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Native American and American Indian Studies have been part of the higher...
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Native Sun News: Uranium mining poses threat to sacred sites

A bird’s-eye view of the corridor stretching from Mt. Taylor westward to Chaco Canyon is filled with sacred sites and ancient roads made by the native Puebloan and Diné people.
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Pope Francis Makes Biblical Case for Addressing Climate Change: ‘If We Destroy Creation, Creation Will Destroy Us’

Jack Jenkins, News Report: Pope Francis made the religious case for tackling climate change on Wednesday, calling on his fellow Christians to become “Custodians of Creation” and issuing a dire warning about the potentially catastrophic effects of global climate change. Speaking to a massive crowd in Rome, the first Argentinian pope delivered a short address in which he argued that respect for the “beauty of nature and the grandeur of the cosmos” is a Christian value, noting that failure to care for the planet risks apocalyptic consequences. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#)

For the first time since 2004, the Confederacy of Nations met to discuss their grave concerns about the First Nations



Education Act, Bill C-33. In response, Indian Affairs Minister Valcourt called the Confederacy "Rogue" Chiefs, refusing to meet with them. This act perpetuates racism towards Indigenous peoples and justifies ongoing attacks to Indigenous self-determination and control over the education of our children.

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http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_eye/2014/05/19/rural_studio_builds_brand_new_20_000_houses_in_alabama.html?wpsrc=upworthy

Dalai Lama

I'm now nearly 79. At 16 I took responsibility for Tibet and lost my freedom. At 24 I lost my country and became a refugee. I've met difficulties, but as the saying goes: 'Wherever you're happy, you can call home, and whoever is kind to you is like your parents.' I've been happy

and at home in the world at large. Living a meaningful life isn't just a matter of money; it's about dedicating your life to helping others.

Racism Against Native Americans - RH Reality Check

Shawn W. Co-owner - T&T Trading Post Top Contributor
Shawn Wright's insight.. <http://sco.lt/4j4Ys5>

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Comment:

- [K. B. S.](#)
Columnist, Illustrator, Features Writer, Indian Life Newspaper; Author, 100+ Native American Women Who Changed the World
- *Sadly, that is sometimes the lot for minorities of color, even as we near mid-point of the second decade of the 21st century. A few years ago, it was discovered that a NA guy started a fire that raged out of control because, as a firefighter, he was out of work and needed a job.*

Of course it was wrong what the guy did, and in no way do I condone it. But neither can I condone the public backlash that was not just against him, but all members of his community. They were afraid even to go into town because of threats of violence against all of them.

Sometimes, minorities raise ire merely for speaking out against a wrong or perceived injustice, and that, too, can stir violence and/or intimidating acts.

On the other hand, a member of the majority culture can commit the most heinous of crimes, and not a soul casts a jaundiced eye against his entire race because of the actions of one.

When the degrading as caricatures of an entire ethnic group originates from the office of officials who are supposed to represent structure, law, order, and protection of the rights and dignity of all citizens, they are even more reprehensible.

**TRAPPING REGULATION COMMITTEE MEETING
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
1100 VALLEY ROAD
RENO, NEVADA 89512**

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

We are told this will be the final Committee meeting on the trap visitation issue. As reported in the last newsletter, no conclusions were reached after a nine and a half-hour contentious meeting in April. This Committee is advisory. If they make a decision Thursday, then they will make recommendations to the Wildlife Commission in June. The Wildlife Commission has final say on any action to be taken.

We hope this meeting will be relevant and focused on the issue of trap visitation. Does Nevada continue to serve trapper interests and maintain a 96-hour (four day) heartless trap visitation regulation? Or do we for once decide in favor of our animals, and speak out for 24-hour visitation, which is the national standard. The Committee has steadfastly clung to the 96-hour cruelty and only most grudgingly agreed to the slightest areas for shorter visitation. Can we change their collective mind?

We can try. They are impressed by numbers showing up for these meetings. We had a good showing at the last Reno meeting, and the committee was duly impressed. If you can possibly be there, please come. It's best for the cause if you speak (talking points below - or bring your own!) but also quite effective if you show up to bear silent witness.

Otherwise, the choice is email. And of course you can do both...send an email and show up to testify! Email guidelines below.

Send your email comments to: jtrendle@ndow.org

- Request that your message be placed on the official record of the Trapping Regulation Committee as Support Material.
- Be sure to include your name and address.
- Request that every member of the Trapping Regulation Committee get a copy of your email.
- Be sure to cc info@trailsafe.org so we can keep count of the emails!
- Individual style and content get the most attention - release your creativity!

Why Nevada Needs Shorter Trap Visitation Times

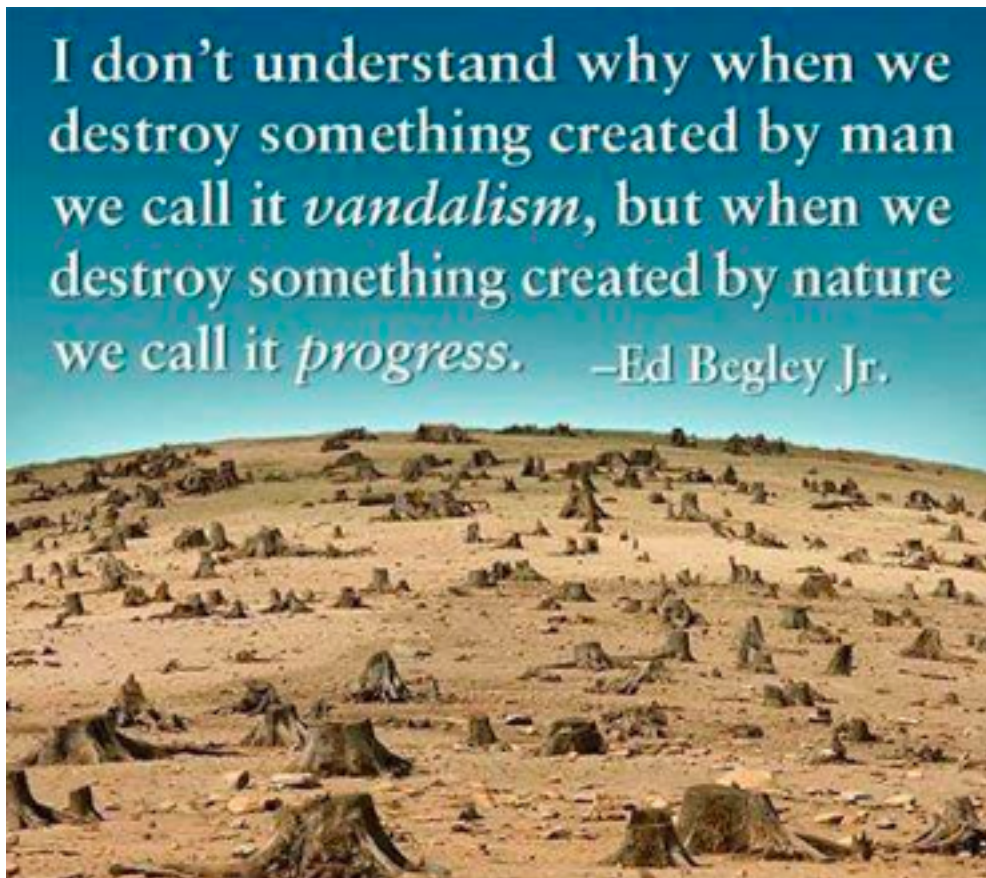
- Nevada's 96-hour visitation time is the longest **mandated** time in the USA. Some states do not specify times, but Nevada specifies 96 hours.
- 96 hours is 4 days. An animal suffers agony, fear, hunger, thirst, elements, predators.
- Thirty-three US states, including 5 large western states similar to Nevada, require 24 hour visitation.
- Trappers say they need the 96 hours to visit all their traps. Some of them set hundreds of traps, so they need 96 hours. There is no limit on numbers of traps trappers can set, nor numbers of animals they can trap and kill. Our response: Put limits on them.
- Our response: what's more important? Trapper convenience or shortening the time an animal suffers?

- A trapped pet has a better chance of survival with 24 hour visitation.
- You support the TrailSafe map.
- SB 213 requires the NBWC to "consider" shorter trap visitation times near areas with "close proximity to a populated or heavily used area." This is vague language. It will be up to the Trapping Committee to determine where shorter visitation will happen.

In the News

<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2014/05/20/trapping-advocates-conviction-complicates-talks/9355951/>

Here is a link to Jeff DeLong's excellent *Reno Gazette Journal* report on recent



conviction of President of Nevada Trapping Association for trapping violations. You can comment on this article directly online and/or in your emails to the Commtee.

"One day the absurdity of the almost universal human belief in the slavery of other animals will be palpable. We shall then have discovered our souls and become

worthier of sharing this planet with them." — Martin Luther King Jr

31 Plants That Repel Mosquitoes

<http://www.hometipsworld.com/31-plants-that-repel-mosquitoes.html>

THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS

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Bruce Allen
President

May 23, 2014

The Honorable Senator Harry Reid
United States Senate
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Washington DC 20510

RE: The Truth about the Redskins' Name and Logo

Dear Senator Reid:

In your recent letter to Commissioner Goodell, you correctly noted that: *“Professional sports have tremendous power to influence American society and strengthen our communities.”* Nowhere is that more true than in the Washington area. I hope you will attend one of our home games, where you would witness first-hand that the Washington Redskins are a positive, unifying force for our community in a city and region that is divided on so many levels.

After reading your May 21, 2014 letter to the *New York Times* and Commissioner Goodell, I believe that you may not have been provided all of the pertinent facts and true history of the Washington Redskins. The Washington Redskins are one of the NFL's flagship franchises. We have played in 11 NFL Championship games and have won five World Championships. With over 81 years of tradition created by thousands of alumni and millions of fans, the Redskins team name continues to carry a deep and purposeful meaning. Please allow me to offer a few important facts:

- **The term Redskins originated as a Native American expression of solidarity:**
 - More than a decade ago one of the foremost scholars of Native American languages, Smithsonian Institution senior linguist Ives Goddard, spent seven months researching the subject and concluded that the word “redskin” originated as a Native American expression of solidarity by multi-tribal delegations that traveled to Washington to negotiate Native American national policies. In *his* words: “The actual origin of the word (redskin) is entirely benign and reflects more positive aspects of relations between

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Indians and whites”.¹ Our use of “Redskins” as the name of our football team for more than 81 years has always been respectful of and shown reverence toward the proud legacy and traditions of Native Americans.

■ **Our logo was designed by Native Americans:**

- In 1971, while my father was head coach, our current logo was designed and approved by Native American leaders. One such leader was Walter “Blackie” Wetzel, a former President of the National Congress of American Indians and Chairman of the Blackfeet Nation. Mr. Wetzel worked closely with President John F. Kennedy in the national movement for civil rights. Mr. Wetzel’s son Don wrote just two months ago: ***“It needs to be said that an Indian from the state of Montana created that (Redskins) Logo, and did it the right way. It represents the Red Nation and it’s something to be proud of.”***²

■ **An overwhelming majority of Native Americans do not find the name offensive.**

- The highly respected Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania surveyed Native Americans nationally and reported that an overwhelming 90% of respondents said the name was **not offensive**.³ More importantly, Native Americans continue to embrace and use the name and logo. Many schools on Native American reservations proudly use the Redskins’ name and logo (see photo below from Red Mesa High School located in Teec Nos Pos, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation).



¹ Ives Goddard, 'I AM A RED-SKIN': THE ADOPTION OF A NATIVE-AMERICAN EXPRESSION (1769-1826), *European Review of Native American Studies* 19:2 (2005), available at <http://anthropology.si.edu/goddard/>.

² Mansch, Scott. “Don Wetzel: Don’t Call the Redskins Name Offensive.” *Great Falls Tribune* 19 Feb. 2014, <http://ux.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/2014/02/16/don-wetzel-dont-call-redskins-logo-offensive/5528647/>.

³ National Annenberg Election Survey, *Most Indians Say Name of Washington “Redskins” Is Acceptable While 9Percent Call It Offensive, Annenberg Data Show*, available at http://cdn.annenbergpublicpolicycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2004_03_redskins_09-24_pr2.pdf (Sep. 24, 2004).

Our own travels to reservations in over 20 states confirm that there is strong support for the Redskins team name. On every occasion, we were warmly received by tribal leaders and members alike, and it is those personal visits that reaffirmed for us what Native Americans need is genuine support and to be provided with opportunities, not diversionary discussions about the name of a football team.

■ **The vast majority of Americans are in favor of keeping the team name.**

- In 2014, the Associated Press conducted a national survey confirming 83% of Americans said they are in favor of keeping the Washington Redskins name.⁴


Think about these facts...what policy or issue generates 83% to 90% support in this era of negativity and division?

Senator, rest assured we will continue to provide the support that people in the Washington area and others across the nation have come to expect from us. Whether through Redskins Read, Play 60, or Coaches in the Classroom, we remain committed to making a genuine, lasting difference in our community.

This includes making a difference for Native Americans through our **Washington Redskins Original Americans Foundation**. It is our mission to help tackle the troubling realities facing so many tribes across our country, by providing resources and genuine opportunities to those in need. Since the foundation was established just 60 days ago, it has already initiated over 40 projects across the country, which includes the distribution of over one thousand tablet computers for Native American students, as well as over a dozen vehicles that will be used for various health and community purposes.

We hope you will join us; Native Americans deserve our support.

Sincerely,



Bruce Allen
President

⁴ The AP-GfK Poll, AP.ORG, http://ap-gfkipoll.com/main/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/AP-GfK-January-2014-Poll-POSTED-Final_NFL.pdf (last updated January 2014).

Sun fun By [Sage Leehey](#) 05.22.14. **Solar energy education program for kids**

To learn more or schedule a field trip with or visit from Black Rock Solar, email catherine@blackrocksolar.org or visit www.blackrocksolar.org.

Black Rock Solar's education program focuses on teaching kids—kindergarten through 12th grade—about solar photovoltaic cells, electricity, renewable vs. nonrenewable energy, and fossil fuels in a hands-on and accessible way.

They use two methods for this. Either Black Rock Solar comes to the school with its mobile solar array or solar trailer, or they bus the kids out to one of 75 pre-existing solar arrays they've built for non-profits, schools and tribes in the area free of charge to the school.

Black Rock Solar has been doing this since 2010, and its education program manager Catherine Leon has been around since last year. Leon sat down and calculated the number of kids that have been involved in either a class visit or field trip since the school year began in the fall of 2013 and said they've served more than 1,500 students this year alone.

"They're the ones who are going to promote and advocate for renewable energy in the future, so that's why we like to expose them to solar technology early," Leon said.

Leon was at Swope Middle School all morning on May 15 with groups of students for this program.

"What we do is we talk about what we need to make electricity first because it's all about electricity," Leon said. "Then we talk about how we can use the energy from the sun to make electricity, and then we talk about fossil fuels and the impacts they have on the environment compared to clean renewable energy like solar energy."

She has students act out the photons hitting the photovoltaic cells and how the energy travels in the system to help them understand how solar energy works. The kids were laughing the whole time, despite the heat. Leon uses activities like this one throughout her lessons to keep the kids engaged, but she changes it a bit depending on the ages of the children involved.

After that, students pair up and are given small solar panels, wires and something to power—a small light or buzzer was common. They then have to make the circuit.

"They get to touch it and see how cool it is and that they don't need batteries or to burn gasoline," Leon said. "They get creative, and they start joining forces. It just gives the kids a chance to explore and experiment. ... I don't tell them how to make the connections, so they have to figure it out on their own. They get to troubleshoot problems, and they have ah-ha light bulb moments on their own, which is great."

Macy Brown, a seventh grader at Swope, participated in the program along with her science class in the Gifted and Talented Magnet program. She also liked this activity the best because she actually got to use solar energy herself and "learned a lot more [from the circuit-building activity] than just reading it out of a book."

Christina Thee, Brown's science teacher in the Gifted and Talented Magnet program at Swope, reached out to Black Rock Solar for this program, and other teachers can do the same to plan a

field trip or visit from the non-profit. Thee likes this program because of the hands-on experience it brings her students.

“They not only have the solar panel and the example of how they use the solar panel and how they store energy, they also have hands-on little kits that the kids can work on and manipulate and get their own devices working,” Thee said.

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/ORM/83revise/index.htm> Indian Affairs |
Revisions to Regulations on Federal Acknowledgment of Indian Tribes

Discussion Draft - shows draft changes to 25 CFR 83, released June 21, 2013. The Discussion Draft is a preliminary precursor to the rulemaking process and is intended to provide tribes and the public an early opportunity to provide input on potential improvements to the Part 83 process. [bia.gov](http://www.bia.gov)

Lakota/Dakota Prayer Song [Prayer song youtube.com](#)

9 Year Old Rocks Hand drum

9 year old Aaron sings a rounddance song at alexis first nation www.youtube.com

The Best Powwow Song I Heard In A Long Time...www.youtube.com

South Dakota's Scrap-metal Sculpture [more...](#)

I Can Barely Put Together An Ikea Table, Let Alone Build An Ikea House — But This Is A Smart Idea

Hello all! attached is a Flyer of the other activities that we will be having during our **Annual Festival Pow wow starting June 21** thru June 22, 2014..

Time to get practicing on your Potato Dancing, get your team ready for the Team Dancing and make sure to be ready for the Men's and Woman's Switch Dance.... and bring your Best song for the Youth and Adult Hand Drum Contest...

Please share with your friends....and send this along....

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Head Woman Fancy
Special

2 songs, 2 pushups,
tie breaker if needed
Winner Take All



Men's and Woman's Switch Dance



Team Dance

Potato Dance



Hand Drum Contest
for Youth and Adult