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Indian Country News Article
Obama administration knocks Carciere ruling
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WASHINGTON – It took a few months for Obama officials to take a clear public stand on the controversial Supreme Court's Carciere v. Salazar ruling, but when they did, they came out swinging.

Some administration officials, including Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Echo-Hawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation, had long been hinting that the February ruling was wrong.

The court's decision has effectively restricted Interior's ability to take land into trust for tribes federally recognized after the **Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 became law**. The administration's position grew more pronounced during a media conference call involving Interior Department and White House officials held Nov. 4.

"There is a problem here that has to be fixed," Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said.

Kim Teehee, White House senior policy advisor for Native American Affairs, elaborated, saying the administration supports a legislative fix whereby all tribes can benefit from the land into trust process regardless of their date of federal recognition. Teehee is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

The day after the call, the administration made its case before a hearing of the House Natural Resources Committee on Capitol Hill.

The hearing was aimed at discussing two bills, H.R. 3742, sponsored by Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Mich., which would amend the IRA to reaffirm the authority of the secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and H.R. 3697, sponsored by Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., which has a nearly identical intention. Cole is a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Donald Laverdure, deputy assistant secretary of Indian affairs at Interior, testified that the department applauds both bills. He is a citizen of the Crow Tribe of Montana.

"The department was, and continues to be, disappointed in the court's ruling in the Carciere case.

"The decision was not consistent with the longstanding policy and practice of the United States to assist all tribes in establishing and protecting a land base sufficient to allow them to provide for the health, welfare, and safety of tribal members, and in treating tribes alike regardless of the date of acknowledgment."

Laverdure said the decision has disrupted the process for acquiring land in trust for recognized tribes by imposing new and undefined requirements on applications now pending before Interior.

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Tribal updates

While several members of the committee agreed that there must be a Carcieri fix, there was some wariness presented by Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., who opposes a "fast track" land into trust fix. He wants to hear from state and local governments before taking action.

Some states' rights advocates and others have taken strong stances against a legislative fix, fearing the consequences of more lands going back to tribes.

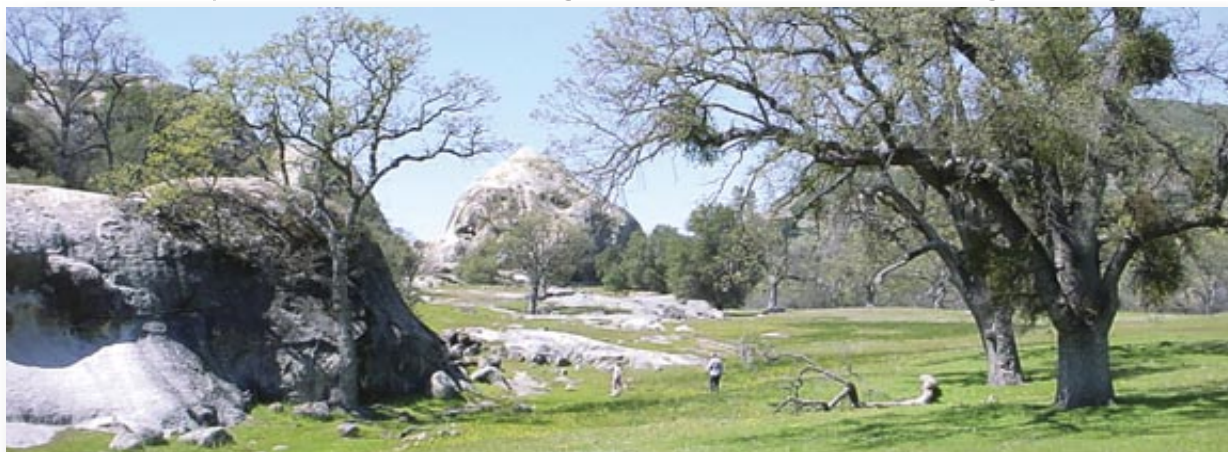
One such opponent who made an appearance at the hearing was Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal. He testified that he supports tribal sovereignty, but opposes a Carcieri fix.

He said lawmakers should consider whether the pre-Carcieri system is still necessary to achieve the original goals of the IRA. He also made the case that states and localities are harmed in many ways when tribes receive lands, such as by reducing tax revenues.

Blumenthal predicted 10 more years of litigation if a land into trust fix passes Congress.

Several tribal leaders, including some who testified at the hearing, have said the Obama administration is right to support a fix, as tribes should not be treated differently and many have historical claims to more land of what is now known as the United States.

"If this decision is not addressed, there will be 'haves' (those who can take land into trust) and 'have nots' in Indian country," said Sandra Klineburger, chairwoman of the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians.



REMEMBER! Write or email the office with any articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month for the upcoming Newsletter. All photographs must be original scanned and sent to pgi@sti.net we will not use copy machine pictures. Check us out at: pgigraphx.com

REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) SERVING IN THE WAR. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.

Tribal Opportunity to sell traditional and contemporary items at the San Luis County Museum. Dan Carpenter, Museum financial director is looking for tribal members interested in selling their traditional or contemporary items in the museum gift shop. The museum is willing to buy or consign your items. He is wanting to honor the Native Americans of this area. If you are interested please call Dan at 805-543-0638 ext.12 and he will set up a meeting with you and the museum's buyer. What a great opportunity to educate the public about the people of the Salinan Tribe.

➡ **Business Meeting Protocol** ←

Tribal business meetings start at 6:30 pm The first 10 minutes are reserved for open comment from tribal members or can be used by council members for input on a personal matter that they may want to bring before the council.

To reserve this time you must call the Tribal office by Monday before the next business meeting. If the matter needs further attention it will be put on the agenda for the following week or when time allows.

Tribal updates continued

New members appointed to the council at the 1- 6 business meeting. They are John Piatti he fills the second seat of the Elders council and Yvonne Davis fills the last regular council seat. At the January 10 general meeting the new Election Ordinance was adopted and copies given out. Also given out at the meeting were copies of the new council positions.

It was discussed at the general meeting on the 10th that members wanting to submit something for the newsletter but do not want to mail or E-mail items can bring items to any of the general meetings. Also the council would like ideas and places for upcoming general meetings. So members please contact any council member and let them know your ideas. At the general meeting we had some interesting elder stories. Encourage elders to send in their stories for the newsletter.

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is a formal transaction between the federal government and a federal tribe, to restore our Ancestors to be returned to the earth.

We the Salinan Tribe, the Federally recognized Chumash, and Camp Roberts, a military branch of the United States of America, will have the opportunity to do just that; sometime in February.

Time and date will be posted on our web site, or call the office after the first of February.

This is an Honor. This is an extreme political leap Forward. It is your duty as a Salinan to be there and participate. This is my request that you do so.

John Burch, Traditional Lead

Salinan Tribal Council Positions Outlined

Traditional Council

1. Cultural Protection & Preservation

Lead-John Burch

Duties: MLD's, Repatriation process, Volunteers working with NAHC, Planning dept., Coroner, Forest Service. FHL, BLM, & volunteers to set up Museum and tribal artifacts.

2. Tribal Law Lead-Bruce Flood

Duties: Lead the set up of the Tribunal Council, lead the Membership criteria work, Code of Conduct and other handbook procedures, membership listing, and Tribal Scholar List.

3. Tribal Practice Lead-Mary Rogers

Duties: Lead the organizing of tribal dances, language, history, songs, traditions, traditional council resources, songs, writings, and the cultural center.

4. Tribal Interest Groups Lead-Yvonne Davis

Duties: Lead the organization of the Men's, Women's, Elder's Youth groups, crafts, Community and Supporters of the tribe.

5. Tribal Educational Lead-John Burch

Duties: Lead work to organize classes in tribal life, California, Indian life, transition to adult life, music Belief systems for California Indians, and be a resource to any member who is interested in exploring Belief systems within the tribe.

6. Tribal Communication Lead-Susan Latta

Duties: Lead for the tribal secretary, meeting minutes, action item follow-up, scheduling invitations, history, picture, scrap book, and other archive resources.

Contemporary Council

1. Administrative Resource Lead-Sharon Thomas

Duties: Lead for the financial officer, equipment, inventory, taxes, bookkeeping needs of the tribe, upkeep on the non-profit.

2. Public Law Lead-Gary Pierce

Duties: Lead the work to liaison with Government agencies. Federal Recognition work.

3. Social Services Lead-George Burch/Yvonne Ayala/John Piatti

Duties: Lead work to obtain housing, organize a food bank, and obtain health care, elder care, medical care. Family counseling resource, drug and alcohol counseling services, domestic violence.

4. Fund Raising Lead-Oscar Joseph

Duties: To raise funds for tribal activities. Collecting donations for tribe.

5. Social Events Lead-Pam Flood

Duties: Lead the work for the gathering in the tribe, camping, and the tribe's name on involving money, earnings, and donations. The Indian Conferences, Pow Wows, and other Tribal Events.

6. Public Educational/Leadership

Lead-Dayna Sciocchetti

Duties; Lead the work for youth training, leadership skills, structure work, Job training, CPR or other tribal classes, public speaking, public education, library research.

7. Communication Lead-Franeine Martinez

Duties: Lead work newspaper articles, Indian or other PR presentation, web site work, write letters lobbying, flyers, posters, publications out to public from tribe.

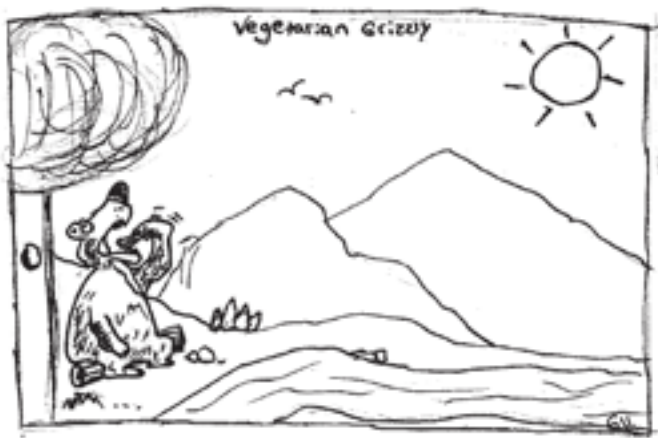
The next general meeting is on Feb. 14th. at the Shandon Park meeting room. For more information call the Tribal office.

Tribal Member Stories

This story is one that I particularly liked that I thought should be repeated. My Mom (Girlye Pierce- Montgomery-Beech) told me this when taking a class at night school to further her job training. It was a public speaking class that was required. When the teacher told each student that they had to give a talk in front of class, Mom sort of panicked and told the teacher she didn't know what she should talk about.

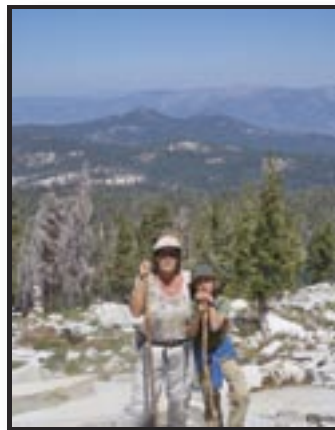
He said talk about something you are familiar with. So Mom thought and came up with an idea. She uptrimmed Abalone's for years in local shops so she got an Abalone and uptrimmed it and pounded it and cooked it for the class. And got an "A" of course.

It makes me think how we all have things in life that we do that may be outstanding to others.
By Sharon Thomas



The Vegetarian Grizzly Bear by Gavin Velasco

(Gavin is the son of tribal member Leah Cooper, grandson of tribal elder Jan Cooper, and great-grandson of the late tribal elder Charlie Pierce)



Salinan elder
Jan Cooper with
grandson Gavin Velasco
near Weaver Lake in the
Sequoia National Park,
summer 2009



Salinan elder
Jan Cooper with grandson
Gavin Velasco at
Joshua Tree National Park,
Thanksgiving 2009

Once there was a Grizzly bear who didn't like how people were so afraid of his kind. So, he decided he was going to become the first vegetarian Grizzly. He practiced on eating things like lettuce, mushrooms, pine nuts, and others, but he just couldn't digest them. But he insisted on continuing. Until one day he woke up early and was getting ready for the day, when he headed for the lake to take a bath. But suddenly he noticed his reflection in the water...he was really skinny! He thought that he looked really friendly, so he headed into town. What a disappointment it was when people ran and hid from him! But he figured he just needed to loose more weight. So, he kept on with his diet until winter came. Then it was so cold that he froze. When he thawed out, he finally decided that his health was more important than what people thought about him. And this is why now we have no vegetarian Grizzly bears.



Recipes:

Key Lime Pie

2 cans eagle brand sweetened condensed milk
3/4 Cup fresh squeezed lime juice
4 egg yolks
Grate peel of 1 lime and add it.



For the crust I use about 1& 1/2 pkg. graham crackers (crushed)
3/4 cube of Butter (approx) melted
3 Tbls. sugar
1/4 cup ground nuts

350* oven. cook crust for 5 minutes then add filling and cook for 15 minutes more. Don't brown it. I use cool whip on top after cooled. Garnish with limes.

Submitted by: Sharon Thomas

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It's easy. Send your card or ad along with a donation of \$25.00 to the Salinan Tribal Office.

Your ad will then be placed here for 3 months. If you wish to place the ad for a year you may do so by sending a donation check for \$90.00. Ads are also placed on the Tribal website at **www.salinantribe.com**

We have new T-Shirts \$15.00 ea. Call Tribal office for colors and sizes 805.460.9202



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Vision of the Salinan Tribe

We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3 Tribal Business meeting	4	5	6 Happy Birthday Elder Gari Hahn
7	8	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Elder Leslie Pierce	13
14 General Meeting	15	16	17 Tribal Business meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tribal business meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month						

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