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### *A Letter from the Publisher*

*Shekóli.* “I tell my people to get ready. Get your smoke-houses back in shape. Don’t forget the ceremonies. That guy, the salmon, he’s coming back.” So goes a priceless saying by the immortal Billy Frank, who walked on early last week. His death was marked by sorrow and grieving and, ultimately, a celebration and remembrance throughout Indian country of his monumental achievements. From far and wide, sentiments poured in to his family and his nation, the Nisqually Indian Tribe of the Pacific Northwest. What Native cannot identify with the sentiments above? Whether or not we are speaking of salmon, there are any number of living creatures and plants we hold sacred and that must be nurtured to make the universe complete. When it comes to the proper stewardship of the land and nature’s gifts, no one led the way better than Billy Frank.



Frank met challenges of the industrial age with traditional knowledge—a marriage of defiance and diplomacy fueled by the fire of fighting for what is right. His informed efforts on behalf of tribal sovereignty, legally bound fishing rights on traditional territories and his quest for the general preservation of the environment can be traced back to his teens, when he was arrested for salmon fishing in 1945. Close to 30 years—and more than a few arrests—later, during the decade known as the fishing wars, Frank and his allies scored a court victory in 1974 known as the Boldt Decision, which upheld the traditional rights of the Salmon People to harvest the fish at the center of their culture, diet and religion. Recently, he

celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Boldt Decision, a high-water mark of a long and passionate life.

In addition to his unrelenting drive to protect his people, Frank lent his hard-won authority and leadership to many environmental efforts and appreciations of the outdoors. In the latter part of his career, he focused particularly on the preservation of habitat, as water quality and respect for the rivers and ocean grew as important as the monitoring of harvests and spawns. As noted in ICTMN’s tribute to him in this issue, his passing was mourned by a variety of public officials, including Presi-

dent Obama, and the groups with which he was closely associated, The Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. He was a man whose legacy cannot be weighed in words alone, but in the health and wellbeing of the innumerable people whose future has been made better by actions he took many years ago.

*NA ki’ wa,*

Ray Halbritter

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## Hate Speech Vs. Free Speech

**DaShanne Stokes**, a Lakota doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of Pittsburgh, considers the real implications of so-called “free speech” in a racial context:

What many free speech advocates overlook is that freedom of speech is not the only human right. People have other rights that are, if not equally important, even more important. The right to life and liberty, for example, often outweigh the right to free speech. Free speech proponents also tend to forget that it is not just the rights of those advocating free speech that must be respected. The rights of oth-

ers must be respected as well. That means we need to reconsider the positions of those advocating hatred and bigotry on claims of freedom of expression.

Fans of popular sports teams like the Cleveland Indians and the football team in Washington, for example, have become well known for their use of racial slurs like the R-word, for shouting obscenities and profanity, and for telling Native Americans to “Go back to the reservation.” Members of the Westboro Baptist Church have also become famous for their homophobic placards proclaiming that “God hates f\*gs.” These are signs which, it appears, may soon be replaced with offensive signs

proclaiming that “God hates Indians” or “God hates savages” if the group carries out its planned protest of the Alaska Native Heritage Center on June 1.

Numerous studies have shown that racial slurs and other hate filled commentaries can have a strong negative impact—that words, like sticks and stones, really do hurt. They have been shown to promote aggression and hostility and to incite hate. And such hate comes with a price.

In the end, it therefore becomes very clear that many instances of people supposedly exercising their right to free speech are actually instances of hate speech in disguise. <http://bit.ly/Rln8so> ☞

## The Literal Road To Tribal Happiness

*Tribal citizens face rough, often impassable, dirt roads that are the only routes to schools and jobs. Michael Willis of Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker LLP urges appropriate action:*

On April 29, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx put forward the “Grow America Act” bill, which stimulated congressional action on needed investment in the nation’s deteriorating road, bridge, and rail networks. The proposal falls short of the commitment required to reduce the historical funding inequities that have left many tribal roads systems stuck in the mud. Moreover, the viability of the proposal depends upon Congress adopting tax reform measures that generate new revenue to shore up the depleted

Highway Trust Fund—a big presumption, given partisan gridlock.

Most Indian tribes operate their own transportation departments with funding received through the Highway Trust Fund, and these tribal transportation programs are crucial to providing safe and reliable roads, bridges and transit services.

Representatives from Indian country have been working to build momentum for tribal transportation legislation that boosts funding and further empowers tribes to transform dangerous and deficient roads and bridges into transportation networks that can safely provide tribal citizens better access to services, resources and commerce. The National Congress of American Indians, the Intertribal Transportation Association

and the newly formed Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus have linked tribes and tribal organizations in an effort to develop and promote the “Tribal Transportation Unity Act,” a proposal for comprehensive tribal transportation legislation. The proposal urges the U.S. to deepen its commitment to infrastructure investment and transportation services in Indian Country through substantial funding increases, as well as providing tribal governments greater authority to plan, construct and operate transportation programs to meet tribal needs.

The Obama Administration’s “Grow America Act” reflects some of these priorities, but fails to contemplate the level of investment or the breadth of tribal authority contained in the Tribal Unity Act legislation. <http://bit.ly/1mCnzNs> ☞

## The Billy Frank I Knew

*Among the many tributes offered following the death of Billy Frank Jr. is this one from Ryan Wilson, Oglala Lakota, and president of the National Alliance to Save Native Languages:*

In 2008 the National Indian Education Association chose Billy to keynote its annual convention in Seattle, Washington. I had the honor of introducing Billy to the NIEA delegates. Three thousand members rose to their feet and delivered an ovation to both say thank you and provide encouragement.

His address rambled at first then caught rhythm and eventually caught fire. His

message was simple, schools had to integrate curriculum that taught Indian law, Indian rights, treaties, and so on, that we had to contextualize education and bring living history into our classrooms. That we had to own our educational destiny. As he concluded the delegates once again rose to their feet and gave him rock star treatment.

Election cycles never end, and on the heels of the 2000 upset of Slade Gorton the team got together again for the 2004 Presidential election. This effort culminated with the Native vote rally in the Tacoma Dome. Billy’s close friend the late Senator Daniel Inouye attended, as did other U.S. senators and a Washington state gubernatorial can-

didate Christine Gregoire (who won by 200 votes). While we were unsuccessful in the presidential election, Northwest and national politics had arrived at the reality that the Native vote counts—and that not only does it swing elections, it swings majority control in both houses of Congress.

Billy, as was true in the fishing wars, was on the front lines of the Native vote. When others were playing it safe with politics, he was swinging for the fences and fearless in spending or losing his personal political capital. If all leaders in Indian affairs showed this conviction and fortitude Indian country would be a lot better off. <http://bit.ly/RrNMA7> ☞

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## Obama's Climate Change Report Discusses Effects on Natives

Increasing forest fires, dwindling water supply, melting Arctic ice that makes hunting and other traditional activities dangerous, and forced relocation are just some of the effects of climate change on indigenous communities that are outlined in President Barack Obama's Third U.S. National Climate Assessment, released on May 6.

"The consequences of observed and projected climate change have and will undermine indigenous ways of life that have persisted for thousands of years," said the report. "Key vulnerabilities include the loss of traditional knowledge in the face of rapidly changing ecological conditions, increased food insecurity due to reduced availability of traditional foods, changing water availability, Arctic sea ice loss, permafrost thaw, and relocation from historic homelands."

Breaking down the effects in nine geographic regions of the U.S., the report dis-

cusses the danger to the 64 million people living in the Northeast; the water issues plaguing the southeast and Caribbean islands, highlighting their vulnerability to stronger extreme weather such as hurricanes; the threat to agricultural lands in the Midwest; rising temperatures in the Plains states, and the increases frequency and intensity of wildfires in the Southwest, the "hottest and driest region in the United States," the report said.

Specifically in indigenous regions, this means an exacerbation of factors that feed into poverty, malnutrition, scarce or sub-standard housing and a loss of cultural traditions.

"Climate change poses particular threats to Indigenous Peoples' health, well-being, and ways of life," the report said. "Chronic stresses such as extreme poverty are being exacerbated by climate change impacts such as reduced access to traditional foods, decreased water quality, and increasing exposure to health and safety hazards." <http://bit.ly/1kMqUCT>

## Assembly of First Nations Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo Resigns, Citing Education Act

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo announced his resignation on May 2, citing a standoff with the Canadian government over the controversial First Nations Education Act. Noting that Indigenous Peoples of Canada have been advocating for "Indian control of Indian education" since 1972, he said that "smashing the status quo" is the only way forward, and that children's education should be paramount.

"I have fought for this work and to achieve this mandate," he said in a statement. "This work is too important and I am not prepared to be an obstacle to it or a lightning rod distracting from the kids and their potential. I am therefore, today resigning as National Chief."

The First Nations Education Act has been sparking controversy since before it was drafted. In 2011 Atleo was criticized for working with the Minis-

try of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development to put together a panel to overhaul the country's education policies for Indigenous Peoples. When the final legislation was introduced late last year, First Nations almost unilaterally decried its inadequate funding and lack of attention to issues important to indigenous people. Even Atleo condemned it.

But many said he crossed a line in forging ahead with the panel and initially supporting the legislation, which was hailed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government, and at first Atleo as well, as historic.

"It is unfortunate that Mr. Atleo felt he could not carry through," said the Grand Chief Gordon Peters of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians. "The announcement this afternoon does not change our responsibility to ensure that we protect our children's education."

Atleo was midway through his second term, which he won in 2012. <http://bit.ly/1kF5vy8>

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## Eastern Band of Cherokee Replenishing Iconic White-Tailed Deer Population

The Eastern Band of Cherokee, deprived for centuries of the white-tailed deer that symbolize their culture, are in the process of getting their icon back.

Though deer are considered pests elsewhere, the Cherokee themselves have cherished the animal for 10,000 years or more. Although the deer do not currently exist on their own lands in what is today western North Carolina, the Cherokee once relied on them for clothing, meat and even glue.

Now a new program is taking deer from Morrow Mountain State Park in the Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina, where their eating habits and numbers threaten plant species, and transplanting them into the Eastern Band's 5,130-acre natural preserve on Cherokee tribal lands. The plan is to move up to 50 per year over the next three years. All are tagged, and 90 percent have been fitted with radio collars, according to the Eastern Band of Cherokee.

"We are tracking these deer and others released earlier to determine their movement patterns, whether they will form family groups, and if they will prosper in the years ahead," said tribal member Caleb Hickman, the supervisory biologist on the project. "Like the successful elk reintroduction that took place twelve years ago, these deer represent a stock in the future of wildlife on the Qualla Boundary."

In February, the Eastern Band of Cherokee's Fisheries and Wildlife Management department released 28 young deer onto the tribal lands. They plan more releases over the next three years. "As we learn more about this area and the ecology of deer in this area, we'll know more about what this area can support," said Mike LaVoie, program manager for Fisheries and Wildlife, to the *Smoky Mountain News*. <http://bit.ly/1obi0Cf>



## New Report Aims to Help Navajo Nation Cope With Climate Change

Climate change presents both challenges and opportunities for the Navajo Nation, says a new report from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Many tribes are seeing direct results of climate change, or are preparing for its projected effect on their communities. But the Navajo Nation's 27,000 square miles of varied terrain and climate, home to 170,000 people, faces multiple issues and challenges. The past year has brought drought, ice and flooding.

"It's not only that the Navajo Nation is facing serious climate challenges," said lead author Julie Nania, who with the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment at the university, wrote the report, "Considerations for Climate Change and Variability Adaptation on the Navajo Nation". "It's also that in some cases, they may be vulnerable to climate-related impacts, for example, because many people run livestock. On the other hand, they may be particularly well-poised to take leadership on adaptation planning, because they have the sovereign authority to address some of these issues very effectively."

The Navajo Nation has been gripped by drought since 1994. But it is not the worst drought to have hit the Southwest over the past 2,400 years, the report said. Working with resource managers on the Nation, the report's authors crafted a comprehensive plan to help the Navajo both identify the ways that climate change is affecting their land and lives, and to help them adapt.

Among the climate challenges facing the Navajo Nation, the report said, are a growing season that is 17 days longer than in the 20th century, streams that flow intermittently instead of year-round as they did in the past, and a projected increase in sand dunes that envelop homes and bury crop and ranchlands. <http://bit.ly/1fMk30e> 📱

## Nearly 1,200 Missing, Murdered Aboriginal Women in Canada: RCMP

The official tally of missing and murdered aboriginal women in Canada has hit nearly 1,186, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said on May 1. The police confirmed instances of 1,026 women murdered and 160 missing over the past 30 years.

Mounties Commissioner Bob Paulsen disclosed the figure to reporters after testifying before a parliamentary committee. The RCMP will release the full data within a month, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said.

Reaction has been swift and outraged. "The Ottawa area has about a million inhabitants," said New Democratic Party leader Tom Mulcair. "Imagine if a thousand women had been murdered or missing in Ottawa. Do you think we'd have to beg for an inquiry?"

The revelations sparked renewed calls for a national inquiry into the issue, which the government of Prime Minister

Stephen Harper has repeatedly said it would not do. Blaney told Parliament that an inquiry would not serve as much purpose as the \$25 million that has been allocated for the issue in the Conservative government's federal budget for 2014, the Canadian Press reported.

In all, aboriginal women are three times more likely to become the target of violence than non-aboriginal women, according to government data reported by the *Toronto Star* in January. Several high-profile cases over the years have brought attention to the matter. Last July the body of 25-year-old Bella Laboucan-McLean, the sister of environmental and indigenous-rights activist Melina Laboucan-Massimo, was found at the foot of a high-rise in Toronto. Earlier this year the murder of Inuit student Loretta Saunders, who had been researching the issue of missing and murdered aboriginal women for her thesis at Saint Mary's University, also attracted widespread attention. <http://bit.ly/1neSe01> 📱

## Oil Company Lauds Job Creation Upside to Pipeline Spills as First Nation Goes to Court

Oil conglomerate Kinder Morgan Canada, seeking to expand its pipeline through pristine First Nations territory in British Columbia, has suggested in its 15,000-page application to the National Energy Board (NEB) that spillage accidents actually carry within them the seeds for economic advancement.

"Pipeline spills can have both positive and negative effects on local and regional economies, both in the short- and long-term," the company, a subsidiary of Houston-based Kinder Morgan, stated. "Spill response and cleanup creates business and employment opportu-

nities for affected communities, regions, and cleanup service providers."

That, as the environmental news site Grist noted, "is a bit like claiming cancer caused by nuclear accidents can be great because it provides work for oncologists."

When questioned, Kinder Morgan Canada spokesman Michael Davies said that the company was merely complying with regulatory requirements. "No spill is acceptable to us," Davies told *The Vancouver Sun*. "While we are required by the National Energy Board to explore both the positive and negative socio-economic effects of a spill, it in no way means we accept the inevitability of a spill, nor justify one."

Kinder Morgan has drawn fire from

both sides of the U.S.-Canada border for its \$5.4 billion proposal, which involves more than doubling its capacity to draw bituminous crude from the Athabasca oil sands in Alberta to tanker terminals in Burnaby, British Columbia, and Anacortes and Ferndale, Washington.

On Friday May 2, Tsleil-Waututh Nation launched a legal challenge to the federal review process. "The Crown and NEB are running roughshod over our Aboriginal Title and Rights," Tsleil-Waututh Nation Chief Maureen Thomas said. "The process to review Kinder Morgan's proposed pipeline expansion and tanker project was designed without First Nations consultation or public participation." <http://bit.ly/1kYAIwo> 📱

## Nike Is Scored For Chief Wahoo

*Protest outside corporate headquarters*

A protest staged by the activist group Eradicating Offensive Native Mascotry outside Nike headquarters in Beaverton, Oregon on May 1 called upon the corporation to stop producing and selling merchandise that features the grinning, red-faced, cartoonish image of the Cleveland Indians' mascot, Chief Wahoo. "We ask that Nike live up to its dedication to inclusion," said the group's co-founder, Jacqueline Keller. "Selling items, such as a zip-up jacket, that is dually marked with 'Chief Wahoo' and the Nike 'Swoosh' makes a powerful allied statement about Nike's stance. It strongly suggests that Nike is excluding legitimate Native American concerns about the derogatory and offensive nature of Native stereotyping." <http://bit.ly/1jqI3VN> 📱

## Native Prayer At Nevada Graduation

*Baccalaureate service features cultural mix*

The baccalaureate service held at the University of Nevada-Reno on April 27 was conducted not only in its traditional Hindu but also included a Mormon choir, Christian blessings, and blessings from Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, Native American and Baha'i religious leaders who spoke in Arabic, Pali, Hebrew, Paiute and Spanish. Organized by the Universal Society of Hinduism in collaboration with UNR Diverse Organization of South Asians, the ceremony started

with the lighting of the traditional lamp before the statue of goddess Saraswati, patron of learning and the arts, and included a blessing of the upcoming graduates with wisdom from Vedas, Upanishads and Bhagavad-Gita. <http://bit.ly/1mvPoqC> 📱

## McCain Would 'Probably Change' Redskins Name

*Republican senator acknowledges offense*

Former Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain of Arizona is the latest public official to suggest that the name of the Washington Redskins team name be changed. On the May 2 segment of the Dan Patrick Show, he said he was inclined to alter the contentious name of the NFL franchise, adding that if he were team owner Dan Snyder, he would encourage a dialogue with leaders throughout Indian country on the subject. "Frankly I would probably change the name," he said. "Myself, I 'm not offended. You're not offended. But there are Native Americans who are." <http://bit.ly/R9rh2O> 📱

## No Sale of Child's Bloody Tunic

*Native artifact would have been auctioned*

A blood-stained "Northern Plains Indian Child's Tunic"—complete with bullet hole—set to be sold by the Toronto-based Waddington's auction house—was taken off the block following tribal protests. "We don't want to upset anybody," Waddington's president, Duncan McLean,

told the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, "so are withdrawing the item and returning it to the consignor." However, several other Native artifacts were sold from April 29th to May 1, including a pair of Lakota moccasins said to have been owned by Sitting Bull, which sold for \$9,000, a Sioux Saddle blanket and pouch (\$3,120) and an Iroquois False Face Society Mask (\$2,640). <http://bit.ly/RuFzei> 📱

## Government Sued Over Eagle Killings

*Wind turbines are at issue*

The American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is suing the federal government to stop bald and golden eagles from being killed in wind turbines. Under a new rule that the Interior Department announced in December, companies can apply for permits lasting from five to 30 years that exempt birds from being killed as collateral damage in connection with their wind-turbine and other industrial operations. In return, the department said, companies must prove they are doing as much as humanly possible to avoid such casualties. But critics, including the National Audubon Society, as well as the Osage Tribe and the American Bird Conservancy, say the measure constitutes permission for the wanton killing of eagles. <http://bit.ly/1mGjGaj> 📱

## Scholarships For Red Cloud Students

*Five high schoolers win Gates awards*

Five seniors at South Dakota's Red Cloud High School,

which serves Oglala Lakota students on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, have received prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarships, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The scholarships, which require a GPA of 3.3 or higher, a demonstration to academic excellence, leadership and community service, as well as eight personal essays, have gone to Kristian Big Crow, Ryan Hussman, Genriel Ribitsch, Colton Sierra and Caine Ghost Bear. In this round, over 56,000 students across the country applied, and only 1,000 were selected. To date, 64 Red Cloud Indian School students have earned the Gates scholarship—the highest number of any school of its size in the country. <http://bit.ly/1nsNcxj> 📱

## Santa Fe Railyard Is IFAM Venue

*Five high schoolers win Gates awards*

This year's Indigenous Fine Art Market will be held in the Santa Fe Railyard from August 21-23. The new showcase of American Indian art will overlap and compete with the established SWAIA Indian Market, which is in its 93rd year, and which will take place August 23-24. The two markets are within easy walking distance of a few blocks of each other; community groups have been advocating for the Railyard as a venue for years, and when it finally opened it was touted as "The New Plaza" because downtown Santa Fe has many issues with city and historical regulations. <http://bit.ly/1qjyUnb> 📱

# The Fire Of Billy Frank Jr.

One of Indian Country's greatest defenders walks on **BY GALE COUREY TOENSING**

**Bottom Line:** *Billy Frank Jr., who has died at the age of 83, made his reputation as a fierce advocate of fishing rights. But his unflagging zeal reflected as deep a commitment to the many needs of his people as could be found anywhere in Indian Country.*

He was called a living legend, a visionary leader, a hero, warrior, revolutionary, peacemaker, and a seminal figure in the Northwest coastal tribes' struggle to protect their sovereignty and assert their treaty fishing rights. And as word spread on May 5 that Billy Frank Jr. had walked on, expressions of condolence to his family and praise for his life and legacy poured forth.

A citizen of the Nisqually Indian Tribe and a fisherman of the sacred salmon, Frank became world renowned as the leader of the Northwestern "fish wars" in the 1960s and 1970s when protesters held "fish-ins" aimed specifically at asserting their treaty-protected fishing rights and, more broadly, their resistance to being culturally assimilated into American society.

Frank's death was announced by the Nisqually Indian Tribe near Olympia, Washington, "The Nisqually people are mourning the sudden passing of Billy Frank Jr. this morning," the tribe said on its website. "Billy dedicated his life to protecting our traditional way of life and our salmon. For more than 60 years, Billy was the center of action on behalf of the Nisqually people and of Native Americans throughout our country."

"Billy will always be in the hearts of Nisqually people," Nisqually Chairwoman Cynthia Iyall told Indian Country Today Media Network. "Not only was his amazing life's work something people here will remember but also he will be remembered for his presence on the level of being father and uncle. So many here called Billy Uncle—a sincere appreciation of having

him as a close family member. There are so many heavy hearts today and there will be for a long time to come. Possibly we can all have happiness in the fact that Billy was a true Nisqually and we were all blessed to have him in our lives."

Born in 1931, Frank was arrested for the first time for salmon fishing as a boy



*Billy Frank Jr., walked on May 5.*

in 1945. It was the first step on his lifelong effort to protect both tribal rights and the threatened or endangered anadromous salmon that migrate across the Pacific Ocean to spawn in the rushing streams and rivers of the northwest aboriginal territories where they hatched. The salmon are central to the identity of the northwest Salmon People, shaping their culture, diets, societies and religion, according to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC).

During the decade-long fish wars, Frank and his fellows protesters were repeatedly arrested and detained as they demanded the right to fish in their historical territories—a right that was guaranteed in 19th century treaties signed by the federal government in exchange for land ceded for white settlers.

Even President Obama noted Frank's multiple arrests and the strength of his

advocacy. "Today, thanks to his courage and determined effort, our resources are better protected, and more tribes are able to enjoy the rights preserved for them more than a century ago," Obama said. "Billy never stopped fighting to make sure future generations would be able to enjoy the outdoors as he did, and his passion on the issue of climate change should serve as an inspiration to us all."

Frank was "an undaunted defender of and respected elder statesman for tribal treaty fishing rights," Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn said in a statement. "His wisdom on the importance of conservation and the protection of natural resources has been recognized by all who love the great outdoors. Thanks to his leadership and years of hard work, we can continue to appreciate the great gifts of nature that are still with us and the tribes of the Pacific Northwest can still rely on the salmon to sustain them for generations to come. Thank you, Billy, for your tireless work for Indian country and our nation."

Frank and the fishing rights activists won a legal victory in 1974 when U.S. District Judge George Boldt affirmed the tribes' treaty-protected fishing rights—and the federal government's obligation to honor them—and established the tribes as natural resources co-managers with the State of Washington. The Supreme Court later upheld the Boldt decision.

"It was well known throughout the world that Billy was instrumental in bringing about the Boldt decision and people throughout the world hailed that victory," Brian Cladoosby, chairman of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and president of the National Congress of American Indians, told ICTMN. "We just celebrated the 40th anniversary of that achievement and, thank God, Billy was able to witness that celebration."

Cladoosby worked with Frank for the past 30 years of his political life on the



Swinomish council, the past 18 of them as chair. “I’m saddened by the tragic loss of a great warrior. He was class, he was genuine, he was real,” Cladoosby said. “What you saw is what you got. He wasn’t afraid to tell you how he felt. He wasn’t fake. He just loved his Indian people. He always told everybody, you have a story, tell your story, your kids have a story, our elders, we have a story to tell that others need to hear.”

Frank was particularly inspiring to the Wabanaki nations in Maine, where the Penobscot Nation is continuing the fight for treaty rights in a federal lawsuit against the state. Frank was scheduled to appear as a keynote speaker at the United South and Eastern Tribes semi-annual meeting in June, which is being hosted by the Wabanaki nations in Bar Harbor, Maine.

“Billy was an inspiration—as a river people and with fishing being a huge part of our identity it seems that in our struggle with the state over our rights within our river his name has surfaced often over the years as an example of what can happen when one person cares enough to act in a way he believes in,” Penobscot Chief Kirk Francis told ICTMN. “We all know about the historic Boldt decision, but it was obvious it was not about winning one case to him, but about a generational benefit for Indian people to protect our future, customs and cultural way of life. That example has served as a guide for us all in these fights.”

Frank did not stop his work once the Boldt decision was rendered, however. Since 1974, he had continued to advocate for tribal fishing rights, protection of the environment and the restoration of salmon habitat in the northwest.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy honored Frank’s “courageous environmental leadership,” calling him “an historic and heroic leader of his generation” and one of America’s “greatest voices for justice.” “Billy has been a close friend and partner to the Environmental Protection Agency over the past four decades ... and one of the most forward thinking environmental leaders of our time.

“His ability to bring together leaders



*Frank, chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, seen here hugging Bob Sison, a Nisqually elder.*

from all sectors to further the protection of critical natural resources resulted in a resurgence of momentum on natural resource conversation, cultural preservation, the protection of fish, treaty rights, and climate change,” she continued. “Through his tireless efforts, as a passionate voice for the protection of our air, water, and land, EPA’s own tribal efforts were strongly influenced in the early 1990s as we created an office to more directly address tribal issues across the country. We will, in that spirit, continue working to strengthen our government-to-government relationship and partnership with tribal citizens.”

In a 2012 column for ICTMN, Frank urged the federal government to take the lead on a salmon recovery effort.

“We are losing the battle for salmon recovery in western Washington because salmon habitat is being destroyed faster than it can be restored,” Frank wrote. “Despite massive cuts in harvest, careful use of hatcheries and a huge financial investment in restoration during the past four decades, salmon continue to decline along with their habitat. As the salmon disappear, so do our tribal cultures and treaty rights. We are at a crossroads, and we are running out of time.”

Frank continued his activism and environmental advocacy until the end of his life, traveling and speaking out at every opportunity. “Two weeks ago, the entire room fell silent at a tribal summit held at the Suquamish reservation in Washington to listen as Billy spoke forcefully and passionately about the need to tackle the

growing threat of climate change,” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said last week. “Billy shared a great sense of urgency that we come together as one people to work toward practical solutions to address its impacts. To honor his life of service, let us redouble our efforts to do everything we can to uphold our trust and treaty responsibilities and to partner with tribes across the country on caring for our lands, waters and wildlife.”

Last month, Tex “Red Tipped Arrow” Hall, chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation, testified with Frank at the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, “and he was still fighting to get full funding for the salmon,” Hall noted. “Billy never changed—he was always a fighter for the Northwest tribes, the salmon which he loved, and the treaties. He will always be a legend. He was a warrior and his legacy lives on in the lifeblood of the people, the fish, and the waters we depend upon.”

Brian Patterson, a citizen of the Oneida Indian Nation and president of USET, was at a meeting of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians where tribal leaders rose and paused in silent respect and reverence when Frank’s passing was announced.

“Billy was our Nelson Mandela,” Patterson said. “He was our great liberator by his example that led to the Boldt decision but also our great liberator in thought and spirit of being Indian.”

Referring to the question, “What does it mean to be Indian?,” which Sherman Alexie’s asked in his book *The Toughest Indian in the World*, Patterson said, after much reflection, “I would say it means being Billy Frank. We look around Indian country and we see a lot of great people that are like bright sparks of light, working to bring change for our children and our children’s children but when Billy was in the room, he brought the fire.

“Right now Indian country is grieving, the family is grieving. Their hearts are on the ground, the tears flow freely,” Patterson said, “but we’ll stand ready to dry those tears and lift those hearts off the ground and only then will we find comfort in the love and legacy that is Billy Frank.”

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# An Explosive Quinault Issue

An oil-train accident resonates across 3,000 miles

**Bottom Line:** As yet another train carrying Bakken crude exploded, the Quinault Indian Nation has sounded the alarm once again amid hearings on proposals to build oil-train terminals near the tribe's territory.

On April 30, 175 people packed a public hearing in Centralia, Washington, over a proposal to build an oil-train terminal near the territory of the Quinault Indian Nation. The next day, 13 cars of a 105-car train carrying crude from the Bakken oil fields derailed and exploded in downtown Lynchburg, Virginia.

No one in the 77,000-population city was hurt, but Quinault Indian Nation President Fawn Sharp did not waste an opportunity to draw attention to the perils of this type of shipping.

"What more proof do you need that oil trains are not safe, not wanted and have no place in western Washington?" Sharp said in a statement.

The Lynchburg explosion sent shoppers, office workers and residents scrambling to evacuate a 20-block area in a city just 200 miles from Washington, D.C. A few hours later, as The New York Times noted, the Department of Transportation said that a "long-awaited package of rules aimed at improving the safety of oil transport by rail had been sent Wednesday night to the White House for review."

Besides sending flames and a towering plume of dense black smoke skyward, some of the burning cars tipped into the James River, adjacent to the tracks. In all, 20,000 to 25,000 gallons of oil escaped, a spokesperson for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management told the Associated Press, though it was not clear how

much had burned and how much had entered the river.

There have been several explosions of trains carrying crude from the Bakken oil fields to rail terminals or refineries hundreds or thousands of miles away. The most tragic was the wreck of a Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway that broke free

year. Fishing and clamming attract thousands more."


Shipments of crude oil by railway have increased throughout the United States from 10,000 carloads in 2008 to upwards of 400,000 in 2013, according to E&E News. In Washington State, the company U.S. Development Group is looking to

build an oil terminal in the port of Grays Harbor on the Washington State coast that would ship 45,000 barrels of crude oil a day, the Associated Press reported. The \$80 million proposal is just one of several proposals that would enable the rail transport of millions of barrels of oil from the Bakken oil sands in North Dakota and Montana, the AP said.

"We oppose all of these for both economic and environmental reasons," Sharp said on April 22.

Dovetailing with concerns over the substances being shipped are worries about the infrastruc-

ture that would be used. Sharp noted the derailment of a grain train in Aberdeen, Washington, that spilled tons of its cargo. "We all thanked God that grain wasn't oil. It very well could have been oil," she said.

"Let's face it," she continued. "Our region is in danger. Our lands, our waters, our air, our livelihoods and even our lives are in danger because oil tycoons want to make more money and they don't care who they hurt to get it. The crashes that have taken place in Virginia, Quebec, North Dakota and other places should send a message to people, loud and clear. If you value your land, your water, your lifestyle and even the safety of your children, it is time to get involved and say no to Big Oil." <http://bit.ly/1fKmJep> 



Workers remove damaged CSX tanker cars that had been carrying crude oil before derailling and catching fire along the James River near downtown Lynchburg, Virginia on May 1.

of its brakes and rammed into the center of 6,000-population Lac-Mégantic, Quebec last July, killing 47 people. Since then there have been several other incidents, though without fatalities.

The Quinault have been raising the alarm for months about proposals to ship oil by rail to the Northwest for transport overseas, and even the federal government has found Bakken oil to be more flammable than regular crude. Besides the danger to ecosystems and sacred places, the transport of oil through the region could endanger the tourism and fisheries industries, Sharp said.

"Consider the number of jobs that are dependent on health fish and wildlife," she said. "The birdlife in Grays Harbor alone attracts thousands of tourists every

# Nations Unite On Fish Threat

Mining and environmental interests collide across  
U.S.-Canadian border **BY PAULA DOBBYN**

**Bottom Line:** *It has become an all-too-familiar story: Pristine waters. Salmon habitat. Sacred significance. Mining. And it is happening again.*

The Unuk River watershed, straddling the border between British Columbia and Alaska, is on track to become ground zero in a struggle to stop the world's largest open-pit mine, Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell (KSM). The fight is uniting First Nations and Alaska Natives as they battle to preserve stewardship of the pristine region. And it is just one of five massive projects proposed for the region.

If KSM secures the financing and the regulatory go-ahead, the giant mine would turn 6,500 acres of pristine land into an industrial zone that would generate more than 10 billion pounds of copper and 38 million ounces of gold, according to a project summary. As with any large mine, it would employ a hefty workforce—in this case mostly Canadians—and create taxes and royalty payments. But it would also produce a slew of waste.

With its remote headwaters in British Columbia, the Unuk River is one of the world's most prolific salmon waters. An international river, the Unuk flows into neighboring southeast Alaska and its temperate rainforest, the 17-million-acre Tongass National Forest, a place of towering coastal mountains, tidewater glaciers and fog-shrouded islands. It empties into Misty Fjords National Monument, an attraction for cruise ship passengers viewing glaciers, bears and whales that dot Alaska's Inside Passage. It also supports large runs of king salmon.

"The consequences for salmon runs on both sides of the border could be devastating, yet Alaskans would see none of the economic benefit," wrote *National Geographic* Explorer-in-Residence Michael Fay in a 2011 letter to British Columbia Premier Christy Clark, signed by

nearly 40 other scientists.

Seabridge Gold, the mine developer, expects KSM to generate more than two billion tons of acidic waste rock called tailings, a byproduct of the mining process than can be lethal to fish. The tailings would be held behind two huge dams—each taller than the Hoover dam—built in the headwaters of the Nass River, one of British Columbia's most important salmon rivers.

Because KSM is located in sensitive fish habitat, it has raised the ire of Southeast Alaska tribes, fishermen and some Canadian First Nations. They joined forces in early April, forming a cross-border working group to develop a unified strategy to protect their interests.

KSM is one of more than a dozen mines planned for northern B.C., including five located in salmon-bearing watersheds that arise in Canada and drain into Alaska. The British Columbia government is encouraging the mines' development, offering tax breaks and relaxed environmental rules. Also spurring development is the construction of a new power line extending electricity into the northwest corner of the province, bordering Alaska. The transboundary projects include Red Chris, Schaft Creek, Galore Creek and Tulsequah Chief. The international rivers they could affect are the Taku, Stikine and Unuk, some of Southeast Alaska's top salmon rivers.

Fishing, seafood processing and tourism are key economic drivers in Southeast Alaska. The seafood industry produced \$641 million worth of fish in 2011, which created 17,500 jobs and \$468 million in wages. A million visitors tour the area every year, spending about \$1 billion.

Tribes have passed numerous resolutions of concern about how KSM and the other transboundary mines could potentially contaminate the region, including their traditional fishing grounds. Recently a delegation of tribal leaders

and fishermen flew to Washington, D.C. to lobby for State Department intervention. They delivered a letter signed by 40 businesses, groups and individuals asking for help.

The Environmental Protection Agency has raised issues regarding the KSM project, mirroring the tribes' concerns. The Interior Department has urged Seabridge Gold to consult with Alaska tribes regarding fishing and clean water. Recently Seabridge sent its vice president for environmental affairs to Alaska to participate in a tribal meeting on Prince of Wales Island near Ketchikan regarding KSM. Seabridge's Brent Murphy told the Juneau Empire that "the overwhelming design philosophy for the KSM project is the protection of downstream environments and that is ensuring protection also for Alaskans."

But Seabridge's assurances have done little to allay skepticism. "This is a direct threat to the lifestyle and culture of our tribes' 29,000-plus members," said Richard Peterson, the newly elected president of Alaska's largest tribe, the Juneau-based Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. At Peterson's urging, the Central Council adopted a resolution giving Southeast Alaska's 19 federally recognized tribes the green light to work with First Nations to try to slow the development of the transboundary mines.

Not all B.C. First Nations oppose the KSM mine or the other transboundary projects. The Gitksan and Nisga'a Nations support the mine's development. But others, including the Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs, who live downstream from where the KSM waste facility would be located, are opposed.

"Nass River fish are critical for the food security of the Gitanyow," said Kevin Koch, a fish and wildlife biologist with Gitanyow Fisheries Authority. "KSM poses a major threat to the Gitanyow way of life." <http://bit.ly/Rm2gRY> ☘





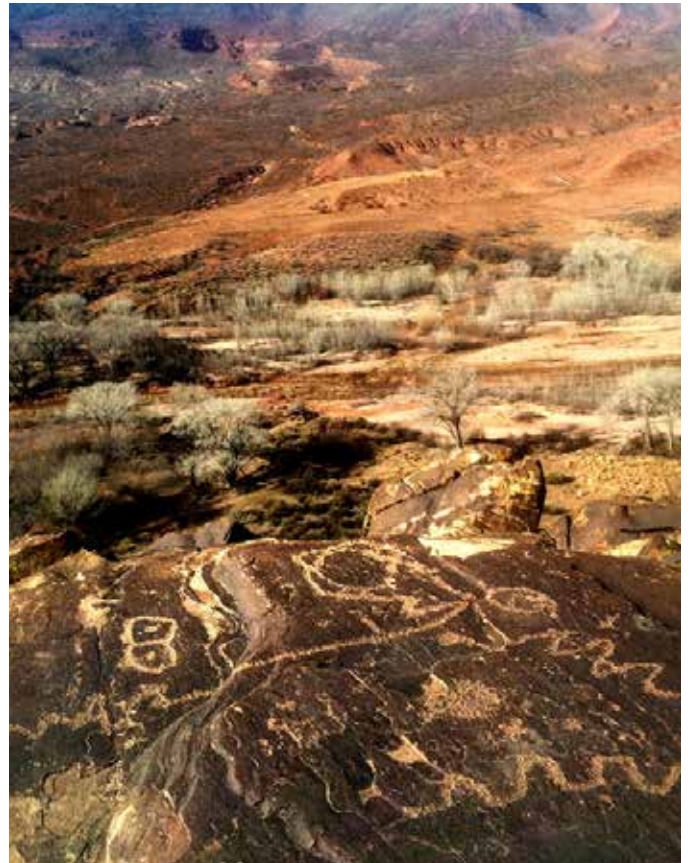
*Dale Woodruff has been dancing for about two years and credits his wife for encouraging him.*



*Kivalina, Alaska, is an example of the many Native villages suffering from climate change.*



*Renowned artist and former Seminole Nation Principal Chief Enoch Kelly Haney, left, and Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby*



*Petroglyphs loom over Southern Utah's Anasazi Valley. A fight is being fought over their preservation.*

## Employment Opportunities

### Accounts Receivable Manager

Salary Range: \$60,736 - \$75,920

Exempt, Full-time, 40 hours/week

The purpose of this position is to serve as the first level supervisory of this department under the Revenue Cycle Management, performing full range of administrative technical and supervisory duties.

#### Essential Duties:

- Serves as the Manager, who oversees the development, implementation and updating of Corporation policies regarding Collections.
- Supervises and coordinates and distributes workload. Incumbent is responsible for work planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of subordinates work in the field of patient collection activities. Interprets regulations, requirements and procedures. Provides explanation on the inter-relationship of the various facets of the Revenue Cycle Management operations, Medical Records Department, Patient Accounts, Patient Registration, activities and functions related to specified situations or problems.
- Assures that internal controls are maintained for use in evaluation quantity and quality of employee production.
- Approves and disapproves annual and sick leave base on workload.
- Supervises and directs the Accounts Receivable Department.
- Conducts staff meetings and conferences with staff to explain work requirements, methods and procedures as needed.
- Reviews periodic reports submitted by staff to monitor activities, anticipate problems and ensure accurate recording or transactions on accounting system; compiles data for written work.
- Analyzes and resolves complex or difficult problems presented by subordinates and Revenue Cycle staff.

#### Experience:

Three years of Specialized accounting experience in accounts receivable and collection processes and two years supervisor experience overseeing patient collection services within a health care or hospital setting.

#### Education:

Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Finance or related field

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Exempt, Full-time, 40 hours/week

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#### Essential Duties:

- Plans, organizes, directs, staffs and controls Patient Registration/Admissions operations and activities; oversees the financial counseling, insurance verification, pre-registration, service scheduling, point of service collections and related, activities; ensures assigned areas conform to Tsehootsooi Medical Center goals, objectives and requirements
- Plans, assigns, directs, and monitors the work of subordinate staff.
- Develops, recommends and implements policies and procedures for Patient Registration/Admission to ensure consistency.
- Prepares and administers annual budget.
- Provides technical assistance to management.
- Conducts meetings and gives presentation regarding Patient Registration.
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Five (5) years of increasingly responsible professional experience related to health care access or patient financial services, including at least one year in a hospital or health care setting; and at least one (1) year in a lead or supervisory capacity.

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Apply at: [www.fdihb.org](http://www.fdihb.org)

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## Looking to make a difference?

The Native Village of Eyak is accepting resumes for an executive director who is dedicated, energetic and open to developing a variety of tribally relevant projects for the betterment of the Tribe and community. Successful applicants will recognize the challenges that face Tribes in Alaska, and work to enhance existing programs and create long term economic and cultural sustainability. NVE manages several multi-million dollar projects and many culturally significant programs including Indian Health Service/HRSA clinic, fisheries management research and capital projects.

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Send resumes to [kerin@eyak-nsn.gov](mailto:kerin@eyak-nsn.gov), mail to Native Village of Eyak, Human Resources P.O. Box 1388, Cordova, AK 99574 or fax to 907-424-7739. Full job descriptions and more information about

The Native Village of Eyak available at [www.eyak-nsn.gov](http://www.eyak-nsn.gov).



# Headlines from the Web

## FEDERAL JUDGE PROMISES QUICK DECISION IN CHEROKEE FREEDMEN CASE

<http://bit.ly/1jeXVLq>

## NEW TOP LEADERS NAMED FOR CHUKCHANSI TRIBE COUNCIL

<http://bit.ly/1jeYiFO>

## CITY ASKS SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW ONEIDA PLANT DISPUTE

<http://gbpg.net/Qjo0x1>

## G.O.P. HOPEFUL FINDS TRIBAL TIE CUTS BOTH WAYS

<http://nyti.ms/1mDhKLq>

## MEMBERS BOOTED FROM ROLLING HILLS TRIBE FOR NOT MEETING ANCESTRAL CRITERIA

<http://bit.ly/1sm5kLa>

## DEMOCRATS WILL OPPOSE ANY SEMINOLE COMPACT THEY DON'T HELP WRITE

<http://bit.ly/1np0Q4o>

## Upcoming Events

### UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES MAY 12-23

This year's theme, "Principles of Good Governance Associated with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Articles 3 to 6 and 46," will include among its provision agenda items the election of officers; dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples; a comprehensive dialogue with U.N. agencies and funds; and a half-day discussion on the Asian region. **Location:** Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

### LINKING GENERATIONS BY STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS FACILITATOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING MAY 14-16

Sponsored by the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA), this three-day intensive training session provides individuals with the knowledge and skills to implement a 14-week program that assists parents and families in enhancing their capacity to promote strong, healthy and positive relationships. Such basic concepts as attitudes, learning,

self-worth, relationships, love, and interaction and communication will be addressed. **Location:** Crown Plaza San Diego, San Diego, California

### WORLD INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION MAY 19-24

The WIPC:E, the largest venue for indigenous education in the world, has since its inception attracted attendees from around the globe to discuss contemporary movements in education that support their unique indigenous worldviews. This year's formal theme is E Mau Ana Ka Mo'olelo ("Our Narratives Endure"), an edict to perpetuate the cultures through the transmission of rituals and oral tradition. Formal keynote presentations and workshops will be complemented by excursions, music and dance performances and celebratory meals.

**Location:** Kapi'olani Community College, Oahu, Hawaii

### TRIBAL COURT TRIAL ADVOCACY TRAINING MAY 19-22

Topics will include a tribal panel on the Violence Against Women's Re-authorization Act of 2013; trial preparation; opening

statements; direct examination; exhibits and evidentiary foundations; cross examination; impeachment; closing arguments, opposing strategies and sentencing conditions; and information from the Veteran's Affairs representative regarding services available for those eligible veterans. Break-out sessions will be devoted to prosecution, defense and judicial issues. Sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Office of Justice Service, Division of Tribal Justice Support.

**Location:** Red Lion Colonial Inn, Helena, Montana

### NATIVE WELLNESS INSTITUTE TRAINING MAY 20-22

Promoting the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health of North America's indigenous peoples, the Native Wellness Institute this year is sponsoring four simultaneous training programs: "Problem Gambling Awareness & Prevention", "Adults Working with Native Youth Outdoor and Wilderness Awareness", "Healthy Relationships Training of Trainers", and "Native Paleo". Attendees are requested to register for only one program.

**Location:** Tulalip Resort Casino, Tulalip, Washington

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re your article about Suquamish actor Martin Sensmeier ("Man Crush Monday," April 28):

I love hearing about men who mentor kids and are positive role models for them. Martin seems like an awesome guy, a role model for Native Americans, but also for all boys of every ethnicity and nationality. He's fit, he's a stand-up

guy, a man of integrity and decency who wants to help his people, especially the children. He's awesome and I wish him all the success in the world. I'll happily support his endeavors in any way I can, like sharing his film on Facebook. Thanks for the head's up.

— Michael Bowler  
Los Angeles, California

I have added your post to my Facebook pages and to my Twitter account. I hadn't been watching the WGN series Salem, in which Martin Sensmeier will be appearing, but I'll start. Now I am off to YouTube to watch the trailer for his film K'ina Kil.

— Maria Seager  
South Pasadena, California

Let us know what you think. To have your letter to the editor considered for publication, please email us at [editor@ictmn.com](mailto:editor@ictmn.com)



## Standing Rock Housing Authority

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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**POSITION:** SRHA Executive Housing Director  
Full Time Permanent

**LOCATION:** STANDING ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY  
Fort Yates, North Dakota

**OPENING DATE:** May 2, 2014

**CLOSING DATE:** June 6, 2014 (Close of Business)

**SALARY LEVEL:** Negotiable-DOQ (Full Benefit Package)

**SUPERVISION:** Reports Directly to SRHA Board of  
Commissioners

#### Job Summary:

Under the supervision of the Standing Rock Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of the Standing Rock Housing Authority. The Authority manages over 900 rental, tax credit, and mutual homeownership properties, and also administers construction and rehabilitation programs for managed units and qualified private homes within the boundaries of the Standing Rock Housing Authority, Fort Yates, in North Dakota. The authority currently manages approximately 35 permanent full-time employees.

The Executive Director exercises control of the administrative and operational functions of the Authority. This high-level position involves a broad range of activities, including complex grant and budget management, grant application and resource development, personnel supervision and development, and over sight of construction, rehabilitation and maintenance. The Executive Director ensures that the Authority's activities conform to federal, tribal, and Board requirements.

The Executive Director is also designated as the Authority's Contracting Officer and executes all legal, financial and budgetary documents on its behalf. The ideal candidate will be a high caliber individual with experience in Indian housing regulation and operations, housing construction, budget development, fiscal management, planning and supervision of 35 or more employees for a minimum of four years in a responsible management position with a public agency or private organization. Familiarity with social and economic issues related to Indian housing as well as knowledge of community and public organizations is highly desirable.

#### Indian Preference:

The Standing Rock Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer. However, in the event of equally qualified candidates, the law governing Indian preference shall be applied and Indian preference will be given accordance with P.L. 93-638.

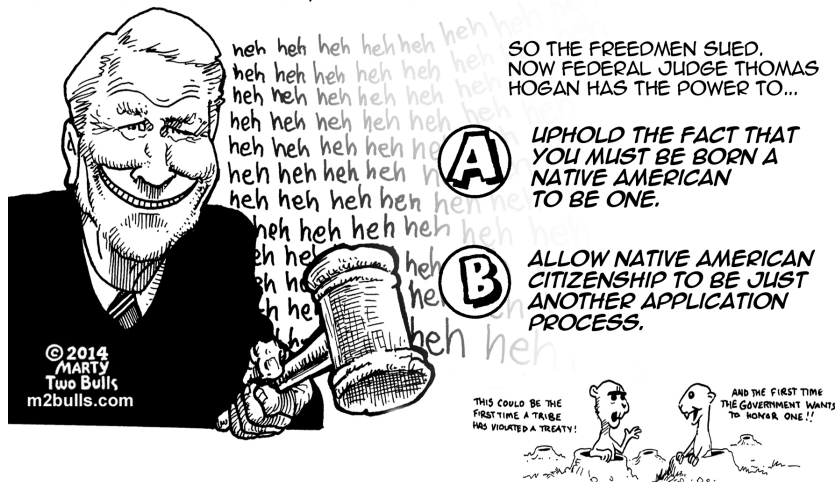
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P.O. Box 769 Fort Yates, North Dakota 58538 [ehertel@westriv.com](mailto:ehertel@westriv.com).

## THE FREEDMEN ISSUE AT A GLANCE

### The Cherokee owned slaves.

AFTER LOSING THE CIVIL WAR, THE CHEROKEE HAD TO SIGN THE TREATY OF 1866, WERE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR TRADITIONAL LANDS AND MOVE TO OKLAHOMA—AND TAKE THEIR SLAVES (FREEDMEN) WITH THEM AS CITIZENS OF THEIR TRIBE.

THEN, IN 2007, THE CHEROKEE TRIBE VOTED TO MAKE TRIBAL CITIZENSHIP BASED ON CHEROKEE BLOODLINES, EFFECTIVELY KICKING OUT THE FREEDMEN.



## TOP NEWS ALERTS

From IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com

### NORTHERN ARAPAHO MAN RUNS IN WYOMING

Sergio Maldonado Sr., a member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe, announced his candidacy for the Wyoming legislature on May 5. Maldonado, a Democrat, is seeking to represent the state senate district that includes the Wind River Reservation. The diversity coordinator for and a liberal arts instructor at Central Wyoming College, he was appointed to the national Advisory Council on Indian Education in 1989 by President George H.W. Bush. SEMINOLES CAN'T SUE FLORIDA ON TAXES

The Seminole Tribe may not sue the state of Florida over fuel taxes, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled. Although the tribe had sought a refund for taxes paid on fuel purchased off the reservation, the court

n a unanimous decision issued on May 5 dismissed the suit, saying the state was protected by sovereign immunity. "An Indian tribe can sue a state and its departments in federal court only if Congress has validly abrogated the immunity of the state or if the state has waived its immunity," the court wrote, "but neither of those conditions has occurred here."

### JEWELL ANNOUNCES SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

As part of the Obama administration's Climate Action Plan, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell on May 7 announced the approval of the 200-megawatt Moapa Solar Energy Center Project on tribal trust land in Nevada. She also announced that nine federally recognized tribes were awarded Tribal Energy Development Capacity

grants totaling over \$700,000. The grants, provided by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs' Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, fund projects that help build tribal capacity for energy and mineral resource development, including renewable energy projects.

### COLORADO COUNTY APOLOGIZES FOR REMOVAL

More than 125 years after the U.S. Army forcibly removed the Uncompahgre Utes from what is now southwest Colorado, San Miguel County Commissioners offered a collective apology. "San Miguel County apologizes to the Uncompahgre Ute people and their descendants for their forced removal from western Colorado in 1881 and their relocation to Utah," the commissioners' resolution read. The 1868 Treaty with the Ute

had promised the Ute people all of the Colorado west of longitude 107 degrees west.

### NAVAJO AGREE TO WILD HORSE PLAN

The Navajo Nation has agreed with the Foundation to Protect New Mexico Wildlife, founded by actor Robert Redford and former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, on a plan to save thousands of horses on the reservation from being sent to slaughterhouses. Navajo President Ben Shelly had previously supported a return to domestic horse slaughter because some 75,000 feral horses were causing environmental damage to the range. But the new agreement "calls for adoptions, triages, veterinarian services, sanctuaries and funding to feed the animals," the Associated Press reported.

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## BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

In re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena,  
Montana, a Montana Religious Corporation Sole  
(Diocese of Helena)  
Case No. 14-60074

## YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR GENERAL CLAIM AGAINST THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF HELENA, MONTANA

On January 31, 2014, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena, Montana, ("Debtor") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code.

## THE LAST DAY TO FILE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR GENERAL CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTOR IS AUGUST 11, 2014 AT 4:30 P.M. (MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME)

## IF YOU WERE ABUSED BY ANY PERSON CONNECTED WITH THE DEBTOR OR HAVE A UNSECURED CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTOR, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM BY AUGUST 11, 2014 AT 4:30 P.M. (MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME)

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim and associated documents please (a) visit the Debtor's website at <http://www.diocesehelena.org/>; (b) call the Debtor's toll-free hotline at 800-584-8914; or (c) call the Official Committee Of Unsecured Creditors appointed in this case at 866-622-3105.



## UPCOMING POW WOWS

### **Tunica-Biloxi Pow Wow**

5/16/14 – 5/18/14  
Chief Joseph “Alcide” Pierite  
Pow Wow Grounds  
711 Paragon Place  
Marksville, LA  
800-946-1946  
[TunicaPowWow.org](http://TunicaPowWow.org)

### **Oakville Indian Mounds Multicultural Indian Event**

5/16/14 – 5/17/14  
Oakville Indian Mounds Education Center  
1219 County Road 187  
Danville, AL  
256.905.2494  
[oakville@lawrenceal.org](mailto:oakville@lawrenceal.org)  
[OakvilleIndianMounds.com](http://OakvilleIndianMounds.com)

### **7th Annual Ontelaunee Park Intertribal Pow Wow**

5/16/14 – 5/18/14  
Ontelaunee Park  
7344 Kings Highway Road  
New Tripoli, PA  
484-941-1317  
[ontelauneepowwow@yahoo.com](mailto:ontelauneepowwow@yahoo.com)  
[Facebook.com/pages/Ontelaunee-Pow-wow/154346537949911](https://Facebook.com/pages/Ontelaunee-Pow-wow/154346537949911)

### **5th Annual Susanville Indian Rancheria’s Memorial Pow Wow**

5/16/14 – 5/18/14  
195 Russell Avenue  
Susanville, CA  
530-257-5449  
[info@sir-powwow.com](mailto:info@sir-powwow.com)  
[SIR-PowWow.com](http://SIR-PowWow.com)

### **25th Veterans of the Menominee Nation - Gathering of Warriors Pow Wow**

5/16/14 – 5/18/14  
Woodland Bowl  
N559 Liberty Road  
Keshena, WI  
715-851-4748  
[westmartin@new.rr.com](mailto:westmartin@new.rr.com)

### **22nd Annual Monacan Pow Wow**

5/16/14 – 5/18/14  
Route 130 West  
Elon, VA  
434-946-0389  
[mnation538@aol.com](mailto:mnation538@aol.com)  
[MonacanNation.com](http://MonacanNation.com)

### **Tesoro Cultural Center’s Indian Market and Contest Pow Wow**

5/17/14 – 5/18/14  
Tesoro Cultural Center  
19192 Highway 8  
Morrison, CO  
303-433-7020  
[coneill@csg-pr.com](mailto:coneill@csg-pr.com)  
[TesoroCulturalCenter.org/Calendar.html](http://TesoroCulturalCenter.org/Calendar.html)

### **Eagle and Condor Intertribal Pow Wow**

5/17/14 – 5/18/14  
DeAnza Park  
Ontario, CA  
[elkwhistle@whitepathmusic.org](mailto:elkwhistle@whitepathmusic.org)  
[Facebook.com/EagleAndCondorIntertribal-Powwow](https://Facebook.com/EagleAndCondorIntertribal-Powwow)

### **Stillwater Indian Education Pow Wow**

5/17/14  
Highland Park Elementary Gymnasium  
400 South Drury Street  
Stillwater, OK  
918-346-1571  
[bilyeu@stillwaterschools.com](mailto:bilyeu@stillwaterschools.com)  
[StillwaterSchools.com](http://StillwaterSchools.com)

### **5th Annual “Honoring Our Warriors” Gourd Dance**

5/17/14  
580 South Navajo Route 6830  
Birdsprings, AZ  
[curley.jason@hotmail.com](mailto:curley.jason@hotmail.com)  
928-587-4852  
[Facebook.com/Annual.BirdspringsGourd-Dance](https://Facebook.com/Annual.BirdspringsGourd-Dance)

### **Annual Grandmother Morning Dove Pow Wow**

5/17/14 – 5/18/14  
336 Nimble Hill Road  
Newington, NH  
603-651-8769  
[nhinac.Weebly.com/annual-grandmother-morning-dove-powwow.html](http://nhinac.Weebly.com/annual-grandmother-morning-dove-powwow.html)

### **13th Annual Big Sandy Rancheria Pow Wow and Gathering**

5/17/14 – 5/18/14  
37802 Jose Basin Road  
Auberry, CA  
559-855-4003 ext 219  
[BigSandyRancheria.com](http://BigSandyRancheria.com)

### **United Native American Cultural Center’s 19th Annual “Unity Days” Pow Wow**

5/17/14 – 5/18/14  
United Native American Cultural Center  
29 Antietam Street  
Devens, MA  
978-772-1306  
[inuitwoman@aol.com](mailto:inuitwoman@aol.com)  
[UNACC.org](http://UNACC.org)

### **Honoring Of The Elders Intertribal Pow wow**

5/17/14 – 5/18/14  
Tamworth Camping Area  
194 Depot Road  
Tamworth, NH  
603-617-5852  
[honoringoftheelders@gmail.com](mailto:honoringoftheelders@gmail.com)

### **29th “In Honor of Our Children” Pow Wow**

5/17/14  
Kelso High School Gym  
1904 Allen Street  
Kelso, WA  
[Kelso.wednet.edu/Programs/IndianEducation/Powwow.aspx](http://Kelso.wednet.edu/Programs/IndianEducation/Powwow.aspx)

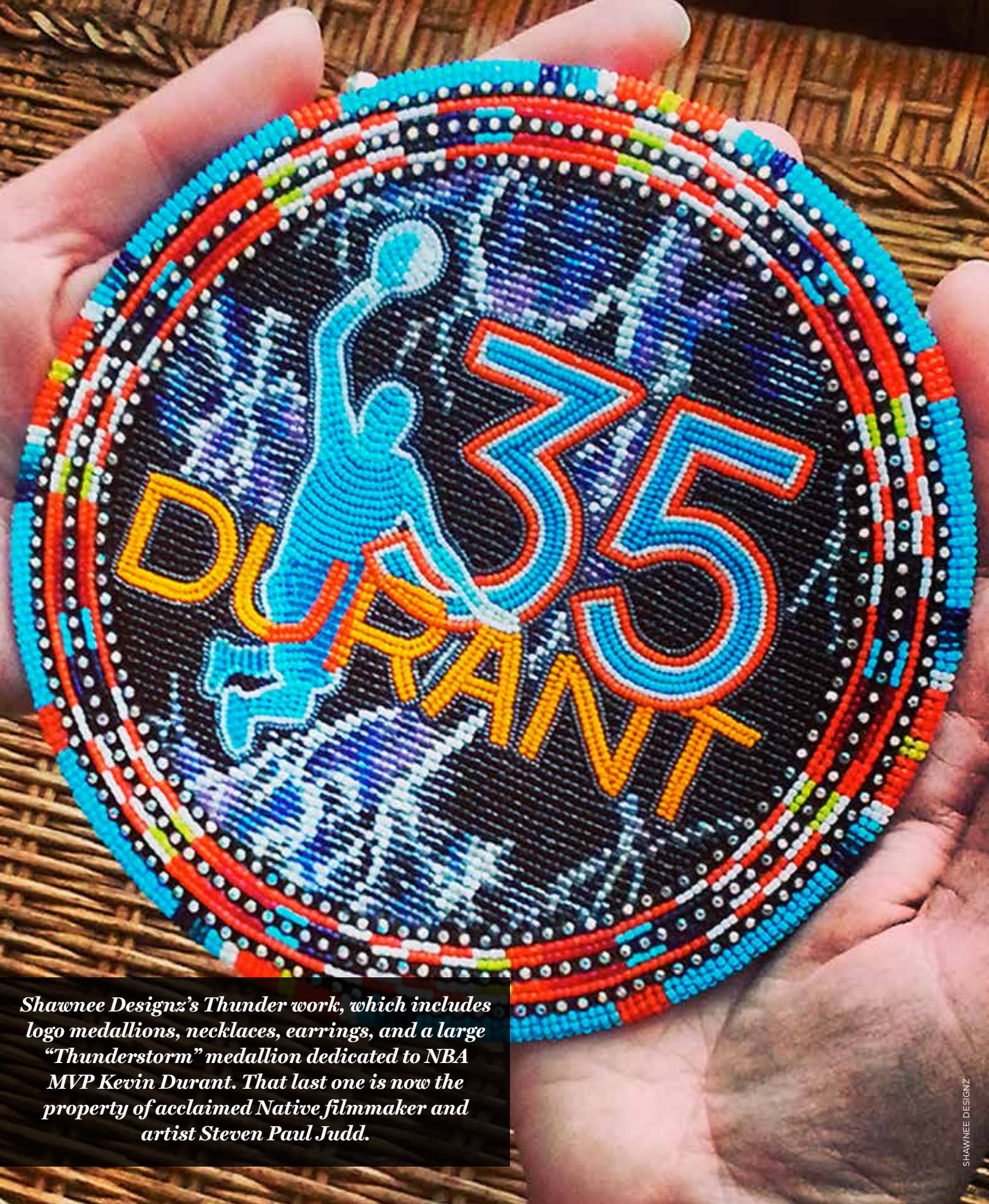
### **21st Annual Drums on the Pocomoke Pow Wow**

5/17/14 – 5/18/14  
Cypress Park  
Pocomoke City, MD  
302-381-3698  
[bearseeseagles@msn.com](mailto:bearseeseagles@msn.com)  
[AssateaguePeopleofDelMarva.org/](http://AssateaguePeopleofDelMarva.org/)

### **150th Anniversary Sand Creek Anniversary “New Beginnings” Pow Wow**

5/18/14  
University of Denver  
2199 S University Boulevard  
Denver, CO  
720-935-6168  
[veagle@du.edu](mailto:veagle@du.edu)  
[DU.edu/cme/powwow.html](http://DU.edu/cme/powwow.html)





*Shawnee Designz's Thunder work, which includes logo medallions, necklaces, earrings, and a large "Thunderstorm" medallion dedicated to NBA MVP Kevin Durant. That last one is now the property of acclaimed Native filmmaker and artist Steven Paul Judd.*

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