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(On a Sunday before a national holiday?! Special classification for this!) sdc

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The demonstration at Standing Rock, North Dakota is the largest gathering of indigenous people in modern American history. Over 280 tribes and thousands of...

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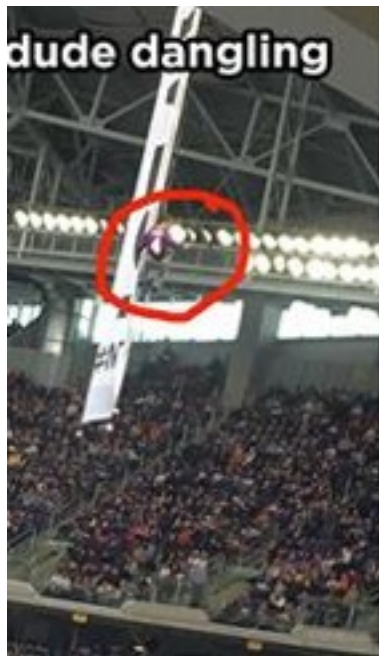
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[Read the Article at Common Dreams](#)

<http://www.sbnation.com/.../protesters-climb-vikings-stadium-...>

**Dakota Access Pipeline
protesters climbed Vikings'
stadium, and no one can get
them down**

They're literally up there taking
calls from the media.
sbnation.com | By Molly
Podlesny



There are also great videos of the demonstrations at the Rose Parade on U-Tube.

**Peaceful....Prayerful....Actions against #nodapl No Dakota Access Pipeline by Bucky Harjo -
PhotoBlog**

We Are In This Together! We live in a day in age, where technology has advanced...
photoblog.com | By [Bucky Harjo](#)

Mpls. police confirm that there are people rappelling down a banner protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline inside U.S. Bank Stadium.

Photo credit: Eric Wall via Twitter.

[Bucky Harjo](#) and [3 others](#) shared [Brian Lis's live video](#).



Global Health Corps

Apply to be a Fellow Applications for the 2017-2018 fellowship class are open through **January 18, 2017.**

Everyone has a role to play in the health equity movement. Are you in? [Click here to start your application.](#)

We are looking for a global and diverse group of passionate and talented emerging leaders who:

- Are willing to push themselves outside their comfort zones, to embrace failure, and to approach a personally transformative year – with many challenges in the day-to-day – with integrity, humility, and self-reflection.
- Listen openly to others, embracing a range of perspectives and experiences while remaining open to having their own perspectives shift.
- Understand the hard, complex work of building just health systems and have the patience, resilience, and motivation to see these challenges through.
- Are empathetic, with a commitment to self-care and the wellbeing of others.
- Are passionate about social justice in global health and about finding and building their voices to affect health impact.
- Are committed to inclusivity and collaboration across sectors, cultures, and borders of all kinds, while investing in and supporting others.

Are you part of the next generation of global health leaders?

Our applicants are 30 years old and under, so we're not expecting you to have years of senior leadership experience under your belt. Instead, we are looking for alignment with [our leadership practices](#) and values: strong evidence of leadership *potential* and *some* leadership experience along the lines of organizing, collaborating, and working to affect change, however subtle it may

be. The GHC fellowship is a one-of-a-kind leadership opportunity which places you in the real world, amidst real problems. It won't be easy, but it will be transformational and rewarding.

[Through your application](#), we want to understand who you are, what your personal vision of leadership is, what your social justice values are, and how you are working toward them. We also want to understand your perspective on the power of young leaders to change the world, why you want to be a part of the GHC community, and what you will contribute.

How will you build on the tremendous work of our nearly 750-strong emerging leaders worldwide? Are you ready to push yourself? Can you handle bumps in the road? We are here to support you, but you need to want to do the work. The real work. The roll-up-your-sleeves and do what it takes to effect change kind of work. Are you committed to changing and strengthening health systems no matter how hard, complicated, and long term the path there might be? Are you excited about engaging with a diverse community of people who share the belief that health is a human right, and offer a wide array of perspectives, personal stories, and expertise otherwise? Are you ready to change the future of global health? Are you willing to do what it takes to ensure health equity for all?

Fellowship details:

- Yearlong paid placements (June 25, 2016 – July 9, 2017) within partner organizations in Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda, the US, and Zambia to address real-time capacity gaps and strengthen health systems. [See our full list of partner organizations](#).
- In addition to on-the-job training, we engage fellows in a comprehensive leadership training curriculum to build effective, empathetic, and innovative leaders of tomorrow.
- Fellow receive additional logistical and financial support during the year, including:
 - Monthly living and utilities stipend
 - Housing
 - Health insurance
 - Professional development grant of \$600 and completion award of \$1500
 - Travel coverage to and from placement site, all trainings, and retreats
- For more information [visit our FAQ page](#).

Eligibility:

- Be 30 years or younger by June 25, 2017.
- Hold a bachelor or undergraduate university degree by June 25, 2017.
- Be proficient in English.

Key Dates:

- **November 8, 2016:** Part 1 of the application opens — general information and essays.
- **December 7, 2016:** Part 2 of the application opens — select up to three [position descriptions](#) for which to apply
- **January 18, 2017:** Application parts 1 and 2 close at 11:59pm EST. Proof of Identity and Proof of Education documents due
- **February 1, 2017:** Recommendation form is due (submitted directly by your reference through the online application portal)

- **February – March 2017:** Each application is reviewed at least twice
- **March – April 2017:** All semi-finalists are interviewed by Global Health Corps
- **April 2017:** All applicants are notified by email of their application status
- **April – May 2017:** 3 to 5 finalists per position are interviewed by partner organizations
- **May – June 2017:** Fellowship offers are extended on a rolling basis
- **June 1, 2017:** All applicants are notified by email of their application status on a rolling basis
- **June 25 – July 9, 2017:** 2017-2018 GHC fellows attend Training Institute at Yale University



With temperatures in North Texas dropping to freezing, taco shop owner Emilia Flores wanted to do something practical to help the homeless stay warm this winter. So she came up with the idea of putting a clothing

rack outside her restaurant where people can leave coats, jackets and sweaters for homeless people to take for free.

About the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics

The first World Eskimo Olympics was held in Fairbanks in 1961 drawing contestants and dance teams from Barrow, Unalakleet, Tanana, Fort Yukon, Noorvik and Nome. The event was a big success and has been held annually ever since.

For time immemorial, Native peoples of the circumpolar areas of the world have gathered in small villages to participate in games of strength, endurance, balance, and agility. Along with these athletic games, dancing, story telling, and other audience participation games took place. This provided an opportunity for friendly competition, entertainment and laughter. The hosts provided food and lodging, and visitors brought news from surrounding villages and expanded opportunities for challenge building and renewing old and new friendships. This is the background of the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics and the atmosphere, which we seek to replicate.

In 1961, the City of Fairbanks, through the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, sponsored the World Eskimo Olympics as a segment of the emerging Golden Days Celebration. The chamber's involvement continued through the 1969 games. The late A. E. "Bud" Hagberg, and now retired

Frank Whaley, Wein Airways employees, who are credited as the organizers of the World Eskimo Olympics, co-chaired the first several events, while Bill English and late Tom Richards, Sr., pilots of the airlines, served as emcees. The rapidly developing State of Alaska, along with the movement of the more powerful Western civilization into rural Alaska led to a fear the games might be forgotten and not passed on and shared with others.

Four Eskimo dance groups, two Indian dance groups, and competitions in the high-kick, blanket toss, seal skinning, added with the Miss Eskimo Olympics Queen Contest were held during that first year. Exhibitions on the teeter board and Eskimo "piggy back" baby buggy show rounded out the short program. From this beginning, a diverse and complex format encompassing three days was born.

In 1970, Tundra Times, the only statewide Native newspaper in Alaska, by mutual agreement with the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, took over sponsorship of the growing event. It was viewed by the Tundra Times Board of Directors as a potential fund raiser to assist the newspaper in its mission, defined by the late Howard Rock, founder and editor, to aid the Alaska Native movement toward better solutions to the problems they confronted for decades.

In 1973, the Board of Directors of Tundra Times passed a resolution changing the name of the World Eskimo Olympics to World Eskimo-Indian Olympics to more accurately reflect the ethnicity of the participants. The logo for the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics is six interwoven rings representing the six major tribes in Alaska - Aleut, Athabascan, Inupiaq, Yup'ik, Haida, Tlingit, and Tsimpsian.

Each year record-breaking crowds, record-breaking performances by the athletes, an increasing number of competitors, and larger numbers of villages sending dance groups and athletes to the Games proved to be a challenge to the sponsoring organization. In 1976, an independent, non-profit corporation was formed for the sole purpose of a planning, preparing, and staging the annual event. World Eskimo-Indian Olympics, Inc. is a 501-(c)(3) organization run by a dedicated group of supporters and volunteers.

Gate proceeds, soft good sales, and donations from friends and corporate partners provide revenue and services to cover expenses, and, hopefully, provide fuel to prepare and plan for the next year's celebration.

Throughout its 50-year history, the organizers of WEIO has seen photojournalistic crews from all over the globe. Tabloids such as Cosmopolitan, People, and USA Today, have offered articles on the Olympics as best they could. Some of the participants have been on national-wide television shows such as: Good Morning America, the Learning Channel, the Discovery Channel, CNN, ESPN and the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Many international television programs from Germany, London, Japan, Norway, and other countries have done specials starring the people, athletes, and events of the WEIO. Strange as these games may be to some, the organizers strive to present these games as an important arterial to the survival of a culture, rich with history, stories, and spirituality.

In the early 1970's, women's divisions were established. The most recent games added to the

women's division was the knuckle hop in 1983. In 1998, the first women placed in the top three in the ear weight competition.

Records are broken in almost every year. This is evidenced by WEIO's right to parenthood to such games as the Native Youth Olympics, and Arctic Winter Sports. It is because of the WEIO, many countries in the circumpolar areas of the World are having annual festivals and carnivals featuring the games and dances. It is believed that by working together, we can look to the future with interest and pride at the results achieved by promoting these games in light with which they are offered.

Four awards are given each year as a tribute of contributions to the WEIO. They are: the A. E. "Bud" Hagberg Memorial Sportsmanship Athletic Award - chosen by the athletes among themselves - this award is presented to the outstanding sportsperson exemplifying the spirit of good sportsmanship; the Howard Rock Memorial Outstanding Athlete Award is another award to the best athlete chosen amongst the athletes themselves; and, the Frank Whaley Award Presentation for Outstanding Contributions is presented to the one individual or corporation who has demonstrated exemplary contributions of time, money and effort on an annual basis.

Survival for the Native people of Alaska has been the name of the games for as long as our elders can recollect. When listening to them tell of their early life, it sometimes seems inconceivable they managed at all. These stories constantly reiterate the need to be disciplined physically as well as mentally, to share, cooperate, and to hold a reverence for the source which makes it possible to survive in an environment which is severe in every sense of the word. These people lived off what nature provided. They hunted, fished, and gathered plants for food, clothing, and medicinal purposes. In all of these instances they had to be strong and agile, and able to endure past normal limits of strength and pain. In winter or summer, one had to prepare to be tested at any moment, and to fail could easily be the difference between life and death.

2017 WEIO Schedule of Events (draft)

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 -----Daytime events: FREE ADMISSION----- 2-5pm Arts & Crafts

10:00 am	ATHLETE REGISTRATION	
11:00 am	TOE KICK-----	Finals
12:00 pm	FOUR MAN CARRY -----	Preliminaries, finals this evening
1:00 pm	KNEEL JUMP-----	Finals
2:00 pm	ONE HAND REACH-----	Preliminaries, finals this evening
3:30 pm	RACE OF THE TORCH-----	Finals

Evening-- Adults 13–59 , \$15; Elders 60 +/Military all ages/Youth 6-12,\$10-----6-10pm Arts & Crafts

6:00 pm	OPENING CEREMONY
	March of Dance Contestants, Athletes, Miss WEIO Queen & Participants
	Alaska Native Veterans posting colors
	National Anthem ----- Performed by
	Alaska Flag Song-----Performed by
	Invocation----- Elder
	Recognition of Veterans
	Traditional Chief granting permission to host games on Athabascan Lands –

Proclamations
 Welcome Address----- WEIO Board Chair, Perry Ahsogeak
 Recognition of Dignitaries in attendance and their support of WEIO
 Lighting of Seal Oil Lamp---- Recognition of Lamp Tenders
 RACE OF THE TORCH, KNEEL JUMP &
 TOE KICK-Demonstrations/Medals Ceremony
 Dance Performance
 BLANKET TOSS - WOMEN'S-----Preliminaries, Women's finals are Friday evening
 7:30 pm.....Miss WEIO Cultural Pageant----- Introduction & Talent Show-----Pioneer Room
 Dance Performance----- Competitive/Exhibit
 ONE HAND REACH -----Finals/Medals Ceremony
 FISH CUTTING CONTEST -----Finals/Medals Ceremony (dependent on availability)
 Dance Performance----- Competitive/Exhibit
 FOUR MAN CARRY -----Finals/Medals Ceremony

Thursday, July 20, 2017 ----- Daytime events: FREE ADMISSION----- 2-5pm Arts & Crafts

9:30 am ATHLETE REGISTRATION
 10:00 am ESKIMO STICK PULL ----- Finals
 12:00 pm ALASKAN HIGH KICK----- Preliminaries, finals this evening
 1:00 pm NATIVE BABY REGALIA CONTEST---- Skin & Cloth and Fur..... ..Pioneer Room
 1:30 pm GREASED POLE WALK----- Finals Outdoors – weather permitting

Evening-----Adults 13–59\$15; Elders 60 +, Military all ages, & Youth 6-12 are \$10----6-10pm Arts & Crafts

6:00 pm NATIVE BABY REGALIA CONTEST---- Parade & Awards and photos
 Dance Performance----- Competitive/Exhibit
 ESKIMO STICK PULL----- Demonstrations/Medals Ceremony
 ALASKAN HIGH KICK----- Finals/ Medals Ceremony
 Dance Performance----- Competitive/Exhibit
 BLANKET TOSS - MEN'S----- Preliminaries, Men's finals are Saturday evening
 7:30 pm.....Miss WEIO Cultural Pageant----- Impromptu Speeches----- Pioneer Room
 Dance Performance----- Competitive/Exhibit
 MUKTUK EATING CONTEST----- Finals/Medals Ceremony (dependent on availability)

Friday, July 21, 2017 -----Daytime events: FREE ADMISSION----- 2-5pm Arts & Crafts

9:30 am ATHLETE REGISTRATION
 10:00 am INDIAN STICK PULL----- Finals
 11:00 am DROP THE BOMB----- Qualifier, competition later tonight
 12:00 pm TWO FOOT HIGH KICK----- Preliminaries, finals this evening
 1:00 pm NATIVE REGALIA CONTEST----- Hide, Cloth, Fur.....Pioneer Room
 1:00 pm EAR PULL ----- Finals
 Fish Cutting Demonstration ----- Outside Carlson Center (dependent on availability)

Evening--Adults 13–59 are \$15, Elders 60 +, Military all ages, & Youth 6-12 are \$10-6-10pm Arts & Crafts

6:00 pm Dance Performance
 NATIVE REGALIA CONTEST----- Parade & Awards & photos
 INDIAN STICK PULL & EAR PULL ----- Demonstrations/Medals Ceremony
 TWO FOOT HIGH KICK----- Finals/ Medals Ceremony
 BLANKET TOSS - WOMEN'S----- Finals/ Medals Ceremony
 Miss WEIO Cultural Pageant----- Coronation of 2017 Miss WEIO and her court
 INDIAN DANCE GROUP COMMAND PERFORMANCE – Winning Indian Group
 SEAL SKINNING CONTEST -----Finals/ Medals Ceremony (dependent on availability)
 DROP THE BOMB----- Finals/Medals Ceremony

Saturday, July 22, 2017 -----Daytime events: FREE ADMISSION----- 2-5pm Arts & Crafts

9:30 am ATHLETE REGISTRATION
10:00 am BENCH REACH ----- Finals
11:00 am ONE FOOT HIGH KICK (Canadian Style)-- Preliminaries, finals this evening
1:00 pm ARM PULL ----- Finals
2:30 pm EAR WEIGHT ----- Qualifier, competition later tonight
3:00 pm WEIO General Membership Meeting: Membership Comments & Board Elections----
 ----inside Pioneer Room

Evening---Adults 13-59 \$15, Elders 60 +/Military all ages/Youth 6-12 are \$10-6----10pm Arts & Crafts

6:00 pm Athletes/Dancers Parade
 BENCH REACH & ARM PULL----- Demonstrations/Medals Ceremony
 Dance Performance
 ONE FOOT HIGH KICK (Canadian Style)-- Finals/ Medals Ceremony
 BLANKET TOSS - MEN'S----- Finals/ Medals Ceremony
 EAR WEIGHT----- Finals/ Medals Ceremony
 ESKIMO DANCE GROUP COMMAND PERFORMANCE – Winning Eskimo Group
 KNUCKLE HOP----- Finals/ Medals Ceremony
 CLOSING OF GAMES All evening athletic events will warm-up/check-in/line-up
 during the prior event.

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**HONOR.
Women, Hearts of
resilience,
resistance,
resurgence.** Here,
were photographed
several of the
powerful, dedicated
women that kept the
day-to-day operations
on the Rock going
during the, "Indian
Occupation" from
1969-1970. From left
to right, Sue Tiger,
Shirley (Garcia)
Guevera, Sandra
Aguilar, Eldy Bratt,
Justine Moppin,

Rosalie McKay and Cecelia Peppilion. They all made sure people were fed, the living arrangements were made bearable as possible, and helped maintain as much normalcy for the families, children and fellow occupiers. There were many others too. This picture was taken years later during one of the re-unions, the 20th or 30th anniversary of the Occupation, possibly 1980 or 1990. The Occupation of Alcatraz was an occupation of Alcatraz Island by 89 indigenous individuals of allied native nations who called themselves, Indians of All Tribes (IOAT). According to the IOAT, the Treaty of Fort Laramie (1868) between the U.S. and the Lakota, all retired, abandoned or out-of-use federal land was returned to the Native people from whom it was taken. Since Alcatraz penitentiary had been closed on March 21, 1963, and the island had been declared surplus federal property in 1964, a number of activists felt the island qualified for a reclamation. The Alcatraz Occupation lasted for nineteen months, from November 20, 1969, to June 11, 1971, and was forcibly ended by the U.S. government. The Occupation of Alcatraz had a direct effect on, 'federal Indian policy' and, with its visible results and hard won victories, established a precedent for later Indigenous activism.

Travis Blue I still want to know why the taxes that I am many other people, who do not live on the reservation nor have children and yet continue to pay to the schools, are not applied to the debt assessed to our people. Sounds like the days of segregation never went away.

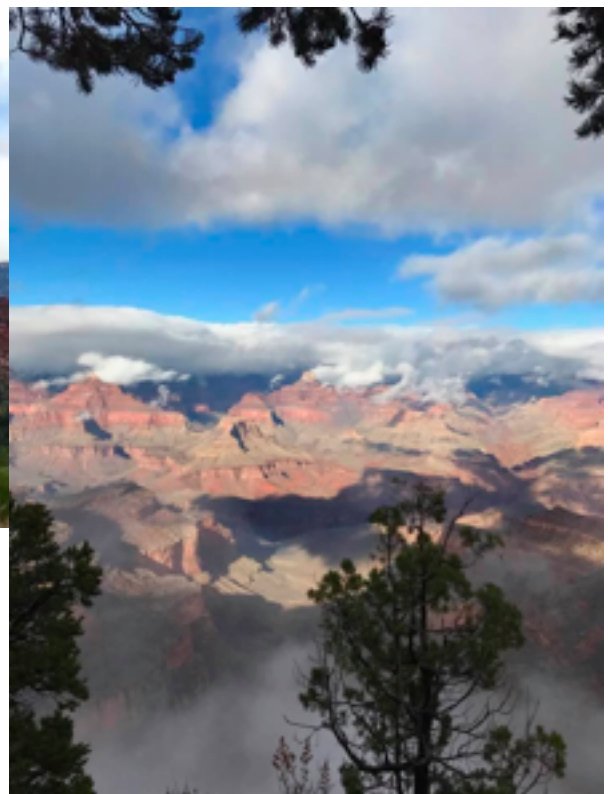
Rock Hill school district works with Catawba Indian Nation to settle decades-long debt

School officials are taking legal action aimed at settling a decades-long \$4.5 million debt.

www.heraldonline.com



Gorgeous shots of AZ by Judy Wilhite





[Tina Nappe](#) commented on an article.
The State of Nevada has done an admirable job in developing a **sage grouse management program** in response to a proposed listing of the sage grouse as threatened. However, the Nevada program is new and untested. Neither the counties nor the state has sufficient or meaningful laws to protect wildlife. Those who want to transfer federal lands to the state resent wildlife protection laws and regulations. The BLM may have done a better job in how it developed its proposal, now subject to public comment, but at least the agency has a responsibility for Nevada wildlife.

[Five ways federal government might manage sage grouse habitat](#)

As many as 10 million acres could be set aside to protect iconic bird

[In Navajo Nation, a Basketball Elder Earns Respect](#) By MICHAEL POWELL

In a place of poverty, social ills and fractured families, Raul Mendoza, 69, coach of the Chinle, Ariz., Wildcats, is a source of quiet strength for his young players.

Circle of Blue: **Showcase Display for Snow Data**

The National Water and Climate Center unveiled an [interactive display for American West snow data](#). It includes both current and historical measurements for snow, rain, and streamflow. On the Radar

Environmental Finance Board Holds Meeting, Needs New Members

The board, which consults with the EPA on utility financing and environmental restoration incentives, will [hold a public meeting on February 21 and 22 in Washington, D.C.](#) On the agenda: public-private partnerships, decentralized wastewater systems, and reducing lead in drinking water. To attend, register by February 6 by emailing williams.sandra@epa.gov.

The board is also [seeking nominations for new members](#), particularly those who work in the Midwest, Northeast, and Pacific Northwest.

Nominations should be sent to crichlow.alecia@epa.gov by February 10. See the above link for items to include.

Does Your Community have an Energy Technician/Planner?

Report: Nevada Can Benefit From More Renewable Energy in 2017

January 2, 2017 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

[Play Audio in Browser Window](#)

A new report shows 15,000 Nevadans work in clean energy and recommends policies to expand the sector. (MT Aero)

CARSON CITY, Nev. — According to a [new report](#), clean energy represents a huge economic opportunity for Nevada in 2017 if lawmakers make the sector a priority.

Analysts from E2, a nonpartisan business group that supports the green economy, found that nationwide, clean energy supports 2.5 million jobs. E2 executive director Bob Keefe said the numbers show that the sector is a major employer in the Silver State, particularly in Clark, Washoe and Elko counties as well as in Carson City.

"There are tens of thousands of Nevadans that work in clean energy," Keefe said. "We know that about 15,000 now work in energy efficiency alone, 9,000 work in solar and thousands more in wind energy and other areas."

The policy paper concluded that the state Legislature could boost economic gains by tightening up loopholes in the renewable portfolio standard - which will require utilities to get 25 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2025. Keefe said Nevada Power and Sierra Energy only get about 10 to 15 percent from renewables.

Keefe also called on the state to facilitate the growth of the electric vehicle industry.

"The state doesn't have much of any policies to incentivize the growth of electric vehicles even though you have Tesla building a plant outside of Sparks," he said. "With the right electric vehicle policies, you'd see a lot more cars on the road but you'd see a lot more people working in those factories as well."

The report also advised legislators to pass a more stringent energy efficiency resource standard that would require buildings to conserve more power. The Public Utilities Commission in Nevada recently did away with two programs that promoted LED light bulbs and energy-efficient pool pumps.

Gabby Williams Named The American's Player of the Week

Following a 2-0 week for the Huskies, junior forward Gabby Williams was named the American Athletic Conference Player of the Week, as announced by... www.uconnhuskies.com