

The Rez Ball tradition

Rez Ball is a fast-tempo style of basketball with aggressive play, quick shooting and scoring, and aggressive defense that tries to force turnovers through pressing or half-court traps. The style developed on Native American reservations around Indian Country.

In Warm Springs the term can also refer to the game of basketball itself. Nationally, the most well-known Rez Ball player is Shoni Schimmell, guard with the WNBA's New York Liberty. She learned the style growing up on the Umatilla Reservation.

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Kanim Smith, 6'4" junior, standout post player, Madras High School White Buffalos.



Young players with the Buffalo Skywalkers.



Jayson Smith photos

Some of players on the 2016-17 Warm Springs Academy Eagles girls team.

From the ATNI winter session

Tribes against policy change on oil projects

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians met for their winter session last week. ATNI provided the following statement in regard to a recent development in Indian Country:

Speaking on behalf of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Fawn Sharp said its 57 Native American tribes oppose President Donald Trump's executive orders supporting the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipeline projects.

Trump signed the executive orders last week.

Ms. Sharp is president of ATNI, as well as president of the Quinault Indian Nation, and vice president of the National Congress of American Indians. She spoke from the ATNI Winter Convention, held at the Chehalis Tribe's Great Wolf Lodge in Centralia, Wash. Here is her statement:

Our tribes have made our positions very clear. We oppose these pipelines because we value water quality and the environment. We are people of the land and the history of pipeline spills is dismal.

President Trump makes the point that thousands of jobs are created with the construction of these pipelines. But he exaggerates the number, neglects to mention that they are temporary jobs, and fails to mention that the number of jobs dependent on clean

water and healthy lands far outnumber pipeline construction jobs.

Moreover, it has become more and more important to protect water quality because fresh, clean water is becoming more and more scarce, especially during drought-prone summers. The President needs to consider the health of the work force as well. People need clean water to survive. So do fish and wildlife. And it's our duty to protect these resources for future generations as well as for people today," she said.

The Obama administration stopped the Keystone Pipeline in the latter part of 2015 on the advice of the Environmental Protection Agency after it had become clear it was already creating massive pollution problems. He pointed out that it would not lower gas prices, create long-term jobs or affect energy independence.

First Nations in Northern Alberta had also sued the provincial and federal governments for damages from 15 years of oil sands development, and it was clear that the proposed expansion would also run afoul of U.S. tribal treaty-guaranteed rights to hunt, fish and gather on traditional lands. The Keystone expansion would carry crude oil from Canada to Texas.

The Obama Administration decided late last year to explore other routes for the Dakota An-

nex Pipeline after major demonstrations at Standing Rock, in Washington D.C., and other locations. This involved more than 300 Tribes and thousands of other people from across the country and throughout the world.

These peaceful water protectors fought freezing weather and stood their ground against out-of-control police and even private security guards who unleashed attack dogs on them because they were—and are—resolute in their commitment to protect the water of the Missouri River, tribal burial grounds, and other treaty rights of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation against this pipeline.

We were with the water protectors then, and we are with them today. We oppose this pipeline because we realize how much damage it would do to the environment—to water quality, to the fish and wildlife in the river, to the future of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation and to the principles of honor and justice.

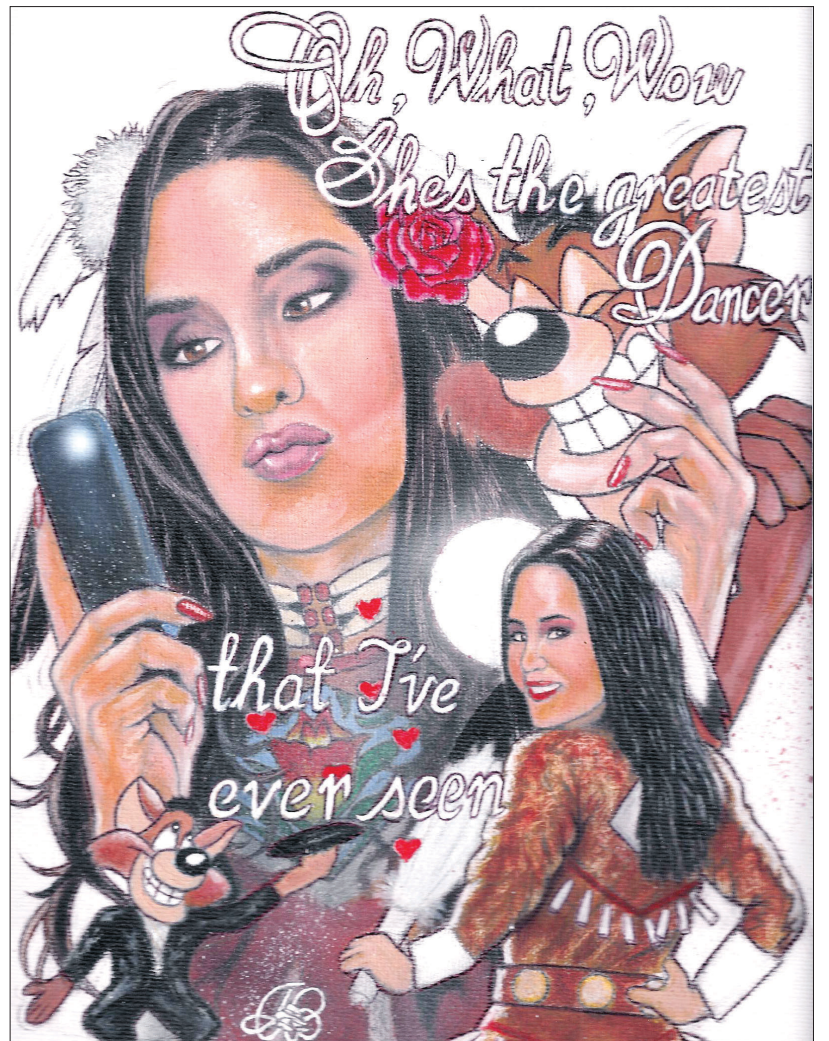
Treaties are protected as the supreme law of the land by the United States Constitution, which President Trump has sworn to uphold and protect. He cannot rightfully violate them with a stroke of his pen.

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort continues to take bids for **lodge poles** for the resort Teepee Village. Specifications: 360 peeled 30-foot lodge poles, delivered to Kah-Nee-Ta on or about February 19.

Bids are due by Monday, January 23. Submit bids or questions to: jbanks@kahneeta.com

Thank you.

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