

## High court rejects case about the Redskins team name

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Supreme Court will not hear an appeal from a group of Native Americans who think the name of the Washington Redskins professional football team is offensive.

The high court on Nov. 16 turned away an appeal from Suzan Shown Harjo. That ends the latest round in the 17-year court battle between the Redskins and a group of Native Americans who want them to change their name.

Harjo and her fellow plaintiffs have been working since 1992 to have the Redskins trademarks declared invalid. They initially won — the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office panel canceled the trademarks in 1999. But U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly overturned the ruling in 2003 in part because the suit was filed decades after the first Redskins trademark was issued in 1967.

The U.S. Court of Appeals then sent the case back to Kollar-Kotelly, noting that the youngest of the plaintiffs was only 1 year old in 1967 and therefore could not have taken legal action at the time. But Kollar-Kotelly rejected that argument, saying the youngest plaintiff turned 18 in 1984 and therefore “waited almost eight years” after coming of age to join the lawsuit. The Court of Appeals upheld that decision in May, and the Supreme Court now has refused to review that decision.

This does not end the legal battle, however. Six Native Americans ages 18 to 24 filed essentially the same claim two years ago, but the new case has been on hold until this one was resolved.

None of the judges has commented on whether the Redskins name is offensive or racist, instead holding in favor of the football team on legal technicalities.

## Alaska Natives seek restrictions on drilling

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WASHINGTON — Call her “the other Sarah” from Alaska.

Like former Gov. Sarah Palin, Sarah James, of tiny Arctic Village, is outspoken about oil and gas development in Alaska.

But while Palin calls drilling an answer to the nation’s energy needs, James calls it an affront.

An elder of the Gwich’in Nation, James won the Goldman Environmental Prize for extraordinary grassroots leadership on environmental issues.

She and other Alaska Natives were in Washington this week to lobby against drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and on offshore sites in Alaska.

James said drilling for oil threatens the birth place of the porcupine caribou, a sacred figure to the Gwich’in people.

“We are caribou people. It’s our clothing, our story, our song, our dance and our food. That’s who we are. If you drill for oil here, you are drilling right into the heart

of our existence,” James said.

Her village of about 150 people is among the first to be experiencing the devastation of global warming, James said, calling climate change a human rights issue.

James and five other activists — including two from Canada — were in Washington on a trip organized by the Alaska Wilderness League.

The group met with several high-ranking officials from the Obama administration — including Assistant Interior Secretary Tom Strickland and Larry Echohawk, head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs — as well as members of the Alaska delegation and a staffer for the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

Emilie Surrusco, a spokeswoman for the Alaska Wilderness League, said the women made the 5,000 mile trip “to bring a face to the issues their communities are dealing with on a daily basis.”

Mae Hank, an Inupiat Tribe member from Point Hope, Alaska, said she lives in fear of an oil spill that

could devastate her community.

“It would annihilate our culture,” she said.

Palin has been critical of climate change legislation.

She has attacked the Obama administration’s so-called cap-and-trade plan that would allow industrial sources to buy and sell pollution permits. Palin called it a threat to jobs that would undermine the economic recovery.

“We are ripe for economic growth and energy independence if we responsibly tap the resources that God created right underfoot on American soil. Just as important, we have more desire and ability to protect the environment than any foreign nation from which we purchase energy today,” she wrote.

James, Hank and others on the trip said they came to “the capital in part to show that prominent drilling supporters such as Palin do not speak for Alaska Natives.”

To Palin’s famous cry of “Drill, baby, drill,” James said she had a ready reply: “Chill, baby, chill.”

## Ceremony held for sacred white buffalo

FARMINGTON, Pa. (AP) — Native American songs and dances welcomed a sacred white buffalo to his new home at a sanctuary established at a southwestern Pennsylvania resort following the closure of the zoo where he was born.

About 200 people took part in the Nov. 14 ceremony to thank owners of Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington for buying the white buffalo and another black buffalo born at the nearby Woodland Zoo in Farmington, which closed last month. The animals are now on a 50-acre parcel on the wooded grounds of the resort, about 40 miles south of Pittsburgh.

Mike “Hawk” Goodfire, appointed by the Lakota tribe as caretaker of the white buffalo, led the program that featured talks from several elder members of the tribe.

Nagi White Owl, ambassador of the Sovereign Cherokee

Nation of Oklahoma, was among those who came from far away to attend.

“We need to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts and come together to respect all,” she said. “The white buffalo born to white nations means fulfillment, a coming together of all nations.”

The white buffalo “Lightning” and the black buffalo “Thunder” spent the ceremony resting in a wooden sty overlooking the site, occasionally standing at the sound of drums and voices or strolling around the area.

Joe Hardy, founder of both the resort and 84 Lumber, was presented with a feather from a bald eagle as well as Indian blankets.

“This is phenomenal,” Hardy said. “I am impressed. This is such a great day for all of us.”

The resort also plans to establish an American Indian interpretive center.



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### College, tribe to train health workers

NEW TOWN, N.D. (AP) — Fort Berthold Community College in New Town plans to work with the Three Affiliated Tribes to train staff for the Elbowoods Memorial Health Center being built on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

The college this fall started a registered nurse program, to go along with existing practical nurse and certified nurse assis-

tance programs.

In January, the college will offer emergency medical technician training.

Officials also are working on offering other training in the future, such as for paramedics and for workers in medical records and electronic billing.

Ground was broken for the \$20 million health center in late October.

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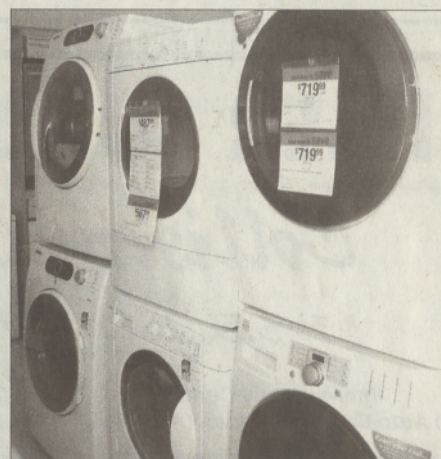
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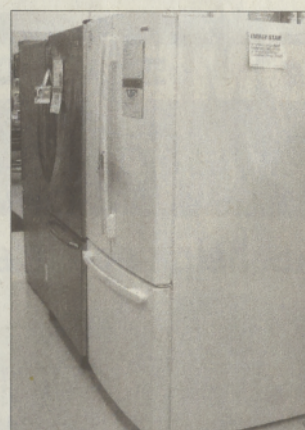
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