

Speak your Peace Pipe

This month's new question is: **Instead of a New Year's resolution, you have two choices to pick from:**

1. What would be on your bucket list of something you would like to do before you die?
 2. What news item from 2009 would you put in a time capsule to be opened on New Years in 2109?
- Send your answer to: thecamp-crier@aol.com and we will print the best answers.

Last month's question was "Do you think Native American roles in the media (movies, TV, etc.) should be played by Native American actors? And why?"

We had several good answer to this question. The winners are:

Tommy Lavern, "There are plenty of (good) Native American actor, so why have fake ones?"

Chloe Trujillo, "Yes...because it would make the movie more realistic."



Native Fashion

By Newsletter Staff

This fashionable frock by Cree/Saulteaux fashion designer Danita Strawberry is colorful and current. The graphics are great and feature beadwork designs and the four sacred colors of her tribe. Casual wear with a surprise tribal twist you could wear anywhere.

GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Something really big is happening soon - the 2010 census count of every on in the country. You can get involved in this important event by learning about the census and helping your family to register.

The CSIC open house on January 23 is a chance for you and your family to tour the Indian Center and for your family to fill out the census information and be counted. Treats will be served during the tour and you can even buy a taco lunch.

BIG ART COMPETITION

If you are interested in art, you may want to consider entering your work in a big Red Earth Youth Art Competition that will be judged this spring. There are seven art categories; pottery, sculpture, basketry, painting/drawing/graphics, beadwork, cultural items and jewelry. Prizes are awarded in three age categories, 9-12 yrs., 13-15 yrs, and 16-18 yrs, plus a Best of Show award. For deadlines and more information, visit www.redearth.org/red-earth-festival/houth-art-compeption/

"AVATAR" MOVIE HAS A FAMILIAR STORY - AND AN INDIAN VOICE

Cherokee actor **Wes Studi** is the voice of Eytukan, the computer generated character Native to the planet called Pandora in the movie Avatar.

In the story, the planet is being invaded by a human mercenary army bent on exploiting the planet's natural resources. Eytukan and his wife are responsible for the safety and survival of the planet and it's indigenous inhabitants called Na'vi, whom the invaders consider primitive savages and expendable.

This type of role is a familiar one to Studi, who has played many similar roles as a Native in stories

about the western expansion history of this country. He played major roles in "Geronimo," "Dances with Wolves," and "Last of the Mohicans." In Avatar, he considered it fun being a blue-skinned alien.

At a recent talk about playing this Avatar role, he spoke about tapping into the warrior mindset in such stories and the ease it takes to tap the feelings of anger in dealing with such injustice when it happens.

Studi is a Cherokee traditionalist active in Native language preservation who speaks both English and Cherokee and has often played acting roles in other Native languages.

Of speaking Na'vi, he says, "Because I do speak another tongue besides English, my tongue is more willing to take chances."



Wes Studi, Cherokee, is the voice of Eytukan.

TEEN TOPICS PAGE

2010 Olympic Medal Designers

By Julia and Madison Roberts,
Rachel Smith and Halley Tsosie



Omer Arbel and Corrine Hunt, Komoyue/Tlingit, hold examples of the unique 2010 winter Paralympic and Olympic medals they designed.

The 2010 Winter Olympic medals were created by Canadian artist Corrine Hunt and industrial designer Omer Arbel. Each one of the 615 Olympic medals and the 399 Paralympic medals is one of a kind.

The design team started with two large master artworks by Corrine based on West Coast First Nation art. One piece was an orca whale (Olympic), and one was a Raven (Paralympic). From those two art pieces, each medal was hand-cropped so that each medal was from a different part of the picture.

The medals are among the heaviest and most unique medals ever awarded at the Olympic games. They are made largely from metals recycled from TVs, computers and keyboards. The unique

medals have brought unprecedented praise from the Olympic medals officials.

The Olympic orca medal is a circle shape and the raven paralympic medal is a superellipse, or squared circle. The medals are not flat.

The orca is symbolic of community, beauty and grace and, the raven is symbolic of rising above the challenges that present themselves.



A silk scarf printed with the whole master art design by Hunt will be given with each medal so each winner can see how their medal fits in the whole picture and with other winners.



Pendleton Blankets

A new Pendleton blanket has been commissioned by the Parents Speak Up program in Spokane, WA. The blanket design depicts a Blackfoot Medicine Paint ceremony and is to be rewarded to youth developing into adulthood.

Up to five of the limited edition blankets are awarded to program participants in a workshop promoting teaching both cultural knowledge and delaying sexual activity in youth.

Called the “Coming of Age” blanket, it was designed by Blackfoot painter Terrance Guardipee.

The Coming of Age Blanket, designed By **Terrance Guardipee**, Blackfoot



Photos courtesy Kauffman & Associates.

Awarding a “Coming of Age Blanket”

Out and About

The Gonzales family moved to South Carolina at the end of the year and we will miss their three daughters Sarina, age 9, Aliyah, age 8, and Ariana, age 6, in the youth group and all the other things the family has been a part of this year. Their father is stationed there and the family plans to return the this area after his two year tour there.

Need some news from all you reporters out there. Send it and your contact info to our email address (on the left side of page 2) and we will see if we can work in as much as possible. Also come to the Youth meetings each month and visit the Media Team group to learn about reporting family and community news and pictures in our newsletter and other neat places. There are two other youth teams you may want to visit, too.