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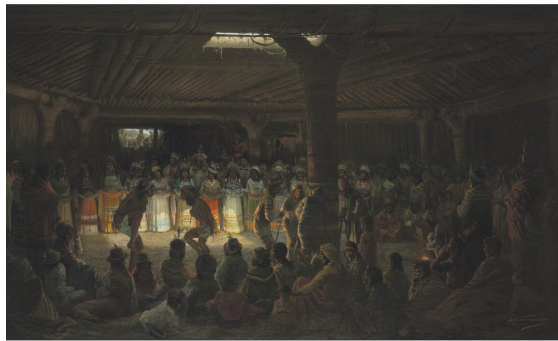
Can you guess what this portrait is made from? 🤔

In 2019, Oklahoma-based Kiowa/Choctaw artist Paul Judd completed an epic portrait of Sitting Bull.

The work, made from **20,000 dice**, was unveiled on December 15, 2019, the anniversary of the famous leader's death in 1890.

Authentic Pomo artifacts and regalia, including a headdress made from crow feathers, are part of the ELEM Pomo exhibit. »

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IMAGES: FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO
"Dance in a Subterranean Roundhouse at Clear Lake, California," an 1878 painting by Jules Tavernier, is back in San Francisco for the first time since the artist completed it. The painting is the centerpiece of a new exhibit, "Jules Tavernier and the ELEM Pomo," at the de Young Museum.

An old painting returns to San Francisco, prompting new look at Native American art

By Robert Taylor » Correspondent

This one painting would have been enough to command attention, installed among the de Young Museum's American art collection. It was back in San Francisco for the first time since it was completed in 1878 by French-born artist Jules Tavernier in his studio, originally near Portsmouth Square.

"Dance in a Subterranean Roundhouse at Clear Lake, California" is both personal and dramatic, conveying a sacred cultural ceremony of the ELEM Pomo tribe. The dancers, lit by a skylight, are silhouetted against figures in brightly colored garb, with scores of more people detailed in the shadows. Compared to the raft of "Indian paintings" by European-trained artists, it is remarkably intimate.

But the painting, 4 feet tall and 6 feet wide, is only the beginning. It's a window into the past and present and the centerpiece of a new exhibit, "Jules Tavernier and the ELEM Pomo," on view through April 17.

Held privately for years, the painting and other artifacts were displayed at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art early in 2021. The de Young curators expanded the exhibit to include more Pomo basketry and regalia. Some are from the 1860s, some from recent years. They also focused on ELEM Pomo people who are living, working and making art today.

Robert Geary, an ELEM Pomo cultural leader and regalia maker who lives in Clear Lake Oaks, first saw Tavernier's painting on exhibit in New York. He became one of the de Young exhibit's co-presenters, along with Dry Creek Pomo scholar Sherrie Smith-Petri and Eastern Pomo artist and curator Meyo Marrufo.

"If people are going to talk about Pomo people, they should learn from Pomo people," Geary said in an interview. He hopes exhibit visitors will realize that the Pomo exist in the present, not just the past. There is an ELEM Pomo roundhouse at the site of the roundhouse Tavernier painted in 1878.



Robert Geary, an ELEM Pomo cultural leader, is a co-presenter of the new exhibit.



This ELEM Pomo carrying basket from 1890-1910 is part of a collection of artifacts and regalia included in the exhibit.

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<https://www.kron4.com/news/real-estate/worlds-first-nft-house-combo-for-sale-in-california/>

High Country News picked 10 articles that represent the best journalism on the American West in 2021. **Among its choices was a thoughtful essay by Rebecca Solnit on "John Muir in Native America."** She wrote: "Some of the places [Muir] admired so enthusiastically looked like gardens because they were gardens, the plants in them encouraged, the forests managed by the areas' Native people. Had he been able to recognize and convey that, the history of the American environmental movement might have been different." [Sierra Magazine](#)

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National Opportunities

Opportunities throughout the U.S.

[Support for At-Risk Youth Programs Nationwide](#)

The Sky Ranch Foundation supports nonprofit organizations throughout the United States and its territories that work with at-risk youth.

[Services for Americans and Canadians With Spinal Cord Injuries Funded](#)

The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation is dedicated to supporting both programs and scientific research to improve the quality of life for those affected by and living with spinal cord injuries.

[U.S. Childcare Teachers Honored](#)

The Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Awards program, administered by First Up, acknowledges the critical role of childcare teachers in providing quality early care and education.

[Program Addresses the Needs of Parkinson's Patients](#)

The Parkinson's Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure.

Regional Opportunities

Opportunities for specific geographic areas

[Grants Promote Economic Mobility in Bank Communities Across the U.S.](#)

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation works to advance pathways to economic mobility in order to build thriving communities.

[Issues Affecting Children and Families in Six States Supported](#)

The Tow Foundation is committing up to \$1 million to support groundbreaking, early-stage initiatives through the new Innovation Fund.

[Funds to Advance Health and Health Equity in Colorado](#)

The Colorado Health Foundation is bringing health in reach for all Coloradans by engaging closely with communities across the state through investing, policy advocacy, learning, and capacity building.

[Grants Enhance Organizations Led by Women and Girls of Color in the U.S. South](#)

Ms. South, an initiative of the Ms. Foundation for Women, supports the sustainability and leadership of organizations led by women and girls of color in the southern region of the United States

Federal Opportunities

Opportunities from the U.S. government

[Funds Available to Reduce Drug Harm](#)

The Harm Reduction Program Grant supports community-based overdose prevention programs, syringe services programs, and other harm reduction services.

[Program Supports Economic Recovery](#)

The American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge is designed to help get Americans back to work by developing and strengthening regional systems to develop and execute sectoral partnerships that will lead to well-paying jobs.



[Fit for Life Foundation: Fit for Life Awards](#)The Fit for Life Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life of older people in aging societies worldwide. The Foundation's Fit for Life Awards support nonprofit

[organizations and social enterprises that are pioneering projects to promote life-long fitness and health around the world. Learn more about the Award guidelines and application process.](#)



How the Maya Kept Time

By Livia Gershon

Many scholars contrast linear and cyclical time and note that cycles were an important part of Maya concepts of temporal reality. [Read more...](#)

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Fire destroyed the War Department office in 1800. For decades historians believed that its files, and the window they provide into the early federal government, had been lost forever. This collection unites copies of the lost files in a digital archive that reconstitutes this invaluable historical resource. [Read more about the restoration of the collection »](#)

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Papers of the War Department website

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Additional information at <http://wardepartmentpapers.org/>

Fire destroyed the War Department office in 1800. For decades historians believed that its files, and the window they provide into the early federal government, had been lost forever. This collection unites copies of the lost files in a digital archive that reconstitutes this invaluable historical resource. The search for the copies of the records involved painstaking research, visits to more than 200 repositories, and consulting of more than 3,000 collections in the United States, Canada, England, France, and Scotland. These 42,000 documents record far more than the era's military history. Between 1784 and 1800, the War Department was responsible for Indian affairs, veterans affairs, naval affairs (until 1798), as well as militia and army matters.

Offensive town name could be replaced By Gregory Thomas



Clara Mokri / Special to The Chronicle 2021

Roman Rain Tree films a public service announcement in his quest to change a community's name.

A grassroots movement brewing in Fresno County to rename the rural town of Squaw Valley has led to an official request to the federal government to weigh in on the matter.

This month, Fresno resident Roman Rain Tree sent a proposal to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to rename the town Nuum Valley. The reason for Rain Tree's action is simple: The term "squaw" is "deeply offensive, racist, misogynistic and derogatory," he wrote in his petition.

The small ranching community in Fresno County is not to be confused with the Lake Tahoe ski town of the same name, which is about a five-hour drive north. However, the Tahoe town, an unincorporated community, has been reckoning with its own history since the world-famous Squaw Valley ski area opted to change its name to Palisades Tahoe last fall.

The Board on Geographic Names, which operates under the secretary of the interior, is tasked with evaluating the names of federal lands, sites and places nationwide. Since Fresno County's Squaw Valley is an unincorporated community, changing its name on federal maps and products is subject to the board's discretion. In an email response, a board staffer said that the board would solicit input from the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and local federally recognized tribes, and that a decision may take several months.

“Here in Fresno County, tribal members and our allies have been working for decades to rid our homelands of the name of ‘Squaw Valley,’” wrote Rain Tree, who grew up in Fresno County and is a member of the Dunlap Band of Mono Indians and Choinumni tribes.

Rain Tree represents a coalition of local residents, tribal members and academics called Rename Squaw Valley Fresno County. After consulting with tribal elders in the Fresno area, he chose “nuum,” which he said translates to “person” or “people” in the Western Mono language. However, he said elders also support the name Yokutch Valley; “yokutch” also means “the people,” he said.

Rain Tree first agitated to rename the town, a sprawling community of fewer than 5,000 residents in the mountains east of Fresno along Highway 180, with a petition he posted to [Change.org](https://www.change.org) last January. But he’s had difficulty persuading local politicians to take up the issue in public meetings.

Fresno County Supervisor Nathan Magsig, who represents Squaw Valley, has said he’d like to hear support from local residents and tribes first. To this point, he said, he hasn’t.

“I recognize that names have significant meaning. They’re part of our identity and they shouldn’t be easily changed,” Magsig said in a Facebook video addressing Rain Tree’s petition on Monday. “The first thing that needs to take place is we need to sit down and hear one another out.”

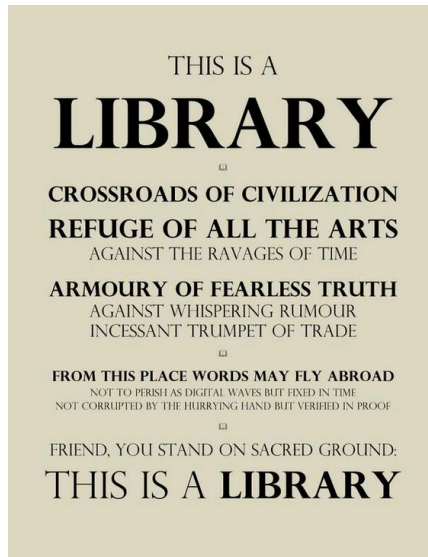
Rain Tree said he and Magsig are in agreement that the issue needs to be heard in a public forum, but he believes the onus to host such a hearing falls on county supervisors. The petition is an attempt to spur a long-delayed discussion about the town’s name as well as deeper issues regarding Native American representation in the region, he said.

“We’re hoping for a community dialogue,” Rain Tree said. “We’re less concerned about what the name will be.”

Rain Tree was encouraged by a pair of orders issued by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland in November affirming that “squaw” is offensive and assigning a task force to remove the term from federal usage.

The orders could have major reverberations in California, where at least 94 sites and places — including trails, creeks and peaks — carry the harmful term, according to the board. In the past 25 years, several states have passed laws to scrub the name from place names. California, however, does not have such a law on the books.

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HUD/ONAP News

Tribal Consultation on FY 2022 CoC Program Competition and Funding Opportunities – January 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. ET

On May 25, 2021, the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), working with the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), held a second consultation to provide additional information regarding the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition in which Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) were eligible to participate for the first time. The competition opened on August 18, 2021, and applications were due on November 16, 2021.

On **January 11, 2022**, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, SNAPS and ONAP will conduct a Tribal consultation session to provide information and solicit feedback from Indian Tribes regarding the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition and registration process as well as the following funding opportunities: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP); and Unsheltered Homelessness and Rural Homelessness NOFO.

- To join the conference, click: <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/842074>
- Join the Webex event and follow the prompts to connect audio by computer or telephone.
- To join via phone: 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694; Access Code: 2970633#

For your reference, a copy of the original Dear Tribal Leader announcing the Tribal consultation can be found [here](#).

Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee – Comments Due January 14, 2022

Just a friendly reminder – the deadline to provide comments on ONAP's Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC) is approaching. As you know, ONAP published a Notice in the Federal Register on November 15, 2021, stating its intent to form the TIAC and seeking tribal feedback on its proposed structure.

Comments are due on or before January 14, 2022 and can be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). For your reference, the Federal Register Notice can be found [here](#).

Tribal Consultation on the Impact of Proposed Changes to the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program Regulations– Comments Due January 15, 2022

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) intends to undertake rulemaking in order to revise the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and related Section 108 loan guarantee program regulations to make it easier for recipients to promote economic development and recovery in Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) communities and to support investments in underserved areas. As part of this rulemaking, HUD intends to make a limited number of conforming changes to the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program regulations (24 CFR Part 1003) since the regulations largely mirror the broader CDBG regulations in 24 CFR Part 570. The goal is to adopt regulations that streamline processes, promote economic development, and make administration of the ICDBG program less burdensome on Tribes. As part of HUD's commitment to its Tribal Consultation Policy and the government-to-government relationship with Tribes, HUD is seeking Tribal feedback on the impacts of the proposed changes. A summary of the changes HUD is considering can be found [here](#). Please send comments to codetalk@hud.gov by **January 15, 2022**, at 11:59:59 Eastern Daylight Time.

Job Announcements:

Vacancy Announcement- [Supervisory Grants Management Specialist- GS-14](#)

- **Location:** Albuquerque, NM **Open:** January 3, 2022 **Closes:** January 17, 2022

Vacancy Announcement- [Administrator Advisor- GS-13](#)

Location: [Chicago, IL](#) **Open:** [January 3, 2022](#) **Closes:** [January 17, 2022](#)

Vacancy Announcement- [Grants Evaluation Specialist, GS-11/12](#)

Location: [Oklahoma City, OK](#) **Open:** [December 20, 2021](#) **Closes:** [January 11, 2022](#)

HUD/ONAP FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE:

NEW! Tribal HUD-VASH NOFO: Application Deadline Reminder, Extension and NOFO Amendment

The Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing program funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), and **applications are due on 1/24**. The funding opportunity is for rental assistance and administrative expenses, to support housing and supportive services for Native American Veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. A variety of resources related to the funding opportunity are available on the [HUD Office of Native American Programs Tribal HUD-VASH website](#), including the training slides, the training recordings, a Sample Implementation Schedule, and a Sample VA Letter of Support. **Frequently Asked Questions and the updated NOFO will be posted to Codetalk.**

Please note: The NOFO was recently amended on 12/23/21 to reflect that **the definition of Veteran for purposes of Tribal HUD-VASH eligibility has changed**. Due to this change, **the application due date was extended from 1/18/22 to 1/24/22**. Applicants that are signed up for updates on this NOFO through grants.gov have already been informed of this change. The amendment is further explained in the Frequently Asked Questions. If you have questions, please contact TribalHUDVASH@hud.gov.

TRIBAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [New Markets Tax Credit \(NMTC\) Program](#) – Application Deadline: **1/13/2022**
- **Housing for a Healthy California Program, [Notice of Funding Availability](#)**– Applications due **2/15/22 and 3/1/22**

WEBINARS & CONFERENCES

January 11 & 12, 2022 (1-4 pm EST and 9 am - 12:00 pm EST, respectively): *USDA Small Business 101 Workshop*. The workshop is designed to provide businesses, unfamiliar with Federal contracting, in rural and underserved areas the information, tools, and resources

available to increase their access to Federal procurement opportunities. Discussions will primarily focus on an introduction to business requirements and USDA's effort to expand procurement opportunities to small, rural, minority, women, veteran, and other disadvantaged businesses. The workshop will also serve as an opportunity to network with other small businesses, partners and stakeholders including local, state, Federal and tribal governments, and other organizations focused on supporting and growing businesses across the country to move them closer to accessing Federal procurement opportunities. To register, visit <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItce2oqTljG0F07vCRiSl890pjeyxYUQo>.

Jan. 12, 2022: (Arizona) 27th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day.

The Arizona Governor's Office of Tribal Relations extends you the opportunity to pay tribute to the history and culture of American Indian peoples and their contributions to the prosperity and cultural diversity of, not only the United States but the state of Arizona. Registration will be capped. The deadline is January 7, 2022. Early registration is encouraged. To confirm your interest, click below to complete the registration. Please contact Carmen De Alba Cardenas (928) 848-6637 with questions about the event.

January 18, 2022 Webinar: National PFAS Roadmap – Update for Tribes & Indigenous Peoples

Are you familiar with Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) compounds? Do you have concerns about PFAS impacting tribes and want to learn more about the sources of PFAS near you and how tribal and indigenous communities may be impacted? Do you want to learn more about EPA's plan to address PFAS? This webinar will provide an introduction to PFAS, outline information on the potential impacts of PFAS in Indian country and in indigenous communities, discuss the value of mapping tools, and provide an overview of EPA's Strategic Roadmap – a national strategy to confront PFAS pollution. Webinar Details: Date & Time: January 18, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (PT), 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM (ET) Register Here: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_DOaSGEL9SD2AFcLWyz42xA



Ira Matt. Photo by Lesnick Photo,

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation names Native affairs director

Thursday, January 6, 2022

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The [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#) has named a new director for its Office of Native American Affairs.

[Ira Matt](#), a citizen of the [Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes](#), comes to the leadership role with more than 22 years of experience in historic preservation and cultural resources management. He has worked for the ACHP, an independent federal agency, since 2015.

“As director, I intend to assure Indian tribes, Native Hawaiians, and other Indigenous people have an active voice in historic preservation that is grounded in transparency and collaboration,” Ira Matt said in a [news release on Thursday](#).

“I will promote the mission of the ACHP by developing policy recommendations, preparing guidance, and working with the White House Council on Native American Affairs to advance the preservation priorities of all Indigenous people,” said Matt.

Prior to joining the ACHP, Matt served his tribal nation for more than 16 years in a wide range of areas, including cultural preservation. He also worked for the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Department of Energy.

"We are excited to have Ira assume this leadership role," said Reid Nelson, the acting director of the ACHP. "Ira brings many years of experience, along with his education and tribal background, to the director position. His exemplary work at the ACHP over the years has been vital to the success of ONAA.

"His commitment to the central mission of that office—to support and advance the role of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in the national preservation program—has been a central part of his life's work."

The Office of Native American Affairs was established at the ACHP in 1998 by Valerie Hauser, who served as its first director. She retired from federal service on December 31, 2021, after working at the agency since 1989.

"She will be missed and we extend our deepest gratitude for her leadership, mentorship, and friendship," the ACHP said of Hauser in a [post on social media](#).

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ACHP Welcomes New Director of the Office of Native American Affairs

The following is the text of a January 5, 2022, news release from the [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#).

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Acting Executive Director Reid Nelson announced Ira Matt is the new director of the Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA). Ira previously served as senior program analyst in ONAA.

"We are excited to have Ira assume this leadership role," Nelson said. "Ira brings many years of experience, along with his education and tribal background, to the director position. His exemplary work at the ACHP over the years has been vital to the success of ONAA. His commitment to the central mission of that office—to support and advance the role of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in the national preservation program—has been a central part of his life's work."

Ira Matt has more than 22 years of historic preservation and cultural resources management experience at both the tribal and federal levels. He began working at the ACHP in 2015 as a program analyst in the Office of Federal Agency Programs. In 2018, he moved to ONAA as a senior program analyst, where he led ONAA's traditional knowledge initiative and co-authored the ACHP's Early Coordination with Indian Tribes handbook. He also served on several committees of the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

"As director, I intend to assure Indian tribes, Native Hawaiians, and other Indigenous people have an active voice in historic preservation that is grounded in transparency and collaboration," Ira Matt said. "I will promote the mission of the ACHP by developing policy recommendations,

preparing guidance, and working with the White House Council on Native American Affairs to advance the preservation priorities of all Indigenous people.”

Before joining the ACHP, he worked for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes for 16 years in varying capacities, including as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, resource advisor, tribal archaeologist, and as a wildland firefighter. During this time, he regularly worked with the Cultural Committees and Elder Advisory Boards, Tribal Council, and Salish Kootenai College to generate positive outcomes in cultural resource management by implementing historic preservation as a tool to effectuate cultural perpetuation.

Ira Matt’s prior federal experience includes serving as the Federal Preservation Officer/National Archaeologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service and as a tribal affairs specialist for the Department of Energy.

Ira is Salish and an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of western Montana. He received his BA and MA in anthropology from the University of Montana and a Master of Jurisprudence in Indian Law from the University of Tulsa College of Law.

He succeeds Valerie Hauser, who established ONAA in 1998 and served as its first director. Hauser retired from federal service December 31, 2021.

The Office of Native American Affairs advises the ACHP leadership and staff on policy and program matters related to Native American issues, and offers technical assistance and outreach for tribal and Native Hawaiian organization consultation under the Section 106 review process.

About the ACHP: An independent federal agency, the ACHP promotes the economic, educational, environmental, sustainability, and cultural values of historic preservation and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also influences federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic and cultural properties. See achp.gov for more information.

