

### Hopi Tribal Council Accepts \$720K DOJ Victim of **Crimes Grant** 0...0 Romalita Laban U. S. Department of Justice for funding DFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME



Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - February 5, 2020 with a quorum present Hopi Tribal Council, by motion and majority vote, approved Action Item #012-2020 and Resolution H-018-2020 which according to the Action Item packet and Objective was "To accept grant fund in the amount of \$720,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime. To establish a Hopi Victim Services Program."

In further review, the Action Item packet Discussion section listed, "In collaboration with various tribal programs and partners, Office of Executive Director submitted a grant application to the in the amount of \$720,000.00 to address the growing needs of crime victims focused on reaching and servicing victims in a culturally appropriate manner."

The availability of grant funding is a result of the 1984 Victim of Crimes Act under which a Crime Victims' Fund is established via fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders. Prior to FY 2018 the majority of the fund went to states for victim assistance services, funding for victim advocates and for the U.S. Attorney's offices when Tribes had to go to the state offices to apply for any funding. In 2018, 3% of the funding was appropriated as a Tribal set aside and although the Hopi Tribe's Domestic Violence Program applied for the grant,

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# Home Break-ins on the Hopi Reservation

#### CARL ONSAE HOPI TUTUVENI

Shungopavi, Ariz. - Several home break-ins had occurred all in early morning between the dates January 19,2010 through February 1, 2020 in the village of Shungopovi, Ariz. Reports say the three victim's houses were broken into during the early morning hours of 1:00 -2:00 a.m. on that same date. Two houses which were broken into are located inside of the village, and one other house was located right around the Second Mesa Day School area, where reports say that valuables were stolen from the residents. Reports say that the stolen valuables mainly consisted of house keys, money, and guns.

Lieutenant Qumyintewa from the Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) stated, "Within the 24-48 hours, three houses were broken into, and were suspected to be all linked to the same person or people." Qumyintewa mentioned that these houses were targeted because of easy access into the homes.

Another police report stated that a local gift shop in Shungopovi, Ariz. was broken into. So far Hopi police reports indicated that it might be linked to the same person or people who were responsible for the multiple break-ins on January 19, 2019 thorough February 1, 2020

HLES stated that no suspects have been identified as of yet for these robberies but a continued investigation is still being conducted.

Qumyintewa also stated that on the same night of the robberies, a vehicle had been stolen from an unknown resident in Shungopovi, Ariz. Qumyintewa stated, "Officers were dispatched to the houses that have been burglarized when they got a call that a vehicle had been stolen from another house in Shungopovi."

Officers were quickly dispatched and found the stolen vehicle at a baseball field

located in Shungopovi, Ariz. where the vehicle had been abandoned and items had been taken from the vehicle. No suspects had been identified for that crime, but suspected have been linked to the robberies in Shungopovi.

HLES is aware of these break-ins and is keeping a close watch on the village for a potential suspect or suspects.

Qumyintewa also informed the Hopi Tutuveni that the Village of Shungopavi and the HLES conducted a meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the local Village Community Center. The topic of the robberies were discussed with a goal of working towards bringing awareness to the community about the break-ins, prevention of future crimes like the break-ins and possible resolutions to the situation. As of the publication date, no reports or updates about the meeting outcomes have been issued to Hopi Tutuveni.

HLES wants the public to know that we live in a time where you cannot leave your car door or even your house door unlocked anymore.

Qumyintewa stated, "Please lock all your doors especially during our ceremonies and holidays when the houses are empty." If you are going on travel please tell a neighbor or a family member to check on your house. Qumyintewa also stated that it is best to buy motion detector lights and place them on your house to deter any robbers. If at all possible, it is recommended that homeowners install home surveillance kits, which can be easily purchased at any Wal-Mart or Home Depot at an affordable price.

For further information regarding these incidents please call HLES at (928) 734-7340 or if you have any information regarding this matter and want to stay anonymous, a Silent Witness line is also available at (928)738-8477.

### Any party seeking to intervene in said proceeding must file an appropriate pleading with the Hopi Trial Court no later than twenty (20) days after the publication of this notice.

In the Matter of the Change of Name Of:

Delvin Ronnie Tungovia Jr.

То

Suuwi Tungovia

change of name, from:

Dated this 7th day of October, 2019.

Margene Nande Margene Namoki, Clerk of the Court

#### IN THE HOPI TRIAL COURT

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IN THE HOPI TRIAL COURT

KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

Notice is hereby given that Delvin Ronnie Tungovia Jr. has petitioned the court for the

Delvin Ronnie Tungovia Jr. to Suuwi Tungovia

No. 2019-CV-0108

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

OF CHANGE OF NAME

KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Teigon Lejynd Riley Poocha, DOB: 05/12/2015 An unmarried minor child under the age of 18

Robert and Sandy Whitehair, Petitioners

And Concerning: Tashina F. Poocha and John Doe, 2020-CV-0004

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF THE PETITION FOR PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP AND NOTICE OF HEARING

AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Tashina Poocha and John Doe, Parents of the minor child T.P.

Respondents

THE ABOVE NAMED PETITIONERS have filed a Petition for Permanent Guardianship as to the above named minor child in the HOPI TRIAL COURT bearing Case No. 2020-CV-0004.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that said Petition for Guardianship is set for an Initial Appearance Guardianship Hearing on March 25, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. in the Hopi Trial Court, Courtroom II, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034, for the purpose of determining whether Ms. Tashina Poocha, and John Doe Parents/Respondents named above, will contest or is contesting the allegations contained in the Petition. If the Petition is being contested, Respondents shall file a response to the Petition with the Hopi Trial Court within **twenty (20)** calendar days from date of publication. Your response must be filed with the Clerk of the Hopi Trial Court, at the address provided herein.

A COPY of the Petition for Permanent Guardianship may be obtained by submitting a written request to: The Hopi Trial Court, P.O. Box 156, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034; telephone number (928) 738-5171; fax number (928) 738-5561.

#### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 28 TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

HOPI TRIAL COURT

Margene Namoki Court Clerk

### Hopi Tutuveni February 19, 2020



High school students at the NAU Andy Harvey Broadcast Journalism Workshop learn how to navigate broadcast equipment to tell their stories. Photo courtesy of Northern Arizona University

#### For immediate release:

(Flagstaff, Ariz.) February 10, 2020 - Twenty-five high school students will tune into college life and the opportunity to produce professional radio and television productions during the Andy Harvey Broadcast Journalism Workshop at Northern Arizona University from June

14-20, 2020.

During seven days living on the Flagstaff campus, students work alongside the staff of the area's only local news station NAZ Today and faculty from the NAU School of Communication. Attendees experience college-level workshops and classes while training on professional

digital equipment to learn how to report a story, shoot it and edit it for a live broadcast.

Named after Andy Harvey (1976-2012), a former television reporter at KPNX in Phoenix and NAU Journalism alumnus who also worked for the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education, the workshop began in

2012 to "increase Arizona broadcasters' higher education engagement for Native Americans," says Paul Helford, Principal Lecturer for NAU's Creative Media and Film studies and School of Communication Workshop Director.

Students can choose their own broadcast topics, which have ranged from stories about health and the environment and real-life reporting on local people, businesses, non-profits and more.

Keanu Jones, now a senior working on a Bachelor in Fine Arts at Navajo Technical University in Crownpoint, New Mexico, attended the 2015 workshop. "The workshop Cont. On Page 16



The Native American Cultural Center at Northern Arizona University is a resource for all of campus and community to learn about and celebrate indigenous cultures.

#### For immediate release

(Flagstaff, Ariz.) February 10, 2020 - Northern Arizona University's commitment to Native American/Indigenous students is rising on its campuses and in national rankings. NAU awards degrees to Native students at some of the highest rates in the nation.

"Current rankings reflect that Northern Arizona University is

standing behind its strategic goal to become the nation's leading university serving Native Americans," says NAU President Rita Cheng.

NAU's success with Native students received numerous 2019 high rankings. Diverse Issues in Higher Education reported the university has nine top rankings for awarding American Indian/ Alaska Native students bachelor's degrees.

Based on data from four-year public institutions throughout the United States, NAU ranks first in awarding bachelor's degrees to Native American students in public health and management information systems and services. The university is second for awarding bachelor's degrees to Native Americans in dental support services and allied pro-

fessions. Additional 2019 top rankings are in engineering, liberal arts, biological sciences, nursing, and hospitality.

The 2019 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System ranked NAU second in the nation for minority Fiscal Year Completions for Master's/Doctorate Degrees, and third for Graduate Fall Enrollment.

"We continue to support our

strategic goal, not just in words, but with multifaceted action," says Chad Hamill, vice president for NAU's Office of Native American Initiatives.

NAU's Native American Cultural Center serves as the primary hub for indigenous engagement on campus. As the only facility of its kind in Arizona, the center provides "home away from home" support Cont. On Page 16

## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU?



Andrea Siow Hopi Special Diabetes Program For Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. -January 29, 2020. Every year, thousands of Americans write goals to better themselves in the upcoming months; however, keeping these goals can be more difficult, and less fun, than we originally thought. But don't fret, if your intention is to get moving, and start making healthier choices this year, "GO WITH THAT MINDSET" See where it takes you one day at a time, and keep that positive attitude going.

The Hopi Special Diabetes Program – Hopi Wellness Center, located on highway 264, northeast of Kykotsmovi Village, kicked off 2020 with the New Year Kick Start Challenge. The challenge began January 6, 2020, and ends on February 28, 2020.

As a way to get started off on a healthy foot for the year and begin steps in creating healthy habits, the Hopi Wellness Center chose to focus on the areas of self-motivation, hydration, nutrition, cutting down on sugary treats, eating more fruits & vegetables, being physically active 30 minutes or more, and getting a minimum of seven hours of sleep each night. Participants were required to complete a fitness profile, and do a weekly weigh-in throughout the challenge. Nearing the close of our first month

out the challenge. Nearing the close of our first month of the challenge, many of the participants reached milestones in their overall wellness, and are experiencing the successes and challenges in creating consistent healthy habits.

One participant shared, "I was diagnosed as being a diabetic a year and a half ago, and I wasn't really educated about diabetes. So at a certain point, my blood sugar was over 200, and I didn't understand the impact that it was having on me as my doctor said it was dangerous. So I researched. In the long run, I've made changes to keep myself healthy, and I was pleased that last week my blood glucose count was 90, and my blood pressure has been quite normal."

What an amazing success. The ultimate journey begins with each of us; however, you do not have to do it alone. Part of the excitement of being on this journey can come from being a part of a bigger movement with others who are striving for their goals of good health & wellness, just like you. Here, at the Hopi Wellness Center, we value team work, and strive each year to provide programs and activities that help to encourage, motivate, and promote wellness and self-empowerment.

We invite the community to contact the Hopi Wellness Center on the programs and services that are provided. We also encourage community members to come and utilize the Fitness Center that is free to use. For more information, you may call (928) 734-3432.

We are off to a good start with the New Year Kick Start Challenge, however, do not feel like your journey to better health has to start with each new year. Instead, the second the thought of making a change, and making that first action step, is already success. Now, the journey is to take action upon it every day, and surpass the challenges that are to come. Know that it is possible, and know that the Hopi Special Diabetes Program staff is here to help educate, and motivate you, along the way. We look forward to seeing the community at our upcoming activities in 2020.

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it did not get awarded.

In 2019, Joelynn Ashley, Director, Department of Public Safety through the Office of the Executive Director, Office of Financial Management and Building Communities began the application process for the three-year grant.

Discussion and questions from Hopi Tribal Council members revealed that the application for the grant occurred through the Office of Executive Director and Building Communities Consultant, a consultant of the Hopi Tribe. Other individuals, which Dorma Sahnevah, Executive Director of the Hopi Tribe/President of the Hopi Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse named as having involvement in the application process included Carrie Onsae, Executive Director for the Hopi Tewa Women's Coalition To End Abuse and other staff members of the Coalition, including Sahneyah's daughter Kim Tacheene.

Further questions and discussions led to explanation that the program, if accepted, would be placed under the Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services. Tribal Council members reminded the Executive Director that since it is not currently present in the Tribe's Organizational Chart, that step would need to be completed.

Tribal Council members expressed concerns for how the "appearance of a conflict" may be present due to Sahneyah being the Board President of the HTWCEA and that because of the appearance, there needed to be a measure in place which protects the Hopi Tribe as well as Ms. Sahneyah. It was recommended by some Council members that Sahneyah recuse herself from any further involvement and discussions surrounding the grant as a condition of approving the acceptance of the grant.

Council members made a point to express that they were not against a program, which could service victims however they expressed concerns for the optics of how the grant was applied for and that ethical protections needed to be in place before accepting any funds.

Council members also presented questions about the longevity of the program and asked whether it was expected that the Tribe would have to fund the program in the future. Due to the recent approval of the budget and concerns for having to fund some grant programs on a very limited budget, members adamantly expressed the need to have it specified in the resolution to ensure the Tribe was not expected to fund the program should it not acquire continued funds after the three-year grant cycle in 2022.

Hopi Tutuveni requested information about the Action Item and Resolution via the Hopi Tribal Secretary's Office Information Request procedure on February 7, 2020. A reply and some of the requested documents were received on February 10, 2020 from the Office of the Secretary. On February 18, 2020, just a few hours before publication submission, Hopi Tutuveni received a final copy of Resolution H-018-2020.

According to the information received, Resolution H-018-2020 specifies, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by 2022 if this program should no longer be funded that the Tribe is not obligated to pick up the program...and "that the Tribal Treasurer is authorized to accept and expend said funds in accordance with the Hopi Tribal Fiscal Management Policy."



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### **Kidnapping Threat Is Higher For Native Women, So T** Self-Defense

Self-defense student Megan Fleury holds her hands up and faces a potential assailant. Robin Lubbock/WBUR

#### **Ouincy Walters** NPR News

On a recent Saturday in Everett, Mass., Native American women have gathered to learn some self-defense techniques. Before the class starts, sage is burned and instructor Shanda Poitra smudges and asks any Native energies to be with her.

"I just praved, in my mind, thanking [the] Creator for opportunities and being with me today and helping really get the point across today," Poitra says.

### The point?

Native women have a basic right to protect themselves.

The women at this particular class come from tribes in Massachusetts, North Da-

Utah task force probes murdered and missing Indigenous women



Photo by original poster

kota and El Salvador. They learn how to recognize threats, how to de-escalate confrontational situations and how to strike an attacker in the groin.

The class culminates with Poitra teaching attendees how to defend themselves against someone who tries to sexually assault them while they're sleeping. She lies on her stomach on the floor and a man gets

### **Associated Press**

Rep. Angela Romero would bring together lawmakers, researchers, tribes and law enforcement

PROVO, Utah (AP) -Native American women face a murder rate that is more than 10 times the national average, according to federal statistics, and a Utah lawmaker wants to address the violence.

Democratic state Rep. Angela Romero said her top priority this year is her proposal to create a task force aimed at studying violence against indigenous women, the Daily Herald in Provo reported.

"Native American wom-

on top of her.

"I wait for his full body pressure to come on. Once his full body pressure is on me ..." Poitra says to the class, before pulling off what she calls "an explosive move."

While still on her stomach, Poitra lifts her right left toward her chest and leverages all of that Cont. On Page 14

en are at a higher risk than any other demographic

when it comes to sexual violence and domestic abuse." Romero said. Those crimes can be challenging

particularly because they often involve many different agencies. If a crime happens on a Native American reservation, the investigation can involve tribal police, local police, and state and federal law enforcement.

"We need to find a way to ensure that all these entities are connecting and working together so that people aren't falling through the cracks," she said.

Her plan would bring together lawmakers, re-

searchers, tribes and law enforcement. It would also include an advocate for victims, a voice that is sometimes isn't heard on projects like this, Romero said.

"For me, it was really important to have Native voices and to have a balance of law enforcemen ... and individuals who are trying to do preventative work in this area," she said.

Romero is working with Republican Sen. David Hinkins, whose district includes the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation, which also stretches into Arizona and New Mexico. He has said the issue is an important one

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### History again? Voters could send another Native woman to Congress



Photo by original poster Aliyah Chavez Indian Country Today

Wisconsin special election Tuesday will decide the next step in Tricia Zunker's campaign #NativeVote20

When Tricia Zunker isn't working as an associate justice of the Ho-Chunk Supreme Court or campaigning to be elected to Congress, she collects baskets.

Sometimes she sees them while she passes by an antique store or at an estate sale. She buys and adds them to the small basket gallery she built in her home.

Zunker says Ho-Chunk basketmakers created the containers as a way to make ends meet. The baskets have always been sold and traded. Zunker's grandmother and other relatives were basketmakers.

"Not only are they (Ho-Chunk baskets) beautiful, but to me, they represent perseverance and resilience," Zunker says. "I know without that ability to earn a livelihood through these baskets, I might very well not be here today."

Zunker is running as a Democrat in a special congressional election to represent Wisconsin's 7th district. Tuesday voters will head to the polls to decide if Zunker will win her party's nomination and advance to the state's general election in May.

If elected, Zunker would be the third Native woman elected to Congress— and she would serve alongside Reps. Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk, and Deb Haaland, La-

#### James Anderson Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — The Trump administration on Tuesday hosted the first of two hearings on its proposal to speed energy and other projects by rolling back a landmark environmental law. Opponents from Western states argued the longterm benefits of keeping the environmental reviews.

Among other changes, President Donald Trump wants to limit public reviews of projects — a process that's enshrined in the National Environmental Policy Act signed in 1970 by President Richard Nixon. The administration also wants to allow project sponsors to participate at an early stage of drafting federal environmental impact statements.

Dozens of environmental and tribal activists testified at the Denver hearing of the president's Council on Environmental Quality.

The act "is not just a tool to reduce impacts to the environment," said Gwen Lachelt. a commissioner in Colorado's La Plata County. "It's a basic tool of democracy."

Representatives of oil and gas groups countered that multiyear environmental reviews of pipelines, coal mines and renewable energy projects kill jobs. increase costs and often outlast a project's economic feasibility.

That proposed changes chagrined Jeannie Crumly, a rancher from Nebraska who has fought construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline for more than a decade. President Barack Obama canceled the project, only to have it resurrected by Trump.

"We've learned over the 10 years in our dealings with the pipeline supporters about falsehoods," said Crumly, sporting a "No Oil on Our Soil" button. "The **Cont. On Page 14**  guna Pueblo, in the 116th Congress.

Zunker's congressional bid came after Republican Rep. Sean Duffy resigned in September to spend more time with his family.

Since then, Zunker has been campaigning "non-stop" throughout Wisconsin's 7th congressional district. It is a place home to 26 counties and accounts for roughly one-third of the state of Wisconsin. There are also nine reservations in this district.

Her congressional bid is an opportunity to not only address pressing issues but for "real representation," she says.

If elected, Zunker would be the first woman to ever represent Wisconsin's 7th district in Congress.

"This is another overdue representation," Zunker said. "And people shouldn't vote for me because I am a woman. They should vote for me because I am a qualified Indigenous woman who is going to get the job done. It is high time my Indigenous relatives, our young girls and our women see themselves reflected in congressional leadership. Representation matters."

Some of the policies important to Zunker include access to affordable healthcare, tackling Big Pharma, protecting the environment, reforming campaign finance, instituting livable wages, reforming criminal justice and improving education. And she has the background to get the job done.

Zunker, a first-generation student, received her law degree from the University of California in Los Angeles. She also has a bachelor's degree in three programs and a certificate within four years at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

In 2013, Zunker was elected to be an associate justice of the Ho-Chunk Supreme Court. She has served for nearly seven years. Zunker also serves on the Wausau School Board.

"In that capacity, I have worked on state-wide efforts to retire Native American mascots, logos, nicknames, imagery and symbols in our public schools as a matter of educational policy," Zunker said.

Zunker has raised more then \$145,000 for her campaign since Oct. 2, according to data from the Federal Election Commission.

She runs against another Democrat to win her party's nomination. Her opponent is Lawrence Dale, who is an insurance salesperson. Dale unsuccessfully ran for this position as a Green Party candidate in 2014.

Tomorrow night Zunker says she will be surrounded by friends and supporters at a campaign party in a local restaurant. She says she "fully expects a victory" and looks forward to May's general election.



Juan Mancias, Chairman of the Carrizo / Comecrudo Tribe of Texas. (Photo: Angel Amaya of Western Organization of Resource Councils)



#### Answers for February 5th edition

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5. Apple, 6. Arrow, 7. Tomorrow, 11. Tobacco, 13. Badger, 16. Language, 17. Drink, 20. Think, 21. Ladder, 23. Feed, 24. Turtle, 25. Nice

#### Down

1. Snow, 2. All, 3. Parrot, 4. Cattail, 8. Mustardseed, 9. Work, 10, Tea, 12, Bow, 14, Rained, 15, Breeze, 18. Ground, 19. Listen, 22. Drum

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### **HOPILAVIT - CLANS AND PLACES**

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Hongyam (Juniper)

Masngyam (Maasaw) Asngyam (Mustard) Kyarngyam (*Parrot*) Tapngyam (*Rabbit*) Paaqapngyam (Reed) Tuwangyam (Sand) Tsungyam (*Snake*) Nuvangyam (Snow) Kyelngyam (Sparrow Hawk) Kookyangwngyam (Spider) Taawangyam (Sun) Qalangyam (Sun Forehead) Pipngyam (Tobacco) Paaisngyam (Water Coyote) Clan Words

Wuya (Ancestor) Mowi (Female Inlaw) Qöö'aya (Matriarch) **Places** Alavakyeekye (Albuq. NM) Paatuwi (Big Mt. or Black Mesa) Suntuyqa (Balakai Mesa) Talastima (Blue Canvon) Morova (Burro Spring) Yot.se'hahawpi (Chevelon Buttes) Qawinpi (Gray Mt.) Masiipa (Shonto Spring) Ongtupqa (Grand Canyon)

Katsinngyam (Kachina) Ngyam (Clan)

### Hopi Tutuveni February 19, 2020



# **Larry is Starting a Podcast** -What is that?

By LARRY The CAT *The Hopi Tutuveni* 

my mother and I would take trips to the local border towns, and when we travelled in our 1990 Ford Station English Writing 101 not once but Wagon we would listen to the radio.

be "Man! I Feel like a Woman!" by Shania Twain, and being a mush head kitten I would scream at the top of my lungs: "MAN! I FEEL LIKE A WOM-AN!" every time that came up on the stutter and pronounce Hopi words radio. Now at that time, 90's country was all the rage and my mother and I, talking. So you see it's very hard to be were no stranger to the 90's All-Time kind-of-sort-of bilingual and write a Country Hits.

cinated me, and sometimes I would pretend to have a radio station called "107.5 Weird Hopi Hits" where I have broken English because we speak would play random 80's and 90's cartoon theme songs, with a mixture sentences that takes a long time to get of Hopi traditional songs on my Walkman<sup>©</sup>, and I would play that in my ferent. room all day. I would pretend to be the number one rated DJ named "DJ Cool Cat Larry" and everyone would love guage as a first language. It's like we me.

first and only local radio station in the early 2000's I was happy because I thought I had a real shot at being DJ Cool Cat Larry, and would have my picture on billboards plastered all over have our Hopi language and that even the Hopi reservation, and I would be though we don't speak it correctly, at

love me...but that never happened. So I became a storyteller and a writer that When I was around 7 or 8 years old, writes for the local Hopi newspaper instead.

When I was in high school, I failed twice, because my sentence structures I remember her favorite song would were not considered a "white man-ish" type of writing. See, my first language was English and even I failed my first language. But now that I learned Hopi, I am not very good at that either. I still wrong, but I'm learning and keep composition paper, like a white man, See, radio stations have always fas- with proper English grammar and structure.

> Here on the Hopi reservation we like how we talk Hopi, in short precise to the point, so my writings are no dif-

On the Hopi reservation no one talks about the importance of the Hopi lanassume to always talk in the white When the Hopi reservation got its man's language first then learn our culture. own language and heritage second.

> I say, speaking your native tongue is nothing to be embarrassed about. We should be proud that we still kind-of

part of Hopi alive.

dren do not know how to speak the Hopi language, nor do they know about all the Hopi culture and the customs, so whom should we blame? Who should we blame that our culture is slowly fading away? Do we blame the white man for killing our culture, or do we blame ourselves for letting it happen? Or, do we put blame aside and worry about preserving the Hopi culture and start making a difference.

With that thought, our children don't know how to properly speak English as well, so we are stuck in the middle of not knowing how to speak the Hopi language nor the English language. I guess that's why in today's society, we have this "Hop-lish" language that we conjured up.

But all in all I feel proud that I cannot really talk like a white man or make a complete sentence without ending in prepositions. But as a modern day Hopi cat, I can clearly say that we are trying to make an effort to learn and preserve the Hopi language and

My advice to you is, never be embarrassed about your culture or your heritage where ever you come from, just remember who you are and never let anyone take that away.

I have been writing for the local

a local celebrity and everyone would least we are still trying to preserve our newspaper for almost 2 years now and language and still trying to keep that I thank them for putting my opinion column in the newspaper. I guess I I know that most of our Hopi chil- must sound pretty cool or something like that. And, I have grown to be kind of like a local celebrity...kind of.

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### United States Currents

# Trump plans on taking \$3.8 billion from Pentagon for border wall



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#### Christopher Scragg Cronkite News

WASHINGTON – The Trump administration plans to tap the Pentagon for another \$3.8 billion in military funds to pay for border wall construction this year, a move critics blasted as "theft," a raid and a money grab.

The fund transfers, detailed in Defense Department budget documents uncovered Thursday, would use money that had been budgeted for two F-35 fighters, two C-130J cargo planes, drones and other equipment. The plan also targets \$1.3 billion that was originally allocated for National Guard units from all four branches of the military.

This move comes a year after the White House diverted \$3.6 billion from military construction projects to the wall that President Donald Trump famously promised during his 2016 election campaign would be paid for by Mexico.

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, D-Arizona, said in a statement released by her office Thursday that Trump is "now trying to steal money from our National Guard to pay for his vanity wall project."

"It is alarming to see President Trump raid defense accounts – without any Congressional oversight or approval," Kirkpatrick's statement said. "Not only does this action disregard our separation of powers and constitutional system, it also compromises our national security by taking away valuable resources."

A Pentagon spokesman said the Defense Department supports the transfer of funds that will officially be used by the Department of Homeland Security for drug interdiction efforts along the border.

"The Department of Defense is committed to supporting the Department of Homeland Security's efforts to secure the southern border by constructing fences and roads and installing lighting to block drug smuggling corridors," said Lt. Col. Chris Mitchell.

He said the request for funds came from DHS last month, "asking for assistance blocking drug-smuggling corridors on federal land along the southern border."

In the budget document detailing the transfer, the Pentagon said DHS had listed "vehicle barriers, pedestrian fencing and new lighting as necessary tools to 'impede and deny drug smuggling activities.""

The Pentagon justified each of the more than one dozen appropriations slated for transfer, along with an explanation describing the targeted items as excessive, unnecessary or inconsistent with modernization goals. Most of the items were also labeled as

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### Homeland Security waives contracting laws for border wall

### Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Trump administration said Tuesday that it will waive federal contracting laws to speed construction of a wall at the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Department of Homeland Security said waiving procurement regulations will allow 177 miles (283 kilometers) of wall to be built more quickly in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The 10 waived laws include requirements for having open competition, justifying selections and receiving all bonding from a contractor before any work can begin.

The acting Homeland Security secretary, Chad Wolf, is exercising authority under a 2005 law that gives him sweeping powers to waive laws for building border barriers. Secretaries under President Donald Trump have issued 16 waivers, and President George W. Bush issued five, but Tuesday's announcement marks the first time that waivers have applied to federal procurement rules. Previously they were used to waive environmental impact reviews. The Trump administration said it expects the waivers will allow 94 miles (150 kilometers) of wall to be built this year, bringing the Republican president closer to his pledge of about 450 miles (720 kilometers) since taking office and making it one of his top domestic priorities. It said the other 83 miles (133 kilometers) covered by the waivers may get built this year.

"Under the president's leadership, we are building more wall, faster than ever before," the department said in a statement.

The move is expected to spark criticism that the administration is overstepping its authority, but legal challenges have failed. In 2018, a federal judge in San Diego rejected arguments by California and environmental advocacy groups that the secretary's broad powers should have an expiration date. An appeals court upheld the ruling last year.

Congress gave the secretary power to waive laws in areas of high illegal crossings in 2005 in a package of emergency spending for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and minimum standards for state-issued identification cards. The Senate approved it unanimously, with support from Joe Biden, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. The House passed it with strong bipartisan support; then-Rep. Bernie Sanders voted against it.

The waivers, to be published in the Federal Register, apply to projects that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will award in six of nine Border Patrol sectors on the Mexican border: San Diego and El Centro in California; Yuma and Tucson in Arizona; El Paso, which spans New Mexico and west Texas, and Del Rio, Texas.

The administration said the waivers will apply to contractors that have already been vetted. In May, the Army Corps named 12 companies to compete for Pentagon-funded contracts.

The Army Corps is tasked with awarding \$6.1 billion that the Department of Defense transferred for wall construction last year after Congress gave Trump only a fraction of the money. The administration has been able to spend that money during legal challenges.

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White Mesa Uranium Mill near Blanding, Utah. (Creative Commons photo)

Brady McCombs and Ellen Knickmeyer Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Trump administration is asking Congress for \$1.5 billion over 10 years to create a new national stockpile of U.S.-mined uranium, saying that propping up U.S. uranium production in the face of cheaper imports is a matter of vital energy security.

But some Democratic lawmakers, and market analysts across the political spectrum, charge that the Trump administration's overall aim is really about helping a few uranium companies that can't compete in the global market. Demand for the nuclear fuel has languished worldwide since Japan's 2011 Fukushima disaster. U.S. uranium production has plummeted 96% in the last five years, the U.S. Energy Information Administration reported Thursday.

Trump made the request for a new national uranium reserve in his 2021 budget request this week — the latest illustration that trying to rescue the U.S. nuclear and coal industries is a political priority for the Republican president who often invokes national security as justification.

"It's not the responsibility of the taxpayer to bail out an industry, whether that's uranium, solar, coal, what have you," said Katie Tubb, a senior energy policy analyst at the conservative Washington Heritage Foundation.

The Energy Department said the plan would boost work for at least a couple of the U.S. West's nearly dormant uranium operations, although residents near one of the mines say they fear an increase in radioactive threats. Last year energy companies asked the administration to require U.S. nuclear power plants to source one fifth of their uranium fuel from domestic sources, arguing that an over-reliance on foreign suppliers posed a national security risk. That request was rejected.

One proposed project could be at Bears Ears National Monument. According to The Salt Lake Tribune, "Energy Fuels, whose Utah operations surround Bears Ears National Monument, was one of two uranium producers that had petitioned the Trump administration to impose uranium quotas on the nuclear power industry, requiring it to domestically source a certain percentage of its fuel needs. Trump turned down the request and instead impaneled the Nuclear Fuel Working Group, which has since offered recommendations that remain under wraps."

Another uranium facility that is currently idled is near Ute Mountain Reservation in Utah. The White Mesa Mill reduced its staff last month, laying off nearly a third of its workforce. White Mesa is the last conventional uranium mill in the U.S.

"Whatever Trump does, we'll be standing our ground to let the people know that we're not going to give up," said Yolanda Badback, a resident of White Mesa, Utah, a town of 200 people on the Ute Mountain Indian Reservation that is near a uranium mill in southern Utah.

Trump's plan would need approval from a highly partisan Congress. Rep. Raul Grijalva, an Arizona Democrat and chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, has opposed Trump's effort to make domestic uranium mining a strategic issue, His aides said they needed to see more details from the administration on the stockpile proposal.

Demand for nuclear and coal power sources has fallen against marketplace competition from ever-cheaper natural gas and renewable wind and solar. Trump has been unable to stop a string of coal and nuclear power plant closings.

The U.S. nuclear industry has sought help from the Trump administration, including asking for taxpayer subsidies to promote use of U.S. uranium. U.S. nuclear power plants in 2018 got 90 percent of their uranium from Canada, Kazakhstan and other foreign suppliers, and only 10 percent from U.S. mines.

Trump in 2019 rejected a request from

U.S. uranium mining operators that he set a minimum quota for domestic uranium. But he agreed to set up a task force of national security, military and other federal officials to look for other ways to revive domestic production of the whole nuclear fuel supply chain.

That task force's findings are expected within two weeks. Trump's budget proposal would be part of an effort "to put the United States back in the nuclear game around the world," Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette told reporters Monday.

While Trump has called propping up U.S. uranium mining essential to national security, the Energy Department acknowledged in its budget presentation that "no immediate national security need has been identified" for the uranium reserve. The same document contends that the funds aren't meant to "disrupt market mechanisms."

"That is exactly what it is designed to do," said Luke J. Danielson, president of Colorado-based Sustainable Development Strategies Group, which advises foreign governments about mineral policies.

"The history of the government of trying to subsidize the energy sector and pick winners and losers is abysmal," Danielson added.

Many Democratic lawmakers have challenged Trump's Cont. On Page 15

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### Kidnapping Threat Is Higher..., Cont.

accumulated weight. Then she heaves up.

"Knocking him off of me," she says. "It only works when all his weight is on me." Not waiting

In November, President Trump signed an executive order called "Operation Lady Justice," which would create an interagency task force to look into why so many Native women's lives are disrupted or ended because of trauma.

According to research funded by the Department of Justice, in some instances, Native women are killed at a rate 10 times higher than the national average.

But Poitra said she's not waiting on the government to save her people.

"Historically, the government hasn't been very good to Native people," she says. "So I think it's that we start empowering ourselves and start turning it around ourselves."

Poitra is a survivor of domestic violence. She took a self-defense class and was able to get out of her situation. Now she wants to help other women from different tribes across the country.

Many who take the hours-long class such as Kristen Wyman, who teared up while learning the techniques — find it both physically grueling and emotionally taxing.

"Almost as if my ancestors, my aunties, my grandmother — everybody was with me that knows what our women face," she says. "And just to see the power of that, in that scenario, was real." The class is designed to be taught to Native women, by Native women. And Rachael Devaney told the group that aspect is important to her.

"It is so empowering learning from other Native people. That space is not available to us all the time," she told the group at the end of class. "To feel that kind of empowerment, connecting with you guys in that way is really amazing for me, just as a Native woman."

Native men participate in the class as well. Two of them wear football padding and very reinforced helmets.

Michael Davis of the Turtle Mountain Tribe, whose traditional name is Fire Spirit, said he volunteered because too many Native women have had their "fire" taken away through violence. He has seen it firsthand.

"I have an auntie who could've definitely benefited [from this class]," Davis says. "She might still be alive today if she would've known these tactics, or that she could empower herself to say no, to step away or maybe fought back one time and deterred him and maybe made him think twice."

At the end of class, a song is sung that memorializes the lives of all missing, murdered Indigenous women:

We will always remember you warrior women and leader women. You are in our hearts and minds.

The class itself is a mandate for Native women to keep their fires burning.



### Trump plan is 'a direct effrontery..., Cont.

possibility that they could create their own environmental impact statement is just ludicrous to us."

Trump has proposed narrowing the scope of the environmental law that along with the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act spell out the nation's principal environmental protections. The environmental law requires federal agencies to determine if a project would harm the environment or wildlife. It gives the public the right to consider and comment on the projects.

Trump's plan is backed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Petroleum Institute and other business and trade groups.

Among other changes, the proposal would streamline environmental assessments and require "analysis of cumulative effects," which environmentalists say include a project's potential impact on climate change.

The law "has done more than any other law in the last 50 years to protect America's lands and wildlife and ensure public comment," said Aaron Weiss, deputy director of the Center for Western Priorities. "It's completely on brand that the Trump administration is cutting the American public out of the process."

Activists held a rally and other events outside the hearing at the regional headquarters of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Backers of the proposed changes call the law outdated and a deterrent to infrastructure investment. They also insist the changes won't eliminate environmental reviews. Montana U.S. Sen. Steve Daines, a Republican, has released a letter signed by 17 other senators urging adoption of the new rules.

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis, a Democrat, issued a statement acknowledging the need to reduce red tape but said it must be done without weakening environmental protections. Several members of Polis' cabinet testified Tuesday, including the director of the Colorado Energy Office.

Ben Rhodd, a tribal historic preservation officer for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, labeled the proposed changes a "direct effrontery to the sovereignty of Native Americans" because, he said, tribal governments weren't consulted beforehand.

The administration's proposal does call for increased involvement of tribal governments.

"For tribal communities like Fort Berthold, which bear the brunt of health problems such as heart disease and asthma from the poorly planned federal projects, the National Environmental Policy Act isn't just an environmental protection law, it's a critical tool for ensuring our voice. We cannot afford to lose it." said Lisa DeVille, a leader with Fort Berthold Protectors of Water and Earth Rights. from Mandaree, North Dakota, in a news release. "Any law that provides broad opportunities for public participation in government decisions that affect the environment and local communities shouldn't be rolled back; rather, laws like the National Environmental Policy Act should be embraced and strengthened. The National Environmental Policy Act is one of the only avenues for tribal members to have any input on federal actions."

Another hearing will be held Feb. 25 in Washington.

# Utah task force probes murdered and missing Indigenous women, Cont.

to people he represents. A nationwide study of 71 cities by the Urban Indian Health Institute found Utah had the eighth-highest number of missing and slain indigenous women.

The task force would receive a onetime appropriation of \$40,000 for staffing. Its main goal would be to create a report about what gaps exist and a road map to prevent and address future violence.

The measure passed its first hurdle this week, and will now be considered by the full House.

"Will we solve everything? No, but it's a starting point of where to point us as the Legislature," Romero said.

# *Trump plans on taking \$3.8 billion from Pentagon for border wall, Cont.*

congressional special interest items.

That drew the ire of National Guard Association of the United States, which said in a sharp letter to Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark Milley that the items being cut are far from "special interest" items.

"We contend that it is instead a special interest item for national security," said the letter from association President J. Roy Robinson and board chairman Maj. Gen. Michael McGuire, who is also the adjutant general of Arizona.

"Reprogramming this congressionally directed funding would severely undermine the lethality and readiness of National Guard soldiers and airmen," their letter said. "It would also significantly derail the timetable for safety upgrades and modernization efforts critical to National Guard weapon systems and equipment."

Modernization and replacement projects for Humvees and National Guard equipment were among over a dozen appropriations on the chopping block.

Rep. Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, D-New Mexico, said the administration's plans put the military at risk. "As someone who grew up in a military family, it's extremely concerning to think about the impacts this theft will have on critical projects, equipment, and overall military readiness," Haaland said. "Military families deserve to know their loved ones will be a top priority while serving our country, not secondary to a destructive vanity project." Democrats on the House Appropriations Committee also criticized what they called administration "theft" from military accounts, and blamed Republican lawmakers for enabling the president.

"The Constitution gives Congress, not the President, the power of the purse," said the statement from Democratic Reps. Nita Lowey of New York and Pete Visclosky of Indiana. "Congress rejected President Trump's full request for wall funding, which is why he is now orchestrating this backdoor mechanism to prop up a political vanity project."

It's not the first time Congress and the White House have clashed over the fund-ing.

When Congress in late 2018 denied Trump's request for \$5.7 billion for the wall, the ensuing budget standoff led to a 35-day government shutdown. The shutdown ended when Trump backed off, only to turn around and declare a national emergency that he said gives him the leeway to shuffle government funds and call on the Pentagon for the money.

That emergency was renewed Thursday by the White House.

Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Arizona, tweeted Thursday that Trump is making American taxpayers pay "to build his xenophobic wall."

"Trump is stealing from Arizona military funding yet again to bulldoze Southern Arizona habitats and blow up Native American sites," Grijalva's tweet said.

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### Trump administration seeks \$1.5 billion to revive uranium mining, Cont.

security argument for domestic uranium. Existing uranium reserves and production and trade with allies Australia and Canada were already adequate to securing the U.S. uranium supply, Rep. Alan Lowenthal, a California Democrat, said last year.

The Energy Department didn't say which U.S. uranium mines would benefit from the proposal, but the Nuclear Energy Industry trade group pointed to existing mines in Wyoming as likely candidates.

"It's a good step to show that the administration recognizes the strategic value" of the U.S. nuclear industry, said Nima Ashkeboussi, the group's director of fuel cycles programs. "We expect more good signals to come out" with the upcoming report from Trump's nuclear fuels task force.

Energy Fuels Inc., a Canadian-owned company with an office in Colorado, called the Trump proposal "a good lifeline for the industry." Spokesman Curtis Moore acknowledged that the company is likely to benefit since it has operating mines in east-central Wyoming and southern Utah.

Moore said the program should lead to production of 2.5 million pounds of uranium per year. U.S. uranium mines produced less than 174,000 pounds in 2019, according to Thursday's Energy Information Administration report. That's down from 4.9 million pounds in 2014.

Energy Fuels recently laid off nearly one-third of the company's 79 employees at the White Mesa Mill in Wyoming and La Sal Complex mines in Utah, he said.

At another mine, the Nichols Ranch facility in east-central Wyoming, nearby residents participate in a yearly protest walk to draw attention to negative impacts the mine has on an otherwise wide open and remote stretch of land.

Former mine owner Uranerz Energy Corp. in 2014 agreed to pay a \$5,000 state fine for two spills that year of more than 30,000 gallons (114,000 liters) of uranium-bearing solution.

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# NAU seeks high school students to bring creative reporting aspirations, Cont.

allowed me to better understand the different avenues of digital media and provided the environment where I could see more Native American students and youth create their own stories," Jones says. "I was motivated to continue working in this field of digital storytelling."

Jones eventually became a workshop mentor and plans to build his own non-profit filmmaking company on the Navajo Nation to "influence a new generation of Native American media makers."

The Andy Harvey Broadcast Journalism Workshop is open to all high school students. A \$50 tuition includes a six-night stay and meals in an NAU residence hall. First preference goes to juniors and seniors who complete the application. Tuition scholarships are available for those who qualify. Students without internet access can request an application be sent to them. To apply and enjoy broadcast links from past workshops, go to nativeamericanbroadcastworkshop.org.

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# NAU ranks high in nation for indigenous student success. Cont.

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Commitment to Native American/Indigenous students and culture is prevalent throughout NAU's academic programming. Students participate in learning and research opportunities in programs such as Applied Indigenous Studies, Tribal Public Administration, the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention and more.

Currently, more than 2,000 Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students are enrolled at NAU, with representatives from more than 110 nations bringing in an array of perspectives and cultural experiences to the university community. Hamill says the primary challenge faced by NAU and all universities serving Native American students across the United States is the unacceptably low graduation rates of indigenous undergraduate students.

"Given our strategic goal, we won't rest until graduation rates for Native American students are equivalent to those of their non-Native peers," he says. "To counter the national trend, we are increasing our engagement with K–12 schools, in particular through the Diné Institute for Navajo Nation Educators, which pairs our university faculty with K–12 teachers on the Navajo Nation to strengthen teaching and learning through a series of seminars that are teacher driven and lead to rigorous, culturally-infused curricula."

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•WIC clients meet with a Registered Dietician if they are at risk for nutritional or breast-feeding issues.

•WIC offers FIT WIC classes to preschool children; FIT WIC is a nutritional, fitness and food demo class which preschoolers attend with their parents or guardians, the class is a two (2) hour interactive class.

•WIC is referral source for WIC clients, WIC helps you to access other resources in the community; such as Food stamps (SNAPS).

•WIC eligible clients will be issued a eWIC card. The eWIC card is similar to a debit card which WIC clients use to purchase WIC nutritious foods.

•WIC may also provide services to elderly or foster parents who care for infants and children up to age 5 years old who are placed in their home for foster care or guardian-ship.

•WIC staff consists of one (1) Community Nutrition Workers, one (1) Registered Dietician (at the Hopi WIC office 2-1/2 days and 1 full day second week of each month), and one (1) Manager.

WIC is based on eligibility. All interested applicants may apply. Items required for application are: income earned, identification for the applicants applying, identification for guardian/caregivers. Foster or guardianship paper is required foster children. Residential verification is also required for all persons applying. Contact the HOPI WIC Program for more information at 928 737 6362. HOPI WIC is located at the HOPI Health Care Center in Polacca, AZ next to the eye clinic. WIC does not discriminate to anyone regarding race, color, age, sex or national origin.

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