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In this April 11, 2015 photo, Christian Titman with the Titman family representing the Miwok people dances during the Grand Entry at the 24th Fresno State First Nations Powwow held at Fresno State's O'Neill Park in Fresno, Calif.

Student to wear eagle feather at graduation after settling lawsuit

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SAN FRANCISCO — A Native American student plans to wear an eagle feather to his high school graduation Thursday after resolving a court fight with a California school district over the sacred object.

Christian Titman sued the Clovis Unified School District this week, saying officials refused to let him attach a 5-inch feather to the tassel on his graduation cap during the ceremony at Clovis High School, about 10 miles northeast of Fresno.

The 18-year-old is a member of the Pit River Tribe, which considers eagle feathers sacred and symbolic of a significant accomplishment.

District officials said they have a strict graduation dress code and previously refused to allow stoles, leis, rosaries and necklaces on caps and gowns. Titman, who was represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, said the district was violating his rights to freedom of expression and religion under the California Constitution.

The case went to court before the sides agreed that Titman could wear the feather in his hair and attach it to his cap for the traditional tassel turn.

Tara Houska, a tribal rights attorney in Washington, D.C., said fights over eagle feathers come up every year around graduation time and show the need to educate people about Native American culture.

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just a symbol or something that is an individual fashion choice.”

Titman is expected to be popular at Thursday’s graduation, an accomplishment that required him to scramble for credits after he struggled during his freshman and sophomore years, said his mom, Renee Titman.

“Half his senior class wants to take pictures with him after what happened,” she said. The class has about 370 students, she said.

The district had granted Christian Titman an exception to keep his hair long after he enrolled, and his mom said she thought it would do the same for the eagle feather.

In a letter to Titman’s attorneys in May, Superintendent Janet Young said the district’s graduation dress code was intended in part to avoid “disruption ... that would likely occur if students were allowed to alter or add on to their graduation cap and gown.”

School officials plan to meet with the teen after the ceremony to discuss how best to handle situations like his in the future, Renee Titman said.



AP Photo/Juan Karita
Devotees prepare a statue of “El Señor del Gran Poder,” or “The Lord of Great Power,” before participating in the traditional “Fiesta del Señor del Gran Poder” in La Paz, Bolivia.

Bolivian festival merges Catholic, native culture

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Bolivia’s mix of Roman Catholic and indigenous traditions are on display across La Paz as thousands of costumed dancers perform during the annual feast of the Great Power, a raucous street party that celebrates a rendering of Jesus Christ with native features and outstretched arms.

Brass bands marched and onlookers

cheered over the weekend as the dancers performed elaborate routines in their quest for prizes.

The gathering of faithful fun-seekers traces its origins to a religious painting from the 17th century that depicts the Christian savior — El Señor del Gran Poder, or The Lord of the Great Power — with indigenous Andean features.

Religious believers began parading the image through poor neighborhoods in the upper reaches of Bolivia’s capital in the 1930s. The quiet, candle-lit processions eventually morphed into a full-blown dance festival that spilled into the wealthier valley below.

Today, the weeklong celebration is the city’s largest festival and a major showcase of Andean folklore. It has become so big that Bolivia is offering the Carnival-like event as a candidate for recognition by UNESCO.

As many as 20,000 performers prepare for months, practicing moves, searching for flashy jewelry and embroidering elaborate outfits worth as much as \$20,000 apiece. After the festival begins, hired bodyguards watch over the dancers to prevent robberies.



AP Photo/Juan Karita
Revelers of the Tinkus Wistus dance troupe perform during the annual parade in honor of “El Señor del Gran Poder,” or “The Lord of Great Power” in La Paz, Bolivia.



AP Photo/Juan Karita
A woman paints the face of a dancer in La Paz, Bolivia.



AP Photo/Juan Karita
A woman aids a performer to put on a dance costume in La Paz, Bolivia.

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BRIEFLY

Gospel legends to perform at Power House Theatre

WALLA WALLA — Blind Boys of Alabama, gospel and soul music legends, will perform this summer in Walla Walla.

In a career than spans more than 60 years, the group has won six Grammy Awards, received Lifetime Achievement Awards from The National Endowment for the Arts and the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and were inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame.

They will perform Saturday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Power House Theatre, 111 N. Sixth Ave., Walla Walla. Tickets are now on sale for \$49-\$59 at www.phtww.com or by calling 509-529-6500.

“Our disability doesn’t have to be a handicap,” said founding member Ricky McKinnie. “It’s not about what you can’t do. It’s about what you do. And what we do is sing good gospel music.”

Blind Boys of Alabama cross multiple musical boundaries with their interpretations of everything from traditional gospel favorites to contemporary spiritual material by songwriters such as Ben Harper, Eric Clapton, Prince and Tom Waits. They have appeared on recordings with Bonnie Raitt, Tom Waits, k.d. lang, Lou Reed, Peter Gabriel, Willie Nelson, Aaron

Neville and many more. For more about the band, visit www.blindboys.com.

Aglow leader to share about God’s love

WALLA WALLA — Stacey Dixon, the Aglow International Northwest Region Generations Project leader, will share about her relationship with God in the upcoming gathering of Walla Walla Aglow Community Lighthouse.

Overseeing programs for children and adults up to age 35, Dixon will talk about the ways God redeemed her and the creative lengths he went to in capturing her affection.

Everyone is invited Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Whitman Court, 305 Ash St., Walla Walla. A freewill offering will be taken for the event, which includes lunch.

For more information, call Paula McKee at 509-220-1408 or Darya Tucker at 509-876-1668.

Methodist church hosts video series

PENDLETON — A video series, *Servant or Sucker*, recently began as a small group at the First United Methodist Church Pendleton.

The group gathers Tuesdays at 10 a.m. downstairs at the church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. Donuts and coffee are available.

For more information, call the church at 541-276-2612.

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