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By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – March 29, 2023 American Legion “Lori Piestewa” Post #80 honored and recognized local Hopi Veterans in salute during National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29, 2023 at Hopi Day School.

The event was humble and quaint with approximately 40 people attending. Eugene Talas, Director of Hopi Veterans Services Program of the Hopi Tribe provided the Welcome with background, history, and information about the Hopi Veterans who had served in the Vietnam War.

Local Hopi Day School Parent Liaison, Deborah Baker sang the National Anthem after which Phillip Quochoytewa, local Hopi Veteran provided a prayer. Judith Youvella, Hopi Tribe Secretary and Nada Talayumptewa, Hopi Tribal Treasurer representing Hopi Tribal Leadership provided remarks about the 50th Commemoration event. Gene Pooyouma, Commander, Lori Piestewa Post #80 who is also a Vietnam War Veteran also provided comments and encouragement to his fellow comrades.

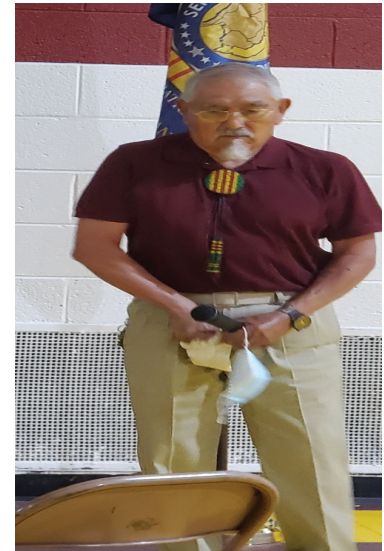
Bruce Talawyma, local Hopi Vietnam War Veteran shared personal recollections of time served during the war and how his family has supported him up to today, by asking about his service and recognizing his service and commitment.

Veterans who attended the event and who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, received one Vietnam Veteran Lapel pin commemorating the 50th Vietnam War.

Vietnam War Veterans present included: Gene Pooyouma, Phillip Quochoytewa, Gary Joshevama, Anthony Honahnie, Elson Selestewa, Gary Setalla, Michael Ladeyo, Lucas Namoki, Bruce Talawyma, Clifford Balenquah.

Family members of the Veterans also received a complimentary pin which was acquired by the Hopi Veteran Services staff. Light treats and drinks were provided were attendees visited, acknowledged each other and expressed gratitude for the Veterans commitment and service to their country and the Hopi people.

The Hopi Veterans Services Office will be issuing the lapel pin to Veterans who meet the period dates and welcome them to stop by during work hours, Monday through Friday, and the staff will issue the Veteran a lapel pin and certificate. The Hopi Veterans Services office is located in the Honanie building at the Hopi Tribal Complex and can be reached by phone at: (928) 734-3461



Pictured at the top (l-r) are Eugene Talas, Director of Hopi Veterans Services Program of the Hopi Tribe who provided the Welcome with background, history, and information about the Hopi Veterans who had served in the Vietnam War. and Phillip Quochoytewa, local Hopi Veteran who provided a prayer.

Pictured at the bottom (l-r) are Judith Youvella, Hopi Tribe Secretary and Nada Talayumptewa, Hopi Tribal Treasurer representing Hopi Tribal Leadership provided remarks about the 50th Commemoration event. Gene Pooyouma, Commander, Lori Piestewa Post #80 who is also a Vietnam War Veteran also provided comments and encouragement to his fellow comrades. Photos taken at Hopi Day School by: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor - Hopi Tutuveni



Hopi Tribe Department of Public Safety Provides the Importance of Having a Smoke Detector

**Submitted by: Kevin Dennis,
Structure Firefighter - Department
Of Public Safety**

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – March 20, 2023 Smoke detectors can alert residents before they become fire victims. A smoke alarm is critical for the early detection of a fire in your home and could mean the difference between life and death. Fires can occur in a variety of ways and in any room of your home. But no matter where or how, having a smoke alarm is the first key step toward your family's safety.

Importance of fire prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

Home fire escape planning and practicing

It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.

Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them.

Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of your home. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection.

For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates.

The Department of Public Safety is again providing a free service to all home owners in partnership with the Red Cross and Hopi Fire/Rescue by providing the free safety device. The device can ensure, in case of any structure fire or carbon monoxide is present in the home that it may be detected in the home at any given time.

We encourage you to share this information with family members and those that don't have access to the Tribal email. Everyone is eligible to receive the smoke detectors. You may contact Hopi Fire/Rescue at (928)734-3661 or by email to any Fire Personnel at the following email addresses: Humewysi Sockyma at HSocketyma@hopi.nsn.us, Michael Shupla at MiShupla@hopi.nsn.us, Paul Saufkie at PSaufkie@hopi.nsn.us, and/or Kevin Dennis at KDennis@hopi.nsn.us.

Hopi Law Enforcement Services



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Person of Interest Thurman Yazzie of Beshbito Valley, Arizona



THURMAN YAZZIE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By: Sergeant Glenn Singer – Hopi Law Enforcement Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – March 28, 2023 Hopi Law Enforcement Services is sharing the Navajo Police Department Dilkon District's Person of Interest information for Thurman Yazzie (Age 22) of Beshbito Valley, Ariz.

The Navajo Police Department indicates an incident occurred in Beshbito Valley, Ariz. on March 26, 2023 and Thurman Yazzie is a person of interest. The picture provided by NPD of Thurman Yazzie depicts Yazzie with short hair, however, Yazzie currently has shoulder length hair and is considered armed and dangerous. This is an active investigation involving the Navajo Police Department and FBI.

Contact Navajo Police Department at 928-657-8075 or Hopi Law Enforcement Services at 928-734-7340 if you see Thurman Yazzie.

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HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

2nd Quarter Session

March 1, 2023

Month of March 2023 AGENDA

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action – Letter dated March 31, 2022 Re: Village of Shungopavi’s request for information regarding land lease, including ownership of the property comprising the Hopi Cultural Center – Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, Hopi Tribe – Tabled

2. Discussion and possible action - Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – Tabled

3. Action Item #090-2022 - Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe – Author/Donovan Gomez, Hopi Senom Transit – Tabled

4. Action Item #093-2022 – To amend the Rules of Order for the Hopi Tribal Council to provide a streamlined process of the Tribal Council parliamentary procedures that will be followed during meetings of the Tribal Council –

Author/Marilyn Fredericks, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi – Tabled **Time Certain, Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #021-2023 – Walpi Housing Management Agreement – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

2. Action Item #026-2023 – Approval of the final draft of the “Hopi Reservation Forest Management Plan” – Author/Carl Seweyestewa, Forester, Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program

3. Action Item #028-2023 – To amend the Procurement Policy to provide flexibility for the Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act Funds – Author/Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee

4. Action Item #030-2023 – The Hopi Tribe supports the protection of more than eight million acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Utah as Wilderness through the passage of America’s Red

Rock Wilderness Act – Author/Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Director, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office – **Time Certain Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

5. Action Item #031-2023 – To approve Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee Bylaws – Author/Mark Talayumptewa, Author/Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee **Time Certain Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

6. Action Item #32-2023 – Business Lease between the Hopi Tribe, FMCV and the Arizona Department of Public Safety for DPS Communication Tower for Public Safety – Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Real Estate Services

7. Action Item #033-2023 – To approve Ordinance 15 (AMENDED) establishing the Housing Authority by Hopi Tribal Council – Author/Albert T. Siquah, HTHA Board Chairperson

8. Discussion & Possible Action – Letter dated September 2, 2022 from Ronald Honahni, Governor, Upper Village of Moenkopi; RE: Request to Explore Gaming in the Upper Village of Moenkopi – Leroy Sumatzkuku, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi – Referred to Hopi Gaming Committee

9. Letter dated November 29, 2022 from Bernalda Poleahla Navasie; RE: Letter of Interest for vacant Regular member position and Alternate position on the Hopi Election Board – Dwayne Secakuku, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi. Interview – **Time Certain, Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

10. Letter dated December 8, 2022 from Rachel Hood, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Deputy Political Director, Arizona Democratic Party; RE: Update on election – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi – **Time Certain, Monday, March 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

11. Letter dated December 16, 2022 from Ivan Sidney, Village Administrator, First Mesa Consolidated Villages; RE: Contact Information for First Mesa Consolidated Villages – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

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3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer – Wells Fargo Bank Report, Mr. Greg Heap, Relationship Manager and Mr. Tyler Taygrien, Vice President, Investment Services – **Time Certain, Monday, March 20, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

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5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
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8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
10. Investment Committee
 - a. Moencopi Developers Corporation
 - b. Walpi Housing Management Agreement Communications
 - c. Updating of the Hopi Tribe's Investment Policy
 - d. Status of Moenkopi Developers Corporation Hopi Loan
11. Health/Education Committee
12. Pandemic Recovery Committee – Narrative written programmatic report and financial status regarding the recovery efforts undertaken utilizing said funds – Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
13. Tawa'ovi Investigation Report by R. Gehl Tucker as requested in Hopi Tribal Council Resolution – **Time Certain, Thursday, March 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item

**Time Certain Requests

Hopi Tutuveni Managing Editor NOTE: On March 7, 2023, after New Business Item #4 was addressed and approved, Hopi Tribal Council recessed until March 20, 2023.

Hopi Tutuveni attempted garnering an updated AGENDA from Hopi Tribal Secretary and in consideration of Time Certain Requests listed during times after March 7, 2023, however, an updated Agenda was not provided.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

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Heritage Shield Award to Protect Sípàapu

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Troy Honahnie, Media Liaison – Black Mesa Trust

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – March 20, 2023 On behalf of the various indigenous tribes associated with the Colorado Plateau, representatives from the International Committee On Monuments and Sites International Science Committee (ICOMOS ISC), a non-governmental international organization dedicated to the conservation of the world's monuments and sites, ICOMOS ISC will meet with Black Mesa Trust (BMT), a Hopi Grass Roots Organization, on Saturday March 25, 2023, to recognize the Sípàapuni as an important cultural place and award it the ICOMOS ISC Water and Heritage Shield.

In receiving the ICOMOS ISC Water and Heritage Shield, the Sípàapu will become the first in the world to receive this honor. The purpose of the Shield is to help the public become aware of the significance of water and indigenous sacred sites all over the world and the right to cultural historical memory. "You came from far away to honor Sípàapu as culturally significant and worthy of protection." Said Vernon Masayesva, BMT Founder and Director. "You have put an arrow in our quiver to be used to save Sípàapu, and other sites in the Lower Colorado River ecosystem."

Sir Diederik Six, Vice President of ISC Water and Heritage Bureau, and Former President of the Royal Dutch Historic Society, will give the Shield award to the Black Mesa Trust in recognition of Hopi history and tradition in managing water and water-related heritage from time immemorial.

Sir Diederik Six will be accompanied by Sergio Augusto Ribeiro, Director General for International Centre on Water and Trans-disciplinarity, Henk van Schalk, Heritage Ambassador for ICOMOS, Van Schalik, Water and Heritage Ambassador for ICOMOS, and Mona Polacca, Indigenous Water Ethics Coordinator.

The hour and a half event will take place at Country Inn & Suites (2nd Floor Conference Room, Mikes Pike St., Flagstaff, AZ) beginning at 2:00 p.m. While the in-person presentation is by invitation only, the event can be viewed virtually by Zoom at the following link:

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Hopi Tribe Passes Resolution in Support of America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act

Bill Before Congress Would Protect Over 8 Million Acres of Public Lands in Utah for Wilderness, Wildlife, and Cultural Values

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kykotsmovi Village, Ariz. – March 24, 2023 At its March 7, 2023, regular session, the Hopi Tribal Council passed a resolution formally endorsing America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act, a federal bill that would protect more than 8 million acres of federal public lands in Utah as wilderness.

In a historic first, the resolution was written in the Hopi language, the first time the Tribal Council has passed a resolution in Hopi since the contemporary Hopi government was established in 1936. Typically, resolutions and other official documents from the Hopi Tribal Council are written in English.

The passage of the resolution was proposed and supported by the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office (HCPO) and the Hopi Cultural Resource Advisory Task Team and presented to the Council by HCPO Program Manager Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa. The resolution was endorsed by Kiqötsmovi Representative Herman G. Honanie, Chair of the Hopi Land Commission, who had previously recommended the resolution advance to the full Tribal Council.

“Hopi peoples have lived in the canyons and mountains and on the mesas included in America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act since time immemorial, and these areas comprise one of the most significant cultural landscapes in the United States,” said Koyiyumptewa. “The passage of this resolution in Hopi is an assertion of our tribal Sovereignty and a reminder that our relationship with the landscapes that would be protected by America’s Red Rock

Wilderness Act precedes both the United States and the state of Utah.”

“Passing this resolution supporting wilderness protection of public lands in Utah makes clear that the Hopi Tribe desires meaningful federal protection over cultural resources important to the Hopi Tribe, and the preservation of qualifying lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Utah as wilderness,” said Koyiyumptewa. “Designating these lands as Wilderness would help protect the record of Native habitation and better protect scarce water resources while allowing the plants and animals that live on the land the chance to adapt to and endure a changing climate.”

Sponsored by Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) in the U.S. Senate and Representative Melanie Stansbury (D-NM1) in the U.S. House, America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act would designate more than 8 million acres of Bureau of Land Management land as wilderness, the highest form of protection for federal lands. The bill would protect iconic Utah landscapes such as Cedar Mesa, the Kaiparowits Plateau, and the Greater Canyonlands area. Introduced in both the House and Senate in previous Congresses, the formal introduction of the bill into the 118th Congress is expected later this year.

The Hopi Tribal Council consists of 22 representatives from the villages of Upper Munqapi, Paaqavi, Kiqötsmovi, Supawlavi, First Mesa Consolidated Villages (Walpi, Sitsomovi and Tewa), and Musungnavi.

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Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - March 31, 2023 Due to transitions occurring in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) the August 26, 2022 COVID 19 report was the latest data being provided for the public.

Hopi Tutuveni was informed by DHHS staff that until DHHS and Tribal Leadership determined roles of the Public Health Authority, no reports would be submitted to Hopi Tutuveni.

Hopi Tutuveni Staff and Editorial Board know the importance of providing such health information to the Hopi public. Since Hopi is still officially under Pandemic status and there are known active COVID cases on Hopi, we continue to welcome updates from DHHS and/or the Hopi H.E.O.C. about that important information which impacts the Hopi public.

Hopi Tutuveni continued republishing the last and latest Covid-19 Report dated August 26, 2022, received from DHHS and up through the third year of the pandemic, in the March 15, 2023 publication. The August 26, 2023 Response report can still be found online at: <https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/news/hopi-tutuveni>

Until the Hopi DHHS provides an update the only data Hopi Tutuveni has to report to the Hopi public was from August 2022 however a place holder will be held for that information, and once updated it will be provided in this dedicated space for important health information for the Hopi public.

Report places Arizona first for rate of COVID-19 deaths

The study adjusted state death rates to account for age variations in each state's population

Story by: Lux Butler - Cronkite News

Phoenix, Ariz. – March 30, 2023 Arizona had the highest rate of COVID-19 deaths in the nation over three years, according to a research analysis published in March in the medical-science journal The Lancet.

“I think Arizona is a state with inequality, some poverty, and ultimately some of the vaccination rates and behaviors didn’t line up to have good outcomes,” said Joseph Dieleman, a professor and senior author of the study, in a video news release.

Arizona residents were less likely to be vaccinated, wear masks and maintain social distance, according to researchers in a peer-reviewed study.

The study says Arizona recorded 581 deaths per 100,000 people from Jan. 1, 2020, to July 31, 2022, the highest rate by far among states in the U.S., where the national rate was 372 deaths per 100,000. Hawaii had the lowest rate, at 147 per 100,000.

The report said Arizona’s death rate was similar to that of the three nations with the highest coronavirus death rates in the world – Russia, Bulgaria, and Peru.

The study adjusted state death rates to account for age variations in each state’s population. But even at the unadjusted rate, Arizona was fourth-highest, with 539 deaths per 100,000, trailing West Virginia with 575, Mississippi with 550 and Alabama with 540.

In three years, 33,225 Arizonans have died of COVID-19, according to the Arizona Department of Health Services website. AZDHS officials did not respond to emailed requests for comment.

“The more robust a health system, the better a state performed in the pandemic, but only in states where the public was willing to make use of health care services for vaccination or to get early treatment for their conditions,” said Dieleman, an associate professor at the University of Washington’s Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, in a statement to Axios.

The study also aligns with previous research that found Latinos and Blacks were more likely to die of COVID-19 than other racial groups. One out of four Arizonans who died were Hispanic, according to ADHS data, which is higher than the percentage of people who identify as Hispanic in the census.

The Lancet researchers analyzed other factors such as poverty rates, education levels, access to quality health care and levels of interpersonal trust, in order to better understand the number of COVID-19 illnesses and deaths. The higher the poverty rate and lower the average education level of a state, the more infections it saw.

The Census Bureau said nearly 13 percent of Arizonans lived in poverty in 2022, compared to 11 percent for the U.S. as whole. Nationally, nearly 34 percent of people had at least a bachelor’s degree, compared to 31 percent in Arizona.

“This report is great because it really backs up and gives scientific evidence to the things we already thought about,” said Will Humble, executive director of the Arizona Public Health Association. “It takes away the argument that our state just has an older population and that’s why we had high COVID death numbers, and instead looks at the whole picture.”

The report also details how race plays a role in the number of COVID deaths and illnesses.

“Many of the worst-performing states and territories in our study are also those with the highest populations of people identifying as Black (Washington, DC; Mississippi; and Georgia), Hispanic (Arizona and New Mexico), or American Indian and Alaska Native (Idaho, Nevada, Alaska, Wyoming, and Montana),” the researchers wrote in The Lancet report.

COVID-19 continues to kill. ADHS regularly reports virus updates.

Since March 5, at least 27 people have died.

TCRHCC CEO Joette Walters testifies before the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 30, 2023 Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation CEO Joette Walters recently testified on Capitol Hill before a House subcommittee about the lack of funding for cancer treatment centers across Indian Country.

According to the Navajo Nation Department of Health, before COVID-19 cancer was the leading cause of death on Navajo. “Treatable cancers are killing American Indians simply because federal policies won’t allow cancer treatment to reach them,” she said on March 9.

TCRHCC is the only cancer treatment center across Indian Country. Walters explained in her testimony how TCRHCC did not use federal construction funds to build a much-needed cancer treatment center in 2018.

When the cancer treatment center opened and began treating patients, TCRHCC had to fund its operational costs and now, seeks funding for operational sustainability and fairness and equity regarding patient cost reimbursement.

Further challenges include how Medicare will not reimburse for certain expenses and that in 2022, TCRHCC had to absorb much of the cost.

“We’ve been to Capitol Hill before to share our story but yours is the first committee to invite testimony about why dedicated federal funding is needed to make cancer treatment locally accessible to American Indians,” she said.

“Both the IHS (Indian Health Service) and the National Cancer Institute repeatedly told us that they don’t do cancer treatment on Indian reservations, said Walters. “So, we did it ourselves with the help of private and philanthropic donations.”

TCRHCC tackled their first challenge by raising funding to equip and construction a cancer treatment center without any federal funding dedicated to that purpose.

Use of third-party resources and donations from corporations, philanthropists and individuals were collected. The launch of a GoFundMe campaign was advertised on a donated billboard high above U.S. Interstate 40 and an employee collection was also done.

Walters also spoke in support of all tribes regarding how the National Cancer Act of 1971 was passed to provide research funding and assistance needed to create the cancer treatment infrastructure most Americans now take for granted—and how tribes were forgotten.

“More than 50 years later, the federal agencies with the trust responsibility to provide health care to Indian tribes now say they do not have the authority to do so for cancer, which just so happens to be the most complex, costly, and deadly disease of all.”

TCRHCC Specialty Care Center has already provided chemotherapy infusions and other lifesaving treatments to about 800 cancer patients in just four years.

The second challenge the cancer care center faces is sustainability.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) refuses to pay TCRHCC the same reimbursement for chemotherapy drugs that they pay non-tribal providers. About 50% of claims are rejected by CMS.

When that happens, CMS only allows TCRHCC to bill Medicare the all-inclusive Office of Management and Budget (OMB) rate for outpatient visits to a tribal health care facility, which last year was just \$541 per patient for the entire fiscal year.

The \$541 OMB all-inclusive rate for chemotherapy does not even cover our cost for the drugs, Walters said.

The OMB all-inclusive rate captures the average cost all tribal health care providers incur for all services. It is unreasonable to expect it to reimburse the cost of lifesaving chemotherapy infusion and oral drugs. The OMB all-inclusive rate does not contemplate the cost of oncology because the IHS does not provide it.

If our two oncologists were administering infusion and oral therapies to our Navajo patients in a cancer treatment facility in Flagstaff or Phoenix instead of at Tuba City, then CMS would reimburse them based on the average sales price of the drug, she added.

Chemotherapeutics are expensive and Medicare’s refusal to fairly reimburse TCRHCC for the raw cost of these medicines threatens the entire operation (of the cancer care center). About half of costs for cancer drugs are never reimbursed.

“We cannot, and would not profit from patient disease, but we also cannot afford to continue to lose money every time we treat cancer,” she said.

Walters also asked the committee to include language that directs CMS to reimburse chemotherapeutic drugs administered by a tribal health care provider that elects to do so the same way it reimburses other health care providers.

TCRHCC is a tribal health innovator that is led by a Community Board of Directors who represent the Navajo, Hopi and San Juan Southern Paiute communities within a 35,000-patient service area and is steered by a Senior Leadership Team of mostly Navajo health care professionals who are supported by a nontechnical staff that is also 95% Navajo.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

AUDITOR

Public notice is hereby given on this day March 21, 2023 that the Village of Bacavi is accepting sealed proposals from qualified and licensed firms for Audit Services for 2020 with renewal options for 2021 and 2022 Audit years. All Requests for Proposals (RFP) must be submitted prior to the closing date of April 28, 2023 by 5:00 pm to be considered for selection. Late proposals will be disqualified. In order to be considered for selection, bidders must submit a complete response to the RFP. RFP Packets and more information are available at the Village of Bacavi Community Center or email Bacsecretary@hopitelecom.net. Village of Bacavi reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted, to waive any information or irregularities, to advertise in its best interest, and to request additional information from all proposers. Hopi Owned and Non-Hopi Owned firms and individuals are invited to respond to this RFP. Interested firms and individuals will be evaluated in accordance with the requested proposal and applicable law. Any and all work intended to be contracted as part of the bid submittal must be accompanied by background materials and references for proposed contract(s). No exceptions.

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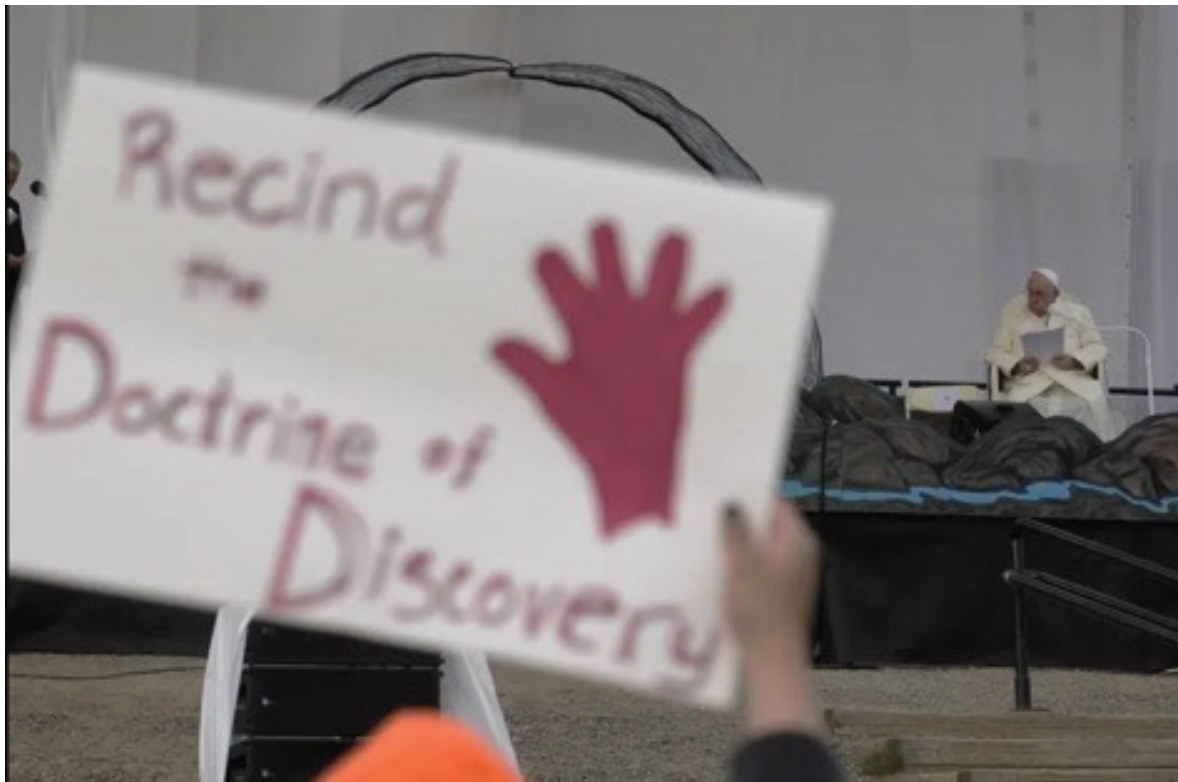
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Vatican Rejects Doctrine that Fueled Centuries of Colonialism



FILE - People protest as Pope Francis meets young people and elders at Nakasuk Elementary School Square in Iqaluit, Canada, Friday, July 29, 2022. The Vatican has on Thursday, March 30, 2023 formally repudiated the “Doctrine of Discovery.” That is the theory backed by 15th century papal bulls that legitimized the colonial-era seizure of Native lands and form the basis of some property law today. (AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia, file)

By NICOLE WINFIELD – AP

Vatican City (AP) — March 29, 2023 The Vatican on Thursday responded to Indigenous demands and formally repudiated the “Doctrine of Discovery,” the theories backed by 15th-century “papal bulls” that legitimized the colonial-era seizure of Native lands and form the basis of some property laws today.

A Vatican statement said the papal bulls, or decrees, “did not adequately reflect the equal dignity and rights of Indigenous peoples” and have never been considered expressions of the Catholic faith.

The statement, from the Vatican’s development and education offices, marked a historic recognition of the Vatican’s own complicity in colonial-era abuses committed by European powers. It was issued under history’s first Latin American pontiff, who was hospitalized Thursday with a respiratory infection, exactly one year after Francis met at the Vatican with Indigenous leaders from Canada who

raised the issue.

On Thursday, these Indigenous leaders welcomed the statement as a first good step, even though it didn’t address the rescinding of the bulls themselves and continued to take distance from acknowledging actual Vatican culpability in abuses. The statement said the papal documents had been “manipulated” for political purposes by competing colonial powers “to justify immoral acts against Indigenous peoples that were carried out, at times, without opposition from ecclesial authorities.”

It said it was right to “recognize these errors,” acknowledge the terrible effects of colonial-era assimilation policies on Indigenous peoples and ask for their forgiveness.

The statement was a response to decades of Indigenous demands for the Vatican to formally rescind the papal bulls that provided the Portuguese and Spanish kingdoms the religious backing to expand their territories in Africa and the Americas for the sake of spreading Christianity. *Continued pg. 15*

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Hopi Tribe, FY2023-2027 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP)

The Hopi Tribe, has prepared a Tribal Transportation Plan (TTIP) to present to the BIA for the 2023 – 2027 funding. Funding from the TTIP will be used for road improvement, salaries, roads maintenance, equipment/vehicle purchase, and supplies.

Public comments concerning the TTP are welcome and copies can be obtained from the Hopi Department of Transportation office located at the Kykotsmovi Village, Youth & Elderly building.

Any questions concerning this can be directed to the Hopi Department of Transportation at (928) 734-3182.

Deadline for comments will be April 30, 2023.

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HOPi WORDS

Tuwi'yta - Able (skillful)

Yuki'at - Accomplishment

Tukopna - Accuse

Hintsakpi - Activity

Pu'ason - Afterward

Qe'ti - Back out of

Novaki - Bakery

Tuptsiwni - Belief

Kwusiva - Bring

Päato - Burst

Pitanakts - Cap/Hat

Sikiki - Car (Auto)

Kansulmongwi - Chairman

Namora - Choice

Iyoho'ti - Cold (Weather)

Kyesmismuyaw - December

Pö'i'yta - Debt (Have)

Öqala - Determined

Alögö - Different

Hötsiwa - Doorway

Hiihiko - Drink

Nan'ip - Each (of two)

Tutuqayiw - Education

Töövü - Ember

Tumal'aya - Employee

Tunatya - Endeavor

Naatsiki - Factionalize

Qöpqö - Fire place

Saavu - Fire wood

Tuuqayta - Fluent

Qalaptu - Get Over (Recover)

Wiiki'yma - Guide (Singular)

Sivaqöppö - Heater

Hopiiqatsi - Hopi Way of Life

Nü'okwa - Kind Hearted

Ngahu - Medicine

Muytala - Moon Light

Tömö - Season (Winter)

Nuvati - Snowed

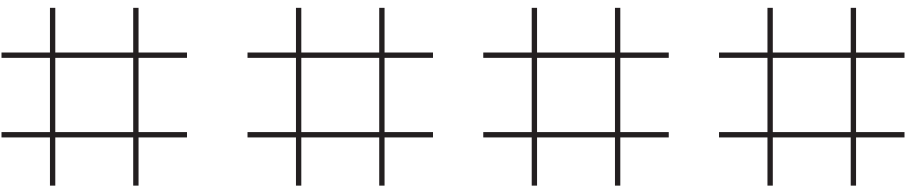
Nawini - Suggestion

Tsangaw - Thank Goodness

Kyaamuya - Winter (Solstice)

Hihiiyà - Wow!

TICK-TACK-TOE



Henrietta Mann, Native America Calling receive National Humanities Medals

During a White House ceremony, President Joe Biden presented 11 awards



Henrietta Mann on her way into the White House for the 2021 National Humanities Medals dinner and ceremony on March 21, 2023. (Pauly Denetclaw, ICT)© Provided by Indian Country Today

Story by Pauly Denetclaw • Indian Country Today

WASHINGTON — March 21, 2023 Legendary Native American studies professor and historian, Henrietta Mann, Cheyenne, was all smiles as she made her way into the White House for the 2021 National Humanities Medals dinner and ceremony on Tuesday afternoon.

Following close behind her was Shawn Spruce, Laguna Pueblo, Jaclyn Sallee, Inupiaq, Denise Morris, Aleut, and Art Hughes of Native America Calling and Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, which produces the iconic radio show.

All were in Washington, D.C. to receive a National Humanities Medals presented by President Joe Biden. For 2021, only 12 medals were awarded. As a surprise, Sir Elton John was awarded his medal in 2022.

“We’re here surrounded by some really interesting people, some very notable, high profile individuals, celebrities from the arts and humanities world,” Shawn Spruce, host of Native America Calling, told ICT. “We’re just enjoying it.”

Spruce was calling from the East Wing of the White House during the dinner that prefaced the medal ceremony. In the background was the hum of conversations and laughter.

“The National Humanities Medal recipients have enriched

our world through writing that moves and inspires us; scholarship that enlarges our understanding of the past; and through their dedication to educating, informing, and giving voice to communities and histories often overlooked,” Shelly C. Lowe, Navajo, chair for the National Endowment for the Humanities said in a press release. “I am proud to join President Biden in recognizing these distinguished leaders for their outstanding contributions to our nation’s cultural life.”

Due to the pandemic the ceremony had been postponed. The National Humanities Medals “honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation’s understanding of the humanities and broadened our citizens’ engagement with history, literature, languages, philosophy, and other humanities subjects,” according to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

“But you know who it’s really about, it’s Indian Country, Native America, because the show is titled, Native America calling,” he said. “It doesn’t matter who’s hosting. It doesn’t matter who’s producing. At the heart of the show are all the listeners and all the Native communities who enjoy the show and who call in with their feedback. This is an acknowledgement and

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recognition for everybody, whether you're part of the show, as the host or producer, or you're the audience, you're a listener. This is a huge win for all of us.

"Native America Calling took to the airways in the summer of 1995 from the University of New Mexico at the KUNM radio station. The format of the daily program is an hourlong live call-in show about a specific topic or issue that centers the Indigenous voice. (On Tuesday, it was about Native American Muslims.)

The show airs on over 130 radio stations, 74 are Native-controlled, across the U.S. and Canada. When it first started, only 14 stations carried the program.

The first caller was from the sovereign lands of the Oglala Lakota in what is now Porcupine, South Dakota.

It cannot be understated how important Native America Calling is for the hundreds of Indigenous nations across this land who often live in rural communities and still rely on radio stations to stay updated on current events.

"When the show first started, radio was one of the premier platforms for people to get news and information, along with television," he said. "Even though technology has evolved, and more and more people are streaming content, or they're getting information online, so many of our Native communities, our rural communities, radio is still the preferred method of communication and news information. A lot of our communities they don't necessarily have access to internet. So tribal radio stations, public radio stations, are still very, very relevant."

Spruce and Art Hughes, executive producer, got a cryptic email from the National Endowment for the Humanities asking for a Zoom meeting. Spruce created a list of questions and was prepared for what he thought would be a story pitch from the federal agency.

"Art and I were both shell shocked," Spruce remembered. "We were like, 'What?' They don't want us to report on the news. We are the news. It was really exciting, definitely had to pinch myself like is this really happening?"

"Every day from a studio in New Mexico, Native American Calling airs a live radio show exploring everything from a legacy of Native newspapers, to Native cuisine to Native American solidarity with Ukraine, capturing the vastness of the Native American life, and it's a profound impact on the country." President Joe Biden said during the ceremony.

Mann is a pioneer of Native American studies, history, language and culture. She was the first Native American to direct federal Indian education programs when she worked at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

She was a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, University of Montana and Montana State University, where she became the first person to hold the Katz Endowed Chair in Native American Studies. At each university she helped to develop Native American studies programs.

After the creation of tribal colleges and universities, Mann put her expertise on those newly established institutions. She helped to develop the Native American studies program at what is now Haskell Indian Nations University.

Around the turn of the century, she became the founding president of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College, the nation's first tribal college that has since closed. Mann is a citizen of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

"We have to provide an environment for our young people," Mann said in an interview with Humanities magazine, "that is consistent with who they are, so that they can take courses in American Indian history, culture, language, philosophy, spirituality, literature, our oral traditions, our stories, which hold so much of our history and culture within them."

On her way to getting her doctorate degree, Mann was told in her master's program that she could not study the oral traditions of her nation because there would be no one to evaluate her work.

"I wanted to write about Indians. I was working toward my second degree in English. And so I proposed this to my adviser, and was told, no, you can't," Mann told Shelly Lowe, Navajo, in Humanities Magazine.

Generations of Indigenous researchers, professors, historians and academics have followed in her footsteps and create knowledge about their Native nations.

"Henrietta Mann, a teacher, a scholar and leader, she's dedicated her career to Native American education and to establishing a field of Native American studies," Biden said. "Thanks in large part to her, Native American studies is now taught at universities across the country, strengthening our nation-to-nation bonds for generations to come."



From left to right, Art Hughes, Jaclyn Sallee, Inupiaq, Denise Morris, Aleut, and Shawn Spruce, Laguna Pueblo, representing Native America Calling, before heading into the 2021 National Humanities Medals dinner and ceremony on Tuesday afternoon. The celebration was postponed due to the pandemic. (Pauly Denetclaw, ICT)© Provided by Indian Country Today

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Those decrees underpin the “Doctrine of Discovery,” a legal concept coined in a 1823 U.S. Supreme Court decision that has come to be understood as meaning that ownership and sovereignty over land passed to Europeans because they “discovered” it.

It was cited as recently as a 2005 Supreme Court decision involving the Oneida Indian Nation written by the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

During Pope Francis’ 2022 visit to Canada, where he apologized to Indigenous peoples for the residential school system that forcibly removed Native children from their homes, he was met with demands for a formal repudiation of the papal bulls.

Two Indigenous women unfurled a banner at the altar of the National Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré on July 29 that read: “Rescind the Doctrine” in bright red and black letters.

Before that, Michelle Schenandoah of the Oneida Nation had called for the Vatican to rescind the papal bulls when she delivered the closing remarks of the First Nations delegation that met with Francis during a week-long visit last year by Native groups from Canada. On Thursday, she called the Vatican statement “another step in the right direction,” but noted that it didn’t mention the rescinding of the bulls themselves.

“I think what this does is it really puts the responsibility on nation states such as the United States, to look at its use of the Doctrine of Discovery,” she said in a interview from Syracuse, New York, where she is a professor of Indigenous law at Syracuse University’s College of Law. “This goes beyond land. It really has created generation upon generation of genocidal policies directed towards Indigenous peoples. And I think that it’s time for these governments to take full accountability for their actions.”

In the statement, the Vatican said: “The Catholic Church therefore repudiates those concepts that fail to recognize the inherent human rights of Indigenous peoples, including what has become known as the legal and political ‘doctrine of discovery.’”

Phil Fontaine, a former national chief of the Assembly of First Nations in Canada who was also part of the First Nations delegation that met with Francis at the Vatican, said the statement was “wonderful,” resolved an outstanding issue and now puts the matter to civil authorities to revise property laws that cite the doctrine.

“The church has done one thing, as it said it would do, for the Holy Father. Now the ball is in the court of governments, the United States and in Canada, but particularly in the United States where the doctrine is embedded in the law,” he told The Associated Press.

The Vatican offered no evidence that the three papal bulls (Dum Diversas in 1452, Romanus Pontifex in 1455 and Inter Caetera in 1493) had themselves been formally abrogated, rescinded or rejected, as Vatican officials

have often said. But it cited a subsequent bull, Sublimis Deus in 1537, that reaffirmed that Indigenous peoples shouldn’t be deprived of their liberty or the possession of their property, and were not to be enslaved.

Cardinal Michael Czerny, the Canadian Jesuit whose office co-authored the statement, stressed that the original bulls had long ago been abrogated and that the use of the term “doctrine” — which in this case is a legal term, not a religious one — had led to centuries of confusion about the church’s role.

The original bulls, he said, “are being treated as if they were teaching, magisterial or doctrinal documents, and they are an ad hoc political move. And I think to solemnly repudiate an ad hoc political move is to generate more confusion than clarity.”

He stressed that the statement wasn’t just about setting the historical record straight, but “to discover, identify, analyze and try to overcome what we can only call the enduring effects of colonialism today.”

It was significant that the repudiation of the “Doctrine of Discovery” came during the pontificate of history’s first Latin American pope. Even before the Canadian trip, the Argentine pope had apologized to Native peoples in Bolivia in 2015 for the crimes of the colonial-era conquest of the Americas.

Felix Hoehn, a property and administrative law professor at the University of Saskatchewan, said the Vatican statement would have no legal bearing on land claims in Canada today, but would have symbolic value.

“The most that any papal repudiation of the doctrine (or the bulls, for that matter) can do in relation to Canadian law is to apply pressure on the Supreme Court of Canada to renounce the doctrine as part of Canadian law,” he said.

Beyond that, though, is the hope that the statement could show that the Catholic Church wants to be an ally with Indigenous peoples as they fight for their human rights and their land, and to protect it, said the Rev. David McCallum, an American Jesuit who has worked with Indigenous peoples in the Syracuse area and was consulted during the drafting of the statement.

“So now for the church to not only acknowledge the damage, but also to repudiate the whole mindset of cultural superiority, of racial superiority to, in a sense, renounce that whole way of thinking and say that forever forward the church wants to be an active ally in protecting Indigenous human rights along with all human rights, I think it’s a big statement,” he said.

— Rob Gillies contributed to this report from Toronto.



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Hopi Day School Hosts March 23, 2023 Reading Night

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – March 23, 2023 Hopi Day School Parent Liaison Deborah Baker hosted the March 23, 2023 Hopi Day School Reading Night with HDS Book Club Readers present as special guests, some attending via ZOOM, as well as local community members, staff of various Hopi Tribal departments and programs, including Hopi Tutuveni's Managing Editor, Romalita Laban.

Baker and Hopi Day School staff provided a very warm welcome which included a welcoming path leading to the Hopi Day School cafeteria where the event was held. Attendees were allowed to mingle and visit various tables and booths which included the Hopi Public Library, Hopi Vice Chairman Craig Andrews Office, Hopi Three Mesas, Inc., Louis Tewanima Memorial Run Committee and many more, including Hopi Day School's Royalty.

Some of the HDS Book Club Readers who read at the event included Hopi Vice Chairman Craig Andrews who read "The Mouse Couple" while being present at Hopi Day School. Sam Taylor read "Lewis Tewanima Born To Run" attended via ZOOM and was supported by his family who provided a wonderful table presentation containing information about Louis Tewanima, the infamous Hopi Olympic runner.

Other HDS Book Club Readers who were present included Romalita Laban, who provided statements about the time she was a Reader and recalled with Baker about the beginning stages of doing the readings and recording, as well. Ardelle Nachie provided attendees a peak at the book he read along with April Pavenyouma, past Miss Hopi, who also had "The Berenstain Bears Summer Fun!" book at her table.

Attendees were provided cake and drinks while they visited the various tables and booths. All in all, the event was well attended and attendees did not leave empty handed as some took books home, as well. Hopi Tutuveni will follow up this article with more from Baker about the event and the Hopi Day School Book Club soon.

