

Series looks at America through Native eyes



The American Experience series is called *We Shall Remain*.

Courtesy photo.

The American Experience history program on PBS will present the five-part series *We Shall Remain*, beginning on April 13.

Chris Eyre, who made the movie *Smoke Signals*, is the director of the first three episodes of *We Shall Remain*. Eyre is Cheyenne and Arapaho. He grew up in Klamath Falls.

"You can't understand America in the 21st century if you don't understand the Native experience," he said.

"What connects these five films is the resolve of their char-

acters. This country is founded on people striving, being tenacious and moving forward... this is a look at that, through Native eyes."

American Experience produced *We Shall Remain* in association with Native American Public Telecommunications.

The five 90-minute episodes span 300 years, and tell the story of pivotal moments in U.S. history from the Native perspective.

We Shall Remain begins in the 1600s with the Wampanoags, who used their

alliance with the English to strengthen their position in southern New England. The series concludes in the 1970s with an episode called "Wounded Knee."

It is the story of diverse people who struggled to survive using strategies that at times were militant, but were also diplomatic, spiritual, legal and political, in an effort to prevent the extinction of their culture. As Carter Camp of the American Indian Movement says in the concluding episode, "Every tribe in this country has a time

of horror."

The preview of *We Shall Remain* says, "Native American history exists all around us—in the names of towns and parks, mountains and communities large and small. The people, however, seem often invisible, swept away by an American culture that too often trivializes a history in an effort to forget it, or which tries to confine to the past what is still very real today."

A companion website of the series can be seen at www.pbs.org/weshallremain

Learn beaded bag making

An education series on making beaded bags is scheduled for the month of March at the Museum at Warm Springs.

The series, to be held on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, will feature instructor Rose Scott, tribal member and traditional artist.

The presentations will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, March 4 and 5, 11 and 12, and 18 and 19; and from 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays, March 7, 14 and 21.

This education series is for those 18 years and older, and is sponsored by the museum and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

Presentations will be in the museum Education Room. For information and to register, contact the museum Education Program at 553-3331, ext. 407.

Pool tournament in Wapato

The Hideaway Memorial Pool Tournament is set for April 30-May 3 at Wapato, Wash.

The tournament honors the home team players.

The tournament will be a six-person combination, straight 8-ball in hand. \$20 stick fee each.

Cash prizes. Seven winners, five losers. First place, 50 percent; second, 30 percent; and third, 20 percent.

For more information call (509) 877-9932; or (509) 985-3385.

Calif. returning chinook salmon a record low

(AP) — A record-low number of chinook salmon returned to rivers in California's Central Valley last year, indicating that severe restrictions on salmon fishing are likely again this year, federal regulators said.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council reported this week that 66,264 natural and hatchery chinook or "king" salmon adults were estimated to have returned to the Sacramento River basin in 2008 to spawn, the lowest estimate on record.

The council uses the estimates to determine if it should recommend limits on commercial and recreational fishing.

"Our team is putting together the forecast this week, will come out some time next week," Chuck Tracy, the salmon staff officer for the council, said Wednesday. Its final recommendation on fishing limits will be made in April.

The numbers are down from about 90,000 in 2007, which led to bans in 2008 on commercial and recreational salmon fishing off the coasts of California and most of Oregon. In contrast, more than 750,000 adult salmon were counted in the Sacramento River basin in 2002.

Lawmakers OK rate boost to remove dams

(AP) — A bill to impose a surcharge on PacifiCorp customers to pay for removal of four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River was endorsed last week by the Oregon Senate. The bill goes to the House.

The legislation is needed to put into effect an agreement among farmers, fishers, tribes and others to improve salmon runs and settle a lengthy water struggle in Oregon and California's Klamath Basin.

Under the measure, up to \$180 million would be collected

from PacifiCorp's 500,000 Oregon ratepayers to go toward dam removal. Another \$20 million would come from the utility's customers in California.

The utility estimates the average residential customer would pay an extra \$1.50 a month.

The 18-12 Senate vote fell mostly along party lines, with Democrats supporting the bill and Republicans opposed.

The only GOP "yes" vote came from Sen. Jason Atkinson of Central Point, who said the

bill would provide stability for agriculture in the area and avoid the larger expense of keeping the dams and upgrading them to win a new federal license.

"There is no status quo. The brave thing to do is to move this forward," said Atkinson, who's a fourth-generation Klamath River landowner.

The measure was opposed by GOP lawmakers—and Democratic Sen. Rick Metsger of Welches—who worried about cost overruns and whether ratepayers or taxpayers might be

saddled with those extra costs.

The bill stems from a decades-long dispute over the dams, which block fish passage and are blamed for water quality problems in the Klamath River.

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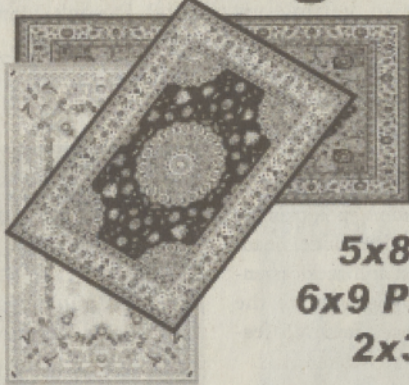
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