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Anne Susan updated her cover photo.

Honoring the National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. A picture of my niece Jessica's daughter Abyreena in a white buckskin White Mountain Apache traditional regalia preparing to honor the rainbow, a source from rain that provides water to the plants, animals and the people.



African sacred ibis

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In a letter to Pope Francis, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador also requested the temporary return of a number of artifacts

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A brightly-colored page in the *Codex Borgia*, one of the artifacts requested by Mexico's president ([Public domain via Wikimedia Commons](#))



Neil McIntyre 11.2.20 17.4 lbs

More Native Americans Were Elected To Congress Tuesday Than Ever Before **Carlie Porterfield**Forbes Staff

The 2020 general election has been a historic one in terms of “[firsts](#)” for more diverse lawmakers —it also saw a record-breaking number of candidates of Native American heritage win their congressional races for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Key Facts

Indian Country Today reported six Native American House candidates won their respective races, meaning the 117th Congress will have [more Native Americans](#) than any previous Congress.

The first two Native American women to be [elected to Congress](#) in 2018, U.S. Rep. Debra Haaland (D-N.M.) and Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kans.), defended their seats, according to the report.

Also winning reelection were Native American incumbents Rep. Tom Cole and Rep. Markwayne Mullin, both Republican representatives in Oklahoma.

Native American newcomers to the House include New Mexico Republican Yvette Herrell and Kaiali'i Kahele, a Democrat elected in Hawaii who, according to *Indian Country Today*, is only the [second](#) Native Hawaiian lawmaker to represent the state in Congress since Hawaii became a state in 1959.

According to the report, the candidates are split equally in terms of their political party affiliation and gender: three are Democrats, three Republicans, three men and three women.

Key Background

The 117th Congress marked many “firsts” for diverse representation. Herrell and Haaland’s elections helped New Mexico become the first state to vote for congressional representatives exclusively made up of [women of color](#). When Delaware elected Sarah McBride for state senator, she became the first [openly transgender person](#) to win the position in any state. Ritchie Torres, a New York Democrat who won a seat in the House, is slated to become the country’s first [Black and openly gay](#) congressman.

Further Reading

[US House candidates make history](#) (*Indian Country Today*)

[The ‘Firsts’ Of The U.S. 2020 Election](#) (*Forbes*)

[Christian Parrish](#)

If you have danced in a “masquerade” (clown dance) you are more powerful than you think. When we have masquerades we come together to laugh and to heal. When we dress up and dance, we are preserving our culture and we carry a power with us, It’s not just “Halloween”. Yes it’s contemporary now, but our people used to do this before there was a Halloween. When they would have gatherings the “clowns” would show up and make the people laugh, doing crazy things of all sorts. Even at ceremonies or places where you seemingly would conduct yourself in a dignified manner they would break that seriousness and remind us that life is short and to always laugh. If they messed with you, you couldn’t get mad either because these clowns were distinguished and sacred in the tribe. Many times when I have danced, families in mourning would come up and thank me for lifting their spirits in their sorrowful time and it made me realize that it truly was a powerful thing to dance in this way. So I say to the young people, go out there and participate in the clown dances and have fun! You are not only preserving your culture you are bringing healing to the people!! A’ho!



Myron Dewey ·

My Muha (means grama on my moms side, Paiute language). So many stories she shared with me of tough times, hard times, laughter, resilience and a home I always felt welcome at. I do miss early 5am breakfast, she never personally woke me up, it would be the breakfast smell which made me get up, help set the table, and to my hard sleeping cousins, loud pans moving and making noise, 🤪.

My Muha had 13 children and although she had a hard life, she always provided for us the safe place I so much needed in my crazy life growing up. My Muha (grama) and Peah (mother) is one of the many reasons I became a historical trauma trainer, to help heal and understand historical trauma in my family as well as my community. There is so much strength in her life, her journey, her story and how did she survive through it? She had no choice but to continue forward....to my aunties, uncles or even mother reading this, I know you had it hard, the alcohol, the abuse, the loneliness, the loss of time spent together, sometimes no hugs, I know this because she told me, she shared and cried with me, we both cried, I said, why not tell them yourselves, she just looked down and didn't say anything for a while, then said the is just the way it used to be, then said lets play scrabble.

Becoming a historical trauma trainer, has helped me understand and articulate the hardships of my family, myself, my community and the overall accountability of the state of Nevada, the boarding school in Carson City, tribal leadership and the federal government and its trust responsibility to our people.

My Muha (grandma) did not have the words to the systematic and horror of America's history that she witnessed in her lifetime, as well as the loss of land, loss of language, traditional harvesting areas and so much more, because to her she lived it and did not pity herself over it. She was living and enjoying that last of her days at home, garage sales, cooking and visiting family.

One thing I'll never forget though, she said, when you to college, learn the whitemans ways, then come home to help and protect our people from their ways, find a way to learn the language as well when you gone. Our conversation at Stockmans in Fallon over lunch, she had a picture with Russell Means (member of AIM) she was proud of. Although my Muha never talked activism, she talked about harvesting willows, pine-nuts, her sisters and her mom, this talk was a generation that it was just a way of life, simply harvesting without feeling like we are trespassing on our own lands, to harvest, speak the language and be Paiute in Nevada is "resistance", and my Muha was resilient and survived colonialism.

Pesha puha yaduah Muha
(Good medicine talking with my grama)



Today I sat with my Grama and enjoyed our conversation. I wanted to asked her so much about her life and also how she lived, but I mostly just took the time to listen to her describe how the sun was healing to our people. She said this generation just sits in front of the TV to much. She said to me that our people need to be up with the sun at sunrise and also understand why we have our songs.

We also talked about the boarding school era and how our people don't speak Paiute anymore.

She says to my son, haga-uh, who are you and my son says my name is Wetuah, Wetuah Dewey, she laughs. Muha had short-term memory loss, although she always remembered me, she sometime would ask, who brought me here. Then that would pass and 20 min later she would ask the same thing. The beginnings of dementia, a memory loss sickness. This is happening to many elders across Indian Country, some tribes think it may be attributed to their food diet and medication given by the clinics to treat various health issues.

What a blessings today was spending time with Muhah...My Grama.

Pishah-num

I do miss her so much

(a woman of character...sdc)

New Books

Inspired by the Canadian Métis legend of the Rogarou, a U.S. debut finds a woman reconnecting with her heritage when her missing husband reappears in the form of a charismatic preacher who does not recognize her. 75,000 first printing.

When a young girl goes missing from a Navajo reservation in the remote Southwest, the crows start to follow her brother. They hold the answers to finding her, if only he can figure out how to listen. Read the five-star #1 best seller set in the magic and mystery of the American Southwest. Perfect for fans of Koontz and Hillerman.

"The tension builds with every page, leaving you breathless waiting for the next twist."



[amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

[Three Best Selling Books in One](#)

Recommended by San Luis Obispo Library

[*Empire of wild : a novel*](#)

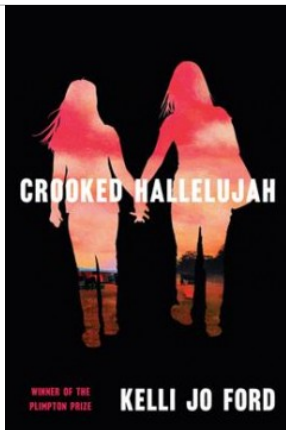
by Cherie Dimaline

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[*Winter counts : a novel*](#)

by David Heska Wanbli Weiden

A vigilante enforcer on South Dakota's Rosebud Indian Reservation enlists the help of an ex to investigate the activities of an expanding drug cartel, while a new tribal council initiative raises controversial questions. A first novel. 75,000 first printing.



[*Crooked hallelujah*](#)

by Kelli Jo Ford

A first collection by an award-winning Cherokee writer traces four generations of Native American women as they navigate cultural dynamics, religious beliefs, the 1980s oil bust, devastating storms and unreliable men to connect with their ideas about home

The only good Indians : a novel

by Stephen Graham Jones

A novel that blends classic horror and a dramatic narrative with sharp social commentary follows four American Indian men after a disturbing event from their youth puts them in a desperate struggle for their lives. 50,000 first printing

An indigenous peoples' history of the United States

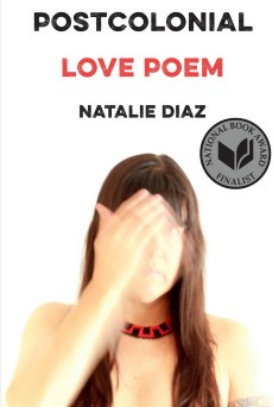
by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against the indigenous peoples was genocidal and imperialist, designed to crush the original inhabitants. Spanning more than 300 years, a classic bottom-up history significantly reframes how we view our past. Told from the viewpoint of the indigenous, it reveals how Native Americans, for centuries, actively resisted expansion of the U.S. empire

This town sleeps : a novel

by Dennis E. Staples

Engaging in a secret affair with a closeted white man, an Ojibwe from a northern Minnesota reservation navigates small-town discrimination before a ghost leads him to the grave of a basketball star whose murder becomes linked to a local legend

	<p><u><i>Postcolonial Love Poem</i></u> by Natalie Diaz</p> <p>Postcolonial Love Poem is an anthem of desire against erasure. Natalie Diaz's brilliant second collection demands that every body carried in its pages-bodies of language, land, rivers, suffering brothers, enemies, and lovers-be touched and held as beloveds</p>
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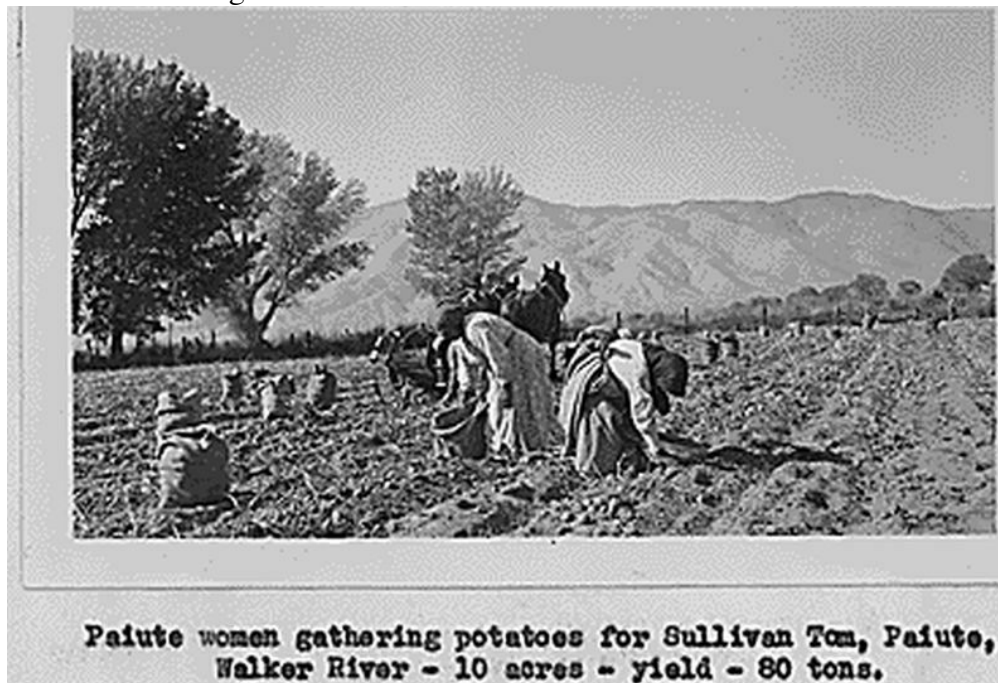
Only 30 minutes left to vote in Schurz, Mineral County Precinct 11. Almost all registered voters who live here voted. Probably a 85 percent turn out. Now it's time to watch the results. Thanks to our team - Kelley Carter, Rana Collins, Elaine Montoya, Anna Montoya Miller, Chrystal Miller Alyssa Vazquez, Maria Martinez, LaVerne Hicks, Elk Bearcloud, Jade Kizer and Heleena Louise Aguilar-Williams.

These people all offered to work when I asked. I appreciate you all for stepping up to the plate. There are a lot more to thank in a day or two.

"Like I said the whole voting thing we need to know why it's important to vote and not be a race to get the most voters. Ask the young ones why they voted! Educate them what's at cost for our people! Im scared what if we lose our Heathcare, our land and most importantly our sovereignty!"

I did have discussions with some young voters. I was impressed by their responses and concerns about the electoral college and the candidates. They are paying attention. They have their own minds and I like that. I too am afraid of losing health care. Our Native people seem to suffer the most. Some of our young and first time voters were interviewed by a journalist. I'm looking

forward to reading the article.



Thanks Dee Numa

‘There Are Tons of Brown Faces Missing’: Publishers Step Up Diversity Efforts **By Alexandra Alter and Elizabeth A. Harris**

The push in book publishing for more authors and workers of color hasn’t abated, and companies are increasingly making lasting changes to the way they do business.

A Year of Devastation in Arizona’s Wild Lands **By Laiken Jordahl**

Living and working along the U.S.-Mexico border has meant watching the surreal, slow-motion leveling of the fragile ecosystems I’ve spent my career fighting to protect.

California cities doing the most on climate action

By Phys Org, 10/30/2020

A new report evaluating the efficacy of climate action plans and commitments of the 100 largest U.S. cities finds the leadership of these municipalities stands as an important counter to the federal government's rollback of climate policies and departure from the Paris Agreement. Yet, despite genuine achievements by some, roughly two-thirds of cities are currently lagging in their targeted emissions levels, and, on average, all cities in the report need to cut their annual emissions by 64 percent by 2050 in order to reach their respective goals.

In Loving Memory
Melva Jane Aleck



8/06/34-10/22/2020

Viewing will be Tuesday, November 3rd at
Ross Burke and Noble
2155 Kietzke Lane, Reno
3pm-6pm

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, November 4th at
Veterans Cemetery
14 Veterans Way, Fernley
11am

****MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED****

Due to COVID-19, there will be NO dinner following the burial



Memorial Service

Byron Fillmore

04/01/1949-10/30/2020

Friday, November 06, 2020

Carson Colony Gym

2900 S. Curry Street

Viewing @11am

Service @1pm

Dinner to follow

Food donations welcome

Social Distancing and Masks are required