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## *A Letter from the Publisher*

*Shekóli.* For those of us in Central New York who have long adored local Syracuse legend Art Monk, his greatness is nothing new. But with his recent powerful statements about respect for others' culture, he has reminded us of his national stature. In an interview with a Washington, D.C. radio station, Monk said it was time for Washington's NFL franchise to have a frank discussion about changing its offensive name from the R-word to something that does not denigrate whole groups of people. "[If] Native Americans feel like Redskins or the Chiefs or [another] name is offensive to them, then who are we to say to them, 'No, it's not?'" Monk told the radio station.



The memory of Monk's storied professional football career is inherently tied to Washington's current football brand. Hence his decision to support a public debate is yet another example of the building consensus against the mean-spirited mascot-ization of our indigenous culture. This is a campaign with many faces and many voices. Just a few months ago, the high school in the hometown of the Baseball Hall of Fame officially replace the "redskins" name with a new moniker. Kids at the high school expressed precisely the same sentiment that Monk did this week. Monk is just one more voice in a growing movement around what should be a universally accepted idea: that denigrating this country's indigenous people by promoting ugly stereotypes is unacceptable in the 21st century.

As the representative of one of those indigenous peoples, I applaud Monk just as I did the children of Cooperstown. Together, they are teaching this country a critical lesson about mutual respect and inclusion. Up to now, of course, the owners of the Washington team have tried to short-circuit a discussion about that lesson. Just as troubling,

the NFL leadership has added insult to injury by recently claiming that the R-word somehow has a "positive meaning distinct from any disparagement" and that the epithet is allegedly a "unifying force that stands for...respect." Nothing could be further from the truth. This term is hurtful and outdated slander that has no place in an inclusive country, especially when removing it is such a simple process. After all, when questions were raised about the inherent glorification of gun violence in Washington's NBA team name, that team changed its name from the Bullets to the Wizards. It was not a difficult or burdensome move, but it most certainly was the right thing to do. The same goes for Washington's NFL team, and with more and more voices now calling for a public dialogue, the team owners could take a lesson from presidential history.

In 1968, when Walter Cronkite aired a critical report about the Vietnam War, President Johnson reportedly remarked, "If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost Middle America." The same principle applies here: If the name of Washington's NFL team has lost the support of former players, then that team's management has lost its credibility.

The only way for them to regain it is to start listening—and, ultimately, to stop portraying our culture as a cartoon.

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Ray Halbritter

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## Why Washington Must Invest in Tribal Development


*In the last 30 years, measures like the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the HEARTH Act have benefited tribes. In arguing for further empowering legislation, Paul Moorehead, a partner in the Indian Tribal Governments Practice Group at Drinker Biddle & Reath, notes opportunities and challenges in just one area alone:*

Energy and natural resource development holds much promise. For instance, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation have used energy development as the foundation of their economies. Newly identified natural gas and oil reserves,

combined with new technologies like horizontal drilling, are opening up newer, and sometimes larger, opportunities across the country. The Mancos Shale formation in New Mexico holds promise for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Navajo Nation and others. Renewable energy development also holds promise.

But tribes interested in developing their energy resources witness endless bureaucratic hurdles, extreme delays in getting leases, appraisals, and other documents approved, and a flurry of new regulations related to hydraulic fracturing, minor source air permitting, and others. For those tribes seeking to harvest their coal

resources for the betterment of their members, such as the Crow Tribe, the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation, the task is even more difficult with the Environmental Protection Agency proposing stringent, some would say impossible, standards for coal-powered facilities to meet.

Faced with budget challenges and barriers to growth in Indian country, the federal government should be doing everything it can to work with tribes to identify and promote economic opportunities and self-sustaining development projects, and help insulate them and their citizens from the necessity of relying on federal programs and services. <http://bit.ly/17J5Qs5> 

## The Broader Message of Immigration Reform


*As Congress debates immigration reform, Executive Director of United South and Eastern Tribes Kitcki Carroll urges that this inspire a larger teachable moment:*

During President Obama's second inaugural speech, he stated, "We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth." It is from this diversity that America draws its greatest strength. Further, it is the diversity drawn from the indigenous Nations of this land that shaped America's beginnings and subsequent growth into the wealthiest and strongest nation the world has ever known. Unfortunately, America has not

been willing to reconcile its own past in a manner that arrives at an accurate and honest accounting of this unique relationship with Indian country.

In that same speech, President Obama spoke about "a new era of responsibility—a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world." This new era must begin with acknowledgment of areas where America falls short and be followed by meaningful change. America must recognize that its romanticized and revisionist story of us is the furthest thing from demonstrating responsibility to Indian

country, and fundamentally change its approach to educating its citizens about its relationship with the indigenous Nations and people of this land. No longer should anything less be accepted by anyone who calls themselves an American citizen.

As Congress works to fix a broken immigration system, it has the real opportunity to heed President Obama's words by initiating change that will stop a component of this cycle of ignorance. In fulfilling this obligation, America will reflect its evolving greater appreciation and understanding that its greatest strength is drawn from not only its diversity, but from the truth that accompanies the very diversity that it celebrates. <http://bit.ly/1aPu85I> 

## For Indians, Too Many Trayvon Martin Moments


*The acquittal of George Zimmerman in the fatal 2012 shooting of Trayvon Martin touched off an angry debate over racism in America. Gyassi Ross, an enrolled member of Blackfeet and an activist, attorney and author, says that the Martin case holds valuable lessons for Natives as well:*

Like Trayvon and countless other young black men, our young Native men are literally dying, falling victim to the presumption that brown men are always criminals or doing something wrong. A few names come to mind—John T. Williams, Jack

Keewatinawin, Daniel Tiger, Christopher Capps, Clinton Croff, AJ Longsoldier, the list goes on and on. Their major crime was being Native. That's why they are dead.

Someone said that Native people's "Trayvon Martin moment" was the recent Baby Veronica case. That is an insult to the dead and a curse to the living. Thank God Baby Veronica is still with us. That means there's still an opportunity for better outcomes. Trayvon Martin was brutally killed and there can be no good outcomes from it. Native people legitimately have many,

many Trayvon Martin moments. We do not need to make them up. Do some research on any of the cases above. Our people are getting killed out there.

The Native media should bring more attention to the tragedies within our communities. They're there. It's up to us to bring those stories to light like the black community did with Trayvon. The Native media has to connect the dots and start working with other communities of color to stop our people from getting killed. Stop pretending that these are isolated incidents and things that we don't have to worry about. <http://bit.ly/17i6NWa> 



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## Senate Hears Testimony on Critical Housing Bill

Testimony about a bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996 topped the Senate Indian Affairs Committee's agenda on July 31. The committee also heard testimony from relevant federal agencies about two land bills, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2013 and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Chippewa Non-Intercourse Act of 2013.

But it was the proposed reauthorization of the 1996 act that commanded primary attention. Set to expire on September 30, the act was passed to help ensure that Tribes and their members are provided safe and affordable housing now and in the future. New provisions of the current bill, S.1352, include increasing usage of low-income housing tax credits and promoting clean energy and sustainable projects by raising total development cost ceilings.

"HUD strongly supports the reauthorization of NAHASDA because the law is essential to building sustainable tribal communities," said Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing Sandra Henriquez of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. "The Indian Housing Block Grant, the largest program under NAHASDA, has infused more than \$9.9 billion into Indian housing and community development since its inception 16 years ago."

"NAHASDA reauthorization has broad support throughout Indian country," said Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians. "This is one of our top priorities. Additionally, we strongly support all efforts to ensure there are no homeless veterans on our reservations. The words 'homeless' and 'veteran' do not belong in the same sentence."

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## Native Council Meets Without Presence of Tribal Leaders

The first meeting of the White House Council on Native American Affairs, established by President Obama by executive order in June, took place on July 29 without tribal leaders present. Instead, Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell solicited their input in a conference call held July 26 to help guide the meeting, said Interior officials.

"For context, today's meeting was a bit more organizational in nature—in order to get priorities in order," said Jessica Kershaw, a spokeswoman for Interior.

Being relegated to input via conference call did not sit well with some tribal leaders. "That's not a real government-to-government relationship," said Tex Hall, chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, who called the arrangement a case of being "on the outside looking in." Hall has advocated for the creation of a Native American White House council based on the model established under President Lyndon B. Johnson that would have tribes as actual members of the council and give the council strong budget powers over Indian affairs.

Derek Bailey, former chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, was also critical. "I am not confident, from my experiences, that all federal bureaucrats will accurately represent concerns of the tribes to the White House Council," he said. "For tribal relations to truly rise to the next level with the U.S. government, having opportunities for engagement and meaningful dialogue is imperative, and I believe welcomed by most tribal leaders."

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## Obama is Urged to Approve Oklahoma Internet Gaming Pact

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes called on the Obama administration to allow a first-of-its-kind pact with the state of Oklahoma that would permit the tribes to operate international gaming sites from their native lands.

The pact, signed in April between Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Prairie-Chief Boswell and Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, would allow the tribes to run and market real money gaming sites to people outside the U.S. In exchange, the state would get 20 percent of the revenue generated from the gaming sites.

"This is an innovative plan that

benefits everyone involved. It's the definition of the win-win," said Boswell. "There is no reason for the federal government to intervene in what should be a matter between the tribe and the state. We hope that the Obama administration allows this process to proceed, which will show that all tribes can get a fair chance in Washington."

The tribe had been operating a free online social gaming site, PokerTribes.com, but took it down in the spring and started discussions with the state on the new agreement. Officials believe that this operation could set a

precedent for the future and continue generating sorely needed funding for state governments.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho have also been running ads in local papers and radio stations calling for pact approval. The ads urge lawmakers to ignore the influence of tribes with deeper pockets and more political clout that have been using their lobbyists to hurt smaller tribes. "Indian gaming was supposed to provide the promise of meaningful economic development through all of Indian Country," the ads read. "Let's stop the hypocrisy."

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## \$3 Million in Drought Relief for Navajo Nation

Under a state of emergency, and as it watches its horses die of thirst, the Navajo Nation is getting \$3 million of relief from the tribe's coffers.

"We need to get help out there to the communities," said President Ben Shelly on July 25 upon signing the relief bill. "We declared an emergency because of the drought; now we need to make resources available to help our people. We are in difficult times and thankful for the recent rains, but we still have to create plans to manage the drought."

The bill will give about \$1.4 million to the Department of Agriculture for feral horse roundups and \$202,761 to the Department of Resource Enforcement, with the remainder going to the Navajo Department of Water Resources for well and windmill repairs.

The tribe said that Western Agency's precipitation is 65 percent below normal for the year, Fort Defiance Agency is 63 percent below normal, and Northern and Eastern agencies are 55 percent lower than normal. In addition, Chinle Agency is 30 percent below average, the tribe said. And while the seasonal monsoon rains are welcome, they are compounding the problem by causing flash flooding in dried-out areas, the *Arizona Daily Sun* reported.

So serious is the drought that it was the opening subject of Shelly's State of the Navajo Nation address on July 15, the *Navajo Times* reported. "We are in some challenging times right now as we look to the Holy People to continue to bless us with moisture," he said.

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## Tribes Fear Destruction of Cultural Sites by Solar Project

Tribes in California fear that cultural resources will be destroyed by the construction of a solar project dubbed "Palen" that is being developed by Brightsource Energy. The project would place two 750-foot tall solar towers about 60 miles east of Indio, California; each tower would be surrounded by 85,000 reflecting mirrors. According to a report issued in June by the California Energy Commission, 75 cultural sites in the area of the Palen project could be affected by it.

At a meeting among tribal representatives, state officials and Brightsource Energy on July 22, critics spoke out. "Artifacts and cultural sites, they don't reproduce," said Arlene Kingery, tribal historic preservation officer for the Quechan tribe, reported *The Desert Sun*. "They're

taken, and they're put somewhere and destroyed. When they're gone, they're gone."

Tribal representatives also said their concerns were not being heard or taken into account. "There are limitations in how we get responses back and how our words are openly received," said Linda Otero of the Fort Mojave tribe. "You have to look at visual impact and analysis and really see what that means. For Native people, Mojave, along the river, it's different. We sacrificed so much, and we're sacrificing again."

A final environmental impact report is scheduled to come out August 23, at which point the Bureau of Land Management will be issuing its impact report as well, kicking off a 90-day public comment period.

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## Enhancing Journalism about Native Health

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) hopes media coverage of Native health will improve, thanks to a new partnership with the Native Health News Alliance.

The collaborative effort, NativeHealthNews.com, will serve as a health information cooperative for American Indian media. Any journalist who reports on Native health issues can create a user name, contribute thoughts and share links to their stories. The site will offer journalists reliable, pre-packaged background information on health issues and their particular concern to indigenous communities.

The project is funded by a \$157,537 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

Reporting kiosks will be a primary Native Health News Alliance feature, and NAJA will contract with freelance journalists to create the first news kiosks on breastfeeding and oral health. The kiosks will include a series of reports that include text, informational graphics, images and video reports as appropriate.

NativeHealthNews.com was developed in February 2012 through collaboration between NAJA members Teresa Trumbly Lamsam (Osage) and Rhonda LeValdo (Acoma Pueblo), who recognized a need for enhanced coverage of health issues facing their own Native communities. Lamsam, associate professor at the University of Nebraska Omaha, serves as Native Health News Alliance board president and executive editor.

"When the tragedy of disease is so prominent within your own families and communities, you either give in to it or you find that spark of resiliency," she said. "I chose to dig deep and find that spark and that's when it happened." <http://bit.ly/11uVODp> ☞

## Fire Destroys Colville Headquarters

*'Total loss' includes valuable tribal records*

A fire of unknown origin decimated the tribal headquarters on the Colville Indian Reservation in Nepelem, Washington on July 29. Business Council Chairman Mike Finley called the three-story building that housed the business council and support staff "a total loss." No injuries have been reported, but tribal records were lost in the incident, and services to residents will be affected. The building contained computers and personal items of the tribe's 14 council members, as well as files of support staff and other government offices. "The governing body no longer has a place to operate," Finley told *The Columbian*. "Our tribal government is homeless." <http://bit.ly/1aTx9BQ>

## Woman Joins Spokane Tribal Council

*First time in a quarter-century*

On July 12, Carol Evans was sworn in as a Spokane Tribal Council member—the first woman to hold that position since her mother, Pauline Stearns, 25 years before. "I'm here for the tribe, I am no better than anyone else," said Evans, stressing that she did believe her "woman-ness" could make a difference: "Women are important because they are caregivers, it is called Mother Earth for a reason. I believe that a wom-

an's perspective is important and may impact decisions." Asked if there was one thing in particular that she hopes to accomplish, Evans replied, "Bring the Spokane Tribe back together."

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## No Action on Harvest Camp Yet

*Officials seek 'middle ground' with protesters*

Iron County, Wisconsin has deferred action against the Penokee Harvest Camp, an enclave of protesters who are opposing iron mining in the Penokee mountains by setting up what authorities say is an illegal camp there. On July 30, the county board referred the issue back to the forestry commission, with instructions to work with the county and attorneys for the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe tribe to find a legal way to allow the camp to remain in the forest. "This decision gets the issue back where it needs to be in order to find a middle ground," said Harvest Camp spokesperson Paul DeMain. <http://bit.ly/13pVNsh>

## Close-up on Oil Sands Havoc

*Photo essay showcases effects*

For the last three years, photographer Ian Willms has been documenting the corrosive effects of oil extraction on First Nations land in Fort McKay and Fort Chipewyan, in northern Alberta. Now *The New York Times* is sharing some of his stark, haunting images on its

"Lens" blog. "A career in the oil sands may sound good to some people," Willms told the *Times*, "but really it is the death of their culture because it's taking the new generation to work toward a completely different way of life. And it's a way of life that embraces the destruction of their land."

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## Anchorage Has Highest Native Percentage

*Three of top 10 U.S. cities are in Oklahoma*

Anchorage, Alaska is the U.S. city with the highest percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives, who constitute 12.4 percent of its 291,826 residents, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. Rounding out the top 10 list are Tulsa, Oklahoma with a 9.2 percent Indian population, Norman, Oklahoma (8.1 percent), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (6.3 percent), Billings, Montana (6.0 percent), Albuquerque, New Mexico (6.0 percent), Green Bay, Wisconsin (5.4 percent), Tacoma, Washington (4.0 percent), Tempe, Arizona (3.9 percent), and Tucson, Arizona (3.8 percent). <http://bit.ly/15gJ2IH>

## Most of U.S. Will Feel Poverty

*Income inequality continues to grow*

More than four of five people in the U.S. will face near-poverty, joblessness or reliance on welfare at some point, according to new survey data provided exclusively to the

Associated Press by Professor Mark Rank of Washington University. Based on current trends, Rank said, by 2030 close to 85 percent of all adults 18-60 years will experience bouts of economic insecurity. "Poverty is no longer an issue of 'them,' it's an issue of 'us,'" he said. "Only when poverty is thought of as a mainstream event, rather than a fringe experience that just affects blacks and Hispanics, can we really begin to build broader support for programs that lift people in need." <http://bit.ly/18S28RH>

## Syndicated Host Hails Oneida Spirit

*Turning Stone anniversary occasion for praise*

Comparing the Oneida Indian Nation's entrepreneurial spirit to the vision that transformed a bone-dry desert into today's Las Vegas, nationally syndicated radio and TV host Armstrong Williams applauded the tribe's 20 years of innovation in a recent column in *Newsmax*. He specifically cited the Turning Stone Resort Casino's newest addition, the \$25 million multi-entertainment venue Exit 33 in Verona, New York. "Remarkably, it was undertaken by the same group of Native Americans who fought alongside George Washington and his men during the Revolutionary War," Williams wrote. "Today they are helping transform this country's landscape while delivering entertainment and creating hundreds of jobs in the process." <http://bit.ly/17Y2cel>

# Across State Lines

For Baby Veronica, a shift in legal focus—BY SUZETTE BREWER

**Bottom Line:** *Veronica Brown, storm center of an epic legal battle over the Indian Child Welfare Act, has been formally adopted by a white couple in South Carolina. But that does not mean that the fight over her fate has ended.*

Even before the adoption of Veronica Brown by Matt and Melanie Capobianco had been finalized in a South Carolina courtroom on July 31, the Native American Rights Fund had made good on a promise and filed a complaint in federal district court the night before, invoking the young girl's right to due process in a "meaningful hearing" to determine her best interest.

The suit, *V.B. v. Daniel E. Martin, Family Court for the Ninth Judicial Circuit*, declares that Veronica is a tribal member who remains an "Indian Child" under the Indian Child Welfare Act, and therefore "possesses a federally protected right" to a best interest hearing under federal law.

Supported by dozens of tribes, civil rights and child welfare groups, adoption advocacy organizations, legal authorities and Native American interests, the complaint seeks federal jurisdiction over the case and an injunction prohibiting South Carolina courts from further proceedings, pending a full and "meaningful" best interest hearing.

"Today, a family court in South Carolina finalized the adoption of an almost 4-year-old Cherokee child who has been living with her unquestionably fit, loving, biological father and large extended family, for one year and seven months, half a continent away in Oklahoma and Cherokee Nation," said Chrissi Nimmo, assistant attorney general for the Cherokee Nation. "This decision was made without a hearing to determine what is in Veronica's cur-

rent best interests and comes almost two years after the same family court found that Dusten Brown was a fit, loving parent and it would be in Veronica's best interests to be placed with her father."

"[The] court issued an order they acknowledge will cause my daughter to suffer harm," said Dusten Brown, Veronica's biological father. "They say she will likely become quiet and withdrawn and may cry herself to sleep. That the transfer will cause 'grief' and 'loss' and she will feel 'reject-

other child that's been put up for adoption, not to mention a child who is a tribal member and is living with a biological parent."

One example: the adoption was finalized without a current home study or psychological evaluation of any of the parties involved, which legal and child welfare experts say are standard operating procedures.

"It's called giving 'full faith and credit' to another state's order," said the expert. "[The legal team] is going to go into court to argue that full faith and credit should

not be given to the South Carolina order because the courts there did not follow the law. And Oklahoma, quite frankly, does not have to give full faith and credit if Veronica's constitutional right to due process has been denied."

Observers predict that with the shift in focus to Oklahoma, the battle will likely heat up. With nearly 40 tribes, including the Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma has the second largest American Indian population in the United States. And it has watched

the events in Adoptive Couple unfold in South Carolina with growing alarm and disgust.

"How is it that [former U.S. Solicitor General] Paul Clement, who wasn't even a party in this case, walks into the United States Supreme Court and insults every Indian tribe in the country by making this case about blood quantum and fiercely advocating for a 'best interest' hearing, only to have it shot down in South Carolina because the judges there think it's too hard?" asked one Tulsa lawyer who works exclusively in Indian Child Welfare Act cases. "It simply boggles the mind that any court would callously disregard the most important party in this case: Veronica herself. The fight is definitely not over."

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ed' by me and her family. They say it will leave her with many 'unanswered questions.' I will not voluntarily let my child go through that, no parent would."

But legal experts acknowledged that the fight over custody of Veronica has moved to a whole new legal level. "Everything will now move to Washington County, Oklahoma, where Veronica now resides," said a legal scholar who requested anonymity. "But it will require a bit of time for any order to be domesticated in that state. You may have an order from South Carolina, but guess what? Veronica's not in South Carolina. She's been domiciled in Oklahoma for 19 months and there's no way a court in Oklahoma is going to approve enforcement of this order without a normal, legal checklist of things that would be required for any

# Connor Tapped for Interior

Second-in-command nominee has Taos Pueblo roots—BY ROB CAPRICCIOSO

**Bottom Line:** *President Obama's nomination of Michael Connor to serve directly under Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is being widely hailed.*

Tribal leaders and Indian affairs officials are expressing optimism at President Obama's choice of Michael Connor, who has roots with the Taos Pueblo, to become the next Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Obama announced July 30 that Connor, who is currently Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at Interior and a former top aide to Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-New Mexico) at the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee from 2001 to 2009, is his nominee to fill the position. If confirmed, Connor would become second-in-command at Interior under Secretary Sally Jewell. David Hayes resigned from the job in June.

An Interior official, speaking on background, said Jewell is impressed with Connor's leadership style and strong connections on Capitol Hill, and she believes he has the necessary balance of policy expertise and management experience.

"She also liked that Mike has worked on some of the most difficult, intractable issues at Interior and (still!) enjoys the respect of his current and former colleagues and employees," the official said.

According to Interior, Connor would be the first person with ties to Indian country to serve in the number-two position at the department, which oversees many of the nation's federal Indian affairs. Although Connor is not an enrolled tribal citizen of the Taos Pueblo, his maternal grandmother was an original member of its water rights task force. His mother, though also not an enrolled citizen of the tribal nation, was half Taos, the Albuquerque Journal reported.

Tribal officials seem generally pleased. "Throughout his career,

Commissioner Connor has been a strong advocate for Indian country and issues affecting Indian country, particularly Indian water rights. His pragmatism and problem solving skills have earned him supporters from across the political spectrum," said Mark Macarro, chairman of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians. "The Pechanga Band strongly supports Commissioner Connor's nomination and hopes the Senate moves quickly to approve him as Deputy Secretary."

The National Congress of American Indians also applauded the nomination in a statement: "Mr. Connor's work with tribes in his role at the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee demonstrates he is well prepared for the important duties of the Deputy Secretary to uphold the federal trust responsibility. We are confident that Mr. Connor will be a strong partner for Indian country, and we look forward to working with him to advance our nation-to-nation relationship."



Connor: "Supporters from across the political spectrum."

Compared to Hayes—who received considerable scrutiny from tribal leaders for his work on some Indian issues, including the stalled *Carciari* fix, the flawed *Cobell* settlement, and internal organizational issues—Connor has a much stronger Indian affairs knowledge base, said Chris Stearns, a Navajo lawyer with Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker. Stearns, who became aware of Connor's work while in the Clinton administration and on Capitol Hill, called him "a relentless supporter of tribal rights, especially when it came to defending the federal trust responsibility." When Connor worked on the Energy Policy Act of 2005 as a staffer under Sen. Bingaman, he tried to preserve trust responsibility to tribes in the bill, Stearns recalled.

"When I worked with him...you didn't have to explain the trust responsibility, reserved rights, implicit divestiture or anything—he already knew it," Stearns said. "And he knew that tribes were fighting for those rights because they were also fighting for their culture."

Beyond his work in the Senate, Connor served at Interior's Indian Water Rights Office as director from 1999 to 2001 and as deputy director there from 1998 to 1999. He worked as a lawyer at multiple offices at Interior from 1993 to 1997, including the Southwestern Regional Solicitor's Office, the Division of Indian Affairs, and the Solicitor's Honors Program. He was a research assistant in the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado from 1991 to 1993, and he worked as a professional engineer in a variety of roles from 1984 to 1990.

Connor received a B.S. in chemical engineering from New Mexico State University and his J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School, where he studied Indian law under such figures as Charles Wilkinson and David Getches.

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# More Farm Bill Cuts

Food Stamps are just the start—BY ROB CAPRICCIOSO

**Bottom Line:** *House Republicans are targeting Native food assistance programs—including projects that would examine where that assistance is needed most and help tribes administer themselves.*

There was outrage when the House passed a farm bill on July 11 that left out funding for the national Food Stamp program on which many Native Americans rely on for sustenance. But that wasn't the only Native-friendly part of the bill that was chopped.

Another, lesser known, program contained in the Senate version of the farm bill (S. 954), which passed in June, included support for a feasibility study that would explore which tribes are able to administer federal food assistance programs and related services and activities. The bill would also create a mechanism to help more tribes be able to do so in the future. Tribes that do not want to take over the programs, or do not have the ability to do so, would not have to assume the responsibility.

Along with all other nutrition-focused items, Republicans in the House removed this tribal plan from their version of the bill.

That's not acceptable, said the National Congress of American Indians. "Since tribes have a duty to protect the welfare of their citizens, it should only follow that tribal governments should identify and possess greater control of the programs that will meet their needs," stated a briefing paper provided to Congress in May by the group.

Currently, federal and state officials administer the vast majority of Indian interactions with the hunger and nutrition safety net in America. In some cases this leads to poor outcomes for Indians, who are sometimes underserved or are not made aware of opportunities under the programs.

The National Congress notes that of the 15 federal food assistance programs, tribes are only eligible to administer three:

the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, and the Women, Infants, and Children program. There are some strong examples of tribes doing a good job in these areas, the National Congress says, thereby behooving organization leaders to believe it would be appropriate to increase their responsibilities.

Despite the House's avoidance of this issue, time has not run out for the tribal study. Senate and House leaders are still deciding whether they can devise a compromise to pass a farm bill that includes a food stamp program, and tribal advocates are hopeful that the study can be inserted

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into the final bill.

"Politically, there is much for both sides to like: Republicans like devolving things from the U.S. government to tribes, and Democrats like to support tribes in general, and especially when it comes to things like nutrition," said Paul Moorehead, an Indian affairs lawyer with Drinker Biddle & Reath. Moorehead said that the tribal push for the study is "in keeping with the trend toward tribes managing federal programs outside the two main agencies, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service."

"It is important that the feasibility study be included in the final bill," said Ryan Dreveskracht, an Indian affairs law-

yer with the firm of Galanda Broadman. "[A]s a general rule of thumb, when tribes are given control of their own affairs, performance will improve."


Many advocacy organizations and news outlets beyond Indian country are calling on Congress to merge the passed House and Senate bills into a single plan that supports both farms and hungry families. Congress has traditionally been able to agree to do this, so the possibility for the tribal study is alive.

Thom Wallace, spokesman for the National Congress, said the tribal study effort is "[b]asically a first step in allowing the tribes to administer SNAP (the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as Food Stamps)." Tribes have long been forthright about wanting to manage programs administered by the federal government, because they believe they can do a better job.

Wallace noted that the National Congress's recommendations were included in H.R. 1947, the House's rejected farm bill that included support for food stamps, but not in the House's passed H.R. 2642 farm bill because it stripped support for all nutrition programs.

The Senate's passed version of the farm bill, meanwhile, would require the Secretary of Agriculture to "conduct a study to determine the feasibility of a tribal demonstration project for tribes, in lieu of state agencies or other administering entities, to administer Federal food assistance programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof)." It is this version that tribal advocates are hoping becomes a part of the compromise legislation.

The Senate bill's language also says that the study would be a tool for determining which tribes are capable of taking over the administration of federal nutrition programs and would also create a pathway for a tribal demonstration project that could help more tribes become able to do so.

<http://bit.ly/16jLAQP> 



Q: What's wrong with this picture of the first meeting of the White House Council on Native American Affairs? A: There are no Natives present.



Penokee Harvest Camp in Wisconsin has been declared illegal, but county authorities are so far holding off on punitive action.



On July 12, Carol Evans became the first female Spokane Tribal Council member to hold that position since her mother, 25 years before.



The route of the Keystone XL pipeline may look ambitious, but President Obama says it would yield only a few dozen jobs.

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# Unemployment at Keystone

Obama: Reports of jobs are greatly exaggerated

**Bottom Line:** *Contrary to the estimates of proponents, the controversial Keystone XL pipeline would yield only a few dozen real jobs, President Obama says.*

The number of permanent, long-term jobs that will be created as a result of the Keystone XL pipeline will be minimal, President Obama said in a July 24 interview with *The New York Times* and again at a jobs-policy speech in Tennessee on July 30.

“Republicans have said that this would be a big jobs generator. There is no evidence that that’s true,” Obama told the *Times*. “And my hope would be that any reporter who is looking at the facts would take the time to confirm that the most realistic estimates are this might create maybe 2,000 jobs during the construction of the pipeline—which might take a year or two—and then after that we’re talking about somewhere between 50 and 100 jobs in an economy of 150 million working people.... That is a blip relative to the need.”

On July 30 Obama downgraded that estimate even further, implying that the pipeline would create a maximum of 50 or so jobs, Fox News reported.

In giving such a figure, he rejected the much higher numbers given by TransCanada, the company that would build the \$7 billion, 1,700-mile-long dual pipeline through several states from the oil sands of Alberta, Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Obama’s statements sent the media into a fact-checking frenzy. What about the 42,100 jobs that could result from the economic development, they asked—specifically, 3,900 construction jobs, with tens of thousands more resulting from the ripple effect over the one to two years it would take to build the pipeline?

The discrepancy arises over varying definitions of what constitutes a “job”. Is it a two-year construction gig that leaves someone out of work once the pipeline is built? Is it a rash of services such as sandwich joints to feed hungry workers? Or should only those who would provide long-term employment be counted among the beneficiaries of such an enormous project?

The State Department’s preliminary environmental assessment report on


“So what we also know...is...that that oil is going to be piped down to the Gulf to be sold on the world oil markets, so it does not bring down gas prices here in the United States,” he told the *Times*. “In fact, it might actually cause some gas prices in the Midwest to go up where currently they can’t ship some of that oil to world markets.”

Several major news organizations were skeptical about Obama’s miniscule job figures. “The president correctly characterized the project’s overall effect on U.S. employment but underestimated the number of jobs it would create,” said the Associated Press.

“When we had looked at this before, we concluded that all such estimates are subject to guesswork, but the most mainstream estimate appeared to come from the State Department—5,000 to 6,000 construction jobs per year,” *The Washington Post* said in its analysis, quoting earlier State Department figures. “Interestingly TransCanada, which would build the pipeline, had a very similar estimate for the two-year project—13,000 jobs, or 6,500 per year.”

As he did earlier this year in a major speech on climate change,

Obama also brought up what Keystone would mean in relation to carbon release and greenhouse gases. He spoke specifically of partnering with Canada for energy needs.

“There is a potential benefit for us integrating further with a reliable ally to the north our energy supplies,” the president said. “But I meant what I said; I’m going to evaluate this based on whether or not this is going to significantly contribute to carbon in our atmosphere. And there is no doubt that Canada at the source in those tar sands could potentially be doing more to mitigate carbon release.” <http://bit.ly/17YbTr3> 

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*—President Obama*

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Keystone, released on March 1, indeed put the number at “35 permanent and 15 temporary jobs, primarily for routine inspections, maintenance, and repairs” and added, “Based on this estimate, routine operation of the proposed pipeline would have negligible socioeconomic impacts.”

Proponents of the pipeline, however, count the temporary construction gigs and the ripple-effect economic development of Keystone as constituting full-blown employment. Opponents differ, especially because, as Obama pointed out, the oil won’t necessarily directly benefit the U.S. economy.

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## Upcoming Events

### 1ST ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

**SUMMIT AUGUST 7-8**

“Four Directions: Connecting the Warrior’s Journey, Transforming Veterans’ Lives and Communities” will address issues of readjustment, families and relationships, mental health and wellness, and education, training and employment.

**Location:** Hilton Hotel, Long Beach, California

### WYOMING NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

**AUGUST 8-9**

Coordinated by the Wyoming Department of Education, this fourth annual conference will feature a variety of discussions

and presentations, among them “Culture and Education: A Powerful Combination”, “Unpacking the Common Core”, and a College and Career Readiness Fair.

**Location:** Central Wyoming College, Riverton, Wyoming

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AUGUST 9

The theme of this year’s event is “Indigenous Peoples Building Alliances: Honoring Treaties, Agreements and Other Constructive Arrangements”, with an aim toward highlighting compacts among states, their citizens and indigenous peoples that were designed to recognize indigenous rights to their lands and establish a framework for cohabitation and economic relations.

**Location:** United Nations Headquarters, New York City

### NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY IN OHIO AUGUST 12-15

Geared toward community college faculty and administrators, this conference is an intensive examination of the history of Ohio’s Nine Historic Tribes and the role of the state as the frontier for land acquisition, treaty negotiation and removal. Presented through Native Americans in the Midwest-Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges.

**Location:** Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio

### BIENNIAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN RESERVED WATER RIGHTS AUGUST 13-15

Panel discussions with presenters involved in negotiated settlements representing tribal, state, local and federal governments; interest groups; congressional staff; and others. Co-sponsored by the Native American Rights Fund and the Western States Water Council.

**Location:** Hilton Santa Fe at Buffalo Thunder, Santa Fe, New Mexico

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Steve Russell’s commentary “Tribal Elections in the Indian Wars” (June 21) goes over the line with its wild, irresponsible and false allegations about my time in office. Perhaps Steve is thinking of the current Cherokee Nation chief, Bill John Baker, when he uses the phrase “master of cronyism.” Baker’s political housecleaning—replacing dedicated Cherokees with his own

personal favorites and his campaign supporters—has drawn attention all over the Cherokee Nation. By contrast, my administration was marked by a willingness to work with all Cherokees and even hire my own political opponents when they were the best-qualified people for the job.

Steve complains about and runs down the at-large candidates in the Cherokee

Nation election. If he was so disgruntled about them, he should have run himself; he was eligible. There was no anchor tied to his waist holding him back from filing for At-Large Councilmember. I bet he would be a good one.

*Chad Smith  
Former Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation*

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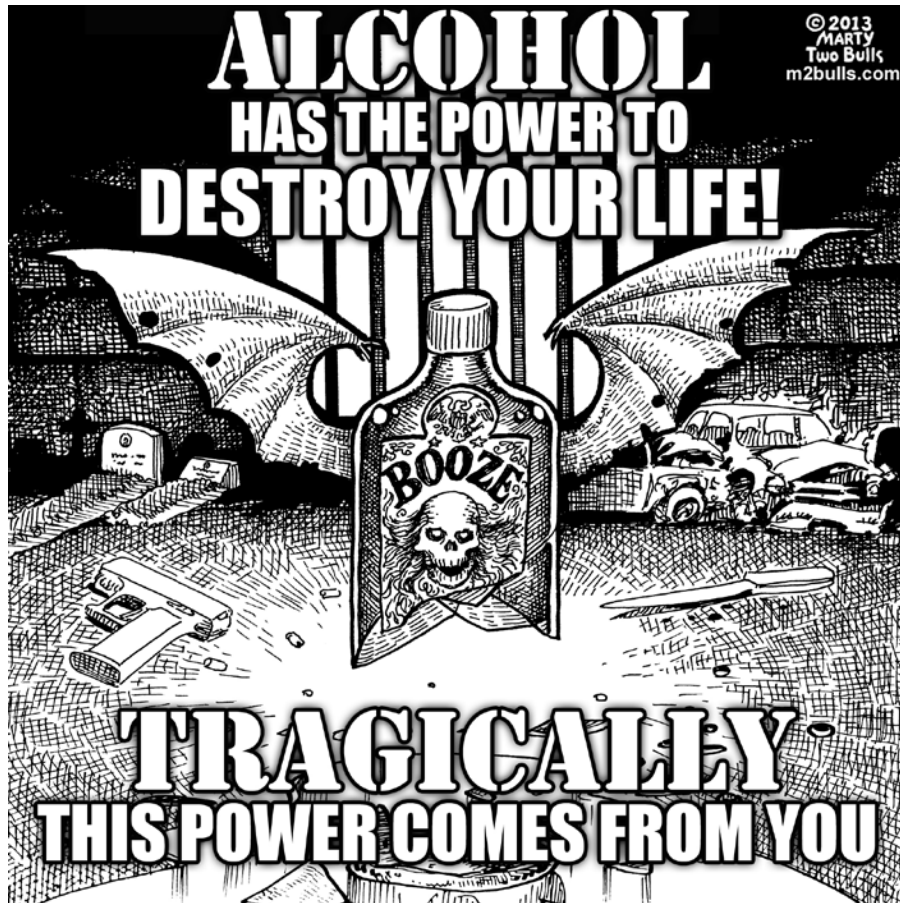
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## TOP NEWS ALERTS

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### ALEXIE'S BOOK YANKED—AGAIN

Add Rockaway Park, Queens to the growing list of school districts that have taken Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* off their reading lists. After complaints from parents, Public School/Middle School 114 announced on July 31 that the book and its mature themes would no longer be required summer reading. "It's about...masturbation—which is not appropriate for my child to learn at 11," complained Kelly-Ann McMullan-Preiss to the *New York Daily News*.

### TUNICA-BILOXI CHAIRMAN BARBRY WALKS ON

Earl Barbry Sr., chairman of the

Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana since 1978 and the longest serving leader of any federally recognized tribe, passed away on July 31 at the age of 62 after fighting cancer. Raised on the Tunica-Biloxi Reservation in Marksville, Barbry played a crucial role in winning federal recognition for his tribe in September 1981 and was instrumental in bringing the Paragon Casino & Resort to Marksville.

### CROCS CARES GIVES SHOES TO PINE RIDGE

Crocs Cares shoes, designed to benefit people with diabetes, were distributed at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation's pow wow grounds on August 2 during a health fare. The company's

wider and aerated product provides extra comfort for swollen diabetic feet. "Giving back has always been a priority for Crocs Cares," said Melissa Koester, the firm's manager.

### NEZ PERCE ELDER DROWNS AFTER A RESCUE

The Nez Perce Tribe is mourning the loss of Elmer Crow, Jr. 69, who drowned while saving his 7-year-old grandson on the evening of July 26. Crow's grandson was swimming with his cousin in the Buffalo Eddy of the Snake River when they were sucked underwater by the wake of a jet boat. The older child swam to shore and Crow perished as he rescued the younger boy. Crow worked in the construc-

tion industry and the Nez Perce Tribe Fishers Department's resident fisheries program.

### NEW PROTECTIONS FOR RED LAKE LAND

Dozens of parcels of land in Beltrami Island State Forest in Minnesota owned by the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe have received additional protection against encroachment. As reported by Minnesota Public Radio, the forest is popular with hikers and blueberry pickers, many of whom do not know that access is forbidden, because its "No Trespassing" signs often disappear. But new signs are up and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is asking visitors to obtain maps before setting out.

**Request for: Audit Service Proposals**

**Indian Land Tenure Foundation**

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) is requesting proposals for preparation of its yearly audited financial statements and related information for the 2013 fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. The audited financial statements must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

ILTF is a 501(c)(3) community foundation in Little Canada, Minnesota, providing grants and services to federally recognized Native American tribes and other organizations working with Native American land issues throughout the United States.

To view the complete RFP with proposal requirements, please visit <https://www.iltf.org/news/announcements/call-proposals-iltfs-audit-services>

Submit proposals by **August 31, 2013** to

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Contact D'Arcy Bordeaux at 651-766-8999  
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Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, Montana 59855, subsequently referred to as SKC, invites all qualified Independent Certified Public Accounting firms to submit proposals to perform the following audit of the financial statements and records of the SKC and its discrete entity, Salish Kootenai College Foundation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Please request a copy of the complete proposal requirements by e-mailing Hayward Coe ([Hayward\\_coe@skc.edu](mailto:Hayward_coe@skc.edu)). Please indicate **AUDIT PROPOSAL** in the subject line.

A mailed copy can be received by calling 406-275-4991.

*Proposals to provide these services must be submitted to SKC by 4:30 P.M., Thursday August 1, 2013.*

Note: The SKC reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in the bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the SKC.



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August 8 - August 11, Stampede Arena, Omak, Washington  
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**Passamaquoddy Indian Celebration at Sipayik**

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 902-897-9199  
[millbrookpowwow@hotmail.com](mailto:millbrookpowwow@hotmail.com)  
[MillbrookPowWow.wordpress.com](http://MillbrookPowWow.wordpress.com)

**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Fair and Pow Wow**

August 9 - August 11, High Elk-Rescounre-Ziegler Pow Wow Grounds,

Lower Brule, South Dakota  
 Contact: 605-473-8037  
[LBST.org](http://LBST.org)

**Grand Portage Rendezvous Days Celebration Pow Wow**

August 9 - August 11, Grand Portage Pow Wow Grounds, Grand Portage, Minnesota  
 Contact: 218-475-2800  
[danal@grandportage.com](mailto:danal@grandportage.com)  
[GrandPortage.com](http://GrandPortage.com)

**20th Annual Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Pow Wow**

August 9 - August 11, Pow Wow Arena, Niobrara, Nebraska  
 Contact: Gloria Hamilton  
 402-857-3519  
[gghamilton@poncatribes-ne.org](mailto:gghamilton@poncatribes-ne.org)  
[PoncaTribe-NE.org](http://PoncaTribe-NE.org)

**19th Annual Sacramento Contest Pow Wow**

August 9 - August 12, O'Neil Park, Sacramento, California  
 Contact: 916-804-7326  
[wailaki10@comcast.net](mailto:wailaki10@comcast.net)  
[SacPowWow.org](http://SacPowWow.org)

**Mascoutin Society of Chicagoland 57th Annual O-Sa-Wan Pow Wow**

August 10 - August 11, Will County Fair Atrium, Peotone, Illinois  
 Contact: 630-733-1968  
[kloehman@comcast.net](mailto:kloehman@comcast.net)  
[Mascoutin.com](http://Mascoutin.com)

**Robert Canada Friendship Pow Wow**

August 10 - August 11, Furgeson Elementary School, Hawaiian Gardens, California  
 Contact: 562-421-8285  
[HGCity.org](http://HGCity.org)

**Mother Earth's Creation Pow Wow**

August 10 - August 11, Pow Wow Grounds, Center Ossipee, New Hampshire  
 Contact: Henry Gelinus  
 603-323-8181  
[spiriteagle@motherearthscreation.com](mailto:spiriteagle@motherearthscreation.com)  
[MotherEarthsCreation.com](http://MotherEarthsCreation.com)

**Mid-Atlantic Unity Pow Wow**

August 10 - August 11, Airport Pavilion Lawn, Manteo, North Carolina  
 Contact: Marilyn Berry Morrison  
 757-477-3589  
[paco eagle1@ncalgonquians.com](mailto:paco eagle1@ncalgonquians.com)  
[NCAlgonquians.com](http://NCAlgonquians.com)

**Eighth Annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow**

August 10 - August 11, Bowe Field, Adams, Massachusetts  
 Contact: Susan Jameson  
 413-443-2481  
[humanityinconcert@earthlink.net](mailto:humanityinconcert@earthlink.net)  
[HealingWinds.net](http://HealingWinds.net)

**22nd Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow**

August 10- August 11, LTBB Pow Wow Grounds, Harbor Springs, Michigan  
 Contact: Annette VanDeCar  
 231-242-1427  
[avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
[OdawaHomecoming.com](http://OdawaHomecoming.com)

**2013 Stillaguamish Festival of the River & Pow Wow**

August 10 - August 11, River Meadows County Park, Arlington, Washington  
 Contact: 360-435-2755 x 22  
[mperez@stillaguamish.nsn.us](mailto:mperez@stillaguamish.nsn.us)  
[FestivalOfTheRiver.com](http://FestivalOfTheRiver.com)

**37th Annual Wichita Tribal Dance**

August 15 - August 18, Wichita Tribal Complex, Anadarko, Kansas  
 Contact: 405-247-2425 x 117  
[beth.parker@wichiatribes.com](mailto:beth.parker@wichiatribes.com)  
[WichitaTribe.com](http://WichitaTribe.com)

**12th Annual Circle of Nations Pow Wow**

August 16 - August 18, Cherokee Longhouse Farms, Lee, Maine  
 Contact: Shaman Red Deer or Secy Candee Blue Feathers  
 207-738-2477  
[globeprinting@yahoo.com](mailto:globeprinting@yahoo.com)  
[CherokeeBlackfeet.org](http://CherokeeBlackfeet.org)

**Fifth Annual Indian Center Pow Wow**

August 16 - August 18, 100 Military Road, Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Contact: 402-438-5231  
[IndianCenterInc.whhive.com](http://IndianCenterInc.whhive.com)

**SunWatch Flute and Art Festival**

August 16 - August 18, 2301 West River Road, Dayton, Ohio  
 Contact: 937-268-8199  
[guestservices@sunwatch.org](mailto:guestservices@sunwatch.org)  
[SunWatch.org](http://SunWatch.org)

**Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi**

August 16 - August 18, SMBSC Wacipi Grounds, Prior Lake, Minnesota  
 Contact: Tessa Lehto  
 952-445-8900  
[info@shakopeedakota.org](mailto:info@shakopeedakota.org)

[Shakopeedakota.org](http://Shakopeedakota.org)

**Native American Pow Wow/Encampment**

August 16 - August 18, Riverside Park Ypsilanti, Michigan  
 Contact: Shoshana  
 734-550-7094  
[info@heritageofhealing.com](mailto:info@heritageofhealing.com)  
[HeritageofHealing.org](http://HeritageofHealing.org)

**Manito Ahbee Festival**

August 16 - August 21, MTS Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
 Contact: Candice Hart  
 204-956-1849  
[powwow@manitoahbee.com](mailto:powwow@manitoahbee.com)  
[ManitoAhbee.com](http://ManitoAhbee.com)

**Grand Ronde Contest Pow Wow**

August 16 - August 18, Uyxat Pow Wow Grounds, Grand Ronde, Oregon  
 Contact: Dana Leno-Ainam  
 503-879-2037  
[dana.leno@grandronde.org](mailto:dana.leno@grandronde.org)  
[GrandRonde.org](http://GrandRonde.org)

**Gathering of the Eagles Pow Wow**

August 16 - August 18, Hessel Pow Wow Grounds, Hessel, Michigan  
 Contact: Lisa Burnside or Lana Causley  
 906-484-2298  
[lburnside@saultribe.net](mailto:lburnside@saultribe.net) or [lcausley@saultribe.net](mailto:lcausley@saultribe.net)

**Aroostook Band of Micmacs 19th Annual Mawiomí of Tribes**

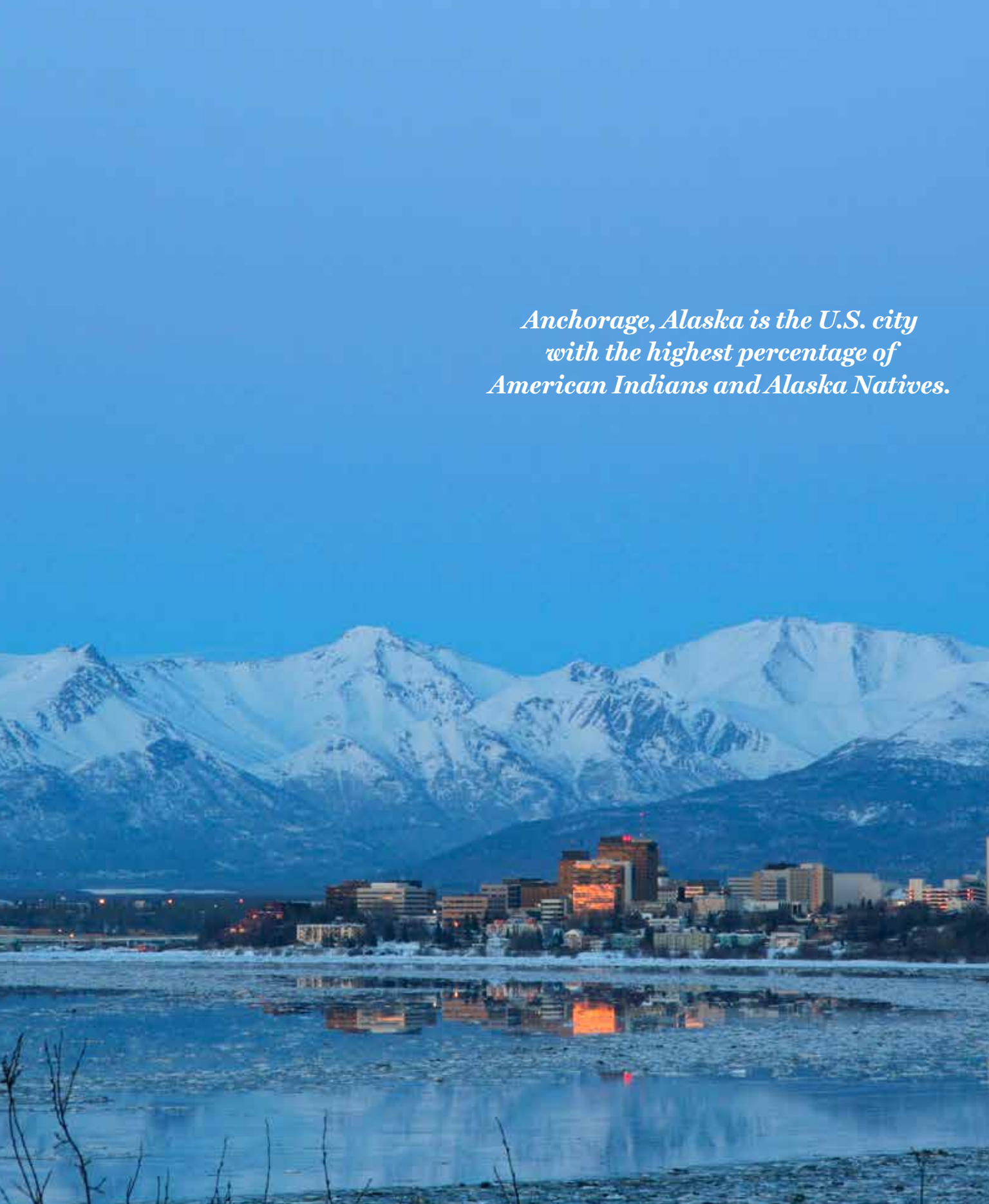
August 16 - August 18, Spruce Haven, Caribou, Maine  
 Contact: John Dennis  
 707-764-1972  
[jdennis@micmac-nsn.gov](mailto:jdennis@micmac-nsn.gov)  
[Micmac-NSN.gov](http://Micmac-NSN.gov)

**47th Annual Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Traditional Pow Wow**

August 16 - August 18, Iskigamizigan Pow Wow Grounds, Onamia, Minnesota  
 Contact: 320-532-7539  
[freedom\\_porter@yahoo.com](mailto:freedom_porter@yahoo.com)

**Festival of the Horse and Drum**

August 17 - August 18, Kane County Fairgrounds St. Charles, Illinois  
 Contact: Julie La Brake  
 630-524-0088  
[equusconcertsllc@gmail.com](mailto:equusconcertsllc@gmail.com)  
[FestivaloftheHorseandDrum.com](http://FestivaloftheHorseandDrum.com)



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