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And the winner is... HAWAII! Congratulations to Kī'ilani Arruda for winning the Miss Teen USA pageant. This Kauaʻi girl has plans to become a dermatologist. Arruda is currently a freshman at the University of Puget Sound, studying molecular and cellular biology, and minoring in Spanish. The 18-year-old captured the national title this evening in Memphis, Tennessee.

Scholarship Deadlines

Tohono O'odham Community College - FREE tuition for individuals with a Tribal ID or CIB. For more information or to register check their [website](#) or email Jiivik at jsiiki@tocc.edu or call (520) 993-3023.

November 20 Deadline - Gateway Community College's Hoop of Learning Early College Program. For high school to college bridge. program tailored to meet the academic and cultural needs of American Indian students. For more information contact [Kordell](#).

February 10 Deadline - Dorrance Scholarship Programs. For Arizona's eligible first generation college students. Up to 36 scholarships first generation Arizona high school seniors. For more information [check the website](#).

February 17 Deadline - Native American Summer Research Internship (NARI) University of Utah, Department of Pediatrics. Undergraduate Junior & Senior Students. 10 week internship. For more information: [click here](#).

February 12 Deadline - University of Arizona Fall 2021 Cohort Indigenous Teacher Education Program (ITEP). For more information click [here](#).

March 2 Deadline - Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program at University of Arizona. Biomedical Ph.D. programs. For more information click [he](#)

Resources from Native Health

Tribal Lifeline - Customers living on Federally Recognized Tribal Lands **can receive up to \$34.25 off phone or internet. For AI/AN urban members they could still benefit \$9.24 subsidy per month.** 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](#).

Strong Hearts Native Helpline - StrongHearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous and confidential domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline that offers culturally-appropriate support and advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives. If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic, dating or sexual violence or if you have questions about your behavior, help is available. For one-on-one advocacy, click on the Chat Now icon at <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org/> or call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483). Advocates are available daily from 5 a.m. to 18 p.m. PT.

New Native Film podcasts recorded in Phoenix, AZ; Available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and YouTube. For more information visit www.nativefilmtalk.com.



The Kea is the only mountain parrot in the world.

November is Native American Heritage Month. Sharing information on PBS' [programming.](#)

Calendar

November 2-19 - 2nd Annual Arizona Statewide Tribal Veterans Symposium. Virtual presentations from November 2-19. There will also be a virtual cultural exchange from different tribal communities. To RSVP for one or all sessions, please click [here.](#) Certificates of Completion will be available to all attendees.

November 5 - Stew and Stories (Virtual). Storytelling begins at 5:00 p.m. South Mountain Community College. Emerson Frybread will also be selling frybread north of PIMC. To view the event click [here.](#) more information call (602) 243-8026.

November 6 - Virtual 5th Annual Native American Women's Conference. Click here for more [information.](#)

November 7 - Mask Donation Drive to benefit the Tohono O'odham Nation and Pascqua Yaqui Tribal members. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Held at University of Arizona Phoenix Campus, College of Public Health (Building #4), 714 E. Van Buren, Phoenix. For more information or to contact them click [here.](#)

November 13 - Maricopa Community Colleges, Girls Get IT. Free virtual conference for female high school juniors and seniors. 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information click [here.](#) Limited to 150 registrants.

November 13 - 24th Annual Vision Rehab and Assistive Technology Expo. Online or phone. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. One hour sessions. For more information call 1-877-29-87283 or [online.](#)

November 13-15 - Taking Steps Towards College Success Virtual Summit. Be A Leader Foundation. For more information or to register click [here.](#)

November 14 - Mask Donation Drive to benefit the Tohono O'odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribal members. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Held at University of Arizona Phoenix Campus, College of Public Health (Building #4), 714 E. Van Buren, Phoenix. For more information or to contact them click [here.](#)

November 27-28 - Native American Month Social and Indian Craft Market. Tucson Mall in Tucson. For more information call (520) 420-4332 or check their [website.](#)

December 3 - 2020 Tribal Health Virtual Town Hall. Presented by Inter Tribal Council of Arizona and Blue Cross Blue Shield Arizona/Mobilize AZ. 10:00 a.m.-noon. For more information or to register click [here.](#)

December 5 - 21st Annual Children's Christmas Toy Drive and Concert (Virtual). Benefiting NATIVE HEALTH, Phoenix Indian Center, and Native American Connections. Produced by Gila River Broadcasting. Entertainers include Yellow Bird Indian Dancers, Adrian Wall, Bo Goode, Aaron White, Socie Marie, Cody Blackbird Band, Gabriel Ayala, Keith Secola, Indigenous Enterprise, Bobby Wilson, Sihasin, Darryl Tonemah, and more. For more information click [here.](#)

December 5 and 12 - Arizona Department of Child Safety's Young Parent University. Planning Ahead: Navigating Parenthood through a Pandemic. Virtual. Free. For mothers and fathers under the age of 21, actively parenting with custody or expecting. For more information or to register: [here.](#)

December 9-11 - Phoenix Indian Center's Fostering American Indian Youth, 3 day session for

2021 - if there ever is one (Plan Waaaayyyy ahead)

January 22 - Association of American Indian Physicians and SUNY Upstate Medical University Virtual One Day Pre-Admission Workshop. 10:00 a.m. EDT. Deadline for applications, Friday, January 10. For more information click [here.](#)

February 5 Deadline - Sisterhood of Native American Coders for girls 9-12. Class begins February 22, 2021. Free. For information click [here.](#)

February 19 - ASM-Navajo Nation Conference "Emerging Infections & Tribal Communities: What we learned from COVID-19 Pandemic". No fee. Limited to 500 users for virtual attendance. For information or to register click [here.](#)

July 11-17 - 18th Annual Native American Basketball Invitational. For more information click [he](#)



Karen Pavlansky

The anthropologist invited the children from the African tribe to play one game. He placed a basket of fruit near the tree and announced, addressing the children: "The one of you who reaches the tree first will be rewarded with all sweet fruits." When he signaled to the children to start the race, they locked their hands tightly and ran together, and then they all sat together and enjoyed the delicious fruit.

The astonished anthropologist asked the children why they all ran together, because each of them could enjoy the fruit for himself. To which the children replied: "Obonato". Is it possible for one to be happy if everyone else is sad? "Obonato" in their language means: "I exist because we exist."

More Than Something Else

Something Else.

Some one else

Some where else

That place is here,

In my home,

We are here.

I am brown,

Brown hair,

Brown eyes,

Like cookies Feather tells me, and I like to think it's perfectly cooked Pueblo cookies.

My kids are something else,

9 different shades of brown,

All beautiful.

My grandkids are something else,

4 brown eyes, 2 blue eyes,

All Native,

Definitely something else, as I watch them be rowdy, be loving, be here in this world.

We are here

On this earth

In this time and place

In our homes,

On our lands,

In the cities,

With our families, laughing loudly, cooking together, protecting each other.

We are something else

With our songs
 Our dances.
 We pray with corn meal,
 Eagle feathers,
 Medicine bundles,
 Burn some sage, make sure to acknowledge the four directions, as the sun comes up.
 We are the something else,
 Who were here,
 To greet Christopher Columbus
 We were born from
 This earth,
 Crawled out of the center,
 Of our mothers womb, we are important, we are strong.
 We are something else,
 We are Pueblo people, Plains people, Forest People, Desert people, Nomadic people, Cliff dwellers,
 Ocean fishers, Lake and river fishers, hunters,, medicine collectors, horse riders, artists, speakers, lawyers,
 doctors, teachers, we are human beings.
 We are something else,
 We are Native People,
 Indigenous to this land.
 We are a proud,
 Something else.

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When Native Americans Briefly Won Back Their Land

Erin Blakemore

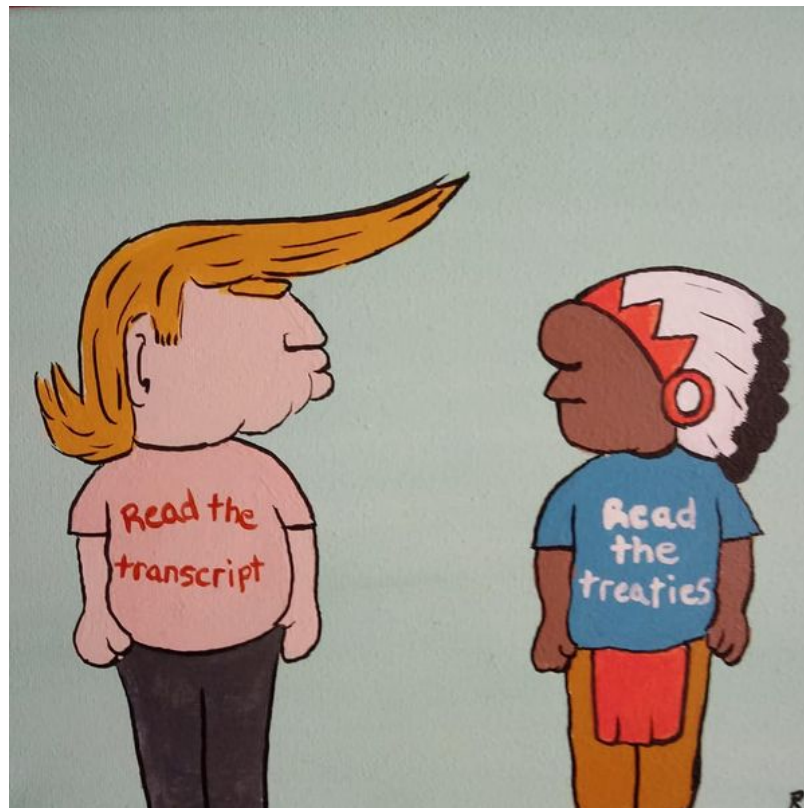
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400 years on, Mayflower's legacy includes pride, prejudice

Annawon Weeden, 46, a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, sits for a portrait outside his home in Oakdale, Conn., Friday, Sept. 25, 2020. "How do you pay somebody for that?" said Weeden when asked if governments should make financial reparations to Native people. "The most valuable thing anyone can have or possess ever is time and you don't get that time back. I don't get my ancestors back. It's degrading to think that you could buy your way out of what you put us in. Actions speak for themselves," Weeden said. "You don't got to pay me a dime. Clean up your community, show some respect. Pay the land the respect. It's never about me. It's about this land. I'm only here for a short time. This land had to last a lot longer. Your children are going to have to inherit this. What do you want to leave them? Let's look about our children and how our children's lives are going to turn out because if we can't get things to go better for them, we've all failed." (AP Photo/David Goldman)

For pic and more thought:

<https://indiancountrytoday.com/news/400-years-on-mayflower-s-legacy-includes-pride-prejudice-1HsAav4WBU-aLtUtoo2A0g>



Navajo woman wins city council seat in Portland, Maine. Congratulations! Just in at 11 PST— A little happy news!! April Fournier, a 40-year-old member of the Dine' (Navajo) Nation wins her election for City Council in Portland, Maine...



Governance expert: 'Change doesn't happen overnight'

On today's show, Wayne Ducheneaux, executive director of the Native Governance Center, joins us to talk about what newly elected tribal leaders can expect when they take office. Plus, Stewart Huntington shares the latest on Rapid City boarding.....
<https://indiancountrytoday.com/newscasts/governance-expert-change-doesn-t-happen-overnight-ea0iwqpeVUmi-SZBIZeUFA>

Gray Wolves to Be Removed From Endangered Species List

Nathan Rott, NPR

Rott writes: "Gray wolves, a species that has long been vilified and admired, will no longer receive federal protections under the Endangered Species Act in the Lower 48 U.S. states, the Trump administration announced Thursday." [READ MORE](#)

These Drones Have Been Designed To Plant 100,000 Trees Per Day

What happens when you put two pilots to work flying a drone that has been designed specifically to plant trees at a rapid pace? You could potentially get up to 100,000 trees planted per day. That's an astounding number compared to an average 11,000 trees that are currently being planted by professional tree planters on a weekly basis.

Read in Apartment Therapy: <https://apple.news/A4avd7c19RwStXnn74F811Q>

Environmental Ballot Measures Get Widespread Approval by American Voters

Yale Environment 360

Excerpt: "American voters approved ballot measures worth nearly \$3.7 billion this election in support of parks, climate resilience, and land conservation, according to an analysis by the nonprofit Trust for Public Land." [READ MORE](#)



Biden Plans Immediate Flurry of Executive Orders to Reverse Trump Policies

By Matt Viser, Seung Min Kim and Annie Linskey, The Washington Post 08 Nov 20 <https://readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-66/66104-biden-plans-immediate-flurry-of-executive-orders-to-reverse-trump-policies>

Biden Defeats Trump, Ending 4 Years of Environmental Destruction

Zoya Teirstein, Grist

Teirstein writes: "Biden's win marks the beginning of the end of one of the most environmentally damaging terms in United States presidential history." [READ MORE](#)

I hope all tribal groups have their various planning documents in order and budgets ready to go! They should focus on self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Native Perspectives on Uranium. Ian Zabarte will be on #2 Environmental impacts.

Series Title: Native Perspectives on Uranium, Nuclear and Environmental Justice

The Colorado Plateau has a long, dark history of uranium mining, milling and radioactive waste. The exploitation of uranium and other natural resources for the production of nuclear energy, and use by the U.S. government continues to extensively impact and subjugate already marginalized communities and heavily contributes to issues of health disparities, boom and bust economies, and systematic dispossession of cultural resources and ancestral land. Nuclear threats remain throughout tribal communities from uranium mining and waste storage facilities. Nuclear waste storage is an immense burden and is a problem worldwide, there is no safe, permanent repository anywhere in the world for nuclear waste. Here in the U.S., mostly tribal, poor, and non-white communities carry the brunt of radioactive pollution from the nuclear fuel cycle. Most of these impacted communities are already overwhelmingly inundated by systemic barriers that do not allow them the capacities and resources to advocate for standards that demand transparency and accountability from federal and state governmental entities. No one wants radioactive pollution in their homes and bodies. We stand in solidarity with tribal communities and aim to elevate Native voices in the Colorado Plateau and beyond. Zoom

Series Schedule:

1. Teach-in 1- Thursday, November 12 6-7 pm Launch

Theme: History of Uranium (GCT staff)

2. Teach-in 2- Thursday, November 19, 6-7 pm Ian Zabarte on this panel

Native Perspectives: Overall theme- What are the cumulative impacts from uranium/nuclear? What does Environmental Justice look like for Native peoples?

3. Teach-in 3- Thursday, December 3, 6-7 pm

What are the Health impacts in Native America?

4. Teach-in 4- Thursday, December 10, 6-7 pm

What are the Social (Cultural) impacts in Native America?

5. Teach-in 5- Thursday, December 17, 6-7 pm

What are the Economic impacts in Native America?,

[Public Zoom registration:https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qmTurBwxQ3ucGGNGLEwMrA)

[WN_qmTurBwxQ3ucGGNGLEwMrA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qmTurBwxQ3ucGGNGLEwMrA) (one-time registration for all teach-ins)

Media Advisory: The National Congress of American Indians to Host Tribal Nations at its 2020 Annual Convention & Marketplace with a Focus on *Truth and Reconciliation*

WASHINGTON, D.C. | The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is honored to host tribal nations to convene as a congress in a dynamic, fully-virtual setting for the 2020 Annual Convention & Marketplace on November 8-13, 2020.

As NCAI celebrates 77 years of serving the broad interests of tribal nations, this year's Annual Convention theme, *Truth and Reconciliation*, explores the current state of tribal sovereignty and affirms the commitment of tribal nations to use this forum to advance critical priorities in a unified way with the ultimate goal of ensuring true government-to-government relationships with the United States.

This six-day event features a robust mix of General Assembly presentations, breakout sessions, subcommittee and committee deliberations, cultural events, and more.

Native Vote Update – NCAI's Annual Convention will feature Mark Trahant, Editor at Indian Country Today, and Dr. Yvette Roubideaux from the NCAI Policy Research Center to provide analysis around voter data and turnout in the 2020 Election. This update will illustrate how the Native vote influenced the outcomes of key races across the country.

Community Reinvestment Act – Join Federal Reserve Board Governor Lael Brainard, Native American Finance Officers Association Executive Director Dante Desiderio, and tribal leaders to discuss how the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) applies in tribal communities and information about current proposals to modernize the Act's regulations. Meeting organizers will gather tribal leaders' insights about how modernized CRA regulations can and should enhance access to capital for tribal governments, businesses, and communities across Indian Country.

Economic Recovery Starts Within: COVID-19's Wake-Up Call for Indian Country – This session is designed to inform tribal nations' development of strategic plans to recover economically from the coronavirus and build more resilient, sustainable tribal economies over the long haul. The session will focus on the critical importance of centering private sector

development in tribal economic recovery strategies through the creation of tribal laws and policies that drive: (1) the widespread establishment and methodical growth of on-reservation small businesses owned and operated by tribal citizens; and (2) a formal, nation-wide mandate on the part of tribal government, businesses, and citizens to do business with those businesses highlights:

Marketplace – This event is open and free to the public and will feature handmade Native jewelry, arts, and craft as well as the opportunity to meet tribal entities, non-profits, and government agencies working in Indian Country. [The Marketplace](#) is a component of NCAI’s 2020 Annual Convention & Marketplace.

Northwest Tribal Nations Cultural Night – NCAI and the local planning committee from the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians will host an evening of cultural immersion that is open to the public. The audience will experience traditional songs, dances, and storytelling from tribal nations within the NCAI Northwest Region. Visit the NCAI Facebook page to RSVP today.

Pre-registration for press credentialing is open now. Please pre-register here: <https://cvent.me/NVWYD8?RefId=Public>



[Jack Malotte](#) ·

Good night from the center of the universe. Over and out.