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Nominate an Afterschool Program for a Chance to Win \$10,000

The Afterschool Alliance in partnership with MetLife Foundation will award \$10,000 to five afterschool programs that demonstrate excellence in serving middle school students. Nominate a museum or library program by October 14, 2013. [Read More](#)

“IMLS Funding Opportunities” and “Taking Back Ourselves: How Tribal Museums Find Their Place and What the Future Holds;” Mountain-Plains Museum Association Annual Meeting: Sandra Narva, Senior Program Officer, Office of Museum Services; Lincoln, NE, September 30-October 3

Benicio Del Toro: 'Native Americans Are the Real Americans' *Dominique Godreche* September 26, 2013

The film *Jimmy P.: Psychotherapy of a Plains Indian*, starring Benicio Del Toro, will have its U.S. premiere on Tuesday (October 1) at the [New York Film Festival](#). *Jimmy P.* explores the relationship between a Blackfeet Indian, who has come home from World War II suffering from a mysterious form of post-traumatic stress disorder, and the French psychologist (played by Mathieu Amalric) who seeks to unravel his unique condition. The film previously showed in France, where it was [an official selection of the Cannes Film Festival](#). At that time, both Del Toro and *Jimmy P.*'s director, Frenchman Arnaud Desplechin, sat down with ICTMN to discuss this unique cinematic project.

RELATED: [Director Talks About Jimmy P.: Psychotherapy of a Plains Indian](#)

It's controversial when any non-Indian actor takes on the role of a Native American (as was discussed at length on this site this summer, with [Johnny Depp playing Tonto](#)). Was that an issue on your mind when you were considering *Jimmy P.*?

I am aware of the lack of representation of Native Americans in TV and movies, and when Arnaud Desplechin brought the idea of this movie to me, my instinctive reaction was: *Why me?* Because I really do believe that Native Americans could have played the part better, different... It could have been done. But there is a money issue in doing movies, and the fact that I have a career created the chance of the movie being made. That is a fact of life at this moment in time. So, when I read the story, I just felt it was a really strong story that should be out there. And, with all due respect, I *dared* to do it. There have been actors playing outside their groups; it is a tradition in acting. In the history of theater, even women were played by men.

Arnaud Desplechin said that his perception was that, as a Hispanic American, you would be able to identify with the Natives. Did you have that feeling?

Yes! But Native Americans are the real Americans. And I identified with some aspects -- being overlooked, being a minority. Because Hispanics are a minority in the U.S. But history is not finished -- it is written as we live, everything is changing. Sometimes for the good, or the bad. It goes back and forth. So I have felt what it is to be a minority. It is like being the skinny kid in the classroom -- the big kid will push him around, and if there is no teacher saying "you cannot do that!", the little one will be in a difficult position, and will react, doing all kinds of stuff.

With the Native Americans, it is more complicated, as they were in the classroom first. Then the Anglos went in -- the Spanish, and the Europeans. It is the same story all through the New World. In Puerto Rico, there were the Arawaks and the Tainos.

Were you familiar with those cultures?

Yes, the names of the towns in Puerto Rico are all Indian: *Bayamon, Mayagüez*, etc. And as a kid, you learn about the Tainos in school -- what they ate, how they lived, how they were wiped out by the Spanish. There are places that you can visit and see the games they used to play. Growing up in Puerto Rico, you learn all that, and it's a good thing, as it's part of the history of the country. Every Puerto Rican knows who the Tainos were.

Is there racism in Puerto Rico against Natives?

That exists in every culture, but I do not think that it is so much in Puerto Rico. It's a very small country, where the Tainos and the Arawaks were wiped out by diseases and through slavery. Or they mixed [with Europeans]. So that DNA from the Tainos exists in Puerto Rico, and I would not be surprised to have Taino DNA. But the Native cultures of Puerto Rico were not as strong as in Bolivia, Mexico, Ecuador, and Peru, where there are still big communities of Natives.

Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/09/26/benicio-del-toro-native-americans-are-real-americans-151462>

OFFICIALS OK EMERGENCY TUNNELING PROJECT AT LAKE MEAD

The Southern Nevada Water Authority board has signed off a new tunneling project at Lake Mead that officials describe as an emergency meant to avoid an emergency.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz18527480>

In August, the **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced that Lake Mead would receive its smallest annual water delivery ever** because of a sudden dip in Lake Powell fueled by the second-driest year since drought hit the Colorado River in 2000. The same reduced release is expected the following year, too, barring an enormously snowy winter in the mountains that feed the Colorado.

The reduced releases from Lake Powell will speed the decline of Lake Mead, which is expected to drop almost 25 feet to a record low by November 2014 and continue to fall from there.

Contact reporter Henry Brean at hbrean@reviewjournal.com or 702-383-0350. Follow him @RefriedBrean on Twitter.

TRIBAL GAMING LOBBYISTS SAY 'DO NOTHING CONGRESS' THREATENS BUSINESS

Some people in Congress believe American Indians struck it rich with the establishment of tribal gaming and the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act in the late 1980s -- but serious problems with education, health care, unemployment and housing remain.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz18509677>

NCET Tech Wednesday - Tour of ElectraTherm - Oct 9

What is a Green Machine? And what does it have to do with the clean energy movement? Good questions that you will learn the answers to at NCET's next Tech Wed on October 9.

Join us for a truly electrifying event at Reno-based [ElectraTherm, Inc.](#), and learn how this local technology innovator is not only helping to generate green power from waste heat right here in Nevada, but worldwide in countries like the Czech Republic, Germany, Romania and Austria.

We'll take an insider's tour of ElectraTherm's manufacturing and test facility and watch their unique fuel-free, emission-free power generator, a.k.a the "Green Machine," in action. The Green Machine generates electricity from low temperature waste heat on applications such as internal combustion engines, process heat, geothermal and co-produced fluids, and solar. It uses the Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) and proprietary technologies to produce significant amounts of green power with more than 110,000 hours run time and 98% availability.

So register today for Tech Wed on October 9. And get ready to explore - and be energized by - one of Reno's most innovative companies.

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- \$15 - NCET members
- \$25 - non-members
- \$10 - children under 18
- \$35 - walk-ins and all payments made at the door

Please note: Members or non-members who would like to bring a child under 18, please register yourself first and then re-register for your child.

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For more information, contact NCET at (775) 453-0130 or info@NCET.org

Connected Nation and TIA are pleased to present an excellent lineup of sessions at the [TIA 2013: Future of the Network Conference](#), taking place soon in Washington, DC. The Conference, being held October 7-10 at the Gaylord National, is designed to prepare our technology, business, education and government leaders for the continuing exponential increase in mobility, innovative applications, and demands being placed on the Network.

We are a proud sponsor of the conference and you are invited to participate and receive a 10% discount. Use promo code [CNAT13](#) during registration.

CONNECTED NATION SPEAKERS

We suggest an itinerary including the following exciting lineup during the 3 ½ day program which includes keynotes, 6 educational tracks, 10 workshops:

Thursday, October 10, 2013

8:30 am – 9:25 am

Connecting Education in K-12: Learning at High Speed

- *Moderator: Mark McElroy, Chief Strategy Officer, Connected Nation*
- *Lucien Vattel, Founder & CEO, GameDesk*
- *Brent Legg, VP, Education Programs, Connected Nation*
- *Brian Lewis, CEO, International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)*

12:30 pm – 1:10 pm

Best Practices: Connecting Communities

- *Moderator: Tom Ferree, President, Connected Nation*
- *Rex Duncan, Mayor, Du Quoin, Illinois*
- *Catalina Valencia, Business Development Director, Greenwood Partnership Alliance, South Carolina*
- *Eric Mills, Digital Works Jobs Program, Connected Nation*

Additional Discussions of Interest

Monday, October 7

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

How We Got Here Today and Where is the Technology Taking Us?

- *John Oblak, VP of Standards & Regulatory Affairs, E.F. Johnson*
- *Tom Koutsky, Chief Policy Counsel, Connected Nation*
- *Patrik Ringqvist, Vice President, Wireless Networks, Ericsson North America*

Radio communications systems have been used by Public Safety organizations since the 1930s. Since that time, technological advances have moved these systems from simple two-way radios in cars to the modern digital communications systems of today. TIA has been involved in the standards for these products since the very early days, and continues to be involved in developing standards for these advanced systems. Advances in technology are expected to take these communications systems to levels not yet envisioned today.

Thursday, October 10

12:30 pm – 1:10 pm

Disruptive Players & Changing Business Models: Gaming in the Education Space

- *Lucien Vattel, Founder & CEO, GameDesk*

The education market is one of the fastest growing areas for technology innovation and expansion. Textbooks are being replaced with tablets and digital learning is changing the way classes are taught. The demand for connectivity and devices in schools has never been greater. With initiatives like the White House's ConnectEd initiative aiming to connect 99 percent of America's students to the Internet through high-speed broadband and high-speed wireless within 5 years there is great opportunity for suppliers and operators to respond. Join this session to discover how K-12 education will be reshaped through games and game development - it's all about enhancing the customer experience in schools and households with students!

Conference Information

[Attendee Brochure](#)

[Schedule](#)

[Post-Conference Action Report](#)

[Does Christianity Continue to Stifle Indigenous Political Will?](#)

Four Arrows, Truthout: Indigenous peoples must consciously confront and oppose the hegemony of the Christian worldview that informs the forces of economic oppression and ecological destruction, says Four Arrows. [Read the Article](#)

[\\$14 Million for Native Tech Education Programs Announced](#)

Native News Network Staff in Native Education. [Discussion »](#)

WASHINGTON – The US Department of Education Thursday announced the award of about \$14 million in grants to 31 American Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Alaska Native entities to help them improve career and technical education programs.

Under the 2013 Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP) competition, the Department encouraged applicants to propose projects that included promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and the use of technology within career and technical education programs. Career and technical education in the STEM fields is important to providing students with education that can lead to employment in high growth, in-demand industry sectors.

“In today's global and knowledge based economy, it's critical that we prepare all students for jobs that lead to a success career,” said US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

"These grants will help underrepresented groups attain the necessary resources to earn an industry certification and postsecondary certificate or degree, while also strengthening our country's global competitiveness."

The Native American Career and Technical Education Program requires the Secretary to ensure that activities will improve career and technical education for Native American and Alaska Native students. Additionally, NACTEP grants are aligned with other programs under the Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Act of 2006 that require recipients to provide coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards. NACTEP projects also include preparing students for the high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in emerging or established professions.

Below is a list of the 2013 Native American Career and Technical Education Program Grantees:

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., Alaska	\$417,543
Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments, Alaska	\$470,022
Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Arizona	\$411,460
Hoopa Valley Tribe, California	\$470,130
Coeur d' Alene Tribe, Idaho	\$469,362
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, Michigan	\$341,938
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan	\$452,804
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi	\$470,689
Aaniih Nakota College, Montana	\$467,256
Blackfeet Community College, Montana	\$386,966
Blackfeet Tribal Employment Rights Office, Montana	\$464,890
Fort Peck Community College, Montana	\$469,785
Salish Kootenai College, Montana	\$471,559
Stone Child College, Montana	\$473,556
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Nebraska	\$469,345
Cankdeska Cikana Community College, North Dakota	\$450,564
Fort Berthold Community College, North Dakota	\$452,874
Sitting Bull College, North Dakota	\$415,660
Turtle Mountain Community College, North Dakota	\$471,466
Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc, New Mexico	\$471,937
Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation Center, Inc, New Mexico	\$473,912
Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma	\$470,425
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Oklahoma	\$468,923
Shawnee Tribe, Oklahoma	\$434,613
Pawnee Nation College, Oklahoma	\$470,956
Oglala Lakota College, South Dakota	\$467,835
Sinte Gleska University, South Dakota	\$466,900
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Washington	\$437,674
Northwest Indian College, Washington	\$416,097
The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Washington	\$451,113
College of Menominee Nation, Wisconsin	\$472,994

Culture Warrior, Gaining Ground

By AL BAKER

The education theorist E. D. Hirsch, criticized as elitist a generation ago, has seen his ideas adopted by hundreds of schools.

ATTENTION ALL WARRIORS

Help needed; arrests turn bloody; police car hits demonstrator; anti-fracking standoff increases intensity.

"Orders from War Chief Seven Bernard and General Jim Pictou ~ Calling Red Alert. All warriors are to meet past Rexton on Highway 11. Police are there with weapons, SWN trucks are ready and have bags of explosives. The Warriors are blocking the road and need ANY and ALL help

and support they can get. Please get there as soon as possible!!! If you can't get in, call or text Jerry at 1-506-624-7791, Suzanne at 1-902-317-6040, or Jayson at 1-506-427-0657. They will make sure that you get in."

REPORT: Two Arrests at ongoing New Brunswick Anti-Frack Stand-off SEPT 29 2013

Rexton, New Brunswick – RCMP have currently closed off automobile access to the Irving-owned compound that houses five of SWN Resource Canada's seismic testing trucks, or 'thumpers'. The police have closed off both north and south exits to highway 134 off the highway 11, as well as the 134 itself in both directions. Walk-in access to the compound is currently the only way in and out.

At about 3pm, the call went out through social media that the RCMP had blocked off access to the compound, which, in effect, acted as a rallying cry to local community members opposed to SWN's attempts to seismic test in Kenty County. Seismic testing is the precursor to hydraulic fracturing, the highly-polluting and water-intensive technique meant to extract natural gas from shale rock. Hydraulic fracturing, or 'fracking', has already caused extensive environmental problems in Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Texas, Colorado and other states.

By 4pm, about 100 anti-shale activists had gathered at the gated entrance to the compound. Twenty minutes later, tensions momentarily flared when a police cruiser, driven by Sergeant Lemire, struck Elsipogtog local resident Lorraine Clair in the leg. Clair had been standing in front of the cruiser when Lemire put the car into drive and rolled into her. Members of the Mi'gmaq Warriors Society demanded that Lemire be escorted away from the scene, as his presence had become potentially incendiary to the peacefully gathered crowd.

At about 6pm, with both north and south access routes to the compound being blocked, Greg Cook, moderator of the popular Facebook site 'Shale Gas Alerts New Brunswick', attempted to bring water to the compound by driving his car around the RCMP road block. Cook navigated around a first line of cruisers, but was blocked, stopped and arrested by a second line of RCMP. He was dragged from his automobile and was bleeding from a laceration above his left eye, suffered when the police put his head to the pavement.

Another Mi'gmaq youth was subsequently arrested for simply leaning on a police cruiser.

By 9pm, an attempt at negotiations between representatives of the various community groups present and the RCMP had begun. Demands from the representatives varied from an outright call to end hydraulic fracturing in New Brunswick, to removing the K9 unit that is currently stationed at the northerly end of the police blockade.

As night falls, the stand-off continues.

READ MORE + PICS: <http://halifax.mediacoop.ca/story/two-arrests-ongoing-new-brunswick-anti-frack-stand/19074>

The Power of the People (resuming protests)
<https://www.facebook.com/events/686653714682363/>

SHALE GAS ALERTS NEW BRUNSWICK
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112468105590081/>



Stateparks officials and tribes work together to restore sacred site

By [Stephen Magagnini](#) smagagnini@sacbee.com

Thanks to a historic agreement between the state and half a dozen local Indian tribes, California Indians are performing ceremonial dances again this weekend in one of the most sacred sites in Indian Country – the Chaw'se Roundhouse in Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park.

The roundhouse – which many Indians consider their church – was shut down five years ago after a fire compromised the roof and made the 60-foot-wide wooden structure unsafe.

The state Parks Department held a series of meetings with area tribes to discuss how to repair the roundhouse in Amador County, but they couldn't agree on how to take down the cedar bark roof without disturbing the ancestral spirits believed to occupy the structure.

Then, Adam Dalton, chairman of the nearby Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians, stepped up to break the impasse. He offered to use his construction crew to repair the roundhouse with the help of a structural engineer provided by the state. Dalton reached out to Indian leaders throughout California and mediated the disputes among tribal elders to reach what's being called the Grinding Rock Acorn Accords.

For the first time in memory, “two governments have come together and made the restoration of the roundhouse a success story,” said Greg Martin, superintendent of the park in Pine Grove, 50 miles southeast of Sacramento. “We were able to sit down and say, ‘We’re two governments’ – California and Jackson – ‘This is what needs to be done; how do we do it?’ Adam was instrumental in getting the Native Americans to agree to this.”

For thousands of years, California Indians have come to Grinding Rock every September to collect a bonanza of acorns falling from the thick valley oaks. The tribes would pound the acorns into flour in the 1,185 mortar holes, or cups, in a huge slab of limestone. More than 300 petroglyphs of weaving patterns, animals, plants and people dating back more than 2,000 years were carved into the rock.

The acorn grinding rock, Chaw’sse in the Miwuk language, is nestled in a wooded valley 2,400 feet above sea level in the Sierra Nevada foothills with deer, fox, coyote, bobcats, turkey, quail, jackrabbits, red hawks, mountain lion and black bear.

This weekend, the Ione Band of Miwok Indians is hosting the Indian Grinding Rock Big Time, an annual gathering of Indians from throughout California celebrating the acorn harvest. The Big Time started at 9 a.m. Saturday, and the singing and dancing continues nonstop until 4 p.m. today.

The faulty roof was taken off the Roundhouse two weeks ago, and the cedar will be burned and returned to Mother Earth, Dalton said.

“Now we’ll be able to use the floor of the roundhouse to dance again,” said Yvonne Miller, chairwoman of the 750-member Ione Band.

The roundhouse “is our ceremonial house,” Miller said. “We sing, dance in there, pray, have weddings.”

While Indian nations across the United States have roundhouses, “the one at Chaw’sse is a regional roundhouse that can be used by any tribe,” Miller said. “State Parks was dragging their feet and taking forever – they had to follow their own rules and regulations – and Adam Dalton was able to find a way to break through all the red tape. Jackson (tribe) came along and said, ‘We have the funds to do it,’ and they’re spearheading the refurbishing of the roundhouse and the bark houses in the park.” Visitors can sleep overnight in bark houses in the old Indian village.

Dalton, 48, was elected chairman of Jackson Rancheria in January and vowed to honor the spirit of his late mother, Margaret Dalton, who launched one of the first three Indian casinos in California and served as tribal chair for 30 years before her death from diabetes in May 2009.

“Before she passed away, my mom wanted me to do something big for the community to show our appreciation,” he said. After watching the movie “Field of Dreams,” Dalton said, he and his family spent about \$700,000 building a baseball park in the town of Pioneer, then redid the park and the post office in Volcano and the community park in Jackson.

To break through the impasse among tribes over the Chaw'se restoration project, Dalton said he sent handwritten letters to 38 of the 106 California tribes asking for help. "I'm the conductor, but I'm not the one making the music – it's all the volunteers. I supply the gloves, tools, water and hot lunches. They've been here every single day for four weeks straight working like warriors."

Many of the disagreements date back to old hurts that festered for generations, Dalton said. "We're different clans, but we're all Miwuk people, even if Ione spells it Miwok and Tuolomne, Me-Wuk. There were coastal, mountain and valley clans, and the only time they warred was over food or women."

Some elders said only the women could prepare and serve the food to the volunteers, but no women came forward, so Dalton had men do it. "One family insisted you had to turn to the left when you enter the roundhouse and circle it four times, another said you turn to the right and circle it six times. So we went to the left and the right."

He was able to forge an agreement once the elders felt they were being heard and their ways were being honored, Dalton said. "Native American politics is a nightmare. I said, 'This is going nowhere; you're going to keep arguing and nothing's going to get done. Let's get it fixed. We're going to do a little bit of everybody's thing.' And we spent three days doing ceremonies before we started."

The Chaw'se restoration project "has been a spiritual journey for me," said Dalton. "We've got deer and hawks here every day – the red hawk circling around, that's my mom. I can still feel her hugging me and telling me how proud she is."

He and about 30 volunteers from a variety of tribes start each day with a 7 a.m. prayer at the roundhouse. "We ask the grandfathers to allow us to be here and smudge ourselves down with smoke when we leave to confuse the spirits – if we don't, something's going to go wrong," he said.

Those who enter the roundhouse also have to spin before they leave to shake off the ghosts inside that want to go home, Dalton said. "If you don't fling them off you, they'll kind of possess your home, and you don't want that."

Dalton said, "It's like our church; that's where we go to get healed, to look for guidance, to pray for family that's sick or in trouble, where our sacred Big Head Dancers perform." He recalled the days when his parents organized Big Times with donations because they didn't have any money. After his father died in a logging accident, his mother pursued the idea of an Indian casino.

Indians from San Diego, Redding and Nevada come to Big Time "because it's time for hundreds of elders to visit, eat, trade, laugh and tell stories," Dalton said.

Mildred Burley, 76, of the California Valley Miwok said the first time she walked in the door of the roundhouse was in her 20s. "I wanted to faint because of all that power and medicine that was in there from all these old ones who used to go in to sing and dance," she said. "When we go in there to dance, we're told it isn't us, it's the old spirits coming inside us. This is the way we're

thanking them and letting them know we're not going to let this disappear like our language, which is almost gone."

Burley, who goes to the park to weave pine-needle baskets used to carry salt, said the old cedar roof should be buried "like you're giving it back to Mother Earth." Other elders said the roof should be burned.

So Dalton and his crew carefully took off the layers of cedar, carried them 1,000 feet without letting them hit the ground, and plan to burn and bury them.

"I was taught by the elders to treat each piece like a living entity," he said. "We introduced ourselves to the spirits, told them why we were here and asked them just to rest for a while."

Call The Bee's Stephen Magagnini, (916) 321-1072.

SAVE THE DATE

**SMART RURAL
COMMUNITIES ROUNDTABLE**

Guest Speakers

Joe Tavormina - What is Smart Technology?
David LaPlante - How does a smart community use it?

See attached for answers to:
What is a Smart rural community and who are Joe Tavormina and David LaPlante?

When: October 15, 2013
Where: 7000 Dandini Blvd., Reno
Sierra Building, Rm. 108
TMCC Main Campus
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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