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MISS INDIAN AMERICAN XX TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C.  
NOVEMBER 10 THROUGH 16

"Miss Indian America XX", Maxine Norris, 21, Papago Indian of Casa Grande, Arizona, will visit Washington, D.C. November 10 through 16 as the guest of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Marvin L. Franklin, Assistant to the Secretary for Indian Affairs announced today.

"We're happy to be the host to this charming representative of all Indian people," Franklin said. "Miss Norris tells us she is looking forward to meeting with the Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton, visiting the offices of Arizona Congressmen, National Indian Organizations, and the Federal agencies which administer Indian programs.

She will be an honored guest at the dedication of the American Indian National Bank -- unique in U.S. history -- at 2:30 p.m. November 15, 1973 at the bank offices, 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 310. She will visit the Office of Indian Education and Indian Health Services, both parts of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare

The American Indian Society of Washington, D.C. will be host to a dinner and reception in her honor November 14 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Embers Restaurant. The American Indian Society of Washington, D.C. is a local organization made up of Indians who live within the Greater Washington, D.C. area.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Henry Norris of Casa Grande Arizona she was named "Miss Indian America" at All American Indian Days in Sheridan Wyoming from a field of 28 candidates during the first week in August. All American Indian Days is held annually every 20 years and includes a variety of events to which the public is invited including the competition for the title "Miss Indian America". The candidate for the title of Miss Indian America represents an Indian tribe and must have a knowledge of that tribe's culture and have traditional skills.

She will represent the more than 800,000 American Indian people throughout the United States by traveling across the Nation and making public appearances. In doing so she is expected to bridge the gap between Indian and non-Indian and build a better understanding of the Indian among non-Indians.

Miss Norris has completed two years of college from Central Arizona College and had planned to major in secondary education at Arizona State University this year had she not been selected as Miss Indian America.

She is over 5 feet tall and goes by the Indian name of Ho Hoc A Mal which means "butterfly" in Papago. Her goal she says is to teach health on the Papago Reservation.

The Papago Reservation is on the Mexican border and includes part of the Sonoran Desert.

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