

Vision Statements Set A Tone At TANF

By Gary Taylor, Reporting for SCTCA TANF

In the main conference room at Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) TANF office in Pala, a series of Vision Statements hang on the walls.

Some of the statements are short, others are long. But each of the statements reflect a set of beliefs, priorities and obligations designed to assist Native Americans of all ages and various circumstances.

"Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families will make available the tools necessary for empowering American Indian families to become self-sufficient so they can nurture and support themselves, their children and community," reads the SCTCA Tribal TANF Vision Statement.

It is short and simple, but captures the organization's defining mission.

Melanie Luna, TANF Sites Director, said the statements were developed with a specific purpose in mind.

"In effort to achieve these goals and keep in alignment with the mission statement, the TANF staff developed various vision statements for their departments and offices," said Luna, whose office has one of the statements hanging above her desk. "These vision statements serve as a guide and a reminder of our purpose. The statements are also used as a tool in developing program guidelines, making case management decisions and promoting teamwork."

On another wall there is another statement:

"With the best interest of our TANF families in mind, through teamwork, empathy and understanding, Career will empower and motivate families to gain sustainable employment. We will achieve this by creating a plan, fostering accountability, building partnerships and coordinating training and employment activities."



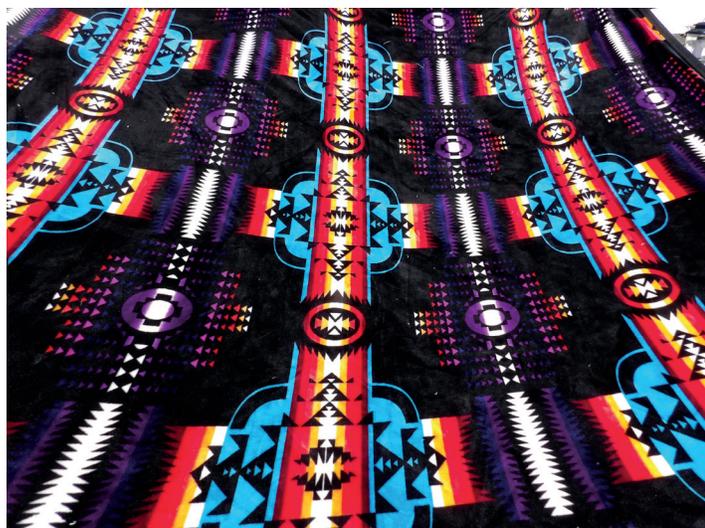
This statement comes from TANF's commitment to participants to help them seek, find and keep a job.

At the other end of the room hangs another statement:

"With the best interest of TANF families in mind, NYSP will work with the team to ensure compliance with TANF requirements and to empower our families to support their children's academic success. We will assess family needs, identify resources and implement a plan for success in order to maximize student achievement."

In this case, the commitment is to families and children and

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Art Contest In Recognition of Native American Heritage

By Karin Giron, Education Coordinator, SCTCA TANF Escondido

In recognition of Native American Heritage Month, the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Newsletter is sponsoring an art contest for Native youth in elementary, middle and high school. Native American students are encouraged to submit original art or photos that celebrates their tribal culture, traditions, languages, histories or experiences.

DEADLINE: October 31, 2015

CATEGORIES:

Youth K to 5th

Youth 6th to 12th grade

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academic achievement. And the refrain at the beginning is the same – “With the best interests of TANF families in mind.” Throughout the room, similar statements adorn the walls - all a reminder of TANF’s institutional responsibilities. 



DEPARTMENT VISION STATEMENTS

With the best interest of our TANF families in mind, Eligibility will work with the team to maintain a balance of positive attitude, empathy and program guidelines while determining eligibility and expediting payments.

With the best interest of our TANF families in mind, Case Workers will collaborate with the team to support families to remove barriers and facilitate positive change. By developing trusting relationships, we will focus on educating, advocating and empowering our families.

With the best interest of our TANF families in mind, through teamwork, empathy and understanding Career will empower and motivate families to gain sustainable employment. We will achieve this by creating a plan, fostering accountability, building partnerships and coordinating training and employment activities.

With the best interest of our TANF families in mind, NYSP will work with the team to ensure compliance with TANF requirements and to empower our families to support their children’s academic success. We will assess family needs, identify resources and implement a plan for success in order to maximize student achievement.

With the best interest of our TANF families in mind, the TANF Clerks will maintain a positive attitude, open communication and patience to provide the team and families with accurate and efficient assistance. We institute solid time management practice and organization to ensure a cohesive workflow.

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PRIZES:

- Two submissions from each category will be showcased in the December SCTCA Newsletter.
- One student from each category will receive an SCTCA Award.

SUBMIT ENTRIES VIA E-MAIL TO:

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SCTCA Newsletter
C/O Gary Taylor, Newsletter Editor
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Escondido, CA 92025

Artwork and photos submitted will not be returned. Along with each submission, please include the following information:

- Student Name
- Tribal Affiliation
- Grade of Student

We are looking forward to publishing your child’s works of art in the December issue of the SCTCA Newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact:

Gary Taylor at 760-746-0901 x100 or Karin Giron at 760-746-0901 x123.

By participating in the contest, you are agreeing to:

1. Submit an original work of art to SCTCA.
2. Permit SCTCA to display, reproduce, or otherwise use your entry in publications, for exhibit in galleries/offices, or at conferences/events;
3. Grant permission to SCTCA to list your name, tribal affiliation, and grade whenever your entry is used by SCTCA. 

Native American Art in Del Mar

Every summer, there are hundreds of photographs, paintings, sculptures and other pieces of art on display at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar.

Among the pieces this year inside the Fair's Grandstand Arena were several with Native American themes. A couple of these – two colorful paintings - are shown on this page. 🖌️



Thousands of people viewed the paintings throughout the fair's month-long summer run.



- GARY TAYLOR

Washington



In early September, the *Washington Post* published an opinion piece by columnist George Will.

The article's headline – “The blood-stained Indian Child Welfare Act” – was suitably 19th century, when the word “Indian” was seemingly always preceded by the word “blood” or “bloody.”

For his part, Will then engaged in another centuries-old journalistic tradition – dismissing the entire concept of Native American tribal sovereignty as if it was a plague on the nation.

Of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) his words convey a reckless disdain:

“The act empowers tribes to abort adoption proceedings, or even take children from foster homes, solely because the children have even a minuscule quantum of American Indian blood...Children's welfare, which is paramount under all 50 states' laws, is sacrificed to abstractions such as tribal “integrity” or coherence.

“...By treating children, however attenuated or imaginary their Indian ancestry, as little trophies for tribal power, the ICWA discourages adoptions by parents who see only children, not pawns of identity politics.”

ICWA has had its critics since its inception in 1982. In that sense, Will's blistering attack isn't too surprising. But the harshness of his criticism – especially describing Indian children as “little trophies for tribal power” and “pawns of identity politics” – reflects an ignorance of the act that is remarkable.

For more than a century, Native American children were ripped from their loved ones and tribal homes, sent to distant lands and government schools and systematically stripped of their culture. Thousands of Indian families were torn apart, children separated from their parents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandfathers and grandmothers. It was the complete disintegration of the Native American family.

ICWA was designed to restore tribal sovereignty and to give Indians the same rights regarding their own children that millions of Americans regarded as self-evident.

None of this is mentioned by Will, of course - he acknowledges only that “... The ICWA was passed to prevent a real abuse, the taking of Indian children from their homes without justifiable cause”

Except that “a real abuse” was actually thousands and thousands of abuses, year after year, decade after decade. Will – a columnist who has won a Pulitzer Prize for Commentary – cannot be unaware of this. But such facts are far too destructive to his arguments to be included. Instead, Will writes, “It is revolting that judicial proceedings in the United States can turn on questions about group rights deriving from “blood.”

“...The nation still is stained by the sordid business of assigning group identities and rights. This is discordant with the inherent individualism of the nation's foundational natural rights tradition, which is incompatible with the ICWA. It should be overturned or revised before more bodies and hearts are broken.”

Will fails to recall that Native Americans had their own natural rights and traditions long before America came into existence. And the award-winning columnist must certainly know, or should know, that Native Americans and their children endured too many broken bodies and broken hearts long before ICWA. 🖌️

- GARY TAYLOR

Native American Traditions Celebrated At Summer Powwows and Gatherings



Throughout the summer, tribes from reservations all over San Diego County held Powwows and Gatherings in celebration of Native American traditions and culture.

Hundreds of people attended each of the events, which stretched from the Sycuan Indian Reservation in the far southern part of the county to the Pala Indian Reservation in the far northern end.

Some of the Powwows continued over three days and two nights (Pala, Barona and Sycuan.) Others were two days and two nights (Rincon); still others were one day and one night (Viejas.) All included traditional Native American dances, songs and games that drew not only tribal elders but children as well. The celebrations continued in the bright sunshine and the fading light, until the end of summer. 🖤

- GARY TAYLOR
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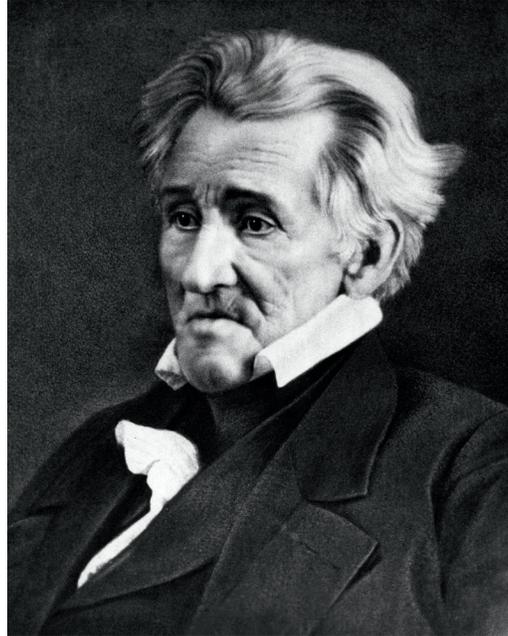






'Trail of Tears' Is Jackson's Lasting Legacy

By Gary Taylor, Reporting for SCTCA TANF



At some point in the near future, Andrew Jackson will begin disappearing from American currency.

A woman – most likely Civil War abolitionist Harriet Tubman – will replace Jackson on the \$20 bill within the next few years, according to the U.S. Treasury Department. An admirable selection, of course, though the late Wilma Mankiller of the Cherokee Nation was also one of the four female finalists. And a Cherokee's face instead of Jackson's on the \$20 would have been a remarkably ironic twist.

After all, for generations of Native Americans, 'Old Hickory' remains undeniably one of the worst American presidents in history.

It wasn't just that Jackson regarded Indians as savages – such a belief was common in America in the early 1800s - but that he acted on that hatred and willfully caused the death of thousands of Cherokees.

His unconscionable demands that the Cherokee be forcibly removed from their traditional land in Georgia to Oklahoma in 1838 resulted in what would become the "Trail of Tears," an 800-mile relocation that eventually killed at least 4,000 and possibly as many as 8,000 tribal members.

The brutality of this attempt at cultural annihilation is a singular calamity in American history.

Consider this excerpt from Robert V. Remini's *Andrew Jackson and His Indian Wars*:

"Militiamen charged into the Cherokee country and drove the Cherokees from their cabins and houses. With rifles and bayonets they rounded up the Indians and placed them in prison stockades...these poor, frightened and benighted innocents, while having supper in their homes, were startled by the sudden gleam of bayonets in the doorway and rose up to be driven with blows

and oaths along the weary miles of trail which led to the stockade. Men were seized in the fields, women were taken from their wheels and children from their play.

"As they turned for one last glimpse of their homes they frequently saw them in flames, set ablaze by the lawless rabble who followed the soldiers, scavenging what they could. These outlaws stole the cattle and other livestock and even desecrated graves in their search for silver pendants and other valuables. They looted and burned. Said one Georgia volunteer who later served in the Confederate army: 'I fought through the Civil War and have seen men shot to pieces and slaughtered by thousands, but the Cherokee removal was the cruelest I ever saw.'"

And so it was.

Remini continued:

"In a single week some 17,000 Cherokees were rounded up... In June the first contingent of about a thousand Indians boarded a steamboat and sailed down the Tennessee River. Then they were boxed like animals into railroad cars drawn by two locomotives. Again there were many deaths on account of the oppressive heat and cramped conditions in the cars. For the last leg of the journey the Cherokees walked. Small wonder they came to call this 800-mile nightmare 'The Trail of Tears.' Of the approximately 18,000 Cherokees who were removed, at least 4,000 died in the stockades along the way, and some say the figure actually reached 8,000. By the middle of June 1838 the general in charge of the Georgia militia proudly reported that not a single Cherokee remained in the state except as prisoners in the stockade."

For Native Americans, Jackson's lasting legacy is one of death and destruction. And for the Cherokee and their ancestors, his removal from America's currency cannot come soon enough. 🖊️

**17TH ANNUAL
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WELLNESS CONFERENCE**



**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 29, 2015**

**7:30 AM WELLNESS WALK
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM EVENT**

BARONA GOLF EVENT CENTER

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EVENT OPEN TO ALL

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Class Calendars

OCTOBER 2015

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Space #8 – Classroom 1 Classes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DMV Preparation 10:45AM–12:45PM Laura Rizza	Life Skills 8:30AM–10:30AM Beth Moffat GROUP 1		Life Skills 8:30AM–10:30AM Beth Moffat GROUP 2	Tribal Culture 8:30AM–10:30AM Bonnie Salgado
	Culture Class 10:45AM–12:45PM Bonnie Salgado		Tribal Culture 10:45AM–12:45PM Bonnie Salgado	Indep. Tribal Culture 10:45AM–12:45PM
	Independent Culture 1PM–4PM		Indep. Tribal Culture 1PM–4PM	

Space #8 – Classroom 2 Classes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	MATH TUTORIAL 9:45AM–12:45PM J. Murphy
	Study Hall	Diploma / GED 10:45AM–1:45PM J. Murphy	Study Hall	
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	

Space #39 – Computer Lab Classes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	Intro to PC's 8:30AM–10:30AM Charles	MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	10 Key Class 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda
MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	Intro to PC's 10:45AM–12:45PM Charles	MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	Keyboarding 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda
Computers Lab 1PM–3PM Wanda 3PM–4PM Open Lab	Computers Lab 1PM–3PM Wanda 3PM–4PM Open Lab	Computers Lab 1PM–4PM OPEN LAB	Computers Lab 1PM–3PM Wanda 3PM–4PM Open Lab	Computer Class closed @ 12:45PM on Fridays

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ABE/GED 9AM–11AM	Life Skills/ What Color Is My Parachute 9AM–11AM	ABE/GED 9AM–11AM	Phillip Roy/ Welding 9AM–1:30PM	Spanish 9AM–11AM
Spanish 9AM–11AM		Spanish 9AM–11AM	Reading Horizons 9AM–11AM 11AM–1PM	Phillip Roy/ Clerical Office 9AM–11AM & 11:30AM–1:30PM
Phillip Roy/ Health Care 9AM–11AM	Life Skills/ Practical Life Skills 11:30AM–1:30PM	Math Refresher 9AM–11AM	Computer Skills (General) 11AM–2PM	Keyboarding 9AM–12PM
Keyboarding 9AM–12PM	Math Refresher 9AM–11AM	Keyboarding 8:30AM–12PM	Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Reading Horizons 11AM–1PM
Reading Horizons 9AM–10AM & 12PM–2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search/ Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Reading Horizons 9AM–10AM		Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)
Applied Skill Practice (GED) 11:30AM–1:30PM		Computer Skills (GED Prep) 11:30AM–1:30PM		
Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)		Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)		

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Parenting Training 9AM–4PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–3PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Parenting Training 9AM–4PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–3PM
Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM
Career Development 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM
Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM
Counseling Services 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services 9AM–4PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM	Counseling Services 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services 9AM–4PM
Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 10:30AM–5:30PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM	Structured Computer Lab 9AM–4PM
Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 1PM–6PM/BALLARD CENTER	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 1PM–6PM/BALLARD CENTER	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 1PM–6PM/BALLARD CENTER	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 11AM–4PM	
Pathways Lifeskills Training 10/15, 12, 19 & 26: NOON–1PM	Ready to Work Training 10/27: 12:30PM–1:30PM	Women's Circle 10/7, 14 & 28: NOON–2PM	Sacred Pipe TUPE Program (SDAIHYC) 10/8 & 22: 4PM–6PM	
	Sacred Pipe TUPE Presentation 10/27: 10AM–11AM	Sacred Pipe TUPE Program 10/7, 14, 21 & 28: 4PM–6PM	Coffee with the Director 10/15: NOON–1PM	
		Ready to Work Training 10/21: 12:30PM–1:30PM		

**No Microsoft Computer Certification Training

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Monday Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM	Career Building 9AM	Life Skills 9AM	Parenting 9AM	Friday Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM
	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	
	Basic Computers Skills 2PM	Career Networking 2PM	Basic Computers Skills 2PM	

Manzanita

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Culture/ Entrepreneurial Class 9AM-12PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM	World of Work 9AM-12PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM	Tutorial 9AM-12PM
Native Arts & Crafts 12:30PM-3:30PM	Computers 10AM-1PM	GED Prep 12:30PM-3:30PM	Computers 10AM-1PM	
	Parenting Class 12:30PM-3:30PM			

Commodity Distribution Schedule October 2015



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
OCTOBER 5, MONDAY	LOS COYOTES LA JOLLA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 PM
OCTOBER 6, TUESDAY	SAN PASQUAL	9 AM – 12 NOON
OCTOBER 8, THURSDAY	RINCON	9 AM – 12 NOON
OCTOBER 13, TUESDAY	MESA GRANDE SANTA YSABEL/INAJA	9 AM – 10:30 AM 11 AM – 12:30 PM
OCTOBER 14, WEDNESDAY	BARONA VIEJAS	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON
OCTOBER 15, THURSDAY	PAUMA PECHANGA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON
OCTOBER 19, MONDAY	MANZANITA/LA POSTA OLD CAMPO	9:45 AM – 11 AM 11:30 – 12:30 PM
OCTOBER 21, WEDNESDAY	PALA	9 AM – 11:30 AM
OCTOBER 26, MONDAY	CAMPO	10 AM – 12:30 PM



Coming in November:

- What are some Native American recipes during the holiday season?
- Are the recipes traditional or modern?
- Are the dishes easy to fix?

In our next issue, read about Native American recipes and dishes – traditional and non-traditional.