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NOTES AND NEWS

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2004 Plains Indian Seminar at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center will be held 30 September – 3 October 2004 in Cody, Wyoming. The conference will address the theme: *Enduring Expressions: Music and Dance of the Great Plains*. Suggested topics for presentations include: ethnohistories of particular song or dance traditions; origins and histories of celebrations involving music and dance, effects of missionaries and other historical influences on music and dance traditions, musical instruments used on the Plains, powwows and related arts and regalia, and the significance of music and dance as contemporary cultural expression for Plains Indian people. Presentations that address new areas of American Indian scholarship are encouraged. Historians, anthropologists, educators, art historians, dancers, and musicians are invited to submit a 250-word abstract along with a résumé by 1 February 2004. Scholars and educators from tribal colleges and communities are especially invited to participate. For more information contact: Lillian Turner, Public Programs Director, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY 82414-3428, 307/578-4028, <lilliant@bbhc.org>, <<http://www.bbhc.org/pis/speakers.cfm>>.

WILLA CATHER LITERARY AWARD 2004

Women Writing the West (WWW), a non-profit association of professionals writing and promoting the Women's West, underwrites and presents the WILLA Literary Award. This national award honors the best in literature featuring women's stories set in the west published each year. The award is named in honor of Pulitzer Prize winner Willa Cather, one of the country's foremost novelists. The awards are presented at the WWW Fall Conference. Entries for the WILLA Literary Awards are open all persons worldwide and are not lim-

ited to WWW members or women specifically. All authors or publishers of books featuring women's stories set in the west in any time period may enter. Only books first published in 2003 are eligible. Entry Deadline is 1 February 2004. The application can be found at: <http://www.womenwritingthewest.org/03_willa_app.html>. For additional information, please contact Cindy Massey, by e-mail at cmass22@aol.com, or by mail at 10547 Rocking M Trail, Helotes, TX 78023.

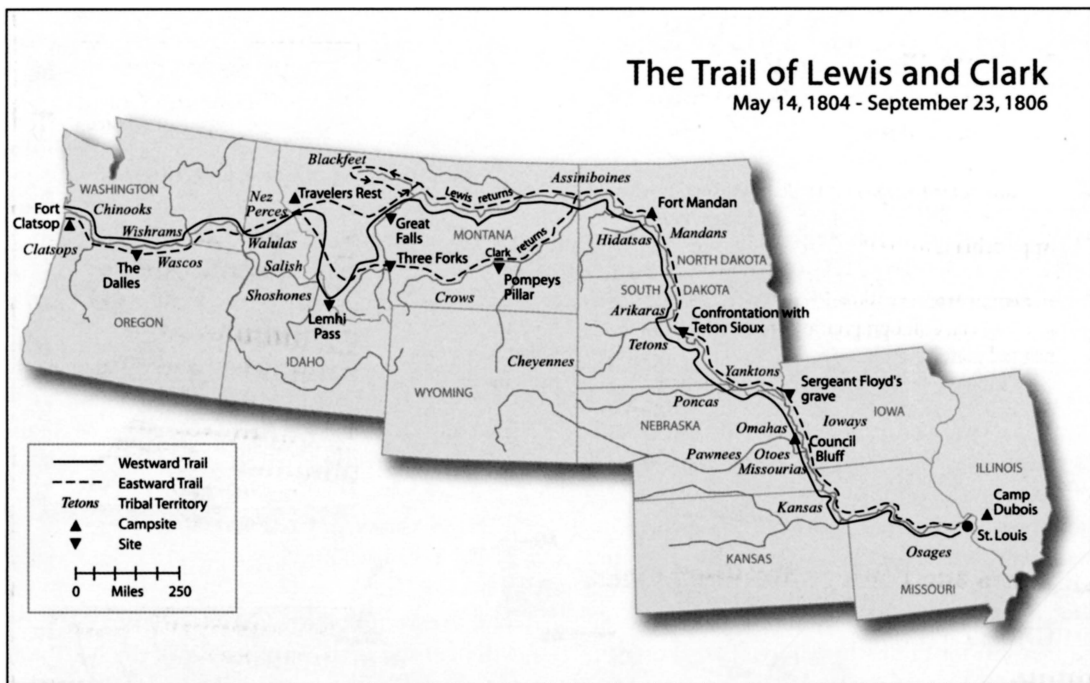
20TH NATIONAL COWBOY POETRY GATHERING

The Western Folklife Center in Elko, Nevada will host the 20th Anniversary of the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, 29-31 January 2004. Workshops and concerts are scheduled, as well as poetry sessions, open mike sessions, entertainment. For more information, contact: Western Folklife Center, 501 Railroad St., Elko, NV 89801, (888) 880-5885, <tbaer@westernfolklife.org>, <<http://www.westernfolklife.org>>.

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma seeks applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program. The purpose of this program is to assist researchers by providing financial awards for on-campus work in the Center's archives. Awards are normally from \$500 to \$1000 to defray the cost of travel and lodging.

The Center's holdings include the papers of 55 former members of Congress, but topics cover more than just the history of that legislative body. Included in the Center's collections is information on government agriculture programs, flood control activities, water and soil conservation projects, federal-Native American relations, drought relief, and rural development and electrification. The states



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best represented are Oklahoma and other western states, such as California, during the twentieth century. One collection covers Kansas during the nineteenth century. The Center's collections are described on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ou.edu/special/albertctr/archives/> and in the publication titled *A Guide to the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives* (Norman, Okla.: The Carl Albert Center, 1995) by Judy Day et al., available at many U.S. academic libraries. Additional information can be obtained from the Center.

The Visiting Scholars Program is open to any applicant. Emphasis is given to those doing postdoctoral research in history, political science, and other fields. Graduate students involved in research for publication, thesis, or dissertation are encouraged to apply. Interested undergraduates and lay researchers are also invited to apply. The Center evaluates each research proposal based upon its merits, and funding for a variety of topics is expected.

No standardized application form is needed. Instead, a series of documents should be sent to the Center, including: (1) a description of

the research proposal in fewer than 1000 words; (2) a personal vita; (3) an explanation of how the Center's resources will assist the researcher; (4) a budget proposal; and (5) a letter of reference from an established scholar in the discipline attesting to the significance of the research. Applications are accepted at any time.

To obtain more information, please contact Archivist, Carl Albert Center, 630 Parrington Oval, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. Telephone: (405) 325-5401. FAX: (405) 325-6419. E-mail: <kosmerick@ou.edu>.

MAP CORRECTION

We have reprinted a corrected version of the map that accompanied an article in the spring issue of *Great Plains Quarterly*, "Excerpts from *The Lewis and Clark Journals: An American Epic of Discovery*, *The Abridgment of the Definitive Nebraska Edition: The Journey across the Plains*," by Gary E. Moulton [*Great Plains Quarterly* Vol. 23 No. 2, p. 76]. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused our readers.