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John Upton, Grist

Upton reports: "Monsanto has pretty much given up any hope (at least for now) of selling its genetically engineered seeds for corn, sugar beets, and other crops in Europe, where opposition to GMO food is overwhelming." [READ MORE](#)

Northern Nevada Chapter Meeting- GREENevada's Work in Our Community

Presented by: David Gibson, chair of GREENevada and Amelia Gulling from Green Power, DRI's education program

Please join us as the USGBC Nevada Chapter (Northern) hosts GREENevada – Growing Resources for Environmental Education in Nevada. This organization is a coalition of seven non-profits in Reno that include the Alliance for Climate Education, Black Rock Solar, Envirolution, GreenPower, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, Sierra Nevada Journeys and Urban Roots Garden Classrooms.

More information and registration by clicking [here](#).

August 1, 2013 11:30am-1:00m

Rapscallion Seafood House & Bar, 1555 S. Wells Ave, Reno, 89509

Registration Fees:	USGBC Member	Non-Members
	\$18	\$28

Reservation Deadline: Monday July 29, 2013

The Medical Office Building of the Future Panel Discussion

Medical Facilities are typically one of the most energy demanding building typologies. Join us as experts speak on the greening of medical facilities. Learn about the current issues in healthcare that see improvement from the implementation of Green / Sustainability designs and initiatives. Panelists will share solutions that make positive changes to healthcare possible.

More information and registration by clicking [here](#).

August 13, 2013 7:00am-9:00am Springs Preserve, 333 S. Valley View Blvd., 89107

But now, the collective evidence from a number of recent studies suggests that the bilingual experience improves the brain’s so-called executive function — a command system that directs the attention processes that we use for planning, solving problems, and performing various other mentally demanding tasks.*

*PAPER: Attention and inhibition in bilingual children: evidence from the dimensional change card sort task Ellen Bialystok and Michelle M. Martin Department of Psychology, York University, Toronto, Canada

Please join us for this fun for the whole family event on September 21, 2013. Benefiting the Nevada Diabetes Association. Anyone can compete. If you are not a BMX member you will get a free day license and only pay for the race. Our NDA race is only \$10.

[BMX Race to Benefit Diabetes #RYDERSTRONG](#)

[September 21](#) at 1:00pm

[The Fernley Bmx Track](#) in [Fernley, Nevada](#)

[Leicester Cathedral plans grand tomb for Richard III](#)

July 20th, 2013

Even as a legal challenge contesting the University of Leicester’s license to determine where the remains of King Richard III are to be buried [winds its way through the courts](#), Leicester Cathedral is moving forward with its plans for the monarch’s tomb. The church originally proposed a modest floor-level slab tomb, but when they opened it to public consultation the response was less than positive. The Richard III Society declared themselves “appalled” by the design. The cathedral went back to the drawing board and came up with [a far more ambitious plan](#).

The Dean of Leicester, The Very Revd David Monteith, said the plans were influenced by feedback from a variety of sources, including members of the public who had been visiting the Cathedral and commenting in the media.

“We are committed to reinter King Richard with honour and we have listened carefully to the different views that were expressed. We want to create a really wonderful space in the Cathedral for him and the many thousands of people we know will want to come to visit and pay their respects.

With input from the Richard III Society, the University of Leicester and the City Council, the firm of [van Heyningen and Haward Architects](#) is working on several designs for an elaborate

tomb that is both king-worthy and that will accommodate the large number of visitors expected to flock to Richard's new home. The architects have been working on renovations of Leicester Cathedral since 2009. When the remains of Richard III were discovered, the cathedral asked them to integrate the tomb into the reordering.

Instead of being flush with the floor, Richard's tomb will be raised in the center of dedicated space with new floors, lighting and a new stained glass window. The precise design has yet to be finalized, but here's an artist's rendering of the prospective tomb: *(pic did not transfer)*

The inlaid marble white rose of York under the raised sarcophagus is a particularly nice touch, I think.

It won't come cheap. The estimated cost to construct the tomb is £1 million (\$1,525,000), moneys which the cathedral is going to have to raise before construction begins. Final approval is slated for November and then they're going to have to get a move on, because when the Ministry of Justice granted the University the license to remove the remains, they stipulated that the remains would have to be reinterred by August 31st, 2014. Any delays from fundraising, the legal challenge or construction could run afoul of the deadline.

Meanwhile, the [University of Leicester is back at the Greyfriars site](#). This time they've been able to open a far larger trench to accompany their far wider brief. The goals are to unearth more details about Richard's final resting place, discover more about the layout of the church, unearth other burials in the church, most notably the stone coffin thought to contain the body of a local dignitary (perhaps the founder of the friary Peter Swynsfeld, perhaps a knight named Sir William Moton) and the remains of three friars who were hanged and beheaded by Henry IV for treason in 1402 after they were found to be spreading rumors that Richard II was still alive thereby undermining Henry's legitimacy.

The archaeological team has already found the outlines of the church walls and many [medieval floor tiles](#), some reused in Robert Herrick's 17th century garden, some still in situ in the choir floor. They've also re-excavated the stone coffin and Richard's grave. The latter they [scanned using laser and digital photogrammetric technologies](#) to get the most detailed 3D map possible. Once the grave is covered up again so people can park their cars on it, archaeologists will have an interactive reconstruction to study and to use for comparison in any future excavations. It will also be part of the display at the new Richard III Visitor Centre being build adjacent to the former Greyfriars church.

They've erected a public viewing platform at the north end of the parking lot which will be open every day between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM until the end of July.

6,000-year-old decorative wood carving found in Wales

July 18th, 2013

Archaeologists monitoring the construction of a substation at Maerdy Wind Farm in the Rhondda Valley of south Wales last September [discovered 12 oak timbers preserved in peat deposits](#). One of them appeared to have abstract designs of parallel zig-zags and an oval shape carved into it. Ancient timbers, like all organic materials, [survive exceptional well in peat](#) thanks to the waterlogged anaerobic environment, but decorative carvings are a far rarer find.

Before they got too excited, the archaeologists sent a sample of the 5'5" length of timber to be radiocarbon dated. The test returned a date range of 6,000-6,270 years old, the Late Mesolithic/ Early Neolithic period in the UK. Most of the artifacts surviving from that period are stone tools, so the discovery of art carved on timber shines a new light on the culture of Late Mesolithic Britain, an important time when people were transitioning from hunter-gatherer nomadic lifestyles to sedentary tribal communities.

They still needed to be sure the designs were deliberate human carvings rather than the freak effect of erosion or some other natural process. The carved timber was sent to the [Newport Ship Centre](#) where a 100-foot-long 15th century ship discovered buried in the banks of the River Usk in 2002 is being preserved and examined. They have the facilities to preserve the timber and to 3D laser scan it so the putative carving could be recorded in detail.

With the scans in hand, a team of archaeologists and paleo-entomologists examined the carvings and confirmed that they were not natural features. This conclusion was supported by the lack of any such designs on the other timbers found at the site, all of which are oak and all of which spent thousands of years in the same environment, like a handy ancient wood control group.

“In archaeological circles, this is the is equivalent to winning the lottery,” [Richard Scott Jones, an archaeologist from Heritage Recording Services Wales,] said.

“Finding a piece of decorative art like this is incredibly rare in this area of Wales, especially on uplands. And in terms of timber, this is truly unique. It gives us an idea of the sophistication in terms of artwork around at that time.”

The only other decorative art of this kind from this era has been found on pottery or carved into standing stones like the passage grave slabs in the Neolithic cairn at Gavrinis in Brittany. Researchers believe it may have been used a boundary marker of tribal property, of a hunting ground or maybe even a sacred site.

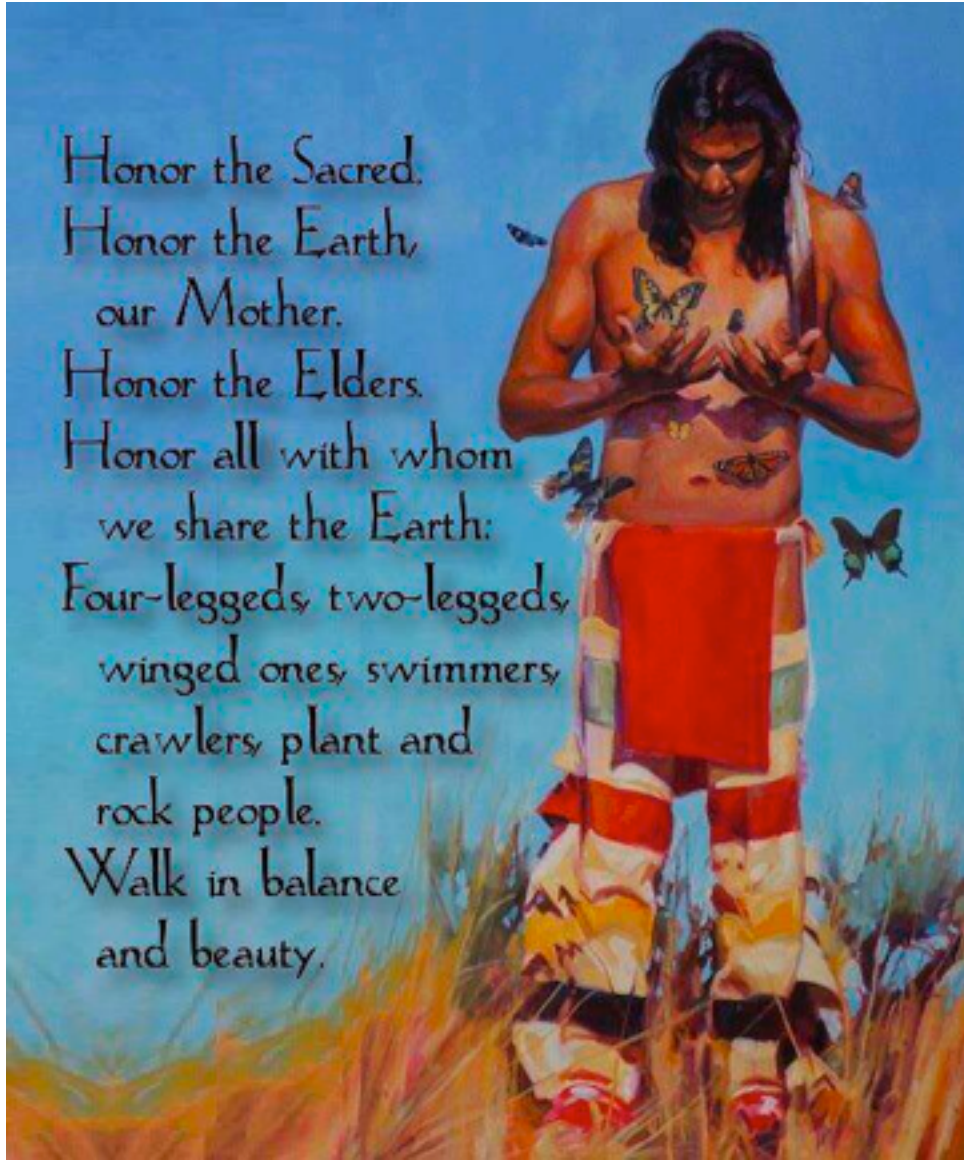
Archaeologists returned to excavate the discovery site in the hopes of finding something associated with the carved timber, perhaps tools used to carve, perhaps more pieces of it, but they didn't find anything. The took some samples of the environment which are now in the process of being analyzed.

The timber is at the York Archaeological Trust being preserved with polyethylene glycol (PEG). It is also having its tree rings counted so it can be dated more precisely. The PEG treatment should take about a year. Once that's done some time in 2014, the timber will be moved to the [National Museum Cardiff](#). The eventual plan is for it to go on permanent display at the [National History Museum, St Fagans](#), in the new galleries that are currently being built.

[Down Comes Another Dam](#)

By THE NYT EDITORIAL BOARD

The water will soon flow more freely on the Penobscot River, another step in the nationwide movement to restore native ecosystems.



Honor the Sacred.
Honor the Earth,
our Mother.
Honor the Elders.
Honor all with whom
we share the Earth:
Four-leggeds, two-leggeds,
winged ones, swimmers,
crawlers, plant and
rock people.
Walk in balance
and beauty.

AMAZING! TODAY'S KIDS ARE AWESOME.

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[Growing a small business? Here are 5 financial equations you need to know](#)

The Huffington Post

Cash flow may be the lifeblood of a small business but the ability to create accurate projections and forecasts for your business is what moves it forward. Knowing what's coming in and what's going out, and being able to use that knowledge to plan and act is the only way a small-business owner can effectively pursue and manage growth opportunities. Here are five key metrics small-business owners need to know when developing their forecasts. [READ MORE](#)

[Minority women entrepreneurs are leading the way for small-business growth](#) **Forbes**

The surging growth of minority women-owned businesses in the last 15 years tells a mixed story about the American workforce. Minority women-owned firms grew 156 percent from 1997 to 2013 and now account for 1 in 3 women-owned firms in the U.S., according to a 2013 report by American Express on the state of women-owned businesses. In contrast, non-minority women-owned firms grew 32 percent during the same period.

[What's the best way for small business to grow?](#) **USA Today**

Digital technology, websites and social media now are key tools for growing small businesses and competing with larger ones. "Even if you're making coffee or ice pops or lobster rolls, you can also expand your business using technology," says Small Business Administration chief Karen Mills. "It levels the playing field." Even so, nearly 60 percent of small businesses still are what Google calls invisible — operating without a website. [READ MORE](#)

World Learning Graduate Programs (Plan Ahead!)

Opening Dates:

- January 15 for summer and fall programs
- April 15 for spring programs

Closing Dates:

- April 1 for summer and fall IHP/Comparative programs
- May 1 for the fall Czech Republic, Switzerland, and Brazil programs
- May 15 for all other fall programs
- **October 1 for the spring IHP/Comparative programs**
- **November 1 for all other spring programs**

SIT Study Abroad welcomes applications from undergraduate students who:

- Are in good academic standing at an accredited college or university.
- Have completed at least one year of college-level coursework at the time of application and preferably two years for IHP/Comparative programs. (Exceptions: only one semester of college coursework is required for summer programs and the France: Language, Community, and Social Change semester program.)
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher

- Meet stated prerequisites for the programs to which they are applying. Prerequisite information is available on program-specific [web pages](#) and in the SIT Study Abroad [course catalog](#).

The admissions committee strives to select students who will be the best possible match for a program. All applicants should submit strong academic references and demonstrate a consistent academic record, clear motivation to study abroad, solid reasoning for their program choice, and an understanding of the program model.

Students are encouraged to meet with their college or university study abroad advisors, academic advisors, and faculty to assist in program selection and preparation.

Rolling Admissions Dates

SIT Study Abroad has rolling admissions, which means that applications are reviewed on a rolling basis between the opening and closing dates of an application cycle. Many programs fill long before the published closing dates, so please be sure to submit your application early. Applications can be started at any time.

Applications must be complete to be reviewed for admission. This means that transcripts, recommendations, and any additional required materials must all be received in a timely fashion. It is your responsibility to ensure the timely arrival of all application materials.

Complete applications received prior to the opening date will be reviewed after the opening date has passed. Information on application status will not be available until after the opening date for the term under review. Students, advisors, and faculty are welcome to check on an application's status after the opening date.

We encourage you to contact our office early in the application process to discuss your program choice, as you begin planning your study abroad experience. We anticipate programs will continue to fill early, and we recommend applying close to the opening dates. You should also specify a second-choice program.

You must have a passport that is valid for at least six months after the program ends. If you do not, you should apply for one at once, even before you complete your SIT Study Abroad application. [Passport and Visa Information](#)

How to apply

To apply to an SIT Study Abroad program, you will need to submit the following materials. Please note that we will not review your application until we have received all of these materials. You can also access program-specific application materials by clicking on the "Apply Now" button on each program page.

Required materials for semester programs:

- Application
- Program-specific requirements as listed in the application packet
- A \$50 non-refundable application fee

- Student disclosure and approval of participation form (signed by your study abroad office)
- Two academic references from professors or your academic advisor
- Official transcript(s) from all post-secondary institutions attended
- If you are applying to two SIT Study Abroad programs for two different terms, you will need to download, complete, and submit the [Multiple Term Acknowledgement Form](#) (PDF.) [Learn more about spending multiple terms abroad with SIT](#) (PDF.)

[Apply Online](#). You can also [download PDF copies of application forms](#) on our website.

Take note of program-specific requirements

Because SIT Study Abroad programs differ considerably from country to country, each program requires a different set of application materials. Requirements differ due to prerequisites and program-specific components such as Independent Study Projects and homestays. Applicants to some programs are asked to provide additional materials related to the host country's visa requirements, including pre-visa forms, passport photos, and passport photocopies.

Go to your program page and click "Apply Now" to view prerequisites and program-specific requirements for your program of choice.

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Fax: 802.258.3296 <http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/admissions.cfm#.UTjicqD50ZR>
Mailing Address: PO Box 676, 1 Kipling Road, Brattleboro, VT 05302 USA

[Oregon Claims State Ownership Over all Rainwater](#) worldtruth.tv

[Oregon criminalizes permaculture; claims state ownership over all rainwater - ponds and swales restricted - jail time for violators. There's nothing more refreshing than standing in a cool, summertime rain shower. Or bathing in the warm sunlight on a crisp spring day. Or inhaling the cool autumn ai...](#)

Thanks [Desert Magazine](#) for hosting all of the old back issues and making them freely available! :)

[Desert Magazine Archives](#) mydesertmagazine.com

[Desert Magazine Archives from November 1937 to present. Randall Henderson created Desert Magazine about the Southwest Deserts.](#)

[TWELVE SURPRISING USES FOR VICKS VAPORUB](#)
[\(My sisters know why this is included\)](#)

1. Decongest Your Chest

The most common use of Vicks is to decongest your chest and throat area. When applied to the upper chest, it provides excellent relief of cough and congestion symptoms.

2. On Your Tootsies

Applying Vicks to your feet provides nighttime cough relief. Generously rub VapoRub all over your feet and cover them with socks. Your cough will subside.

3. Achy Breaky Muscles

Vicks relieves sore, overworked muscles. It increases circulation and provides almost instant aid. Use a generous portion and apply it over the aching area.

4. Get Rid of Nasty Nail Fungus

Rub VapoRub on your toenails if you suspect you have a fungus. Within days, the nail will turn dark—this means the Vicks is killing the fungus. As your toenail grows out, the dark part will grow off and you will have fungus-free feet. Keep applying the ointment over a period of two weeks to fully cleanse nail beds of any remaining bacteria.

5. Stop Your Cat from Scratching

To prevent Miss Kitty from ruining your doors, walls, and windows, apply a small amount of VapoRub to these areas. Cats detest the smell and will steer clear. Vicks can also be applied to your arms and legs if your kitty is prone to scratching you.

6. Pet Pee-Pee Deterrent

If your dog or cat is not yet potty trained, put an open bottle of Vicks on the area he or she likes to mark as their territory. The smell will discourage them from lifting their legs and wetting your rug.

7. Headaches Be Gone

Rub a small amount of Vicks VapoRub on your temples and forehead to help relieve headaches. The mentholated scent will release pressure in your head and instantly relieve pain.

8. Humidify Your Sleep

Vicks VapoRub can be used in special types of humidifiers and vaporizers. Ensure your humidifier has an aromatherapy compartment before using. The humidifier will circulate Vicks throughout the air and keep you breathing easy all night long.

9. Paper Cuts and Splinters

To prevent infection and speed up healing time, dab a small amount of Vicks on any small cut or splinter.

10. Ticks and Bugs

If you get bitten by a tick, apply Vicks immediately. The strong odor might help get the critter to release itself and stop bugging you.

11. Reek-free Racehorses

Professional racers smother VapoRub under the nostrils of racehorses on race day. The strong stench deters the stallions from the alluring odor of the female pony and keeps them focused on the race.

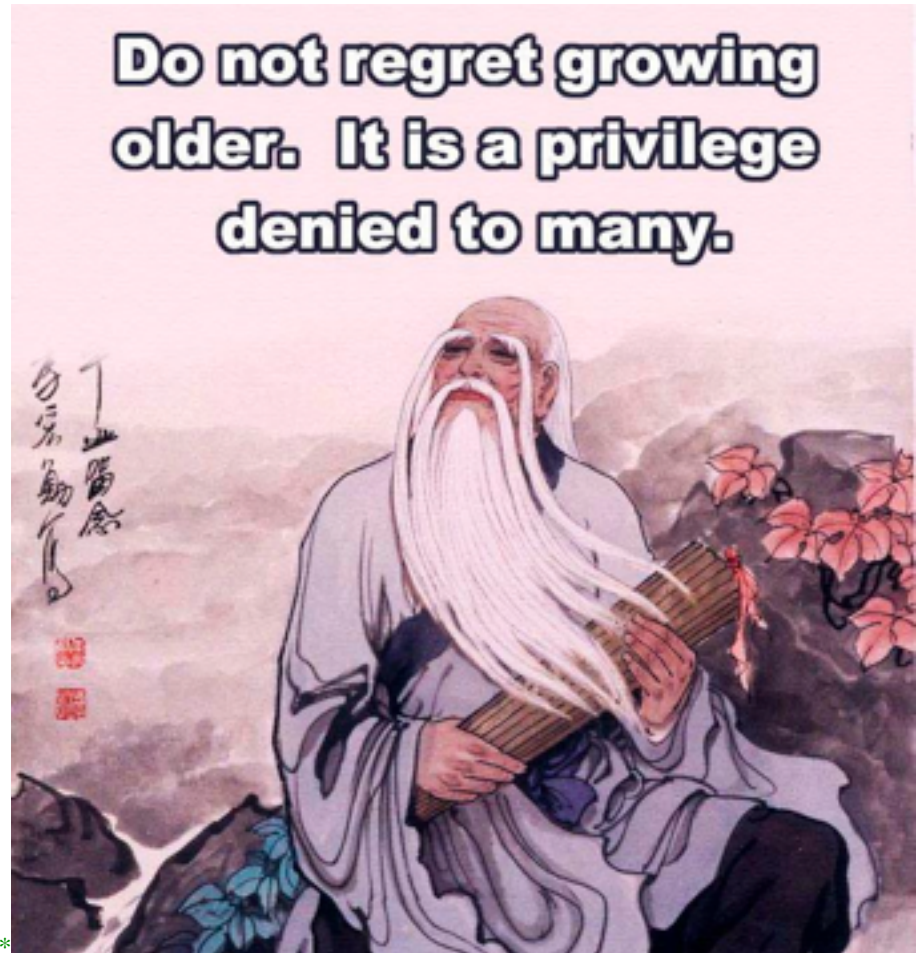
12. Go Away Mosquitoes (love this one!!!)

Apply small dabs of Vicks VapoRub to your skin and clothes and mosquitoes will steer clear. If you do get bitten, apply Vicks to the area and cover it with a Band-Aid to relieve itching. [PDF]

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OLD OSAGE CUSTOMS DIE WITH THE LAST PAH-HUE-SKAH By Prak F. Finney

With the death of an old Indian over eighty years of age ...



99th Annual Spokane Tribal Labor Day Pow Wow

Pow Wow Calendar

August 29, 2013 - September 2, 2013 - 12:00 am George Flett Prairie Chicken Dance Special 16 & Over

Men's Shawl Dance **Women's Cap Dance**
18 & Under Stick Game Tournament

Saturday, August 31st at Noon

24 hrs Stick Game and Gambling

Tiny Tot Powwow & Royalty Coronatio

Language Preservation Projects Supported Worldwide

Endangered Language Fund

The goal of the Endangered Language Fund is to support endangered language preservation and documentation projects throughout the world. The Fund provides grants of up to \$4,000 for

language maintenance and linguistic field work, with emphasis on work that serves both the native community and the field of linguistics. The language involved must be in danger of disappearing within a generation or two. Researchers and language activists from any country are eligible to apply. Institutions are eligible to apply for grants, but no administrative costs are covered. Applications must be received by April 22, 2013. The request for proposals is available on the Fund's website. *(File for next year)*

[Sequester hits Native Americans' mental health services www.marketplace.org](http://www.marketplace.org)
The suicide rate for Native Americans is nearly four times the national average, but many tribes' mental health services have been compromised by the sequester.

[Forrest Gerard Recognized on Senate Floor by Senator Cantwell-NativeNewsNetwork](http://www.nativenewsnetwork.com)
www.nativenewsnetwork.com

WASHINGTON To honor the 40th anniversary of the introduction of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, US Senator Maria Cantwell, the