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Jack Malotte, left, gets a kiss planted on his cheek by his daughter, Cora, inside the Nevada Museum of Art.

Photo: Courtesy Chris Holloman

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As Students Clamor for More on Climate Change, Portland Heeds the Call

By MIKE SEELY

Three years after the school board passed a resolution mandating climate justice education in all public schools, a rollout may be coming.

Tours of the Village on Sage Street housing project

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The Village on Sage Street is a new housing project in Reno that will provide affordable rooms to 220 residents, with shared restrooms, recreation, laundry, and dining facilities. Rooms will rent for \$400 per month to qualified residents making between 30-60% of the area median income. As you may have seen in previous updates, construction at the Village is moving along rapidly now, and there is a lot of progress to see. All of the utilities are now on to the site, painting is nearly done on interiors and exteriors, sidewalks are getting poured, landscaping has started, and paving will be done on the 15th. We are truly nearing the finish line! If you are interested in taking a tour of the Village on Sage Street please let me know. Below I have listed tour dates throughout the month of June. Additionally, please share this email and invite others that you know who would be interested in learning more about this collaborative community project.

Upcoming tour dates: June 11th at 3:30pm June 18th at 3:30pm June 19th at 3:30pm
 June 25th at 3:30pm June 26th at 3:30pm June 27th at 3:30pm

For the tours, everyone will meet at 300 Sage Street. Please RSVP to mduggan@nevadafund.org or 775-333-5499 with the date you would like to attend.

Thank you! Michelle Duggan, Executive Assistant, Community Foundation of Western Nevada

Resources

American Indian Graduate Center - High school, undergraduate and graduate scholarships. For more information check the [website](#).

June 30 Deadline - Native Education Alliance invites applications for Educators for Equity Grant Program. For educators, teachers, principals and education specialists. For more information click [here](#).

Lend a Hand Program - The Lend a Hand loan program pays off high-cost car title loans up to \$3,000 for Maricopa County residents. The program is a partnership between the Arizona Community Foundation, MariSol Federal Credit Union, and Take Charge America. The goal of the program is to rescue residents struggling to pay off car title loans and help put them on a path to healthy credit and financial success. For more information, click [here](#).

Home in Five Advantage - The Home in Five Advantage program helps low and moderate income homebuyers by offering a competitive loan interest rate with a non-repayable grant for down payment and closing costs. Additional assistance is also available to qualified U.S. Military

personnel, veterans, teachers, first responders, and individuals with an annual income up to \$31,450. For more information, click [here.](#)

AZ Tribal Health Listserv - UA, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. To sign up for the listserv click [here.](#)

Sesame Street Workshop, Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration. For information click [here.](#)

Affordable Housing Locator - For housing locations all over the United States. Click [here for more information.](#)

VetTix - Free tickets for veterans by registering your DD214. Vets only pay postage to send tickets to your home. Venues throughout the valley. For information click [here.](#)

Community Resource & Referral Center for Homeless Vets - Phoenix. For information on services and resources click [here.](#)

Food Insecurity Assessment Tool and Resource List - Easy to use tool from I.H.S. to find out if patients/ clients have access to enough nutritious food. To view the document click [here.](#)

My Native Plate - Two page nutrition education tool, designed as a placemat. Easy to understand and shows balanced meals with reasonable portion sizes. For information click [here.](#)

Healthy Native Youth - Raising Healthy Native Youth Through Culturally Relevant Health Education. For information check the [website.](#)

Tips for Staying Active at Any Size - The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases has tips for increasing activity at any size. For information [click here.](#)

Use of Technology with Young Children - Departments of Health and Human Services and Education released a joint policy brief on the use of technology with young children to help families and early educators use technology to promote active, engaged, meaningful, and socially interactive learning. The American Academy of Pediatrics suggest for children younger than 18 months to avoid use of screen media other than video-chatting. Parents of children 18-24 months of age who want to introduce digital media should choose high quality programming, and watch it with their children to help them understand what they're seeing. For children ages 2-5 years, one hour of technology use is appropriate per day, inclusive of time spent at home and in early learning settings and across devices. Another great resource for families is [Common Sense Media.](#)

Native American Children's Literature Recommended Reading List - For information click [here.](#) For additional information on the [American Indians in Children's Literature website click here.](#)

City of Phoenix Open Doors Homeownership Program - Assists first time home buyers with the purchase of an affordable home in the City of Phoenix. Based on need, the program

provides up to \$15,000 to assist with down payment and closing costs. Must complete 8 hours of home buying education from US HUD certified housing counseling agency. For information click [here.](#)

USDA Nutrition and Wellness Tips for Young Children - Caregiver topics, handouts, and more. To download the documents click [here.](#)

Double Up Food Bucks - Double Up Food Bucks Arizona is a nutrition-based, federally funded program that helps people bring home more healthy fruits and vegetables, while also supporting Arizona farmers. The program doubles the value of SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits used at farmers markets. Use your SNAP Quest Card at participating farmers markets and every dollar you spend is matched with an extra dollar to spend on more Arizona-grown fruits and vegetables, up to an additional \$20 in free fruits and vegetables per market visit. Double Up Food Bucks Arizona is currently available at 14 farmers markets, four farm stands and 34 Fresh Express Mobile Market sites across the state. Visit www.doubleupfoodbucksarizona.org to find participating farmers markets including hours and locations or ask about Double Up Food Bucks at the information booth the next time you shop with your SNAP Quest Card at your favorite farmers market. Program of Pinnacle Prevention.

Social Determinants of Health Screening Tool - CMS developed a 10-item screening tool to identify patient needs in 5 different domains. Clinicians and staff can use short tool across spectrum of ages, backgrounds, etc. and is streamlined enough to be incorporated into busy clinical workflows. For more information click [here.](#)

Housing Resources for individuals with past issues (evictions, credit checks, Section 8) - For information click [here.](#)

United Food Bank's Help Yourself Food Box Program - Through the help yourself program, clients can purchase a box of food for \$20 which includes a variety of fresh meats, produce & dry goods (a value of about \$40). For an extra \$13, you can get extra meat selections. Clients can also select from additional bonus items like bread, pastries, dairy products and deli products depending on availability. The earlier, the better the selection. Cash or Food Stamps accepted No restrictions or qualifications. 358 E. Javelina Drive, Mesa, AZ 85210, (480) 926-4897. Fridays from 8:00 am-noon, excluding holidays. Open to the public.

Labor's Community Service Agency - SHIFT Program. Offers vehicles at a very low price to working poor families that have identified transportation as a major barrier to their long-term financial independence. Financial coaching and workforce development services through LCSA. For more information click [here.](#)

Direct Home Loans for Native Americans Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) - The NADL program makes home loans available to eligible Native American Veterans who wish to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Federal Trust land or to reduce the interest rate. For information click [here.](#)

Your Healthiest Self: Wellness Toolkits - National Institutes of Health. For more information click [here.](#)

Fee waived for homeless vets - Arizona veterans struggling with homelessness will no longer have to pay the \$25.00 fee for a new driver's license or state ID, under a new law. To qualify for the waiver, the Motor Vehicle Department will verify homelessness and veteran status. For information check the [website](#).

Phoenix Indian Medical Center Auxiliary - The PIMC Auxiliary Gift Shop is looking for volunteers to help in their gift shop. Any time you can donate Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. would be helpful. For more information please contact Roberta at (602) 263-1576.

VA Vet Center - Provide outpatient readjustment counseling to all warzone military personnel (Veterans, Active Duty, Reserve, and Guards) and their family members. For more information call (602) 640-2981 or 1-(877)-927-8387.

South Mountain Hoop of Learning Early College Program - Must be currently enrolled in high school as a freshmen, sophomore, or junior. Have a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Have a valid CIB or Tribal ID. For information call Gerard at (602) 305-5643 or email [him](#).

Healthy Brain Initiative's Road Map for Indian Country. The Road Map is designed specifically to support discussion about dementia and caregiving within tribal communities and to encourage a public health approach. Click here to view the [Road Map](#).

V.A. Prepares for Major Shift in Veteran's Health Care.

By JENNIFER STEINHAUER

The Department of Veterans Affairs says it is ready for a major shift in access to private care, but veterans groups and lawmakers are concerned.

Principal Man Ian Zabarte May 20, 2019

Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians P.O. Box 46301, Las Vegas, NV 89114

To: Chairwoman Nita Lowey M.C. Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

For the record. The purpose of this letter is to oppose funding for the proposed Yucca Mountain high-level nuclear waste repository in the FY2020 Energy & Water appropriations bill.

The **Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians are an intervenor in licensing of the proposed Yucca Mountain** site at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety Licensing Board Panel with the only ownership contention, a requirement for licensing, under 10 CFR 63.121 OWNERSHIP. The Department of Energy has failed to prove ownership that is vested in the Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation under the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley, Consolidated Treaty Series Volume 127 (1863) that is in "*full force and effect*." The Treaty of Ruby Valley is the "*supreme law of the land*" under the US Constitution and legislation should reflect the fact that Western Shoshone title remains unextinguished by treaty and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission does not adjudicate title.

We strongly oppose an amendment to fund the proposed Yucca Mountain site. Congress should know that there is strong tribal opposition to the proposed Yucca Mountain site.

Sincerely, Principal Man Ian Zabarte, Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

May 20, 2019

Honorable Nita M. Lowey Chairwoman

House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Lowey and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the National Congress of American Indians, the oldest and largest national organization advocating on behalf of Indian tribal governments, American Indians and Alaska Natives, I write to oppose any amendments to appropriations language that would further the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste storage proposal.

NCAI is concerned that an amendment may be offered to pending appropriations bills which would streamline the development of a controversial Yucca Mountain repository. This is a development project local tribes and other community members have consistently opposed.

It is critically important for Congress to understand the unique circumstances surrounding tribal lands and land loss. Most current reservation boundaries are but small fractions of the ancestral homelands of Indian tribes, meaning there are many cultural, sacred and historic sites outside of reservation boundaries that are important to tribes. In this matter, the proposed nuclear storage site, Yucca Mountain, has been identified as a site of historic and cultural significance to many tribal nations in the area and should never have been selected as a storage site to begin with.

That being said, tribes understand the liabilities and responsibilities assumed by the federal government to store the Nation's nuclear waste. We ask that such storage not be at the expense of the public health and welfare of tribal nations.

In closing, NCAI reiterates its opposition to any amendment to appropriations language that would further the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste storage proposal. For far too long, Indian tribes have endured the negative impacts of the Nuclear Era. We implore Congress to protect tribal nations' rights to lands, natural resources and cultural and historic sites. We thank you for your time and look forward to any further questions or dialogue about this matter.

Sincerely, Jefferson Keel NCAI President

From: [Native Seeds/SEARCH <info@native-seeds.org>](mailto:info@native-seeds.org) [[Add to Address Book](#)]

Which Crop Will You Choose? Adopt-A-Crop 2019 is Underway!



Why Adopt?

Adopt-A-Crop is your chance to support the success of our 2019 growing season and ensure these and other rare seeds aren't lost forever. The unique varieties below are just a few of the treasures from our seed vault that only exist in small quantities or haven't before been made available to the public.

Adopt your crop today and help us reach our goal of \$50,000!

Community Seed Grant Recipients at Ochoa Community School planting one of this year's Adopt-A-Crop seeds - Melón Mexicano

Did You Know?

The Native Seeds/SEARCH cold storage vault contains **2,000 arid-adapted seed varieties** from the Greater Southwest region, which are in danger of disappearing without conservation. When you select any of this year's seeds, you support our growing costs and help make sure these varieties are available for future generations.

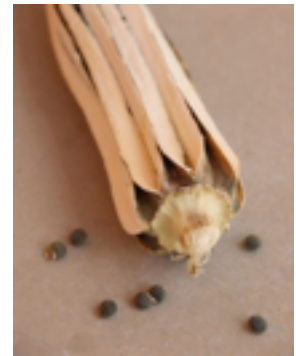


Yerba Anis

Yerba Anis can be used as a tarragon substitute in the kitchen, and the rich yellow flowers can be used in dye. Our accession comes from Nabogame, Chihuahua where it was collected in 1986.

Yuma Red Okra

Yuma Red Okra seeds were recently added to the collection from a generous NS/S member (and volunteer) who first received them in 1980! It's a beautiful plant with deep red stalks, spectacular flowers, and tasty pods.



So Many Seeds!

Last year NS/S distributed **70,000 packets of seed**. *This is only possible with the help of volunteers and donors like You!* These seeds are shipped to gardeners all over the United States and Canada, helping conserve biodiversity and food security.



Melón Mexicano

Melón Mexicano is being grown by one of our Community Seed Grant recipients, Ochoa Community School. The kids will learn gardening and seed saving in the tastiest way possible- by growing and eating sweet melons, and saving seed for the NS/S community

Free Seed Makes a Difference

Native Seeds/SEARCH donates nearly **4,000 packets of seed** every year to regional community gardens, farmers and families in need through various seed grant programs. One seed grant recipient told us, *"The program allows me to grow squash that I sometimes use as a meat replacement for dinner. Having four kids, this saves me money and provides me with healthier options for my family."*

When you give to Adopt-A-Crop you help get these seeds into the hands of those who need them most.

Yoeme Blue Corn

Yoeme Blue Corn is very rare and makes a lovely cornmeal with an excellent nutty flavor. This variety was collected on the Salt River Reservation but has connections to the Pascua Yaqui community. The short plants produce beautiful small ears with kernels ranging from steel blue to dark purple.



Not Corny at All!

The NS/S collection conserves **573 accessions** (varieties) of corn. Currently 56 of these are available to the public online and at our retail store. Many of these are drought tolerant and flourish in our increasingly warm climate. *"I love supporting local farmers by buying fresh corn. But I was totally blown away by how many corn types there are. We should be eating all of them!"* - NS/S supporter James Blue



Teosinte

Teosinte is the wild mother plant that with the help of indigenous farmers gave rise to modern corn. It's a bushy grass-like plant with extremely hard, triangular seeds and is often planted next to other corn varieties to keep them strong and healthy. Its genes contribute to their disease resistance and vitality. This accession comes from Nabogame, Chihuahua.

Can't make up your mind?

We get it, it's hard to choose just one crop! You're in luck-you can support all five of this year's Adopt-A-Crop seeds. Thank you for going above and beyond!

Adopt all the Crops!

Our mailing address is: Native Seeds/SEARCH
3584 E River Rd. Tucson, AZ 85718

"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Money Does Grow Some Trees

100 years ago farmers who grew our food did so from a grand diversity of grains and vegetables. Through experiment and exchange farmers improved their crops, saving the best seeds, roots, etc. for replanting the next year. 50 years ago there were about 1,000 small and family-owned seed companies producing and distributing seeds in the US, but by 2009 there were fewer than 100.

In the last decade a flurry of mergers and acquisitions enabled chemical and pharmaceutical companies with no historical interest in seeds to gobble up most of those small seed companies. Today, four giant multinational agrochemical companies — Corteva, ChemChina, Bayer and BASF — control more than 60 percent of the world's seed sales.

What propelled this race to corner the seed market? [Companies see seeds as part of a profitable package](#). They already made herbicides and pesticides, so they set about engineering seeds to produce crops that could survive an onslaught of their chemicals. The same seed companies that control more than 60 percent of seed sales also sell more than 60 percent of the pesticides.

Corporate mentality doesn't care about biodiversity and small farmers — it cares about profit. In 1980 the Supreme Court delivered big business a big gift — the utility patent. Their ruling allowed patents on living organisms, and by extension, crops. Advances in genetic engineering then permitted companies to claim seeds as proprietary inventions, restricting the type of seeds farmers could access.

By lessening diversity and engineering seeds to ensure crop uniformity, corporations can dictate the fertilizer, pesticide and fungicide regime, and lock in harvesting rates, the machinery used, shipping crate sizes, shelf space etc. etc. Seed privatization increases corporate profitability, but curtails innovation, narrows choices for farmers and consumers, and especially hobbles organic farmers, which explains why organic food is so expensive.

- [Sowing for Apocalypse: The quest for a global seed bank](#) (New Yorker, 2007)
- [Arctic stronghold of world's seeds flooded after permafrost melts: No seeds were lost but the ability of the rock vault to provide failsafe protection against all disasters is now threatened by climate change](#) (Guardian, 2017)
- A movie about seeds and agrochemicals, [Michael Clayton trailer](#)

The Problem with \$3 Cartons of Eggs, According to a Farmer

John Chester, a filmmaker and TV director, spoke with TIME about the 200-acre farm he and his wife Molly started, with the support of investors, to grow food in a way that regenerates the land. It is the subject of his documentary, The Biggest Little Farm. What's wrong with the way America farms currently? In the last 260 years, we've lost a third of our topsoil. We've destroyed 46% of our forests. It would be very shortsighted to think that the ecosystem of this planet will be able to support

Read in TIME: <https://apple.news/A4lsHI313S0mZOeyiK0PIBQ>

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In the first discovery of its kind, a giant Pleistocene wolf has been extracted from softening permafrost, with DNA still intact.

