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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CONVENES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE IN FLAGSTAFF TO ASSIST NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Dec. 7 /PRNewswire/ -- Over 100 tribal governments and Native American organizations from 25 states are meeting here this week to learn about the promising practices and programs to address violence against Native American women. Two nonprofit Native American organizations, Mending the Sacred Hoop and Sacred Circle National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women, are in charge of the program as part of a technical assistance grant from the Justice Department's Violence Against Women Office (VAWO).

Tribal grantees from VAWO's STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecution) Violence Against Indian Women program are attending. These recipients include tribal leaders, tribal law enforcement personnel, women's shelter advocates and tribal court judges, prosecutors and court personnel.

"All of the Indian program funds under the Violence Against Women Act have allowed us to assist tribal governments to partner with service providers who assist Indian victims of domestic violence and sexual assault," said Bonnie Campbell, Director of VAWO. "This collaboration promotes the safety and sovereignty of Native women and also emphasizes holding offenders accountable."

Since the inception of the STOP Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grant program in 1995, the Justice Department has awarded over \$30 million to tribal governments. Arizona's tribal governments have received \$1.8 million. The STOP Indian program, which provides funding to strengthen the tribal justice system's response to violent crimes against Indian women, is authorized by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

Conference participants will discuss promising efforts within the areas of law enforcement, prosecution, tribal courts, tribal leadership, women's advocacy and coordination with county, state and federal agencies, including United States Attorneys' Offices. Tribal grantees will also have the opportunity to visit the Hopi Tribe to see its community response to domestic violence. Assistant United States Attorneys from various districts, along with the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association and the American Indian Law Center, will assist with training and presentations.

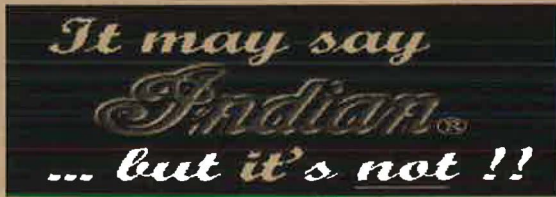
The 25 states participating in this conference include: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

More information about the STOP Violence Against Indian Women program and other violence against women efforts is available at the Violence Against Women Office Website <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/VAWGO> or OJP's Website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov> or by calling the National Criminal Justice Reference Service toll-free on 800-851-3420.

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The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians wants to alert Indian Country to a current, ongoing deception designed to cheat all Indians. It's an old story – "divide and conquer" – with new twists.



THE ORIGINAL INDIAN MOTORCYCLE COMPANY CEASED production in 1953. Since then there have been several conflicting claims to ownership of the "Indian" trademarks.

IN 1995, THE COW CREEK TRIBE WAS SOLICITED BY A federal receiver to become involved in the "Indian" trademark case to help legitimize the "Indian" trademarks through the federal receivership process.

THE TRIBE BECAME INVOLVED IN THE CASE TO ENSURE that whomever claimed the "Indian" trademark would have a permanent, substantial – non-token – commitment to Indian Country. The Cow Creek Tribe saw the project as a way to promote pride, dignity, and knowledge about Native American heritage.

"WE WANTED PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT POSITIVE things like quality, durability, and integrity when they saw 'Indian' brand products," says Cow Creek Tribal Chairman Sue Shaffer.

THE COW CREEKS DEVOTED OVER FOUR YEARS OF TIME and substantial financial resources to developing, with the federal receiver, a complex contract called the Trademark Facilitation Agreement. The Trademark Facilitation Agreement was designed to ensure the revived "Indian" company would provide direct and substantial economic benefit and other incentives for Native Americans in addition to the Cow Creek Tribe.

THE TRADEMARK FACILITATION AGREEMENT SPECIFIED that just under 50 percent of license revenues relating to Native American style or related goods bearing "Indian" Trademarks would be permanently segregated for distribution to Native American organizations. Under the Trademark Facilitation Agreement, organizations like the Native American Rights Fund, the National Congress of American Indians, and the American Indian College Fund and dozen of others would have received millions of dollars. Under the Trademark Facilitation Agreement all Indian people would have a priority opportunity to produce "Indian" label products.

IN 1998, THE TRADEMARK WAS SUPPOSEDLY REVIVED. The "Indian" trademarks were awarded to a private Canadian based restaurant and clothing company that "acquired" a company in Gilroy, California, to produce non-original "Indian" motorcycles as one model in a larger line of motorcycles.

THE CANADIAN COMPANY HAS REPUDIATED THE Trademark Facilitation Agreement because they say it is too generous to Indian country!!! Apparently, from their perspective it's cheaper to spend thousands of dollars on token efforts to avoid millions of dollars of real commitment to Indian Country.

THE COW CREEK TRIBE HAS BEEN FORCED TO FILE A lawsuit. If a product says "Indian," it should really be "Indian." Tokenism is unacceptable. We believe these ideas are important enough to defend. We believe these ideas are important enough to insist that solemn written commitment by federal officers be honored.

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND the Native American Rights Fund have given their formal support to the struggle to enforce the Trademark Facilitation Agreement.

THE COMPANY'S DEFENSE IS TO PLAY INDIANS AGAINST each other by creating a nationwide press show that attempts to create a false, misleading perception about their intent and purpose. Apparently, they believe a few small donations to worthwhile Indian groups and a bit of Vegas-style celebrity is enough to buy off Indian Country.

BEADS, BAUBLES, AND TRINKETS; SOLEMN FEDERAL agreements; divide and conquer. An old story with new twists.

INDIAN COUNTRY DESERVES BETTER.



(541) 672-9405 For a copy of NCAI Resolution #VAN-99-007 or NARF's amicus curiae or any other information, please contact the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Information also available on our Web sites: www.indiantrademark.com or www.cowcreek.com.

The Cow Creek Tribe does not recognize the legitimacy or registration of the "Indian" trademark.

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND WITH REGARD TO THE INDIAN MOTORCYCLE TRADEMARK

OCTOBER 6, 1999

The National Congress of American Indians and the Native American Rights Fund would like to state our firm opposition to the new "Indian Motorcycle Company's" use of the "Indian" trademark and, most recently, their inappropriate use of the forum of the National Congress of American Indians' Annual Session to promote their products.

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians worked for years to ensure that the "Indian" trademarks, if revived, would be used for the substantial benefit of all Indian Country and that products under the "Indian" label would in fact be produced in Indian Country. This effort resulted in a contract that the Cow Creek contend bound any purchaser of the "Indian" trademarks to substantial long-term commitments in Indian Country. The new "Indian Motorcycle Company" does not agree that it is bound to these commitments, however.

The Cow Creek Tribe has filed suit to enforce these commitments. NCAI has a resolution (Resolution #VAN-99-007) that condemns the new "Indian Motorcycle Company" and their use of the "Indian" trademarks and supports the Cow Creek Tribe in the lawsuit.

The Native American Rights Fund has filed an amicus curiae brief in the litigation arguing that the new "Indian Motorcycle Company's" use of the "Indian" trademarks violates the Indian Arts and Crafts Act.

In the midst of this controversy, the new "Indian Motorcycle Company" is engaging in callous efforts to gain support in Indian country by giving small donations to Indian causes without adequately disclosing the controversy of the lawsuit. The reprehensible actions of the new "Indian Motorcycle Company" in this matter concerns all tribal governments and Indian people. Protection of our intellectual property interests and cultural identity is a vital issue, and we must all be vigilant against efforts to use Indian identity for improper purposes.

Thank you very much for your attention to this very important matter. Should you have any questions, please contact JoAnn K. Chase, NCAI Executive Director, or John Echohawk, Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund.



EDUCATION

WORKSHOP ON FINANCIAL AID

**Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Government Offices
2371 NE Stephens Street, Suite 100
Roseburg, OR 97470**

A financial aid workshop for Cow Creek Tribal high school seniors and their parents has been scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

To be eligible for tribal funding, grants, loans, and Oregon Scholarship Commission awards, students must submit a Free Application for Federal Financial Aid form. The forms will be handed out at the workshop. A step-by-step guide and a question and answer session are planned, to assist applicants in understanding how to complete the form. All seniors and their parents are strongly urged to attend.

The workshop is free of charge, with pizza and drinks provided. Michelle Bergmann, Financial Aid Specialist from Umpqua Community College, and Tonya Theiss-Skip, Tribal Education Director, will conduct the workshop.

Please respond to Tonya Theiss-Skip at (541) 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229, by January 18, 2000.

If you find at the last minute that you are unable to attend – please call.



Kaleidoscope Of Colleges & Cultures

**Saturday, January 15, 2000
CH2M HILL Alumni Center**

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| 8:30 a.m. | Registration
Continental Breakfast
Academic and Resource Fair |
| 9:30 a.m. | Welcome to OSU |
| 10:00 a.m. | Academic & Career Presentations |
| 11:30 a.m. | Financial Assistance/Scholarships
Applying for admission to OSU
Sessions in English & Spanish |
| | Update OSU
For parents/families, teachers, chaperones,
and counselors |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch and Activities Fair |
| 1:30 p.m. | OSU; A Student Perspective
Student panel discussion |
| 3:00 p.m. | Choose from Cultural Center Tours
and Receptions, Campus Tour, or
Corvallis City Tour |
| 4:00 p.m. | Closing Session |

Please see your high school, college, or community agency counselor or call Tonya Theiss-Skip, Tribal Education Director, for more information at (541) 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229

OREGON STATE University

Oregon State University is committed to affirmative action and equal opportunity in employment and education



NESIKA HEALTH

Nesika Health Group began processing claims from this office on July 1, 1999. We have been very pleased with the turn-around time for paying claims. Claims are being processed at an average of two days after being received. We would like to remind you to notify your providers to send claims to our office at: 2371 N.E. Stephens St., Suite 400, Roseburg, OR 97470

During the month of January an open enrollment is held for those members who did not enroll dependants when initially eligible, or for those who would like to re-enroll for health insurance coverage with Nesika Health Group. If you are interested in receiving enrollment information, please call our office at (541) 677-5508 or 1-800-284-9917, and a packet will be mailed to you. The required enrollment information will need to be returned to our office no later than January 20, 2000, for coverage to take effect on February 1, 2000.

We would also like to remind our members that there is a maximum on pharmacy benefits paid for each member per calendar year. To make this benefit go further for those members on maintenance medications, we recommend you use the mail-order pharmacy provided by Pequot. If you send in your prescriptions to Pequot using this mail-in service, you will receive a 3-month supply of medication at the cost of one co-pay, and the prescription will be delivered to you via US-Mail. This service does take an average of 7-10 days to process after Pequot receives the prescription, so please allow for this time. If you would like information on the mail-order pharmacy, or need a supply of the self addressed envelopes, please contact our office.

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST BURNS

A study conducted by the Injury Prevention and Research Program in 1997 identified 64% of patients treated for burns being the result of scald injuries and that 2/3 of scald victims were under two years of age.

The Northwest Burn Foundation has assembled a Scald Prevention Kit and it is available at no cost to parents. A self-mailing, prepaid postage card is available at the Cow Creek Health & Wellness Center upon request to receive this kit. You may also e-mail for the kit at the address shown below.

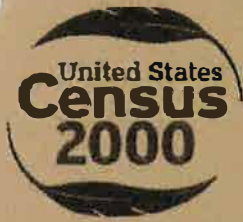
Northwest Burn Foundation
1515 NW 52nd Street, Suite A, Washington, DC
98107
(206) 789-6838 / 1-888-NO-BURNS
e-mail nwburn@ix.netcom.com

Another reminder for this Holiday Season is the concern in the use of candles, which are becoming more and more popular each year. They create great scents and are appealing to many people. The message is "NEVER leave a candle burning unattended." Candles were the source of close to 10,000 house fires in 1996.

Here are a few safety tips to follow:

- ◆ Always extinguish candles before you go to sleep or leave the room.
- ◆ Use candleholders that will collect dripping wax.
- ◆ Keep wicks trimmed to one-fourth (1/4) inch
- ◆ Stop using a candle after it burns down to one half (1/2) inch
- ◆ As always, keep children away from candles

Source: NFPA, USAA Magazine
Noreen Thompson, Clinical Nurse



Generations Are Counting on This. Don't Leave It Blank.

Census 2000 Will Be The Largest Peacetime Effort in the History of the United States

Hundreds of thousands of census takers and support personnel will be needed to account for the anticipated 118 million housing units and 275 million people across the United States. But it isn't the size that makes Census 2000 important. It is all the things that American Indians and Alaska Natives will learn about themselves that will help them succeed in the next millennium. The census is as important to our nation as highways and telephone lines. Federal dollars supporting schools, employment services, housing assistance, highway construction, hospital services, programs for the elderly and more are distributed based on census figures.

Your Answers Are Important

About a week before Census Day - April 1, 2000 - most households will receive a questionnaire by mail. However, census takers will hand deliver questionnaires to people living on American Indian reservations. And in remote Alaska, census takers will start the enumeration in February and complete it before the spring break-up. The Census 2000 questionnaire will be easy to read and simple to fill out. The Census 2000 questionnaire that most people get will ask about only seven subjects: name, sex, age, relationship, Hispanic origin, race and housing tenure (whether home is owned or rented). Nationwide, five out of six housing units will receive this short form. *It will be the shortest short form in 180 years!*

The longer form will ask about the same seven subjects plus 27 more, including education, ancestry, employment, disability and house heating fuel. One out of six housing units will receive a long form nationwide. In some rural areas, as many as every other housing unit may receive this long form - because a larger sample is needed to ensure that these towns and counties get the same detailed information as more densely populated areas.

This is Your Future. Don't Leave it Blank

Census 2000 will help tribal leaders and other decision-makers understand which neighborhoods need new schools and which ones need greater services for the elderly. But they won't be able to tell what your community needs if you and your neighbors don't fill out your census forms and mail them back.

Once the Census Bureau receives your questionnaire, our work has only begun. If the questionnaire is incomplete, a census employee must contact you to obtain the missing information. Then the answers on your questionnaire are combined. It is these combined numbers - not your individual answers - that are published and put to work for your



CONTRACT HEALTH

The Cow Creek Contract Health Program is a federally funded program for eligible tribal members in the seven county service area. The counties are Deschutes, Douglas, Coos, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Klamath. All services must be pre-approved by calling Linda Rondeau or Roma Jackson at 1-800-935-2649. Emergencies must be called in within 72 hours.

Federal guidelines state that the Contract Health Program is the payer of last resort, therefore, all other alternate resources, such as private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid must be used prior to the Contract Health Program paying for services.

Over the last few months there have been very expensive dental services required for tribal members. Nearly half of these expenses could have been prevented with appropriate dental exams and cleanings. In an effort to avoid extensive dental work, exercise preventive dental care by maintaining appointments every six months for teeth cleaning and examination. This effort will save Contract Health dollars.

Mourning Dove Salish

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*..... everything on the earth has
a purpose, every disease an herb
to cure it, and every person a
mission. This is the Indian
theory of existence.*

OMAP COVERAGE

In response to some recent inquiries regarding the Oregon Medical Plan (OMAP) eligibility and coverage as it relates to the Contract Health Program, the following information is provided:

Federal guidelines mandate that the Contract Health Program is the payer of last resort, therefore, any tribal member *eligible* for the Oregon Medical Plan must maintain a current OMAP medical card. If coverage under OMAP lapses for lack of member responsibility, the Contract Health Program will not cover any medical appointments or prescriptions.

If you have additional questions about the Oregon Medical Plan, or eligibility for the Contract Health Program, please call Linda Rondeau at 1-800-935-2649 or (541) 672-8533.

OVER-THE-COUNTER PROGRAM

The Over-the-Counter Health Program enables all tribal members, regardless of where they live, to \$100.00 of non-prescription pharmaceutical supplies, such as Advil, Tylenol, cold and flu medicines, cough syrup, thermometers, vitamins etc. If you want to quit smoking, Contract Health can pay up to three months worth of non-smoking supplies.

To enroll in this program, you must contact Linda Rondeau at 1-800-935-2649, with the name of the pharmacy you normally use. Once the account information is established with your pharmacy, you can call Linda at least 24 hours in advance, for pre-approval of your pharmaceutical needs.



BIA HOUSING IMPROVEMENT

- **BIA Housing Improvement Program (HIP)**
The Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is now accepting applications for housing assistance. The HIP program is a Bureau of Indian Affairs federally funded program contracted and administered by the Tribe. This program can assist eligible tribal members living in the seven county service area with housing needs such as: repairs, rehabilitation (roof, weatherization, windows, doors, structural repairs, etc.) or replacement housing. Priority is given to families with the greatest needs in relation to income, family size, etc.
- **Cow Creek Tribal Housing**
The Tribal Housing Program can assist tribal members with down-payment assistance or home repair assistance. This program is not restricted to the seven county area, however, applicants must be ineligible for the BIA Housing Improvement Program.
- For more information regarding the BIA Housing Improvement Program or the Cow Creek Housing Assistance Program, please contact Carol Ferguson, Housing Director at the Tribal Government Offices, 1-800-929-8229



TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION

Tribal identification cards are available to any member upon request. If you would like one, contact Carol Ferguson at the Cow Creek Government Offices. You will be sent an application. Sign the ID card, enclose an appropriately sized photo and mail it back to the Tribal Government Offices. **PLEASE DO NOT FILL IN ANYTHING ON THE CARD EXCEPT YOUR SIGNATURE.**

UPDATED ADDRESS

Tribal members are encouraged to maintain a current address at the Tribal Government Offices. Tribal members who have minor children not living in their household should update the child's current address for information on trusts and youth activities. If you know of any tribal members who have not been receiving correspondence from the Tribal Government Offices, please recommend that they call the toll free number (1-800-929-8229) or write to: **Cow Creek Government Offices, 2371 NE Stephens, Suite 100 Roseburg, OR. 97470**

JOB LINE

Tribal members interested in employment opportunities at Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort, the Cow Creek Gaming Commission, the Cow Creek Government Offices, Valley View Motel, Riverside Lodge, Seven Feathers Truck & Travel, Umpqua Indian Foods, or Canyon Cubbyhole's, please call the Tribal Jobs Line at 1-800-676-0854 for a prerecorded listing of all job openings. The Tribal Job's Line is updated on a weekly basis and provides instructions as to where and how to apply.

