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Advocacy Action Alert: Speak Up Now! **49% cut to NEH stalled in the House**

August 1, 2013

Dear Friend of State and Local History:

Last week we asked our members in certain states whose senators sit on the Senate Appropriations Committee to contact their Representatives asking them to help save NEH by voting against a drastic cut to the budget of this important agency.

**AASLH is now asking everyone to act once again to ensure that this devastating cut doesn't move beyond the committee room.**

Yesterday, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee considered a 49 percent (\$71 million) cut to the National Endowment for the Humanities. After a lengthy debate, the committee adjourned for the August recess without acting on the proposal but with the intent to take it up again in September. We must use this recess to make our voices heard in order prevent these devastating cuts from being enacted.

This drastic cut would end programs that provide critical support for humanities teaching, preservation, public programming, and research, and result in positive impacts on every community in the country. Programs supported by the NEH teach essential skills and habits including reading, writing, critical thinking, and effective communication that are crucial for ensuring that each individual has the opportunity to learn and become a productive member of society. Further, NEH's programs strengthen communities by promoting understanding of our common ideals, enduring civic values, and shared cultural heritage.

[Click here to download "Six Steps to Oppose cuts to NEH."](#)

The NEH desperately needs your help. [Click here to send a message to your elected officials.](#)  
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[Congratulations to our newly crowned Miss Native American, USA, Sarah Ortegon of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes from Denver, Colorado.](#)

-1st attendant, Shelby Williams (right) of the Walker River Paiute, Western Shoshone and Navajo/Diné Tribes from Elko, Nevada.

-2nd attendant, Mekah Abbey (left) of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas from Phoenix

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**Clashing Titans for Sale**

By GRAHAM BOWLEY

Two skeletons found in Montana by commercial fossil hunters are to be auctioned in New York, where they could bring an estimated \$7 million to \$9 million.

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**Interior Department offers support for Tule Springs**

By STEVE TETREAULT

STEPHENS WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration has come out in favor of special protections for rich fossil beds lying north of Las Vegas, although it says more studies need to determine how best to manage the area.

A statement submitted by the Interior Department to the Senate’s public lands subcommittee on Wednesday spoke approvingly of establishing the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument on 22,650 acres of the Upper Las Vegas Wash that has drawn paleontologists from around the world to examine ice age artifacts.

“The National Park Service does not currently have a park designated specifically to protect and interpret Pleistocene fossils and the creation of this site would comprise the most significant Pleistocene paleontological resources in the American Southwest,” the department said.

The national monument — a designation for sites containing at least one resource of national significance — would border Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Reservation and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.

The Park Service completed a report in June 2010 that concluded the area appears to be “nationally significant.” But officials said more studies are needed on details such as dealing with potential vandalism, the unauthorized removal of fossils and how off-road vehicle use should be managed.

The subcommittee’s gathering of the department’s view of the bill, which is sponsored by Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., and co-sponsored by Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., is a necessary step before Congress can move forward on it.

Creation of the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument is the lead element of a broad bill that also seeks to redesignate federal lands in other parts of the Las Vegas Valley.

Among its changes, the bill would expand the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area by 1,540 acres, convey 645 acres of federal land to North Las Vegas and 660 acres to the city of Las Vegas, expand the Metropolitan Police Department shooting range, and convey 1,886 acres to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for a new campus in North Las Vegas.

The bill also would release 9,700 acres of BLM land on Sunrise Mountain from wilderness study status, allowing it to be opened to various uses. It also would expand Nellis Air Force Base by 1,120 acres, and deliver 1,211 acres of federal land at Nellis Dunes to Clark County to create a park for off-road vehicle users.

The Interior Department said it supported most parts of the bill. However, it recommended against transferring land at Nellis Dunes until the completion of health studies into the high levels of naturally occurring arsenic in the area.

It also said a provision giving Clark County 2,350 acres for flood control near the proposed new airport at Ivanpah be conditioned on the county paying transfer costs.

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Marshall: 'Naomi Lakritz wrote a syndicated column for the Calgary Herald on July 31, that First Nations people 'need to quit blaming the past' for the circumstances in which they live.' (photo: unknown)

**A Brief Message for Canadians: Get Over It! By Andrew Gavin Marshall,**

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CANADIANS: Be ashamed that [this](#) newspaper column is what passes for the "public discourse" in this country: a raving, ignorant, arrogant, idiotic and racist rant telling Indigenous people to "get over it" - referring to the state-sanctioned racism, genocide, and imperialism - all of which is still taking place.

Naomi Lakritz wrote a syndicated column for the Calgary Herald on July 31, that First Nations people "need to quit blaming the past" for the circumstances in which they live, because they "have nobody to blame but themselves." First Nations people, suggested Lakritz, need to drop "the victimization mantle" and instead, start "with the concept of [individual responsibility](#)." In other words: get over it!

No, instead of Canadians acknowledging our history as a nation - the violent destruction, exploitation, domination, murder and discrimination exerted against the indigenous peoples of the land we invaded and occupied - this "journalist" thinks that Indigenous people should "stop blaming their history."

They are not blaming their history: they are pointing to their history so that we may learn our own. We have a 'shared' history, and it has led us to the present. If we - as Canadians - actually looked at our history, and traced its evolution up to the present, we would realize that our 'colonial' history has now evolved into a modern state-capitalist imperial present. Our historical injustices imposed upon Indigenous peoples have modern incarnations: the system of domination, exploitation, segregation, discrimination and - yes(!) - genocide, [continues today](#).

If we learned about all that, we might want to change it. We might develop something called 'empathy' which can lead to something called 'solidarity.' These are very human characteristics, so I understand that they seem challenging to relate to in a deeply dehumanizing society; but remember, we have a shared history and we share the present. Our histories are intertwined and interdependent, and so too is our future.

We might look out at the fact that Indigenous people, not only in Canada but around the world, are rising up in rebellion against the rampant and accelerating destruction of the environment, which will lead the species to extinction. Indigenous people are on the front lines of the global struggle against human extinction and the preservation of the environment and earth we live on. If we looked at all that... [we might join them](#).

Instead, we read articles like this gutter trash, intellectual [abortion](#), which has been published in the Calgary Herald, The Province, Victoria Times-Colonist, and the Edmonton Journal. Interesting how in the two provinces of BC and Alberta where the Indigenous struggle against [environmental destruction](#) is currently very active, are the same provinces where this 'article' is published in the main newspapers for the four largest population centres... just in case you might get the 'right' idea.

Canada's corporate-owned media wouldn't want that, would it? Not when the corporation that owns all these newspapers - the largest newspaper company in Canada, Postmedia Network - has a board of directors who are reaping profits and power off of the destruction of the environment, sitting on [multiple other corporate boards](#) for banks, energy and oil companies.

Take Jane Peverett, on the board of Postmedia. Jane also sits on the boards of CIBC, the Northwest [Natural Gas Company](#), and Encana, a major [energy company](#). As recently as November, an Indigenous group in BC was taking action against the construction of a major pipeline project partly owned by Encana.

I'm not blaming Jane for this article; I think the author deserves the blame. But Jane - and her compatriots who sit on the boards of Canada's highly concentrated media system - maintain and wield significant influence over a media institution which promotes articles like this as contributing to the 'public discourse,' when all it does is promote ignorance, propaganda, passivity, and protects the interests of the powerful who own it. It's an institutional function. Jane is merely a cog in a much larger wheel, while Naomi Lakritz can barely be said to be cognizant.

It's institutional propaganda. Just as the discrimination, exploitation, domination and destruction of Indigenous people is institutional to our society. For a population currently struggling against the rapacious ravaging of the environment, let alone for survival, being told to "get over it," is another way of saying: "just die, already." And because the struggle is against the extinction of our species if we continue along our current path, saying, "get over it," is also like saying, "we're all going to die, but I don't want to do anything about it... and neither should you."

So for those Canadians who think the article above presented a 'reasonable' argument (and I KNOW you exist), and for those Canadians who think Indigenous people should stop "blaming history," take a piece of your own advice: get over it. [Learn your history](#), know your world, find your brothers and sisters and join them in the struggle to save the species and the planet we live on.

When it comes to having people like Naomi Lakritz of the Calgary Herald lower the public discourse - or rather, maintain the public discourse at painful lows - it's really time that we get beyond this. Naomi Lakritz also thinks pot is a "[dangerous drug](#)" and legalization a "bad idea" (because once again, "get over" history, don't learn, just delude!), and who (shockingly) has

problems with immigrants, and it's too perfect: she wants them to "[leave \[their\] history at home](#)" when they come to Canada... the nation with no history, apparently.

The deranged attempts by Lakritz to support the status quo when it comes to matters of injustice cannot be left as the level of discourse in a country which boasts the title of "[the most educated country in the world](#)." It's time to start acting like it. So it's time to stop listening to Lakritz and other 'rebels against rationality', and START listening to Indigenous people, who have a great deal that they are trying to teach us [about our country](#), and are [showing us ways](#) that we can help change it for the better.

It's only our fate as a people, species, and planet that is at stake ... Get over it.

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It would be ironic, if it weren't so hubristic, that Ms. Lakritz is Jewish and would no doubt scream "anti-semitic" if anyone told her to "Get over" her history.

It's estimated 100 million First Nation people were exterminated in North America.

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[The Moken: Gypsies of the Sea \(PHOTOS\) - weather.com](#) [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)  
[Photographer Sofie Olsen visited and lived with the Moken people in the Surin Islands to document their nomadic sea culture and way of life.](#)

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[Top 15 At-Home Science Experiments for Kids | Spoonful](#) [spoonful.com](http://spoonful.com)

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### **Lewis and Roca to combine with Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons**

By CHRIS SIEROTY LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

*Lewis and Roca LLP, one of the most well-known law firms to handle the gaming industry in Las Vegas, will combine with Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons in Denver beginning Sept. 1, the two law firms announced Wednesday.*

The new 250-lawyer firm will be called Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP and will retain its current offices, lawyers and administrative staffs.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Kenneth Van Winkle, managing partner of Lewis and Roca, will become managing partner of the combined firm and will continued to be based in the firm's Phoenix headquarters. Fred J. Baumann, chairman of Rothgerber, will become executive committee chairman of the new firm, working in the Denver office.

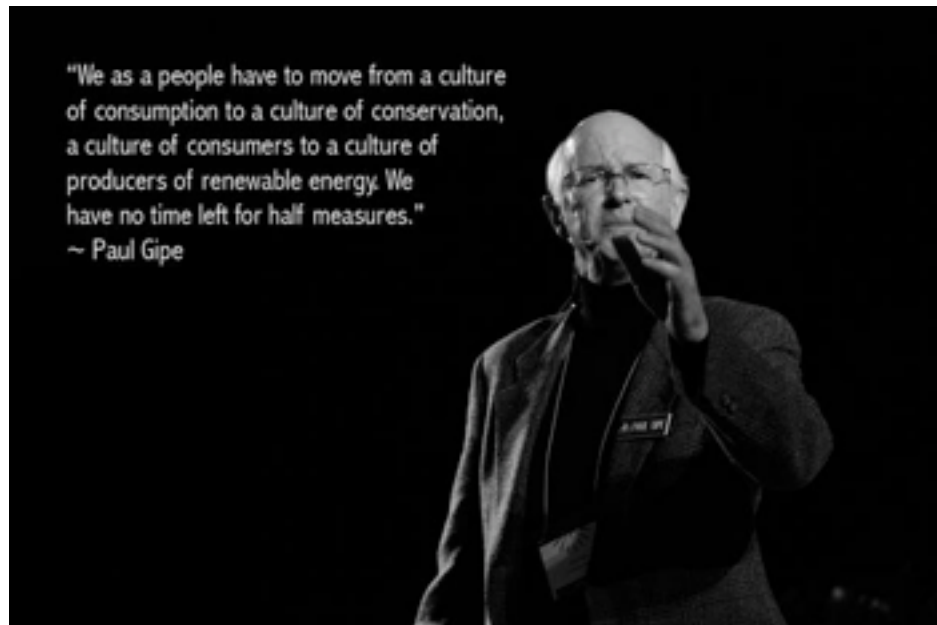
"We found a solid partner in Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons and quickly realized our growth strategies aligned," said Van Winkle, "It's important to note this is a combination of two strong firms and a continuation of both firms together, rather than apart."

The merger will allow Rothgerber to expand its presence beyond Colorado and Wyoming and into the Southwest, where Lewis and Roca has offices in Las Vegas; Reno; Phoenix; Tucson, Ariz.; Albuquerque, N.M., and Mountain View, Calif.

“Lewis and Roca shares not only our commitment to client service, but is a seamless fit strategically, culturally and professionally,” Baumann said.

Baumann said both firms are strong financially strong, but the merger was driven by a changing legal landscape in which Rothgerber clients need legal services in other markets where their businesses are growing.

“Our clients have been expanding in the Southwest region for some time and encouraged us to find an opportunity to establish a presence there,” Baumann said. “With Lewis and Roca, we are partnering with a firm with an equally strong reputation in its practices and markets.”



Founded in 1950, Lewis and Roca has been involved in several high-profile cases, including representing Ernesto Miranda in the landmark 1966 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Miranda v. Arizona*, according to the firm’s website.

The court held that suspects in custody must be explicitly told of their constitution rights before their statements made to police could be admissible.

Lewis and Roca’s practice areas include gaming, real estate, Native American law, energy, regulatory, intellectual property, business transactions, as well as a national litigation practice. Rothgerber, founded in 1903, has practices in national litigation, insurance reorganization, religious institutions, banking and energy.

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NATHPO announces that the agenda-at-a-glance and other conference information for the **15th National Tribal Preservation Conference** is on our website: <http://www.nathpo.org>

Also, the Holiday Inn Grand has extended the cut-off date for making room reservations at the group rate through next Friday, August 9, 2013.

Conference presenters and speakers include:

- \* Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- \* Chippewa Cree Tribe
- \* National Park Service
- \* Crow Nation
- \* Northern Cheyenne Tribe
- \* U.S. State Department
- \* Bureau of Indian Affairs
- \* Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- \* Federal Communications Commission

Quick link to agenda-at-a-glance: <http://www.nathpo.org/PDF/15thMtgAgendaataglancev1.pdf>

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## **New Report Shows Real Benefits of the Affordable Care Act for the People of NV** *(similar reports available for every state)*

Today, the Obama Administration issued a new report highlighting the benefits of the Affordable Care Act for the people of Nevada. Thanks to the health care law, the 78% of Nevadans who have insurance have more choices and stronger coverage than ever before. And for the 22% of Nevadans who don't have insurance, or Nevada families and small businesses who buy their coverage but aren't happy with it, a new day is just around the corner.

“Soon, the Health Insurance Marketplace will provide families and small businesses who currently don't have insurance, or are looking for a better deal, a new way to find health coverage that fits their needs and their budgets,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

Open enrollment in the Marketplace starts Oct 1, with coverage starting as soon as Jan 1, 2014. But Nevada families and small business can visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) right now to find the information they need prepare for open enrollment.

The health care law is already providing better options, better value, better health and a stronger Medicare program to the people of Nevada by:

### **Better Options**

#### **[The Health Insurance Marketplace](#)**

Beginning Oct 1, the Health Insurance Marketplace will make it easy for Nevadans to compare qualified health plans, get answers to questions, find out if they are eligible for lower costs for private insurance or health programs like Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and enroll in health coverage.

*By the Numbers: Uninsured Nevadans who are eligible for coverage through the Marketplace.*

- *473,971 (22%) are uninsured and eligible*
- *347,244 (73%) have a full-time worker in the family*
- *174,840 (37%) are 18-35 years old*



- 218,730 (46%) are White
- 44,217 (9%) are African American
- 157,518 (33%) are Latino/Hispanic
- 33,012 (7%) are Asian American or Pacific Islander
- 258,036 (54%) are male

438,826 (93%) of Nevada's uninsured and eligible population may qualify for either tax credits to purchase coverage in the Marketplace or for Medicaid if Nevada takes advantage of the new opportunity to expand Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

Nevada has received \$74,754,285 in [grants](#) for research, planning, information technology development, and implementation of its Health Insurance Marketplace.

### [New coverage options for young adults](#)

Under the health care law, if your plan covers children, you can now add or keep your children on your health insurance policy until they turn 26 years old. Thanks to this provision, over [3 million](#) young people who would otherwise have been uninsured have gained coverage nationwide, including 33,000 young adults in Nevada.

### [Ending discrimination for pre-existing conditions](#)

As many as 1,157,045 non-elderly Nevadans have some type of pre-existing health condition, including 162,452 children. Today, insurers can no longer deny coverage to children because of a pre-existing condition, like asthma or diabetes, under the health care law. And beginning in 2014, health insurers will no longer be able to charge more or deny coverage to anyone because of a pre-existing condition. The health care law also established a temporary health insurance program for individuals who were denied health insurance coverage because of a pre-existing condition. 1,373 Nevadans with pre-existing conditions have gained coverage through the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan since the program began.

## **Better Value**

### [Providing better value for your premium dollar through the 80/20 Rule](#)

Health insurance companies now have to spend at least 80 cents of your premium dollar on health care or improvements to care, or provide you a refund. This means that 88,491 Nevada residents with private insurance coverage will benefit from \$3,977,544 in refunds from insurance companies this year, for an average refund of \$75 per family covered by a policy.

### [Scrutinizing unreasonable premium increases](#)

In every State and for the first time under Federal law, insurance companies are required to publicly justify their actions if they want to raise rates by 10 percent or more. Nevada has received \$4,959,972 under the new law to help fight unreasonable premium increases. Since implementing the law, the fraction of requests for insurance premium increases of 10 percent or more has dropped dramatically, [from 75 percent to 14 percent](#) nationally. To date, the rate review program has helped save Americans an estimated \$1 billion.

### *Removing lifetime limits on health benefits*

The law bans insurance companies from imposing lifetime dollar limits on health benefits – freeing cancer patients and individuals suffering from other chronic diseases from having to worry about going without treatment because of their lifetime limits. Already, 937,000 people in Nevada, including 329,000 women and 269,000 children, are free from worrying about lifetime limits on coverage. The law also restricts the use of annual limits and bans them completely in 2014.

### **Better Health**

#### *Covering preventive services with no deductible or co-pay*

The health care law requires many insurance plans to provide coverage without cost sharing to enrollees for a variety of preventive health services, such as colonoscopy screening for colon cancer, Pap smears and mammograms for women, well-child visits, and flu shots for all children and adults.

In 2011 and 2012, [71 million](#) Americans with private health insurance gained preventive service coverage with no cost-sharing, including 615,000 in Nevada. And for policies renewing on or after August 1, 2012, women can now get coverage without cost-sharing of even more preventive services they need. Approximately [47 million women](#), including 391,181 in Nevada will now have guaranteed access to additional preventive services without cost-sharing.

#### *Increasing support for community health centers*

The health care law increases the funding available to community health centers nationwide. In Nevada, 2 health centers operate 30 sites, providing preventive and primary health care services to 57,987 people. Health Center grantees in Nevada have received \$8,264,743 under the health care law to support ongoing health center operations and to establish new health center sites, expand services, and/or support major capital improvement projects.

Community Health Centers [in all 50 states](#) have also received a total of \$150 million in federal grants to help enroll uninsured Americans in the Health Insurance Marketplace, including \$329,467 awarded to Nevada health centers. With these funds, Nevada health centers expect to hire 6 additional workers, who will assist 2,582 Nevadans with enrollment into affordable health insurance coverage.

#### *Investing in the primary care workforce*

As a result of historic investments through the health care law and the Recovery Act, the numbers of clinicians in the National Health Service Corps are at all-time highs with nearly 10,000 Corps clinicians providing care to more than 10.4 million people who live in rural, urban, and frontier communities. The National Health Service Corps repays educational loans and provides scholarships to primary care physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, behavioral health providers, and other primary care providers who practice in areas of the country that have too few health care professionals to serve the people who live there. As of

September 30, 2012, there were 36 Corps clinicians providing primary care services in Nevada, compared to 12 in 2008.

### ***Preventing illness and promoting health***

As of March 2012, Nevada had received \$7,500,000 in grants from the Prevention and Public Health Fund created by the health care law. This new fund was created to support effective policies in Nevada, its communities, and nationwide so that all Americans can lead longer, more productive lives.

### **A Stronger Medicare Program**

#### ***Making prescription drugs affordable for seniors***

In Nevada, people with Medicare saved nearly \$41 million on prescription drugs because of the Affordable Care Act. In 2012 alone, 22,122 individuals in Nevada saved over \$14 million, or an average of \$611 per beneficiary. In 2012, people with Medicare in the “donut hole” received a 50 percent discount on covered brand name drugs and 14 percent discount on generic drugs. And thanks to the health care law, coverage for both brand name and generic drugs will continue to increase over time until the coverage gap is closed. Nationally, over 6.6 million people with Medicare have saved over \$7 billion on drugs since the law’s enactment. That’s an average savings of \$1,061 per beneficiary. In addition, the average premium for a basic prescription drug plan in 2014 is projected to remain stable for the fourth year in a row, at an estimated \$31 per month.

#### ***Covering preventive services with no deductible or co-pay***

With no deductibles or co-pays, cost is no longer a barrier for seniors and people with disabilities who want to stay healthy by detecting and treating health problems early. In 2012 alone, an estimated 34.1 million people benefited from Medicare’s coverage of preventive services with no cost-sharing. In Nevada, 166,815 individuals with traditional Medicare used one or more free preventive service in 2012.

#### ***Protecting Medicare’s solvency***

The health care law extends the life of the Medicare Trust Fund by ten years. From 2010 to 2012, Medicare spending per beneficiary grew at 1.7 percent annually, substantially more slowly than the per capita rate of growth in the economy. And the health care law helps stop fraud with tougher screening procedures, stronger penalties, and new technology. Over the last four years, the administration’s fraud enforcement efforts have recovered \$14.9 billion from fraudsters. For every dollar spent on health care-related fraud and abuse activities in the last three years the administration has returned \$7.90.

To see the report for Nevada visit: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/bystate/statebystate.html>

To hear stories about how the Affordable Care Act is helping people across the country visit: [www.whathasobamacaredoneformelately.tumblr.com](http://www.whathasobamacaredoneformelately.tumblr.com)