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Movie Filming Begins

Filming is here!!! We did a rough rehearsal this last meeting and attempted to get the scripting in place for a more productive filming at USD.

The filming is supposed to be of a freshman level history class which is in the middle of a discussion on the American Indian rights movement and history. The Professor in turn gives extra credit to those students who take part in a protest on a land development project that has undertones of American Indian lands issues.



Of course, as always, the AIR Program is developing a quality movie with under two hours of filming. The overall objective is to combine our research and reinforce what we learned through the conceptualization of this movie. An added bonus, is an educational and entertaining movie. No pressure here, the bottom line is to have fun and learn.

KKK being sued into Bankruptcy By Ann O'Neill CNN

The idea of our research and our overall movie was to have all our participants think about other ideas on how we can approach American Indian rights through alternative means. Our ideal is to use the environmental movement and bridging it with American Indian land issues. The article, which is partially reprinted, discusses a means in which various civil rights were abridged by the KKK and a person who is looking to stop this by using the laws and attempting to stop the social injustice. Think about this and how we can work within the law to bring justice for all;

(CNN) -- It was a mismatch from the start: a 16-year-old boy, 5-feet, 3-inches tall and 150 pounds, against two reputed Ku Klux Klansmen, the biggest standing 6-feet, 5-inches and tipping the scales at 300 pounds. (cont. on page 2)





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Renee's Corner

by Renee White Eyes

This week for AIR Sr., we wanted to start filming for our movie. However, we first wanted to rehearse and get the students engaged. Dr. Kamper engaged the students by asking their opinions of how the first scene should go and went through different scenarios to see what we all agreed was the best one. He had them really think about the purpose behind what we were doing and also had the student reflect on the research that they did a couple of weeks ago. The pieces of the puzzle were starting to come together, and I was excited to see the students take an active role in their movie. While we were all laughing and having fun with it, the students also took this seriously and wanted to portray a realistic scene. It was great to see the team work between students, mentors, and professors. I think it was also important to get across that no one lone person can do this alone, we all have to rely on one another.



KKK being sued into Bankruptcy (cont.)

Jordan Gruver, an American citizen of Panamanian descent, took a beating that July day in 2006 at the Meade County fair in Brandenburg, Kentucky. He was called names, spat upon, doused with alcohol, knocked to the ground and punched and kicked. When the blows stopped, Gruver had a broken jaw and left forearm, two cracked ribs and cuts and bruises.

Now, with the weight of the Southern Poverty Law Center behind him, Gruver is fighting back in a civil courtroom. Gruver and the center are suing the Imperial Klans of America, and they hope to win damages large enough to put the supremacist group out of business.

An all-white jury -- seven men and seven women -- was chosen Wednesday to hear Gruver's lawsuit against the [Klan](#) and two of its members. They are identified in court papers as "Imperial Wizard" Ron Edwards, and Jarred R. Hensley, the Ohio Klan's "Grand Titan." Two others -- Joshua Cowles, the Klan's "Exalted Cyclops," and Andrew W. Watkins, the Klan's "Imperial Gothi" and webmaster -- have settled out of court, according to a pretrial brief. "We want to win justice for Jordan to compensate him for his injuries and put this group out of business," said center spokesman Booth Gunter. "We've won a number of these suits in the past."

In 2000, for example, the center won a \$6.3 million jury verdict that forced Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler to give up the group's Idaho compound. In 1987, a \$7 million verdict in Mobile, Alabama, targeted the United Klans of America.

"Our lawsuit seeks justice and compensation for the victim of this brutal hate crime. We also hope that the monetary damages will be sufficient to put the organization out of business and send a strong message to other hate groups and their followers that this type of racial violence will not be tolerated."



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