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## Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm  
(Greetings to my Tribal Community),

The New Year 2011 brought great sadness to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe with the loss of our beloved Alice Lopez. The loss we feel leaves a tremendous void in our hearts, but Alice has left us with an incredible legacy. We must honor her life's work as we move forward.

Alice represented the very best of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, and displayed an unwavering commitment to both her immediate family and her Tribal family. Throughout her life, Alice fought for the rights of the Tribe, organizing effort to support our recognition efforts, standing up for aboriginal rights, and keeping our cultural traditions alive by educating both Tribal members and non-natives about our way of life. She was an amazing visionary and a modern-day warrior for her people.

A longtime fair housing advocate, Alice founded the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's housing department in 2003, and she served as its Director until her untimely passing. Through her efforts, hundreds of families received the assistance they needed to find housing in their ancestral homeland. Still others received her support in dealing with

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## Housing Advocate, Alice Lopez, Dies at 49

**I**f a person has two blankets, they have one too many. It is an old Native American philosophy that guided the sensibility and generosity of Alice Lopez, a beloved member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and a tireless advocate for the poor and homeless, who passed away suddenly on New Year's Day at the age of 49.

The director of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Housing Department, Alice was passionate in her belief that no Wampanoag person should be homeless in their own homeland and was in the process of completing the Tribe's first tribal housing community in Mashpee.

Alice began her housing career in



1992 when she went to work for the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod and the Islands in Hyannis as a housing advocate. With no formal education in the field, but a genuine enthusiasm to deliver people from crisis to someplace safe, she was mentored under the late Richard "Dick" Bigos, the legendary Cape political activist and Executive Director of CACCI for more than 20 years before he passed away in 2000.

Within a decade while at CACCI she went from advocate to Case Manager, to Case Facilitator and ultimately Director of the Scattered Site Shelter Program. In 2003 she left CACCI when she achieved her dream of launching a housing program at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe exclusively for Native people and



especially those displaced in their own ancestral lands. She served hundreds of individuals and families in an official capacity and countless others out of the goodness of her heart. When a situation seemed hopeless she was often known to take people into her own home.

Alice was born in Hyannis and raised in Mashpee where she attended the Samuel G. Davis School. She was a graduate of Falmouth High School in 1979.

After graduation Alice worked for several years in the Wampanoag Indigenous Program at Plimoth Plantation as an interpreter of Wampanoag history and was also an artisan responsible for the reproduction of artifacts for the museum's living history exhibit.

She was a member of the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers, a troupe of traditional performers who travel throughout the Northeast performing cultural music and dancing at schools, powwows, special events, private functions, and diversity trainings.

Alice was an accomplished beadwork artist and was responsible for creating the crown that adorns the tribal Princess and is passed on at the Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow at the culmination of the annual Princess contest.

Along with another tribal member, she was responsible for developing an annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow T-shirt nearly 25 years ago that is now a collector's item and recognized

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## Calendar of Events

### Weekly Events

**Mondays - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, *Maushop Farm, 213 Sampson Mill Rd.*

**Mondays - 5:30 p.m.**  
Youth Cultural Night, *Mashpee Rod and Gun Club*

**Thursdays - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Beading and Crafts, *MWT Headquarters*

**Fridays - 7:00 p.m.**  
Youth Ministry, *Mashpee Baptist Church*

**February 5 - 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Inter-Tribal Potluck Social, *Camp Burgess, Stowe Road, Sandwich*

**February 12 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
Candidates Forum, *Quashnet School Gym*

**February 13 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
Elections, *MWT Headquarters*

**February 15 - 10:30 a.m.**  
Native American Coin Unveiling, *Plimoth Plantation*

**February 19 - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
Natural Resources Department Update and Social, *Mashpee Road and Gun Club*

**February 20 - 2:00 p.m.**  
General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

**March 7 - TBA**  
Social to welcome ECHO Performers, *Camp Burgess, Stowe Road, Sandwich*

**March 13 - 2:00 p.m.**  
General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

**March 19 - 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.**  
Wampanoag Ball, *Cape Codder Resort & Spa, Hyannis*

## Honoring Alice Lopez



Shinnecock and Narragansett Nations honoring Alice Lopez



Solstice was celebrated, and the first winter storm of this season came to our community. Along with all the blessings of the Creator came a newborn baby boy. This baby boy is named **Dylan John Black**, and he was born at Falmouth Hospital, weighing 6 lbs 13 oz. He is the firstborn son of Derek (Mashpee Wampanoag) and Teresa Black of Falmouth, first grandson of Marlene Lopez and first great grandson of Chief Silent Drum Vernon Lopez, both of Mashpee.

\* Congratulations to **Marcus Reine**, son of Diane Johnson for making the honor roll once again. Great job Marcus!



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball

### Celebrating Our Legacy

The 15th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Cape Codder Resort & Spa in Hyannis. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.

#### Two Rooms of Entertainment

This year there will be two rooms with entertainment. The D.J. and dance floor will be in the Main Ballroom and Chops Turner Live will be performing in the Emerald Room.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Tribal Council Main Office and at Puritan Cape Cod in the Mashpee Commons. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are

\$25; Elders tickets are \$15.

#### VIP Gold Sponsorship Tables

There are a limited number of VIP Gold Sponsorship Tables that are available. Tables seat 10 and are on a first come, first served basis.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department. Proper dress is required. You must be 21 or older to attend this event.

#### Room Reservations

Cape Codder Resort room rate start at \$129.00 per room (Rooms are limited and reservations required) ~ (888) 297-2200. The Comfort Inn room rate starts at \$89.00 per room ~ (508) 771-4804.

## Housing Advocate, Alice Lopez, Dies at 49 (continued)

at powwows and tribal events across the nation. Each year the shirt features a different animal, which she would keep a guarded secret, building speculation and anticipation until the day of the powwow.

Alice was quietly and fervently involved in many charitable efforts. To raise money to benefit the Housing

Department she organized Cultural Day, an annual event to celebrate a Wampanoag cultural and education held each November, and also organized the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Program Run for Recognition team established in 2005. While she did not run herself, she helped more than 20 runners raise more than \$30,000 in the first year and organized an enthusiastic rallying group to cheer the team on as they ran the Falmouth Road Race. The effort continued even after the tribe completed the acknowledgement process in 2007 and was re-named Mashpee Wampanoag Home Run.

She enjoyed socializing and celebrating life and was well known, well respected and well loved by many both within the tribe and the wider community. She loved traveling to Powwows and tribal social gatherings throughout the United States. She especially enjoyed annual trips to St. David's Island in Bermuda where she attended powwows held by the descendents of Wampanoag sold into slavery there after King Philips War in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Alice believed strongly in the tribal connection and was instrumental in helping the St. David's descendents learn traditional

songs and dances and made many friends in their community.

At home she was a founding member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Women's Medicine Society and a student of the Wôpanâak Language.

Alice was predeceased by her father Vincent "Cuddy" Lopez and is survived by her mother, Carol (Hendricks)



Lopez of Mashpee; two sons, Tauohkomuk "Woki" Lopez and Kesuqs "Kees" Lopez, both of Mashpee; four sisters, Marcia Lopez, Marie Stone, Rita Lopez, and Naomi Walker all of Mashpee; two brothers, Mark Lopez of Mashpee and Robert Lopez of Ashburnham; many

aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins and her God child, Mae Alice Baird of Mashpee and Aquinnah.

A funeral was held Saturday, January 8 in the Old Indian Meetinghouse in Mashpee followed by a burial in the Old Indian Cemetery. A traditional sunrise



ceremony was also held at the Old Indian Meetinghouse at 7:00 am.

Donations in Alice's memory may be made to the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department, c/o The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649.

By Paula Peters

## Chairman's Message (continued)

unscrupulous landlords or disputes with utility companies. No matter what the problem, Alice defended the disenfranchised, lending her strong voice and iron will to those who needed it most. I propose that we recognize this lifetime of work by naming the Meetinghouse Road housing project in her honor. The Alice M. Lopez Wampanoag Community will be a reality!

The theme that stands out as the guiding principle of Alice's life is love. Love for Mother Earth, love for her family, love for her Tribe. This love touched everyone Alice met, as evidenced by the hundreds of people who joined us in mourning her passing. From housing advocates on Cape Cod, to leaders from Shinnecock, Narragansett, Nipmuc, Assonett, Aquinnah, and throughout Indian Country, to descendants of our ancestors from St. David's Island, Bermuda, people from all walks of life came to celebrate the love that Alice shared with us all.

We must continue with this legacy of love for one another if we are going to move forward. No matter the dispute or disagreement that threatens to tear us apart, it is no match for the love that has kept us together as a people for over 12,000 years. It is easy to get caught up in petty arguments or political disagreements, but I hope you will join me in trying to live our lives according to Alice's legacy by loving each other first, and treating each other with respect even when we may not see eye to eye. This is what Alice would have wanted.

I love you and miss you, my friend and sister.

Kutuputunmuw,

Qaqeemasq  
Cedric Cromwell



*The cold winter wind blows, against the trees*

*The Creator calls, knocks a tribe to its knees*

*We've got to ride this storm.*

*We lost the warrior that wanted to keep her people warm.*

By Stan Dutra

## Tribe Receives Cultural Grant

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe recently received a small grant to allow reproduction of Cattail mats to be woven for use as a covering on our traditional wetu dwellings. The grant will support work for instructors who know the skill to pass their knowledge onto our tribal youth.



Sherry Pocknett has decided to incorporate the mat weaving workshops into the ongoing Thursday night culture classes. The weekly meetings take place at the Mashpee Wampanoag Rod & Gun club located on South Sandwich Rd. in Mashpee, beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Instructors for the Cattail mats project are needed and encouraged to contact Annawon Weeden at (508) 648-6048. Instructors will be compensated for their time.

Anyone interested in participating can show up Thursday evenings for the workshops. Food is provided for all participants. Funded by Native Arts New England, a program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the Ford Foundation, the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, and anonymous donors.

By Annawon Weeden

## Natural Resources Department Update

Join the Natural Resources Department (NRD) and the Fish, Wildlife and Natural Resources Commission for a social and an update of NRD Programs on Saturday, February 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Rod and Gun Club. Potluck dinner will be served.

## Health Department Notes



To all tribal members currently enrolled in MassHealth and Commonwealth Care: Contract Health Services will not pay for any medical services if your MassHealth or Commonwealth Care has been suspended because of a failure to submit your eligibility review form, or if you were approved for MassHealth or Commonwealth Care but have not yet chosen a health plan. You must choose a health plan in order for your health insurance benefits to become effective.

# COMMUNITY

## Laurie "Cal" Green Passed Away at 91

Laurie "Cal" Green, 91, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2010 in Newburyport, MA. He was born in Mashpee on December 3, 1919, the oldest son of Laurie and Maryellen (Peters) Green.

Cal leaves his devoted wife of 62 years, Eva (DeGrace) Green, daughters Diane Green of Hartford, Conn., and Lori Laverty of South Hampton, N.H., son-in-law, Michael Sullivan, grandson, Benjamin Laverty and granddaughter, Grace Laverty. He is also survived by a sister, Catherine Simmonds of Mashpee, and a brother, George Green of Hyannis. He was predeceased by infant son, Arnold, brothers Charles, Gordon and Frank Green and sisters Sarah Peters and Abigail "Evelyn" Peters. Cal also leaves a beloved cousin, Ellen Hendricks, many nieces and nephews as well as adopted family, the Tatlows, Jason Lowry and many friends.

Cal graduated from Falmouth High School in 1937 and Hyannis State Teachers College in 1941. He served in

the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II. He taught English in Mashpee and Bourne upon returning from the war. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of service. He was active in the Mashpee Baptist Church and then the First Baptist Church of Hyannis, serving on the Mission Board and singing in the choir for many years. A Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Elder, Cal was historian for the tribe, served on its Board of Directors and was one of the first on the Judiciary Committee when the tribe received federal recognition. He spent the last two years as a member of the Hope Community Church in Newburyport.

Cal was an avid reader and correspondent, writing to friends and family members at a rate of nearly 40 letters per month. He will be remembered as a soft-spoken, caring and loving husband, father, grandfather, friend and consummate gentleman.

## Isaac J. Coombs, at 92

Isaac J. Coombs, 92, of New Bedford died January 7, 2011 at St. Luke's Hospital after a brief illness. Mr. Coombs was one of the oldest elders of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. He was the husband of the late Mae (Rosario) Coombs.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Isaac S. and Selena (Stanley) Coombs, he lived in New Bedford all of his life.

Mr. Coombs was formerly employed as a construction worker for the City of New Bedford.

Survivors include two sons, Leonard J. Coombs and Gordon M. Coombs and his wife Francine, all of New Bedford; two daughters Selena M. Coombs of New Bedford and Marilyn Souza of Sarasota Springs, NY; four grandchildren, Kelly Coombs, Nikia Coombs and Marcel Dias, all of New Bedford and John Pina of Fairhaven; five great-grandchildren, Paul Jr., Naomi, Já Far, Nevaeh and Erica; several nieces and nephews.

## Patricia Turner-Weeden: We are All Family and Must Live as One

**G**reetings to all. First of all, I would like to dedicate this in memory of our beloved sister, Alice Lopez, May 5, 1961-January 1, 2011. She has entered a Realm of Eternity with all our ancestors who have welcomed her home. There is grief and healing within each of us as we mourn her loss. Creator's hardest lessons in life are:

**Patience**

**Communication**

**Love from the heart**

**Last but not least-Letting go of our loved ones**

From the time we are born to the time when we stand on the threshold, facing the Western Door, we look back as our life passes before us; we turn and slowly walk toward the Light of Creator as He welcomes us with open arms. Creator logs us in His book of life when

we are born; we are gifted with tools to do His work here on Mother Earth. As the saying goes if we don't use our gifts, we may lose them.

**Death And Dying Healing Those Left Behind Through These Stages Of Grief.**

Everyone does not grieve the same, or through the stages as listed and that is o.k.

**SHOCK:** and denial we can't comprehend what has taken place.

**ANGER:** and rage, blaming others, how could this happen.

**BARGAINING:** we start to accept what has happened, she is in a better place, free from pain and suffering. She is in a garden of Love, Peace, Under standing, Joy and Much Happiness with All People, North, South, East and West.

**DEPRESSION:** we feel sad and alone. Our Community must come together with Love, Support, Compassion and Comfort to the family.

**ACCEPTANCE:** the old folk use to say "time heals all wounds."

It's o.k. to cry, tears are healing. It's not good to hold things in our solar plexus, we need to vent to family and friends: this is healing within.

May Creator of many names: God, Heavenly-Father, Jehovah-God, Kitan,



Manitou, bless each and every one of you in this New Year, with good health, happiness and prosperity.

By  
Patricia Turner-Weeden

## Tribal Court Update By Judge Henry Sockbeson: Canon 8

**T**his is the seventh article that covers the Canons of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court Code of Ethics. In this month's article I will cover Canon 8.

### CANON 8

A judge shall discourage ex parte communication to assure the appearance of propriety.

#### Comment 1:

Ex parte communication occurs when only one party to a pending action or their lawyer communicates with a judge.

#### Comment 2:

A judge should not permit or consider ex parte communications initiated by a party or their lawyer.

#### Comment 3:

A judge should require any party or their lawyer to give sufficient notice to the opposing party and their lawyer to permit them (or at a minimum the attorney) to be present or otherwise participate any time one party or their lawyer wishes to communicate with the presiding judge concerning a pending matter.

#### Comment 4:

A judge may initiate ex parte communication when circumstances require it provided the subject matter does not concern substantive matters. Scheduling and administrative matters can be the subject of ex parte communications initiated by the judge provided there is not sufficient time to notify the adverse party and provided the judge reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural, substantive or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication and provided further that the judge promptly notifies all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and the other parties are provided a reasonable opportunity to respond.

#### Comment 5:

If a judge inadvertently receives an unauthorized ex parte communication from one party bearing upon the substance of a matter, the judge should promptly notify the opposing parties of the substance of the communication and provide the opposing parties with an opportunity to respond.

#### Comment 6:

A judge should never be a party to an ex parte communication

with the Tribal Council regarding any pending or impending matter.

#### Comment 7:

The Chief Judge must instruct the Court Clerk and other court officials about the dangers of ex parte communication and should encourage them to limit their discussions with parties or their lawyers to scheduling and administrative matters.

By Judge Henry Sockbeson

## Tribally Owned Business

The Mittark will continue to publish information on tribally-owned businesses as they become registered. For a full list of registered tribally-owned business, please contact the main Tribal office.

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## Meet the Candidates Running for Tribal Council

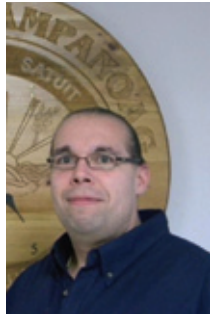
*Elections for two open Tribal Council seats will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Tribal Council Headquarters. A Candidates Forum will be held on Saturday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Quashnet School. Please take a moment to read about the candidates below and please remember to cast your ballot on Election Day.*

### Charles "Bobby" Foster

**F**iancé to Tribal Member Kim Helme and father of; Kyle 19, Hiialeah 5, Alana 8, and Ahanuw 16 months, son of Joanne Frye, Grandson of Marjorie Hendricks, Mickey Frye, Great Grandson of Lawrence and Marion (Peters) Hendricks, Ethel (Coombs) Frye.

I am proud to know that my bloodline from my mother and Grandparents runs through the Hendricks, Peters, Coombs, Mye, Amos, Cowetts, Avants, Oakleys, and Mills.

I grew up with pride learning from my elders the history of our people and the old Mashpee ways.



I have had the experience of being the Pow-Wow Director, a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (formerly the Board of Directors) and while on the board a liaison for the Building Committee, Housing Committee, Election Committee and the LIHEAP – Fuel Assistance Program. I worked with Genealogy Dept., Christine Grabowski, and Bill Cross on the Petition for Federal Recognition

from 2000 until we received our complete Federal Recognition in 2007.

I worked on the Constitution and became a Tribal Council Signatory on the Constitution in June 2004.

Received three (3) NIGA Certificates through the National Indian Gaming Association and became a Certified Gaming Commissioner.

I have been an employee of the Tribe from 2007 to present as the Administrative Assistant to Executive Council and as time went on they increased my responsibilities to also handling facilities for Tribal properties.

### Martin "Bruzzy" Hendricks

**A** lifelong resident of Mashpee, I am the proud father of two daughters, Skye and Mariah, and have four grandchildren. I have been active in traditional, social and political tribal activities all my life. I am a member of the Wakeby Lake Singers, and am proud of my involvement in Powwow, including last year as Head Male Dancer. I grew up hunting and fishing in Mashpee and enjoy sharing my knowledge with our youth. I am employed by the Mashpee DPW.



I previously served on Council for eight years, and I feel like I gave balance to the board. I'm a traditional person, and it's important that our traditions are represented so we don't get blinded by the business side of things. As a member of Council I served on the Language Committee, Housing Committee and the

Community Building Committee.

I'd like to return to the Council to focus on completing the community building so we all have a place of our own to gather. I think that will bring us closer together and help us maintain our traditions. People can trust me to make honest decisions based on what's right for the whole Tribe. I hope to earn your vote on February 13.

### Michelle M. Hughes-Fernandes

**I** am the great-grand daughter of Etta Pocknett-Tobey, grand-daughter of Leona Tobey-White and daughter of Rosie White-Hughes. These women have made me the proud 44-year-old tribal member and mother that I am today. My mother Rosie volunteered for more than 14 years on the Board of Directors of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. I base my family first including the 1500+ members. I stand for our Tribal community and focus on bringing Tribal Families whole. To be made whole within education, housing, healthcare and through the Massachusetts and federal



political processes, supporting our Wampanoag Civil Rights, heritage, culture and Wampanoag spirituality. Helping families find financial self-sufficiency through a Tribal Council passage that provides family support rightfully yours through your blood line. I commit myself to the Tribe through volunteerism as a Commissioner of the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department; supporting the Wampanoag Scholarship

Program at the Falmouth Training Facility - offering education and exercise to Tribal children/youth, past Vice Chair of the Election Committee and Peacekeeper Trainings. I have over 14 years of experience in community and government-related customer service; established dealings and health care initiatives for 501(c)(3) businesses; built and maintained working relationships for Fortune 500 companies; and improved media relationships within a multicultural community.

## Patricia "Trish" Keliinui

**E**ducation: University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth ~ B.A. in English, Writing and Communication.

Home town: Mashpee, MA

Tribal involvement: Nashauonk Mittark Newsletter, Winter Ball, Tribal Scholarship and Election committees, Clara Louise Keliinui Memorial Golf Classic organizer, Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribe, Inc., Board of Directors (1999-2001), Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (Dec. 2009-present).

Thirteen months ago, I was humbled by your confidence in me when elected to the Tribal Council. Since then, I have



been part of the positive progress of our Tribal government. I have been proud to serve our Tribe as Old Indian Meeting House Committee Liaison; Winter Ball Liaison; Powwow Liaison; Project Manager of the IMLS/ Museum \$40,000 Grant; facilitator of CITGO/Citizen's Energy grant; Interim Enrollment Director from May to August 2010; facilitate job opportunities through the "Union Trades Expo"; represent the Tribe at the Dept. of Indian

Education "Grants for Indian Children" conference in Washington, DC; assist the Finance Department through implementation of a new software system; and attend every Tribal Council and Sunday General Body meeting.

I will continue to bring a traditional, commonsense approach as your Councilwoman to create jobs, improve educational opportunities and help our Tribe move forward. My belief in our entire Tribal family is unwavering and my commitment has never been stronger. I respectfully ask for your vote on Election Day!

## Laura Etta Miranda

**M**y father always taught us to fight for what we believe in, not with our fist but with knowledge and our actions.

I have the honor to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee, the Tribal Judiciary Board, and Past Chairman of the Personnel Committee. I have strongly advocated for our youth. It is for them that I continue to fight for our next generations.

If elected as your next council member, first and foremost I will lead with my heart. I do have the courage to speak up when our tribe's best interest is not put first. Our constitution has silenced our voices. Our ancestors have



provided us with a vision. We must open our eyes and ears to seek the truth. As your council woman I will do my best to see that fair and ethical procedures are put in place to protect us all. I will listen to our people, but also hear what is being said. We need to start honoring our elders, our youth and most important each other.

Our tribe is not mine, nor is it yours individually. It will take all of us together, to forever remain whole.

Please vote for me, vote for us.

Married 27 years, 3 Daughters

Employed: DA O'Keefe 16 + yrs.

# IN THE NEWS

## Tribal Native Scholars Job Openings

**T**he Tribal Native Scholars Program at UMass Boston is seeking a Program Director and Assistant Director to service Mashpee Wampanoag and NAICOB students.

Funds will be from a four-year grant program. The Director position is full-time at a salary range of \$46,434 - \$50,787 and the Assistant Director position is part-time at a salary range of \$21,107 - \$23,056. Applicants can apply online through the UMass Boston website ([www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu)). Copies of the full job descriptions and details are available in the Mashpee Wampanoag

WIA Office, located at the main Tribal office, 483 Great Neck Road South in Mashpee. Closing dates are February 9 and 10. Please contact Yvonne Tobey for any additional information.



## Interfaith Inaugural Service for Governor Patrick

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe honored Governor Deval Patrick at the Interfaith Service for his inauguration. Invited by the Inaugural Committee to participate in this momentous occasion, the Eastern Sons, Chairman Cromwell and several Tribal members offered an honor song and a blessing to the Governor as he embarks on his second term. Chairman Cromwell, who spoke on behalf of the Tribe, asked the Creator for strength, wisdom and peace so that the Governor can lead all the people of Massachusetts during difficult times.



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## IN THE NEWS

### ECHO to Feature Wampanoag Representative

**T**he ECHO Performing Arts Festival has received funding for 2011, and once again, Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA has elected to have a Mashpee Wampanoag, Annawon Weeden, represent this region during the upcoming national tour. A government funded project to assist in fostering healthy relationships across cultural barriers, funded in part by the National Department of Education, and a project within the “No Child Left Behind Act”, ECHO stands for Education through Cultural & Historic Organizations. The tour begins January 30 and will once again travel to cultural communities beginning in Hawaii this year, moving to Mississippi (Choctaw), D.C. (NMAI), and returning to New England in March. The tour ends following performances for the cultural communities of Alaska in mid-April. A social has been tentatively scheduled to greet the performers when they arrive in Mashpee on Monday March 7 at Camp Burgess on Stowe Rd. in Sandwich. The community is encouraged to attend the



welcoming social and the performances taking place on March 7 at the Mashpee Public Schools. To learn more, please visit: [www.echospace.org](http://www.echospace.org).

**Please Remember  
to Vote  
Sunday, February 13!**

**Elections for Two Open  
Council Seats.**

**Polls open from  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### Flag Presented to the Department of Interior



Chairman Cedric Cromwell and Vice Chairman Aaron Tobey present Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Del Laverdure with the Mashpee Wampanoag flag at the Department of Interior during a visit to Washington D.C. in December.