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Greetings! As you know, the Lesson Plan Writing Retreat for the American Indian/Alaska Native Curriculum is scheduled for next week, June 20, 21 & 22, 2012 here in Carson City.

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### Language Activities Postponed

Pesa Awamoo'a,

The language program summer projects will be postponed for one week. Please share the new flyer and post. Eagle Wings will resume as scheduled. Pesa U!

[Language Upcoming Activities.docx](#)

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### **US government ordered to reimburse Native Americans**

**Native Americans are allowed to run public services independently of the federal government**

The US Supreme Court has ordered the government to repay Native American tribes the costs of providing public services, in a ruling that could be worth millions of dollars.

Under federal laws which allow the tribes to manage their own affairs, the government must reimburse them for the costs of these facilities.

But between 1994-2001 the Congress failed to allocate enough money.

The tribes will now be paid in the same way as any private contractor.

'Major victory'

In the 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court ruled on Monday that the Navajo Indians and several other tribes must be paid in full for the services they provided in 1994-2001, including education, environmental protection and security.

It said that it was not the fault of the tribes that Congress had imposed a ceiling on such payments because of the lack of funds.

"The government was obligated to pay the tribes' contract support costs in full," the court said in the ruling.

The federal payments reportedly covered between 77% and 92% of the costs, depriving the plaintiffs of hundreds of millions of dollars.

The verdict is a major victory for the tribes, the BBC's Paul Adams in Washington reports.

But the decision also has implications for contractors in general, as the court said the government has to abide by its promises, our correspondent says.

If a service had been performed, the court said, then it was not good enough simply to say the money was not there.

ROBERTS, C. J., dissenting

## SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 11-551

KEN L. SALAZAR, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

ET AL., PETITIONERS v. RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER ET AL.

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR  
THE TENTH CIRCUIT [June 18, 2012]

CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS, with whom JUSTICE GINSBURG, JUSTICE BREYER, and JUSTICE ALITO  
join, dissenting.

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### [Native Americans in court victory over US government AFP](#)

The US Supreme Court Monday ordered the government to repay to Native American tribes the costs of running federal programs including education, homeland security and environmental protection.

In a victory for the Navajo Indians and several other tribes, the top court ruled by five to four the government must reimburse in the full the funding spent on such programs which they run independent of federal authorities.

Under laws governing the Native Americans right to self-determination, the government committed to repay the entire costs of such programs run by the tribes for their people.

But Congress intervened setting a ceiling on such payments, and the Native Americans were not compensated for costs incurred from 1994 to 2001.

In 2000, Congress allocated \$1.6 billion to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for "the operations of Indian programs," but only \$120.2 million was given to the tribes.

Between 1994 and 2001, the payments only covered between 77 percent and 92 percent of the costs, the judgment read.

"We stressed that the government's obligation to pay contract support costs should be treated as an ordinary contract promise," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in the majority ruling which confirmed a Colorado appeals court decision.

"The government was obligated to pay the tribes' contract support costs in full."

In another case however, the Supreme Court agreed that proceedings could be taken against a tribe which had built a casino in northern Michigan. ( MATCH-E-BE-NASH-SHE-WISH BAND OF POTTAWATOMI INDIANS v. PATCHAK)

By eight to one, the court ruled in favor of the case brought against the Pottawatomi tribe which opened a casino close to Grand Rapids.

The plaintiff said the tribe had not recognized a 1934 law on Indian reorganization and as a result the land on which the casino was built was illegally ceded to the tribe by the government. The case will now return to the lower courts for a final decision.

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## **Monsoon Magic**

It's that time of year in Tucson, when the summer heat ramps up and the rainclouds start to gather. NSS members and guests are invited to join us for a short blessing for San Juan's Day and a practical hands-on workshop for prepping your monsoon garden presented by NS/S Board Member and Flor de Mayo owner Martha Burgess. Come dressed and prepared for heavy digging, design, and planting.

**Saturday June 23, 2012 6 am - 8 am**

Location: NS/S Conservation Center 3584 E. River Road Tucson, AZ 85718

Ideas will be shared for soil prep, appropriate varieties to plant for the season, and planting methods. A Monsoon Garden Seed collection will be available for purchase.

Items to bring: hat, sunscreen, water. Optionally, bring gloves, shovel, and food to share.

Free to members, \$10 for guests Contact: [belle@nativeseeds.org](mailto:belle@nativeseeds.org)

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## **The Buzz on Bees**

Longtime NS/S friend, volunteer, and beekeeper Linda McKittrick is leading an exciting workshop at [Tohono Chul Park](#) that explores our deep connections to these complex and vital insects. Sharing some of her tools of the trade, Linda will provide insight into bees as an integral part of a thriving food system, our health, and our planet.

**Saturday, June 23 11 am - 1 pm FREE**

## Welcome To Grizzly Creek Ranch

**Grizzly Creek Ranch Camp and Conference Center** is located on 1,500 beautiful acres in Plumas County, California. It's a place where healthy development is nurtured through a unique camping adventure in a fun, accepting and supportive environment that encourages growth and accomplishment.

Since the camp opened in 2003, we've worked with nonprofit organizations serving diverse populations, such as students, teachers, people with special needs and children considered at risk for a variety of social and economic reasons.

In addition to each group's own programming, participants have a wide variety of program options, including leadership development, social skills development and educational curriculum offerings in line with California and Nevada state standards. We also offer traditional camp activities, such as swimming, fishing, kayaking, archery, hiking, and arts and crafts.

### **Outdoor Education at Grizzly Creek Ranch**

Sierra Health Foundation has partnered with Sierra Nevada Journeys to launch a state-of-the-art experiential education program at Grizzly Creek Ranch for students in Northern California and Northern Nevada. Outdoor education programs combine youth development, science education, green technology, alternative energy and environmental stewardship to promote health, well-being and an appreciation of the outdoors.

Through partnerships and collaborations, Sierra Nevada Journeys provides opportunities for students to unplug from the indoors and plug into the outdoors. By experiencing the outdoors in a new and fascinating way, participants learn practical ways to become future stewards of the natural world and be a part of tackling some of the world's most pressing environmental issues.

[Download the Journeys Outdoor School brochure.](#)

Grizzly Creek Ranch also is available for conferences, corporate retreats and other events.

**For information about scheduling camp groups, outdoor education sessions, conferences or retreats at Grizzly Creek Ranch, contact Sierra Nevada Journeys at 775.223.9973 or [johnny@sierranevadajourneys.org](mailto:johnny@sierranevadajourneys.org).**

*Sierra Nevada Journeys is accredited by the American Camp Association for resident and day programs. For information on benefits of accreditation, visit the [American Camp Association web site](#).*

[Sierra Nevada Journeys](#) is the leading provider of experiential education and science enrichment in Northern Nevada and Northern California. Our goal is to transform education by making it come to life in the outdoors and through place-based learning.

Grizzly Creek Ranch is a project of [Sierra Health Foundation](#), a private philanthropy investing in and serving as a catalyst for ideas, partnerships and programs that improve health and quality of life in Northern California through convening, educating and strategic grantmaking.

<http://www.grizzlycreekranch.org/>

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### **No end in sight for 43-year water saga**

Mike Lee, San Diego Union

Tribune After 43 years of litigation, North County Indian bands have crafted a settlement with Escondido and the Vista Irrigation District to manage the waters of the San Luis Rey River.

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### **Weed infesting waters from Tahoe to Pyramid**

Jeff DeLong, Reno Gazette-

Journal A troublesome water weed that has spread through Lake Tahoe for decades is now established along the length of the Truckee River, posing possible problems of unknown scope and scale.

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### **May 23, 1923: Curley is buried at Little Big Horn**

The Crow scout Curley, the last man on the army side to see Custer and the 7th Cavalry alive, is buried at the National Cemetery of the Big Horn Battlefield in [Montana](#).

Born around 1859 near the Little Rosebud River, Montana, from an early age Curley had participated in fights with the Crow's hated enemy, the [Sioux](#). Like many of his people, Curley viewed the Anglo-American soldiers as allies in the Crow war with the Sioux. When he was in his late teens, he signed on as a cavalry scout to aid the army's major campaign against the Sioux and Cheyenne in the summer of 1876.

Lieutenant Colonel [George Armstrong Custer](#) and his 7th Cavalry arrived in the Powder River country of southern Montana in early June 1876. As Custer proceeded toward the Little Big Horn Valley, he found increasing signs that a large number of Indians lay ahead. On June 22, Curley and five other Crow scouts were detached from a different unit and sent to Custer to bolster his Arikara scouts.

On the morning of June 25, Curley and the other scouts warned Custer that a massive gathering of Indians lay ahead that far outnumbered his contingent of 187 men. Custer dismissed the report and made the unusual decision to attack in the middle of the day. Both the Crow and Arikara scouts believed this would be suicidal and prepared to die.

Right before the battle began, however, Custer released the Crow scouts from duty. All of the scouts, except for Curley, obeyed and rode off to relative safety. However, since the hills were now swarming with small war parties of Sioux and Cheyenne, Curley initially thought he would be safer if he remained with the soldiers. As the fighting gradually began to heat up, Curley reconsidered. He left Custer and rode to the east. Concealing himself in coulees and ravines, Curley avoided attack and made his way to a ridge about a mile and a half to the east. There he watched much of the battle through field glasses, the last man from the army side to see Custer

and his men alive. When it had become clear that Custer's army was going to be wiped out, Curley abandoned his looking post and rode away to warn the approaching Generals Terry and Gibbon of the disaster.

In the weeks following the battle, Curley provided an accurate and valuable account of the final moments of Custer's 7th Cavalry. Unfortunately, some interviewers later pushed the eager-to-cooperate Curley to revise his account and others simply misrepresented his testimony to fit their own theories. Consequently, for many years Curley was dismissed as a liar. Later historians, however, have vindicated the accuracy of Curley's initial story.

Little is known about Curley's life after the Little Big Horn, but at some point he moved to the Crow Agency in Montana where he died of pneumonia on May 21, 1923. Two days later, he was buried at the National Cemetery at the Little Big Horn Battlefield.

**Fact Check** We strive for accuracy and fairness. But if you see something that doesn't look right, [contact us!](#)

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## **Endangered sea turtles and shorebirds crushed on a National Seashore.**

Vast expanses of old-growth forest cut to the ground.

**The U.S. House of Representatives is taking direct aim at the Endangered Species Act and decades of protections for wild lands with its latest assault on wildlife.**

**[Urge your U.S. Representative to oppose HR 2578 -- a group of extreme anti-wildlife measures that would slash protections for our most vulnerable wildlife and special places.](#)**

**The House could vote as early as tomorrow on a monstrous, overreaching bill cobbled together by extremists willing to sacrifice our natural heritage.**

**This anti-wildlife bill would...**

- **Waive Endangered Species Act protections within 100 miles of our borders -- leaving jaguars, ocelots and other rare wildlife without a lifeline;**
- **Overtorn hard-fought, sensible rules that protect endangered sea turtles and shorebirds from being crushed by vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.**
- **Hand over tens of thousands of acres of old-growth forest in the Tongass National Forest to be clearcut by a private corporation. These ancient forests are home to rare pine martens, grizzly bears and other wildlife -- and provide clean water that salmon need to survive.**

**All told, this terrible bill would take a wrecking ball to our natural heritage.**

**It would undermine the Endangered Species Act, overturn decades of protections for our most special wild places, waive dozens of laws near our borders and severely weaken the landmark National Environmental Policy Act.**

**[Don't delay -- the House could vote tomorrow. Tell your U.S. Representative to stand up for our wildlife and wild places and oppose HR 2578.](#)**

**This is just the start of the latest onslaught against our natural heritage. Our wildlife and wild places need your voice now to help stop this anti-conservation bill today.**

**Sincerely, Robert Dewey, Vice President for Government Relations  
Defenders of Wildlife**

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## **AmeriCorps Grants Will Support 46,000 New Members Across U.S**

*276 Organizations Receive Grants to Boost Impact on Education, Vets, Disasters, and Other Areas*

Chicago -- As thousands of service leaders gathered at the National Conference on Volunteering and Service today, Corporation for National and Community Service CEO Wendy Spencer announced \$213 million in new AmeriCorps grants to strengthen the impact of more than 275 organizations across the country in tackling the most pressing challenges facing communities and the nation.

The grants will support more than 46,000 new AmeriCorps members who will serve from coast to coast, strengthening education, assisting veterans and military families, providing disaster services, fostering economic opportunity, preserving the environment, and expanding health services.

“AmeriCorps members are improving the lives of millions of citizens and making a powerful impact on the toughest challenges facing our nation,” said Spencer. “AmeriCorps members and the millions of volunteers they manage are an indispensable resource to nonprofit and government leaders at a time of social need and fiscal constraint.”

The grants carry out the vision of the bipartisan Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act and the agency’s strategic plan by targeting resources on a core set of critical problems and using performance measures to evaluate success. A complete list of grants is available [here](#).

The grants will go to a wide range of national and local nonprofits, faith-based groups, educational institutions, and Indian Tribes. After completing their service, AmeriCorps members supported by these grants are projected to use more than \$124 million in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or to pay back student loans.

The competitive grants announced today represent the first round of AmeriCorps grants for 2012. CNCS is also awarding \$116 million in formula funds to Governor-appointed state service commissions and territories. Commissions will sub-grant these funds this summer to organizations in their states to support additional AmeriCorps members. Together with other positions in AmeriCorps VISTA and NCCC, AmeriCorps is projected to support approximately 82,000 members this year.

The current year’s AmeriCorps grant cycle was highly competitive, due to the strong demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. Organizations requested more than twice as

much funding than was available, and only one in five applications for available funding was approved.

"The strong demand for AmeriCorps members is a testament to the value of this program and the powerful boost AmeriCorps members give to nonprofit and faith-based organizations," said Spencer. "AmeriCorps members bring energy and talent to supercharge nonprofits so that they can significantly increase their reach and impact."

Interest in AmeriCorps is also surging from those eager to serve. AmeriCorps received a record 582,000 AmeriCorps applications in 2011, a dramatic increase from the 360,000 received in 2009. "Americans want to make a difference, to have a purpose, to serve a cause larger than themselves," said Spencer.

### **Driving Community Impact**


The 2012 competition prioritized funding for education, disaster services, and veterans and military families, and also funded programs advancing economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, and healthy futures. Below are some examples of the organizations receiving funds:

- **Education:** As the largest part of the AmeriCorps portfolio, the 2012 grants will invest more than \$128 million to support 28,900 members serving in education. AmeriCorps members will teach, tutor, mentor, run afterschool programs, expand college access, and support other efforts to increase graduation rates and improve student academic performance. The grants provide vital support to national organizations such as City Year, Teach for America, Experience Corps, Citizen Schools, Campus Compact, and Admission Possible. State-wide programs including the Minnesota Reading Corps and America Reads Mississippi will be funded, as will local programs such as the Harlem Children's Zone, the model for the Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood Program.
- **Veterans and Military Families:** This year CNCS will make its largest investment ever in serving and engaging veterans and military families. More than \$6.2 million in grants will support 916 members serving through the American Legion Auxiliary, AMVETS, the California Department of Veterans Affairs, CADCA, Rebuilding Together, and other groups. Points of Light will receive \$992,000 for 75 members (about half veterans) to provide job readiness and community engagement support to help veterans reintegrate into civilian life. The Washington Vet Corps will engage 50 members (veterans and spouses) to assist veterans, active duty troops, and military families with transitioning from military service to higher education, training, employment, or entrepreneurship.
- **Disaster Services:** AmeriCorps will invest more than \$4.7 million to support 400 AmeriCorps members dedicated to helping communities prepare for and respond to disasters. The American Red Cross will engage 122 AmeriCorps members to train and educate citizens in disaster preparedness and response. The St. Bernard Project will engage 130 AmeriCorps members in New Orleans and Joplin, Missouri, to coordinate volunteers and repair hundreds of homes of impacted families.
- **Economic Opportunity:** Through their \$3.9 million grant, Habitat for Humanity will engage 300 AmeriCorps members across the country to recruit and supervise volunteers



and build and rehabilitate homes. The Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky will engage 45 members to build, renovate, and weatherize low-income housing and help homeless individuals transition into housing.

- **Environmental Stewardship:** The Corps Network received a grant to engage 3,158 AmeriCorps members in urban and rural areas across the country in a variety of environmental improvement projects while gaining valuable skills and training to increase their employment prospects. The Southwest Conservation Corps will engage 240 members to construct public access trails, remove invasive species, and perform energy audits and install energy conserving measures in low-income households in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico.
- **Healthy Futures:** The Rural Alaska Community Action Program will engage 15 members to serve their own predominantly Alaska native communities by helping local wellness coalitions to plan, implement, and evaluate service projects which build youth resiliency and prevent substance abuse and suicide in youth ages 12 to 18. In Mississippi, Living Independence For Everyone will engage 20 members to provide life skills training and peer support to increase the ability for individuals with disabilities to live independently or transition home from institutions.

The grants announced today implement Serve America Act program changes to increase AmeriCorps  impact, efficiency, and cost effectiveness. Almost 90% of the funded programs will use national performance measures to collect data on the impact of AmeriCorps across the country. This will allow for aggregated impact reporting on how AmeriCorps is addressing national challenges and will have a ripple effect on the larger nonprofit sector, increasing the focus on outcomes and performance.

The grants will continue AmeriCorps support of entrepreneurial organizations that bring innovative business-based approaches to citizen problem-solving. They will also continue AmeriCorps emphasis on expanding capacity by recruiting and managing other volunteers. Last year, AmeriCorps programs mobilized and managed 3.4 million volunteers for the organizations they serve with.

Most of the positions announced today will be available starting in the fall. Interested individuals can learn about available opportunities and submit an online application by visiting [AmeriCorps.gov](http://AmeriCorps.gov).

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**LIMITED SPACE REMAINS for Two Unforgettable Summer Institutes!**  
**Connect, Inspire, and Transform Student Learning K-16**  
with **Place as the Context, Service-Learning as the Strategy, and Sustainable Communities as the Goal**

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## IMLS NEWS

Librarians from across the country will be gathering this week in Anaheim, California, for the annual meeting of the American Library Association (ALA). The library community faces big questions about how to keep their services evolving in the digital world.

Several IMLS staff members will be on hand to answer questions about our grant, research, and program evaluation activities, and also to hear first-hand about trends, opportunities, and challenges.

We have recently announced several important grants. Among the recipients of the [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grants](#) this year are projects that support the education of librarians specializing in early childhood literacy; continuing education of public librarians, especially those serving in rural areas; and the professional development of those who preserve the nation's cultural heritage. The program is supporting early career development research projects to support the investigations of three, tenure-track, untenured faculty in graduate programs of Library and Information Science: Ryan Shaw at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Chirag Shah and Rebecca Reynolds of Rutgers University. Their research will explore greater chronological and geographical access to historical collections, gaming and individual learning, and collaborative information retrieval, respectively.

In addition we have announced support for OCLC WebJunction to help [engage libraries in national broadband adoption efforts](#). The grant will support several state librarians and Connect2Compete, a nonprofit that provides hardware, software, and training to help millions of Americans cross the threshold to broadband adoption. We also announced a planning grant to ALA and the Public Library Association to develop a [summer reading app](#) for release in 2013.

I'm also happy to announce a new "Talking Points" series. These are one-two page briefs with high-level data and talking points on key policy areas in which IMLS and the nation's libraries have made deep investments. This will be a continuing series. So far we have focused on the impact of library services on early learning, new Americans, digital literacy, workforce development, and seniors. [You can download the series here](#).

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Anaheim. —Susan Hildreth, Director, IMLS  
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### **Grant Awards Announcement: Native American Library Services Basic Grants**

IMLS announced today 235 grants serving 242 tribes and totaling \$1,666,000 for the Native American Library Services Basic Grant and Basic Grant with Education/Assessment Option Program. [Read More](#)

### **IMLS Awards \$50,000 to the Public Library Association to Prototype a Summer Reading App**

Libraries to develop new tools to combat summer learning loss. [Read More](#)

### **Call for Nominations: 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service**

The National Medal celebrates libraries and museums that make a difference for individuals, families and communities. Apply by October 15, 2012. [Read More](#)

### **New Report Explores Roles of Libraries and Museums in an Era of Participatory Culture**

Report from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Salzburg Global Seminar convening of 58 library, museum and cultural heritage leaders from 31 countries to explore the changing nature of "community," "access," "public value" and "participation writ large" in a digital world. [Read More](#)

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### **The passing of Mr. Elmer Brewster**

With much sadness I want to inform you that Elmer Brewster passed away this past Sunday after a courageous battle with cancer. Elmer obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Nevada, Reno and a Masters in Social Work from Arizona State and a Masters in Public Health from the University of California, Berkley. He began his career with IHS in 1984 as a Contract Specialist in the Phoenix Area and then became the Service Unit Director at the Schurz Service Unit. Elmer worked for 28 years in the IHS transferring to HQs in the early 1990's as the Director of the Urban program and later became the Director of the Business Office program. I worked with Elmer over 15 years and his effort and desire to improve the health care for AIAN people was obvious throughout his career and he made a very positive impact on our Health care system. A private family service will be held at a later date. Elmer's family asked that in lieu of flowers please make a donation to the American Cancer Society. Please keep his family in your prayers during this very difficult time. Harper, Carl L. (IHS/HQ)