



# THIS WEEK FROM Indian Country TODAY

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## *A Letter from the Publisher*

*Shekóli.* This week I had the honor of addressing the General Assembly of the National Congress of American Indians at its annual convention to provide an update on the growing fight against the National Football League's persistent use of the 'R-word'—a dictionary defined racial slur. Much has been accomplished in the last year by the Change the Mascot campaign, which joined the decades-long fight led by such leaders as Suzan Shown Harjo and Amanda Blackhorse and many others. Working with NCAI and tribal leaders, Change the Mascot's call to action was reinforced countless times in recent months, as numerous civil rights organizations, religious leaders and public health groups have added their voices to ours. A growing list of major news organizations have banned use of the word and members of Congress of both parties have spoken out against it, as has the United Nations and, significantly, the President of the United States.

Next Sunday we will join thousands of other Native peoples, political leaders and supporters in Minnesota at a rally to make clear that the campaign to stop the \$9 billion a year NFL machine from continuing to promote and profit from the use of this racial epithet is more than a campaign against a team name. It is a campaign against the institutionalization and commercialization of a racial slur by the NFL - an organization that is looked to, and indeed responsible for, setting examples for millions of people around the country and the world to see and embrace.

But this is not just a campaign against something; it is much bigger than a football team's name. It is a campaign FOR something. It is



a campaign calling for the ideals of mutual respect. It is a campaign for a country that believes in honoring its diversity, rather than soiling it as it allows the continued use of a hurtful mascot.

It is a campaign for all of the children of color in this country and around the world who deserve NOT to be told by a professional sports league that it is okay for them to be denigrated on the basis of their alleged skin color. On Sunday, we know we will receive the support of Indian country and many others, as we assemble before Washington's next game with the mayor of Minneapolis, Representatives from the state assembly, leaders of the Mille Lac and White Earth Bands, members of Idle No More, the NAACP and other coalitions against racist mascots. Moreover, we hope

our peaceful and impactful gathering will set an example for all sports fans, particularly the young ones, that the abusive and bullying behavior of the NFL will not be tolerated.

In the end, that is what this campaign is all about ... creating a better quality of life for our children, and the future generations yet to come.

NA Ki wa,

Ray Halbritter

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### A Tribal Park for a Tribal People

*In 1942, the War Department seized 385,000 acres of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for a gunnery range and told its 900 Lakota families to move out within two weeks. More than seven decades later, Oglala Sioux Tribe President Bryan Brewer takes up their cause:*

In the 1960s, the United States gave our displaced families a chance to buy back their own lands, and many did. The federal government restored the grazing, mineral and other rights to 133,000 acres to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, understanding

that we would jointly co-manage the land as a Tribal National Park. Since 1976, the tribe has had a plan to build a cultural heritage center at the Park. But we could never agree with the National Park Service on how to proceed.

In 1999, President Clinton pledged \$26 million to build our Lakota Heritage Center. Unfortunately, we could not reach the necessary agreement on the Tribal National Park, and the funding that was pledged lapsed at the end of his term.

For the past several years the Oglala Sioux Tribe has been working with the National Park Service on the Tribal Na-

tional Park. Proposed legislation would recognize the Oglala Sioux Tribe as a federally recognized Indian tribe, with the right of self-government, as well as the development of a Lakota Heritage Education Center within the Tribal National Park. The bill also authorizes cooperative agreements with the tribe to carry out the interpretive functions, development of cultural and historical materials, buffalo management, and other park matters.

In sum, we have a chance to promote economic development and create jobs through respectful tourism that honors the heritage of our Oglala Lakota Nation. <http://bit.ly/1rniwfW> ☞

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### Signs of Hope in Recovering Native Languages

*The 30 fellows who recently participated in a graduation ceremony at the Ministry of Culture in Lima, Peru can speak eleven Amazonian languages and three Andean languages. José Barreiro, assistant director for research (history and culture) of the National Museum of the American Indian, is encouraged by their fluency:*

Many difficult issues face Native people in the effort to preserve and promote ancestral languages. Efforts at bilingual education have too often stressed the use of Quechua, for example, simply as a path to fluency in the

dominant Spanish. Despite many good efforts, bilingual teachers complain of incomplete training and poor resources, and Quechua-speaking youth continue to lead in school drop out rates.

Still, it was empowering to witness the graduation scene, so redolent with hope for the strengthening of Native voices. I had been asked to address the group and could but encourage their cultural commitment and their recognition and appreciation for each other, as indigenous peoples from many different nations. I witnessed what they had shown me: their clear heart and good intent for their languages and cultures; their sense of their home territories and communities; their

passionately expressed commitment to help each of their peoples engage the pressures of the national society.

One of the younger leaders, Rafael del Aguila, told me proudly how his group had successfully completed a fully approved alphabet for their Sharanahua language. “Now we can go ahead and produce good textbooks in our language,” he said. “We need to write all of our myth stories, we need to rescue a lot of knowledge that our elders have.”

The fellows were heading home to their communities the next day, poised to work directly with their people. They could not have looked happier. <http://bit.ly/1sYQP2A> ☞

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### The Benefits of Bipartisanship

*Robert Odawi Porter, a former president of the Seneca Nation of Indians, celebrates the recent signing of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act—which will ensure that Indian people do not have to pay taxes on most benefits they receive from their own tribal governments—as a rare and welcome example of crossing party lines:*

From the very beginning, the advocates for Indian country approached passage of the Act with the goal of seeking bipartisan support. Reps. Devin Nunes (R-California) and Ron Kind

(D-Wisconsin) were sponsors of the House version of the bill; Sens. Jerry Moran (R-Kansas) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-North Dakota) sponsored the Senate version.

Entering September, our forces secured the support of 51 congressmen and 22 senators from both parties. Through the leadership of Rep. Nunes, we were able to get traction by getting the bill passed in the House by unanimous consent when it came back in session, just after Labor Day, on September 16. Two days later, the Senate also approved the bill by unanimous consent and sent it to President Obama for his signature.

What should we learn from this success? I believe that if we focus on people rather than parties in the U.S. political system, Indian Country will be better off in the long run. There are champions for Indian people in Congress who are both Democrats and Republicans, just as there are antagonists for Indian people on both sides. If we reward those who help us when it matters and vote against those who hurt us when we can least afford it—regardless of their political affiliation—Indian Country can find increasing influence in the American political process for many years to come. <http://bit.ly/11XmAi1> ☞



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Under the direction of the UTTC board of directors, the effective UTTC president will provide professional commitment and exemplary leadership toward....

1. Protecting the assets of the institution – people, land, facilities and resources.
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3. Seeking, organizing, managing and evaluating those human, physical and financial resources essential toward accomplishing the mission, goals and strategic plans of the college.
4. Actively attending to and sustaining institutional accreditation status, program certifications, unqualified audits and professional staff credentials.
5. Exercising effective management and communication skills for the engagement of institutional stakeholders (i.e., board members, executive management, program directors, staff and students) in achieving common goals and purposes, and in planning for the future.
6. Establishing and utilizing partnerships and networks within private and public sectors to promote common educational, research and public service objectives.
7. Representing the general needs, interests, successes and accomplishments of Tribal colleges and universities, Tribally-controlled educational institutions, and Native American communities

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1. Visionary Tribal Leadership – understanding of the governmental status, issues, needs and interests of federally-recognized Indian Nations, reservation-based and off-reservation Native populations, and Native families; will have demonstrated leadership roles at state, regional and national levels to proactively address Native American issues.
2. Tribally-controlled Education – understanding of the history of Native American education, Tribally-controlled education models, Tribal colleges and universities, and the place of Tribal education institutions in contemporary education cultures; will have demonstrated a high level of commitment and advocacy for Native American issues.

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6. Elementary Education – familiarity with the general funding support and operation of a K-8th grade elementary school.
7. 1994 Land Grant Programs: familiarity with the history, program opportunities, funding and impacts related to Tribal college land grant programs.
8. Organizational Leadership & Management – understanding about intercollegiate management structures, committees, work groups and staffing; familiarity with personnel policies and procedures; ability to work positively with the Human Resources Office.
9. Communications Skills – understanding about communications skills: writing and speaking clearly and informatively, ability to make formal and informal presentations, ethical and appropriate use of technology and social media for communications purposes; understanding about maintaining and exercising confidentiality; demonstrating effective interpersonal skills to facilitate constructive and collegial human relationships.
10. Business Acumen – understanding about the timing and implications of business-related decisions; experience with budgeting processes and audits.
11. Problem-solving – ability to identify problems and challenges, and to use various methodologies to address these in a timely manner.
12. Data Analyses – understanding the value of data collection and analyses for decision-making purposes; familiarity with IPEDS, AIMS/AKIS, etc.
13. Facilities Management – familiarity with the development, planning, construction and maintenance of institutional facilities.

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14. Strategic Planning – understanding about short-term and long-term strategic planning.
15. Research: understanding about the role and place of institutional research in seeking answers to questions relevant to the education of Native Americans; familiarity with research methodologies and the role of IRBs.
16. Marketing/Public Relations – understanding about the importance of institutional image, branding, marketing, public relations, social media, and recruiting.
17. Technology - familiarity with technology applications related to general administration, business management, communications, information sharing, and school safety.
18. Ethics – understanding about the value of exercising ethical behavior in professional roles; being able to maintain personnel confidentiality (including FERPA); commitment toward protecting institutional assets; representing the college with integrity.
19. Respect for Diversity – understanding about human, intercollegiate and corporate diversity.
20. Conflict Management – understanding about how to mediate conflicts toward constructive resolution.
7. Active working experience with governmental agencies including the U.S. Department of Education (DoE), DoI/Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Department of Labor, National Science Foundation (NSF), Economic Development Administration, (EDA), N.D. Indian Affairs Commission (NDIAC), N.D. University System (NDUS), etc.
8. Demonstrated leadership roles in networking with professional organizations related to education including the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), American Indian College Fund (AICF), National Indian Education Association (NIEA), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), First Americans Land-grant Consortium (FALCON), N.D. Association of Tribal Colleges (NDATC), etc.
9. Formal experience with research projects, methodologies and interpretive studies.
10. Exemplary writing skills as evidenced by articles and publications authored by the candidate.
11. Working knowledge and practice with various technology systems and applications including word processing, financial management spreadsheets, student data records, social media, etc.

## **SUPERVISION:**

Supervises: Legal, Human Resources Director, all Vice-Presidents, Development Director, Office of Public Information, Administration staff, WIA Director, Institutional Research, Director, DeMaND Director, BIA Law Enforcement Initiative, Baccalaureate Degree development, Institutional Training, USDA Land Grant Director, Cultural Arts-Interpretive Center, WIA Director, EDA University Center/FEMA, ND/SD NABDC Director, TTAP Director, Tribal College Financial and Empowerment Initiative; and special event programs such as Commencement, annual Pow-wow, annual Tribal Leaders Summit, etc.

## **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

Office setting with 90% of the time sitting, keyboarding, and on the phone.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

The ideal UTTC presidential candidate will possess the following:

1. Doctorate credential required in education, educational leadership, adult education, higher education administration or related fields from an accredited institution of higher education.
2. At least 7 years of successful experience in higher education with the experience preferred working in an executive management position of a Tribal college or university.
3. Experience and participation in working directly with institutional self-studies and education accreditation processes including those related to the NCA-Higher Learning Commission, state accreditation entities and professional certification organizations.
4. Extensive grant and contract management experience with private and public sectors including state, regional and national foundations, governmental programs at the Tribal, state, and federal levels, etc.
5. Proven experience with oversight of large financial budgets in excess of \$30.0 million.
6. Proven administrative experience managing a large employee base of 350 staff or more.

## **PREFERENCES:**

Preference will be given to bona fide American Indian applicants in accordance with UTTC policies and Federal Indian regulations for such preference.

If selected for the position, the applicant is subject to a complete background investigation with a favorable determination.

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Interested individual should submit the following application materials to the UTTC Human Resource Director.

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## At Eleventh Hour, More Reservation Polling in South Dakota

BY STEPHANIE WOODARD

Two more South Dakota counties have agreed to provide Indian reservation polling places during the state's pre-election, early-voting period. Jackson County will open an office in Wanblee, on the part of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation it overlaps. Also, Dewey County will re-open the office it offered in past elections in Eagle Butte, on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

Voters in those areas will be able to cast in-person absentee ballots during the last 11 days of South Dakota's 46-day window. South Dakota has two other reservation satellite offices, in Pine Ridge Village and in Mission, on the Rosebud Reservation.

Dewey County had seemed poised not to open an office in 2014. "It required some pushing," said Cheyenne River tribal member and voting-rights advocate Julie Garreau, who negotiated issues with the state and county, including election-worker training and access to the voter database. "But it worked out."

Both of the new offices were open as of October 20, the last day for South Dakotans to register for the 2014 election, said attorney Matthew Rappold, of Mission, South Dakota: "This is definitely on the radar of the get-out-the-vote folks."

Rappold's clients, including Ogala Nation Vice President Tom Poor Bear and certain Wanblee residents, had filed suit under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The matter was settled through mediation before Magistrate Judge Veronica Duffy, who published a notice on October 15 saying that "the parties succeeding in resolving the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction."

"The rest of the suit, for a permanent injunction for a satellite office during future elections, is ongoing," said Rappold. "We will ensure the county meets its responsibility to provide the polling place." <http://bit.ly/11NR06m> ☞

## With Tourism Thriving, Oklahoma Struggles to Enhance Its Reputation

Oklahoma's tourism industry generated more than \$7 billion in 2012 and is responsible for the state government's third largest revenue stream, of \$385 million. Still, as the *Stillwater News Press* recently reported, the state is struggling to rev up its reputation among its residents.

"No state can touch, compete, with our history and our heritage," Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb said in a recent town hall meeting. "No state can touch the rich history and rich heritage we have in Oklahoma."

But Lamb hinted that some of Oklahoma's residents might not be so proud of its reputation, which has led to the industry's apparent undervaluation. Audience members at the meeting asked why the state's youth were not embracing the state's reputation as outsiders are. The *Stillwater News Press* also reported that Oklahoma had lost its best and brightest minds to other states because of a lack of high-paying jobs and career options.

There has also been scrutiny of cutting the red tape of some of the state's tourism-related. Lamb noted, for example, that the funding for the Native American Cultural Center in Oklahoma City has been stalled. So has funding for the Pointe Vista development in Lake Texoma. KGOU recently reported that the cultural center could be on hold until after the November elections.

Still, as setbacks continue, Oklahoma tourism manages to thrive. "We have so many folks that come to Oklahoma—serendipitously because of commerce, I-40, I-44, I-35, just coming through, and/or Germans in particular, they love our Native American history," Lamb said. "It's a great way to show off Oklahoma." <http://bit.ly/11XSkDD> ☞

## Nevada and Southern California Tribes Net \$10.4 Million in Federal Grants

Tribes in California and Nevada have been awarded \$10.4 million for environmental improvements from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Southern California tribes will receive \$5.8 million for environmental programs, water infrastructure development, community education and capacity building. Nevada tribes have been awarded \$4.8 million.

"The federal government is committed to protecting human health and the environment in Indian Country," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest, on October 15 at the agency's 22nd Annual Regional Tribal Conference in Sacra-

mento. "This funding will help conserve precious water resources, create jobs, and improve the quality of life on tribal lands."

The money in both states will also go toward cleaning up open dumps, undertaking small construction projects, targeting community outreach, and improving drinking water infrastructure, plant operator training and technical assistance. Southern California tribes will spend about \$3.2 million on tribal environmental programs that are already under way, the EPA said, including drought mitigation and community education.

The other \$2.4 million will go toward "a wide variety of water quality projects, including watershed protection and restoration, water and energy efficiency, wastewater reclamation, and treatment

systems," the EPA said.

In Nevada, the tribes will use \$2.5 million on such existing tribal environmental programs as dump clean-up, small construction projects, and community outreach and education. The other \$2.3 million will go toward watershed protection and restoration, water and energy efficiency, wastewater reclamation and treatment systems, among other projects.

Among the Nevada grantees are the Shoshone Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley. This year, the tribe plans to install erosion control, re-vegetate eroding stream banks and install four alternate livestock watering systems or troughs that will reduce pollution caused by livestock in tribal waterways. <http://bit.ly/1tFTnoi> ☞

## Eastern Cherokee Band Forbids Fracking on Sovereign Lands

Invoking tribal health and cultural survival, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has declared a ban on fracking on its sovereign land in North Carolina.

“The Eastern Band of Cherokees will not permit or authorize any person, corporation or other legal entity to engage in hydraulic fracturing on Tribal trust lands,” stated a resolution that was passed unanimously by the Tribal Council and signed into law by Principal Chief Mitchell Hicks on September 10. “Our tribe has taken a strong stand with the resolution against hydraulic fracturing,” said Chief Hicks. “I signed the resolution because I believe our environmental protection is paramount to the survival of our people.”

Fracking, a shorthand term for hydraulic fracturing, involves the injection of toxic chemicals mixed with water deep underground to loosen hard-to-extract

crude oil and natural gas from between layers of shale. Opponents fear the process can damage drinking water, and some evidence has surfaced to indicate that the practice can cause earthquakes. “Of importance to the Tribe is the impact on the health of our people who utilize many of the products of the forests and habitat surrounding our Trust Lands,” said Tribal Council Chairperson Terri Henry.

With its resolution, the Eastern Band of Cherokee joins several other tribes that have taken a stand against fracking. The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians passed a similar ban in 2011.

“I think it’s important that we be good stewards of our natural resources,” Eastern Band of Cherokee Council Member Perry Shell told the *Smoky Mountain News* after the North Carolina vote. “I think we live in one of the most beautiful places on Earth, and I would hate to see that environmental damage.” <http://bit.ly/1zinGUj> 📱

## Key Environmental Funding for Historic York River Site

BY DAVID MALMQUIST

A \$199,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will allow researchers at William & Mary College to help protect Werowocomoco, one of the most important Native American sites in the East, from shoreline erosion and a rise in sea levels.

Werowocomoco was the seat of power for Algonquian Chief Powhatan when English colonists arrived at Jamestown in 1607. The site—where Powhatan’s daughter, Pocahontas, purportedly saved Captain John Smith—occupies an eroding headland on the north side of the York River. Bob and Lynn Ripley, the current landowners, have allowed a conservation easement and archaeological excavations on the 57 acres of their property that form the core of the historic village.

“This is about protecting a one-

of-a-kind archaeological site,” said Donna Milligan, who is leading the research project in collaboration with colleagues at the National Park Service and the Virginia Department of Historical Resources. “Every day, erosion is removing artifacts from the bank, and we can fix that. We can build a living shoreline that somewhat mimics what the Native Americans would have hunted and fished, the marshy area that would have fringed the whole shoreline in their time.”

The main feature of the restoration project will be two or more sills—long piles of rock placed just offshore and parallel to the low, sandy cliff that forms the existing shoreline. Between sill and shore, sand and marsh grasses will be added for additional habitat and protection.

Altogether, the project will create about 15,000 square feet of marsh while keeping more than 900,000 pounds of sediment and nearly 500 pounds of phosphorus and nitrogen out of the York River each year. <http://bit.ly/1woPl0h> 📱



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### Legal Battle Continues for Peel Watershed

Several First Nations and environmental groups are back in court this month to continue their fight to preserve the Peel Watershed in Canada's Yukon Territory.

The First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Yukon Chapter (CPAWS Yukon) and the Yukon Conservation Society are pushing forward with the legal action they filed on January 27. They are calling on the government of Yukon to implement a land use plan to protect about 21,000 square miles of wilderness in the northern part of the territory from mining and other industrial development. Though no plans have yet been filed, businesses are poised to develop the land.

The big-picture development plan that was approved by a six-member commission of the Yukon government in January is more expansive than one finalized in 2011 by the Peel Watershed Planning Commission. That agreement was negotiated between First Nations and the territorial government under Yukon land claims treaty guidelines, reported *National Geographic* magazine and HuffingtonPost.

"The government's decree stunned indigenous leaders, who support a 2011 plan developed under Yukon land claims treaties that would have maintained the wilderness character of 80 percent of the area, which is known as the Peel watershed region," *National Geographic* stated. "The government's new plan all but reverses that figure, opening some 71 percent of the watershed to mining." HuffingtonPost noted, "To put that in perspective, the entire province of New Brunswick is approximately 73,000 square km [28,000 square miles] in size."

The legal case first went before Yukon Supreme Court in July. But in late August the judge directed that more time be allowed for further study of the issues. <http://bit.ly/1zjVVe7>

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## Drought Relief For Southwest Tribes

*EPA earmarks \$43 million for water*

With 44 California tribes set to run out of water within the next six months, much of the recent spate of annual funding for tribes within Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is being earmarked for water-supply projects. As its 22nd Region 9 conference got under way in mid-October, the EPA announced a total of \$18.8 million for California tribes, including \$5.8 million for those in Southern California, \$7.8 million for central California and \$5.4 million in Northern California, the agency said. Most of that will go toward water-supply assistance, the news site Climate Progress reported. In addition, tribes in Arizona

are receiving \$19.5 million. <http://bit.ly/1wnAUdR>

## Archives Named For William L. Paul, Sr.

*Tlingit icon steered Alaska land claims movement*

A major archive at the Selaska Heritage Institute in Juneau, Alaska, will be named for William L. Paul, Sr., the Tlingit civil rights leader who was the father of the Alaska Native land claims movement. The archive houses 3,100 linear feet of historical and archival manuscripts and papers, photographs, audio and visual recordings; more than 60,000 historic photographs; and some 5,000 recordings documenting Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian language, culture and history. "William L. Paul, Sr. set the course for the resolution of

Alaska Native aboriginal land claims and worked tirelessly throughout his lifetime to protect the ownership of Haa Áani (Our Land)," Sealaska Heritage Institute President Rosita Worl told the *Juneau Empire*. <http://bit.ly/1t9uoZy>

## A Salute To '40 Under 40'

*Diverse talents are honored at summit*

During its recent Reservation Economic Summit in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development acknowledged 40 Native Americans under the age of 40 for their outstanding leadership and contributions to their communities. Hoops star Shoni Schimmel, award-winning hip-hop artist and activist Frank Waln, and entrepreneur Jus-

tin Tarbell were among those who were recognized at the 39th Annual Indian Progress In Business Awards Gala at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino on October 8. The National Center award recognizes 40 emerging American Indian leaders from across Indian Country who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication and made significant contributions in business and/or in their communities. <http://bit.ly/1wkJ72H>

## Recovery Begins For Transgender Native

*After severe beating, she can speak again*

A Native American transgender woman who was severely beaten in Brooklyn, New York has regained her ability to speak almost two weeks after being assaulted by four men.

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The woman's severe injuries have prevented her from giving consent to release her name to the press. Four unidentified men assaulted the 28-year-old Bushwick woman as she walked with a gay male friend on Bushwick Avenue at 11:30 p.m. on October 12. According to WABC-TV New York, the assailants shouted anti-gay obscenities and then punched and kicked the victim; one man threw a Plexiglas board that struck her in the head. Her companion escaped without injury, officials said. <http://bit.ly/1tl0KiG> 📍

**Major Grant To American Indian College Fund**

*Media giants provide public service initiative*

Comcast and NBCUniversal have partnered with the

American Indian College Fund with a donation of \$5 million worth of advertising for the Fund's 2015 public service announcement (PSA) on their cable system. The pledge comes with an additional gift of \$500,000 of in-kind services and cash. The support will help the Fund launch its 25th anniversary goals to increase Native American scholarship support and financial assistance for the nation's tribal colleges and universities. Comcast and NBCUniversal's commitment follows their 2013 donation of more than \$6.35 million in television advertising time for the Fund's 30-second "Help A Student Help A Tribe" PSA. <http://bit.ly/ZLyNor> 📍

**UNITY Youth Are Grand Marshals**

*Spotlighted in Native recognition parade*

Representatives of United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) served as grand marshals for the Native American Connections Parade, part of the annual Native American Recognition Days (NARD), which is celebrated in the Phoenix-metro area every fall. At this year's parade, on October 11, UNITY youth councils showed up in force. Among those represented were the Morning Star Leaders Youth Council, the Yavapai-Apache Nation Youth Council, the White Mountain Apache Youth Council, the San Carlos Apache Youth Council, the Hualapai Nation Youth Council, the Cesar Chavez High School Youth Council, the Mesa Strength Youth Council and the Mountain View High School Native American Club. <http://bit.ly/1FMclan> 📍

**McConaughey Approves Of Redskins Team Name**

*Film star says, 'I love the emblem'*

Actor Matthew McConaughey has publicly embraced the continued use of "Redskins" as the team name of the Washington, D.C. National Football League franchise. "I love the emblem," he said in the November issue of GQ. "I dig it. It gives me a little fire and some oomph." Regarding the calls that have been made to change the name he said, "What interests me is how quickly it got pushed into the social consciousness. We were all fine with it since the 1930s, and all of a sudden we go, 'No, gotta change it?'" However, McConaughey acknowledged, "Now that it's in the court of public opinion, it's going to change." <http://bit.ly/1FMdq7G> 📍

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# In New Mexico, Women Candidates Are Emerging

New faces are energizing many state races BY KIM BACA



Among the Native women competing in New Mexico state races are, from left, Reps. Georgene Louis, Sandra Jeff, and Sharon Clahchischillige.

**Bottom Line:** *New Mexico politics, long dominated by men, is undergoing a decided gender change.*

A record number of Native American women in New Mexico are jumping into the political arena, looking to win over non-Native American voters in major races across the state.

Debra Haaland of Laguna Pueblo, who is running for lieutenant governor, is the first Native American woman in New Mexico history to run for the position from one of the state's two largest parties. Catherine Begaye and Doreen Wanda Johnson, both Navajos, are on the ballot

for seats in the House of Representatives.

Sharon Clahchischillige of the Navajo Nation and Georgene Louis of Acoma Pueblo are hoping to be reelected to the House. Sandra Jeff, a Navajo and an incumbent in the Fifth District, is running against Johnson as a write-in candidate.

Native women have been part of the New Mexico Legislature since 1989 when Lynda Lovejoy, Navajo, was the first Native American female elected to the House. However, this is the first time that several Native women are competing in districts without a high Native American population.

This election holds significant weight

as state Republicans try to take control of the House, which Democrats now hold by a 37-33 margin. The GOP has not held a House majority since 1953. GOP members of the House are pushing to gain control to ease the passage of conservative party legislation under Republican Susan Martinez, the nation's first female Hispanic governor.

All but one of the Native female House candidates in this race is a Democrat.

In years past, Native American women have generally been disinclined to run for elective office in New Mexico because leadership roles in that state have been traditionally reserved for men. Although

women serve on some tribal councils, only two have been elected as governor or two of the 19 local Pueblos.

Native men have served in the state legislature since the 1960s. Currently, the Senate's longest serving member is John Pinto, a Navajo who was elected in 1977.

But a new generation of highly educated, ambitious Native women, both Pueblo and Navajo, has lately been training to win. Lovejoy, who became a state senator and is now running for the Public Regulation Commission, was the first female to garner enough votes in the presidential primary. She came in second in the Navajo Nation general election four years ago.

Begaye, Haaland, Johnson and Louis are graduates of Emerge New Mexico, a seven-month program that recruits female Democrats to learn from other female officeholders about how to run a campaign. Emerge boasts of a 70 percent win rate across its 12-state program. In 2013, five Emerge graduates, including Louis, were sworn into the New Mexico House.

"Before, you were probably groomed to run for office because your father, grandfather or someone before you was in office," said Laurie Weahkee, executive director of the Native American Voters Alliance, who is also director of the NAVA Advocacy Fund PAC. "Now it seems there are a whole different level of people who have done or want to do public service, seem to understand what it takes to advance policy, and are really looking at the fact that right now, here in New Mexico, we have a very conservative governor and how that has impacted tribal communities.

"It becomes clearer now who and what we are looking for in a candidate," she added.

Louis, 36, an attorney who works in tribal law and who is the incumbent in a district that includes West Albuquerque and a large Hispanic population, was the first Pueblo woman to be elected to the New Mexico Legislature.

"It was a challenge, especially know-

ing that Pueblos are more traditional," she said of her decision to get on the ballot. "I always knew that I wouldn't be able to serve in that leadership capacity [at Acoma] because it's all men. People focus too much on tribal politics and federal politics, but people sometimes forget that Native Americans make up 11 percent of the state's population. But that's

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*Leadership roles in New Mexico politics have generally been reserved for men. But since 1989, women have been part of the state's legislature.*

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not apparent in the state legislature."

Initially running to give back to the community, Louis now hopes to be re-elected to finish the initiatives that she has started. Her bills as a freshman legislator did not pass; they included allowing greater individual protections against environmental injustice and sexual assault.

But Louis remains undaunted. She has received financial support from the Pueblos, including Isleta, Santa Ana and Tesuque, as well as from other tribes and such tribal organizations as the Jicarilla Apache and the Laguna Development Corp., according to campaign finance reports.

Begaye is a private attorney who is dedicated to defending families who have been referred to the courts via the state's social service system. She is challenging the Republican incumbent representing West Albuquerque and parts of the smaller nearby cities of Corrales and Rio

Rancho to change the laws so that the social service agency works more on prevention than prosecution.

"Our society, especially in New Mexico, has a real problem with poverty," Begaye said. "We don't address it in a systemic way. If someone has lost their job or lost their apartment and can't send their kids to school, or when families feel like they are on the decline, they should be able to reach out to an agency like the Children, Youth and Families Department to provide some of those services."

So far, Begaye has raised \$52,870 in the four months before the general election, with \$37,114 raised in one quarter; that is the most of any House candidate in that fundraising period. Much of the money in that period was raised in small donations of \$10 to \$100. That figure, Begaye said, shows that she is gaining support for her grassroots campaign.

"What is so interesting is that almost every person I talk to when I'm about halfway through my pitch, they'll stop me and say, 'Are you Navajo?'" said Begaye. "I say yes. And they'll talk about how their grandmother was a teacher on the reservation, or they'll remember going out to the Grand Canyon, or the time they went to the Navajo Reservation, or their best friend in high school was Navajo, or do I know Notah Begay. Everybody has a Navajo story—from jewelry to vacations."

With the election still impending, some observers feel it is critical that more Native people—whether male or female—enter the legislative discourse.

"If you look at New Mexico's birthday, it's only been the last third of that 100-year timeline that we've been engaged in the most meaningful way to help craft policy, help shape laws and help create laws that are defined by Indian people across the board, from education to health, to the environment to taxation," said Regis Pecos, director of Legislative Affairs of the House of Representatives Majority Office. "These handful are creating profound opportunities of engagement of the larger masses of Indian people in the process." <http://bit.ly/124v6fj> 

# Student Newspaper Bans ‘R-Word’

High school braces for free speech fight BY SHEENA LOUISE ROETMAN

**Bottom Line:** *The First Amendment is on the line as the term ‘Redskins’ becomes a point of contention in print.*

In October 2013, the staff of the *Playwickian*, the student newspaper of Neshaminy High School in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, became one of the first secondary schools in the country to ban the use of the word “Redskins.” It is the name of the school mascot, as well as that of the Washington, D.C. National Football League franchise.

Now, a year later, Gillian McGoldrick is returning to her position as the paper’s editor-in-chief after being suspended for banning the word.

According to McGoldrick, a 17-year-old senior, the trouble started when a local Native American parent attended school board meetings during the 2012-13 school year and expressed concern over the use of the name.

“We began to actually listen to what she had been saying,” McGoldrick told Indian Country Today Media Network. “At this same time, [President] Obama had publicly spoken against the mascot name. We decided that maybe we should have some conversation about what the true meaning of the mascot was and if it were, indeed, a racial slur.” By a 14-7 majority vote, the board of the newspaper decided to no longer refer to “Redskins.”

“To put it at its simplest, the term is derogatory, outdated and a slur,” said McGoldrick. “Some of the editors reached out to the most local tribe to see what they had to say about the term. . . . It was obvious that they did not favor that as a mascot name.”

Then, in June, the *Playwickian* received a letter to the editor arguing against the new policy; the letter repeatedly using the term “Redskins.” The principal of Neshaminy High School, Ron McGee, wanted the letter printed in the newspaper verbatim. But the staff withheld its publication and instead printed their reasons for doing so.

The decision was met with an updated

publications policy from the school board. The policy stated that the board’s intentions in permitting the mascot were not racist, and that therefore the newspaper was violating the First Amendment rights of other students by banning the use of the word.

“To be clear,” said Frank LoMonte, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, “the school district—operating under the guise of protecting the free-speech rights of students to say ‘Redskins’ in the

courts,” said LoMonte. “We do not have any doubt that the school district’s course of conduct will be found to violate both the First Amendment and Pennsylvania state law. [It is] literally the most extreme anti-student policy we have ever seen in any school district in America.”

National support has poured in. The Student Press Law Center recently released a letter of support along with 18 other organizations. Among them are the Native American Journalists Association and the Society of Professional Journalists.

“Journalism education is an irreplaceable part of a well-rounded public education and a civically healthy school,” the letter reads. “The teaching of journalistic skills, ethics and values is more essential than it has ever been, now that essentially every student has access to the power of digital publishing and is bombarded with online information of varying reliability.”

In September, the *Dragon Press* of Foothill Technology High School in Ventura, California, began an IndieGoGo campaign to help raise the \$1,200 fine and \$1,200 to cover the lost pay incurred by Huber’s suspension. At press time, the students had raised \$6,655. “From *The Washington Post* to a school in Texas wearing armbands in solidarity with my teacher, there aren’t even words to describe how incredible people have been toward us,” McGoldrick said.

The use of the word “Redskins” and similar terms has come under increased scrutiny in recent months. In 2013 the National Congress of American Indians published a report on the history and impact of mascotry, focused mainly on the Washington NFL team.

“The use of racist and derogatory ‘Indian’ sports mascots, logos, or symbols, is harmful and perpetuates negative stereotypes of America’s first peoples,” the report states. “Specifically, rather than honoring Native peoples, these caricatures and stereotypes contribute to a disregard for the personhood of Native peoples.” <http://bit.ly/1sxq0k6> 

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newspaper—has entirely stripped away all free-speech rights from student journalists by way of a retaliatory ‘publications policy’ so that the word ‘Redskins’ is literally the only word that any student can confidently say without fear of punishment.”

Over the past year, McGee fined the paper \$1,200. He attempted to restrict staff access to the *Playwickian* website and social media accounts. Finally, he suspended McGoldrick from her position for one month and the paper’s adviser, Tara Huber, for two days. He was unavailable for comment at press time.

“This will have to be settled in the

# Beyond Gaming

A major economic reassessment is on the way **BY GALE COUREY TOENSING**

**Bottom Line:** *The \$28 billion Native gaming industry remains critical, says an impending report. But tribes must now diversify their efforts.*

In 1977, the American Indian Policy Review Commission published a groundbreaking, two-volume report on every aspect of federal-Indian relations. Of the report's 206 recommendations, 43 dealt with economic development.

Since the report was published, Indian gaming has given Indian Country a tremendous economic boost. But some tribes are still struggling with high unemployment and poverty and their attendant social ills.

Now, more than 35 years after the 1977 report was released, the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) and Blue Stone Strategy Group have partnered in an effort to help remedy the unaddressed struggles. The two groups have done so with a soon-to-be-completed, unprecedented and authoritative guide to 21st century tribal economic development.

The guide is titled "Defining the Next Era in Tribal Economic Development: The Diversification Imperative for Tribal Economic Development." Unlike its 1977 predecessor, this report focuses solely on economic development and blends theory, specific examples and vignettes from tribes and research from throughout Indian country.

NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr., initiated the report. He was inspired by his father, Ernest L. Stevens, Sr., a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin (Turtle Clan). The elder Stevens is a nationally known Native American leader, historian, educator and orator. He is also a specialist in economic development and former executive director of the American Indian Policy Review Commission.

"The book is part of my—I don't

want to say legacy—but it's part of my responsibility to my dad and it's a way to go beyond my responsibility as chairman of NIGA where I'm supporting and protecting the gaming industry," said his son. "That's a large part of my job, but also I believe it's important to look beyond gaming."

Stevens, Jr. noted that many tribes do not have access to gaming and the jobs that the industry generates.

"So the challenge is how do we continue to utilize Indian gaming and economic development to build our economies?" he asked. "It can't always be just gaming. The bottom line is strategizing and working together and sharing ideas to keep our economies strong and the number two priority is to work as hard as we can to champion our economies within and beyond gaming."

The guide sees the \$28 billion Indian gaming business as a mature industry that will continue to generate revenues. But it also predicts that gaming will not experience the huge growth spurts of its early years in the 1990s and the early 2000s. That is why tribes need to look beyond the industry for growth in the 21st century, Blue Stone Executive Director John Mooers told ICTMN.

"The guide is meant to be a practitioners' guide and will focus on real examples throughout Indian country and ready to use solutions with tangible frameworks leaders can utilize from day one as opposed to a comprehensive study, survey, or white paper for academia or policy makers," Mooers said.

The guide provides dozens of examples of successful diversification strategies. Among them are, verbatim:

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1. Expand into new markets with existing capabilities or into new capabilities into the same market.

—This can mean extending resort

management and hospitality skill sets into elective healthcare services.

—It can mean making investments off reservation in similar businesses to current enterprise.

—It can mean taking existing knowledge around project financing and cash management and starting a banking or credit union enterprise.

2. Consider exporting internal functions: most gaming operations have developed sophisticated in house expertise over the years.

—These operations can be untethered from the casino and exported to other tribal businesses on and off the reservation.

—By dual classifying and branding these services, they can become enterprises to government departments, other tribes and nearby communities.

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The guide also includes sections on best practices, investments and leadership, and interviews with leaders who have steered their nations into successful diversification projects, along with examples of efforts that have missed their mark. A final section links economic development to tribal sovereignty.

Debbie Thundercloud, a former Oneida Tribe chairwoman who has researched the guide's material, said that the NIGA-Blue Stone team expects to complete the manuscript toward the end of this year.

"I'm so excited about getting our message out there and getting the tribes unified around economic diversification and taking a fresh look at it now that we've gone through this great growth spurt with Indian gaming," she said. "Now we have time to step back and say, okay, we have the opportunity to dream and to go to the next level, so where are we going to go with it? I know with each generation we're going to learn how to do economic diversification better." <http://bit.ly/1pEjTGY>





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**FORMER PINE RIDGE GUNNERY RANGE  
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION  
DATES TO REMEMBER**

**November 5, 2014**  
**Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort**  
**7958 Lakota Prairie Drive**  
**Kyle, SD 57752**  
**6:30 p.m.**

The public meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on November 5, 2014 for discussion and public comments on the Proposed Plan for the Battleship Bomb Target MRS (XU Hill Demolition Bomb Target, Battle Ship Bomb Target, and Suspected Target in Sectors 2 and 10), FUDS Project Number: B08SD001806 at the Former Pine Ridge Gunnery Range.

The Army invites the public to become involved in the process of finalizing the proposed remedy for this site. Local community members and other interested parties are encouraged to review the Proposed Plan and submit comments. Public comments are considered before any action is selected and approved.

Copies of project work plans, reports, and the Proposed Plan are available for public review at the following information repositories:

- Badlands Bombing Range Department, Natural Resources Regulatory Agency, East Highway 18 Pine Ridge, SD 57772
- Oglala Lakota College Library, 3 Mile Creek Rd, Kyle, SD 57752
- Rapid City Public Library, Reference Section, 610 Quincy Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

**Public Comment Period:**

The Army will accept written comments on the Proposed Plan during the 30-day public comment period. Comment on the Proposed Plan at the public meeting or by mailing your comments to:

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**All comments must be postmarked by December 5, 2014**



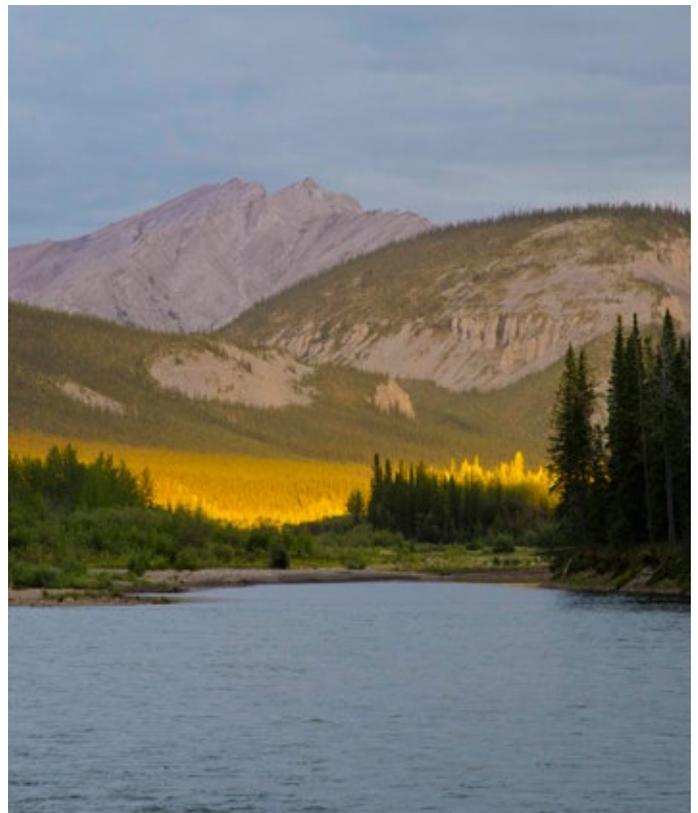
*The recent death of Blackfeet actress Misty Upham has been followed by charges that authorities dragged their heels on the investigation.*



*A major archive at the Sealaska Heritage Institute has been named for William L. Paul, St., Tligit, who pioneered Alaska Native land claims.*



*Feather Smith-Trevino makes baskets at the Cherokee Heritage Center as part of Oklahoma's \$7 billion-plus tourism industry.*



*The battle over the Peel Watershed returned to court this month, with advocates demanding protection for 21,000 square miles of wilderness.*

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# Headlines from the Web

## INDIAN SCHOOLS FACE DECAYED BUILDINGS, POVERTY

<http://wapo.st/1wf4mVQ>

## EASTERN SHAWNEE MAY OPEN RESORT NEAR INDIAN LAKE

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## INDIAN CENTER MAKES ALCOHOL BAN PERMANENT

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## NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL STARTS FALL SESSION ON MONDAY

<http://bit.ly/1qXh3xj>

## ONEIDA PLANT FIGHT GOES TO STATE SUPREME COURT

<http://gbpg.net/1oxwXn2>

## SALMON SOON TO MAKE A SPLASH IN KITSAP WATERS

<http://bit.ly/ZLRloU>

## Upcoming Events

### TRIBAL EDUCATIONAL CONSULTATION SESSION OCTOBER 29

Part of an ongoing series, this consultation session, conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is devoted to the discussion of grants to tribally controlled colleges and universities, Dine College and tribally controlled postsecondary career and technical institutions. Tribally controlled universities are integral and essential to their communities, creating environments that foster American Indian culture, languages and traditions, and the Bureau of Indian Education is seeking consultation as it reviews and revises critical aspects of certain relevant regulations.

**Location:** Bureau of Indian Education, Bloomington, Minnesota

### ALASKA TRIBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OCTOBER 28-31

The agenda of the 20th annual conference will include sessions devoted to water quality, rural landfill impacts, air quality and healthy homes, meth-

ods of resident education, energy efficiency in sanitation systems, dioxin contamination, bed bugs, brownfields in Alaska, regulatory compliance for bulk fuel tank farms, and solid waste burn units. The Environmental Excellence Luncheon will feature Winona LaDuke, Anishinaabe, founder and co-director of Honor the Earth, and vice presidential candidate of the Green Party in 2000.

**Location:** Hilton Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska

### TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY: EXAMINING THE CONCEPT OF SELF GOVERNING AMERICAN INDIAN NATIONS NOVEMBER 5

Held in collaboration with the DDI Constitution Series, this keynote presentation at Purdue University is being held in conjunction with Native American Heritage Month. Preserving tribal sovereignty and treaty rights continues to be a struggle for many American Indians but is even more challenging for tribal leaders. Tribal Chief Glenna Wallace from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and Second Chief Ben Barnes from the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will share how tribal sovereignty affects their individual nations and tribal survival and advancement.

**Location:** Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

### NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN 'FATHERHOOD IS SACRED' CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 5-7

Sponsored by the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association, this 11th annual conference will focus on pressing topics that affect communities in regard to criminal justice education, health and human services, and fatherhood. Specific forums and discussions will include "Fathers Raising Daughters;" "Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work;" "Understanding Addictive Behavior;" "Narcotics Investigations;" "How to Get a Job With a Criminal Background and Financial Literacy;" "Enhancing Cultural Competence and Engaging Fathers;" and "Building the Foundation for Communities." Panelists will include Derek Jeske of the Family Service Agency, Phoenix, Arizona; Diana Alvarez of the Department of Economic Security Family Assistance Administration; Michael Brown, a licensed marriage and family therapist of the Rainbow Treatment Center of the White Mountain Apache Reservation; and Donna Flores, MSW, author of the self-help book *Paranoia: A Meth Memoir*.

**Location:** Phoenix Mesa Marriot Hotel, Mesa, Arizona

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re your article about the death of the Blackfeet actress Misty Upham and the accusations of her family that law-enforcement authorities did not pursue her disappearance (October 17)

Police are really getting out of hand lately. They either do their jobs and are cruel and unprofessional, or they do not do their jobs—and that in itself is unprofessional. What we need now is to fire our

police and start over. Come on guys—get rid of the bad apples!

—Karen Evony Klipp  
Canon City, Colorado

Rest in peace, Misty. I enjoyed "Frozen River" and recall your character Lila Littlewolf got to smile once at the end with the kids riding a homemade merry-go-round as "Ray's Echo" played.

—Bob Sullivan  
Warwick, Rhode Island

Re your article regarding how the Eastern Band of Cherokee has declared a ban on fracking on its sovereign land (10/20):

Good! Let's join together to stop those fracking capitalists!

—Michael Madrid  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

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## TOP NEWS ALERTS

From [IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com](http://IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com)

### DESCHENE IS OFF THE BALLOT

The Navajo Nation's highest court has decided that Chris Deschene, a candidate for tribal president, may not remain on the ballot because he is not fluent in Navajo. Tribal law requires that presidential candidates be conversant in the language. But in the run-up to the election, Deschene could not demonstrate his proficiency; a lower court therefore disqualified him and last week the Navajo Nation Supreme Court dismissed Deschene's appeal. Nonetheless, said his spokeswoman, Stacy Pearson, "the campaign is committed to moving forward."

### JIM THORPE'S REMAINS TO STAY PUT

The remains of the legendary Sac and Fox athlete Jim Thorpe, which have reposed

in his namesake town in Pennsylvania, will stay there, a federal appeals court has ruled. Last week, U.S. District Judge Richard Caputo of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals threw out a lower-court ruling that favored Thorpe's surviving sons, who wished that their father's body be moved to tribal land in Oklahoma, the place of his birth. Thorpe died in 1953, and his remains currently repose in a mausoleum adorned by statues and interpretive signage.

### OBAMA URGES EARLY ALASKA NATIVE VOTING

Helping to kick off the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives last week, President Obama delivered a short video message urging its attendees to take advantage of early voting opportunities. "Make this the year you join thousands of folks across

Alaska to stand up for your community and your state," he said. "You can do it right now—walk across the street to City Hall and vote early. Don't wait until November 4." The conference has drawn some 5,000 Alaska Natives and many politicians seeking the endorsement of the attendees.

### SHINNECOCKS EX-FELONS CAN HOLD OFFICE

Members of the Shinnecock Indian Nation who have been convicted of a felony may now run under certain restrictions for the tribe's council of trustees. The new policy followed the amending of the tribal constitution by 115 to 76 in an October 11 vote. The tribe will now allow enrolled members "who have been convicted of a nonsexual felony and released from incarceration for five years to be eligible to run,"

reported *Newsday*. "They also cannot be on active parole or probations, and cannot be registered sex offenders."

### HO-CHUNK MEMBER IS GIRL SCOUTS PRESIDENT

For the first time, the Girl Scouts of the USA have named a Native American as their highest ranking volunteer member: Kathy Hopinkah Hannan, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin, was named last week as national board president of the organization. "The opportunities presented to girls today have never been greater, but the challenges they face have also never been more difficult to overcome," said Hannan, a Girl Scouts alumna, who serves as national managing partner of diversity and corporate responsibility at KPMG LLP in Chicago.

# UPCOMING POW WOWS

## STONE MOUNTAIN PARK INDIAN FESTIVAL AND POW WOW

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US Highway 78 East  
Stone Mountain, GA

[StoneMountainPark.com/events/Indian-Festival-and-Pow-Wow.aspx](http://StoneMountainPark.com/events/Indian-Festival-and-Pow-Wow.aspx)

## AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

11/1/14  
Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum  
10515 Mackall Road  
St. Leonard, MD  
410-586-8512

[erin.atkinson@maryland.gov](mailto:erin.atkinson@maryland.gov)  
[JefPat.org](http://JefPat.org)

## 4TH ANNUAL INDIANA UNIVERSITY TRADITIONAL POW WOW

11/1/14—11/2/14  
Indiana University - Alumni Hall  
900 East 7th Street

Bloomington, IN  
Nicky Belle or Mary Connors  
812-855-4814  
[fnecc@indiana.edu](mailto:fnecc@indiana.edu)  
[Indiana.edu/~fnecc/](http://Indiana.edu/~fnecc/)

## RED MOUNTAIN EAGLE POW WOW

11/1/14—11/2/14  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
10115 E. Longmore Road  
Scottsdale, AZ  
208-241-2175  
[redmountainpowwow@gmail.com](mailto:redmountainpowwow@gmail.com)

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11/1/14  
Muskogee Civic Center  
425 Boston Street  
Muskogee, OK  
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