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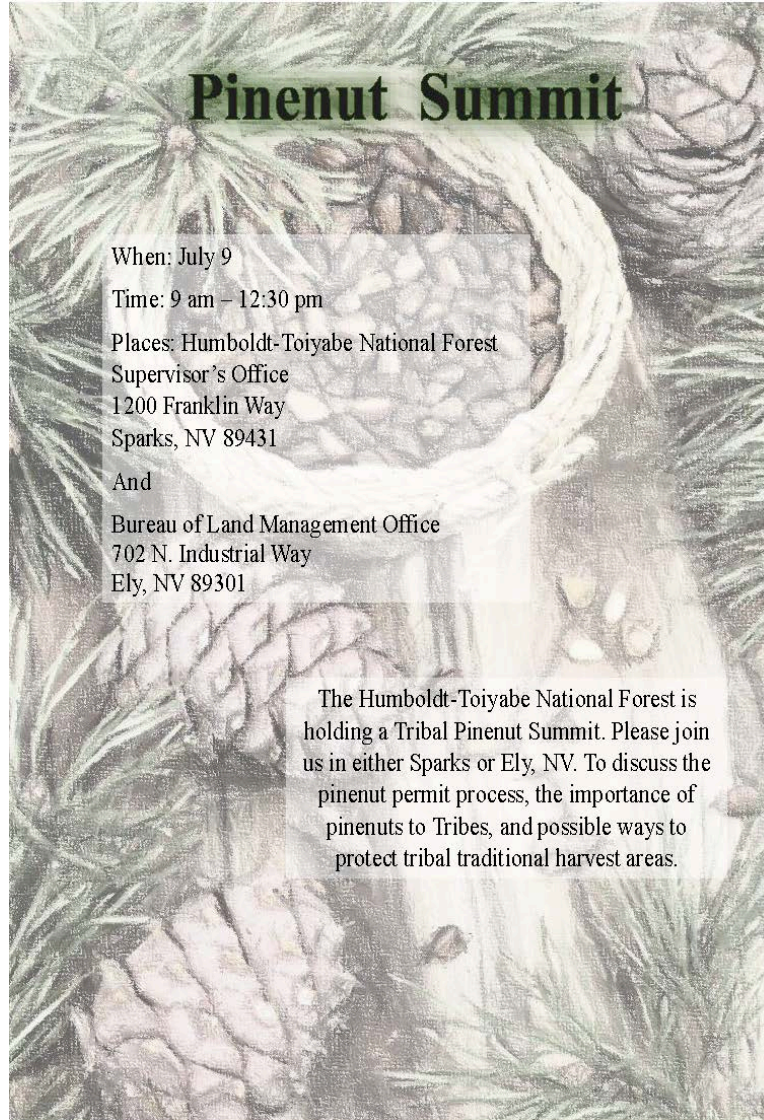
American Indian Warrior

Mr. Ernie Stevens

February 12, 1932-June 1, 2024

**It was never a secret
that children went
"missing", you just
weren't listening.**





When: July 9
Time: 9 am – 12:30 pm
Places: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Supervisor's Office
1200 Franklin Way
Sparks, NV 89431
And
Bureau of Land Management Office
702 N. Industrial Way
Ely, NV 89301

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is holding a Tribal Pinenut Summit. Please join us in either Sparks or Ely, NV. To discuss the pinenut permit process, the importance of pinenuts to Tribes, and possible ways to protect tribal traditional harvest areas.

Sweetgrass Inspirations

With Canada Day approaching, (*it's here - July 1*) I only see Orange.

Nevada Indian Commission transitioning to Nevada Department of Native American Affairs

Starting

July 1, 2024 the Nevada Indian Commission will be known as the Nevada Department of Native American Affairs (DNAA). The Nevada Indian Commission started in 1965, and was originally established to be a mediator for Tribal-state relations and the entity whereby Tribal concerns and issues affecting Native American Indians could be directly addressed with the Governor. Over the past 50+ years, the commission has evolved into something much greater. With this transition comes not only a new name, but the elevation of our department, as its own entity in state government. **With this transition, we are rolling out a new brand and website that will support our vision and next steps as a department. This will be launched fall of 2024. Stay tuned for more exciting updates!**

California Is Showing How a Big State Can Power Itself Without Fossil Fuels

<https://www.newyorker.com/contributors/bill-mckibben>

For part of almost every day this spring, the state produced more electricity than it needed from renewable sources.

By Bill McKibben, a contributing writer to *The New Yorker*, is the founder of Third Act, which organizes people over the age of sixty for progressive change, and the Schumann Distinguished Scholar in environmental studies at Middlebury College. His latest book is "[The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon: A Graying American Looks Back at His Suburban Boyhood and Wonders What the Hell Happened.](#)"

16 Reasons Why Living In A Quonset Hut Makes Perfect Sense

Have you ever considered living in a Quonset hut? These unique and versatile structures have existed since World War II and offer several advantages as a living space. [Here's 16 Reasons Why Living In A Quonset Hut Makes Perfect Sense](#)

Canadian woman gets three years' jail in first ever sentencing for a 'Pretendian'

Karima Manji, whose daughters accessed over C\$150,000 in benefits for Inuit residents, pleaded guilty in February

Read in The Guardian: https://apple.news/AlajckLOISKelcJ_1u-FYpA



Johnny Littlewolf writes: Best I've seen on the side of a train car.

teachersfirst.org

[Google Mania Day is July 11!](#)

[Join us for Google Mania](#)

Some readers report missing Journals #5747, 8 & 9. Knew I was having transmission problems but couldn't figure it out because other received them.

In any case, here are the Tables of Contents for those issues. If you missed them and want a copy, let me know.

Journal #5749 from sdc 6.21.24

Mama Nature is Amazing - Happy Solstice

America the Beautiful Photo Contest

Walton Family Foundation View of AI in the Classroom

Feds admit actions with dams have harmed tribes

Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Era Policies Act (H.R. 7227)

Nevada leads as 40-year low is reached in Colorado River water use

Zachary Taylor's First State of the Union Address

Millard Fillmore's First, Second and Third State of the Union Address

Meet the Fanciful (and Massive) Wooden Trolls Hiding Out in the Pacific Northwest's Forests

Journal #5748 from sdc 6.20.24

And coming through Hungry Valley

Shasta Indian Nation to get homeland back in largest land return in California history

Scrolling Takes a Toll/Warning: Social Media

Beyond Technology Education K-12

Why Do We Have Seasons? - Teaching Resources for Grades 3-12

The mysterious Mayan Palenque Astronaut

Virtual Roundtable: Indigenizing Coastal Conservation

Time Running Out for Hudson Valley Polar Bears

European Union (EU) passes Nature Restoration Plan

Pic of White Bison Baby

World's Largest TeePee

Yellow Eyes

Journal #5747 from sdc 6.19.24

The Pando Aspen Clone

Sundance Film Festival seeks entries from California-based tribes

A person can weed about one acre of crops a day. This smart robot can weed two per hour.

The Future of Museums Summit call for proposals is open

There's a Better Way to Teach the California Gold Rush

Historic Wagon Train Travels Over Sierra Nevada Mountains

Chinese Kindergarten empowering kids with business and life skills

Games of America, presented by National University

Janine Winnemucca is feeling blessed in Moapa Indian Reservation

U.S. Senate committee hearing considers Washoe, Clark land bills

Anna Happy

International Mathematics Olympiad 2024

How Can Visual Art be Activism?

U Minn to offer PhD in Native Studies

Other PhD programs in Native/Indigenous Programs

California Institute for Community, Art and Nature

Scholarships with July 31 Deadline

Marvin Shaw

Connected Nation

Are you a teacher, part of a youth-focused organization, or a community non-profit? We invite you to start a Teens Teach Tech team in your hometown! In 2023, our teen volunteers trained over 12,000 adults in 17 states, and now it's your turn to make a difference.

We're looking for teens who are:



Tech-Savvy



Patient



Communicative



Empathetic



Motivated

Exciting News! This summer, **Teens Teach Tech**, powered by AT&T, will host the Summer Showdown, starting June 1st. Teams can earn double the usual incentive for each person trained during this special initiative!

Why get involved?

Empower teens with valuable tech skills.

Help your community bridge the Digital Divide.

Provide hands-on learning experiences in a supportive environment.

Teens earn money for each person trained.

Get started today by forming a team and becoming a mentor. Fill out an interest form to let us know you are interested!

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[Connected Nation | Closing the Digital Divide](#)

[Our mission is to improve lives by providing innovative solutions that expand the access, adoption, and use of high-speed internet and its related technologies. Everyone belongs in a Connected Nation.](#)

**Who lacks broadband? 43% of low-income families/13.23% of tribal residents/
16.9million school-aged children**

The pandemic created a new understanding of the importance of connecting every individual, family, and community. As a result, there is now an unprecedented level of funding and priority for expanding access, adoption, and use of broadband (high-speed internet) and its related technologies.

Here's something that didn't get in the Journal in a timely manner.

CalPERS sells major, long-vacant lot in downtown Sacramento to local band of Miwok tribe

Read more at: <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article287326580.html#storylink=cpy>

There will be volumes about the following decision.

My immediate concern is in the realm of water (and general environmental concerns) and tribal consultation.

If strict interpretation of this decision are enacted, the existing process of definitions, regulations, authorities and (gasp) reporting and evaluation will fall to the Congress. Imagine that.

Picking on water, legislation leaves determination to the states. Each is to develop their own standards, etc. (There are not to be any national standards). Like many other things going on, this sets "us" back several centuries. If I pollute the water running through my property, and it flows on to you, there is no recourse.

Remember all the cases about genetically altered seed "floating" across property lines. We all know about fire smoke and how it travels. Fire smoke may be put down to Mama Nature but polluted air from a refinery?

Hard fought to obtain and make credible, tribal consultation will evaporate.

While local jurisdictions can best organize themselves to administer a wide variety of programs, Mama Nature knows no man-made paper boundaries. Water and air flow the way they flow.

The best thing to do to pre-arm you/your tribe is to read the docket (not everyone's favorite activity) and the dissenting opinions.

If any readers would like to controvert this summary, it would be most welcome. sdc

[Supreme Court's 'Chevron' ruling means changes for writing laws](#)

Congress might need to get more specific, and might have hurdles to do so

Sen. Mike Lee says the high court's decision represents the first step for Congress to make more decisions when writing laws.

By Michael Macagnone Posted June 28, 2024 at 6:34pm

A Supreme Court decision Friday left an uncertain and more difficult path for Congress to shape how the federal government carries out laws on major issues such as environment, health, immigration and more, lawmakers and legal experts said.

The [opinion overturned](#) a long-standing legal doctrine called Chevron deference, which required judges to defer to an agency's interpretation when it comes to regulations about laws that are ambiguous.

Instead, the decision states that judges should give that deference only when Congress explicitly says an agency can make its own decision. The high court ruling will spark more litigation over regulations, experts said, but also scramble the lawmaking process on Capitol Hill.

The Supreme Court's opinion "supplied no guideposts, not even rough ones, for ascertaining when Congress meant to delegate policymaking authority to the agency," Nicholas Bagley, a law professor at the University of Michigan, posted on social media.

"The answer is not always going to be clear; Congress may mean to delegate without saying 'we hereby delegate to the agency,'" Bagley wrote. "Using words like 'reasonable' or 'sufficient' are clues, for example, and there may be many others."

Tim Brightbill, a partner at Wiley Rein who specializes in trade law and served as counsel to former Rep. John J. LaFalce, D-N.Y., said the removal of Chevron introduces new complexities to congressional negotiations.

While Democrats may push for greater specificity in the wake of the ruling, Brightbill said, Republicans may prefer broader language "giving courts greater power to rein in the agencies."

"It depends on the legislation, it depends on who's in the majority, but there are ways to use the decision to either strengthen or weaken agency regulation," Brightbill said.

Some Republican lawmakers who sought an end to Chevron for years cheered the decision as an end of federal agencies interpreting laws in ways that Congress didn't intend.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, said the court decision represented the first step for Congress to make more decisions when writing laws. In a series of social media posts, Lee said that for decades Congress has made "lazy" laws, frequently pushing off decisions about specifics to agencies rather than making the tough decisions themselves.

"Rather than making laws, Congress has in many instances made ... other lawmakers," Lee said on X, the site formerly known as Twitter.

More difficult

Kaye Pestaina, a vice president at KFF, a health policy organization, on Friday said the ruling could make it more difficult for Congress to pass laws if they have to include the smallest of details in legislation.

Congress often intentionally leaves gaps in legislation for agencies to work out in regulation, Pestaina said. It made it easier for Congress to come to agreements on some complicated issues, but now it could leave agencies vulnerable to lawsuits over regulations implementing those laws.

"You can't possibly write every technical issue into a statute. It could also make it difficult for legislators to compromise on topics if they need to be more specific and put in more details," Pestaina said. "And for health care, it's going to be the consumer that is impacted."

David Doniger, a senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said he was more worried about the ability of Congress to pass laws in the future that could stand up to scrutiny with the new standard laid out by the court.

“For Congress, when it writes these laws, knows that it can’t foresee everything. It can’t get to everything in real time. You’re lucky if Congress revisits a statute every 10 years,” Doniger said to reporters Friday.

“So we’re going to see a lot more impediments to effectively protecting us against the kinds of new problems that the world throws at us,” Doniger said. “And there are a lot of those.”

Just getting those new laws written could be a heavy lift, according to J.D. Rackey, a senior policy analyst at the Bipartisan Policy Center and former staff member on the House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress.

Rackey said Congress doesn’t currently have the staff or technical expertise to write more fine-tuned legislation. Frequently, committees don’t have enough staff or in-depth policy knowledge to write the kind of specific legislation that would survive the scrutiny of the current Supreme Court.

“Even if you want a smaller government, if you want government to do anything, this ruling requires Congress to be much more proscriptive and to have the capacity to do so,” Rackey said. “Outside of the larger policy goals that any one party might have, any future lawmaking is going to be impacted with this decision.”

Rackey pointed out that the House has recently “come around” to the idea that Congress doesn’t have the technical expertise to write rules, and he pointed to the more than 200 recommendations from the select modernization panel he worked on. Many of those have been implemented, he said, but “not enough to reckon with this reality. But it does set the institution on a path to being able to grapple with it.”

The process of writing legislation itself would also get more complicated, Rackey said, as legislators could no longer rely on agencies to make potentially fraught decisions. Getting to final results could mean longer negotiations, more tough votes, more days in Washington and more resources for members and staff.

“I think the level of activity that Congress is going to need to exhibit is going to increase, and I’m not quite sure in the few hours post-decision that they’ve really reckoned with that reality,” Rackey said.

Future actions

Democrats in Congress, the Biden administration and advocates for consumers and environmental organizations criticized the Supreme Court for taking more power for itself.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the decision “takes our country backwards” and undermines the ability of agencies to use their expertise to protect the public.

House Judiciary ranking member Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., called the ruling a “power grab” in a statement Friday and argued that Congress should pass legislation (H.R. 1507) to beef up the federal rulemaking process.

In his own statement Friday, Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., said Congress had to act to “rein in the outrageous abuses of this brazen Court.”

“In overruling Chevron, the Trump MAGA Supreme Court has once again sided with powerful special interests and giant corporations against the middle class and American families. Their headlong rush to overturn 40 years of precedent and impose their own radical views is appalling,” Schumer said.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, Majority Leader Steve Scalise and Majority Whip Tom Emmer in a statement praised the end of a Chevron doctrine that “led to a massive expansion of the federal government and a reduction of Congress’ role in the policymaking process.”

“Republican committees will be conducting oversight to ensure agencies follow the Court’s ruling and no longer engage in excessive interpretative license in administering statutes under their jurisdiction,” the House GOP leaders said.

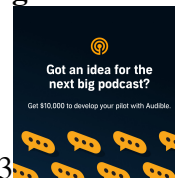
Rep. Mark E. Green, R-Tenn., said he would introduce legislation to require the federal government to start sunseting all agency rules upheld by Chevron unless Congress takes action to uphold them.

“Chevron Deference not only usurps Congress’ lawmaking authority, but gives unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats in Washington enormous control over the lives of Americans. My legislation seeks to right this imbalance and restore Congress and the judiciary to their rightful places in our Constitutional system,” Green said.

Green said Congress needs to “step up its game” and write more clear legislation after Friday’s ruling.

“We can no longer pass the buck when it comes to our legislative duty. We’ve got to be committed to writing clear legislation. Congress has abdicated its role for decades, it’s way past time for that to change,” Green said. *Jessie Hellmann contributed to this report.*

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Henderson city councilman sued — again — over alleged illegal loans

Ties to tribal enterprise

<https://nevadacurrent.com/2024/06/28/henderson-city-councilman-sued-again-over-alleged-illegal-loans/?emci=b872587b-0437-ef11-86d2-6045bdd9e096&emdi=ffc77aa6-0737-ef11-86d2-6045bdd9e096&ceid=88976>

More History Factoids

- 1775 Jul 1** The Continental Congress resolved “the colonies ought to avail themselves of an Alliance with such Indian Nations as will enter into the same to oppose such British troops and their Indian Allies” (most passed that chance and allied with the Brits).
- 1849 Jul 2** The General Assembly of the State of Deseret, with jurisdiction over present day Nevada, Utah and portions of New Mexico, Idaho, and Wyoming, convened for the first time, memorializing Congress to admit them as a state.
- 1863 Jul 7** Lt. Colonel Christopher “Kit” Carson departed Santa Fe to begin a vicious campaign against the Navajo inhabitants of the southwest, using tactics and forced marches that resulted in tribal loss of huge swaths of land.
- 1875 Jul 3** Land selected by Inspector Vandever for Pai-Ute Indians approved.
- 1879 Jul 1** The Nevada Supreme Court ruled against some whites who were fishing Pyramid Lake in spite of a prohibition against it and who argued that the lake was not within a valid tribal reservation.
- 1890 Jul 4** Nevada Senator sponsored legislation to seize Hawaiian Islands was approved.
<https://www.hawaiiakingdom.org/pdf/Annex%2021.pdf>
- 1894 Jul 5** James and Charles Mooney recorded Piute, Arapaho and Kiowa songs, including the Ghost Dance and a mescal piece, which are now in the Library of Congress.
- 1898 Jul 4** Sponsored by US Representative Francis Newlands (NV), Congress approved legislation seizing the Hawaiian Islands (monarchy had been overthrown by Sanford Dole in 1893 when he became president).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Overthrow_of_the_Hawaiian_Kingdom
- 1909 Jul 1** The Philadelphia Mint began producing a new penny with Lincoln replacing the Native American. (Theodore Roosevelt regarded the addition of Lincoln to the penny as one of his major contributions to civil rights).
- 1910 Jul 1** Land addition to Duck Valley.
- 1933 Jul 6** Due to falling level of the Truckee River, users with water rights dating after 1900 were cut off for any purposes other than watering stock.

A former Carnegie Museum fossil expert found a burial site of Pliocene era mammals (including camels and humpless camels) north of Las Vegas; thousands of fossilized bones were shipped to the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

- 1970 Jul 3** In the 8th month of occupation of Alcatraz Island by Native Americans, Hartford Fire Insurance Company revoked insurance coverage for the boat that had been running supplies to the island and that the occupiers had planned to use for tours.
- 1970 Jul 5** A *NSJ* reported state Native Americans were angry with Senators Cannon and Bible for cosponsoring legislation that would take money it earned by tribes and hold it in “trust” accounts.
- 1999 Jul 7** President Bill Clinton became the first president since FDR to visit an Indian reservation as he toured the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota.
- 2004 Jul 7** The Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act passed in Congress.

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 For those interested in more about Hawaii, there is “tons” available; here’s a few:

- <https://teachingamericanhistory.org/document/the-annexation-of-hawaii/>
- <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GPO-CRECB-1898-pt7-v31/pdf/GPO-CRECB-1898-pt7-v31-20-1.pdf>
- <https://guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/kuepetitions/readingsvideos>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newlands\\_Resolution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newlands_Resolution)

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stray factoid of interest

Melvil Dewey founded the School of Library Economy, the world’s first institution for training librarians, at Columbia in 1887, though it moved to Albany to become the State Library School the following year. In 1898, [Teachers CollegeExternal](#), which had been founded in 1887, became affiliated with Columbia as a professional school for training teachers. In his will, [Joseph Pulitzer](#) endowed the [Columbia Journalism SchoolExternal](#) (1912).

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**Four Indigenous books for young readers** [https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article\\_popover\\_share.aspx?guid=524585f7-3434-4dae-919f-e52c5fdecdec&share=true](https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=524585f7-3434-4dae-919f-e52c5fdecdec&share=true)

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July Powows

- Jul 1 - 7** [**124th Annual Arlee Celebration Esyapqeyni 2024**](#) - Arlee MT
 In Honor of Our Elders - Past & Present Monday, July 1: Camper's Day (Gates open at 9 am) Tuesday, July 2: Blessing...
- Jul 4 - 7** [**152nd Annual Quapaw Nation Pow Wow 2024**](#) - Quapaw OK
 Head Singer: JR Ross Head Man: Xavier Toehay Head Lady: Tara Goodfox MC: Marty Thurman Northern Drum: Little Soldiers Arena Director: Dennis...
- Jul 4** [**39th Annual Wakinyan Maza Wokiksuye \(Iron Lightning Memorial\) 2024**](#)
 - Iron Lightning SD

A small community wačipi... Limited Seating under Arbor - Bring Your Own
Chairs & Shade Concession Stand Available Drum Groups = Day...

- Jul 4 - 7** **[78th Annual Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming Pow Wow](#)**
[2024](#) **[- Pawnee OK](#)**
Flag Raising at 7:00am Parade In at 7:30pm Thursday, July 4: Tiny Tots -
Boys and Girls (ages 0-7) Friday, July 5:...
- Jul 5 - 7** **[Owakpamni Wacipi 2024](#)** **[Greenwood SD](#)**
Men's Traditional Dance - Old School Special (18-39) 1st Place \$300.00
2nd Place \$200.00 3rd Place \$100.00 If you...
- Jul 5 - 7** **[Sipekne 'Katik Mawio'mi 2024](#)** **[Indian Brook First Nation NS](#)**
Schedule: July 5th - 7:00pm The Relatives - The City Natives! July 6th -
1:00pm Grand Entry - Mawio'mi - Traditional 6:30pm...
- Jul 6** **[Cheroenhaka \(Nottoway\) Indian Tribe 33rd "Green Corn" Pow Wow 2024](#)**
Courtland VA
Join us for a day of Native drums, songs, food, dancers in regalia, arts and craft
vendors, walking trails and our Palisade...
- Jul 7 - 8** **[Calgary Stampede Pow Wow 2024](#)** **[Calgary AB](#)**
Save the Date! Competition pow wow - First place for adults is \$2000; Five
Places and 5 ConsolatiJune1, 2024on Places Teens \$1000 for...

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<https://nativehalloffame.org> > [the-national-native-american-hall-of-fame-mourns-the-passing-of-ernie-stevens-sr](#)

[The National Native American Hall of Fame Mourns the Passing of Ernie ...](#)

"The passing of Ernie Stevens, Sr., a proud and accomplished member of the Oneida Nation located in the State of Wisconsin, is a great loss for Indian Country. Ernie was a modern-day warrior who made a difference for Tribal Governments in the modern era. In the 1970s, he played a major role in changing how Indian affairs were managed within ...

<https://www.indiangaming.com> > [iga-chairman-ernie-stevens-jr-addresses-native-youth-at-unity-conference](#)

[IGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Addresses UNITY - Indian Gaming](#)

Jul 11, 2023Ernie Stevens, Jr., the leader of the Indian Gaming Association, spoke to Native youth at the UNITY National Conference in Washington, D.C. He shared his insights on tribal sovereignty, leadership, and advocacy.