

THE CORNER

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Speak your Peace Pipe

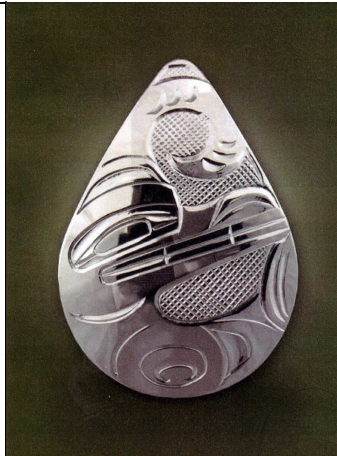
This month's questions is: Do you think Native American roles in the media (movies, TV, etc.) should be played by Native American actors?

Send your answer to: thecampcrier@aol.com and we will print the best answers.

We had one response on last month's Peace Pipe question, "Ignoring tribal enrollment, which Native American historical figure's cause or event would you like most to have been a part of and why?"

Virgil Weil says he would liked to have been at Little Big Horn because he could have met so many of our Native heroes who were there - and because it was a victory for Natives.

Remember, we will take both your questions and your answer for upcoming issues of the The Corn...er, just send them in.



Native Fashion

By Virgil Weil

This pendant necklace is a unique piece created by the 2010 Olympic medals designer, Corrine Hunt, a Canadian First Nation artist. It features an embossed raised wolf's head. Hunt is a professional who designs everything from jewelry to furniture in beautiful northwest coast First Nation designs. You can see more of her unique, tradition inspired pieces at www.alcheringa-gallery.com/artists.html/v1/view/v3/117

GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Youth Group Teams will host the elders at their December 19th meeting. If your family has an elder you would like to honor, bring them with you. We will be asking others, too. You can make cookies together and they can either share then at the dinner that follows, or take home to enjoy over the holidays. We'll take pictures.

Adults will be roasting a pig for a community dinner from 1-3 pm.

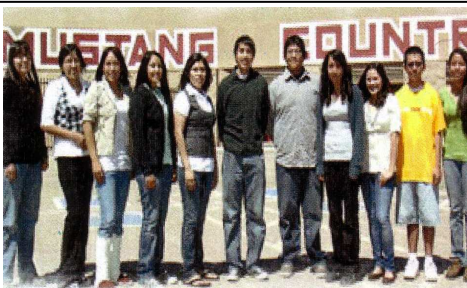
INTERESTED IN COLLEGE?

If you are in 7th or 8th grade and interested in going to college, you may want to check out the free Pre-collegiate program offered to minority students. They have monthly Saturday meetings of having fun and working toward learning about what to do to prepare to get into college and what to expect when you get there. It is very popularly program that makes college entrance easier. Check it out here:

<http://www.uccs.edu/~pcdp/>

Jan. 16 is first meeting.

GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FOR NATIVE STUDENTS



2009 Gates Scholarship winners from Monument Valley High School, Keyenta, Arizona.

If you are a good student or are willing to work hard to go to college, you may want to consider applying for the Gates Millennium Scholarship. This scholarship is for minority students, including Native Americans. It is a highly prized award that pays for all university

expenses through your college career.

Monument Valley High School in Kayenta, AZ, has an enrollment of 99% Navajo students in a high school of around 900 students. This year, thirteen of those students applied and eleven of them were awarded Gates Scholarships, more than any other high school in the country.

The grant is funded by Bill and Melinda Gates and is meant to encourage minority students to go to college and to provide the means for many of them to go.

Although the application process is lengthy, it costs nothing to sub-

mit and the reward can be a full ride through college. One of the requirements is to write eight essays.

From information on the scholarship, its stated aims are to expand higher education opportunity to students who reflect society's diversity, to promote education excellence and opportunities for students to reach their full potential to learn and live, and to provide a university degree that will prepare them to take on important roles as leaders in their profession and in their community.

To find out more about the Gates Scholarship, go for it, visit:

https://nominations.gmsp.org/GMSP_App/default.aspx

TEEN TOPICS PAGE

Meet the Olympic Mascots

By the Media Youth Group



Here are the Native inspired mascots chosen for the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver Canada this coming February.

The mascots are named Sumi, Quatchi and Miga. They are characters based in Canadian Native stories.

Miga is a sea bear who lives in the ocean with her family. A sea bear is part killer whale and part Kermode spirit bear.

Quatchi is a young sasquatch who is big, tall, hairy and likes to play hockey. He and Miga represent the Olympic Games. You can tell by the emblems they wear.

Sumi is *chimera*, an animal guardian spirit thunderbird. He wears an orca hat and represents the Paralympic Games.

For fun info about the mascots for the 2010 Winter Olympics Games, visit: <http://www.vancouver2010.com/mascot/>

PROMOTING HEALTHY LIVING THROUGH SPORTS

As part of their hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics, Canada has also started a poster campaign celebrating the accomplishments and dreams of talented Native youth athletes across Canada. The campaign is called Find Your Passion and it is aimed at encouraging First Nations youth to challenge themselves to become the best they can be. It is led by the Aboriginal Youth Sport Talent organization and VANOC, the Vancouver Olympic Committee. It started in 2005.

Here are two of those chosen for the poster series:



Sammy Kent, Ft. McKay First Nation

An Alpine skier who began skiing at age 2. His coaches say he has exceptional agility, reflexes and sense of balance. He is an honors student who has taken several key medals in competition. He says he

believes Native role models “provide a source of inspiration to people to strive to be the best they can be....attain their dreams.”



Leah Sulyma, Inuvialuit

A 19 year old hockey goalie attending Northeastern University in Boston on a full hockey scholarship. She won gold for the 2002 Arctic Winter Games and again for the NWT boys peewee team in 2004 and 2006. She also excels in school.

She likes having the opportunity to be a Native sports role model. She was voted MVP in Boston and was five times named Hockey East Rookie of the Week and once Rookie of the Month. She had 973 saves and a 0.913 conference save percentage. She says healthy living and hard work are key in her life.

Out and About

Congratulations to **Jayda Hartmann**, Tohono Oodham, on her selection as the 2010 NAWA Princess. Read the article about her on page seven of this newsletter....Our sympathy to **Valantina Goergen**, Navajo, who was injured in a basketball game on Dec. 3rd. Her injuries did not require hospitalization and we expect to see more impressive ball handling from her this year....Congratulations to **Virgil Weil**, Navajo/Odawa, who was named the Best Defensive Lineman of the Year at Wasson High School, as well as 2nd place All Conference Outside Lineman. He received a plaque and certificate for the awards at Wasson’s end-of-season banquet. *If you or someone you know is recognized in some way, we would be happy to put it in these Youth pages. Just let us know. If you want to write something about someone else’s award, we will accept those also.*