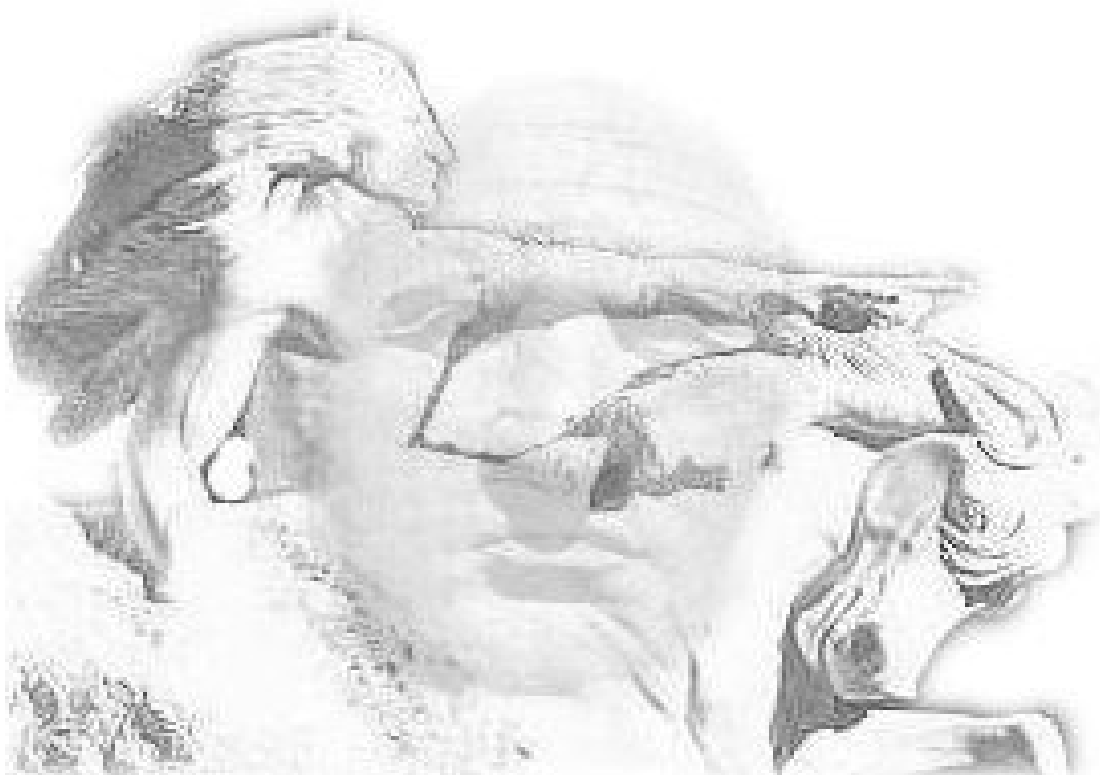


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The Voice of the Warrior Societies



“We prefer our own way of living. We were no expense to the government. All we wanted was peace and to be left alone. Soldiers were sent out in the winter who destroyed our villages. Then 'Long Hair' [Custer] came in the same way. They say we massacred him, but he would have done the same thing to us, had we not defended ourselves and fought to the last. Our first impulse was to escape with our women and babies, but we were so crammed in that we had to fight. I have spoken.”

-- Crazy Horse, September 5th, 1877, just before his murder.



The Black Hills are not for sale



BURIAL SITES THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE CONSTANTLY UNEARTHED

Over the past 25 years since the passing of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 PL 95-341; 42 U.S.C. 1996, (AIRFA) to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 PL 101-601; 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq. (NAGPRA) to the recent ruling of the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in the *Bonnichen v. United States* case, 357 F.3d 962, Indigenous remains have suffered so seriously that it not only affects present day but well into the unborn generations. The intent of AIRFA is to protect and preserve for tribes Indigenous to the Americas, access to sacred sites, use and possession of sacred objects and freedom to worship through ceremonial and traditional rites. However, in a 1988 ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the *Lyng vs. Northwest Indian Cemetery Association* 485 U.S. 439 decided in 19 April 1988 held that AIRFA did not apply in a logging company's right to development. In the opinion of the Court, it determined that the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment and AIRFA did not hold water when it comes to human remains, sacred sites, artifacts, etc. It contended that AIRFA was only a federal policy that did not have jurisdiction in private or state development.

The intent of NAGPRA is to ensure our tribal ancestors are returned to their rightful owners. When it comes to development along rivers, streams, oceans, or any parts of the Western Hemisphere by large corporations, they unearth thousands of Indian burial sites. After the remains are reported to the local media, in most cases- a few days after the 'discovery,' well, tribal members come to the site and protest the illegal digging up of our ancestors. By Indigenous protesting, the business corporations would rather not report findings because it halts economic development and time is money. The remains are then sent to museums, black market, sold or they are reburied in a different location.

The National Park Service is the department which heads all national NAGPRA programs. They had released only a portion of their inventory to media consisting of 28,000 sets of human remains with 580,000 artifacts going through the repatriation process and more than 108,000 remains and artifacts have been labeled "culturally unidentifiable," meaning government scientists have not linked them to a particular tribe. Tribes contend that the number can be reduced if they are allowed access to the collection.

When the white man uncovers human remains belong-

ing to an Indigenous tribe, he treats the remains as though they are of little or no importance. These white people would rather scrape away the remains and place a building on top of the "once burial home" of our ancestors. Remains found within a State's jurisdiction where federal laws don't apply and Tribes are forced to recover their ancestor's remains by taking the state to court using state cemetery laws. These cases usually go against a Tribe's efforts to reclaim those remains. Over the past 25 years, tribes have spent millions upon millions of dollars in courts trying to recover something that Tribes should have priority to through these federal laws of NAGPRA and AIRFA.

Since the 1990s, there have been more and more cases of corporations uprooting our burial sites and State and federal laws have been in support of these corporations for the mere fact that they will bring that particular State's economy up and a rise in population and its in the best interest of the federal government to keep the States happy.

However, not all of the unearthing of Indigenous remains are for economic growth. Sometimes, remains are unearthed when a company was constructing a residential neighborhood, play ground, etc. Still, the outcome is usually the same, human remains are given little priority. The world does not stop for Indigenous remains.

On 18 February 2002 , America was outraged when more than 200 bodies in Noble , Georgia were discovered as reported by CNN. These bodies were sent to the crematory but the owner did not cremate the bodies. Georgia Governor Roy Barnes said that he would "support legislation placing crematories under the same regulations as funeral homes." (1) To further see that these human remains were intact, the residents of Georgia and Tennessee "completed Red Cross paperwork to help identify the bodies, and several dentists opened their offices to make dental records available." (2) The owner of the Crematory "faces 787 charges (and if convicted,) he could be sentenced to more than 8,000 years in prison." (3)

Indigenous remains are far from being treated in this manner. Take the case of the Kennewick Man as called by scientist in the *Bonnichen* case in which the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act defined human remains belonging to "a tribe, people or culture that is In-



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digenous to the United States." (4) Scientists were so determined to study the Ancient One aka Kennewick Man's remains that they altered a story that he had no common traits as that of Indigenous American Indians. That decision halted the Northwest Tribes' efforts to continue forward with the case because if the courts ruled against them again, it would interfere with another Tribe's seeking repatriation of remains or artifacts.

In 1999, the Teton Lakota Nation occupied the Missouri River because the federal government had illegally transferred our lands to the state of South Dakota. At the same time, graves were being disturbed by white developers up and down the Missouri River and it continues today.

The difference in America is this; when human remains are uncovered, there are two sets of laws that are applied: State and federal laws to uphold the white man's verdict and the complete disregard for human laws of Indigenous Nations. Take for instance, a Catholic Church or any church building sitting on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, has a federal law to provide for its protection under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000. 16 U.S.C. 2000 cc (RLUIPA) if it were ever vandalized or the property was somehow damaged. Whereas, Indigenous burial sites, which are sacred sites, are not protected because they are defined as a "natural landmark." A church congregation does not have to worry about government or state scientists coming into their

"sacred site" and having it destroyed, developed and mined. The Jesus Christ pictures and Holy Crosses hanging on a church wall is held as sacred objects but the pictographs of the ancient Lakota culture in the sacred Paha Sapa (Black Hills) is not and so they are constantly vandalized.

We have said this before but we will say it again. When you walk out on the prairie and merely move a rock, you have forever changed things. When the white man uproots those bodies in the ground, he has forever changed the Spirit World. When he dies, something else will become of his spirit.

The white man came to this land and started taking things without asking. He has taken the land, the air we breathe, the water that we drink. He had started killing the Red People, the Buffalo Nation and other animal nations. Now he is desecrating the graves of those relations who had journeyed to the Spirit World long ago. Crazy Horse once said that the land that we walk upon is the blood of our grandfathers and the Earth begins after that. It is almost seven generations gone by and what becomes of this land becomes of life.

NOTE: (1) CNN http://cnn.com/2002/US/02/17/crematory_bodies (2) The Dailey Beacon Online- Corpses discovered in Georgia. Volume 89 Number 28. Monday, February 18, 2002. (3) www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2004-08-23-crematory_x.htm (4) Indian Country Today. Kennewick Man Heads for the Lab 23 July 2004.

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL

REMEMBRANCE TO NATIVE NATIONS

Recently this country marked the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. I keep hearing that this is the worst terrorist attack to happen in this country, but while my heart goes out to the dead, their families and those who are forever scarred by these events, there have been millions of people murdered in this country by terrorists.

It would be impossible for me to list all of the acts of terror our People have faced, but I want to mention a few of them because our People are also worthy of remembrance.

You won't find many monuments to these, the quiet dead. But their bones and blood make up the soil where your shopping centers and highways now stand. Where is their memorial? It is in the hearts of those who remember.

Today I remember: The thousands of Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Seminole and Chickasaw People who suf-

fered untold agony during the forced removal from their homelands in the 1830s. Innocent men, women and little children perished in concentration camps or froze and starved to death on the Trail where they Cried. The 90 women and children who died in the Bear River Massacre in southeastern Idaho.

The 200 Cheyenne men, women and children who were slain at Sand Creek in eastern Colorado by the US Cavalry led by Col. John Chivington, a Methodist Minister who ordered his men to "Kill and scalp all, big and little, nits make lice."

The 200 murdered Black feet women and children who died at Maries River in Northern Montana and the other 140 People who were left to freeze to death in the January cold.

The 103 Cheyenne women and children butchered on the Washita River in western Oklahoma.

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The 200 to 300 Lakota (Sioux) who were slaughtered under a white flag of truce at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

The 500 Sauk and Fox People led by Black Hawk who were massacred by militia forces while trying to negotiate a surrender.

The Yuki' s and other tribes of Indians in California whose population declined from 11,000 to less than 1,000 because white men wanted the land to search for gold. Or-

ganized Indian hunts were held on Sundays and our People were killed for sport.

The little children who were kidnapped from their homes and forced to attend BIA schools. Many of them died alone and lie in unmarked graves.

From the small pox, measles, typhoid, cholera, diphtheria, TB and VD epidemics brought to us by the white invaders to the continued genocide still being waged against us. We know about terrorism.

NOTE: Excerpt information taken from an Unknown Author posted to the Lakota Student Alliance mail list.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AND THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

It is not the 1800s nor centuries prior when Indian people were massacred by the federal government and State militias, but the same mentality continues only now with paper laws and a term we call cultural genocide. In every State, Indian children are being taken from their families and placed with non-Indian families. Indian children are then forced to live the white man' s ways with little or no understanding of their culture and traditions. This is a constant trend that happens in South Dakota where the State' s social services and courts practice a dual standard of justice.

When it comes to child custody cases in South Dakota, a large number of Indian children are put into foster homes. The South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) tends to influence the State court' s decisions to take Indian children from their parents and place them in white foster homes. The State DSS brings to court a variety of documents stating that they had followed the guidelines set forth in the Indian Child Welfare Act 25 U.S.C. 1990 et seq. ICWA requires States to give Tribes exclusive jurisdiction over their Tribal children. However, the DSS has been known to rush their cases through all processes, giving the family as well as the Tribes little room to maneuver. State courts tend to follow their State departments because Indian children placed in State homes bring in federal dollars as long as it is proven that the child is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe (how else do you think the State generates federal dollars).

The family and the Tribe are at a loss even though in many of these cases the Tribe had found other relatives for the child to be placed with but the State contested everything the Tribe has afforded.

The state of South Dakota not only practices and engages in racist acts but their system needs to be updated with a fresh new attitude and updated knowledge of Indian life for the benefit of Indian children and their families, on and off the reservations.

Indian Reservations throughout the United States linger above and below the poverty level, in South Dakota all of the reservations are poverty stricken. A Tribe' s poverty level is one more reason why South Dakota acts the way it acts. In the 1970s, Congress had found that 85-90% of Indian children taken from their homes were placed with non-Indian families. The reason for these kidnappings was because a "paternalistic state system failed to recognize traditional Indian culture, and expected Indian families to conform to non-Indian ways. Other children were removed because of their families' overwhelming poverty." Well, today the State of South Dakota remains a pathetic excuse for removing Indian children.

Foster home experience hurts an Indian child for several reasons, one being that the child is an Indian and being Indian is all the child knows. Another aspect is that white people don' t care about our children, its all for the money. Who knows what type of an environment the Indian child will be placed in and it could even be worse than the previous experience.

All efforts by the federal government with its "Indian" legislation tend to be ignored and violated by every individual State when it comes to dealing with its Indian issues and issues are problems. But that' s what happens when federal laws don' t apply to state jurisdictions. However, Congress must enact legislation that States must abide by, especially when it concerns Indian children, who are Our future.

It is time for those elected into Tribal offices to take their role of leadership and start pushing the issues. Sitting Bull once told his warriors before a battle to remember the helpless ones in camp and be like the eagle who would defend its nest and its children by placing its wings over its unborn children. And with the white people of South Dakota and their paper laws, we must protect our

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children and never put them in a situation like this from the start. It is time for the Lakota to realize that the venom is worse than the snake.

NOTE: Quote information taken from the website www.abanet.org/media/oct95/icwa.html.



He Sapa kin han wiyopeya unkipikte sni yelo!

I never want to leave this country; all my relatives are lying here in the ground, and when I fall to pieces, I am going to fall to pieces here.

-Wolf Necklace,

1875 when the U.S. Government offered to buy the Sacred Paha Sapa, the Black Hills .

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MANIFEST DESTINY:

The Biblical Theory that the White Man Owns the Western Hemisphere

The thought that a few words written by man and interpreted as God' s instructions that the white man has title to



Tecumseh and William Henry Harrison

the entire Western Hemisphere as his home is questionable. When the white man stepped foot on this continent and liked what he had seen- lands filled with gold, which meant nothing to us other than a sacred yellow rock. Well, he started to use the Bible as his strategy to conquer the Indigenous Red People. He called this his Manifest Destiny. Move west young man and fill your pockets with riches. Is this seriously God' s intention? No, but understand this- the white man does not know better for he thought the Earth was flat. The Bible was written by a white man not by GOD. A true human being does not have to read to know what is right from wrong, it is in your conscience and just follow your heart when you don' t understand. That' s all I have to say.

**Ska Wicasa ki he Takuni Wakan
yawasni yelo!**

WORDS OF THE WISE

“Houses are built for you to hold councils in. Shawnees hold theirs in the open air. I am a Shawnee. My forefathers were warriors. Their son is a warrior. From them I take my only existence. From my tribe, I take nothing. I have made myself what I am. And I wish that I could make the Red People as great as the conceptions of my own mind, when I think of the Great Spirit that rules over us all.

“I would then not come to Governor Harrison to ask him to tear up the treaty. But I would say to him, ' Brother, you have

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the Liberty to return to your own country.'

'You wish to prevent the Indians from doing as we wish them, to UNITE and let them consider their lands as the common property of the whole. You take the tribes aside and advise them not to come into this measure.

'You want by your distinctions of Indian tribes, in allotting to each a particular, to make them war with each other. You never see an Indian endeavor to make the white people do this. You are continually driving the Red People, when at last you will drive them into the great lake, where they can neither stand nor work.

'Since my residence at Tippecanoe, we have endeavored to level all distinctions, to destroy village chiefs, by whom all mischiefs are done. It is they who sell the land to the Americans. Brother, this land that was sold, and the goods that was given for it, was only done by a few.

'In the future we are prepared to punish those who propose to sell land to the Americans. If you continue to purchase them, it will make war among the different tribes, and, at last I do not know what will be the consequences among the white people. Brother, I wish you would take

pity on the Red People and do as I have requested. If you will not give up the land and do cross the boundary of our present home, it will be very hard, and produce great trouble between us. The way, the only way to stop this evil is for the Red men to UNITE in claiming a common and equal right in the land, as it was at first, and should be now- for it was never divided but belongs to all.

'No tribe has a right to sell, even to each other, much less to strangers. Sell a country! Why not sell the air, the great sea, as well as the Earth? Did not the Great Spirit make them all for the use of his children?

'How can we have confidence in the white people?

'When Jesus Christ came upon the Earth, you killed Him, and nailed him to the cross. You thought he was dead, and you were mistaken.

'Everything I have told you is the truth. The Great Spirit has inspired me.'

-Tecumseh, Shawnee. 1810 speaking to Gov. W.H. Harrison about the violations of the Treaty of Greenville.

NOTE : Excerpt information taken from Virginia Irving Armstrong's *I Have Spoken : American History Through the Voices of the Indians*. © 1971 by Sage Books, The Swallow press.

IN HONOR OF TASUNKA WITKO

The great Oglala warrior chief Crazy Horse was murdered on September 5, 1877 at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. Tasunka Witko will forever be remembered as the Oglala Strong Heart who led the Lakota Nation to victory over the U.S. 7th Cavalry at the 'Battle of the Little Bighorn.'

The life of Crazy Horse was short

lived but in his short life, he had grown mature in every way possible to lead his nation and for that reason, the People followed him.

Crazy Horse will be remembered as the Warrior Chief who protected the People from being annihilated in 22 straight battles and never being defeated.

It is the People and the old ways of life that he has preserved for our generations to remember and live.

We will remember the great Warrior Chief as our ancestral grandfather relative who has encouraged us to live and advocate his beliefs that our ways are the old ways of life.

Tasunka Witko Kiksuyapo! The Black Hills Are Not for Sale !

"One does not sell the lands upon which all living things walk." -Crazy Horse

RESERVATION HAPPENINGS

• **The Manitoba Métis issued some 175 hunting licenses** to its tribal members. However, Manitoba's Conservation Minister says that the tribe is breaking hunting laws by issuing such hunting rights to its members. In earlier reports, the Canadian government does recognize the Métis as hunters but the government doesn't agree with the license. It also cites the Canadian Supreme Court decision in which the court gave an Ontario Métis man the right to hunt in his community. The Canadian government claims that the Powley case does not authorize the issuance of license to

be used on private lands without permission. The Canadian government and the Manitoba Métis Federation will take some time to reach an agreement on Métis hunting rights.

NOTE : See also <http://Winnipeg.cbc.ca>.

• **Paris strip club was told to change their name** by the Crazy Horse descendants in mid- October. The strip joint - called the Crazy Horse Paris - was founded upon its late owner's admiration of the American west. We, as the Lakota Nation do not

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NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY: "THE WAY IT WAS"

Sitting Bull: Born of the Buffalo Nation

There is a very old story about four Lakota who were out hunting and they had just killed a buffalo. They then started cooking the buffalo over the fire and as they waited for the meat, very little talk was made as the warriors were tired and hungry. The buffalo herds were far off in the distance but one could still hear the bulls bellowing. Suddenly the warriors heard somebody coming and they jumped up-alert. That somebody who was coming- was talking and making little noises, like they were mumbling or confused. As this stranger approached, they noticed it was a large buffalo bull walking with his head low and his shaggy beard sweeping the ground, talking to himself.

One of the warriors in this hunting party was a young medicine man named Returns-Again and he knew that a buffalo talking in this manner was held as being sacred. Returns-Again later told the people what this buffalo had said. He told them that this buffalo was a Spirit and that he protected the young and the old. The words this buffalo spoke were, "Sitting Bull, Jumping Bull, Bull Standing-with-Cow and Lone Bull." These names he

translated as being ' infancy, youth, maturity and old age.' Returns-Again would later use the name Jumping Bull and he gave his son the name Sitting Bull.

Sitting Bull would grow into a successful war leader, counting his first coup at the age of fourteen and obtaining 63 in his lifetime. He had many Spiritual gifts from the Creator. He possessed the wisdom to lead a nation and the bravery to stand up for the rights of the land. He was also gifted with songs and talking to animals. He would often talk to the Winged People after an encounter with a bear as he napped under a tree. A little yellow bird that was perched on a branch in a nearby tree told Sitting Bull ' to lie very still because a bear was nearby.' Well, the bear came and stood over the motionless body for several minutes and then left. So Sitting Bull would later sing songs for the Winged People. Sitting Bull held a spiritual power to bring the buffalo herds to the people. He would also be known for defending the buffalo nations as they were being slaughtered by the white immigrants. After he was made leader of the Strong Heart society, he led several at-

tacks on the wagon trains and other tribes. Sitting Bull had been involved in 40+ battles and only wounded once, which occurred in his very first fight against the Crow. There are no specific ' great' things that Sitting Bull did for the people because they were all great things. Providing the buffalo, visions, songs, wisdom and protection will be remembered forever in Lakota history. Tatanka Iyotaka (Sitting Bull) in 1876 had a vision that all the white soldiers will fall from the sky and give the Lakota victory over the white man. On 25 June, Gen. George Custer and the US Seventh Cavalry were attempting to quietly massacre our people on the Little Bighorn but when it was over, all the white men were dead. Sitting Bull was murdered under the authority of the U.S. Government on 15 December 1890 , in which the US Army and Indian scouts accused him of leading a new ' Indian resistance campaign' through the Ghost Dance religion.

NOTE: Quote information from Stanley Vestal' s Sitting Bull: Champion of the Sioux . University of Oklahoma Press. © 1932.

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agree with the use of our relative' s name for he is highly-regarded as a defender of the Oyate (People).

- **Navajo Nation Tribal Council has voted against** lowering their blood quantum status from one-fourth to one-eighth. The reason for the failed vote was because it would have double the enrollment from "310,000 to 600,000 members." Passing the legislation would also have a negative impact on tribal services since the US Congress has been cutting budgets across Indian Country.

NOTE : See also <http://www.indianz.com/news/2004/001481.asp>.

- **National Museum of American Indians was opened** in 21 September 2004 and almost immediately, the American Indian Movement had issued a statement denouncing America' s portrayal of Indian tribes and that the museum has failed to tell the truth of America' s Native holocaust and its continued violation of treaties it had entered with Native tribes. AIM Grand Governing Council had rejected Congress' Draft Resolution known as Apology to Native Americans (S.J. Res. 37); claim-

ing that bill does not offer solutions. It should also be stated that the editors of the Crazy Horse Advocate does not honor this museum nor S.J. Res. 37 as fact because it does not tell of America' s continued destruction of our lands, waters and air. It does not offer a solution to cease slaughter of the buffalo herds forever nor does it offer solutions to the continued Native poverty.

- **Since the Bush Administration took office in 2001**, jails in Indian Country have seen "11 fatalities, 236 suicide attempts and 632 attempted escapes," according to a year long investigation by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The department' s report is still in its preliminary draft. NOTE : Quote information taken from <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com/articles/2004/09/22/news/state/state04.txt> .

- **After years of battling with the National Park Service** (NPS) on its mismanagement of the South Unit of the Badlands National Park , management has been turned over to the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The Oglala contend that a 1976 Memorandum of Agreement with the NPS, has resulted in the loss of million of dollars over the years. The NPS under the agreement was to develop tourism for the Tribe' s economy but since signing the

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agreement, the NPS has not done anything except give traffic tickets to the Oglala.

- **A federal judge has ruled that government agencies must** notify Native tribal landowners before it sells tribal property under government trust management. Lands have been under the management of the Department of the Interior for over 120 years. This recent ruling came as part of the Cobell class-action suit against the Interior. The US Government over the years has swindled nearly half a million Natives of some \$500 billion in royalties from land leases, oil, timber and other resources.

- **The Oglala Sioux Tribal court has ruled that Charlie Smoke** is actually a white man using a stolen Lakota name. Charles Roger Leo Adams, Jr. has been turned over to the state of South Dakota for false impersonation. Adams was residing on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation when he was arrested for spousal abuse and child neglect. Adams had fought extradition in Canada, claiming he was born Indigenous.

- **Crazy Horse Advocate is a newsletter published on the** Pine Ridge Indian Reservation since 1972, following the occupation of the Fort Robinson Historical Society Museum in Crawford by members of the American Indian Movement led by Bob Yellow Bird. The original publishers were Nebraska AIM leader Bob Yellow Bird and AIM activist William Cross. Crazy Horse Advocate: "The Voice of the Dog Soldier Societies"

For history on the Crazy Horse Advocate see www.geocities.com/lakotastudentalliance/lisa2_onlykicksolong.html

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- **Ehattesaht First nation in Vancouver has blockaded a** road for the safety of the Indian community. Tribal members claim that the logging trucks pose a safety hazard to the residence of the tiny community. The road is located on the Ehattesaht Reserve and trucks going through on their way to various fish farms. The tribe says that it has asked the trucks to consult with the tribe beginning three years ago but the companies have failed to meet with tribal officials.

- **The Oglala Sioux Tribe and Invenegy have signed** a contract to develop a \$300 million wind energy farm to be located on the Pine Ridge. What this will do for the tribe is create our own energy without going through local white-owned companies, who have always swindled Indians.

- **Amnesty International has released its report calling for** states to push for Racial Profiling laws. Amnesty International has found that Native Americans aren't recognized in racial profiling bills because there is no agency tracking the abuses. Here in South Dakota, where there are no racial profiling laws, it is likely to be stopped just for looking at a white officer. Law enforcement officers have a right to stop any Native American under the "dangling object law." We, the Lakota have always used eagle feathers, medicine pouches, dream catchers, and everything sacred as a form of protection and we usually put them on our rearview mirrors. For this reason, South Dakota had passed this law and law makers refuse to pass any racial profiling laws.

- **Crystal Methamphetamine has doubled on Indian** reservations from 2,167 in 2000 to 4,077 in 2004 according to Indian Health Service statistics. This drug has invaded the largest Indian reservation in the U.S. in the Navajo Nation, population 180,000. This drug has also moved up to rank second behind marijuana on reservations. This drug can be snorted, injected or smoked. The pure substance street name is "G or Glass."

The meth craze on the reservation was brought in by non-Indian dealers, who believe that Indian Reservations have less law enforcement to combat. With this drug comes the violence often related to robbery and murder, which is devastating the inner city black communities. Tribes on all reservations need to enlarge their drug task forces and hire more officers, even if it means cutting salaries to make more jobs. Its not like the rest of us have jobs.

Oglalas and ALL Tetons of the Great Sioux Nation! We encourage you to fight against this drug overtaking our children. If we cannot combat this problem, we will sink into a state of depression. Remember your relatives and what they fought for. Remember the unborn generations. Do not let this obstacle become a tragedy. Remember Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull and all great leaders because if we cannot remember their struggles in offering their lives for the unborn then the Lakota way of life will be lost. Let us put our minds together to see what we can do for our children. Oglalas, wake up! Look around you! We will not be like that! Lakota stand up for tomorrow! Hoka Hey, it is a good day to fight!

Many people ask why we write this newsletter based on what happened years ago, and say that we should put our differences aside and move forward.

We do as we are instructed not by any man but by an unknown spiritual influence.

In order to make sure that our relatives have not fought and died for nothing, we keep their voices alive for those warrior societies that still believe our grandfathers are with us.

We encourage our brothers and sisters of the Great Sioux Nation to remember all our relatives but stay focused as we move forward in this ever spinning advanced technological nuclear society.

So remember, the blood of your ancestors is the ground that you walk upon. It was their blood that gives you the right to ask these questions.

Always remember the Tatanka Oyate, the Buffalo Nation. They are just like us Lakota, so stand and fight for their rights because without Pte Oyate, we would have vanished.

Putting our differences aside from what? The white man is destroying mother Earth, we Lakota are sticking up for her, is that different?

Paper laws say our ancestors must be unearthed and placed in a museum. Standing up for our relatives who journeyed to the Spirit World, is that different?

Bringing alive the native past to move into the future, now is that different? Ever culture uses their past to move forward and we are no different. Aho hecetu welo! Tasunka witko kiksuyapo!