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"MONUMENTAL MYTHS" DOCUMENTARY

TO SCREEN ON INDIAN RESERVATION ON COLUMBUS DAY

INDIAN RESERVATION RESIDENTS DEMAND NATIVE AMERICAN SIDE OF HISTORY
TO BE TOLD

What: Native American leader, Adam Nordwall and the people of the Fallon Indian reservation will protest the celebration of Columbus Day by hosting a screening of the documentary, *Monumental Myths*, to be followed by a press conference and discussion of the film.

Where: Tribal Gymnasium at the Fallon Indian Reservation in Fallon, Nevada
8955 Mission Road [Highway 50 East near Agency and Reservation Roads]
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When: Monday, October 11, 2004—11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. screening followed by a press conference and audience Q&A from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Who: Sponsored by the people of the Fallon Indian Reservation in conjunction with Tom Trinley, the films' director. Also appearing will be James Loewen, a sociologist and best-selling author of *Lies Across America*, inspiration for the film.

Why: "Monuments, like history text books, often present a biased and censored story of the events or people they commemorate," said filmmaker Tom Trinley. "Christopher Columbus statues—and parades—celebrate Columbus's discovery of America, his proving the earth was round, and his daring uncharted course across the ocean, yet none of this is true. What's missing from the story is that Columbus never set sight nor foot on North America, he was responsible for the torture and murder of countless Native Americans and he started the transatlantic slave trade. How are we ever going to understand and resolve America's problems if we deny their origins?" "All of this misinformation is insulting and damaging to Native Americans," said Indian leader and author Adam "Fortunate Eagle" Nordwall. "These monuments and the annual celebration of Columbus Day perpetuate lies and discrimination against our people." James Loewen said, "The usual Columbus mythology only makes us stupider as a people. Native Americans are taking the lead in staging anti-Columbus events that make us more knowledgeable about what really happened in our past."

Media Visuals:

Native American community viewing the digitally projected film in gymnasium and discussing the lies perpetuated against them.