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#### 138.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Bridges' Yahgan Dictionary

>From Jess Tauber (Zylogy@aol.com) 5 May 2001:

My re-editing of Thomas Bridges' \_Yahgan Dictionary\_ continues apace, and the morpheme sort (upon which the analytical version will be based) is almost done. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the finished list gratis is invited to send me an e-mail address to which it may be sent. It will probably be ready by late autumn.

Yahgan is considered by most linguists to be an isolate (though I've found intriguing hints of a Salishan connection!), and the morpheme list will be an invaluable aid to comparisons.

--Jess Tauber (zylogy@aol.com)

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#### 138.2 UPCOMING MEETINGS

\* Siouan and Caddoan Languages Conference (Chicago, June 15-16)

>From John P. Boyle (jpboyle@midway.uchicago.edu) 8 May 2001:

The 21st Siouan and Caddoan Languages Conference will be held on June 15-16, 2001, at Ida Noyes Hall on the campus of the University of Chicago. The Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) and the Native American Student Association (NASA) are proud to be hosting the Conference. We invite papers that focus on any aspect of Siouan and Caddoan languages and linguistics. This can include descriptive or theoretical works as well as those that deal with language preservation and pedagogical issues.

Presentations will be allotted 20 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for questions.

We strongly encourage submission by e-mail. Please use the subject header "Abstract + author's last name", and include in the body of the e-mail a paper title, a 200 word abstract, author's name and any affiliation. Electronic submissions may be sent to:

# jpboyle@midway.uchicago.edu

Abstracts must be received by 4:00 p.m., May 28, 2001.

Acknowledgment of receipt will be via e-mail. If you cannot use e-mail, please make note of this and provide us with your postal address. Hard copies of submissions can be sent to:

John P. Boyle Department of Linguistics 1010 East 59th Street Chicago, IL. 60637

Notification of acceptance will be sent via e-mail by May 30, 2001.

Registration is free and the public is welcome.

\* 33rd Algonquian Conference (Berkeley, October 25-28) [Reminder]

The 33rd Algonquian Conference will be held at UC-Berkeley this year, Oct. 25-28, 2001. Abstracts are due Sept. 1. A full announcement can be found in Bulletin #136. For further information contact: Richard Rhodes (<a href="mailto:rrhodes@cogsci.berkeley.edu">rrhodes@cogsci.berkeley.edu</a>) or Laura Welcher (<a href="mailto:lbwelch@well.com">lbwelch@well.com</a>), or write: Algonquian Conference, Dept. of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-2650.

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#### 138.3 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

\* Can the web save your language?

A couple of years ago Laura Buszard Welcher, a graduate student at UC Berkeley who works on Potawatomi, became intrigued by the growing number of endangered language websites. Who creates these language sites? Why? Who visits them? What kinds of sites are out there? Her curiosity led her to compile an extensive database, which she ended up analyzing in a paper, "Can The Web Save My Language?" The text can be found in html format at:

# http://www.potawatomilang.org/Reference/endlgsweb4.htm

Since Welcher completed this paper in 1999 some of the language sites she noted have shut down, and a number of new ones have started up. But most of those she surveyed remain active, and her discussion remains relevant and fascinating. (The paper will be published in \_The Green Book of Language Revitalization in Practice\_, edited by Leanne Hinton and Ken Hale, which should be out before the end of the year.)

The Potawatomi Language Project site at which the paper is posted (<a href="www.potawatomilang.org">www.potawatomilang.org</a>) is maintained by Welcher on behalf of the Hannahville Indian Community, and is itself a splendid example of an endangered language website. Well worth a visit.

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