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## Open Letter from the State Archaeologist to All Archaeologists Practicing in New Mexico

[Reprinted in part from News MAC.]

*In July, NewsMAC, the newsletter of New Mexico Archaeological Council, published an open letter from New Mexico State Archaeologist Lynne Sabastian. The introduction of this letter detailed the proposed national budgetary cuts to programs including the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Since then changes to this proposed legislation have been made. However, the main body of Dr. Sabastian's letter detailed plans for improving the way archeology is conducted in New Mexico. We thought we would pass this information on as an inspiration to others who are exploring ways to improve archaeology in their states.*

Dear Colleagues:

As I am sure you all are aware, the archaeological record of this country

and the practice of archaeology itself are at greater risk today than at any time since the passage of the Nation Historic Preservation Act in 1966. There is, for example, language in the current House budget report describing Section 106 as redundant with state and local laws and concluding "Therefore, this mandate can be waived." There is language in the Senate balanced budget resolution eliminating the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) which, if implemented, would open up the Section 106 process to a complete revamping. In the current anti-regulatory, pro-business political climate, Section 106 compliance, especially as it concerns archaeology, is coming under intense scrutiny and pressure for change. I am including with this letter some of the information that we have received about proposed and possible Congressional actions that will affect archae-

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## Call for Action: Open Letter From The Legion Ville Historical Society

This letter is being written to all those who may have an interest in preserving cultural resources. Recently the Pennsylvania Legislature voted to replace HB 597 and SB 879. The key points of the new bill are:

1. The burden of responsibility for all state permitted or funded projects and also municipal projects will fall on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. This means that all archaeological investigations will be conducted by that institution.

2. The PHMC will have to act within very tight time frames- 15 days to

respond to a permit application; 60 days to complete Phase I and Phase II investigations; 90 days in exceptional circumstances for Phase III.

3. The PHMC cannot do anything without the landowner's permission, but if it doesn't meet the time frames above, the permit is considered cleared and/or state funding is released.

4. There is currently no appropriation for the PHMC to cover this archaeology.

The PHMC is understaffed in its current situation. If this bill passes,

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## Conference Calendar

**January 3-7, 1996 - the Society for Historical Archaeology** will hold the 29th Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology in Cincinnati, OH. For more information, contact Marlesa A. Gray, general chair, at Gray & Pape, Inc., 1318 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45210-2314, 513-665-6707, fax 513-287-7703, e-mail 76554.3313@compuserv.com.

**March 7-10, 1996 - Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference** will be held in Ocean City, MD. Contact: Charles LeeDecker, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc., 1819 H Street, NW #900, Washington, DC 20006; 202-331-7775; FAX 202-293-0787.

**March 21-24, 1996 - Central States Anthropological Society** will hold its 71st annual meeting in the Cincinnati, Ohio/Northern Kentucky area. Contact James F. Hopgood, Anthropology Program, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 41099-2200; 606-572-5259; FAX 606-572-5566; e-mail hopgood@nku.edu.

**March 22-24, 1996 - American Men's Studies Association** will hold its annual conference in Washington, DC. The theme of this year's

conference is "Masculinity at the Turn of The New Century: Perspectives and Prospects." Contact: Jack Stuart, Department of History, California State University, Long Beach, CA 90840; 310-985-4431.

**March 27-30, 1996 - Society of Ethnobiology**, will hold its 19th annual conference at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Contact: Jan Timbrook, Dept. of Anthropology, 2559 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105; 805-682-4771, ext. 307; FAX 805-569-3170.

**April 3-7, 1996 - Society for California Archaeology** will hold its 30th annual conference at the Red Lion Inn, Bakersfield. Contact: Andy Yatsko, 619-545-1131, or Gerrit Fenenga, 805-664-2108.

**April 10-14, 1996 - Society for American Archaeology** annual meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA. Contact: Paul Fish and Suzanne Fish, program chairs, at 520-621-2556; FAX 520-621-2976; e-mail archaeo@ccit.arizona.edu.

### Call for Action..

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there will be serious repercussions to the archaeological resources. There is absolutely no way the PHMC could address the number of archaeological sites that would be affected. Sites will fall through the cracks and be cleared when the PHMC cannot possibly address all of them. Furthermore, sites such as Legion Ville, which was excavated because of HB 1522 and SB 879, may never even be investigated because of lack of landowner permission. This new plan is an utter disaster, and a blatant demonstration of the lack of concern towards Pennsylvania's historic and prehistoric cultural resources. As the stewards of this priceless heritage, we must stand together to voice our concerns on this critical issue. You can rest assured that while we toiled day-and-night to finish those reports, scrape those 1x1s and beg for money, special interest groups (developers) were hustling their senators and legislators to make us go away. The members of the Legion Ville Historical Society are very proud of what they have accomplished and do not want to go away. Pennsylvania's rich cultural heritage is important to all of us and we should all voice our opinion on this issue. This is a dated correspondence, respond as soon as possible and pass this information on to any interested parties or employees.

Contact Governor Tom Ridge at (717)787-2500 or FAX your concerns to (717)772-3155. The governor address is: Governor's Office, 225 Main Capital Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Sarah Neusius, Dept. of Anthropology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is also a good point of contact and she can be reached at (412) 357-2133 or FAX (412)357-4842. It would also be very effective to contact your local senator.

Sincerely,

*The Legion Ville Historical Society*  
Semper Paratus

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## New Mexico..

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ology.

Every place I have gone in the past 6 months, I have found individuals and organizations, such as the ACHP, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), and the Society for American Archaeology (SAA), talking about the threats to preservation in this country and what to do. Frankly, much of this discussion has

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amounted to hand-wringing and discussions about what we can do or stop doing in order to get ourselves "off the radar screen" of congressional budget cutting and program elimination. The NCSHPO, for example, has formed a task force on "rethinking archaeological mitigation" with a subtext of "how can we make archaeology a lot cheaper?"

First of all, I want to say that the archaeological sky is not falling just yet. On the other hand there are some clearly visible cracks in the firmament. What I would like to propose is the somewhat Pollyannaish view that we all view this as an opportunity rather than an impending doom. There are things that we can do to improve the way we do archeology, and now is a very good time to make those improvements. There almost certainly are going to be important changes in how we do public archaeology in the future. We can wait to have these changes imposed on us--by the ACHP if they continue to exit, by the NCSHPO or the National Park Service, or worst of all, by Congress. Or we can try to get ahead of this wave of change and make our own, carefully thought-out changes before change is imposed from outside.

I am proposing that we work together as a professional community (and I will describe how I envision that happening below) to look not just at the costs of archaeology, per se, but at the cost/benefit ratio. The question that I would like us to address is "How can We improve the cost/benefit ratio of publicly funded archaeology?" By publicly funded archaeology I mean archaeology paid for by the public, either directly in tax dollars spent by federal agencies or in Section 106 compliance costs incurred by industry and passed on to consumers. By costs I mean both monetary costs and cost in time delays, which we all

know are sometimes more of a concern for industry than the monetary costs. And by benefits I mean both the current benefits to the public and the long-term benefits to our society of increase knowledge about the past.

Specifically, I plan to convene a task force that will begin meeting in September to address a set of critical questions. What are the costs of archaeology in New Mexico both in federal dollars and private sector dollars spent? What proportion of cost of doing business on federal land or with federal approvals is archaeological expenses? What are the public benefits of archaeology increased knowledge, enjoyment, educational opportunities, recreation? What is the impact of heritage tourism on the state's economy? How has public archaeology contributed to our knowledge of the past? How good a job are we doing at preserving the prehistoric heritage of this state? How many jobs, how much money in taxes, and how much money in purchased goods and services (including per diem) are generated by archaeology in New Mexico? And most important, what steps can we take to improve the cost/benefit ratio by minimizing the costs in money and time and maximizing the public benefits?

I have no interest in figuring out how to do cheaper archeology. But I and every archaeologist in this state have a critical interest in figuring out how to ensure that every dollar spent on public archaeology is necessary and is yielding the greatest possible gain in preservation, research excellence, and public benefits. We owe it to the public that is paying for this; we owe it to the resources that we are professionally committed to preserving and conserving; and our job may well depend on it.

The results of the process that I am envisioning here will potentially affect every single archaeologist in the state, and I would like to see everyone get involved. I propose that all of you form regional groups... these groups should include contractors, federal and state agency archaeologists, and academics-- all professional archaeologists.

I need one or two volunteer organizers for each regional group to coordinate with my office, and the groups need to begin discussion NOW--face to face, phone, fax, e-mail, small task groups, however you want to do it. But you need to be ready with information, ideas, and two elected representatives for the September task force meeting....

This task force will be making recommendations about the fundamental issues of public archaeology--site eligibility, effect, preservation, and mitigation.

These are not things that the SHPO's office can or should decide alone; these are decisions that should be made by and must be supported by the profession as a whole. Once the task force comes up with a plan, we will work through the regional groups to give everyone in the profession an opportunity to comment on the plan; we are even discussing the possibility of convening a statewide congress to discuss the plans. Next we will begin working with other interest groups, tribes, industry, government agencies, avocational societies, etc., to consider their issues for inclusion in the plan and to attempt to gain their support.

Where we go from there will depend on what has happened in Congress in the mean time... I very much need your help to ensure that New Mexico can meet and weather the challenges to public archaeology posed by the current political climate....

Sincerely,  
Lynne Sebastian, Ph.D.  
State Archaeologist

## Publications

### Broom Hall Plantation Explored

The Chicora Foundation announces the publication of *Broom Hall Plantation: A Pleasant One and In a Good Neighborhood*. Broom Hall, located in Berkeley County, South Carolina, was a once thriving rice and indigo plantation. During the 19th century it gradually faded into obscurity. By the early 20th century, only crumbling portions of the estate walls remained.

Starting in 1988, a consortium including the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, and Chicora Foundation began archaeological investigations that uncovered one of the most complete and complex 18th century plantations ever explored in South Carolina. To order or for further information contact: Chicora Foundation, Inc., PO Box 8664, Columbia, SC 29202-8664.



## **Job Opening**

**Horizon Environmental Services, Inc.**, an Austin, Texas - based environmental consulting firm is looking for a Ph.D in Anthropology/Archeology from a U.S. University. Five years field experience in Texas preferred. Must be capable of directing major projects. FAX resume with salary history to (512) 328-1804 or contact Bert Rader, Cultural Resources Director, at (512) 328-2430.

## **Iroquois Indian Museum Director**

The Iroquois Indian Museum, a medium-sized anthropological institution featuring the arts, seeks, by February 1996, a director with administrative museum experience and academic training in museology. Minimal degree - master's. Focus is on staff supervision, fiscal management, and public support. SEND resume to: Stephanie Shultes, Iroquois Indian Museum, Box 7, Howes Caves, NY 12092.

## **Position Available** **Architectural Historian**

Hunter Research, Inc., a historical resource consulting firm, has an opening for an Architectural Historian in our central New Jersey office.

Minimum requirements: B.A. in Architectural History, History or Historic Preservation required; M.A. preferred. Professional experience in field survey and National Register evaluation of architectural resources required. Mid-Atlantic experience and strong research and writing skills highly desirable. Initial six-month to one-year contract, with opportunity for renewal, starting January 1, 1996, or as soon as possible thereafter. Competitive salary, based on experience. Benefit package available.

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The candidate must be able to conduct and supervise all phases of archeological investigations. Basic analytical skills regarding natural site formation and artifacts are necessary. Candidates must be completing or nearing completion of at least an M.A. in Anthropology or Archaeology with experience in cultural resource management (CRM). The ability to write clear, concise, thorough CRM technical reports without extensive editing is required, as is the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously. This is a full-time, permanent position available immediately. The talent and ability to design and implement a new archeological program is a major consideration in selecting a candidate for the position. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Candidates selected for an interview must submit an example of recent technical and research writing (not to be returned).

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## State News

### Kansas

The Kansas State Historical Society, Cultural Resources Division, Historic Preservation Office has a new location. As of September 10, 1995, the new address is 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66615-1099. The new telephone number is 913-272-8681; FAX 913-272-8682.

### Ohio

#### **Director of Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office Resigns**

Ray Luce, director of Ohio's Historic Preservation Office since 1981, resigned effective November 5, 1995. Under pressure from the Governor's administration, Luce announced his decision to resign in mid-October. Andy Futey, the governor's executive assistant for appointments, stated that the governor was not pleased with what had been happening at the state historic preservation advisory board; the actions of the board had been stagnating economic development throughout the state.

Once again, historic preservation opposes the development community. Once again, the development community had more influence than the historic preservation community.

### Missouri

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Program (HPP) has moved to new quarters in the historic (ca 1830s) Lohman building at the Jefferson Landing State Historic Site in Jefferson County. HPP's mailing address and staff assignments remain the same: Missouri Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Program, PO Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Some phone numbers have been changed. The FAX number is 314-526-2852.

## THEORETICAL ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP UNITED KINGDOM CONFERENCE 1995

The 1995 Conference of the Theoretical Archaeology Group will be hosted by the Department of Archaeology at the University of Reading (18th-21st December), United Kingdom. The conference will comprise a plenary address and nineteen sessions spread over 4 days. Throughout all but the first day there will be four sessions running concurrently. The academic programme will be augmented by social events each evening. T.A.G. 95 is open to everyone.

Enquiries: General enquiries about the conference should be directed to Jan Harding in the Department of Archaeology, University of Reading Tel: 01734 318132/Fax: 01734 316718  
Email: M.A.James@reading.ac.uk

For information about bookings, accommodations etc., contact Nyree Finlay/Paddy Woodman at Tel. 01734 316785  
Email: Tag95@reading.ac.uk.

For further information contact:

TAG. 95 (APPLICATIONS), DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, FACULTY OF LETTERS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, WHITE-KNIGHTS, UNIVERSITY OF READING, PO BOX 218, READING RG6 2AA, UNITED KINGDOM.

TEL: 01734316785

Conference fee: Payment of conference fee entitles participants to attend all academic sessions and social events during T.A.G. 95, to receive a delegate pack including final programme with session and paper abstracts, and to partake of tea and coffee as available.

Accommodation: Bed and Breakfast accommodation is available in University Hall of Residence single bedrooms, all centrally heated and with washbasins, on the nights of 18th, 19th and 20th December. Participants who require accommodation on other nights should contact Jan Harding on the numbers above. Please note that twin/double rooms are not available. There are also a small number of single selfcatering rooms, as well as free floor space, for unwaged delegates. Please make any enquiries to Nyree Finlay/Paddy Woodman (01734 316785) by 30th November at the latest.

## Call For Papers

### Second Historical Archaeology Conference of the Upper Midwest - HACUM March 29-30, 1996

A continuing regional forum for the presentation, discussion, and timely dissemination of historic archaeology research.

The conference will consist of panels of 20-minute papers, followed by an ample period of discussion. A Keynote Lecture and workshops, including George Miller's seminar on historic ceramics, are being planned. The papers will be collected in to a proceeding volume for distribution to conference attendees and others interested in historical archaeology.

Paper proposals addressing any aspect of historical archaeology in the region, defined very broadly, are sought. Please submit abstracts of 100-200 words in hard copy and electronic form on 3.5 inch disk in TXT (text) or RTF (rich text format) along with a cover letter committing to participation in the conference and proceedings volume.

Send proposals to:

HACUM 2  
c/o John P. McCarthy  
Institute for Minnesota Archaeology  
3300 University Ave., SE,  
Suite 202  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Deadline: January 31, 1996

### 1996 Annual Meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology April 26-18, 1996

Individuals interested in presenting papers or chairing a symposium should send suggestions to: Verna L. Cowin, Section of Anthropology, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 5800 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15206-3706; 412-665-2602. Abstracts are due by February 15, 1996.

### Thirteenth Annual Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeology Conference

The 13th annual Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeological Conference will be held March 2-3, 1996, at the University of Louisville's Conference & Training Center. Participants will be

allocated 20 minutes for paper presentations and selected papers from the conference will be assembled and published by the Kentucky Heritage Council. The maximum length of papers accepted for publication is 40 double spaced pages. Information on the format of conference papers will be provided to participants at a later date.

Those interested in presenting a paper should send an abstract no later than January 5, 1996, to:

David Pollack  
Kentucky Heritage Council  
300 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
502-564-7005

### Regional Pottery Display

The Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and Museum, Staunton, VA, announces **Valley Collects: Regional Pottery I**, on display through January 6, 1996 (540-885-0897).

## The Grapevine Corporate Survey Reminder

Last month, *The Grapevine* sent out over 500 Corporate Surveys to readers and interested CRM firms. We would like to remind you to please fill out the survey and remit to Ellen Armbruster by December 1, 1995. The survey is designed to be completely anonymous. Remember to use a plain unmarked envelope for your submission to ensure your privacy.

For the benefit of CRM industry at large, we urge you to respond to this questionnaire. Results of the survey will be published in the February issue of *The Grapevine*. If you are not a subscriber, but would like a copy of the results, please contact us.



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