



# Marin American Indian Alliance

In Honor of all Nations

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## WORDS FROM THE PAST

Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, and beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide. Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and bow to no one...

Tecumseh, Shawnee, 1768-1813

Please take time to look up and learn about the Tule Elk preserve and the struggles to maintain it. Please support the conservation efforts if you can!

## MAIA NEWS

Hello all Relatives and Cousins! Blessings to you all. At the time of our prior newsletter, part of Oklahoma was being questioned as native land, the Reds\*\*\*s was still the mascot of a football team, and a Tahoe ski resort name was a racial slur. This has all changed during the last 3 months! Thank and support those who are speaking out for change, and keep up the good work with participation.

A few weeks ago, Cyn Rivera represented the native people of Marin by participating in a blessing for the new MarinHealth Medical Center, and offered a blessing for the ill. Thank you for representing, Cyn.

Sacheen Littlefeather was featured in the American Indian Oral History project and was photographed for the Marin IJ.

Continue to join us on the MAIA website, [marinndn.org](http://marinndn.org) and on Facebook for more news. Please contact us if you have news to include in the newsletter.

Be kind and compassionate to each other. In this time of pandemic, fires, economic hardships, extreme heat, elevated racial trauma, and a presidential election it's a lot to face each day. Take time for prayer, traditions, and relationships. Stay safe.

## IN MEMORY

We are deeply saddened to learn of the sudden loss of Annette Chavez Whitmore's son, David Chavez, 59, to an assumed heart attack. He is the second oldest of her five children. As you send your prayers up to the Creator, remember to send loving thoughts and blessings to Annette and Ross as they endure this heartbreaking loss.

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## FLU SHOTS

Some of us get a flu shot every year, while some haven't had one in 20 years. Regardless of what you believe about the flu shot, this year might be a good year to ensure that you take one. While you are there, check to see if you are a candidate for the pneumonia or shingles vaccines.

If you do not have health insurance, there are various places to get a free flu shot. In Marin County, see the list on the Marin HHS site (<https://flu.marinhhs.org/where-get-vaccinated>); or if you are a patient at any of the Native American Health Centers, flu shots are free: Native American Health Center ([www.nativehealth.org](http://www.nativehealth.org)) in Oakland (soon to be getting a new building, plans are on their website!); Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Inc. (SCIHP) (<https://www.scihp.org/>) in Santa Rosa; or the Native American Health Center (<https://www.nativehealth.org/services/medical/>) in San Francisco.

## 45th AMERICAN INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL - Virtual

Yes, 45th! and the films look amazing. Please go to their website ([www.aifisf.com](http://www.aifisf.com)) to learn more as it becomes available. This is the current message: "Even though our paths may not cross this Fall, our commitment remains steady in providing you with beautiful and powerful narratives of Indian Country that will leave you wanting more. We are pleased to present our Virtual Film Festival Edition, November 6-14, 2020."

## IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN

We are very thankful to announce that once again we will be able to give our yearly donation to the American Indian Child Resource Center (AICRC). Mary Trimble Norris, Director, will use the donation to purchase items for the youth in their foster program. AICRC's efforts to help our Indian youth are of great importance. We are pleased to be able to support them.

## READ NEWS ON MARINNDN.ORG

### [BILL ADDRESSES CULTURAL GENOCIDE CAUSED BY INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS](#)

For about 100 years, the U.S. government supported a system of boarding schools where more than 100,000 American Indian and Alaska Native children were stripped of their culture, their languages, and their religions and forced to assimilate to white customs. That policy, which continued until the 1960s, has continued effects on native communities today, says a bill filed this week by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Rep. Deb Haaland, D-N.M.

### [AFTER 250 YEARS, BIG SUR LAND FINALLY RETURNED TO THE ESSELEN / COASTANOAN TRIBE OF MONTEREY COUNTY](#)

The 1,200 acres of undeveloped private property near Big Sur, known as the Adler Ranch, are being transferred to the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County. They will share the land with other tribes originally from the area, including the Ohlone, the Amah Mutsun and the Rumsen.

### [THE PENDLETON PROBLEM: WHEN DOES CULTURAL APPRECIATION TIP INTO APPROPRIATION?](#)

Our thanks to Eighth Generation for passing on this article.  
Designers weigh in on the fine line that divides the two when it comes to home decor.

## Prints

By Joseph Bruchac ( Abenaki )

Seeing photos  
of ancestors  
a century past

is like looking  
at your own  
fingerprints—

circles  
and lines  
you can't  
recognize

until someone else  
with a stranger's eye  
looks close and says  
that's you.

## EVENTS

### **Check ahead for potential cancellations not listed.**

Please go to Facebook ([www.facebook.com/Marin-American-Indian-Alliance](http://www.facebook.com/Marin-American-Indian-Alliance)) for more information.

**October 3-4** – 27th Annual Powwow, Suscol Intertribal Council – Skyline Wilderness Park, 2201 Imola Ave., Napa, CA.  
Contact Charlie Toledo at 707.3256.33561 or email [suscol@suscol.net](mailto:suscol@suscol.net) for more information. **CANCELLED**

**October 4** – Gathering of Ohlone Peoples, Coyote Hills Regional Park, 8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont, 10:00a.m.-  
4:00p.m., come share songs, dances, and stories of the Ohlones. Call 510.544.3220 for info **CANCELLED**

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**October 8-18** – Mill Valley Film Festival, A VIRTUAL EVENT. See the film schedule online at <https://www.mvff.com/>

**October 9, 10, 11** – Chukchansi Powwow, Honoring Mother Earth, Coarsegold Historic Village, 35300 CA-41, Coarsegold, contact the Chukchansi Pow Wow Committee at 559.412.5590 or email [powwow@chukchansi-nsn.gov](mailto:powwow@chukchansi-nsn.gov) for [more information](#). **CANCELLED**

**October 10** – Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow & Indian Market, M.L. King Civic Center Park, between Center Street & Alliston Way, Berkeley, Call 510.595.5520 for more information. **CANCELLED**

**October 10** – Acorn Day, California State Indian Museum, 2618 K St., Sacramento, 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. call 916.324.0971 for more information. **CANCELLED**

**\*\*\*October 12 – Indigenous Peoples Day Webinar in lieu of the Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow in Berkeley, includes videos with Sacheen talking and Charles talking and dancing, Join Zoom Meeting at 2:00p.m., <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81672395529> Meeting ID: 816 7239 5529, go to [powwow.org](http://powwow.org) for more information. A VIRTUAL EVENT. JOIN IN!**

**October 12** – Indigenous Peoples Day Sunrise Gathering in memory of the occupation of Alcatraz. Tickets available, 4:15a.m. Meet at Pier 33 at 5a.m. Call 415.981.7625 or go to <https://www.alcatrazcruises.com/programs-and-events/annual-events/indigenous-peoples-sunrise-gathering/> for more information. **CANCELLED**

**October 17** – Auburn Big Time Pow Wow, A Virtual Event, contact Loren Nakai at [lorenn@sierranativealliance.org](mailto:lorenn@sierranativealliance.org) for more information or call 530.888.8767.

**October 20** – MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE gathering, 9 Ross Valley Dr., San Rafael, United 1st Methodist Church, downstairs community room (Potluck), 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. **CANCELLED**

**November 6-14** – 45th Annual American Indian Film Festival, San Francisco, A VIRTUAL EVENT, go to <https://www.aifisf.com/> for more information.

**November 15-17** – California Indian Conference, Sonoma State University, call 707-664-2674 for more information or find information online on Facebook @ California Indian Conference, or e-mail [CIC2019info@gmail.com](mailto:CIC2019info@gmail.com). **CANCELLED**

**November 21 – 7p.m., MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE FESTIVAL GATHERING – POTLUCK AND RAFFLE. CANCELLED - We will miss everyone this year! Take care and we hope to ‘see’ you soon.**

**November 26** – Indigenous Peoples Sunrise Ceremony, Alcatraz. Meet at Pier 33 Alcatraz Landing for ferries leaving between 4:15 a.m.-6:00a.m. call 415.981.7625, <https://www.alcatrazcruises.com/programs-and-events/annual-events/indigenous-peoples-sunrise-gathering/>. **PENDING (check at listed contact)**

**November 27- 28** – [Indian Arts & Crafts Holiday Fair](#), State Indian Museum, 2618 K St., Sacramento, 95816, for more info, visit <https://www.cihcfoundation.org/special-events>.

**December 5-6** – American Indian Child Resource Center (AICRC) Powwow, Laney College, Oakland, CA. Call Mary, 510.208.1870x305 or email [mary@aicrc.org](mailto:mary@aicrc.org) for more information. **PENDING (check at listed contact)**

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