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KAYENTA GIRL CROWNED MISS CEU-SJC

Shaylin Shabi, 18, of Kayenta, Ariz., was crowned Miss CEU-SJC April 1 by Sheena Lansing, CEU-SJC student council president. Shabi is the daughter of Pamela Zahney and Ulis Shabi. She will represent CEU-SJC throughout the year at special community events and at recruiting and campus activities. Shabi is currently talking general education courses and plans to pursue a communications degree with an emphasis in journalism. Her professional goal is to become a writer and complete a successful novel.

After graduating from CEU-SJC, she plans to attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Ariz., to complete a bachelor's degree. During her reign, Shabi says she will help more people learn about CEU-SJC.

"I want to help in any way I can so students and community members will realize what we have to offer here at CEU-SJC." said Shabi.

In addition to writing, Shabi enjoys singing, volleyball, and biking.

Shaylin Shabi was crowned Miss CEU-SJC by student council president Sheena Lansing.

U.S. Deputy Attorney General Visits Navajo Nation

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - The second-highest law enforcement official in the United States made his first visit to a sovereign Native nation when he visited the Navajo capital on Monday.

U.S. Deputy Attorney General James Comey began his visit with an inspection of the Window Rock detention facility with Dolores Greyeyes, Director of Corrections for the Navajo Department of Public Safety.

He next met with Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., and other Navajo officials to learn first-hand about rising Navajo crime rates, domestic violence, homeland security issues, public safety and the judicial needs of the Navajo Nation.

Mr. Comey told President Shirley, We are colleagues in working together to address these various crimes.

He said he wants to work with the Navajo Nation, understands the serious nature of crime on Native lands, and that the U.S. Attorney¹s office has a role in helping tribes secure their lands.

President Shirley welcomed Mr. Comey to the Navajo Nation and presented him with a Navajo rug to commemorate his first visit. The President told him that the Navajo Nation appreciates President Bush adding money to the FY 2006 Bureau of Indian Affairs budget for public safety programs but that it won¹t directly help the Navajo Nation because the Nation won¹t have access
to it.

The Navajo Nation is using its own resources to try to help itself but that only goes so far, the President said. ³We need assistance like other governments to ensure the public safety of our citizens.

Samson Cowboy, Director of the Navajo Division of Public Safety, told the DAG that jails are the key to reducing rising crime rates on the Navajo Nation. However, Navajo jails were built in the 1950s and 1960s and were intended to be used for only 25-to-30 years, and were not meant for long-term detention. Now, the Navajo Nation finds itself with unusable or dilapidated facilities.

In order for us to reduce crime, we have to have a facility, Mr. Cowboy said.

He added that while Navajo police officers make more than 38,000 arrests each year, there is jail space for only 103 inmates.

The Navajo population grew by 21 percent between 1990 and 2000, presenting ever-increasing challenges such as rising crime rates, Mr. Cowboy said.

Navajo Judge Allen Sloan told Mr. Comey that most of the casework in the Navajo court system, 70,000-plus cases, involves criminal law and that Navajo criminals have a high rate of recidivism because of the lack of detention facilities on the Navajo Nation.

Offenders know we¹re unable to keep them in jail long-term, he said. They know that within 30-to-60 days a more serious offender will come in and bump them out of the system.

He said the limitation of jail space is very severe, leading to a great deal of frustration on the part of police, prosecutors and judges.

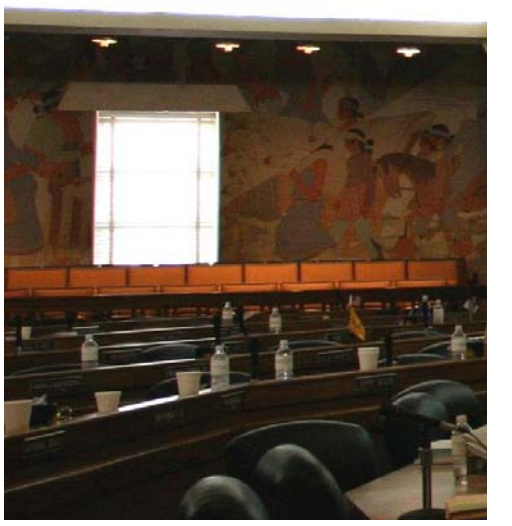
Navajo Nation attorney Stanley Pollack briefed the DAG on the tribe¹s efforts to secure its water rights. He said the Navajo Nation, like other tribes, is exchanging paper water rights for actual wet water.

He said if the Navajo Nation was to assert its long-standing claims, that could have massive affects throughout the West.

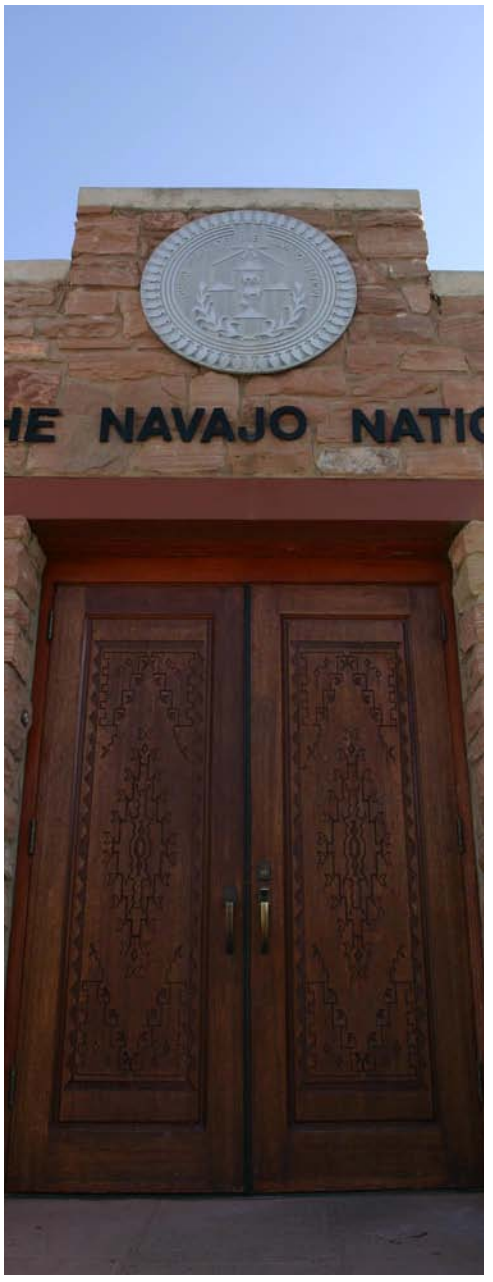
Navajo prosecutor Donovan Brown said there is a significant amount violent crime on the Navajo Nation as well as white-collar crime. He said he would like to resolve issues of evidence sharing with federal authorities to prevent cases from going on to be declined.

He said a concern of the 14 Navajo prosecutors is to see convicted criminals released before they serve even half of their sentences.

Among those attending Monday¹s meeting was U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico David Iglesias, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona Paul Charlton, Asst. U.S. Attorney for New Mexico Samuel Winder, Navajo Nation Washington Office Executive Director Sharon Clahchischilliage and legislative associate Darren Pete, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Diane Humetewa.



NAVAJO NATION TO APPEAL SNOWBOWL DECISION



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.
On Monday, Navajo Sovereignty Day, the Navajo Nation will officially appeal the U.S. Forest Service¹s decision to allow the desecration of a sacred site through the expansion of the Arizona Snowbowl on Dook¹o¹osliid, and to permit artificial snowmaking using reclaimed wastewater, which Navajos refer to as chabitoh.

In joining an appeal filed by the Save The Peaks Coalition and other tribes, the Navajo Nation lists numerous spiritual, legal, scientific and procedural reasons for its appeal, and argues that the Forest Service failed to consider viable alternatives, or consider cumulative impacts of its decision, as is required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

It also argues that the Forest Service failed to engage in good faith consultation with tribes and did not provide tribes a reasonable opportunity to participate in the resolution of adverse effects as required by Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations.

On March 8, Coconino National Forest Supervisor Nora B. Rasure announced her decision to permit the ski area expansion on the San Francisco Peaks over the vocal protests of 13 Arizona tribes and the majority of thousands of respondents who submitted comments supporting the tribes¹ opposition to the planned development.

Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., remains strongly opposed to the expansion of the Arizona Snowbowl and especially the use of reclaimed wastewater to make artificial snow, which Navajos find vile and revolting.

He personally expressed his disappointment with the decision to Ms. Rasure on March 8.

The San Francisco Peaks represent the very essence of what it means to be a Navajo person, President Shirley said Sunday.

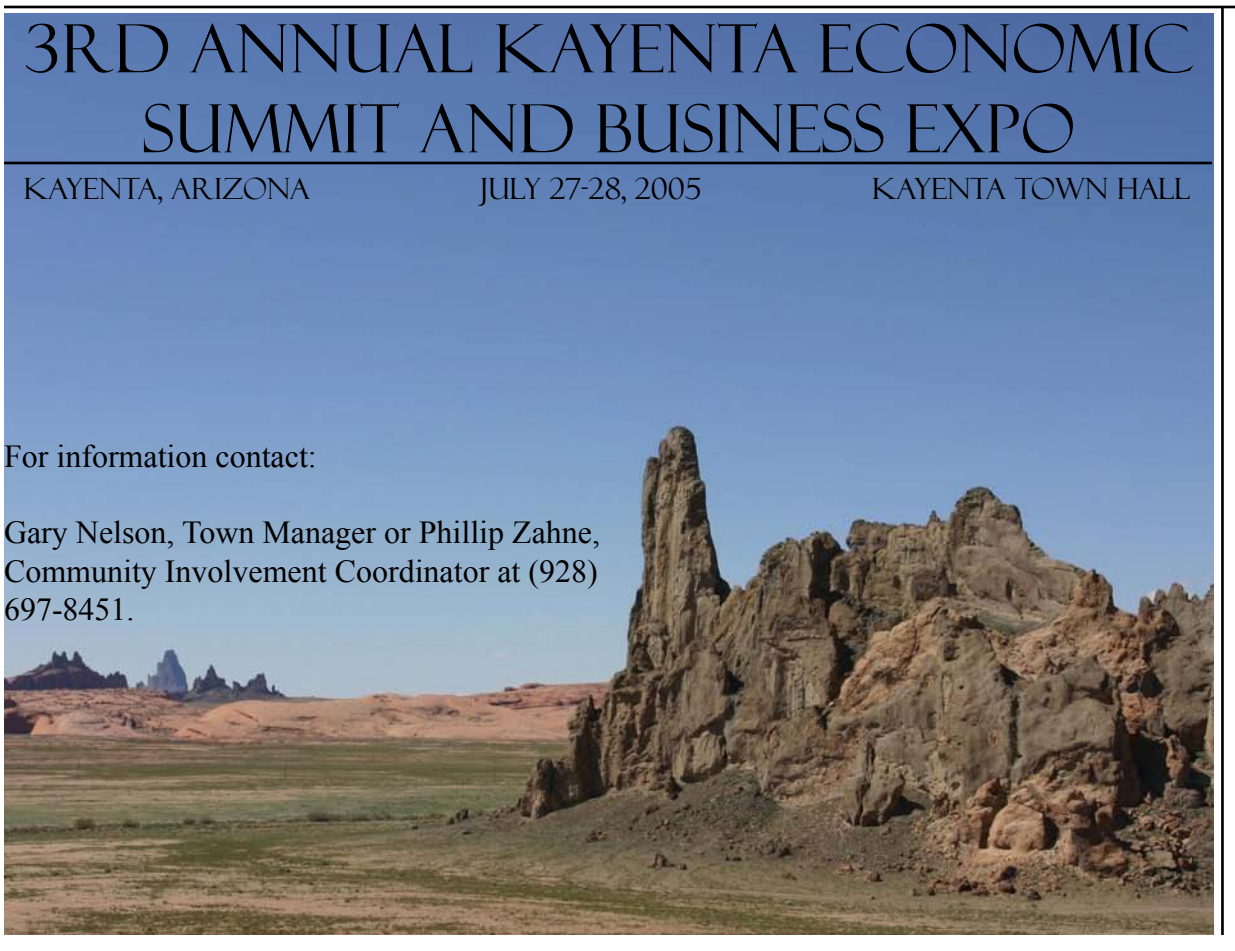
This decision is another in a long line from our federal trustee that allows the continued chipping away of Navajo culture. On the one hand, the United States passes laws to recognize the value and preserve and protect Native cultures on this continent. On the other, it violates the spirit and intent of those laws by sanctioning the destruction of those same cultures.

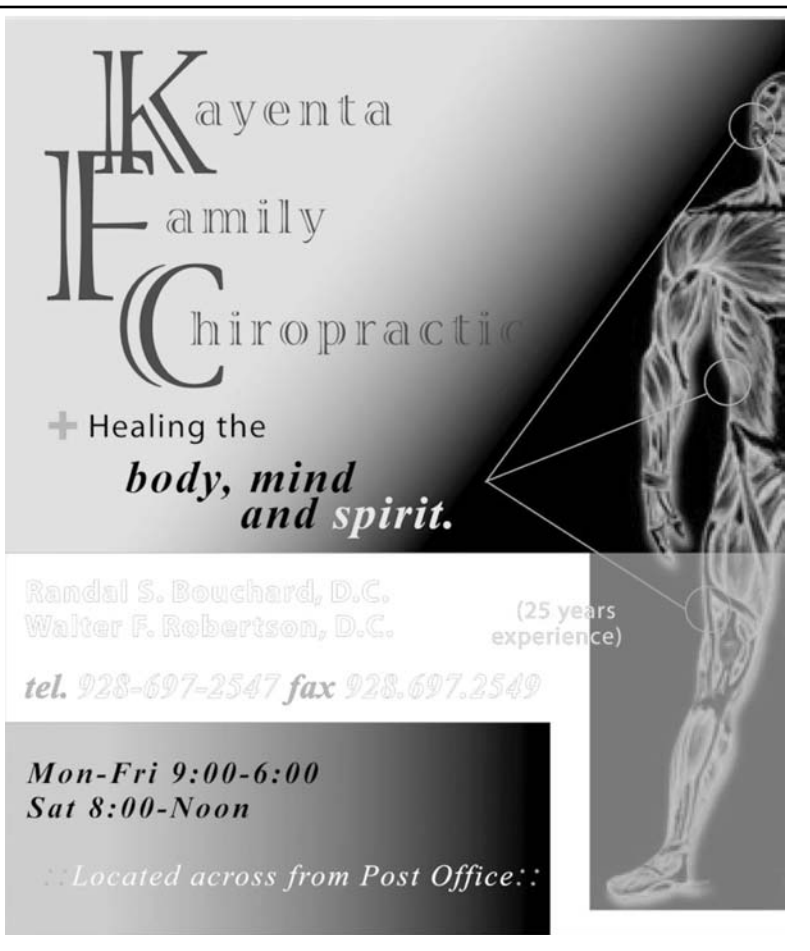
Last week, the Navajo Nation Council voted 63-0 to pass emergency legislation to reaffirm the Navajo Nation¹s opposition to the further desecration of the San Francisco Peaks.

The final environmental impact statement finds that San Francisco Peaks are sacred to at least 13 tribes that are still actively using the Peaks in cultural, historic, and religious way, said Howard Shanker, the attorney representing the Navajo Nation, the Hualapai Tribe, the Sierra Club, and various other parties including the Save The Peaks Coalition, on this appeal. Snowmaking, especially with the use of reclaimed water, would contaminate the natural resources needed to perform the required ceremonies that have been the basis for the cultural identity for many of these tribes.

Mr. Shanker said the Forest Service has forsaken its obligation as trustee and has undermined the viability of Native religions, traditions, and cultures through it decision to permit the Snowbowl expansion in order to enhance the skiing experience on the mountain and bring more revenue to Flagstaff¹s winter economy.

That doesn¹t justify the devastating impact this project has on the tribes and on the individuals that hold the San Francisco Peaks sacred, he said. This decision is not only morally and ethically indefensible, it was based on inaccurate and incomplete information and is an affront to all people of conscience.





NAVAJO PAINTBALLER GOES PRO

Jonathan "Jay" Jackson from Kayenta, is 'Ashühi', (Salt clan) born for Todich'ii'nii (Bitter Water clan) of the Navajo Tribe. He lives in Tempe, AZ, and competes professionally in paintball at Breakout Paintball Park.

"I would like to introduce all of you on the Navajo Nation to a sport called tournament paintball. I play in the Super Seven World Series of the National Professional Paintball League." said Jay.

Many of you may have heard about a friend or a relative who has played paintball, but did you know that 9 million people in 40 different countries play annually. That number makes paintball the third most played extreme sport in the nation. Pretty impressive for a game where you mark (shoot) each other with gelatin balls filled with paint.

The game first started off with some guys running around the woods marking at each other, and now has progressed to a highly competitive sport requiring levels of skill and physical fitness. Tournament teams are made up of 7-on-7 players in 7 minute games of capture the flag. There are standard field designs, and lengthy rules, as well as punishment for infringing on those rules (Example, banning players, team disqualifications, suspensions and fines).

When paintballs are fired their speed is monitored by a radar chronograph to ensure the velocity is not too high. Paintball players wear goggles designed specifically for the sport. The advancement of paintball markers from bolt action pump guns to highly advanced electric semi-automatic markers. (This means being able to shoot one paintball at a time to shooting 16 at a time.) These paintball markers (guns) are powered by refillable bottles of co2 (carbon dioxide) or nitrogen (N2) compressed air.

"I cannot begin to describe my experiences about the places I've been, the things I've done and the people I've met through paintball. I've met and remain friends with players from Russia, France, Canada, England, Sweden, and Japan." said Jay.

The competition, camaraderie, and displays of skill of players from around the world are outstanding. Many players are doctors, lawyers, business owners, and even pro baseball players. The common bond among the players is a love for this competitive sport.

Paintball has Pro teams, Division 1-3 teams, World Cup tournaments at Disneyworld, Dick Clark TV deals, and even celebrities play (Will Smith, Linkin Park, and Cypress Hill.)

"It's pretty cool to travel and play around the country, see your pictures in paintball magazines and represent Arizona. I've played tournaments in San Diego, Los Angeles, Huntington Beach, Las Vegas, Chicago, New Jersey, Orlando, and all around our state." said Jay.

Jay enjoys the exposure he gets from playing and being able to show friends and family that this paintball is a real sport. During his 18 years of play, Jay noticed only a few Natives out on the playing fields. He said that he saw three Natives at the Chicago 2003 NPPL tournament, and a few playing locally.

"Where's the rest? It would be nice to see an all-Native paintball team with male and female players. Yes, I said female, there are quite of bit of female players playing tournaments." said Jay.

Paintball allows males and females to compete equally on the field. Many teams have top female players like Keely Watson, Claire Benavides, Tammi Adamson, and Bea Youngs.

For more information on paintball, e-mail Jay at jjacks5568@hotmail.com

NEW STORAGE FACILITY FOR KAYENTA

The Kayenta Township Commission approved a site designation, business lease, and construction for a new mini storage in Kayenta. David S. Larkin of SADL Inc. said, "Construction will begin in June or July of 2005."

The new mini storage will be constructed in two phases, phase one will consist of three hundred storage units, phase two will consist of an additional 200 storage units.

Phase one of the storage units will consist of fifty 5'x10' units, two-hundred 10'x10' units, and fifty 10'x 20' units. Each unit will have concrete floors and secure doors to withstand the dust. The building will be grey with blue doors and be located on Highway 160 near the Navajo County Courthouse.

Mr. Larkin said."I'm really surprised, prised, if I went through the Navajo Tribe it would have taken at least two and a half years to get approved, but going through the Kayenta Township only took a few months. The Kayenta Township has been very helpful"

David S. Larkin of SADL Inc

SADL Inc. plans to build additional storage facilities in Tuba City, Chinle, and Red Mesa.

3rd Annual Navajo/Hopi Honor Run Visit the Kayenta Township

On May 19, the 3rd Annual Navajo/Hopi Honor Run stopped in Kayenta. The Kayenta Township provided riders with cool drinks, sandwiches, and fresh fruit.

Community leaders, Township Manager Gary Nelson, Kayenta Township Commission Member Eugene Badonie, and Kayenta Chapter Vice President Alice Yazzie greeted the riders at the Kayenta Town Hall. Although the stop by the riders was brief, many appreciated the hospitality the community of Kayenta gave to them.

The purpose of the run is to promote healing to veterans, and to call for an accounting of all POWs and MIAs and to honor those killed in action.

Kayenta Town Manager, Gary Nelson with Navajo Nation Vice President, Frank Dayish JR, and First Lady, Virginia Dayish.

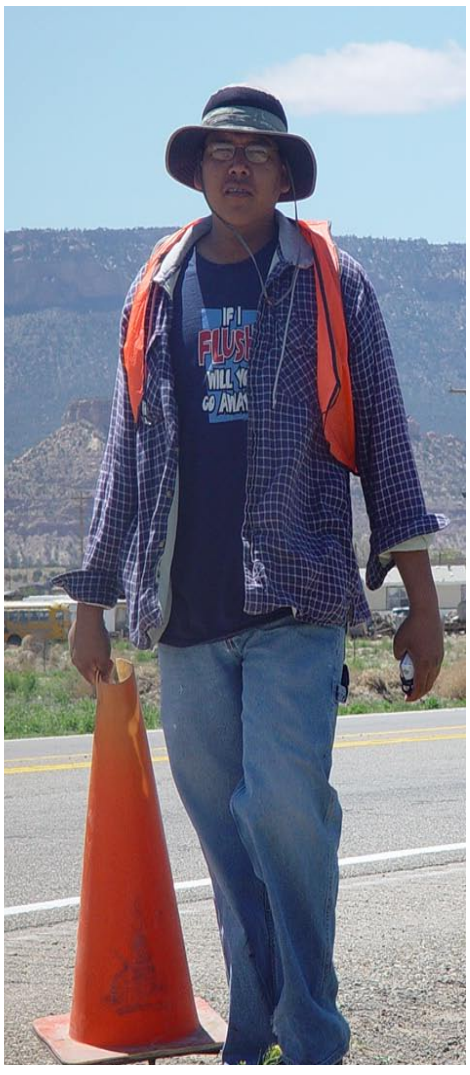
PROJECT PRIDE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

On Saturday, April 23, 2005, Project Pride took to the streets of Kayenta with one purpose in mind and that was to generate community pride through a trash clean-up. The normal spring winds decided to take the day off and the rainy weather didn't arrive until the following day so it was a beautiful day for a trash clean-up.

The members of Project Pride couldn't have asked for a better day. The dedicated trash pickers picked up at least 70 bags of trash. Some of the members include the Kayenta Township Manager, Gary Nelson, Kayenta Township Commission Members, community members, and students from the Kayenta Middle School and Monument Valley High School.

"We even had some MVHS alumni that made the drive from the Valley of the Sun to attend this great event. The total turnout for this event was 63, which was an improvement from last year's event with a number of 48. However, this year we had fewer students and more community members who donated their time to the community." said Jarvis Williams.

This event is great opportunity for participants to give back to the community and celebrate their accomplishments for one day. The trash in Kayenta is a constant problem and the project serves as a teaching tool for civic participation, which all students should become aware of. The important thing is that the project was created by students of Monument Valley High School. The students obtain an idea of how to create a community project from the grassroots and watch it grow into something great.



The members of Project Pride would like to thank all the people who made this event possible.

These students helped present the proposal to the township:
Patricia Yazzie
Alethia Clitso
Cassandra Martinez
Jarom Thinn
Marques Sells
Shawlynne Yazzie.
These students helped solicit donations from the local businesses:
Dereka Wilson,
Simon Chief, and
Jocelyn Thompson.

We would also like to say Thank You to:
Kayenta Trading Post
Bashas
True Value,
McDonald's
The Kayenta Township Commission for their donations and time to volunteer for this event.

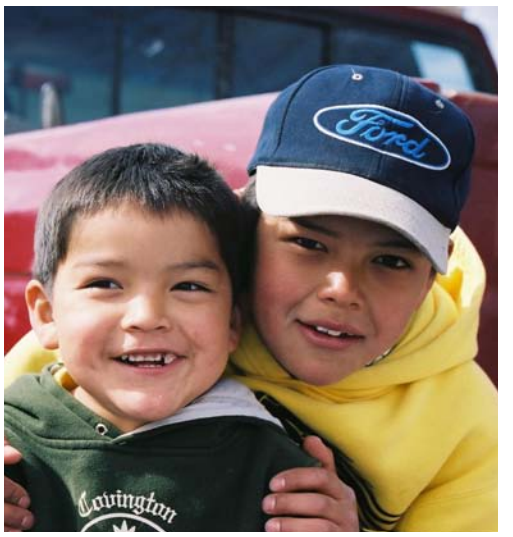
"Next year, we would like to expand to include the removal of old vehicles and even tree planting. See you all, next year!! Thanks again for your participation!"

- Jarvis Williams

Youth Empowerment Services Paradise Loop Ride

A shaggy white rez dog chasing a biker across the sandy trails of Sage Valley is not an especially odd sight. But when you realize that there are dozens of tracks in the sand already and even more single tracks forming behind, you know something is up. The "something" is the Paradise Loop Ride, an annual spring mountain bike ride in the Shonto and Navajo Mountain area. And the tracks are all leading to Natsisaan, Navajo Mountain, where the quiet community is already bustling with pow-wow beats and native rock. The Paradise Loop Ride trail is up and running and the sleepy route leading from Shonto to Navajo Mountain is alive with action.

This year's Loop Ride, wedged between snowy weekends, had all of the area's best - red rock canyons, blue skies, live music, loads of fry bread and mountain bikes everywhere. Participants from Kayenta, Shonto, T'iis Naazbas, Flagstaff, Inscription House, Black Mesa, Navajo Mountain and Tsaile took part in the 9th annual ride on March 11-13. Most of the participants were students and school groups, but a few riders came from as far away as Tucson, Jerome and Albuquerque to experience the Navajo Nation and support the youth programs of Y.E.S. for Dine' Bikeyah.

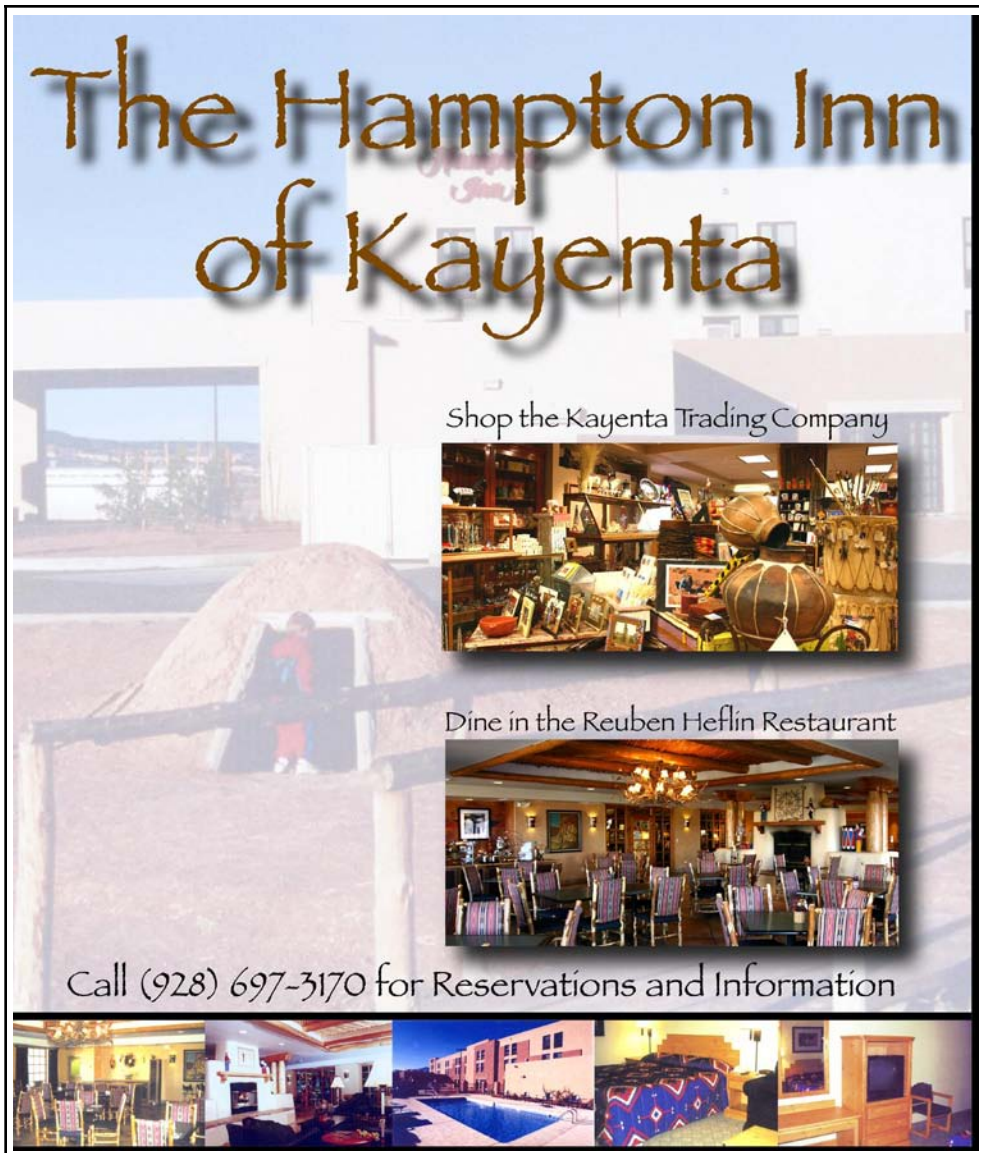


The two-day, 69-mile ride covers some dramatic country in northern Arizona and southern Utah, with the overnight camp on Saturday night at Navajo Mountain. After sand-surfing through Sage Valley north of Tall Mountain, the route took riders onto Piute Mesa before plunging into the depths of Piute Canyon. After climbing out onto the north rim of the canyon, riders were met with a stiff headwind for the final five miles up to Navajo Mountain. Day two skirted along the southern slopes of Navajo Mountain before heading south and west toward Inscription House and back to Shonto.

Y.E.S. will be organizing mountain bike programs this summer as part of the Tour de Rez mountain bike series with students from Shonto, Kayenta, Shiprock, T'iis Naazbas, Red Valley and Lukachukai. The summer finale will be a two-week journey through the heart of the reservation, beginning at Window Rock. The route will traverse the Chuska and Lukachukai Mountains, Monument Valley and Navajo Mountain on the journey to the Colorado River at the Grand Canyon. Participants are welcome from communities across the reservation and will be take part in unique learning activities throughout the trek in addition to the great rides and hikes each day. Y.E.S. sponsors the Chuska Challenge mountain bike event each fall in the Chuska Mountains east of Tsaile.

The Loop Ride is one of a year-round series of events and outings organized by Y.E.S. for Dine' Bikeyah, a non-profit organization based in Shonto. Y.E.S., which was established in 1994, works with schools and groups across the reservation in organizing mountain biking trips, backpacking treks, positive music events, college experience progarms and other community-based programs for families and youth. Over 110 outings have been successfully completed over the past ten-plus years. Treks to Supai, Rainbow Bridge and Grand Canyon are planned for later this spring with various groups, and the programs will really heat up with the onset of summer.

For more information about Y.E.S. or any of these programs, contact our Director Tom Riggenach at chuskaman@yahoo.com or call 928.338.1702. The Y.E.S. website has a lot of information about the organization and upcoming events: www.youth-empowerment-services.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MONUMENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2005

"Each of us has different talents, different dreams, and different destinations, but we all have the same power to make a new tomorrow."

Class Color: Red, Silver, and White.
Class Flower: Stargazer Lily.
Class Song: "Hope" by Twista Featuring Faith Evans

Kendra Smallcanyon – Valedictorian/ Salutatorian Candidate
Chelseay Yazzie - Valedictorian/ Salutatorian Candidate

**Top 10% of Senior Class and/or Member of National Honor Society

Albert, Branden
Arias Nova, Christian R.
Atene, Nathan J.
Austin, Roy
Bahe, Sherri J.
Bailey, Emily
Ball, Michael C.
Bedoni, Odessa
Begay, Charmayne K.
Begay, Kendall J.
Begay, Manuel
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Begay, Seve C.
Begay, Shannda R.
Begay, Theresa M.
Begaye, Larson
Benally, Eugene
Benally, Lyndsay C.
Benally, Vanna
Bia, Joshua J.
Big, Lanson B.
Black, Latoya A.
Black, Roxanne D.
Black, Sharemyne E.
Blackhorse, Antonio
Blackwater, Herchel
Blake, Tedrick D.
Bomberry, Mariah L.
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Cly, Troy L.
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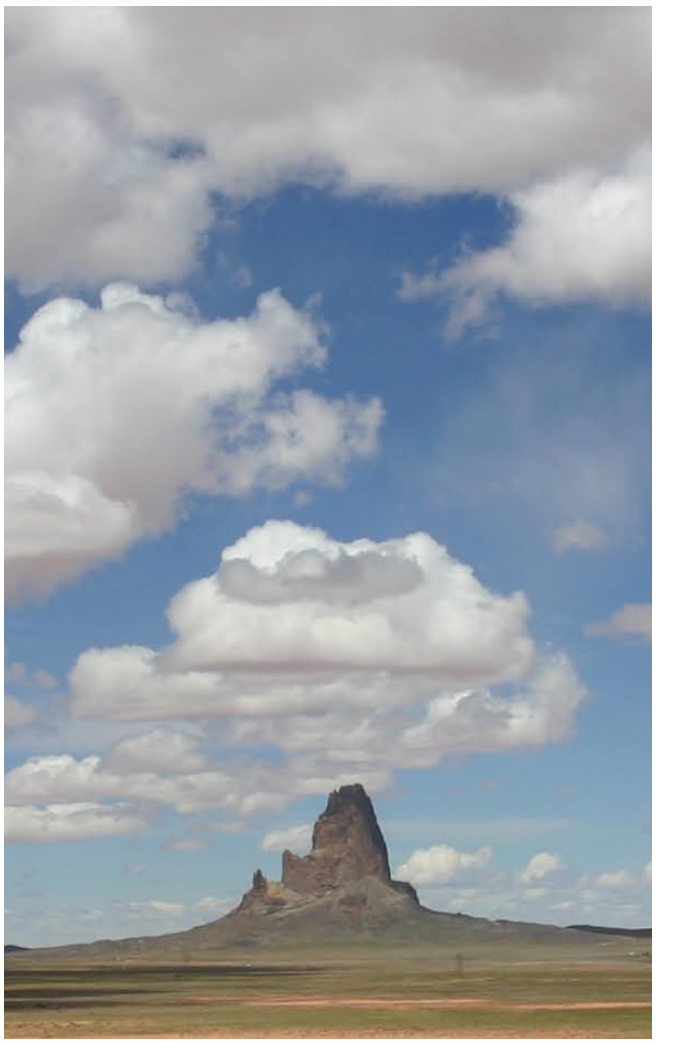

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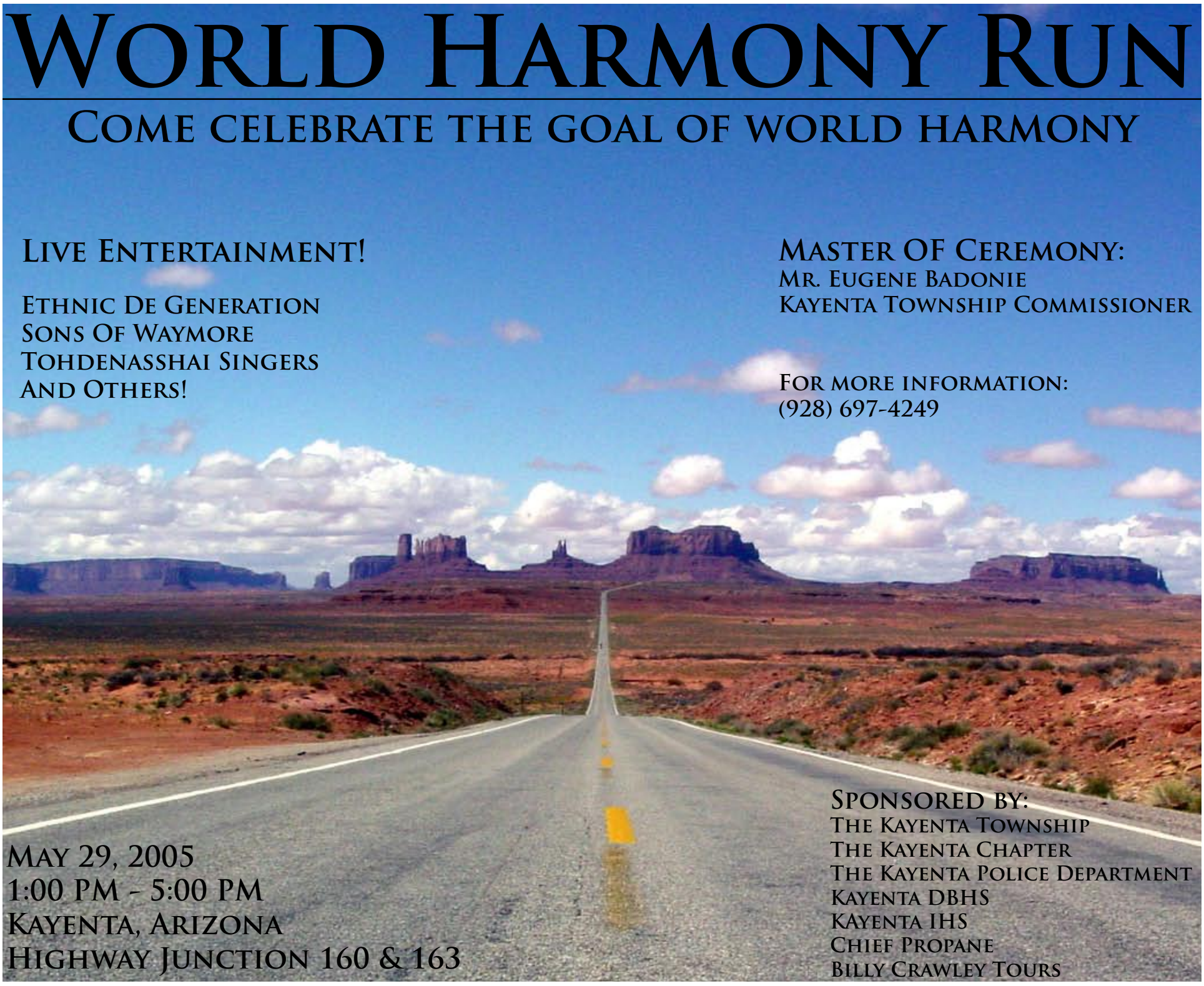
Kayenta to be Navajo Nation Host for World Harmony Run

Kayenta will be the the official Navajo Nation host for the World Harmony Run May 29th, 2005. Particapating runners from around the world are estimated to arrive in Kayenta around 3:30 pm.

The World Harmony Run is a global Torch Relay that seeks to promote international friendship and understanding. This year an international team of runners will carry a flaming Torch, symbolizing humanity's aspiration for oneness, through more than 70 countries around the globe.

People from thousands of communities along the route will join the runners. As they pass the Torch from hand to hand, their shared joy strengthens their dreams for a world of oneness and harmony.

The World Harmony Run touches the lives of millons of people along its route. The runners visit schools, communitiy groups, running clubs, and local and national government organizations. At these stops they celebrate the goal of world harmony as well as recognize people in the community who work towards it.



NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL CONFIRMS HERB YAZZIE AS CHIEF JUSTICE

The Navajo Nation Council today confirmed the appointment of Herb Yazzie as probationary Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation by a vote of 67 in favor and 10 opposed.

Judiciary Committee Chairperson Willie Grayeyes (Inscription House/Navajo Mountain) sponsored Legislation No. 0258-05 to confirm Yazzie. Katherine Benally (Dennehotso) made the motion to consider the legislation and Young Jeff Tom (Mariano Lake/Smith Lake) was the seconding party.

The Judiciary Committee forwarded qualified applicants to the President of the Navajo Nation, who then selected Yazzie for appointment to the position of Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court.

"It's been a long time search for the Chief Justice," Grayeyes said. He requested that delegates confirm Yazzie for the position.

Attached as an exhibit were the President's letter of appointment, copies of Yazzie's juris doctorate and bachelor's degrees from Arizona State University and three letters of recommendation.

Immediately following the vote, Acting Chief Justice Lorene B. Ferguson administered the oath of office to Yazzie.

The Council also voted to confirm the appointment of Carol Kirk Perry as probationary District Court Judge of the Navajo Nation by a vote of 42 in favor and 20 opposed. Grayeyes was also the sponsor of that legislation, which was motioned by Lawrence Platero (Tohajiilee) and seconded by Roy Laughter (Chilchinbeto/Kayenta).

The Council, earlier in the day, congratulated Navajo police officer Fayetta Dale for receiving a National Native American Law Enforcement Association Award.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Hope MacDonald LoneTree (Coalmine Canyon/Toh Nanees Dizi) sponsored Legislation No. 0153-05 to recognize and congratulate Dale. Larry Noble (Jeddito/Low Mountain/Steamboat) made the motion and Ray Berchman (St. Michael/Oak Springs) made the second.

"She exemplifies exactly what our Navajo officers face on a daily basis," LoneTree said during her presentation. She noted that Navajo Nation law enforcement officers often work 60 to 70 hours a week on a 40-hour paycheck.

Acting Police Chief Bobby Etcitty said, "I want to congratulate officer Fayetta Dale for the recognition. She has done much work. She has put her life on the line. It isn't often that one of our own is recognized."

Dale was nominated for the national award by Federal Bureau of Investigations officer Nick Mann.

The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) presented Dale with a plaque on behalf of the Council, while the Public Safety Committee helped during the presentation.

The speaker said, "I want to note that all of our Navajo Nation staff in public safety deserves to be recognized nationally. We want all people to know that the service of our public safety officers is a critical need for all people."

The Council had begun the day by recognizing visitors from Canyon de Chelly Elementary School third grade in Chinle, Arizona. The students joined the delegates in singing "Happy Birthday" to Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council Lawrence T. Morgan, who celebrated his birthday on Saturday, April 16, 2005, and to Linda Youvella from the Council delegates' office.

"You liven up the day for us," the speaker said to the students.

After the vote to table Legislation No. 0611-05 – the Azee Bee Nahagha Act of 2004 – was recalled, delegates debated on the issue once again. The legislation, which had been tabled to the summer session to work out some concerns that delegates brought up on behalf of their constituents, failed to pass by a vote of 36 in favor and 40 opposed.

Following the vote, Amos Johnson (Black Mesa/Forest Lake/Rough Rock) made a motion to add emergency legislation to oppose the desecration of Dook'o'sliid, or the San Francisco Peaks. Lorenzo Bates (Upper Fruitland) was the seconding party. The legislation was added to the agenda by a vote of 62 in favor and 3 opposed.

The Council also took action on other pieces of legislation, including passage of legislation by Human Services Committee Chairperson Young Jeff Tom to extend "The Year of the Navajo Veteran" through the year 2005 to recognize and honor Navajo men and women who have served in the United States military.

Delegate Harold Wauneka (Fort Defiance) directed Tom to draft legislation that would address concerns by delegates from the Fort Defiance Agency Caucus.

The Council separately confirmed two appointments to the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Mae Horseman was confirmed by a vote of 72 in favor and none opposed; and James Turquaoise was confirmed by a vote of 73 in favor and none opposed, with one amendment to change language.

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