alcohol. Other colors of powder have been observed, including brown, yellow-gray, orange and even pink. It can also be compressed into pill form. People take it by snorting it (inhaling through the nose), smoking it, or injecting it with a needle. Some even take it orally.

When taken, meth and crystal meth create a false sense of well-being and energy, and so a person will tend to push his body faster and further than it is meant to go. Thus, drug users can experience a severe “crash” or physical and mental breakdown after the effects of the drug wears off. Because continued use of the drug decreases natural feelings of hunger, users can experience extreme weight loss.

Negative effects can also include disturbed sleep patterns, hyper-activity, nausea, delusions of power, increased

Reflecting on the Pueblo Revolt: the Overlooked American Revolution

A brief history –

August 10 was the 342nd anniversary of the Pueblo revolt of 1680. It was the only uprising of Indigenous people in North America that successfully and completely expelled European colonizers from their land. This expulsion lasted for 12 years.

The Pueblo Revolt was the culmination of years of careful planning by people that were experiencing horrible physical, sexual, and cultural abuse by the settlers and the church, in addition to the taxation of the Pueblo people through the taking of food and textiles during a time of drought and famine.

In the decades of contact between the Pueblos and Spanish (first European contact was at Hawikuh in 1539, and the first Spanish colony was established in New Mexico in 1598), there were previous attempted uprisings, but the Pueblo Revolt on August 10th was the most successful. The chief organizer was Popé, a medicine man from Ohkay Owingeh, who was

ZYEP Receives $50,000 Through Annual San Manuel Golf Tournament

The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project announced that it received $50,000 through the annual San Manuel Golf Tournament earlier this month. ZYEP was one of eight tribal and local nonprofit organizations selected to benefit from this year’s event, which took place Aug. 1-4.

The event officially kicked off July 31 with a celebration and check presentation at the Yaamava’ Resort & Casino at San Manuel. ZYEP Board Treasurer Darlynn Panteah and Executive Director Tahlia Natachu were on hand to receive the check from Peter Arceo, the resort’s general manager, and Edward Duro, a member of San Manuel’s Business Committee.

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Four VA clinics in New Mexico to remain open

By Ryan Boetel / Journal Staff Writer
Monday, June 27th, 2022

New Mexico’s U.S. senators announced on Twitter Monday that Veterans Affairs clinics in New Mexico are no longer at risk of closing.

The Department of Veterans Affairs had recommended that VA outpatient clinics in Las Vegas, Raton, Española and Gallup be closed, in part because of a decline in patient volume in the last five years and projected declines for the rest of the decade.

“I’ve been hell-bent on saving these clinics so vets in rural areas can get quality health care close to home,” Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., said on Twitter. “Today, I joined (Sen. Jon Tester, D-Montana) and a bipartisan group of Senators to end the (Asset and Infrastructure Review) commission process (and) keep these clinics open.”

Heinrich in April traveled to Las Vegas and spoke with area veterans that would have been affected by the closures.

Sen. Ben Ray Luján, D-N.M., and U.S. Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández, a northern New Mexico Democrat, have also spoken against the proposed closures. “From day one, I’ve been clear that the process to close (four) veteran health clinics in NM didn’t have my support,” Luján said on Twitter. “It’s not what’s best for our veterans or those who support them. I’m proud to announce the Senate won’t be moving forward with the process.”

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Zuni Utilities – Water Department
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Dear Sarah Scott,

First and foremost, I wholeheartedly support the Department of Interior’s (DOI) proposed withdrawal of public lands from mineral development surrounding Chaco Canyon Heritage Park and its associated sites.

The first memory I have of Heshoda: Bitsulliya, Chaco Canyon Heritage Park, is from my days at Dowas Yalanne Elementary School under the Zuni Public School District. We went on a class trip from Zuni to Chaco Canyon to see Pueblo Bonito and the other village sites, the Sun Dagger, Petroglyphs, and mentions of Chacoan Roads. Our class was informed that these people were the Anasazi and that they disappeared. We received other information that was contrary to that, provided in the Zuni language. These were Innoda: Chimik’yanapkowa, our ancestors and that the things learned at Chaco were still being practiced today at Zuni. I was fascinated with the Sun Dagger and our learned knowledge of the solar system. The architecture and scale of these villages were awe-inspiring.

I did not understand at the time that there was a shift in Zuni understanding of the world and the need for Zuni children to connect to their ancestry. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 was passed with testimony from Zuni. The Zuni Tribe had practiced repatriation of the Ahayudah for decades before the passage of NAGPRA.

I remember one of our Tribal Councilman and one of our Bow Priests, telling my class about their trip to New York City. They had recently returned with one of our Beloved Protectors that many have termed the Zuni War Gods. They are placed in nature, to degrade naturally over time, but will offer safety and protection, both spiritually and physically, to the Zuni and for the general betterment of the world. Many were taken from throughout our ancestral footprint which encompasses the Four Corners Region and beyond, and placed in museums or sold to private collectors. This return would bring balance to our spiritual health and, hopefully, through much prayer, blessing from our ancestors.

I appreciate the connection that my elders and tribal leadership were trying to instill at the time. That our existence is not an accident of history, that we are not merely a by-product of Manifest Destiny. Despite the narrative that we were taught in the public schools, namely, that all the tribes were defeated and now the United States Government is in charge. In charge of what exactly?

From my viewpoint now, this relationship deprived us of many aspects of basic human rights and freedoms. The right to conduct and continue age-old ceremonies, the right to speak our language, the right to basic education that does not take away our native identity, and the right and freedom to vote. Our tribe has contracted three foreign governments in our existence, the Spanish, Mexican, and lastly, the United States of America. We aided each of those governments to the detriment of Zuni Ways of Life.

I am now forty-one years old, a Veteran of the United States Army, honorably discharged after eight years of service, one tour in South Korea, three tours in Iraq. My service in Iraq brough me in direct contact with Iraqi people, most often centered around meetings to improve infrastructure. I did not see many of their people experience the benefit of that infrastructure.

I returned home to Zuni in 2009, elected to Zuni Tribal Council from 2015 to 2018; followed by election to Lt. Governor, serving alongside Governor Val R. Panteah, Sr. through his two administrations.

As Councilman and Lt. Governor, I see the same issues with infrastructure that I saw overseas in Iraq. Despite these opportunities to extract resources from Mother Earth and add to our Tribal dollars, the Zuni continue to hold fast to our Core Values and resist these opportunities.

As Zuni tribal leaders, we receive our Oath of Office from our Head Rain Priest, who bestows upon us the responsibility of ensuring that our people and the world will be protected. Protect our cultural leaders by assisting them in any way possible to ensure that they can carry out their life-long duties. In the process of advocating for the protection of Zuni traditional cultural properties, I have been offered, from the humbleness of their hearts, guidance, passing of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), the confidence to speak our tongue and refer to these places in the Zuni language. We have lost some of that irreplaceable Zuni TEK through this terrible pandemic, yet, will find our way through our connections to Innoda: Chimik’yanapkowa.

I stress the importance of this personal connection to Zuni places as crucial to our survival as a people. Not only for the longevity of our ways of life, but because of my own personal healing from the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that manifests in so many negative means. My wife and four children will tell you that I am a different person from the one that came back from Iraq, that I am, in fact, a better person with each visit to the A:shiwi landscape. I cherish moments, as part of the Chaco Heritage Tribal Association, that I am able to visit the Chacoan landscape with my cultural leaders; to have that time with them that I no longer have with relatives that have passed on.

I am confident that if these connections work for me, that other tribal members can begin that healing process through a similar but very personal connection. That they will not feel forgotten, that they may recognize their own destiny from our collective past.

My tribe has provided technical comments in support of this withdrawal. I offer this letter as personal support and testimony to the effectiveness of our ancient ways of life in the very modern world of today.

The United States Government can assist my tribe by continuing with this withdrawal, as a small gesture, for the sacrifices my people made to effectuate the government-to-government process we uphold today.

In the span of governments, twenty years is the blink of an eye, and ten miles is a compromise from our responsibility to Mother Earth, the Zuni people, and the ancestors that reside from waters eternal.

Elakhwa/Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carleton R. Bowekaty

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aggressiveness, and irritability. One also experiences decreased appetite. These drug effects generally last from six to eight hours but can last up to twenty-four hours.

It is a dangerous and potent chemical and a poison that first acts as a stimulant but then begins to systematically destroy the body. Thus it is associated with serious health conditions, including memory loss, aggression, psychotic behavior and potential heart and brain damage.

Highly addictive, meth burns up the body’s resources, creating a devastating dependence that can only be relieved by taking more of the drug. The first experience might involve some pleasure, but from the start, meth begins to destroy the user’s life.

What does crystal meth look like?

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Office Of Emergency Management: Remain Vigilant for Storms

As monsoon season continues with heavy rainfall, our teams from the Office of Emergency Management, Department of Natural Resources, Utilities, Department of Safety, Emergency Medical Services, Tribal Roads, and the Community Pantry and their wood crew, have been working tirelessly to mitigate and direct flood waters to minimize damage within our community.

Thunderstorms and heavy rainfall can cause severe flooding within our community. We encourage everyone to continue to remain vigilant and prepared.

These storms can be powerful and sudden.

We ask that the community assist in ensuring ditches are free from debris and yards are kept clean.

Keep storm drains near your home free from debris, and utilize rain barrels by connecting them to a gutter downspout.

You may also contact the Office of Emergency Management at (505) 782-7114 for ready-to-use sandbags.

Why is this important?

The Pueblo Revolt was much more than an uprising to rid ourselves of the colonizing oppression by the Spaniards. It was the culmination of our determination to survive and reclaim our culture, heritage, and religion.

Our Pueblo Ancestors coming together to rebel was a master class in resiliency, perseverance, strength, and hope in the face of oppression and tyranny. In a time where we are worried about language loss, suicide, mental illness, and other social issues, we need to look to our ancestors for strength. Every breath we take, every word spoken in our Native Languages, and every ceremony performed was fought hard for.

They fought to retake our sovereignty, our cultures, and our ways of life. It is up to us to continue that fight.

The Zuni Tribal Archives and Library, with support from the A:shiwi A:wan Museum, will be hosting an exhibit on August 26th, 2022. We hope you join us. If you cannot, or it is past the date, please visit any one of the programs for more information.

An Online exhibit is forthcoming.

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The planning took a long time due to the need for secrecy, dedication, and loyalty to the cause. Due to the repression and persecution of cultural and religious beliefs, it was difficult for like-minded leaders from different Pueblos to come together. This was made even more dangerous because some would betray fledgling uprisings to the Spaniards. Despite these dangers, planning persevered, with Pueblo and mestizo alike coming together to create the plan for rebellion. The plan resulted in runners being sent to the different pueblos with knotted cords — one knot for everyday until the Revolt. The day the final knot was untied, August 12th, was the day for all the Pueblos to rise up and attack the missions and settlements, killing as many as possible and driving off livestock. Next was to close off the roads to Santa Fe, with the final part of the plan to form a pan-Pueblo army to surround the capital and demand the Spaniards to leave or die at the hands of the army.

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Year-To-Date Total Number of Resolutions Passed/Approved: 65

Note: 1/ This is a cumulative first and second quarter report of all tribal resolutions approved. The total resolutions passed as of August 6, 2022, is 65. The last Duly Called Meeting (DCM), was held on August 4, 2022. The percentages above indicates how each Tribal Council Member voted on each resolution, i.e., in Favor, Opposed, Abstained, and Excused Absence. A Tribal Council Member indicated as "TEA for Excused Absence" was not present due to a number of appropriate reasons, i.e., attend meeting(s), travel, religious and other appropriate leaves, etc. For clarification of this report, contact the Designate Tribal Council Secretary.

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The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project announced that 22 students have completed its Emerging Artists Apprenticeship Program to date. The new program, which is made possible with support from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) and the Ancestral Rich Treasures of Zuni (ARTZ) Cooperative, began this spring.

During the first six-week session, from March 22 to May 15, 13 students ages 11 to 22 studied two-dimensional graphic design. Under the direction of lead instructor Keith Edaakie and assistant Leanne Lee, the young people developed and expanded their drawing skills and then learned to use their artwork in creative disciplines such as printmaking and sublimation.

The second six-week session focused on Zuni Pueblo pottery. From May 24 to July 8, nine students ages 12 to 20 worked closely with co-lead instructors Gaylon Westika and Bobby Silas — and according to apprentice Cassandra Tsalate, the session involved so much more than skills development.

"We learned about the traditional and cultural aspects of Zuni pottery, including the significance of the many designs and forms," she explained. "Pottery is more than just an art form. It's all of our riches, our tools, our identity, and even our protector. The clay itself is sacred; it's the flesh of our Mother Earth."

"They picked the top three students, and I was so fortunate to be able to go," Tsalate said. "We also were part of an all-student art show in Zuni. I enjoyed the experience, both times. I learned to talk with customers, Native and non-Native, telling them about the history and our techniques and methods. I'm kind of shy, so I didn't think I'd be the sort of person to do that. I'm proud of myself."

Tahlia Natachu, ZYEP’s executive director, noted that the Emerging Artists Apprenticeship Program is designed to strengthen the connection Zuni youth have with their culture, cultivate the next generation of culture bearers through connection with master artists, and encourage entrepreneurship through a culturally informed and relevant lens.

"Our youth programming has always included arts and crafts to inspire and empower our children," Natachu said. "They are the ones who will preserve our traditions and carry them forward. This new program is a natural extension of that."

Through Friday, Aug. 12, ZYEP accepted applications for the third session of the Emerging Artists Apprenticeship Program. It will focus on Zuni Pueblo embroidery under the direction of co-lead instructors Elroy Natachu Jr. and Kandis Quam, who also serve as ZYEP’s art coordinator and art leader, respectively.

We’re accepting 12 students, ages 12-24," Executive Director Tahlia Natachu said. "We’re really looking forward to teaching our young people about the history of Pueblo textiles from a Zuni perspective."

"We’re so grateful to the ANA, the ARTZ Cooperative, our artist committee members, and Elroy and Kandis for this program to be possible," she continued. "Down the road, our long-term goal is to offer advanced one-on-one programming for those students who have completed the Emerging Artist level and wish to continue their journey."

 Together, ZYEP and ARTZ seek to empower the next generation of Zuni artists so they can pursue careers in the arts as well as help strengthen the Pueblo of Zuni’s arts economy. While that economy has been dominated for decades by outside buyers buying low and selling high, that is changing through the rise of Native co-ops, independent businesses, and art shows.

"Our kids are learning how to do things differently," Natachu observed. "Leveraging technology, taking on leadership roles, and advocating for themselves and their community — these things have real transformative power."