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America is acknowledging ... That WE SHALL REMAIN

by Cherrie Richardson Collazo

This coming April, Americans nationwide will be brought to the crossroads of remembrance and acknowledgement like a wake-up call after a long self induced coma. One of Native America's finest film making pioneers Chris Eyre tackled the beast of silence and convenient amnesia when he joined forces with other Native and non-Native film makers, actors, consultants, and advisors to produce one of the most powerful reckonings of television about the history of Native Americans on this soil. This series gives a voice to the silence like a loud announcement echoing throughout the country, beginning April 13, 2009 with a five part PBS production of the American Experience called We Shall Remain.

I received the promotional materials to prepare this article. After watching the dvds, I decided that this is indeed continuous history in the making. This is a milestone for people and the nation to

celebrate, to contemplate, to mourn, and to remember, bringing all of us to the cliffs of interpersonal creation and reflection.

This series has to be one of the great turning points of American history because for the first time ever there is no turning away from the image in the mirror. PBS's acclaimed history program American Experience in association with Native American Public Telecommunications (NAPT) will be bringing to us a groundbreaking mini-series in five 90 minute documentaries. They take us on a journey of real human drama in American history. The project spans over 300 years covering key points of pivotal moments of how this nation came to be and the true Native American experience from



On April 13th, remembering our past, while looking into the future ... WE SHALL REMAIN.

the very beginning.

Within the interviews on the demo dvds, Chris moved me to a point of pro-

found sadness, He explained that while visiting a school on a reservation, he

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UNLV opens Multicultural Center on campus

by Kena Adams

Dr. Christine Clark, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, was the MC at the opening ceremony for the new multicultural center on the campus of UNLV February 25th. Last year Indian Voices featured Dr. Clark and remembers her aspirations for the department of Diversity and Inclusion. Established in 2007 Diversity and Inclusion has out-done itself while overseeing campus wide diversity efforts for students, faculty and staff of all levels of education and employment. Let's note that this beautiful center was acquired by good old fashioned student protest, which is something UNLV is known for! Peaceful protest of course...



Students and supporters of the UNLV Diversity Center gather in front of the building during the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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SCAIR Tribal Urban TANF Awards and Soaring Eagles



Cultural dance instructors and mentors Eileen George and Jennifer Gastelum lead their Soaring Eagles Dancers onto the Viejas stage.

by Roy Cook

There is a warm sun and clear skies this February 18, 2009 afternoon. Snow can be seen on the higher elevations as we pull off the freeway at Willows Road on our way to the Vieja's Dreamcatcher Lounge for the SCAIR

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Soaring Eagles

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awards and recognition ceremony. An appropriate place for aspirations and goals of the TANF, Tribal Assistance for Needy Families participants under the Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association Inc. program directed by SCAIR, Southern California American Indian Resource Center Inc.

Kim Flying Eagle and I are here early but we stay out of the way of the workers setting up the room for the event. Folded napkins and cloth tablecloths adorn each of the tables. Centerpieces and nibbles are also added to each table. Over in a corner, Vickie Gambala and Jeannie Alvarado set up a craft corner for the children to enjoy. A Birdhouse is the project tonight.

San Diego Inter-Tribal Singers, the Green River lead singers: Terry Hinsley, Leland Red Eagle, Ben Nance, Frank Gastelum, Richard Decrane, Ernie Walton, Kim Flying Eagle and Roy Cook. We are here in support of the on stage entertainment later in the evening. The Soaring Eagle dance class students will be performing. The American Indian community in San Diego and extended region has enthusiastically received this SCAIR supported dance project. Everyone is invited to participate. All concerned recognize this is something good for many reason and will directly

benefit the Indian children that are our future.

Registration was ongoing and completed and it is time for SCAIR Senior advisor Randy Edmonds to provide the Blessing for the food and a welcoming address to all attending this event. Randy called upon Bill Johnson SCAIR board president to offer a few words from the underwriting organization. Also, Randy called upon Lynne Ray Smith, San Diego TANF urban site manager, to represent Dennis Turner, SCTCA executive director and lead into the Awards and Recognition Ceremony.

Lynne Ray recognized the assistance of his attending staff: Sofia Tatula, Melanie Luna and a new member. He then called the first recipient and their family up to the stage. In so many situations, it is only by a total family effort that the participants can complete the Excellent fare is provided for the event by California Indian Education CALIE.org: Baked turkey, ham in a pineapple sauce, steamed yellow and zucchini squash, Spanish rice mashed potatoes, baby carrots, tossed salad and pumpnickel and wheat buns with real butter. Later, for desert and coffee, there is a special congratulatory-layered cake and delicious cookies to die for.

Plenty to eat drink and enjoy and it is



The Soaring Eagles dancers lined up for a group photo on the Viejas Dreamcatcher theater stage.

our time to take the stage for the Soaring Eagles 45minute or more performance. The singers scooted over to the side with the drum; just like practice, nights and the colorful regalia of the student dancers were center stage. Chuck Caddote identified and called for the appropriate song to be sung for each group and individual presentation.

Finally, all presented themselves grandly and we were all very proud to be a part of this evening's success. And while inside was so delightful outside was almost frightful with wind gusts up to 30 miles an hour zooming down from that earlier pretty snow higher up.

Thank you, Aho, Mehan.

Necessary requirements of the TANF program. Enjoy the Gary Ballard, photographer images of the justifiably proud recipients and their families and the Soaring Eagle Dancers.

Photos G. Ballard



The Soaring Eagles Dancers coordinator Vickie Gambala takes a picture.

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We Shall Remain

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asked the youth there who were their heroes and role models. The answers included many pop culture artists such as Beyonce, however, not one child named a Native American. I watched the expression on Chris's face as he told this story of the moment where he felt the need to change this situation, Chris rose to the occasion in an attempt to show the world, to show Native Americans, to show our youth that heroic nature is bound within the culture of Native America. Native heroes and heroines are plentiful, their voices carry forth from the past ages before the first contact to the here and now.

This five part documentary series is the product of a tremendous collaboration between Native and non-Native film makers. Chris Eyre directed the first three episodes bringing the crystal clear message in his own words that "You can't understand America in the twenty-first century if you don't understand the Native American experience within it. What connects these films is the resolve of their characters. This country is founded on people arriving,, being tenacious, and moving forwards. This is a look at that through Native eyes."

During my personal interview with him, Chris shared the following with me. **"What was the determining factor in producing this series? What was the inspiration? What turned the switch on?"**

"I never did a period piece. My inspiration was to show our stories of our people through our eyes. It was also important to me to show our youth that our role models were and are present. Throughout history we have had strong Native Americans that we can consider role models and inspiring."

"What have you learned in this process of seeing it all come together? How do you feel this series will impact America and it's view of indigenous people?"

"Despite our differences we are not that far apart. We share so many similarities within all of the tribes and also with our non-Native relatives. To me the making of the second show stood out the most in portraying this. Rick Burns, who is non-Native American, and I compiled the story of Tecumseh together and we transcended all politics. I learned so much that I myself had not known in doing this series about Native Americans, so I am sure anyone else involved or watching it will too,"

This series will carry us through five key passages within our history and the history of this nation. Episode one is covering the Native American view of what actually transpired after the Mayflower came to New England in the 1620s and the so-called first Thanksgiving and preceding events. Episode two covers the emergence of one of the first true patriots that this country should know, Tecumseh.

"Tecumseh's Vision" will tell the story of the Shawnee leader and his brother, Tenskawatawa, known as the Prophet. It will show the birth of the first pan-Indian political and military alliance, and how the impact of this alliance shifted Native American existence. Episode three "The Trail of Tears" will demonstrate the actual sacrifice and the resilience of the Cherokee Nation defying assimilation and bringing a Native American case to the Supreme Court. The fourth episode "Geronimo" carries us to the end of what is known as the Indian Wars bringing a realistic view of how people feel and felt about the famous Apache warrior. Episode five "Wounded Knee" will take us into modern America confronting all of us with the gripping events that unfolded in the 1973 siege of Wounded Knee. The siege lasted for seventy-one days as activists engaged in a standoff with the U.S. government and the following sequence of events. It examines the broad political and economic factors that led to the emergence of the American Indian Movement (AIM) in the 1960s.

"The tale of European settlement of North America has been told countless times, but never from the perspective of the land's original inhabitants," explains executive producer Sharon Grimberg. We Shall Remain tells the story not from the point of view of the white people looking west; but of the Natives looking east.

Chris further elaborated this information in response to my questions. **"Do you feel that opportunities for Native American film makers and actors will become more abundant and open within the mainstream media? Do you think that a shift is happening regarding this?"**

"I sure hope and think that things are changing and have been slowly turning around for Native American artists. I have been doing this for over a decade. And I think people are realizing that we have and still are contributing a great amount of wealth to this country and its history."

Native Americans have been holding their breaths, taking periodic puffs from the media oxygen tanks, but with this there are new rays of hope, much as the sun rises from the east. We are seeing an emergence of hope slowly coming into view. We Shall Remain is like a forecast of things to come for Native American artists and even more importantly for Native American people, a much awaited truth. This series clearly will show some pieces of American history that are sparsely touched on in the mainstream educational system regarding the Native American role and impact on the overall existence of this nation today. It also creates hope because it showcases Native



In Episode 1, "The Mayflower", a very different spin takes place within the first contact...

American talent in its finest and most intimate portrayals.

The actors, producers, writers, scholars, historians, tribal elders and leaders who came together to ensure the authenticity of this series is an amazing testament of spirit. Language experts trained actors to be able to speak ancient dialects. Elders who never acted before are bringing forth such breathtaking depictions of a people who struggled, fought, and relentlessly carried on to keep the spirit of their tribes, clans, and nations going. We Shall Remain will make its mark on the American people. It is certain to be the deliverance of a new era for Native America, which is the pulse of this nation.

The creative forces behind the series include: Chris Eyre (Cheyenne/ Arapaho), producer; Benjamin Bratt (Quecha), the series narrator; Michael Greyeyes (Cree), actor; Wes Studi (Cherokee), actor; Dustinn Craig (White Mountain Apache/ Navajo), producer, writer, and director; Ric Burns, Emmy Award-winning director and producer; Sarah Coh, producer, writer, and director; Sharon Gimberg, executive producer; Cathleen O'Connell, producer; Stanley Nelson, Emmy Award-winning and Mac Arthur Fellow producer and director; and Mark Samela, executive producer, American Experience.

Towards the end of our conversation, I asked Chris about the future. **"What hopes and motivations can we look forward to from Chris Eyre? Is there a sneak peek?"**

"Making more meaningful and inspiring films, continuing to work, I love telling stories?"

"Are there any special events or functions that you feel you want people to know about, such as fundraisers or community projects, etc.?"

"Well Friday February 24th I will be on Night Light NBC, and on April 13th We Shall Return will air on PBS. Beyond that look for me to continue to be a participant in telling interesting and captivating stories."

"What advice would you give to our Native American youth today?"

"Whatever it is, if positive, just do it. It is important to say it and believe it, but most importantly is to then go and do it. Don't get caught up in all the reasons not to do it. When I was young and just starting out, I remember someone asking me at an interview, "You are a producer, what have you produced? I answered, "Nothing yet." It is important that you believe what you are all along and never doubting it."

"What is your biggest hope for your own future?"

"Again, I have been doing this for over a decade, and I hope I will continue to make films, and inspire through the stories that I produce."

To learn more about Chris's ongoing journey or what The American Experience and NAPT will be doing, visit the following web sites: www.chriseyre.biz, or www.nativetelecom.org, or www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/ or www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/reel_native

In addition to the documentary series We Shall Remain, a forum called Reel Native is being produced. It is a unique short video project that gives Native Americans the opportunity to tell their own stories on video. These films will be shown at festivals nationwide and given prominence on the We Shall Remain web site. The purpose is to include as many Native voices as possible. Local public television station web sites will

Multicultural Center Ribbon Cutting

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Another Small Step for Wo/Man kind. Dr. Christine Clark brings Tony Gladney, V P of Corporate Diversity at Harrah's Las Vegas (Right) and David Ashley, President of UNLV together for the historical ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Diversity Center. Long time supporter of Indian Voices Janice Stevenson shared in the positive energyfest. The joyful gathering continued to mingle and network at the reception that followed. The accomplished and uplifting guest flutiest Ron Martinez provided a tranquil ambiance.

Many people from the community attended the opening; it was quite a large turn out. Harrah's and NV Energy donated \$10,000 dollars each. Tony Gladney Vice President for Diversity at Harrah's, stated he remembers a day when it was not possible for someone of African American descent to even stay on the strip. This is a piece of cultural history that no Las Vegan should forget. The Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion informed Indian Voices that it has a beautiful wood bookshelf in need of books. Any one interested in donating books or computer equipment to the multicultural center on the campus of UNLV contact Tekiyah Beckett Executive Assistant at 702-895-3561.



Canada's first black Governor General

The Governor General of Canada is the vice-regal or viceroy representative in Canada of the Queen of Canada, who is the head of state. A viceroy is a royal official who governs a country in the name of and as representative of the monarch.

Michaëlle Jean is the current Governor General of Canada. Jean was appointed by Queen Elizabeth II, on the recommendation of Prime Minister Paul Martin, to succeed Adrienne Clarkson and become the 27th Governor General of Canada since Confederation in 1867. Prior to this, Jean was a journalist and broadcaster on Radio-Canada and the CBC.

As the current Governor General of Canada, she is entitled to be styled Her Excellency while in office, and The Right Honourable for life; given current practice, she will be sworn in to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada after her term as the Queen's representative has ended.

As a student at the University of Montreal, Jean received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Italian and Hispanic languages and literature and, from 1984 until 1986, taught Italian studies while completing a Master of Arts degree in comparative literature. Jean attended the University of Florence, the University of Perugia, and the Catholic University of Milan to continue her studies in language and literature. Besides French and English, Jean is fluent in Spanish, Italian, and Haitian Creole and



President Barack Obama and Canadian Governor General Michaëlle Jean walk across the tarmac following his arrival in Ottawa, Canada, Thurs., Feb. 19, 2009. Michelle Jean has been Governor General of Canada since September 27, 2005. Jean is Canada's first black Governor General.


can read Portuguese.

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The Prime Minister of Canada is currently Stephen Harper. The prime minister is appointed by the Governor General, who is now Michaëlle Jean.

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Chata' legends Grandmother Spider Steals the Fire

Story of the Choctaw People of Tennessee and Mississippi

The Choctaw People say that when the People first came-up out of the ground, People were encased in cocoons, their eyes closed, their limbs folded tightly to their bodies. And this was true of all People, the Bird People, the Animal People, the Insect People, and the Human People. The Great Spirit took pity on them and sent down someone to unfold their limbs, dry them off, and open their eyes. But the opened eyes saw nothing, because the world was dark, no sun, no moon, not even any stars. All the People moved around by touch, and if they found something that didn't eat them first, they ate it raw, for they had no fire to cook it.

All the People met in a great Pow-wow, with the Animal and Bird People taking the lead, and the Human People hanging back. The Animal and Bird People decided that dark was not good, but cold and miserable. A solution must be found!!! Someone spoke from the dark, "I have heard that the people in the East have fire". This caused a stir of wonder, "What could fire be"!!! There was a general discussion, and it was decided that if, as-rumor-had-it, fire was warm and gave light, they should have it too. Another voice said, "But the people of the East are too greedy to share with us". So it was decided that the Bird and Animal People should steal what they needed, the fire!!! But, who should have the honor!!! Grandmother Spider volunteered, "I can do it!!! Let me try"!!! But at the same time, Opossum began to speak. "I, Opossum, am a great Chief of the animals. I will go to the East and since I am a great hunter, I will take the fire and hide it in the bushy hair on my tail". It was well know that Opossum had the furriest tail of all the animals, so he was selected.

When Opossum came to the East he soon found the beautiful-red-fire jealously guarded by the people of the East. But Opossum got closer and closer until he picked up a small piece of burning wood, and stuck it in the hair of his tail, which promptly began to smoke, then flame. The people of the East said, "Look, that Opossum has stolen our fire"!!! They took it and put it back where it came from and drove Opossum

away. Poor Opossum!!! Every bit of hair had burned from his tail, and to this day, Opossums have no hair at all on their tails. Once again, the Pow-wow had to find a volunteer Chief. Grandmother Spider again said, "Let me go!!! I can do it"!!! But this time a bird was elected, Buzzard. Buzzard was very proud. "I can succeed where Opossum has failed. I will fly to the East on my great wings, then hide the stolen fire in the beautiful long feathers on my head".

The birds and animals still did not understand the nature of fire. So Buzzard flew to the East on his powerful wings, swooped past those defending the fire, picked up a small piece of burning ember, and hid it in his head feathers. Buzzard's head began to smoke and flame even faster!!! The people of the East said, "Look!!! Buzzard has stolen the fire"!!! And they took it and put it back where it came from. Poor Buzzard!!! His head was now bare of feathers, red and blistered looking. And to this day, buzzards have naked heads that are bright-red and blistered. The Pow-wow now sent Crow to look the situation over, for Crow was very clever. Crow at that time was pure white, and had the sweetest singing voice of all the birds. But he took so long standing over the fire, trying to find the perfect piece to steal that his white feathers were smoked black. And he breathed so much smoke that when he tried to sing, out came a harsh, Caw!!! Caw!!!

The Council said, "Opossum has failed. Buzzard and Crow have failed. Who shall we send"!!! Tiny Grandmother Spider shouted with all her might, "LET ME TRY IT PLEASE"!!! Though the council members thought Grandmother Spider had little chance of success, it was agreed that she should have her turn. Grandmother Spider looked-then like she looks-now, she had a small torso suspended by two sets of legs that turned the other way. She walked on all of her wonderful legs toward a stream where she had found clay & cane. With those legs, she made a tiny clay container and a lid that fit perfectly with a tiny notch for air in the corner of the lid. Then she put the container on her back, spun-a-web all the way

to the East, and walked tip-toe until she came to the fire. She was so small, the people from the East took no notice. She took a tiny piece of fire, put it in the container, and covered it with the lid. Then she walked back on tip-toe along the web until she came to the People. Since they couldn't see any fire, they said, "Grandmother Spider has failed!!!" "Oh no", she said, "I have the fire"!!! She lifted the pot & basket from her back, and the lid from the pot, and the fire flamed up into its friend, the air.

All the Birds and Animal People began to decide who would get this wonderful warmth. Bear said, "I'll take it"!!! but then he burned his paws on it and decided fire was not for animals ... for look what happened to Opossum!!! The Birds wanted no part of it, as Buzzard and Crow were still nursing their wounds. The insects thought it was pretty, but they too, stayed far away from the fire. Then a small voice said, "We will take it, if Grandmother Spider will help". The timid humans, whom none of the animals or birds thought much of, were volunteering!!! So Grandmother Spider taught the Human People how to feed the fire with sticks and wood to keep it from dying, how to keep the fire safe in a circle-of-stone so it couldn't escape and hurt them or their homes. While she was at it, she taught the humans about pottery & basketry made of clay, cane and fire, and about weaving and spinning, at which Grandmother Spider was an expert. The Choctaw remembered!!! They made a beautiful design to decorate their homes, a picture of Grandmother Spider, two sets of legs up, two down, with a fire-symbol on her back. This is so their children never forget to honor Grandmother Spider: Fire-bringer!!!
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Choctaw Institute Culture

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Jailing Kids for Cash

by Amy Goodman, Truthdig.com

Hillary Transue was sentenced to three months in juvenile detention. Transue made a web page mocking her assistant principal. As many as 5,000 children in Pennsylvania have been found guilty, and up to 2,000 of them jailed, by two corrupt judges who received kickbacks from the builders and owners of private prison facilities that benefited. The two judges pleaded guilty in a stunning case of greed and corruption that is still unfolding. Judges Mark A. Ciavarella Jr. and Michael T. Conahan received \$2.6 million in kickbacks while imprisoning children who often had no access to a lawyer. The case offers an extraordinary glimpse into the shameful private prison industry that is flourishing in the United States.

Take the story of Jamie Quinn. When she was 14 years old, she was imprisoned for almost a year. Jamie, now 18, described the incident that led to her incarceration:

"I got into an argument with one of my friends. And all that happened was just a basic fight. She slapped me in the face, and I did the same thing back. There [were] no marks, no witnesses, nothing. It was just her word against my word."



Photo: Niko J. Kallianiotis / The New York Times

Jamie was placed in one of the two controversial facilities, PA Child Care, then bounced around to several other locations. The 11-month imprisonment had a devastating impact on her. She told me: "People looked at me different when I came out, thought I was a bad person, because I was gone for so long. My family started splitting up ... because I was away and got locked up. I'm still struggling in school, because the schooling system in facilities like these places [are] just horrible."

She began cutting herself, blaming medication that she was forced to take: "I was never depressed, I was never put on meds before. I went there, and they just started putting meds on me, and I didn't even know what they were. They

said if I didn't take them, I wasn't following my program." She was hospitalized three times.

Jamie Quinn is just one of thousands that these two corrupt judges locked up. The Philadelphia-based Juvenile Law Center got involved when Hillary Transue was sent away for three months for posting a Web site parodying the assistant principal at her school. Hillary clearly marked the Web page as a joke. The assistant principal didn't find it funny, apparently, and Hillary faced the notoriously harsh Judge Ciavarella.

As Bob Schwartz of the Juvenile Law Center told me: "Hillary had, unknown to her, signed a paper, her mother had signed a paper, giving up her right to a lawyer. That made the 90-second hearing that she had in front of Judge Ciavarella pretty much of a kangaroo court." The JLC found that in half of the juvenile cases in Luzerne County, defendants had waived their right to an attorney. Judge Ciavarella repeatedly ignored recommendations for leniency from both prosecutors and probation officers. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court heard the JLC's case, then the FBI began an investigation, which resulted in the two judges entering guilty-plea agreements last week for tax evasion and wire fraud.

They are expected to serve seven years in federal prison. Two separate class-action lawsuits have been filed on behalf of the imprisoned children.

This scandal involves just one county in the U.S., and one relatively small pri-

vate prison company. According to The Sentencing Project, "the United States is the world's leader in incarceration with 2.1 million people currently in the nation's prisons or jails—a 500 percent increase over the past thirty years." The Wall Street Journal reports that "[p]rison companies are preparing for a wave of new business as the economic downturn makes it increasingly difficult for federal and state government officials to build and operate their own jails." For-profit prison companies like the Corrections Corporation of America and GEO Group (formerly Wackenhut) are positioned for increased profits. It is still not clear what impact the just-signed stimulus bill will have on the private prison industry (for example, the bill contains \$800 million for prison construction, yet billions for school construction were cut out).

Congress is considering legislation to improve juvenile justice policy, legislation the American Civil Liberties Union says is "built on the clear evidence that community-based programs can be far more successful at preventing youth crime than the discredited policies of excessive incarceration."

Our children need education and opportunity, not incarceration. Let the kids of Luzerne County imprisoned for profit by corrupt judges teach us a lesson. As young Jamie Quinn said of her 11-month imprisonment, "It just makes me really question other authority figures and people that we're supposed to look up to and trust."

Geronimo Great-Grandson Wants Bones Back

SANTA FE, NM (AP) – Legend has it that Yale University's ultrasecret Skull and Bones society swiped the remains of American Indian leader Geronimo nearly a century ago from an army outpost in Oklahoma, and now Geronimo's great-grandson wants the remains returned.

Harlyn Geronimo, of Mescalero, N.M., wants to prove the skull and bones that were purported spirited from the Indian leader's burial plot in Fort Sill, Okla., to a stone tomb that serves as the club's headquarters are in fact those of his great-grandfather.

If so, he wants to bury them near Geronimo's birthplace in southern New Mexico's Gila Wilderness.

"He died as a prisoner of war, and he is still a prisoner of war because his remains were not returned to his homeland," said Harlyn Geronimo, 59. "Presently, we are looking for a proper consecrated burial."

If the bones aren't those of Geronimo, Harlyn Geronimo is certain they belonged to one of the Apache prisoners who died at Fort Sill. He said they should still be returned.

Harlyn Geronimo sent a letter last year to President Bush, asking for his help in recovering the bones. He figures

since the president's grandfather, Prescott Bush, was allegedly one of those who helped steal the bones in 1918, the president would want to help return them to their rightful place.

But Harlyn Geronimo said: "I haven't heard a word."

The White House did not respond to messages asking for comment.

Both President Bush and his father, former President George H.W. Bush, attended Yale and joined the elite club. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential nominee in 2004, is also a Bonesman, as are many other men in powerful government and industry positions.

Members are sworn to secrecy, one reason they won't say whether the club has Geronimo's bones.

"The reason there's all these conspiracy theories around Skull and Bones is because their loyalty to one another goes beyond their public differences," said historian and former Yale Alumni Magazine editor Marc Wortman.

Skull and Bones is one of a dozen secret Yale societies, according to Yale spokeswoman Gila Reinstein.

"If it's true about the bones, that's disrespectful and disturbing," she said.

John Fryar, a retired Bureau of Indian Affairs special agent in antiquities recovery and a member of Acoma Pueblo, said if the secret society does have remains, they should be returned to Fort Sill.

"To ignore a request like this for the return of human remains is totally uncalled for. Look at our guys going to Vietnam to recover remains. It's the same thing," he said.

For Harlyn Geronimo, this is the beginning of what he assumes will be a long fight and he's preparing in a traditional way.

Six months ago, he and a group of fellow medicine men traveled to Fort Sill and to the Gila Wilderness for prayer ceremonies.

Before any major endeavor, Harlyn Geronimo said, it's typical to hold "a prayer session that will guide us in the right direction."

Harlyn Geronimo grew up hearing stories about his great-grandfather and other Apache warriors who fought relentlessly against the Mexican and U.S. armies.

After their families were captured and sent to Florida, Geronimo and 35 warriors finally surrendered to Gen. Nelson A. Miles near the Arizona-New Mexico

border in 1886. Geronimo was eventually sent to Fort Sill, where he died of pneumonia in 1909.

Harlyn Geronimo has said he wants to the world to know that the famed Indian fighter was also a healer and spiritual leader.

"Yes, he was a great warrior. At one time a quarter of the entire United States Army was after him — along with 500 scouts and 3,000 men from the Mexican Army — and they still couldn't find him," Harlyn Geronimo said.

"They had their top athletes involved in tracking him but they couldn't keep up. He was a great military strategist. But many people don't know about his spiritual side."

Harlyn Geronimo wants to create a 12-foot bronze of his great-grandfather to be placed at the warrior's birthplace in the Gila. He also would like to see a new biography of Geronimo that incorporates sound historical research and also mines the wealth of information still available from living family members.

"We have a lot of oral history that has been passed down to us that has never been published," he said.

Our New Alliance

We are pleased to announce that CAN-DO and the Republic of Lakotah have joined together to address critical human rights and environmental abuses on the Sioux Indian Reservations in South Dakota through the development of programs aimed at preserving culture and heritage, providing clean energy solutions, promoting sustainable agriculture, and supporting the next generation through capacity building and effective education.

Families on Crow Creek Reservation freezing as power is cut by local Electricity "Cooperative!"

FORT THOMPSON, SD – Electric company caught "pulling meters" in the poorest community in the nation, leaving America's most vulnerable people without power in the dead of winter. Predatory electric companies continue to conduct these atrocious practices amid growing public outcry and damning national media scrutiny. Headlines in newspapers across the country highlight unnecessary tragedies as arctic winter months reveal the electric company's controversial conduct of shutting off the community's power, despite the rest of South Dakota having Seasonal Termination Protection Regulations.

... thousands of hectares of Indian land have been lost to dams. In North Dakota, a quarter of the Fort Berthold Reservation, shared by the Arikara, Mandan and Hidatsa peoples of the upper Missouri, for example, was flooded as a result of a staircase of dams (the Missouri River Development Project (MRDP), built during the 1950s and 1960s. The land lost included the best and most valuable and productive land on the reservation - the bottom lands along the river where most people lived.¹⁰⁵ Five different Sioux reservations also lost land. Again, the impact was quite severe: the dams destroyed nearly 90 per cent of the tribes' timberland, 75 per cent of the wild game, and the best agricultural lands.¹⁰⁶

Ultimately, the Missouri dams cost the indigenous nations of the Missouri Valley an estimated 142,000 hectares of their best land - including a number of burial and other sacred sites - as well as further impoverishment and severe cultural and emotional trauma. A guarantee, used to rationalize the plan in the first place, that some 87,000 hectares of Indian land would be irrigated was simply scrapped as the project neared completion. As researcher Bernard Shanks puts it: "MRDP replaced the subsistence economy of the Missouri River Indians . . . with a welfare economy . . . As a result of the project, the Indians bore a disproportionate share of the social cost of water development, while having no share in the benefits."¹⁰⁷

¹⁰⁴ Pittja 1994:54.

¹⁰⁵ Guerrero 1992.

¹⁰⁶ United States v David Sohapp, Snr et al., 477 US 906 (1986), cert. denied. Cited in Guerrero 1992.

¹⁰⁷ Guerrero 1992.

About CAN-DO

Founded by Eric Klein, CAN-DO has set a new standard for humanitarianism and is changing the face of philanthropy.

It quickly has become an organization people can trust and depend upon to "get it done" fast and effectively. It is a 501c3, relief organization dedicated to working on the local level to provide lasting solutions, with full accountability, efficiency, and results.

Video footage, photographs and the web site offer documentation of the organization's efforts at every phase. CAN-DO supporters take pride in watching their generosity directly affect the lives of those in need through the organization's VirtualVolunteer.TV.

CAN-DO's successful missions to bring immediate and direct relief to areas in need have captured the attention of renowned philanthropists including Oprah Winfrey and former president Bill Clinton. The organization was recently awarded the Global Compassion Award at the United Nations for its global impact, unparalleled transparency and accountability. For further information, please visit www.can-do.org or email Eric Klein at ek@can-do.org.

About the Republic of Lakotah

We are the freedom loving Lakotah from the Sioux Indian reservations of Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana who have suffered from cultural and physical genocide in the colonial apartheid system we have been forced to live under.

We are continuing the work that we were asked to do by the traditional chiefs and treaty councils at the first Indian Treaty Council meeting at Standing Rock Sioux Indian Country in 1974.

During the week of December 17-19, 2007, we traveled to Washington DC and withdrew from the constitutionally mandated treaties to become a free and independent country. We are alerting the Family of Nations we have now resumed our freedom and independence with the backing of Natural, International, and United States law.

We do not represent those BIA or IRA governments beholden to the colonial apartheid system, or those "hang around the fort" Indians who are unwilling to claim their freedom.

For further information, please visit www.republicoflakotah.com or call 605-867-1111.

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We Shall Remain

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host an interactive feature that invites Native Americans from all tribes to share their stories.

The American Experience also launched a We Shall Remain community outreach program. It is an engagement campaign that aims to spotlight local Native history and raise awareness about contemporary Native issues. Fifteen public television stations have received grants to anchor community coalitions that bring together universities, museums, schools, and cultural organizations to create public events and Native American programming in their communities. In partnership with the American Library Association, 17,500 libraries across the country will receive event guides to promote activities about Native history and culture.

There is also availability to a companion web site <http://www.pbs.org/weshallremain> which runs in three parts. The first launch happened in late 2008 and went live. It provided video trailers and clips from all five fills, production bios, episode descriptions, testimonials from partners, etc. The second phase, to be launched in early 2009, will highlight key contemporary Native issues, languages, and cultures. It also will introduce the Reel Native project. A series teacher's guide will provide suggestions for active learning and support the inte-

gration of Native history into social studies standards based curricula. In the final phase of the site, launching shortly after broadcast, all five We Shall Remain films, nearly eight hours, will be streamed! Talk about a long time coming.

Do not miss this time changing mark on your calendar. Watch this event and pass on the airing of it to others. Open your homes to someone who may not have a television set which is not uncommon in some Native American communities. It is important that we all will take in this spirit of truth. I know that a lot of people will watch in awe, some will be elated. Some will wonder if we are now finally at the threshold of acceptance into the

Bigger parts of this nations media distribution and contribution. Some will wonder if this will impact national and global views of what the First Peoples of this place have sacrificed, endured, and established. One thing however is certain. Within the wondering, there will be one thing nobody who watches the series will ever again question. An almost assimilated people, a culture that daily still struggles for its survival and place on its very own soil will no longer not be heard. Let it be said today and echoing forward that not only are we still here but the Great Spirit above has appointed this place for us on which to light our fires and here we shall remain. Tecumseh (Shawnee).

Showertime

The future of water supplies no one knows how long the current drought will last. It could be over next year or it could, as some are predicting, last another 25 years.

Whichever it is, we need to start conserving water now. Showertime is a simple, battery operated, five minute timer with a blue and red lighting sequence. The lights change from blue to red while showering and flash red during the last 30 seconds. A 3-minute reduction in shower time, from the average 8 to 5 minutes could save 6-15

gallons of water per shower per person per day. Showertime is more than a timer, it's a convenient reminder to "get out of the shower." One timer will last for approximately 365 showers or 1 year.

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The San Diego Region Working Together to Conserve Water

The 20 Gallon Water Challenge Water: Save it or Lose It

The 20-Gallon Challenge is a call for residents and businesses to reduce our region's water use on average by 20 gallons per person, per day.

Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation Supports the 20 Gallon Challenge

The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation is supporting the 20-Gallon Challenge for water conservation by producing and airing a TV announcement urging the region to save more water as part of its award-winning Community Awareness program.

The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation also is practicing water use efficiency by using a wastewater treatment plant to treat on average about 100,000 gallons of water a day. Water from this facility is treated and disinfected, recycled for landscape irrigation and non-potable uses in gaming and administration facilities.



photos Sarah Rich

Soaring Eagles at Grossmont College Pow Wow

by Roy Cook

The Grossmont College, GCC, pow wow weather is warm, sunny, pleasant in the day and comfortable in the evening. Inside the room is pulsating with the Pow wow tradition.

Grossmont College annual celebration of life brings together the urban and rural tribal population into mutual co-operation. The institution provides the facility but essentially no other support. GCC advisor, Tom Gamboa related, "This Pow Wow has always had a theme of "Indians helping Indians." Also, Tom announced a substantial amount to be added to the student scholarship fund.

Each year this last Saturday in February is the Grossmont Community College, GCC, culture event.

This Pow wow is always good for lot of fine Southern plains tradition to enjoy. There are many American Indian military veterans and very dedicated Traditional society dancers live for gourd dance and these five hours of magnificent songs!

There is an electric tension in the air in anticipation of the Grand Entry. The GCC pow wow is one of the first of the season after the holidays. The American Indian Warriors Association, AIWA, is the Honor Guard that brought in the flags.

Our good friend Randy Edmonds, SCAIR Senior advisor, is the Emcee again and he keeps us smiling and informed as the afternoon and evening circle of life sparkles and shines.



Buffalo Field Campaign Yellowstone Bison

Since a lone bull came wandering across the hills and gullies of Yellowstone National Park's northern boundary on November 15 and was promptly shot, there hasn't been a single wild buffalo in Montana. Buffalo Field Campaign has been taking advantage of this atypical downtime by working double time in the legal and policy arenas, with our singular focus on providing Yellowstone buffalo unimpeded access to their habitat in Montana.

We need your help.

With a new administration in Washington, positive change for the buffalo has never been more promising. But we must let President Obama know about the wild Yellowstone buffalo, their importance, and what he can do to stop the slaughter.

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to send a letter to President Barack Obama using BFC's new Take Action Center. And if you've already sent one yourself, please share the letter with your family members, friends, and acquaintances. President Obama has already received nearly 800 letters for the buffalo. It is up to each of us to make sure he hears from thousands more.

We have drafted a sample letter for your convenience, but please be sure to personalize it and ask President Obama to help the buffalo in your own words.

On a more local level, Buffalo Field Campaign representatives travelled to Helena recently to testify in favor of House Bill 253, the Montana Wild Buffalo Recovery and Conservation Act of 2009, which would have removed bison management authority from the Department of Livestock and invested it with the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Many of you who are Montana residents

contacted your representatives in support of this bill. While the overwhelming majority of speakers at the hearing supported the legislation, the Montana Stockgrowers Association opposed it and it was tabled in committee, meaning it is unlikely to come up for a vote.

Horse Butte Bison Habitat Update

Attorneys for the Montana Board of Livestock and Earthjustice recently filed motions to dismiss a second complaint filed by the Montana Stockgrowers. The Stockgrowers claim recent adaptations to the Interagency Bison Management Plan allowing bison to migrate outside of Yellowstone National Park in Hebgen Basin violates their constitutional rights to a "clean and healthful environment."

The Last Wild Buffalo in Montana, 1882

"The summer after I came out Mr. Alderson killed the last buffalo ever seen in our part of Montana. A man staying with us was out fishing when he saw this lonesome old bull wandering over the hills and gullies above our house--the first live buffalo seen in many months. He came home and reported it, saying: 'Walt, why don't you go get him?' And next morning Mr. Alderson did go get him.

That afternoon he suggested that we take the spring wagon and go up to where the old bull had fallen. There he lay in the green brush at the bottom of a draw--the last of many millions--with the bushes propping him up so that he looked quite lifelike. I had brought my scissors, and I snipped a sackful of the coarse, curly hair from his mane to stuff a pillow with."

Announcing the largest celebration of science innovation on the West Coast

San Diego Science Festival: Feb 28 - Expo Day on April 4, 2009

Save the Date for Expo Day, Saturday, April 4 at Balboa Park. IT'S FREE and guaranteed to be fun for all ages!

About the Festival:

Have you ever wanted to sit down and chat with a Nobel Laureate? Did you know that red wine not only goes well with steak, but also has anti-aging properties? Have you ever wanted to uncover the mysteries of baseball's knuckleball? These and other intriguing questions will be answered at the Inaugural San Diego Science Festival (SDSF), the biggest celebration of science the West Coast has ever seen!

Inspired by international science festivals that draw crowds in the hundreds of thousands, the goal of the San Diego Science Festival is to increase community awareness of science and inspire our nation's youth to consider science-related careers. At the same time, the science festival will unite our community and

showcase the amazing science and innovation taking place throughout San Diego.

From the science of wine to the physics of skateboarding to the science of the magic behind Harry Potter to the mathematics of juggling, experience over 500+ free and entertaining science outreach activities throughout the month of March. Programs include on-site activities at local schools, once in a lifetime field trips, and science workshops at local businesses and research facilities suitable for all ages.

The Festival concludes with Expo Day, a day long celebration of science in Balboa Park on Saturday, April 4 with over 350 fun hands-on, entertaining and education activities, demonstrations and stage performances.

Still curious??

Learn more at <http://www.sdsciencefestival.org/>

HBS-ACCION Program on Strategic Leadership for Microfinance

A unique opportunity to expand strategic thinking. A proven case-study approach. An energized environment in which to consider your role in finance at the base of the pyramid. The seven-day Harvard Business School-ACCION Program on Strategic Leadership in Microfinance offers finance leaders from around the world an exceptional opportunity to connect with peers while engaging with some of the HBS faculty's foremost thinkers in business strategy and management.

Building on three highly successful years, the 2009 course offers for a curriculum for all financial institutions – from microfinance specialists to conventional commercial banks – engaged in expanding finance to underserved clients around the world. In 2006, 2007 and 2008, HBS and ACCION brought together microfinance practitioners from 61 countries – including 41 CEOs from some of the field's leading microfinance institutions.

"The high quality of the materials, of the teaching, the participation of the participants, everything contributed to create a very stimulating environment for learning."

"Excellent opportunity to understand the global state of the industry and what is possible."

"The experiences in the case, the wealth and competency of the lectures and contents of subject matter were not only relevant but very inclusive and gave me good tools to do a better job."

Participants in the 2009 program can expect to leave the course with an enhanced perspective on their leadership roles as well as insights on commercial finance that will shape their strategies in a rapidly changing industry.

For questions about the program, please email: hbsaccion@accion.org

For additional information regarding the HBS campus experience, please visit: www.exed.hbs.edu/campuslife

Start doing what you like – now

by Nate Khouli, *Ourmindyourworld.com*

My entire life, the closest people to me have been using a peg and hammer to grind into my mind the policy of hard work. After existing a 3rd of my statistically expected life span, I have been steadily driving towards a new outlook and approach on living. Don't listen hard, follow hard, or work hard, do hard.

(To work: "exert oneself by doing mental or physical work for a purpose or out of necessity"; "I will work hard to get a lot of money") No, that's not how it works.

What I'm going to note here are three things I did, to attain a life filled of friends, money, and power, without anything being handed to me ... that is, before hustling.

1 - This is going to seem a little "by the book", but what anyone needs to think about first is, "What do I really like doing". Doesn't matter whether it's fishing, eating food really fast, making paper airplanes, programming, making candles, convincing people of things, helping people lose weight, throwing parties, or even just talking. As long as it's identified, it can start forming into something great. For me, it's business, promotion, photography, and graphic design.

2 - The next thing I did was figure out a way, I can use what I love doing, to help people. I have interacted with a lot of people in my life, good ones, bad ones, greedy ones, shy ones, crazy ones, artistic ones, jealous ones, brilliant ones, old ones, young ones, hater ones, boring ones, lazy ones, cool ones, and slutty ones. These are the kinds of people that our beautiful world is filled with, and it's almost impossible appeal to them all. I make them money by making their product look a bit more presentable, making their business run better, making their events sell more tickets, making their looks better, and inspiring by presenting my thoughts and opinions through design.

3 - The last thing to do, and in which I am still currently doing, is figuring out a way to make my ways of helping people, scalable. Maybe it's through a website, maybe it's through a blog, maybe it's through a brick and mortar storefront, maybe it's through a conference or tour, maybe it's through selling my ideas, who knows.

In reality, what it all comes down to, is how much am I going to offer to the people that are giving to make it possible for me. Selling cheese burgers works, but is that all I'm capable of?

Nations of the Four Directions

Nations of the 4 directions is a 2 spirit / twin spirit (LGBT) organization that provides support for Native American 2 spirits / twin spirits. The group is looking for more Indians to march in the Gay pride parade, allies are welcome

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Book Review

by Rose Davis

Everything You Know about Indians is Wrong

by Paul Chaat Smith

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1192 pages, 5 3/8 x 8 1/2

Indigenous American Series.

I read Paul Chaat Smith's book backwards. I was afraid of it. The title alone was enough to rattle my fragile nervous and emotional system: "Everything You Know about Indians is Wrong."

I was terrified that all of the nourishment that I have absorbed through the many sacred and cultural gatherings that I have been attended and the strength that it provides to get through each day, would be unraveled and torn away and thrown beneath my feet as wasted human energy

Like a cowardly, impatient reader of a "who done it" novel I snuck to the end of the book to quell my curiosity. The comforting words on the last pages were good medicine. The author explains that the assembled pages were never intended to be a book, but rather a compilation of essays that he had written during his life as an academic and American Indian community leader. As an associate curator of the National Museum of the Smithsonian Institution and former radical in the American Indian Movement in the 1970s, Mr. Smith is in a perfect position to assess the cultural pulse of his people

In an assortment of discordant essays, Paul Smith manages to wrench all that has been deemed 'holy' from the mystic of the American Indian. In a not so "tongue-in-cheek" stream of consciousness, aided by sweeping generalizations, he assails the Indian as cultureless and dysfunctional. His words have taken the indigenous psyche to the woodshed and pounded it. In so doing he has invited us to expose our cultural identity crises to the entire world.

This benign assault on our collective consciousness and imagination was a sometime uncomfortable read. I chose to look to the positive in the hope that Mr. Smith's thoughts may force us into a survival mode, to identify and save our view of the world and our place in it, by all means necessary.

During these worldwide, culturally turbulent times of change, we can use these observations to ignite our passion as individuals and community members to answer the question that Paul Chat Smith asks on page 91 of his book: Are Indian people allowed to change? Are we allowed to invent completely new ways of being Indians which have no connection to previous ways we have lived? Authenticity for Indians is a brutal measuring device that says we are only Indian as long as we are authentic.

"Everything YOU Know about Indian is Wrong" presents us with intellectual and cultural challenges that beg to be addressed. The book is due to be published in May. At that time I may throw caution to the wind and read it from front to back.

The 6th Annual Asian Heritage Awards aboard the USS Midway Museum

Asia Media and Community Honor Outstanding Asian-Americans this Summer

SAN DIEGO, CA – Community leaders from throughout Southern California will come together Saturday, July 25th, aboard the USS Midway Museum in San Diego to celebrate the Sixth Annual Asian Heritage Awards. Titled "Legacy and Legends," the event honors outstanding Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their contributions in 14 fields, ranging from education to youth leadership.

Asia Media Inc.'s signature event, the Asian Heritage Awards allows the general public to nominate individuals or organizations in each of the various categories; after nominees are finalized, it is left to the public to determine the winners by voting. This year, a new category has been created honoring the military. The call for nominations begins Feb. 20. Nominations may be submitted by completing the form appearing in the newspaper ASIA, The Journal of Culture & Commerce.

This will be the largest year yet for

the Asian Heritage Awards, as it brings together government officials, business owners, corporate executives, community leaders, military officers and members of the Asian Pacific Islander community in what has become one of the most prestigious events taking place in Southern California. For the last two years, the Awards were honored for their public service by the San Diego Press Club. The event will be emceed once again by San Diego Channel 8's Marcella Lee while Silk Road Productions will produce the ceremony.

The Asian Heritage Awards will benefit the Asian Heritage Society, a nonprofit corporation that serves as a force for building the next generation of Asian American leaders and promotes the Asian Pacific Islander community through media, educational programs and other means that foster a greater understanding of the diversity of Asian culture. For more information, contact Asia Media Inc. at 619 521 8008.

lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel Tribal Court

Case# Santa Ysabel-1762008

Conclusion of case Vice-Chairwoman Brandie Taylor vs Chairman Johnny Hernandez for relieving her of her duties as the Vice-Chairwoman

After due deliberation and considering arguments and the matter as stated above the Court herein concludes that Chairman Hernandez's act of dismissing the Vice-Chairwoman was beyond his scope of his constitutional authority and far exceeded his powers as Chairman. The Vice-Chairwoman is hereby reinstated in her full capacity as a duly elected constitutional officer and shall perform those duties and assume those responsibilities per term and conditions under which she was elected (those as delegated and enumerated under the old Constitution).

In addition while it was not argued as an equitable factor in this case she is to be paid any all back wages, which may have been paid to her if she was not dismissed. Chairman Hernandez is further ordered to notify any and all person, organizations, business, or social entities or anyone else he has previously informed of the Vice-Chairwoman dismissal that she has been fully reinstated to her dully elected position.

Chief Judge Anthony Brandenburg was the presiding Judge. Dated this 11th day of February 2009

Elousie Cobell

BROWNING, MT – Elousie Cobell, the lead plaintiff in the 13-year-old class action lawsuit over the federal government's mismanagement of Individual Indian Trust accounts, said today she was pleased that Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has stated the Obama administration will try to settle the litigation.

In testimony before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee Thursday, Salazar said he "will try to bring" the case "to conclusion."

The secretary also said he was aware that two previous Interior secretaries had been held in civil contempt in the case.

Ms. Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, said that the more than 500,000 Indians covered by the lawsuit want to see the case resolved properly.

"We are happy that the Obama administration appears to be taking a positive view toward resolving our case," Ms. Cobell said.

"The Secretary must understand that the Cobell litigation cannot be settled unless such settlement is fair, equitable, and in accordance with trust law."

Procurement Services Department Business Opportunities Group

CURRENT BID OPPORTUNITIES

It is the policy of the San Diego Unified Port District (District) that all businesses, including Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), have an equal opportunity to compete and participate in District contracting opportunities.

Advertised contract opportunities have been updated as of week ending March 6, 2009.

As an ADVOCATE for your membership or clients, please notify those who as primes or subcontractors may be able to

provide the services or products advertised.

To view opportunities click on one or both of the following links:

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- Requests for Proposals, Requests for Bids/Qualifications, Requests for

Quotations: <http://is.gd/1894>

To register as a vendor with the Port click on the link: <http://is.gd/1FFb>

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Tell Congress to Open Up the Radio Dial

The Local Community Radio Act of 2009 (H.R. 1147) was just introduced in the House. The Act nearly passed in the last Congress with the support of more than 100 members -- including Rep. Susan Davis.

With just a little urging from you, Rep. Davis will support the bill in this Congress and help usher in a new era of better radio:

Tell Congress to Open Up the Radio Dial

This Act would open up the airwaves to

more Low Power FM (LPMF) radio stations, creating a megaphone for new bands, fostering more local and independent news and giving people across the country a chance to break into radio. This is how we inject new blood into a radio system that could be better serving all of us.

Please get Rep. Davis on board by contacting Susan Davis and urging her to support the Local Community Radio Act of 2009 (HR. 1147)

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Viejas Enterprises Receives Business of the Year Award



Viejas Tribal Vice Chairman, Robert 'Cita' Welch, Jr., accepts the Business of the Year Award from East County Chamber Chairman, Brian Gray.

SAN DIEGO, CA – At an inaugural celebration, Viejas Enterprises was awarded the East County Regional Business of the Year by the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce.

The first “Bet on the Chamber” celebration, held at Viejas’ DreamCatcher Lounge, recognized over 20 outstanding East County businesses. The Chamber annually recognizes businesses throughout East County that have made a substantial contribution to the community. Viejas was the proud recipient of the highest award due to their continual community support and exceptional

business practices.

“Being awarded the business of the year by the East County Chamber is quite an honor,” said Viejas Tribal Chairman, Bobby L. Barrett. “The East County community is lucky to have so many outstanding businesses contributing to the local economy. Viejas works hard to be one of the best year after year, and we are thankful to be recognized for our efforts.”

About the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians is a sovereign Nation whose people have inhabited the San Diego County area for

thousands of years. The 1,600 acre Viejas Indian Reservation is located near Alpine, California, approximately 35 miles east of San Diego. Viejas Enterprises operates the Tribe’s business entities, including the Viejas Casino; Viejas Outlet Center; Viejas Entertainment & Production; Three Fires LLC and Four Fires LLC, two partnerships that have developed hotels in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, California; Borrego Springs Bank; three radio stations and two RV parks. For more information, visit www.viejasband-of-kumeyaay.org.

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Legal gambling can be one of most profitable businesses around.

Take for example Penn National Gaming. The company owns four Argosy and four Hollywood casinos; manages the 200,000 square foot Rama Casino in Canada; owns three other casinos, including the Empress Joliet; operates telephone and internet wagering on races, and owns nearly a dozen OTB facilities and racetracks, some with slot machines, including Penn National Race Course. All this legal gaming brings in revenue of about \$1.5 billion a year.

But even casinos have expenses. So, Penn Gaming’s net income is \$160 million.

Making a profit of more than 10% on sales is not bad.

But Penn Gaming just received \$700 million in cash. And the only thing it cost was some lawyers’ fees.

By the time you read this, Penn Gaming will have received another \$775 million, in what effectively is an interest

free loan.

How did Penn Gaming get so much money, at virtually no cost? For doing nothing. Specifically, for not being bought.

Back in the heady days of corporate takeovers, in June 2007, some private equity firms and large banks worked out a deal to buy the publicly traded Penn Gaming for about \$6 billion. During the year it took to get the many government approvals, the Bush Recession erupted. Gas is now more than \$4.00 a gallon, millions of people fear unemployment and foreclosure, and banks are reluctant to lend money to anybody. Casinos, tracks, and the stocks of the gaming companies that own them, have been hard-hit.

Although the investment companies seemed willing to complete the deal, their banks refused to come up with the money. Things really are as bad as they seem in the credit market. The banks, astonishingly short-sighted, are paying

hundreds of millions of dollars, to not buy a company that they will undoubtedly want to help buy in a few years.

One of the main reasons the buyers had to pay so much to get out of the deal was the great work Penn Gaming’s lawyers did during the negotiations.

Lawyers have to think about the bad and the ugly as well as the good. A lawyer should always ask, “What if things don’t work out?” Partnership law, for example, expressly states how losses will be divvied up, because people going into business together often think only about how they are going to split the profits.

Penn Gaming’s lawyers thought the deal would go through, but, just in case, they wrote in some great protections for the company.

First, they put in a \$200 million kill fee. If the buyers tried to back out, they would have to fork over much more than Penn Gaming makes in a year.

The buyout agreement also had provisions dealing with the possibility of the banks having trouble raising the money. All of these protected Penn Gaming, including the express right to obtain an injunction, a court order requiring the

buyers to perform.

Penn Gaming’s legal position was so strong that when the buyers tried to renegotiate at a lower price, Penn’s executives refused to budge. To get out of the deal, the buyers had to agree to give \$700 million in cash and another \$775 million in what amounts to an interest-free loan.

This puts Penn Gaming into a great position when either the price of gas comes down or Americans get use to paying what Europeans have paid for years. With so much cash and property, Penn Gaming will be sold for many billions, when investment funds again become available.

In the meantime, Penn Gaming and its shareholder have to thank the company’s lawyers for getting it a billion and a half dollars in cash for NOT being sold.

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Viejas Casino Supports National Problem Gambling Awareness Week

SAN DIEGO, CA – Viejas Casino (<http://www.viejas.com>), one of southern California’s most successful casinos, is reaffirming its commitment to combat problem gambling during National Problem Gambling Awareness Week March 1-7, 2009.

Viejas Casino has been a national leader in efforts to bring awareness to the issue of problem gambling. In 2007, Viejas Casino became the first casino in the nation officially certified as a responsible gambling facility. To earn the certification, casinos must meet stringent guidelines established by the California Council on Problem Gambling (CCPG), including training for more than 60% of frontline casino employees. These efforts will continue in 2009:

- In partnership with the CCPG,

Viejas Casino will provide additional training on responsible gambling to employees in 2009.

- Viejas Casino will be working with the CCPG to encourage casino customers to gamble in moderation and advise them on seeking assistance for problem gamblers. Frontline casino employees will wear buttons, and flyers will be made available throughout the casino, providing information including the 800-GAMBLER phone number for assistance.

- Viejas Tribal Chairman Bobby L. Barrett will contribute a column about the issue of problem gambling for *Indian Country Today*, one of the leading Native American publications. Click here for a link to his column or copy this link into your Internet browser: www.viejasband-of-kumeyaay.org/html/resources/press1.cfm

[ofkumeyaay.org/html/resources/press1.cfm](http://www.viejasband-of-kumeyaay.org/html/resources/press1.cfm)

“A vast majority of customers visit our casino, enjoy the games, food and entertainment and have a wonderful time,” says Viejas tribal chairman Bobby L. Barrett, the only tribal Chairman ever to be certified in responsible gambling. “But for those few who develop a problem, we are well prepared to direct them to assistance. We are proud of our partnership with the California Council on Problem Gambling and our Tribe’s leadership position on this important issue.”

About Viejas Casino
Located directly off I-8 on Willows Road, just 35 miles east of San Diego in Alpine, Viejas Casino has been voted San Diego’s best casino nine years in a row and offers thousands of slots, over 80 table games, bingo, off-track wagering and six delectable dining options, including the contemporary V Lounge. For more information on Viejas Casino visit www.viejas.com or call 1-800-847-6537.

New coin issued

The official \$1 Native American coin for 2009 has been released. It



features a Native American woman planting seeds in a field of corn, beans and squash, representing what’s known as the “Three Sisters” method of planting.

Public Law 110-82 directed the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue the new \$1 coin to recognize Native Americans for their contributions to the history and development of the United States.

Senator Reid says Nevada ready to lead Green Energy Renewable Energy Movement

Special to Indian Voices

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nevada can generate enough electricity from renewable sources to justify building a major transmission line without constructing any more coal-fired power plants, the federal government's chief electricity regulator said today.

The development of wind, solar and geothermal sources coupled with the aggressive pursuit of energy efficiency in Las Vegas could allow the state to be powered entirely by Mother Nature within the next 15 to 20 years, said Jon Wellinghoff, a Nevadan who is acting chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

"In my opinion there are sufficient renewables in the state of Nevada to power the entire state," Wellinghoff said during a reporter roundtable. The event

was organized by the Platts Energy news organization.

Wellinghoff's comments came as NV Energy, the state's major utility, announced early this week it was postponing the \$5 billion Ely Energy Center, a 1,500-megawatt coal-fired power plant.

Instead of developing the Ely coal plant, NV Energy will invest in renewable power projects, energy efficiency programs and power plants that burn natural gas, Chief Executive Officer Michael Yackira said.

At the same time, NV Energy said it will continue developing a 250-mile transmission line to connect Northern and Southern Nevada. The company said it expects to complete the line by 2012.

"The north-south intertie could allow Nevada to be one of the first states that could be largely powered by renewable energy," said Wellinghoff, a utilities law

specialist who earlier in his career was Nevada's first utility consumer advocate.

While advocates of the coal plant at one time argued the transmission segment could not be viable without the power facility, Wellinghoff said "there is no question" it can be done.

In fact, he said afterward, the proposed NV Energy transmission line might end up being supplanted by the TransCanada Corp., which is planning a big electricity line from Montana to Lake Mead that is being advertised to deliver green energy to the Southwest.

"It is certainly doable and it is already being shown in a business plan of a \$50 billion company that is TransCanada," he said.

Wellinghoff said he believes there will be no further coal plants built in Nevada, even as two independent power companies, LS Power and Sithe Global Power,

continue to pursue coal projects in the state.

"I think that day has passed," he said, due largely to the uncertainty over carbon pollution from coal.

"Everybody right now is looking at what is going to happen with carbon," he said. "Until the Congress and the administration decide what to do with carbon, I don't think anyone is going to build any more coal because there is too much investor risk."

Wellinghoff was confirmed by the Senate to the five-member FERC board in 2006, and reconfirmed to a full five-year term in 2007.

President Barack Obama named him acting chairman last month, and there is widespread expectation he will be named full chairman. He has become known as an advocate of renewables and conservation on the board.

Nevada Commission on Tourism selects three candidates to fill director position

CARSON CITY, NV — The Nevada Commission on Tourism (NCOT) selected three candidates Monday to fill the vacant director's position and will send the names in a letter to the governor, who makes the final choice.

Commissioners made the selection after interviewing five finalists for the position. Their most recent employment experience and tourism-oriented highlights, as represented in their resumes, are listed below.

Selected were:

- Pasquale Barone, former managing director for global sales, Eos Airlines in Purchase, N.Y., December 2006 to May 2008; president of PLJC Consulting, Chicago, which created sales and marketing plans for tour operators; national manager for international leisure sales, United Airlines, Chicago, October 1977 to October 2005. Davenport University, Michigan, domestic and international marketing; fluent in Spanish and conversational French.. Residence: Danbury, Conn.

- Dann H. Lewis, project manager for the Transportation and Tourism Research Initiative with the Maine Department of Transportation, February 2007 to February 2008; acting commissioner, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, January to August 2003; director of tourism, July 1995 to February 2007. Also, director of tourism, deputy commissioner of commerce, I Love NY Campaign, New York State Department of Commerce, 1978-1980; deputy director of tourism and

Nevada delegation reacts to President's budget cuts to Yucca Mountain

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Nevada Congressional Delegation today spoke enthusiastically about the federal budget cuts to funding for the proposed nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain, which were unveiled by President Obama today. The budget outline released today makes it clear that the federal government is moving away from Yucca Mountain and looking for better solutions to dealing with nuclear waste.

For years the Nevada Delegation has been working together to fight the dump and cut Yucca's budget to historically low levels.

The language in the president's budget outline is below:

"Focuses on the Cleanup and Management of Radioactive Waste and Nuclear Materials."

The Budget focuses on improved performance and accountability for the environmental legacy of the Nation's nuclear weapons program by addressing health and safety risks across the country. The Yucca Mountain program will be scaled back to those costs necessary to answer inquiries from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, while the

Administration devises a new strategy toward nuclear waste disposal."

"It was very easy working with the Obama Administration to bring about these cuts," said Senator Harry Reid. "In the future people will say that President Obama kept his promise to the people of Nevada."

"The president's budget cuts to Yucca Mountain are a positive step for Nevada," said Ensign. "The Nevada Delegation has been united in its fight to kill Yucca and have said all along that a new strategy is necessary. I'm hopeful that a 'scaled back' Yucca is a Yucca that never happens. This project is dead, and this announcement is another indicator that our efforts are paying off."

"The president's commitment to further slash future funding for Yucca Mountain -- combined with a \$100 million cut in the dump's current budget -- will enable Nevada to land the knockout punch we need against this failed project," said Congresswoman Shelley Berkley. "Rome was not built in a day, and Yucca Mountain will not close tomorrow, but this brings closer than ever before to permanently eliminating

this threat to Nevada's future. Yucca Mountain is twenty years behind schedule, its \$100 billion budget is bloated and support for this pile of radioactive pork has never been lower. We can safely store nuclear waste at reactor sites, go back to drawing board, and find a real solution that does not involve burying this radioactive menace in the Nevada desert for the next one million years."

"The Nevada delegation has worked for decades in a bipartisan manner to stop the Yucca Mountain Project," said Congressman Dean Heller. "The president's budget recognizes that this project is a waste of taxpayer's dollars and a threat to the health and safety of all Nevadans. While this is a positive step forward, we need for President Obama to go further. I call on the president to fully eliminate funding for Yucca Mountain by 2011."

"I applaud President Obama for drastically cutting funding for Yucca Mountain. For years, we have fought against this disastrous plan to store nuclear waste in our backyard," Congresswoman Dina Titus said. "The president's budget is a significant step in the right direction. I have been opposed to Yucca Mountain from day one and I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Nevada delegation to kill this project once and for all."

international marketing director, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, 1967-1972. Bachelor of Arts, Dartmouth College; Residence: Brunswick, Maine.

- Tom Jensen, Realtor, Windermere Real Estate, South Whidbey Island, Washington, 2005-present; president and co-founder, International tourism Councils, 2001-2004, developing strategic marketing services for international tourism destinations, including Argentina, Vietnam and Peru. Also, director of mar-

keting, Heavenly Ski Resort, 1993-2004, executive director, Ski Lake Tahoe and Sierra Ski Marketing Council, 1988-1993. University of Washington, history major. Residence: Freeland, Wash.

State law provides that in selecting an NCOT director, the 11-member commission shall select three candidates from a pool of applicants and send their names to the governor, who makes the choice. The NCOT director position has been vacant since Tim Maland resigned in September.

The commission voted unanimously among members present, 9-0, to name Barone and Lewis, but disagreed on the third candidate, with five votes for Jensen and four for Pullen. Commissioners decided to rank Lewis and Barone as the top two candidates in the letter to the governor. They selected Jensen after their legal counsel advised that they must send three chosen from the pool of nearly 70 candidates who were vetted since the application deadline last fall.

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Las Vegas will be the host city of the 5th BWRC. The conference will be held on June 18-19, 2009, at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas. Registration for the 2009 conference is currently open at the BWRC web site. For registration, program, and other information, visit www.blackwriters.org.

Established in 2000, the Black Writers Reunion & Conference is best known for its engaging workshop presenters, outstanding topics, nurturing atmosphere, and professional organization. While BWRC does not discriminate against participants of any race, BWRC is the only touring writers’ conference presented both by and for Black writers. BWRC exists to educate, support, and motivate aspiring, emerging, and published writers, promoting and encouraging artistic expression and growth through skill development in the art, craft, and business of creative writing in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama as well as business and career endeavors in professional writing. For more information, visit the conference website at www.blackwriters.org.

Moapa Band of Paiutes Making a Difference For Nevada Residents

February 11th 2009 Moapa Band of Paiutes Vocational Rehabilitation held an open house to introduce the community to Project Input (Inspiring Native People to Uplift Themselves). Jimmy Begay and Liz Whitemagpie work relentlessly to enhance the quality of life for many disabled Native Americans, from all tribes, throughout Nevada. The open house was held at the Las Vegas office located at 900 E. Karen Suite A-110. There is also a location in Moapa on 12 Lincoln Street. The invitation stated light refreshments which I feel was quite an understatement, more like a small feast. Project Input is a community service that is very admiral. Project Input assists so many Indigenous people



Band of Paiutes Rehabilitation call (702) 307-3382 or go to www.moapapaiutes.com. For more information about the Gateway to Nursing Program call (702) 369-8642 or go to www.nvnacs.com.

who before seeking help thought there was no hope. Regina Brady, lead case manager for Native American Community Services was amongst the crowd. Native American Community Services provides many services to Nevada Resident's like the Gateway ti Nursing Program. Gateway is a needs based opportunity to enter the nursing field. They help their clients overcome any barriers they might face such as uniforms, fingerprinting and first aid training. To contact Moapa

Internet Sovereignty; Open Vision Networks

A new way to watch television has taken over the internet. Open Vision Networks was founded by Leroy Gordon, Jason Swanson & Sherman Bell. They are the creators and exclusive carriers of this new and exciting technology. Open Vision Networks informs the public about government issues and gives the private citizen a means to learn about their rights as such. The content is awesome and you have to see it



Las Vegas Indian Voices Corrdinator
Kena Adams with Beach

to believe it. During the G2E Conference, held in Las Vegas this last November, famous Native American actor Adam Beach announced his support for Open Vision Networks. Mr. Gordon informed Indian Voices that OVN (Open Vision Networks) has dedicated over 10 channels to the Native American community. “We have a Sovereign place on the internet,” as put by Mr. Beach. Leroy says he is quite excited about this new endeavor and

stated, “This is not about I, it’s about us. Open Vision Networks plans on building a strong foundation based on lasting relationships where all can prosper.” To view Open Vision Networks go to channel 400. It’s free to join so take advantage of OVN and log on to www.ovntv.com now!

Earth Hour

Saturday, March 28 • 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Help by turning off your lights for an hour. Las Vegas will lead more than 240 cities worldwide in this effort. For more information, visit <http://www.earth-hourly.org/>

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Pet Tip of the month

Jaycee Park is now open as of 2-23-09 but has been renamed Leavitt Park (Eastern & St. Louis). It has great dog amenities for your canine. Heaven Can’t Wait Sanctuary offers low cost spay and neutering \$115.00 for dogs and \$75.00 for cats. For more information call (702)227-5555 or visit www.hcwf.org.

Announcements

- Indian Voices offers condolences to the family of Randie “Top Gun” Jenkins.
- Moapa Travel Plaza “Indian Taco Wednesdays” I-15N exit 75

- Congress has passed a legislation extending the digital TV transition deadline to June 12, 2009 for more information visit www.dtv.gov

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Nevadan takes the helm of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

A Nevadan has been named acting chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

President Barack Obama today named Jon Wellinghoff acting chairman of the agency that oversees wholesale electric transactions and interstate electric transmission and gas transportation in the United States.

Wellinghoff, 59, is a front-runner to be nominated for the permanent position. His main competition appears to be fellow Commissioner Suedeen Kelly. John Norris, the current chairman of the Iowa Utilities Board, has also been discussed as a possibility to join FERC either as chairman or as a commissioner.

"I thank President Obama for the opportunity to lead FERC at a time when our nation faces the challenge of providing consumers with access to clean, renewable energy and ensuring that our nation can deliver that energy in the most efficient, smart and technologically sophisticated manner possible,"

Wellinghoff said in a statement.

A former consumer advocate and attorney who worked in renewable energy and efficiency fields, Wellinghoff is strongly aligned with Obama's energy agenda. He has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Nevada, Reno, and a law degree from the Antioch School of Law.

He was sworn in as a FERC commissioner by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in 2006 and was recently re-appointed to a second term.

Before joining FERC, he was in private practice and focused exclusively on client matters related to renewable energy, energy efficiency and distributed generation. While in the private sector, Commissioner Wellinghoff represented an array of clients from federal agencies, renewable developers, and large consumers of power to energy efficient product manufacturers and clean energy advocacy organizations.

Wellinghoff also was the primary

author of the Nevada Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Act. The Nevada RPS is one of the two states to receive an "A" rating by the Union of Concerned Scientists. In addition, he worked with clients to develop renewable portfolio standards in six other states. He is considered an expert on the state renewable portfolio process and has lectured extensively on the subject in numerous forums including the Vermont Law School.

His experience also includes two terms as the State of Nevada's first consumer advocate for customers of public utilities. While serving in that role, Wellinghoff represented Nevada's utility consumers before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, the FERC, and in appeals before the Nevada Supreme Court. While consumer advocate, he authored the first comprehensive state utility integrated planning statute. That statute has become a model for utility integrated planning processes across the country.

Tourism industry will strengthen marketing skills in Fallon at NCOT's annual Rural Roundup

CARSON CITY, NV — Tourism representatives from across Nevada will gather in Fallon April 1-3 for the 19th Annual Rural Roundup to learn the latest marketing skills for attracting visitors, whose spending stimulates local economies, Lt. Gov. Brian K. Krolicki announced today.

The Nevada Commission on Tourism (NCOT) produces the event to provide rural communities with information that helps strengthen marketing and communicating skills needed to generate tourism revenue.

"Rural Roundup is designed to kindle, inspire, motivate and encourage new ideas, contacts and skills," Krolicki, NCOT chair, said. "It's the only tourism gathering geared specially for all of Nevada beyond the two major urban cores of Las Vegas and Reno. Delegates get a valuable opportunity to network and share information with colleagues they might see only once a year."

Conference-goers April 2 will hear Joseph Michelli, Ph.D., author of "The Starbucks Experience: Five Principles for Turning Ordinary into Extraordinary," speak about the need to go beyond guest services to deliver an impressive experience that customers want to repeat.

Rick Gray, executive director of the Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority, and Jill Rowland-Lagan, CEO of the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce, will present tips for sustain-

ing special events that draw visitors, one of many concurrent programs presented twice so delegates can attend at least four.

Other concurrent sessions include sharpening writing skills, working with elected officials, launching effective e-mail campaigns, using arts as a tourism tool, using social media to boost an online presence, selecting and evaluating trade shows in which to participate and the value of being true to a brand and maximizing intrinsic qualities.

Veteran Reno broadcaster Sam Shad will speak about tourism's most relevant current topic: how to attract visitors in a down economy and get them to spend money.

Sherry Rupert, executive director of the Nevada Indian Commission, will speak at lunch about the potential for Native American tourism, and the tribal Eagle Wings Dancers will perform.

The dinner program will include announcing the winner of the \$1,000 June Stannard Rural Tourism Memorial Scholarship for a Nevada high school senior to pursue a degree in hospitality, travel or a tourism-related field at an accredited college or university. The late June Stannard was an official for the Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority whose dedication exemplified the spirit and passion for travel and tourism in rural Nevada.

Rural Roundup will begin April 1

with registration and a Fast Draw Championship at the Churchill County Museum, where members of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association will demonstrate their art using 1800s-model guns and holsters and then supervise a fast draw competition for Rural Roundup participants. A museum tour will follow.

NCOT will present nine awards for outstanding contributions to promoting tourism at the annual awards dinner April 2. Recipients will include one individual from each of the six tourism "territories," a Statewide Award, and awards for Excellence in Grants and Special Recognition.

Conference activities will conclude April 3 with a volunteer cleanup project at the Shoe Tree attraction near Fallon to remove trash and debris from the site. The lone cottonwood tree that stands beside U.S. Highway 50 is laden with thousands of discarded shoes passersby have flung into the branches, sustaining what has become a tourist attraction. Roundup participants can volunteer for the cleanup project when they receive a notice before the conference, or call Kari Frilot, NCOT's rural grants coordinator, at 775-687-4322.

For more information, visit <http://ruralroundup.com/agenda.aspx>, and to register online, go to <http://ruralroundup.com/registration.aspx>

75th Annual Hopi Festival of Arts and Culture Flagstaff Arizona July 5-6

The common threads throughout all cultures are the language, life ways, and art forms they share. The Museum of Northern Arizona's 75th Annual Hopi Festival of Arts and Culture immerses visitors in Hopi language and artistry, revealing the very essence of today's Hopi people and the ideas that pervade their daily life. The festival was started by Museum founders Harold and Mary-Russell Ferrell Colton in an effort to encourage the survival of Hopi arts and crafts. The festival is now a tradition of Hopi families. The Hopi are descendants of the ancient Puebloan people whose cultural history is documented throughout the Four Corners region for thousands of years. The Hopi villages are located on mesas in northeastern Arizona. Traditionally, Hopi are dry land farmers who specialize in the cultivation of corn, beans, and squash. Hopi blue corn is adapted to the arid climate and plays an integral part in Hopi ceremonial life. More than 55 artisans travel from the Hopi mesas to share with visitors their life ways and artistic creations. By providing a deeper insight into the Hopi culture, this festival fosters communication and the exchange of ideas and offers an in-depth mix of art, music, performances and Heritage Insight presentations. Authentic expressions of cultural traditions and the voices of knowledgeable educators join together, creating cultural understanding and a forum for dialogue. Festival visitors gain insight from carvers, painters, jewelers, potters, quilters and basket and textile weavers as well as through cultural presentations, storytelling, music and dancing. Take a taste of piki or Hopi bread baked in outside ovens. Watch Hopi pottery being shaped, painted and traditionally fired. Walk the Museum's Rio de Flag Nature Trail with a Hopi medicine woman. And take part in insightful discussions about the Hopi values of humility, cooperation, respect, balance and earth stewardship. The Museum of Northern Arizona is one of the great regional museums in the world, surrounded by tremendous geological, biological and cultural resources in one of Earth's most spectacular landscapes. Indian Voices would like to thank the American Bus Association for all their support to the Native American community. Thanks Brandon.

Other attractions: Grand Canyon National Park, Hopi Reservation, Waupuki, Sunset Crater, Walnut Canyon and Montezuma Castle National Monuments, Lowell Observatory, Sedona

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Nevada gets its share and more in economic recovery package

While 35th in population, state gets proportional or better cut in 25 different categories

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Nevada will benefit as much or more than other states its size in tax relief, help to hungry families and unemployment assistance through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act recently passed by Congress. Nevada ranks 35th in population with more than 2.6 million residents as of July 2008, yet the economic recovery package led to passage by

Nevada Senator Harry Reid delivers a better-than-proportion cut of federal funding in 18 areas and an equal share in seven more categories.

The State Stabilization Fund designed to assist struggling economies like Nevada's delivers more than \$387 million to our state – a share equal to our 35th-ranked population. In health care, Nevada received the largest percentage increase of any state in Federal Medical Assistance Program (FMAP) funding with \$450 million in the package. This is money that will help the state avoid cutting eligibility for Medicaid and maintain the services available to recipients.

In addition to these areas, Nevada also fares better than its size in such vital parts as renewable energy funding, crime prevention, senior meal assistance, emergency food and shelter funding and more areas as well.

"The people of Nevada are hurting and we delivered relief for them in a great number of ways through this package," Reid said. "This is good legislation that creates jobs here in Nevada and will help get both our state and national economies back on track. It is not a perfect package, but I will continue working to make sure Nevada gets what it needs and more as we move forward toward better days in our state."

Loving Your Heart Conference

A women's conference on heart disease will be held on Saturday, April 25 at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Lifelong Learning Center. This is a no-fee conference with lunch provided; but you must pre-register to attend. For more information call the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension 702-257-5516, www.unce.unr.edu

Reid cuts additional \$100 million from Yucca Mountain Budget

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Nevada Senator Harry Reid announced that he was successful in cutting an additional \$100 million from the Yucca Mountain Project budget for FY09. The initial request made by former President Bush was \$494.7 million. Due to Reid's leadership, the final budgeted amount is \$288.4 million, \$206.3 million less than

requested.

"For more than 20 years I have been fighting to protect Nevadans and end the wasteful spending that is the Yucca Mountain Project," Reid said. "I am pleased that I was able to further cut Yucca's budget and help make brighter the light at the end of the tunnel."

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