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Attention! Attention! Attention! Attention!

What: Honoring the Goomsabay - Potluck Dinner

When: October 13th, 2012 at 5pm

Where: Carson Colony Senior Center

Due to the recent passing of two tribal members Tagum Goomsabay will be canceled. Although it is traditional to cancel events following the passing of an elder it is also important that as a people we continue to persevere and come together to continue our traditions. The WCRAC is here as the keepers of tradition in order to help maintain Washiw traditional ways and as an overseeing advisory council we are trying to make decisions that place Washiw culture, language, and tradition at the front of our communities while paying our respect to the families still mourning. So with that in mind we will be holding an honoring of the Goomsabay - potluck dinner, in honor of the runners who carried the message through the Washiw homeland, this upcoming Saturday October 13, 2012 at 5pm at the Carson Senior Center in Carson Colony. The word Goomsabay itself means "cleansing" and it is imperative that we as Washiw people continue to come together to heal our communities and people. When we think about Tagum Goo-msabay it is a celebration of our Tagum (pine nuts) as they have nourished our people for thousands of years and allowed us to survive. So with the recent fires that have destroyed our pine nut hills it is increasingly important that we give thanks to the pine nuts and come together

as a people to take care of our homeland. We hope to see you all there and a continued good harvest.

Sincerely, WCRAC (Washoe Culture Resource Advisory Council)

Starving the Future

By CHARLES M. BLOW

NYT

August 24, 2012

America is in trouble.

Emerging economic powers China and India are heavily [investing](#) in educating the world's future workers while we squabble about punishing teachers and coddling children.

This week, the Center for American Progress and the Center for the Next Generation [released a report](#) entitled "The Race That Really Matters: Comparing U.S., Chinese and Indian [Investments](#) in the Next Generation Workforce." The findings were breathtaking:

- Half of U.S. children get no early childhood education, and we have no national strategy to increase enrollment.
- More than a quarter of U.S. children have a chronic health condition, such as obesity or asthma, threatening their capacity to learn.
- More than 22 percent of U.S. children lived in [poverty](#) in 2010, up from about 17 percent in 2007.
- More than half of U.S. postsecondary students drop out without receiving a degree.

Now compare that with the report's findings on China. It estimates that "by 2030, China will have 200 million college graduates — more than the entire U.S. work force," and points out that by 2020 China plans to:

- Enroll 40 million children in preschool, a 50 percent increase from today.
- Provide 70 percent of children in China with three years of preschool.
- Graduate 95 percent of Chinese youths through nine years of compulsory education (that's 165 million students, more than the U.S. labor force).
- Ensure that no child drops out of school for financial reasons.
- More than double enrollment in higher education.

And the report also points out that "by 2017, India will graduate 20 million people from high school — or five times as many as in the United States."

[As I have mentioned before](#), a book written last year by Jim Clifton, the chairman of Gallup, called "The Coming Jobs War," pointed out that of the world's five billion people over 15 years

old, three billion said they worked or wanted to work, but there are only 1.2 billion full-time, formal jobs.

This should make it crystal clear to every American that we don't have any time — or students — to waste. Every child in this country must be equipped to perform. The country's future financial stability depends on it.

As if to underscore that point, the Center for American Progress pointed out that “between 2000 and 2008, China graduated 1.14 million people in the STEM, or Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, subjects; the United States graduated 496,000.”

But instead of dramatically upping our [investment](#) in our children's education so that they'll be able to compete in a future that has more educated foreign job seekers, we seem to be moving in the opposite direction. [A White House report](#) issued last Saturday noted that:

“Since the end of the recession in June 2009, the economy lost over 300,000 local education jobs. The loss of education jobs stands in stark contrast to every other recovery in recent years, under Republican and Democratic administrations.”

Not only is our education system being starved of investment, but many of our children are literally too hungry to learn.

A survey of kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers released this week by Share Our Strength, a nonprofit that seeks to end child hunger, found that 6 in 10 of those teachers say “students regularly come to school hungry because they are not getting enough to eat at home,” and “a majority of teachers who see hunger as a problem believe that the problem is growing.”

The report quotes a teacher in the Midwest as saying, “The saddest are the children who cry when we get out early for a snow day because they won't get lunch.”

It is in this environment that Representative Paul Ryan proposes huge cuts to food assistance programs. [As the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities points out](#), Ryan's plan “includes cuts in SNAP (formerly known as the food stamp program) of \$133.5 billion — more than 17 percent — over the next 10 years (2013-22), which would necessitate ending assistance for millions of low-income families, cutting benefits for millions of such households, or some combination of the two.”

Representative Todd Akin, he of “legitimate rape” infamy, even [said earlier this month](#) that the federal government should stop financing the National School Lunch Program altogether. That man is just a font of humanity.

We will need to make choices as we seek to balance the nation's budget and reduce the deficit, but cutting investments in our children is horribly shortsighted.

And, as we pursue educational reforms, beating up on teachers — who are underpaid, overworked and always blamed — is a distraction from the real problem: We're being outpaced in producing the [employees](#) of the future.

We're cutting back, while our children's future competitors are plowing ahead.

(Ed Note: Long time readers of this Journal know that I consider Malcolm Margolin's Heyday Press' publication "Native California" one of the best around and a MUST for every tribal library shelf. For those unacquainted, this will provide context. sdc)

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Malcolm Margolin **By NEH Staff**

September 18, 2012--National Endowment for the Humanities Chairman Jim Leach has awarded a Chairman's Commendation to Berkeley writer and publisher Malcolm Margolin for making extraordinary contributions to his community by telling the story of California's people and its resources with vision, commitment, and passion.

Margolin, executive director of Heyday, an independent nonprofit publisher, "brings a serious and jubilant lifelong commitment to publishing that has shaped our fundamental understanding of the people and places" that make up the state, said Ralph Lewin, president and CEO of Cal Humanities, the state council partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Margolin is a "national treasure and it is good to see him recognized as such."

NEH Chairman's Commendations are given to citizens who have made extraordinary efforts to bridge cultures, promote civility, preserve our legacy and advance humanistic endeavors. Margolin was the second American so honored. The first Chairman's Commendation was issued to Philip J. Lampi, a researcher at the American Antiquarian Society who has spent a lifetime researching and compiling local, state, and national voting records from 1787 to 1825.

Heyday publishes about twenty-five books a year that help celebrate and preserve knowledge of a California that might not otherwise be known. Margolin specializes in books that explore California history, natural history, literature, art, and ethnic diversity. He has published Gary Snyder, Pulitzer-prize winning author of *Turtle Creek* and other books; Wallace Stegner, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award; Rebecca Solnit, author of 13 books; Robert Hass, former US Poet Laureate and Ursula LeGuin, the fantasy and science fiction writer. At the same time Heyday's list includes work from many first time writers from neglected areas of California.

"I love people's kitchen voices," he says, "the voices they use when talking to their families. "

Today, in his seventh decade, he has recently founded new writing awards, a new annual literary anthology, sponsored more than two hundred outreach efforts throughout the state, and launched a new bookstore and community space in partnership with the California Historical Society.

Margolin started out as a writer and moved gradually into publishing . He grew up in Massachusetts, son of a Lithuania-born homemaker and an American father. As a young man, he attended the Boston Latin School and Harvard College, where he majored in English. After graduation, two years in Puerto Rico, and a trip to San Francisco during the Summer of Love, he bought a \$300 Volkswagen bus and headed West for good.

Supporting himself by writing for such publications as *Science Digest* and *Nation* magazines, Margolin and his wife, Rina, camped at Big Sur, armed with a copy of a book, *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*, wintered in Seattle, built a house out of driftwood on Vancouver Island, and visited Portland and Mexico before settling in Berkeley.

Margolin was working for the park district on trail maintenance when he started to get book contracts for volumes on parks, ecology, and native Americans. He typeset his second book himself, storing the volumes under his children's beds, and gradually moved into publishing, founding Heyday, an independent nonprofit publisher and cultural institution in 1974.

In 1978 he published *The Ohlone Way*, a story of the people of the San Francisco Bay area. Its introduction begins: "Before the coming of the Spaniards, Central California had the densest Indian population anywhere north of Mexico. Over 10,000 people lived in the coastal area between Point Sur and the San Francisco Bay. These people belonged to about forty different groups, each with its own territory and its own chief. Among them they spoke eight to twelve different languages that were closely related but still distinct so that oftentimes people living twenty miles apart could hardly understand each other. The average size of a group was only about 250 people."

Learning about Indians, says Margolin has "opened amazing doors—of pain, beauty, tortured history, humor. . . I would make a lousy Indian. I set out to be independent, but I became part of a community, and now I am dependent on them.

"I'm not out to increase my own stature by using other people's cultures," he said. "I'm like a stage manager. I want to keep the place clean, make sure there is not too much gum under the seats, let them have the beautiful ideas."

"This is not a dog eat dog world," he said, "or I would have been eaten a long time ago."

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[Endangered Species Act Protection Sought for Vanishing Northern California Fish](#)

eNews Park Forest

The Center for Biological Diversity today petitioned to protect the Clear Lake hitch — a large minnow found only in Northern California's Clear Lake and its tributaries — under both the federal Endangered Species Act and the state's Endangered Species Act. Clear Lake hitch were once so plentiful they were a staple **food** for the original Pomo inhabitants of the region; they have declined precipitously as their habitat has been degraded and destroyed.

LIBRARY DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE TEEN READ WEEK

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District celebrates Teen Read Week Oct. 14-20. This is a national program designed to encourage teens to take time out from their busy schedules and celebrate the fun of reading in all its forms – books, magazines, eBooks and audio books. All programs are free and open to the public. Each library is featuring its own **contest** or opportunities. Space may be limited and passes may be required. Check with your local library branch for more information or see the [news release](#).

DESERT TORTOISE 'PRESERVATION' A WASTE OF MONEY

Sixty desert tortoises, each equipped with a radio transmitter, were released last week at the southern end of the Nevada National Security Site, 60 miles northwest of Las Vegas. Researchers plan to track the creatures as part of ongoing studies aimed at increasing their numbers in the wild. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz14625664>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVqMXPfYwI&feature=player_embedded#

Welcome to the current issue of the Connect Nevada e-Newsletter! Below, you'll find updates on the progress we're making to expand broadband access, adoption, and use. Thank you for following our updates and joining the important work of getting more Nevadans online.

Nevada Statewide Broadband Summit to Focus on Connecting Communities

Details are now set for Nevada's second annual Broadband Summit, Connecting Communities, taking place in Las Vegas next month.

The free event will bring state, county, and local leaders together to discuss local engagement and local issues surrounding broadband expansion and the critical role technology is playing in Nevada's economic future.

The one-day meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, at Windmill Library in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The summit is being co-hosted by Connect Nevada and the governor's [Nevada Broadband Task Force](#) and sponsored by the [Las Vegas-Clark County Library District](#).

[Click here](#) to get more details on the Summit and **[register now!](#)**

New Technology Stirs Passion for Learning in Esmeralda County

Students and teachers are enjoying an increased passion for learning thanks to new technology being used in the [Esmeralda County School District!](#)

iPads and iPod Touch devices are now in the hands of every single student in the district and teacher John Scates says they're making a big impact:

"While they do not completely replace our PCs, they come very close!"

[Click here](#) to learn more about the program and its positive impact on Nevada classrooms!

Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) / Stronger Economies Together (SET) Region Network Map Now Available

The [Network Map Report](#) for the WNDD/SET region is now available!

The mapping exercise shows where regional collaboration exists and where it could be improved upon. The hope is that the SET Regional Team in the WNDD region will find the map a useful tool to aid in the implementation of the SET Regional Blueprint.

[Click here](#) to read more about SET in WNDD.

Discounted Broadband Service & Computers Available for Nevada's 'Back To School'

Connect Nevada's Every Community Online Program is making back-to-school technology easy and affordable for residents in the Las Vegas area.

The program offers free computer and Internet training and leaves participants eligible for discounted computers and home broadband services.

ECO participants are eligible for discounted computers and home broadband service:

- **Desktop computers for \$119.99**
- **Laptop computers for \$189.99**
- **Broadband service for \$10.00 a month**
- **Desk modems starting at \$50.00**

The program is offered in partnership with JOIN, Inc. and the Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA).

[Click here](#) to learn more about how ECO training is designed to change lives and get every Nevadan online!

Upcoming Events

Nevada Broadband Summit: Connecting Communities - October 24 at Windmill Library, 7060 Windmill Lane, Las Vegas, NV

2012 Vice Presidential Debate: Our Voice.Our Future. Online Town Hall

October 11, 1 pm - 3 pm ET

Centre College, Connected Nation, 10/20 Digital and Harvard's Institute of Politics are hosting the '2012 Vice Presidential Debate: Our Voice.Our Future.' town hall event for teachers and students to join the conversation around the vice presidential debate through online technology.

The interactive event will be held at Centre College, host of the only Vice Presidential debate, and will be broadcast live online in classrooms and on campuses across the country. Sign-up today and watch online at www.2012vpdebate.com.

If you have a broadband meeting or event that you would like us to present or help publicize please contact Lindsey Niedzielski, lniedzielski@connectnv.org.

Phaline Thacker Conklin commented on dousaflavor.com.

We have got to have this flavor of potato chips.

[Native American Tacos](http://www.dousaflavor.com) www.dousaflavor.com

[Is this flavor worth a million bucks?? Is yours?? Come up with the next great LAY'S flavor and you could win \\$1 million and chip-aisle fame!](#)

[Yakama tribe elder becomes U of O's oldest-ever graduate](#)

www.kimatv.com

[The University of Oregon will honor the school's oldest-ever graduate, a Yakama Nation elder, during commencement ceremonies Monday.](#)

Bacteria Turns Waste to Fuel in Single Stage Process – (Waste Management World- (September 17, 2012)

Paris-based sustainable biotechnology developer, Deinove and its partners have isolated and optimized a strain of Deinococcus bacteria able to generate biofuel from wheat-b...See More

[Seeking Return of Art, Turkey Jolts Museums](#)

By DAN BILEFSKY

Turkish officials are demanding ancient artifacts from Western museums, and aren't timid about doing so. The museums say their mission to display global art treasures is under siege.

QUOTATION OF THE DAY NYT 10.01.12

"We are moving from lived memory to historical memory. We're at that transition, and this is sort of a brazen, in-your-face way of bridging it."

[MICHAEL BERENBAUM](#), a Holocaust scholar, on the practice of young Israelis getting tattoos of the numbers their elders were branded with at Nazi camps.

[Truckee's 'silvery rills' are making comeback](#)

Margo Barlett Pesek, Las Vegas Review Journal

The Colorado River is mightier. The Humboldt, Carson and Walker rivers are longer. The Amargosa River is stranger. But the Truckee River remains Nevada's iconic stream.

[Cadiz water plan likely to get a boost](#)

Inland News

Today

Plans to sell groundwater from beneath the Mojave Desert to Southern California suburbs are likely to get a boost Monday when Cadiz Inc.'s proposal goes before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

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**[Protect Mojave Desert water sources](#)**

Greg McKnight, San Bernardino

Sun

The story of California cannot be told without telling the history of water. That has been borne out repeatedly, sometimes with benefit to all, sometimes, as in the Owens Valley, with tragic results. Now, the next chapter of the water saga is being told here in the Mojave Desert.

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Great news: Our **newest contest, "America's Cutest Lil' Energy Savers,"** in partnership with our allies at Consumer's Union (the publisher of *Consumer Reports*), **[starts today!](#)**



**You could win \$250** (first prize) or \$100 (runner-up), for your 60-second video featuring the cutest saver in your family (your kids, your pets) and an explanation of how you save energy at home. The first 100 entrants will also receive a free energy-efficient lightbulb (see [official rules here](#)).

Check out our short, sample video:

The [contest](#) will be accepting submissions between today and October 22, so get started today your video! To spark your creativity, check out our list of [ten easy ways to cut your electricity bills in half](#).

### **How To Submit Your Video**

All video entries must be [uploaded to YouTube.com](#) by October 22. You'll need to [register for a free Google/YouTube account](#) in order to upload your video. Here's a helpful [guide to uploading videos to YouTube.com](#) and the [types of videos that Youtube supports](#). Make sure to mark your videos as **public** or **unlisted** during upload.

Once your video has been successfully uploaded, from your video's Youtube page, you can click SHARE and then EMAIL. Send the video link to [video@consumersunion.org](mailto:video@consumersunion.org). Please include your full name and the [email address](#) you used at registration.

### **Share With Friends and Family to Win**

To get the most exposure (and the most votes!) be sure to share the voting page with your friends and family on Facebook, Twitter and through email. Share the link [www.CutestEnergySavers.org](http://www.CutestEnergySavers.org) and encourage your connections to vote up to one time each day between October 23 and October 31.

If you have questions about the contest, feel free to contact our allies at Consumers Union at [bakesh@consumer.org](mailto:bakesh@consumer.org) or 202-462-6262.

Here's to saving energy and saving money, and good luck in the contest!

Alisa Gravitz, President, Green America

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The **HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION** is offering [grants](#) to support the housing needs of military Veterans. Grants of up to \$5,000 in the form of Home Depot gift cards will be awarded to volunteer-driven projects designed to help veterans stay in their homes comfortably.

**Deadline to apply: 10/12/2012.** To get an application, click [here](#).

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**Cast your vote for Miss Humanities 2012.** You can help by "like" ing our Northern Paiute, Shoshone, Hopi sister in her goal to represent Indian people everywhere by hoding the title of Miss Humanity International. You can vote every 12 hours. Christina Thomas is a down to earth person, a native language instructor, an Indian educator, a great role model for our youth, an American Indian Ambassador. She comes from a good family and she has a good heart. Vote, vote, vote for Christina THomas! :)

Miss Humanity International USA

To vote for Miss USA on our official website visit: <http://www.misshumanityinternational.com/2012/delegate/miss-usa> you can vote every 12 hours !!!

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**Better understanding of how beta cells work could lead to a cure for Type 1.**

**Israeli Researchers Focus on Type 1 Diabetes Cure [www.diabetesreader.com](http://www.diabetesreader.com)**

Researchers have identified a possible cure for Type 1 diabetes in the form of a signal that activates regeneration of pancreatic beta cells that produces insulin.

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**Welcome to the WCSD Parent University! <http://ow.ly/e86z3>**

**Parent University [ow.ly](http://ow.ly)**

We have more than 280 classes this year to choose from! Download a copy of the catalog below or pick up a catalog at your child's school. Kids...

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**A New Special Collections Exhibit Opening October 2012**

**Politics of Our Past**

Through the use of selected photographs and manuscript materials held in the Special Collections Department, this exhibit highlights Nevada's democratic processes and the decisions made that influenced our future. It celebrates the people and their successful, as well as unsuccessful, campaigns to run and hold public offices at the various levels of government.

**Special Collections - Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, 3rd Floor**

**Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm**

**Admission: Free**

**Information: 775-682-5665**

**[www.knowledgecenter.unr.edu/materials/specoll/](http://www.knowledgecenter.unr.edu/materials/specoll/)**

Want to know what it's like holding public office? Join us in early 2013 for "A Panel of Politicians" public event. Details to be announced...

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**<http://www.westernstatesindianrodeo.com/standings.html>**

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**The Greenhouse Project**

The Greenhouse Project will offer tours of its premises on Saturday October 6 from 9am until 1pm. At 10:30 am Ray Saliga along with two of the FFA students will present a workshop on propagating herbs from cuttings. The greenhouse is located on the Carson High campus behind the bus lot at 1111 North Saliman Rd. The public is invited to attend.

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**Terrarium. Watch what grows. [terrarium.io](http://terrarium.io)**

Cern collides particles, Terrarium collides people. Scientists and artists, designers and engineers, cats and dogs – two wrongs making a new right. We call it constructive destruction. It's the most fertile mess you've ever seen.

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*Funeral services for*  
*Danny Wyatt*



*Will be held on Friday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> @ the  
Dresslerville Gym. Viewing from 9AM-11AM.  
Services start at 11AM. Burial will be in  
Woodfords. Dinner will be held at the  
Woodfords Gym.*