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Accepting Applications

Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee will be accepting applications from qualified applicants (GED/High School Graduates) for the Electrical Wireman Apprenticeship Program. IN PERSON ONLY. Starting on April 16th, 2013 thru May 13th, 2013 (except weekends) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Matt Firmenich I.B.E.W. #357 Training Facility, 620 Leigon Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89110 (One block west of Lamb off Bonanza).

**These are jobs for the K Road Moapa Solar Project
Press "Select job" to see more information and apply**

Security Personnel for the Site

Security of the site and all the materials on it is very important, so security personnel will be needed. The extents of the security detail are still being worked out, but could include: Evening and Night shifts to monitor the site, Training for... [Select job](#)

Installation of the Solar Module Racking System

The modules will attach to this support system and be held at the best angle to generate power from the sun. *This work will include:* There will be multiple types and sizes of connected pieces of racking; it will be very important to have someone.. [Select job](#)

Unloading and Staging Materials

These sites have a large amount of materials and equipment that will be accepted onsite. These will need to be removed from the trucks and staged in construction laydown or staging areas. Then they will need to be moved from the laydown areas to... [Select job](#)

Tortoise Surveys and Relocation

Based on the needs from the Biological Consultant, there may be the need for additional people

to help with finding, observing, and relocating offsite the tortoises found within the project boundaries. This job description and need for help is... [Select job](#)

Installation of the Perimeter Security Fence

The entire perimeter of the site will be enclosed with a chain link security fence. This work will include: Operating an auger to drill the holes for the fence posts. Pouring concrete for the fence foundations. Placing the posts in the concrete foundations... [Select job](#)

Installation of Stormwater Protection Materials

Part of the requirements for this project involves protecting nearby waterways. We do this by installing products that hold water, filter water, or redirect water on the site. *This work will include:* Operating a “grade-all” style forklift and using it to... [Select job](#)

Tortoise Monitors for Incoming and Outgoing Traffic

One of our responsibilities is making sure that the tortoises on this jobsite and on the road up to the jobsite are kept safe from harm. Part of this could involve escorting vehicles along the access road and watching for any tortoises on the road. There... [Select job](#)

SD tribe faces ultimatum on sale of massacre site

By Kristi Eaton, Associated Press May 1, 2013 | 12:36 p.m.

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — A small patch of prairie sits largely unnoticed off a desolate road in southwestern South Dakota, tucked amid gently rolling hills and surrounded by dilapidated structures and hundreds of gravesites — many belonging to Native Americans massacred more than a century earlier.

The assessed value of the property: less than \$14,000. The seller's asking price: \$4.9 million.

Tribal members say the man who owns a piece of the Wounded Knee National Historic Landmark on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is trying to profit from their suffering. It was there, on Dec. 29, 1890, that 300 Native American men, women and children were killed by the 7th Cavalry in the final battle of the American Indian Wars.

James Czywczynski, whose family has owned the property since 1968, is trying to sell the 40-acre fraction of the historic landmark and another 40-acre parcel for \$4.9 million. He has given the Oglala Sioux Tribe until Wednesday to agree to the price, after which he will open it up to outside investors.

Oglala Sioux tribal president Bryan Brewer told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the tribe does not have the money to buy the land and that, even if it did, tribal members shouldn't have to buy back something that is theirs.

"We are hoping no one will buy this land. And I'd like to tell investors that if someone thinks they can go down there and commercialize this, it will never happen. We will not allow it," he said.

Czywczyński did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press on Wednesday. Earlier this month he told the AP he had three offers from West Coast-based investment groups interested in buying the land for the original asking price.

The ultimatum has caused anger among many tribal members and descendants of the massacre victims.

"I know we are at the 11th hour, but selling this massacre site and using the victims as a selling pitch is, for lack of a better word, it's grotesque," said Nathan Blindman, 56, whose grandfather was 10 when he survived the massacre. "To use the murdered children, the murdered teenagers, the unborn, women screaming and running for their lives, using that as a selling pitch ... that has got to be the most barbaric thing ever to use as a selling pitch."

Czywczyński acknowledges the historical significance adds value to each parcel of land, which have each been appraised at less than \$7,000 apiece, according to records reviewed by the AP.

Besides its proximity to the burial grounds, the land includes the site of a former trading post burned down during the 1973 Wounded Knee uprising, in which hundreds of American Indian Movement protesters occupied the town built at the massacre site. The 71-day standoff that left two tribal members dead and a federal agent seriously wounded is credited with raising awareness about Native American struggles and giving rise to a wider protest movement that lasted the rest of the decade.

The land sits on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, home to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, but many of the descendants of the massacre victims and survivors are members of several different Lakota tribes, said Joseph Brings Plenty, a former chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and a traditional chief.

Brings Plenty said the tribes are not in a position to pay millions of dollars for the land. Although tribal members are not opposed to development that would preserve, beautify or better educate the public about the land and its history, they are opposed to commercialization, he said.

"You don't go and dance on grandma and grandpa's grave to turn a hefty dollar sign," he said.

Tribal members and descendants have reached out to President Barack Obama to make the site a National Monument, which would better guard it against development and commercialization, Brings Plenty said.

But even if an outside investor buys the land with intent to develop, there will be obstacles, said Craig Dillon, an Oglala Sioux Tribal Council member. The tribe could pass new laws preventing the buyer from actually building at the site.

"Whoever buys that is still going to have to deal with the tribe," Dillon said. "Access is going to be an issue. Development is going to be an issue. I'm not threatening anybody, but my tone is be aware you have to deal with the tribe if you purchase it."

There are nearly 2,500 national historic landmarks across the country, with the vast majority of them owned by private landowners, said Don Stevens, chief of the History and National Register Program in the Midwest Region for the National Park Service.

"We advocate for preservation and we always express concern about potential harm for their care," Stevens said, adding that the NPS does not have any legal authority.

Still, a site can lose its designation if it does not retain its physical integrity, he said. One example is Soldier Field in Chicago, which lost the designation when it was remodeled a decade ago because it changed its physical character.

As for the Wounded Knee site, Stevens said any development could potentially affect the Historic Landmark designation.

"Certainly you would hear a hue and cry about that type of thing," he said. "And certainly if we saw something going up, we'd express our concern, even if we don't have a legal jurisdiction to intercede, we'd express our concern."

NEVADA LEGISLATURE:

Senate Joint Resolution 15 will having a hearing before the Assembly Taxation Committee Thursday 1:00pm

Senate Joint Resolution 15 (SJR15)--the resolution that allows Nevadans to vote on removing the mining industry's tax protections from Nevada's constitution--easily passed the Senate this session. It must pass the Assembly in order to take the next and final step: A vote of the Nevada people.

[The Legislative Counsel Bureau determined that passing SJR15 will not raise, lower, or change the taxes mining pays.](#) It gives our legislature the power to decide how the mining industry is taxed by removing a constitutional tax protection on the Net Proceeds on Minerals. Our legislature depends on the LCB to provide legal opinions on legislation and various issues every day. There is no reason for them to turn their backs on the LCB now.

You can also testify in favor of SJR15 at the Assembly Taxation Committee hearing Thursday at 1:00pm in [room 4100 of the Legislative Building or room 4406 of the Grant Sawyer building in Las Vegas.](#)

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#### **Senate Bill 229 -Protect Lake Tahoe**

#### **SB 229 – Repeals the provisions of Senate Bill No. 271 of the 2011 Session.**

- **This bill repeals SB 271, which withdraws Nevada from the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.**
- **The stated goals of SB 271 have been accomplished as a new TPRA regional plan has been passed.**

- **Repealing this legislation will recommit Nevada to ensuring the protection of one of Nevada's and the nation's greatest treasures.**

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First County in US Bans Oil and Gas Extraction

Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, News Analysis: Monday the County Commission of Mora County, located in northeastern New Mexico, became the first county in the U.S. to pass an ordinance banning all oil and gas extraction. Drafted with assistance from the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), the Mora County Community Water Rights and Local Self-Government Ordinance establishes a local Bill of Rights—including a right to clean air and water, a right to a healthy environment and the rights of nature—while prohibiting activities which would interfere with those rights, including oil drilling and hydraulic fracturing for shale gas.

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Sand Land: Fracking Industry Mining Iowa's Iconic Sand Bluffs in New Form of Mountaintop Removal

Steve Horn, DeSmogBlog: Despite an 18-month moratorium on frac sand extraction in Allamakee, Iowa, county residents see evidence the industry is creeping in. Mining corporations have adopted a method of mountaintop removal to extract the resource, at the expense of the citizens. [Read the Article](#)

14-Year-Old 'Mummified' McDonald's Burger Virtually Unchanged

Anthony Gucciardi, Video Feature: We know fast food is loaded with synthetic chemicals and is downright devastating to your health, but a newly discovered 'mummified' McDonald's burger visually represents just how little the Frankenfood burger actually changed over 14 years time. Purchased by David Whipple way back in 1999 on July 7, the burger looks (and even smells) virtually the same as the day he bought it. In fact, there is no visible mold development or decay of any kind. Whereas you would begin smelling a real homemade beef burger within a matter of hours if it were to sit inside a hot closet, the McDonald's burger went completely unidentified for 14 full years as it did not even put off any kind of smell. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#)

Northern California Cherokees hold Spring Gathering

Nanette Taylor Deetz in Entertainment.

SUISUN CITY, CALIFORNIA – "No matter where you live, we're family. We all come from one fire, we are one fire," said Principal Chief Bill John Baker as he addressed the 2013 Spring Gathering of the Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area and the Cherokees of the North Central Valley.

This year's gathering and traditional hog fry took place at Rush Ranch in Suisun, California on Sunday, April 28. Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma officials traveled throughout California's satellite communities in order to continue issuing new tribal I.D. cards. Tribal officials were also encouraging citizens to vote, not only in Cherokee Nation elections but on the state and federal level as well.

"After removal from our traditional homelands, we were stripped of our possessions and put in stockades. But we said, "we're not done yet," and we started over once again. We've established our nation, our sovereignty and continue our culture and language to this day," Chief Baker reminded us.

The entire day was a testament to the truth of those words. Jacquie Archambeau, President elect of the Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area, organized and emceed the day's many events.

Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area members donated gifts to a raffle. Kim Shuck, Cherokee poet donated her new book, entitled "Rabbit Stories." Cherokee artist America Meredith donated a copy of "The Liar's Club," which she illustrated. Artist Barbara George donated two cabachon necklaces, Shannon Rob donated beaded necklaces, Jim Goss donated necklaces, Sue Remick donated a necklace that represented the history and culture of Cherokees. A beautiful, handmade butterfly shawl was donated by Nicole and Jacquie Archambeau donated a handmade baby's quilt with the symbol of the Cherokee Nation sewn in its center. The Cherokees of the North Central Valley Cherokee group made beautiful red, Cherokee Nation t-shirts, sold hand made jewelry, books, and sold music CD's. The many talents of Cherokee Nation at large satellite members were in abundance.

The highlight of the day's events was the stomp dance lesson and demonstration led by Ryan Mackey, Dawni Mackey and their son, Choogie of Cherokee Nation Community Services Outreach. This was a first for many California members who may not have participated in a stomp dance. Dawni Mackey explained that her husband Ryan is also a language and culture specialist, who helped develop an adult language immersion program. Ryan Mackey also gave the honoring prayer for Veterans, while Tommy Wildcat played a traditional Warrior's song on the flute.

Entertainment was provided by Eric Ray "Gvwi." He is an accomplished flute player whose work has been nominated for a Native American Music Award, 2013. Traditional Cherokee songs accompanied by hand drum were presented by the group, "Otsigeya", We Women, led by Barbara Warren of the Cherokees of the North Central Valley group. This very talented group of women sang, "Southwind," "Selu Gadu," "Gigage," "Wildflower" and "Ulihelisti", Joy. Members of the West family honored the passing of their relative, Betty West, a founding member of Otsigeya, by singing her favorite songs with the group. Betty West's young grandchildren sang the "Cherokee Color Song" with Barbara Warren.

Even the business of politics became fun on this very special day. The Cherokee Nation voting team asked people to write on pieces of paper the different reasons they may have for voting. They then taped these to a wall for all to see. Responses were wide ranging and sincere. "I vote for my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren", was just one example.

Mr. Roy Hamilton, Cherokee Nation History Specialist and Contract Manager for the Cherokee Heritage Center said

“Every year I travel to all the satellite communities in California and I am always warmly welcomed. It is such a joy to meet with you, talk, and re-establish ties of family and community”

His co-worker, Catherine Foreman-Gray, Historian and Preservation Specialist traveled with him this year.

“The Heritage Center is working on a documentary and project to restore Cherokee family cemeteries. So many of them have been plowed under or built over. We want to find a way to restore our families' grave sites. The Nation is giving us grant money to do this.” said Hamilton.

Principal Chief Bill John Baker spent his day greeting each and every member of the satellite group, and re-iterated in his formal address the many projects Cherokee Nation is engaged in under the new administration. Three members currently running for At-Large Representative for the Nation also attended the gathering. Stickball was played, songs were sung, food was delicious and plentiful, and friendship and community were shared by all.



[Qatar Introduces the Museum Burka: Greece Demands Ancient Statues Returned After Museum Covers Them to Protect Muslim Sensibilities](#) by jonathanturley

The only problem that Qatar has with ancient history is that its pre-Islamic art falls to comply with Islamic sensibilities. An exhibit has been touring the world on the beauty and grace of "The Olympics — Past and Present." Two ancient statues showed this expression in artistic form but the Islamic nation decided to obscure the statues behind a black screen because their naked bodies were considered indecent under Islamic values. [Read more of this post](#)

RES California Coming to Pechanga Resort & Casino in June
Native News Network Staff in Native Briefs. [Discussion »](#)

MESA, ARIZONA – The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, which hosts the National Reservation Economic Summit, commonly known as National RES, is expanding the RES brand with regional events throughout the country.

RES California

The next RES event will be "RES California," an exciting three day event to be held from June 17 - 19, at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, California.

The theme of RES California is "Sustaining Economic Momentum," and the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development will do just that by offering an all inclusive RES event that will feature business leaders from across Indian country and provide a variety of activities aimed at fostering small business, enterprise, and leadership development.

RES California activities will begin with the, "National Center Golf Classic" at the beautiful, Journey at Pechanga Golf Resort on June 17, 2013.

Similar to the National RES event, the Regional RES events will provide the same attention to national and global business topics impacting Indian country, but in a thoroughly focused and intimate setting.

Regional RES events will be held in various tribal communities throughout the country to encourage partnerships, teaming relationships and increase business opportunities in Indian Country. RES participants are offered learning sessions focused on specific topics relevant to business and geared toward enhancing business opportunities.

The featured keynote speaker at RES California is former NYFD Chief Richard Picciotto. Chief Picciotto is the highest-ranking NYFD firefighter to survive the collapse of the World Trade Center. His keynote is entitled, Last Man Down and he addresses what happened on 9/11 and how he and his group of firefighters worked inside the burning World Trade Center to evacuate everyone, eventually leading his men to safety.

The first Regional RES, "RES Oklahoma," took place last November 14th-15th, 2012 and gathered over 300 participants and 72 exhibitors together to do business at the Cherokee Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Gary Davis, President and CEO of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, is no stranger to delivering entrepreneurial energy and inspiration to Native communities throughout the United States and Canada.

He said "A key component to sustaining economic momentum in Indian country is to develop and grow American Indian business networks and relationships in order to foster new economic development in tribal communities throughout North America."

Davis said "RES California is another multifaceted National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development event which will feature unparalleled access to respected tribal leaders, state and local elected officials and top CEO's"

He further stated "RES California attendees will benefit from high caliber networking, teaming opportunities, business development sessions, a business trade show, American Indian artisan market, plus a three part Tribal leadership seminar being presented by Chukchansi, Inc. On top of

all of that, we are extremely excited to debut our "Twenty Grand Business Plan Competition," which will award a small business with \$20,000 worth of capital for their business at RES California. It's just one more example of how the NCAIED is lifting up Native business across Indian country."

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, in its commitment to promote and advocate commerce for tribal enterprises and privately owned Native American businesses, will present the "Twenty Grand Business Plan Competition" at RES California.

This unprecedented competition will feature both "start up" and "established" Native American businesses that are completely owned by an enrolled member of any state or federally recognized Tribal Nation, Alaskan Native Village or a Canadian First Nation. These businesses will compete for the chance to win a \$20,000 cash award from the NCAIED. Competitors will present their company's business plan at RES California to a panel of respected and accomplished entrepreneurs and business leaders who will serve as judges of the competition. The business plan presentations will be judged based on business structure, financial viability, personal abilities, business experience and the quality of the plan.

The deadline for participants to complete the submission process is 6:00 pm Pacific Time on Sunday, May 31st, 2013. All participants must be registered to attend RES California and will be presenting their business plan on-site.

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In today's selection -- with the internet, new education technologies are arriving at a quickening pace, such as the free online courses known as MOOCs (for massively open online courses). These have sparked intense debate about the role of the classroom and the long term fate of traditional learning institutions. Yet new **technologies have long spurred such debate**. With the advent of the printing press and textbooks in the late 1400s and 1500s, some predicted that classroom teaching would no longer be needed. In Plato's era (429-347 B.C.E.), writing had begun to spread beyond the elite scribes to a broader segment of the population after the introduction of a true alphabet by the Phoenicians to the Greeks. Famously, in his book Phaedrus,

Plato decried that more widely spread use of writing as detrimental to the attainment of wisdom. In it, he used the character of Socrates to proclaim that writing "is an aid not to memory, but to reminiscence, and you give your disciples not truth, but only the semblance of truth; they will be hearers of many things and will have learned nothing; they will appear to be omniscient and will generally know nothing; they will be tiresome company, having the show of wisdom without the reality."

The passage from Phaedrus where this quote appears is shown below:

"SOCRATES: Enough appears to have been said by us of a true and false art of speaking.

PHAEDRUS: Certainly.

SOCRATES: But there is something yet to be said of propriety and impropriety of writing.

PHAEDRUS: Yes. ...

SOCRATES: At the Egyptian city of Naucratis, there was a famous old god, whose name was Theuth; the bird which is called the Ibis is sacred to him, and he was the inventor of many arts, such as arithmetic and calculation and geometry and astronomy and draughts and dice, but his great discovery was the use of letters. Now in those days the god Thamus was the king of the whole country of Egypt; and he dwelt in that great city of Upper Egypt which the Hellenes call Egyptian Thebes, and the god himself is called by them Ammon. To him came Theuth and showed his inventions, desiring that the other Egyptians might be allowed to have the benefit of them; he enumerated them, and Thamus enquired about their several uses, and praised some of them and censured others, as he approved or disapproved of them. It would take a long time to repeat all that Thamus said to Theuth in praise or blame of the various arts.

But when they came to letters, 'This,' said Theuth, 'will make the Egyptians wiser and give them better memories; it is a specific both for the memory and for the wit.' Thamus replied: 'O most ingenious Theuth, the parent or inventor of an art is not always the best judge of the utility or inutility of his own inventions to the users of them. And in this instance, you who are the father of letters, from a paternal love of your own children have been led to attribute to them a quality which they cannot have; for this discovery of yours will create forgetfulness in the learners' souls, because they will not use their memories; they will trust to the external written characters and not remember of themselves. The specific which you have discovered is an aid not to memory, but to reminiscence, and you give your disciples not truth, but only the semblance of truth; they will be hearers of many things and will have learned nothing; they will appear to be omniscient and will generally know nothing; they will be tiresome company, having the show of wisdom without the reality.' ...

PHAEDRUS: I acknowledge the justice of your rebuke; and I think that the Theban is right in his view about letters.

SOCRATES: He would be a very simple person, and quite a stranger to the oracles of Thamus or Ammon, who should leave in writing or receive in writing any art under the idea that the written word would be intelligible or certain; or who deemed that writing was at all better than knowledge and recollection of the same matters?

PHAEDRUS: That is most true.

SOCRATES: I cannot help feeling, Phaedrus, that writing is unfortunately like painting; for the creations of the painter have the attitude of life, and yet if you ask them a question they preserve a solemn silence. And the same may be said of speeches.

You would imagine that they had intelligence, but if you want to know anything and put a question to one of them, the speaker always gives one unvarying answer. And when they have been once written down they are tumbled about anywhere among those who may or may not understand them, and know not to whom they should reply, to whom not: and, if they are maltreated or abused, they have no parent to protect them; and they cannot protect or defend themselves.
PHAEDRUS: That again is most true."

Phaedrus by Plato translated by Benjamin Jowett pub. by Actonian Press; 2.0.0 edition (January 19, 2010)

[The Stream, May 1: Storing Energy and Water](#)

Water and Energy Storage

In a column for *Reuters*, market analyst Gerard Wynn discusses the potential [growth of hydropower pumping stations for storing energy](#) and balancing electrical grids. The stations can use energy from intermittent sources such as wind and solar to pump water to higher elevations, releasing it at a later time to generate electricity—effectively storing the energy.

Meanwhile, cities are increasingly considering the use of [underground reservoirs for storing water](#), *The New York Times* reported. Experts say this practice can help guard against evaporation and reduces the need to dam and flood large areas of land.

Mining

Peru is considering [at least a partial rollback of its prior consultation law](#), which requires resource extraction companies to consult with indigenous communities before developing projects on their lands, according to *Reuters*. The changes could exempt Quechua-speaking communities in the Andes from the law's protections due to disagreement about whether or not they are indigenous. Tensions between the government, indigenous communities, and mining companies in Peru often involve water resources.

The [reopening of a uranium mine near the Grand Canyon's South Rim has been federally approved](#), but the project faces opposition from critics who say the mine's 1986 environmental assessment is outdated, the *Guardian* reported. Opponents have also raised concerns about possible contamination of the Red Wall aquifer.

VIRTUAL' TENANT SPACE OFFERED

Virtual tenant space now is being offered at the Urban Chamber of Commerce Business Development Center, sponsored by the city of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency, to meet the needs of a proliferation of online and at-home businesses. Companies that don't need physical space, but could benefit from the center's other services, can now apply to be a "virtual tenant" at 1951 Stella Lake St. in Ward 5. Previously, the Business Development Center primarily focused on offering below-market-rate office and industrial space, along with support services and mentoring assistance, for startup companies. The Internet age has reduced some companies' need for physical space, although they still require a number of the amenities available at the center, including high-speed Internet and Wi-Fi connections, meeting and training facilities with telephone conferencing capabilities, office equipment, business development advisors, and more. Business owners interested in participating in the program need to complete an application and meet certain qualifications. To learn more, contact Summer Rabb at 648-6222 or go online to www.urbanchamber.org/.