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**Women are the
warriors our
times call for.**

Some people make
the mistake of
thinking women are
only gatherers ...
gardeners ... that they
can only dig and pick
and cultivate and hide.

I tell you that women
are the strongest,
smartest and most
dangerous hunters the
world has ever seen.

Individually, they may
be physically
overpowered, but in
planning, in vision, in

purpose and explosive action, they can't be beat.

Any honest man will admit there is nothing that fills them with awe so much as their partner when she has made up her mind. She has become an unstoppable, indomitable will. If it's against him, he'd better start running!

There's a narrative that women are weak, that they're vulnerable, that they are somehow less intelligent or capable than a man.

Well, they said that about serfs, about slaves, about people from other races. They say it about anyone they want to control.

You see, it's the storytellers that rule the world.

And we repeat their stories.

It's time for a new chapter.

It's time to write a new reality.

It's time to stand up and tell your story.

You are only vulnerable when you let others define you as vulnerable.

You are only weak if you let them convince you it's true.

You are only 'less than' if you believe it.

Women are warriors. They are the ones who run with wolves, the ones who follow the moon. They are the ones who give life and they are the first story tellers their children will hear.

Women have all the power of humanity. All the power to shape the world.

Are you waiting for permission? Give it to yourself.

Are you waiting for your time? It's now.

Are you waiting for a sign? Look around.

You are the linch-pin, the tipping of the scales.

The moment you say you've had enough. The moment you rise ...

Everything changes.

We are in a battle for a future that our children, grandchildren and theirs can grow in, be safe in, be challenged in.

Part of it means taking time for yourself, for silence, to breathe and renew. Part of it means to let go for a while. You've been carrying heavy burdens.

There will be men who cling desperately to the idea that they have power over you. Outsmart them. Outmaneuver them. Out plan and out-strategize.

There are so many more good men willing to be your allies, willing to be your support, willing to be your partners. We are your sons, after all.

We are in a battle for the soul of the planet.

And you are that soul.

You are the warriors.

And this is your time.

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Feel free to print this out, to share it, to hang it where you can see it .-Aaron Paquette

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Moving beyond the ‘imaginary Indians’ perception

By [Fred Hiatt](#) Editorial page editor September 21 Fred Hiatt is the editorial page editor of The Post. He writes editorials for the newspaper and a biweekly column that appears on Mondays. He also contributes to the PostPartisan blog. [View Archive](#)

Kevin Gover first objected to the name of Washington’s professional football team in 1973 in a letter to then-owner Edward Bennett Williams.

Williams never acknowledged the letter, Gover recalled recently, admitting that his high-schooler’s passion may have been a bit over the top. “I probably wouldn’t have answered that letter if I’d received it, either,” he said with a rueful smile.

Gover, a citizen of the Pawnee Nation and director of the Smithsonian Institution’s [National Museum of the American Indian](#), has since polished his diplomatic skills. But he well remembers the shock he felt moving here from Oklahoma with his family and suddenly encountering the name seemingly everywhere he turned.

“The nastiest thing people ever said to us had become the name of an NFL team? I didn’t comprehend it then, and I don’t now,” Gover said during a visit to The Post last week.

Gover is now in a position to do something about it: not to persuade the imperturbable Dan Snyder, of course, but to help other Americans understand the historical context that makes the name so offensive. And for those of us who think we get that a slur is a slur, who think we know the narrative of white expropriation from Native Americans, Gover wants to show that the history is richer and more complex than we may have been taught.

A key fact: In the early decades of the 20th century, when teams across the country were adopting Indian names and mascots, there were virtually no Native Americans left — just 250,000 in 1900. The extermination was almost complete.

“There were so few that the imaginary Indians became much more real than real Indians,” Gover said.

Just as whites fashioned a falsely benign history of slavery, so the textbooks portrayed a mythical version of settler-native relations. Whereas the true history was one of treaty relationships forged and then broken, and mass killings through the introduction of European diseases, Americans came to believe they had obtained their land by means of valiant conquest.

Custer’s defeat at Little Bighorn became central to the narrative because it portrayed the Indian as a “formidable adversary,” Gover said, which “made it so much more heroic to inflict defeat on them.”

The Indian population has rebounded to 2.5 million tribal citizens and another 1.5 million who identify themselves as Native American without belonging to a tribe, Gover said. But for many Americans, the “imaginary Indian” still remains more real.

“The textbooks seem uninterested in reviewing and revising what they say about Indians,” he said. “Teachers still teach about Pocahontas, Little Bighorn, the Trail of Tears — at best an incomplete story, and at worst incorrect.”

Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Indian museum on the Mall is offering one corrective in an exhibit that opened Sunday: “[Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations](#).” Unlike past exhibits, for which the museum allowed tribes to decide which objects to exhibit, this is a fully curated, scholarly exposition, and the Smithsonian will produce classroom materials to accompany it. “We know that teachers want to get it right,” Gover said.

The exhibit shows how treaties initially were respectful documents between Indian nations, on the one hand, and vulnerable colonies and states on the other, each with something to gain through diplomacy; how they evolved as the United States strengthened and committed itself to the decimation of the tribes; and how, in the latter half of the 20th century, the treaties provided a rallying point and a legal buttress for Indians seeking to reestablish themselves.

“As we’ve had a return to nation-to-nation relationships, Indian country has begun to prosper again,” Gover said.

Prosperity is relative, of course, and many Indian communities have a long way to go. As do white perceptions, Gover noted.

“People come into the museum and ask, ‘Where are the real Indians?’ — because I’m wearing a coat and tie,” said Gover, a Princeton grad, lawyer and former assistant secretary of the interior. For many, the only “real Indians” are on reservations, whereas “easily two-thirds of us” live in cities, he said.

Which brings us back to that football team.

“One of the things that’s strange is to have Mr. Snyder lecture us on what should be important to American Indians, after a couple of carefully screened visits to reservations,” Gover said. “Those of us who’ve made a career of this can only roll our eyes, I suppose.”

But what of the owner’s contention that a majority of Indians support the name?

"I don't know who those Indians are," Gover said. "I really don't."

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The Weighty Responsibility of Inheriting a Collection

Experts advise taking time and being cautious in assessing the treasured creations or possessions of a loved one. nytimes.com | By PAUL SULLIVAN

A Mighty Girl

Anna Stork and Andrea Sreshta were graduate students at Columbia University's School of Architecture in 2010 when a devastating earthquake struck Haiti. In one of their classes, they were assigned to develop a new innovation to help with disaster relief. Many students focused on designing shelters but, after speaking to a relief worker in Haiti, the two discovered that an often-ignored need following disasters was access to light. The pair focused on designing a solar-powered lantern and spent several years refining their design. Now their inflatable, waterproof, and solar-powered light -- called the LuminAID Solar Light -- is being distributed to those in need in several countries.

Their unique lantern is designed to meet the needs of people in the aftermath of a disaster but many outdoor enthusiasts have also become fans of its innovative design (it even made National Geographic's 2013 Gear of the Year list). After being charged in the sun for six hours, the LED light provides up to 16 hours of light -- a feature that not only makes it more eco-friendly but essential in emergency situations when batteries are hard to find. Due to its inflatable design, it also provides diffuse light like a lantern so it can be used to illuminate a room or tent. Moreover, since disasters often involve water, Stork and Sreshta made it waterproof and able to float.

They also made sure to add a sturdy handle to the light because, as Stork explains, "We heard that in the tent cities people really wanted something they could easily take to the latrine at night, so it was very handy to have a handle to carry it around." And, because they can be packed flat, 50 LuminAID lights can be shipped in the same space needed for 8 conventional flashlights -- an

especially significant difference when humanitarian organizations are sending relief aid in large volumes.

When the two young social entrepreneurs founded their company, LuminAID, they used a crowdsourced fundraising campaign to raise the capital needed for their first batch of 1,000 lights. They have since created a Give Light Project where for each light purchased on their website, the buyer can donate a light to a project site. Over the past year, they have distributed more than 8,000 donated lights across projects in 15 countries and their current campaign supports NGO partners working in Haiti, Ghana, and India. As they grow, they hope to expand their reach by working with large, international aid organizations.

One of their partners in Rwanda, a non-profit called Ubushobozi that teaches girls and young women vocational skills, recently distributed donated lights to their students. Almost none of the students have electricity in their homes and the program coordinator reports that the lights have had a huge impact on their lives. Not only are they able to study in the evening, many of the girls report feeling much safer at night.

As the LuminAID has gone from class project to a real relief tool, Stork and Sreshta are more driven than ever to get it into the hands of those in need during disasters. As Sreshta explains, "conditions once the sun goes down can be very unsafe, especially for women and children. After the earthquake in Haiti, there were many cases of violence, kidnapping and rape. Light is a basic human need, but [conventional technology] costs too much to ship and pack as part of disaster relief." Now, thanks to the work of these two creative innovators, more people will have access to the gift of light during the darkest of times.

To learn more about Anna and Andrea's invention and how to buy/donate your own [LuminAID](http://www.luminaid.com/), visit their website at <http://www.luminaid.com/>. LuminAIDs can also be ordered via Amazon at <http://amzn.to/1cC4LcA>

For an excellent book to inspire your Mighty Girl about female innovators and inventors throughout history, check out "Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women" for readers 8 to 13 at <http://www.amightygirl.com/girls-think-of-everything>

For younger readers, we highly recommend "Rosie Revere, Engineer," a wonderful picture book about a young Mighty Girl inventor for ages 4 to 9 at <http://www.amightygirl.com/rosie-revere-engineer>

For more ways to encourage your Mighty Girl's interest in invention and engineering, check out our Mighty Careers blog post "I Want To Be An Engineer!" filled with our recommendations for girl-empowering books, toys, and clothing, at <http://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=6640>

For many at-home project ideas to encourage your children's interest in invention, we also recommend two newly released parenting books: "Tinkerlab: A Hands-On Guide for Little Inventors" (<http://www.amightygirl.com/tinkerlab>) and "Maker Dad: Lunch Box Guitars, Antigravity Jars, and 22 Other Incredibly Cool Father-Daughter DIY Projects" (<http://www.amightygirl.com/maker-dad>).

A Mighty Girl also has a section of stories that feature poverty and hardship as a significant theme. Such stories provide opportunities for parents to discuss these topics with their children while also helping to foster children's empathy for people living in difficult circumstances. Learn more at <http://www.amightygirl.com/books/social-issues/poverty-hardship>

Benton Paiute Tribe said to be interested in land swap for casino

Plans are still in the preliminary stages but could involve a land swap with the U.S. Forest Service. indianz.com

Announcing the 2015 EJ Small Grants Request for Applications

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice announces the opening of its Request for Applications (RFA) for the 2015 Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) Program. The EJSG Program provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and/or public health issues within an affected community. The EJSG Program is designed to help eligible non-profit organizations and Tribal communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks at the local level.

EPA recognizes the critical role of helping communities with localized strategies to avoid, lessen, or delay the risks and impacts associated with our changing climate. As a result, this year's EJSG program will have a special emphasis on proposals supporting community-based preparedness and resilience efforts (community climate resiliency). In an effort to ensure that support reaches new areas, the Agency also is prioritizing funding to organizations that have not recently received an award under the EJSG Program.

The total estimated amount of funding available for awards under this solicitation for fiscal year 2015 is approximately \$1,200,000. EPA anticipates awarding up to four grants per EPA region in amounts of up to \$30,000 per award for a two-year project period. For more information regarding the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program and to view the RFA, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>.

To learn about community successes from previous small grants, check out our [Emerging Tools for Local Problem-Solving](#), as well as these recent stories from our EJ in Action blog:

- Environmental Coalition of South Seattle: [Opening Immigrants' Eyes to Environmental Health in American Homes](#)
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BY LIZ CORE

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BY BRENTIN MOCK

Traditional Indigenous left out of World Conference in New York

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Photo Supai Waters, Havasupai, protesting uranium mining on Supai sacred land at the Grand Canyon.

By Brenda Norrell Censored News

As the United Nations World Conference on Indigenous Peoples begins in New York today, grassroots Indigenous Peoples say they have not been included.

While Native Peoples living on the land have not been included, the “Holy See” of the Catholic Church was given the floor at the opening session on Monday, despite documented sexual abuse and torture of Indigenous children worldwide by Catholic priests and staff in boarding schools.



Photo Dawn Dyer Censored News

While the atrocities continue in Mexico, Indigenous Peoples are also objecting to the inclusion of Mexico’s President Enrique Pena Nieto at the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous object to the presence of the president, known as “The Jackal of Atenco,” pointing out the ongoing rape of the land for corporate interests and the murder and genocide of Indigenous Peoples that continues throughout Mexico, particularly of Mayans in Chiapas in the south and the theft of Yaqui water rights in the north.

Erik Trevino, Kickapoo in Eagle Pass, Texas, on the border, said, "We, the Kickapoo were never included. We do not intend to be included anyway. No one can define our powers! And we are not the only ones."

Dine' (Navajos) in Big Mountain on the Navajo Nation, among the uninvited, question what will be the result of the World Conference, and what real benefit will come of the talk at the United Nations.

While the well-funded non-profits are present, with grant writers, salaries and travel budgets, the authentic grassroots Indigenous Peoples who fight coal mining, coal-fired power plants, uranium mining, fracking and the desecration of sacred lands in their homelands, are not present because they have no money for travel and hotels.

Meanwhile, in Denver, Glenn Morris of Colorado AIM said the real struggle is not in the current "pomp" and "theater" in New York.

"Rather, it is to provide a record of resistance to this process that many of us have vocally critiqued as another attempt to finalize the colonization, domestication and total domination of our peoples and our homelands. It is also for those of us who have been in this struggle for some time to provide spiritual grounding, history and analysis for younger people to continue our resistance to invasion and colonization. While it might be dis-spiriting to see a number of other indigenous individuals collaborating in the HLPM process, we should take strength and courage in the knowledge that many of us remain in active resistance, and will continue to organize, mobilize and continue the struggle beyond the Kabuki theatre that will play out over the next two days in New York."

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[Zack Embree](#) added 67 photos from September 21 to the album [Peoples Climate March](#) 400,000 people in the streets of NYC walking together towards a livable and thriving future.



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Climate Change, it's something that we have known all along, our grandfathers and their grandfathers have told this for many years, it's what we have been taught, that the creator put us Indigenous People to the land, to care for our Mother Earth, for the next generations and the next, we when we spoke of this, we were looked down upon, and now people are realizing how true this is, let not, the words and prayers of our ancestors be silenced, stand and be strong, for the future of the generations to follow. NO LAW should be allowed to let the EARTH be destroyed, but ALL LAWS should protect the EARTH, that is the on LAW of The Universe we understand!

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Chicago's Native students traveled to New York City to march in the People's Climate March on Sunday September 20th.