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Bill Bigelow, GOOD

Bigelow writes: "Let's continue to use this and every so-called Columbus Day to tell a fuller story of what Columbus's voyage meant for the world, and especially for the lives of the people who'd been living here for generations."

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Join NCET on this Wednesday, October 10, for a **tour of Noble Studios**, one of northern Nevada As fastest growing tech agencies. Mix and mingle with industry professionals and participate in a Twitter scavenger hunt for a chance to win Noble swag and a \$100 gift card to Best Buy.

Jarrod Lopiccolo, Noble Studios A CEO, will talk about how the tech industry is evolving locally and nationally, and discuss available career opportunities.

Wednesday, October 10 A 5:30 A 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$15 A NCET members \$25 A non-members \$35 A walk-ins or paid at the door

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has opened up the application process for applying to their **Presidential Management Fellow's Program.** A few of us have met with OPM to provide assistance in getting the word out to our native students who have completed their

advanced degree (which is needed to apply). Since there doesn't appear to be any way to work jointly in better communicating this to our native graduates I wanted to ensure each of you had this information to disseminate to your co-workers, family, friends and even your tribal education coordinator. Let's get the word out and provide this opportunity to our natives!

Thanks everyone! http://www.pmf.gov/

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## Archaeologists find likely queen tomb in Guatemala

By ROMINA RUIZ-GOIRIENA Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) -- The discovery of a tomb that experts believe might be that of a great Maya queen could redefine the understanding of women's political roles during the Classic Maya period, experts said Thursday.

A team of U.S. and Guatemalan experts led by anthropologist David Freidel found a stone jar at a burial chamber in northern Guatemala that led them to believe it is the burial site of Lady K'abel, considered the military governor of an ancient Maya city during the 7th century.

"Lady K'abel was buried 11 meters down from the surface in a temple near a stairway," Freidel said. "K'abel was not a regular person. To put her in that location means that it was important; it means that people continued to worship her after the fall of the dynasty."

The team working in the royal Maya city of El Peru-Waka also found other evidence, such as ceramic vessels, jade jewelry, thousands of obsidian blades and a large stone with carvings referring to Lady K'abel.

The alabaster jar showed the head and arm of an aged woman emerging from the opening and glyphs pointing to the name of the queen, Guatemala's cultural ministry said in a statement Thursday.

"The royal tomb shows that women have been leaders in the past and we must now assume and exercise political participation to strengthen the role of women in the new era," Rosa Maria Chan, deputy minister for cultural and natural heritage, said in the statement.

K'abel, considered the greatest ruler of the Late Classic period, ruled with her husband, K'inich Bahlam, for at least 20 years in the 7th century, Freidel said. She was the military governor of the Waka kingdom for her family, the imperial house of the Snake King, and she carried the title "Kaloomte" - translated as "Supreme Warrior," higher in authority than her husband, the king.

Freidel, who is from Washington University in St. Louis, said the findings at the ruins of El Peru-Waka were "serendipitous."

"In retrospect, it makes a lot of sense that the people of Waka buried her in this particularly prominent place in their city," Freidel said.

For Marcello A. Canuto, director of the Research Center of Central Tulane University in Louisiana, the alabaster identifies the tomb as that of the "Lady of Kaan" and noted there is a stela erected in her honor at the archaeological site.

"She has been given all the honors a male king would have been given," Canuto said. "It's not the first such tomb discovered, but it gives an idea of the important role women played in forging dynastic alliances, and the status they enjoyed."

Traci Ardren, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Miami and a Mayan archaeologist specializing in gender relations, said the traditional belief that Maya men occupied a more important place than women has to do with the amount of images in Mayan art that show men in positions of authority.

"People like Lady K'abel show there were examples of extraordinary women that were able to position themselves in powerful roles, were incredibly successful and were accepted by society," Ardren said.

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### Janine's Continuing Magnificent Adventure - National Bison Range Pix

#### **Attachments:** (pics would not transfer)

Here are a few shots taken @ the National Bison Range in Moise, Montana last weekend. I'm currently volunteering as a SCA Intern until Thanksgiving. They provide housing, small living stipend and scholastic credit. Feels good to be back in Big Sky Country after a 10 year break from HOME! ~Janine

ps: this opportunity was filtered through a Fish & Wildlife post via FaceBook network.

#### (Sound familiar?)

#### **Suit would block ore trucks on Comstock**

VIRGINIA CITY (AP) — Opponents of open-pit mining that has resumed for the first time in decades on the edge of a national historic landmark in Northern Nevada have filed a lawsuit to try to stop trucks from hauling the gold and silver ore on a local mountain highway.

The Comstock Residents Association is suing Comstock Mining and Storey County, accusing the county of improperly allowing Comstock Mining to haul ore along Nevada 342 at "substantial risk" to the public.

In addition to safety concerns, group leaders say the mining runs counter to the best interests of protecting the history of the Comstock in and around Virginia City.

They accuse county officials of being more concerned with the mining company's interests and future income to county coffers than addressing valid concerns of the public.

"We have a local government that is dismissing us," said Joe McCarthy, a board member of the Comstock Residents Association.

"Our view is the citizens and the residents are not being served by Storey County," he said.

McCarthy said that at a minimum, the county should have required a traffic study and business impact analysis before allowing Comstock Mining to begin trucking ore on the highway.

The entire city was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961 in recognition of the rush of prospectors who chased the discovery of a major silver deposit in the Virginia Range in 1858. At its peak, Virginia City had a population of more than 30,000, with Comstock mines producing hundreds of millions of dollars in silver and gold over a 20-year period.

Comstock Mining started acquiring property and mining claims in 2003 across more than 6,000 acres in the Virginia City, Gold Hill and Silver City areas.

Company officials say they have identified potential gold and silver resources valued at nearly \$5 billion left behind more than a century ago. About 100 people currently work for the company.

The suit contends Storey County officials erred with their July conclusion that the county lacked legal authority to prohibit ore hauling on the highway.

The association's Sept. 4 complaint filed in the county's First District Court seeks a ruling to reaffirm a 2004 permit requirement issued to a predecessor firm, Plum Mining Co., that the highway not be used to haul ore.

Comstock Mining needs to use a mile-long stretch of the highway to haul ore between its open pit mine and American Flat processing plant while it works to resolve a dispute with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management over status of an off-highway haul road. It began hauling ore on the highway using semi-trucks Aug. 8.

In a legal response filed in district court on Sept. 21, Storey County District Attorney William Maddox asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit because it did not include an "indispensable party," the Nevada Department of Transportation.

Any declaratory relief ordered in the case could directly impact the department's ability to control the state highway, Maddox argues in his motion.

Doug McQuide, spokesman for Comstock Mining, declined comment on the lawsuit. But he did tell the Reno Gazette-Journal the hauling operation on the highway is "going pretty smoothly."

| "We are fully in production," McQuide said. |
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Remember the days of strategic planning? Overall Economic Development Plans? Tribal Specific Health Plans? etc, etc. The following site has been recommended as a 21st Century strategic planning model.....do not miss the opportunity to scroll down to the bottome of the page and click on The Dash:

http://www.centergrove.k12.in.us/strategicplan

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In today's encore excerpt - **Prohibition**, the greatest failed social experiment in American history, brought with it the growth of organized crime to an unprecedented national scale. And where the American Revolution had been about limiting the power of government to intrude in its citizen's lives, Prohibition brought with it a new era of attempted social engineering that still persists. It began on January 16, 1920 after a full year's notice, and for some this was a lament. But many others were certain it was the dawning of a triumphal new age:

"'If a family or a nation is sober, nature in its normal course will cause them to rise to a higher civilization. If a family or a nation, on the other hand, isdebauched by liquor, it must decline and ultimately perish.' -Richmond P. Hobson, in the U.S. House of Representatives, December 22,1914

"The streets of San Francisco were jammed. A frenzy of cars, trucks, wagons, and every other imaginable form of conveyance crisscrossed the town and battled its steepest hills. Porches, staircase landings, and sidewalks were piled high with boxes and crates delivered on the last possible day before transporting their contentswould become illegal. The next morning, the Chronicle reported that people whose beer, liquor, and wine had not arrived by midnight were left to stand in their doorways 'with haggard faces and glittering eyes.' Just two weeks earlier, on thelast New Year's Eve before Prohibition, frantic celebrations had convulsed the city'shotels and private clubs, its neighborhood taverns and wharfside saloons. It was a spasm of desperate joy fueled, said the Chronicle, by great quantities of 'bottled sunshine' liberated from 'cellars, club lockers, bank yoults, safety denosit boxes and other hiding places.' Now, on Japuary 16, the lockers, bank vaults, safety deposit boxes and other hiding places.' Now, on January 16, the sunshine was surrendering to darkness.

"There were of course those who welcomed the day. The crusaders who had struggled for decades to place Prohibition in the Constitution celebrated with rallies and prayer sessions and ritual interments of effigies representing John Barleycorn, the symbolic proxy for alcohol's evils. No one marked the day as fervently as evangelist Billy Sunday, who conducted a revival meeting in Norfolk, Virginia.

Ten thousand grateful people jammed Sunday's enormous tabernacle to hear him announce the deathof liquor and reveal the advent of an earthly paradise. 'The reign of tears is over,' Sunday proclaimed. 'The slums will soon be only a memory. We will turn our prisons into factories and our jails into storehouses and corncribs. Men will walk upright now, women will smile, and the children will laugh. Hell will be forever for rent.'

"A similarly grandiose note was sounded by the Anti-Saloon League, the mightiest pressure group in the nation's history. No other organization had ever changed the Constitution through a sustained political campaign; now, on the day of its final triumph, the ASL declared that 'at one minute past midnight ... a new nation will be born.' "

Title: Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition Publisher: Scribner

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Appeals court: El Dorado district provides too much water to Red Hawk Casino Denny Walsh, Sacramento Bee

The El Dorado Irrigation District is supplying an unlawfully excessive amount of water to the Red Hawk Casino in El Dorado County, a state appeals court ruled Thursday.

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## Supreme Court wades into flood-control compensation argument

San Joaquin River interests closely watching Arkansas case.

#### Michael Doyle - The Fresno Bee

In a case closely watched by farmers in the San Joaquin Valley and beyond, the Supreme Court wrestled Wednesday with tough questions about when the federal government must pay landowners for temporary flooding damages.

#### Russia considers Arctic licenses for western oil majors

**REUTERS** 

LONDON: Russia is considering allowing Western companies to own oil licenses in its Arctic waters, Energy Minister Alexander Novak was quoted as saying in Friday's Financial Times.

The FT reported, without providing a full direct quote, that Novak said the proposal would allow foreign oil majors not only to operate offshore projects but also to "have access to production" and become "co-owners of the licenses".

Novak was cited as saying the idea was being discussed in the energy ministry, although no final decision had been taken.

Only companies that were environmentally safe, technologically advanced and financially robust would qualify, the FT said.

Earlier this month, state-owned oil giant Gazprom OAO delayed the start of production at its Prirazlomnoye field, the first Russian Arctic offshore oil deposit to be developed, due to safety concerns.

#### Scientists discover new species of dinosaur: the fanged vampire parrot

A peculiar-looking new species of dinosaur has been identified in the US, with quills like a porcupine, a parrot-like beak and fangs like a vampire.

The specimen was first chipped out of a slab of red rock in southern Africa in the 1960s, but was only reported for the first time on Wednesday by Paul Sereno, a paleontologist and dinosaur specialist at the University of Chicago.

The creature, named Pegomastax africanus (thick jaw from <u>Africa</u>), is part of a class of small herbivores called heterodontosaurus.

The 200 million-year-old dinosaur is believed to have measured less than two feet long and weighed less than a house cat. Its tall teeth in the upper and lower jaws operated like self-sharpening scissors, according to Mr Sereno.

While some scientists say heterodontosaurs ate meat or at least insects, Mr Sereno said the sharp, vampire-like canines were more likely for self-defence or competitive sparring for mates.

Bristles much like those of a porcupine probably covered much of its body. It also probably spent much of its time scurrying about looking for plants to eat and looking like a "nimble two-legged porcupine."

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Such small herbivores spread across the globe and while they are virtually unknown to the public, "Pegomastax and kin were the most advanced plant eaters of their day," Mr Sereno said in the report which was published in online journal ZooKeys.

When he first saw it at Harvard University in 1983, Mr Sereno said: "my eyes popped, as it was clear this was a new species."

Ever since, the dinosaur researcher said he wondered "if anyone else might spot the creature hiding among the lab drawers."

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Cherry Point in Washington has been a sacred site for the Lummi people for centuries. Now, Whatcom County is trying to turn it into a dumping ground for coal.

#### Protect Sacred Lummi Lands from Dirty Coal!

From: "Kathleen J., Care2 Action Alerts" <actionalert...

The Lummi people of Washington State have regarded Cherry Point as a sacred site for hundreds of generations. But now, it's in danger of being turned into the home of the largest coal exporting facility in North America.

Whatcom County must not inflict this enormous environmental and cultural harm on the Lummi.

The "coal train corridor" would run all the way from mines in Montana and Wyoming through Spokane and along the Puget Sound Coast. Then, the coal trains would deposit their cargo at the massive proposed exporting site at Cherry Point.

Known to the Lummi by its ancestral name, Xwe' chi' eXen, Cherry Point was the first listing on the state's Heritage Register and an ancestral fishing village on the Salish Sea for over 175 generations. It's also associated with the creation story of the Lummi people. To open a coal exporting site with a capacity of 48 million tons of coal wouldn't just be environmentally harmful; it would also be culturally devastating.

In addition to their historic concerns, the Lummi also deeply fear that local ecosystems and small businesses would suffer as a result of the export site's development -- not to mention the global impacts of coal export in general.

We must not endanger Cherry Point's people and environment in this way. <u>Tell</u>
<u>Whatcom County and the US Army Corps of Engineers to protect Lummi Lands and the Salish Sea from dirty coal!</u>

Thank you for taking action, Kathleen J., Care2 and ThePetitionSite Team

# Oakland's award-winning American Indian charter schools face closure threat By Katy Murphy Oakland Tribune

OAKLAND -- The governing board for Oakland's American Indian Model Schools -- which boast some of the highest test scores in California -- has been put on notice: If they don't make swift changes to the way the organization is run, it could be shut down.

A 1,080-page document from the Oakland school district cites numerous violations, from financial fraud and financial conflicts of interest to nonexistent board oversight. It gives the organization 60 days to remedy the problems and provide a written response or have all three charters pulled.

The violations -- and much, if not all, of the evidence -- compiled in the thick document stem from a report published in June by the state's Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team. The inquiry was prompted by whistle-blower complaints from former employees.

Investigators found that founder and director Ben Chavis, his wife, Marsha Amador, and their numerous real estate and consulting businesses received about \$3.8 million in public funds between mid-2007 and the end of 2011. And the organization's governing board, which is responsible for ensuring the proper use of public money, did nothing to prevent it from happening, the report concluded.

For a time, Chavis, himself, served on the board while he was employed as the organization's director -- and while his company leased buildings to the schools and his wife handled the books.

"There was no indication that the AIMS Board took any steps to account for the founder's financial interests in the agreements it approved, or was even aware that such agreements were illegal," said the notice from Oakland Unified.

The three schools run by the American Indian Model organization are: American Indian Public Charter School (grades 5-8) at 3637 Magee Avenue in the Laurel District; American Indian

Public Charter School II (K-8) at 171 12th Street in Chinatown; and American Indian Public High School, also on Magee Avenue.

The original American Indian charter school opened in 1996 to help the city's Native American students and others who were struggling in the traditional system. Chavis took over in 2000, overhauled the curriculum and instituted tough and sometimes unorthodox disciplinary practices, such as making students sit on the floor when they hadn't completed their homework. He later added a high school and a second middle school, American Indian Public Charter School II. As of 2011-12, only six of the 641 students attending any of the schools were Native American, according to the California Department of Education.

For the charter revocation process to officially begin, the Oakland school board must approve the provisional "Notice of Violation" that has already been delivered to the charter organization. The board is scheduled to take up the matter at 5 p.m. Thursday during the regular board meeting.

If the Oakland school board approves the violation notice, the American Indian board has 60 days to respond. If the district is not satisfied with the response, the school board may take the next step and issue an "Intent to Revoke" notice, which is followed by a public hearing and a final decision within 30 days.

Regardless of what the Oakland school district's staff members recommend, the fate of the American Indian schools will rest with the Oakland school board.

At a packed hearing in April, the board wrestled with a staff recommendation to close one of the three schools -- American Public Indian Charter School II, whose charter was up for renewal -- even after the investigators released initial findings that pointed to conflicts of interest and financial fraud. Supporter after supporter pointed to the schools' near-perfect scores, which were not part of the fraud investigation's scope, and said the board would be depriving students of an excellent education if it closed their school.

Ultimately, in a split vote, the school board voted to renew the school's charter, allowing it to expand to include grades K-8.

"We don't have one school in the Oakland school district with that kind of score," board member Alice Spearman, who has described Chavis as a friend, said at the hearing. She added, "I, for one, don't want to be on CNN as part of a group of people that can't even see beyond."

Messages left with American Indian were not immediately returned on Wednesday.

### **Internship Opportunity Announcement (HUNAP)**

 exciting opportunity for American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian (AI/AN/NH) students to intern and study in Washington, DC, for the semester or the summer. Students intern 35-40 hours a week in a federal agency, or private organization, which sponsors AI/AN/NH students from across the country in a Washington, DC, internship. WINS student interns take three courses in the fall or spring term, earning 12 credit hours or 2 courses in the summer, earning 6 credit hours.

Through the WINS sponsorship program interns receive:

- · transportation to and from DC
- tuition & books
- · stipend for incidentals
- · housing at American University's Tenley Campus dormitories
- · meal plan
- · social and cultural activities.

**Eligibility:** You are eligible if you are currently enrolled in an academic program (or have completed your degree within 6 months), will have a minimum of 45 credits earned by program start date and maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Deadline: Varies depending on semester.

**Contact:** PH: 202-895-4900 F: 202-895-4882 E: <a href="wins@american.edu">wins@american.edu</a>
For more information, see <a href="http://www.american.edu/spexs/wins/index.cfm">http://www.american.edu/spexs/wins/index.cfm</a>
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## **Fellowship Opportunity Announcement**

Title: Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship Program

Seven-week program structured to introduce or strengthen skills in economics, statistics, policy analysis, writing, public speaking and organization/time management. At the end of the seven-week program, students will prepare and present a comprehensive group report on a current policy issue that will encompass the skills acquired in their coursework, including the seminar on the intercultural dimensions of policy making, field research, policy analysis, and writing, and computer workshops.

Each student enrolled in the PPIA Junior Summer Institute is fully funded and receives financial support for the total cost of the following:

- all courses and textbooks
- an on-campus meal plan and a meal allowance for breakfast and weekend meals
- access to the University libraries and athletic facilities
- a single room in a dormitory reserved solely for JSI students
- domestic travel expenses for arrival to the program and departure at the end of the program
- a \$1,500 stipend

**Application Deadline:** November 1, 2012

Contact: For more information, see <a href="http://www.princeton.edu/jsi/">http://www.princeton.edu/jsi/</a>

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Title: Princeton University's Program in Law and Public Affairs (LAPA)

Princeton University's Program in Law and Public Affairs (LAPA) invites outstanding faculty members, independent scholars, lawyers and judges to apply for appointments as resident Fellows for the academic year 2013-2014. Up to six fellows will be named who are engaged in substantial research on topics broadly related to law and public affairs or law and normative inquiry, including one LAPA/Humanities Fellow, for an early career scholar working at the intersection of law and humanistic inquiry. Successful candidates will devote an academic year, in residence at Princeton, to research, discussion and scholarly collaboration.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must have a doctorate, J.D. or an equivalent professional postgraduate degree.

**Application Deadline:** November 5, 2012

Contact: For more information, see <a href="http://lapa.princeton.edu">http://lapa.princeton.edu</a>.

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# Title: 2013 Causal Consequences of Variation Summer Undergraduate Research Internship Program Location: Harvard Medical School

Duration: 10-week internships beginning in mid-June 2013

The Church Lab (Department of Genetics) is offering this paid internship to sophomore, juniors, and seniors who have not yet earned their bachelor's degree. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents (green card holders) from underrepresented minority groups. The internship will provide the opportunity to gain research experience in many areas of genome science research. It will also provide a more in depth knowledge of biological science and genomics. Among other things, interns will be able to work on supervised independent projects, work closely with scientists, and seminars provided by scientists and researchers from various institutions. The internship requires 40 hours a week are devoted and provides a stipend of \$4000.

Applications: send to Alex Hernandez-Siegel (ahs@genetics.med.harvard.edu)

Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2013

Contact: For more information, see http://ccv.med.harvard.edu

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#### **Scholarship Opportunity announcement**

Title: The Gates Millennium Scholars Program

Every year the Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, provides outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with significant financial need an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. The application for the 2013 class is now available online.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native\*, Asian & Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American
- Are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States
- Have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on an unweighted 4.0 scale or have earned a GED
- Will enroll for the first time at a U.S. located, accredited college or university (with the exception of students concurrently pursuing a high school diploma) in the fall of 2013 as

- a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student. First-time college enrollees can also be GED recipients.
- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities
- Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria
- Have completed and submitted all three required forms: the student's application (Nominee Personal Information Form), an evaluation of the student's academic record (Nominator Form) and an evaluation of the student's community service and leadership activities (Recommender Form) by the deadline.

For more information or to learn how to apply, <u>click here</u>. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

<sup>\*</sup>American Indian/Alaska Native Requirements: American Indian/Alaska Natives must be enrolled in a U.S. Federal or State recognized tribe or be able to document descent from an enrolled tribal member.