

THE CORNER

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Speak your Peace Pipe

We had no entries for ideas for skateboard design. However, we would still like to see your skateboard design suggestions, so you can still submit one and this time we will add a \$10 prize for the best entry. Use both words and pictures. See the article below for inspiration. Note the option of designing your own skateboard decorated with your own original designs. Any takers?

Vacation is starting, so the **question for next month** is: If you could do anything this summer, where would you go and what would you do? Think about it and let us know.

Come on. Some of you out there know some jokes. We need some good jokes to keep us going this summer. Submit yours.

Native Fashion

By Patience Low Dog

Nike Court Force High Mexican Blanket Pack was inspired by Mexican culture. These pretty awesome shoes features textured leather, basically different kinds of leather. Haven't heard of any release dates for these babies yet. Hopefully, soon tho.



GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

How would you like to raise Youth Group money for activities and care for mother earth at the same time? We can earn money by collecting old cell phones, ink jet printer cartridges, Apple iPods, digital cameras and digital video cameras and turn them in for cash. Gather up what you have at home and come to the next meeting. We will discuss it, get info and then decide.

Want to be in the Movies?

Men, women and children 50 and under are needed for a National Geographic documentary late in June. You need to send your stats (age, height, weight and clothing size), a full body photo and a portrait (head and shoulders) to raquechapa@gmail.com. You are needed for two scenes to be filmed at Chaco Canyon: one of men farming and one of people walking (migrating). Boys wears loincloth.

NATIVE SKATEBOARDING IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Some great news about Native skateboarding is getting around and it is great to see happening.

An exciting new 8 minute documentary video of an exceptional Apache skateboard team has been filmed and is being shown around the country. Called "Walk Like a Warrior," it tells the story of the White Mountain Apache 4-Wheel War Pony skate team. It has been shown in several film festivals.

The National Museum of the America Indian in Washington DC has an exhibit on Native skateboarding that will run from June 12-Sept. 13. It is called "Ramp It Up: Skateboard Culture in Native America." Check it out.



White Mt. Apache 4-Wheel War Pony Skate Team
Scene from 4-Wheel War Pony

www.zazzle.com/skateboards has some cool skateboards for sale, and a special option to design your own skateboard for \$59.95.

Although War Pony is the most famous, there are also various free videos of Native skaters to see online. Here are some War Pony and other skateboard links for you to know about:

2:53 min teaser "Walk Like a Warrior" video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9V0oOHMNZSM&NR=1>

Link to War Pony team website

<http://www.apacheskateboards.com/skateteam.php>

2:36 min. YouTube Apache Skateboard video of Native skateboarders in action

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qu_Gg9N_Ci4&NR=1

Article on Navajo skate board park at Kayenta
http://www.nativeyouthmagazine.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=159&Itemid=89

Press release on NMAI exhibit in DC gives some good info on the above exhibit and what is included:
http://www.nmai.si.edu/press/releases/20090519_RampItUp.pdf

The Native National Skate Jam skate competition is held in Albuquerque during the Gathering of Nations Powwow.

As you probably know, there are two skateboard parks in Colorado Springs for you to show off your skating moves: Memorial Park at Pikes Peak and Union Blvd and at Goose Gossage Park on Mark Dabbling Boulevard.

TEEN TOPICS PAGE

SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL

By Josh Pino

Sierra High School in District 20 opened in 1984 and celebrated their 25th year this year. In addition to regular high school courses, they offer twenty student clubs, including: art, anime club, band, catering, forensics & debate, MESA (math, English, science for minority students), puzzle club, robotics, student government and Stallionators, a community service club serving the community, to name a few. There is a club with good sponsors for just about anything a student might be interested in learning more about.

This year our boys basketball team won the state 4A high school basketball tournament. The trophy they won is in our school trophy case. Our school mascot is a stallion, so we are the Sierra Stallions. Our school newspaper is the Sierra Sentinel and there is a club for students interested in news reporting.

This past fall, Joe Biden, the then Democratic vice-presidential candidate, visited our school. We had a lot of security leading up to his visit and also during the assembly we attended to hear him speak about the election campaign. He is now the Vice President of the United States.

I will be a sophomore next year and I have been active in the Anime Club at school where we learn about the Japanese anime art style, language and culture. I also participate in the band. I am in cross country track competing in the two mile races. I also play in the Jazz Band.

I enjoy swimming, ice skating, field trips, and guest speakers at school, especially the SWAT team and firemen who visit.

Outside of school, I am active in the Young Marines, a program for K-12 students who are interested in military service in the Marines. We meet every Saturday where we learn new military related things each week. We have been in parades such as the St. Patrick Days Parade and the Ft. Carson Veterans' Parade. I hope to go to college at the Naval Academy and become a career Marine after graduation.

My parents are Darrell and Anita Pino.

Sierra Stallions Mascot



SETTING A RECORD

Orian Jay Mose, a local ten year old Navajo made recording history this spring when he became the youngest Native American professional artist to record a CD. The father/son recording with his father, Allen Mose, Jr., is called "Holistic Blessings." It features ten original songs that include drum and vocals sung by Orian and his father, but some are expertly mixed to sound like a large group. Their recording company is their own record company,

Next year, Orian will be in sixth grade in D11, but in performing and promoting his CD, he will travel

Five of the cuts on this CD are dedicated songs, including cut seven *White Bison* honoring the White Bison organization in Colorado Springs, cut eight, *Da Spirit of the Thunder*, honoring the Thundering Spirit family, and cut nine, *N8tuv Soul Ja*, honoring Marvin

You can hear parts of these three songs from this CD on myspace at: http://www.myspace.com/allenmos_ejr

Out and About

Congratulations to all of our Native graduates from kindergarten to college. We know we do not know about all of you, but will recognize the few we do know about. We know about these because we wrote about them in our newsletter.

Graduating and going **into middle school**: **Orian Mose**, Navajo, **Kelly Weil Tekubbie**, Navajo/Choctaw

Graduation from middle school and going **into high school**: **Brandon Quickbear**, Lakota.

Graduating from high school and going **into college or life**: **Aash Mose**, Navajo.

If you graduated this year, or know of another Native who did, let us know about it and we will let the rest of the world know.