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On Thursday (1.17), Bruce Sanchez will be talking about pre-colonization, there will be a series of presentations. This presentation will be the first. He will talk about the how the people lived, treated each other, used the environment before contact with the Tibos. These are open to anyone who is also willing to speak and share stories or history. These presentations are meant to gather our people to understand the importance of the timeline of our languages, ceremonies, songs, stories. Looking at our timeline up to date, our languages and cultures are in critical stages of being forgotten. We hope to see you there on Thursday, and encourage anyone you know to join as well. Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions.

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AP sources: Interior Secretary Ken Salazar leaving

JULIE PACE and MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

Interior Secretary [Ken Salazar](#), who oversaw a moratorium on offshore drilling after the BP oil spill, will step down in March, Obama administration officials said Wednesday.

The Hopi Message to the United Nations

by Mr Thomas Banyacya Kykotsmovi, Arizona

The presentation by Mr Thomas Banyacya, the final speaker, was preceded by three shouts by Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper of the Six Nations, and first speaker of the day. The shouts were a spiritual announcement to the Great Spirit of the of the people assembled and the intention to give a message of spiritual importance.

Thomas then sprinkled corn meal next to the podium of the General Assembly and made a brief remark in Hopi that translates as follows:

Hopi Spiritual leaders had an ancient prophecy that some day world leaders would gather in a Great House of Mica with rules and regulations to solve the world problems without war. I am amazed to see the prophecy has come true and you are here today! But only a handful of United Nations Delegates are present to hear the Motee Sinom (Hopi for First People) from around the world who spoke here today.

(In English:) My name is Banyacya of the Wolf, Fox and Coyote Clan and I am a member of the Hopi sovereign nation. Hopi in our language means a peaceful, kind, gentle, truthful people. The traditional Hopi follows the spiritual path that was given to us by Massau'u the Great Spirit. We made a sacred covenant to follow his life plan at all times, which includes the responsibility of taking care of this land and life for his divine purpose. We have never made treaties with any foreign nation, including the United States, but for many centuries we have honored this sacred agreement. Our goals are not to gain political control, monetary wealth nor military power, but rather to pray and to promote the welfare of all living beings and to preserve the world in a natural way. We still have our ancient sacred stone tablets and spiritual religious societies which are the foundations of the Hopi way of life. Our history says our white brother should have retained those same sacred objects and spiritual foundations.

In 1948, all traditional Hopi spiritual leaders met and spoke of things I felt strongly were of great importance to all people. They selected four interpreters to carry their message of which I am the only one still living today. At the time, I was given a sacred prayer feather by the spiritual leaders. I made a commitment to carry the Hopi message of peace and deliver warnings from prophecies known since the time the previous world was destroyed by flood and our ancestors came to this land.

My mission was to open the doors of this Great House of Mica to native peoples. The Elders said to knock four times and this commitment was fulfilled when I delivered a letter and the sacred prayer feather I had been given to John Washburn in the Secretary General's office in October, 1991. I am bringing part of the Hopi message to you here today. We have only ten minutes to speak and time is late so I am making my statement short.

At the meeting in 1948, Hopi leaders 80, 90 and even 100 years old explained that the creator made the first world in perfect balance where humans spoke one language, but humans turned away from moral and spiritual principles. They misused their spiritual powers for selfish purposes. They did not follow nature's rules. Eventually the world was destroyed by sinking of land and separation of land by what you would call major earthquakes. Many died and only a small handful survived.

Then this handful of peaceful people came into the second world. They repeated their mistakes and the world was destroyed by freezing which you call the great Ice Age.

The few survivors entered the third world. That world lasted a long time and as in previous worlds, the people spoke one language. The people invented many machines and conveniences of high technology, some of which have not yet been seen in this age. They even had spiritual powers that they used for good. They gradually turned away from natural laws and pursued only material things and finally only gambled while they ridiculed spiritual principles. No one stopped

them from this course and the world was destroyed by the great flood that many nations still recall in their ancient history or in their religions.

The Elders said again only a small groups escaped and came to this fourth world where we now live. Our world is in terrible shape again even though the Great Spirit gave us different languages and sent us to four corners of the world and told us to take care the the Earth and all that is in it.

This Hopi ceremonial rattle represents Mother Earth. The line running around it is a time line and indicates that we are in the final days of the prophecy. What have you, as individuals, as nations and as the world body been doing to to take care of this Earth? In the Earth today, humans poison their own food, water and air with pollution. Many of us, including children, are left to starve. Many wars are still being fought. Greed and concern for material things is a common disease.

In this western hemisphere, our homeland, many original native people are landless, homeless, starving and have no medical help.

The Hopi knew humans would develop many powerful technologies that would be abused. In this century, we have seen the First World War and the Second World War in which the predicted gourd of ashes, which you call the atomic bomb, fell from the sky with great destruction. Many thousands of people were destroyed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

For many years there has been great fear and danger of World War Three. The Hopi believe the Persian Gulf War was the beginning of World War Three but it was stopped and the worst weapons of destruction were not used. This is now a time to weigh the choices for our future. We do have a choice. If you, the nations of this Earth, create another great war, the Hopi believe we humans will burn ourselves to death with ashes. That's why the spiritual Elders stress strongly that the United Nations fully open the door for native spiritual leaders as soon as possible.

Nature itself does not speak with a voice that we can easily understand. Neither can the animals and birds we are threatening with extinction talk to us. Who in this world can speak for nature and the spiritual energy that creates and flows through all life? In every continent are human beings who are like you but who have not separated themselves from the land and from nature. It is through their voice that Nature can speak to us. You have heard those voices and many messages from the four corners of the world today. I have studied comparative religion and I think in your own nations and cultures you have knowledge of the consequences of living out of balance with nature and spirit. The native peoples of the world have seen and spoken to you about the destruction of their lives and homelands, the ruination of nature and the desecration of their sacred sites. It is time the United Nations used its rules to investigate these occurrences and stop them now.

The Four Corners area of the Hopi is bordered by four sacred mountains. The spiritual center within is a sacred site our prophecies say will have special purpose in the future for mankind to survive and now should be left in its natural state. All nations must protect this spiritual center.

The Hopi and all original native people hold the land in balance by prayer, fasting and performing ceremonies. Our spiritual Elders still hold the land in the Western Hemisphere in

balance for all living beings, including humans. No one should be relocated from their sacred homelands in this Western Hemisphere or anywhere in the world. Acts of forced relocation, such as Public Law 93-531 in the United States, must be repealed.

The United Nations stands on our native homeland. The United Nations talks about human rights, equality and justice and yet the native people have never had a real opportunity to speak to this assembly since its establishment until today. It should be the mission of your nations and this assembly to use your power and rules to examine and work to cure the damage people have done to this Earth and to each other. Hopi Elders know that was your mission and they wait to see whether you will act on it now.

Nature, the First People and the spirit of our ancestors are giving you loud warnings. Today, December 10, 1992, you see increasing floods, more damaging hurricanes, hail storms, climate changes and earthquakes as our prophecies said would come. Even animals and birds are warning us with strange change in their behavior such as the beaching of whales. Why do animals act like they know about the earth's problems and most humans act like they know nothing? If we humans do not wake up to the warnings, the great purification will come to destroy this world just as the previous worlds were destroyed.

(Thomas and Oren Lyons held up a picture of a large rock drawing in Hopiland)

This rock drawing shows part of the Hopi prophecy. There are two paths. The first with technology but separate from natural and spiritual law leads to these jagged lines representing chaos. The lower path is one that remains in harmony with natural law. Here we see a line that represents a choice like a bridge joining the paths. If we return to spiritual harmony and live from our hearts, we can experience a paradise in this world. If we continue only on this upper path, we will come to destruction.

Its up to all of us, as children of Mother Earth, to clean up this mess before it's too late.

The Elders request that during this International Year for the Worlds Indigenous Peoples, the United Nations keep that door open for spiritual leaders from the four corners of the world to come to speak to you for more than a few minutes as soon as possible. The Elders also request that eight investigative teams visit the native areas of the world to observe and tell the truth about what is being done and stop these nations from moving in this self- destructive direction.

If any of you leaders want to learn more about the spiritual vision and power of the Elders, I invite you to come out to Hopiland and sit down with our real spiritual leaders in their sacred Kivas where they will reveal the ancient secrets of survival and balance.

I hope that all members of this assembly that know the spiritual way will not just talk about it, but in order to have real peace and harmony, will follow what it says across the United Nations wall: "They will beat their swords into plowshares and study war no more." Lets, together, do that now!

Epilogue

The night before the presentations of the native people from around the world to the General Assembly, there was a total eclipse of the moon over New York City and the sky was clear. The evening after the presentation by Mr Banyacya and the other native spokespersons, heavy rain and strong wind began. The weathermen had been calling for a snowstorm but what came the following day were the worst floods in New York's memory. Major highways were washed away by the sea and the United Nations itself experienced flooding of its lower subfloors, forcing a shutdown of its heating and air conditioning and all personnel were dismissed at three o'clock.

In the ground floor meeting room, where on December 11, native peoples were meeting representatives of various UN agencies, Thomas Banyacya spontaneously called on all the participants, including UN officials, to form a great circle. All the Elders were in the center and Thomas called in some non-native people as well. Each silently said a prayer. The forming of the circle of unity of all people from the four corners of the Earth was more than just a symbolic act. One participant said she had never felt herself to be in such a safe place. Later, several people present noted that no further storm damage occurred in Manhattan and that the storm itself abated that afternoon.

--- Thomas Banyacya Sr. (1910-1999);
Speaker of the Wolf, Fox and Coyote Clan
Elder of the Hopi Nation
<http://www.indians.org/welker/hopi.htm>

[Nevada Arts Council](http://www.nac.nevadaculture.org) [nac.nevadaculture.org](http://www.nac.nevadaculture.org)

[The Nevada Arts Council \(NAC\) is the agency charged with ensuring that state and national funds support cultural activity and encourage participation in the arts throughout Nevada.](#)

[Museum/History Training Programs - AASLH Spring Workshops](#)
[Project Management for History Professionals](#) (NEW!!)

Dates: March 7 – 8

Location: History Colorado, Denver, CO

Instructor: Dr. Steven Hoskins, Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN

Cost: \$475 members / \$550 nonmembers

\$40 discount if payment is received by January 31

This unique two-day workshop improves how history museums operate and serve their community by teaching the fundamentals of project management to history professionals. Everyday work—exhibitions, programming, fundraising, special events, outreach, and collections care—benefit from the knowledge gained. Registration for the onsite workshop also includes access to an online course with related material.

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[From Children to Adults: Public Programming at History Organizations](#) (NEW!!)

Dates: March 14 – 15

Location: Homestead Museum, City of Industry, CA

Instructors: Tim Grove, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; Alexandra Rasic, Homestead Museum, City of Industry, CA

Cost: \$270 members / \$345 nonmembers

\$40 discount if payment is received by February 7

This workshop provides a broad overview of education and public programming focusing on active learning at different kinds of history organizations. Seasoned instructors will facilitate discussion of key themes and case studies and provide practical examples, ready-to-use forms, and checklists that participants can take back to their organizations and use.

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Connecting Your Collections to Teachers and Students (NEW!!)

Dates: April 18 – 19

Location: The Jewish Museum of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Instructors: Stacia Kuceyeski, The Creative Learning Factory at the Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, OH; Megan Wood, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, OH

Cost: \$270 members / \$345 nonmembers

\$40 discount if payment is received by March 14

Through a combination of presentations, discussions, hands-on activities, and take-home materials, this workshop addresses the various elements of museum education and program planning needed to create an engaging, educational, and successful program with a focus on collections-based programming. Topics include learning styles, presentation strategies, audience types, planning strategies and program assessment, using research, training staff, and crafting programming that is meaningful to the education community. Presented in partnership with The Creative Learning Factory at the Ohio Historical Society.

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Historic House Museum Issues and Operations

Dates: April 25 – 26

Location: Oaklands Historic House Museum, Murfreesboro, TN

Instructors: George McDaniel, Drayton Hall, Charleston, SC; Max van Balgooy, Engaging Places, LLC, Rockville, MD

Cost: \$270 members / \$345 nonmembers

\$40 discount if payment is received by March 21

This workshop focuses on the unique needs, management, and interpretation of historic houses. With a focus on historic house museums, topics covered include collections care, types of research appropriate for historic house museums, exhibition development, interpretive tours, volunteers, and building and landscape maintenance.

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THIS DAY On Jan. 17, 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

Each month, **generationOn offers free service and service-learning webinars** for youth group facilitators, educators, and youth-based nonprofit staff. Check out our offerings below and join us for ideas and resources to help inspire, equip and mobilize youth to make their mark on the world!

Kindness and Philanthropy in the Classroom

Wednesday, January 23, 3:30 - 4:30pm EST

Register here: <http://bit.ly/13AoXmq>

Is your classroom part of the kindness movement? Join generationOn and The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation in a webinar for educators. Discover how practicing kindness and philanthropy empowers youth to make their mark on the world in ways big and small. We'll help you prepare for Random Acts of Kindness week (Feb. 11 - 17) with activities and lessons that apply 21st-century learning skills and align with Common Core State Standards. Meet academic expectations through character and philanthropy education and promote social-emotional learning with lessons and ideas that you can apply now. You won't want to miss this inspiring hour of ideas and stories.

February Moments of Service

Thursday, January 24, 3:30 - 4:30 pm EST

Register here: <http://bit.ly/ZUmqOn>

Register for generationOn's February Moments of Service webinar to explore ideas for connecting service and service-learning to Black History Month and Valentine's Day. Guest speakers will share exciting ideas for engaging youth in topics relating to diversity and caring for one another in February and throughout the year. GenerationOn will also share information on how to apply for mini-grants in our What Will You Bring to the Table initiative focusing on issues of childhood hunger this spring.

generationOn Clubs: Keeping Kids and Teens Engaged

Tuesday, February 5th, 3:30 - 4:30 pm EST

Register here: <http://bit.ly/W4yzBq>

This webinar will feature generationOn Kids Care Club and generationOn Service Club facilitators and members as guest speakers, sharing insight on how to keep youth engaged and interested in service throughout the school year. Guest speakers will also share general tips and descriptions of successful projects that their youth service clubs have undertaken. This is a great opportunity to connect

virtually with other adults and youth involved in youth service to share ideas and inspiration. Join us!

Certificates of participation available for all webinars.

[Scientists Call on President to Reject the Keystone XL Pipeline](#)

350.org, News Report: Eighteen of the nation’s top climate scientists released a letter to President Obama today urging him to say no to the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline. The State Department is expected to soon release its supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) required for the northern leg of the Keystone XL pipeline. The Obama Administrations has promised action on climate change but if Keystone XL is approved, the Administration would be actively supporting and encouraging the growth of an industry which has demonstrably serious effects on climate.

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Monsters in the desert

By [Ashley Hennefer](#) ashleyh@newsreview.com [This article was published on 01.17.13.](#)

A team of researchers found that “a new species of prehistoric sea monster” in the Nevada desert was the first ocean predator to “chow down on prey its own size,” National Geographic reported last week. The monster, whose scientific name is *Thalattoarchon saurophagis* (say that 10 times fast), was found to live more than 200 million years ago during the Triassic period, when Nevada was completely immersed in the ocean. Also referred to as the *T. saurophagis*, the creature is classified as an ichthyosaur, which is the official Nevada state fossil (and the namesake for the popular Great Basin Brewing Company’s beer, Icky).

The skull of the *T. saurophagis* was discovered in 1998, and the rest was excavated in 2010. Currently, it’s housed in Chicago’s Field Museum. National Geographic referred to the it as a “bus-sized beast”—the *T. saurophagis* is 28 feet long. Nadia B. Frobisch, one of the five scientists who unearthed it, says that the *T. saurophagis* species returned shortly after the Permian extinction, which “wiped out up to 95 percent of all the species in the ocean,” she says. This particular fossil lived 8 million years after the mass extinction.

“This ichthyosaur had a massive skull and large labiolingually flattened teeth with two cutting edges indicative of a macropredatory feeding style,” the official report states, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in the United States of America (PNAS). “Its presence documents the rapid evolution of modern marine ecosystems in the Triassic.”

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By [Ashley Hennefer](#) ashleyh@newsreview.com [This article was published on 01.17.13.](#)

Ely-based Spring Valley Wind facility was awarded Wind Project of the Year by POWER-GEN International, a global engineering conference. The facility has 66 Siemens 2.3 MW wind turbines, which can produce 151.8 MW and power around 45,000 homes. According to a statement, “Spring Valley Wind created approximately 240 jobs during construction and 13 full-time permanent positions for ongoing operations and maintenance. More than 40 businesses

throughout Nevada were involved during construction and nearly \$10 million has been spent with those businesses on construction goods and services. Spring Valley Wind is expected to generate more than \$20 million in tax revenue for White Pine County and the state of Nevada's Renewable Energy Fund over the next 20 years."

The project is Nevada's first commercial wind farm ("Energy in motion," Aug. 16, 2012). While the total acreage of the farm is 7,500 acres, the turbine footprint is just 77 acres, leaving the rest open for wildlife.

Pattern Energy Group owns and maintains the facility, and also operates three other wind farms throughout the U.S.

The priority deadline for the **2013 Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service** is coming up on **February 7**.

This fast-paced eight week academic internship program will allow students from around the world to dive head first into the nonprofit sector while they live, learn, and intern in **Washington, DC**.

Please pass the announcement below to students who may be interested in spending a summer interning and earning credit in the nation's capital and encourage them to apply by the February 7 priority deadline to receive special scholarship consideration.

Kristen Wright, Manager, Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service

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June 5 – August 3, 2013

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*Scholarship Funding Available

Spend a summer in Washington, DC making an investment in your future that will help set you apart after college. The comprehensive program sponsored by The Fund for American Studies includes a **guaranteed internship placement**, courses for transferable **credit**, and furnished **housing** in downtown Washington.

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We've been creating academic internship experiences for over 40 years and **guarantee all participants an internship placement**. Your options are endless – we work with a variety of nonprofit organizations focusing on issues like education, healthcare, homelessness, and the environment.

Working in this powerful city will allow you to make professional connections and practice networking skills in a real-world setting. Washington, DC is the perfect place to explore a variety of career paths, and we work with each student's unique goals and aspirations to match them with the most fitting internship site.

“For me, IPVS was about more than just educational and professional development. It was about personal exploration and challenging myself to do things that will make an impact on the community. I will never forget all the friends and lasting memories I have made during my time with IPVS.

Hunter Poole, University of Arkansas Intern, YMCA

APPLY NOW!

Students will be accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of March 7, 2013. Applicants are encouraged to apply for the priority deadline of **February 7, 2013** in order to receive preference in admissions and scholarship consideration.

For more information, please visit www.DCinternships.org/IPVS or contact IPVS Manager, Kristen Wright by email at IPVS@tfas.org or by phone at 202.986.0384.

Please join us as the **USGBC Nevada Chapter Leadership Awards** honor outstanding individuals and organizations that are advancing green building in Northern Nevada. Recognition will go to those who are leading Northern Nevada into a healthier and sustainable future. This celebration event promises to be a great start for 2013 with lunch and networking opportunities.

LEED AP Continuing Education Credit: 1 GBCI self reporting CEUs
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013 Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Location: Great Basin Community Food Co-op, 240 Court Street, Reno, Nevada

Cost: \$10 Members \$25 Non-members Lunch Included.

Remembering Our Roots

January 17, 2013

Hungry Valley Community Center

6:30-8:00 PM

January 24, 2013

Reno - 34 Reservation Road

6:30 - 8:00 PM



Topics Discussed will be:

A) Prior to Contact and Post Contact (Tibo = "Writers"), and

B) Medicines: Pooha and the Ones Standing.