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Chief's Address To The Nation

Greetings,

The week of July 12-15 brings forth our 49th annual Sac and Fox Nation Celebration with something for all ages to enjoy! Enjoy the new swimming pool, pow-wow, rodeo, health fair, Veteran's meal, and many more planned activities throughout the week end!

This month I am devoting my entire article to events within Indian Country on a national scale which can, has, or will affect our Sac and Fox Nation.



Chief George Thurman

National Indian Country News: Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter - Big Win for Indian Country

In a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court of the United States held

that under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDA) the federal government must pay contract support costs to tribes that enter into agreements to manage federal programs. This is indeed a significant win for Indian Country and it is in large part due to the tremendous efforts by and dedication of Michael P. Gross Esq., a., C. Bryant Rogers Esq., Lloyd Miller, Esq. and many others. "Consistent with our longstanding principles of government contracting law, we hold that the government must pay each tribe's contract support costs in full," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote for the majority.

Recent Patchak Issue Discussed by NIGA Chairman

Promises Indian Communities will not stop pursuing Land into Trust

Lincoln, NE (June 19, 2012)

This week, the National Congress of American Indians is hosting their Mid-Year Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Cornhusker Hotel. At the same time, on June 18, 2012, the United States Supreme Court made a decision (8-1) that an individual, David Patchak, has standing and can file suit against the government's decision to take land into trust on behalf of a Native American tribe.

Judge Sotomayor, who gave a dissenting decision, voiced her concerns primarily about gaming. She wrote that before, land-into-trust decisions had only a 30-day window to seek a review, but now a new six-year statute of limitations will be granted within the Administrative Procedures Act. This extension to block land-into-trust will create a larger threat against tribes who seek building any kind of economic development.

At the Mid-Year, National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr., who chairs the NCAI Subcommittee on Tribal Gaming, said this of the decision.

"It is disappointing and surprising to find that the Supreme Court has created a new way to sue the Federal Government over Indian lands. Further, we are appalled that the (Supreme) Court has blocked Tribes from suing the Federal Government on this same issue. This new decision undermines the Indian Self-Determination Policy and our right to build sustainable communities. I promise you, we will not stop pursuing our rights to Economic Self-Determination. We must continue to seek the return of lands necessary for sustainable Indian communities, hence Indian tribes will continue to file new Land-Into-Trust acquisitions."

Patchak brought the suit against the Department of Interior (DOI) Secretary using the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), which allows the government to be sued if it fails to follow proper procedures. This waives the United States' sovereign immunity.

Nonetheless, private citizens

must exhaust Interior's administrative remedies and cannot just wait until the Secretary has determined to take land in trust, and then bypass Interior by filing Federal court challenges based upon aesthetic considerations.

Federal law requires more respect for the Secretary of the Interior, so if non-Indian citizens or neighbors have concern, they must continue to bring them to the Secretary before filing suit against the United States.

44 tribes in a government \$1B settlement

HELENA, Mont., June 22, 2012

Forty-four American Indian tribes are part of the \$1 billion settlement with the U.S. government over claims of mismanaged trust funds. Here is a list of those tribes and their shares of the settlement:

1. Colville, Wash. -- \$193 million
2. Salish and Kootenai, Mont.-- \$150 million
3. Northern Ute, Utah-- \$125 million
4. Assiniboine and Sioux, Mont. -- \$75 million
5. Shoshone-Bannock, Idaho -- \$60 million
6. Northern Cheyenne, Mont. - \$50 million
7. Standing Rock Sioux, N.D.-- \$48.9 million
8. Ute Mountain Ute, Colo. -- \$42 million
9. Nez Perce, Idaho -- \$33 million
10. Mescalero, N.M. -- \$32 million
11. Makah, Wash. -- \$25 million
12. Tohono O'Odham, Ariz. --\$23 million
13. Blackfeet, Mont. -- \$19 million
14. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho -- \$18 million
15. Spokane, Wash. -- \$15 million
16. Zia, N.M. -- \$12.123 million
17. Passamaquoddy, Maine -- \$12 million
18. Siletz, Ore. -- \$9.14 million
19. Round Valley, Calif. -- \$8 million
20. Chippewa Cree, Mont. -- \$8 million
21. Lac Courte Oreilles, Wisc. -- \$8 million
22. Tule River, Calif. -- \$7 million
23. Spirit Lake, N.D. -- \$6 million
24. Hualapai, Ariz. - \$6 million
25. Lac du Flambeau, Wisc. -- \$5 million
26. Tulalip, Wash. -- \$4 million
27. Pawnee, Okla. - \$4 million
28. Salt River Pima-Maricopa, Ariz. -- \$4 million
29. Bad River, Wisc. -- \$3 million
30. Leech Lake, Minn. -- \$3 million
31. Quechan Ariz., Calif. -- \$3 million
32. Soboba, Calif. -- \$3 million
33. Minnesota Chippewa, Minn. -- \$1.99 million
34. Bois Forte, Minn. -- \$1 million
35. Swinomish, Wash. -- \$1 million
36. Rincon, Calif. -- \$1 million
37. Kaibab, Ariz. -- \$1 million



New Sac and Fox Nation Princesses Crowned: (Left to Right) Shayla Miller, Senior Miss; Tara Renee' Goodfox, Junior Miss; and Winter Nashel Johnson, Little Miss (photo by Sandra Massey, NAGPRA)

38. Kickapoo, Okla. -- \$700,000
39. Santee Sioux, Neb. -- \$675,000
40. Cachil Dehe, Calif. -- \$650,000
41. Saul Ste. Marie, Mich. -- \$215,000
42. Summit Lake Paiute, Nev. -- \$75,000
43. Te-Moak, Nev. -- \$50,000
44. Nooksack, Wash. -- \$25,000

Federal News Briefs:

USDA ANNOUNCES MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE & FOSTER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES:

USDA recently announced the implementation of measures that will make it easier for individuals living in Substantially Underserved Trust Areas (SUTA) to obtain USDA funding to improve basic services, incl. water and sewer systems, broadband & electric infrastructure. "These measures are a crucial step for American Indians, Alaska Na-

tives, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders to build modern utility infrastructure, create jobs and improve their quality of life. The changes will put resources where they are most needed and will give USDA Rural Development added flexibility that will help tribes located in Trust Areas," Vilsack said. A SUTA is any land that: (1) is held in trust by the United States for Native Americans; (2) is subject to restrictions on alienation imposed by the US on Indian lands (including Native Hawaiian homelands); (3) is owned by a Regional Corporation or a Village Corporation as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; or (4) is on any island in the Pacific Ocean if such land is communally-owned land by cultural tradition. The changes, which apply to the Rural Utilities Service program area (RUS), give the Secretary of Agriculture

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The ILOC (Indian Law and Order Commission) toured the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center on June 12 the day before the Sovereignty Symposium XXV held in Oklahoma City June 13, 2012. (Left to Right): Bryan Hinshaw, JDC Operations staff member; Angela Morris, Human Services Director; Paula Williams, Tribal Administrator; Jackie Williams, Tribal Secretary; Jeff Davis, DOJ; Eugenia Tynes-Dawson, DOJ; Theresa Pouley, ILOC; Jefferson Keel, ILOC; Ken Ticknor, Major, Department of Public Safety; Eileen Garry, DOJ; and Jellene Factor, Self-Governance Director. (photo by Boyd Cummings, Information Technology Director)



George Thurman, Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation and Jellene Factor, Self-Governance Director members of the Panel for the Indian Law and Order Act made presentations and answered questions at the Sac and Fox Nation Detention Center before the ILOC at the Sovereignty Symposium XXV held at the Skirvin-Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City, OK on June 13, 2012 (photos by Kay Hurst)

Upcoming Events

July 10, 5 pm

Sac & Fox Nation Veterans' Meeting
Elders Bldg Stroud

July 18, 2012

Elders Advisory Committee Meeting
Stroud

Potluck & White Elephant Bingo
10am - ?

July 12

Jom Fun Day
Sac & Fox Learning Center & Gym
9am - 1pm

July 12

SFN Health Fair
10am - 2pm
Community Bldg

July 13

Sauk Language Dept.
Open House
11am - 1pm

July 14

Elders Advisory Committee
Selling Breakfast
Social Services Bldg.

July 15

Selling Breakfast
Community Bldg.

49th Annual POWWOW

July 12 - 15 2012