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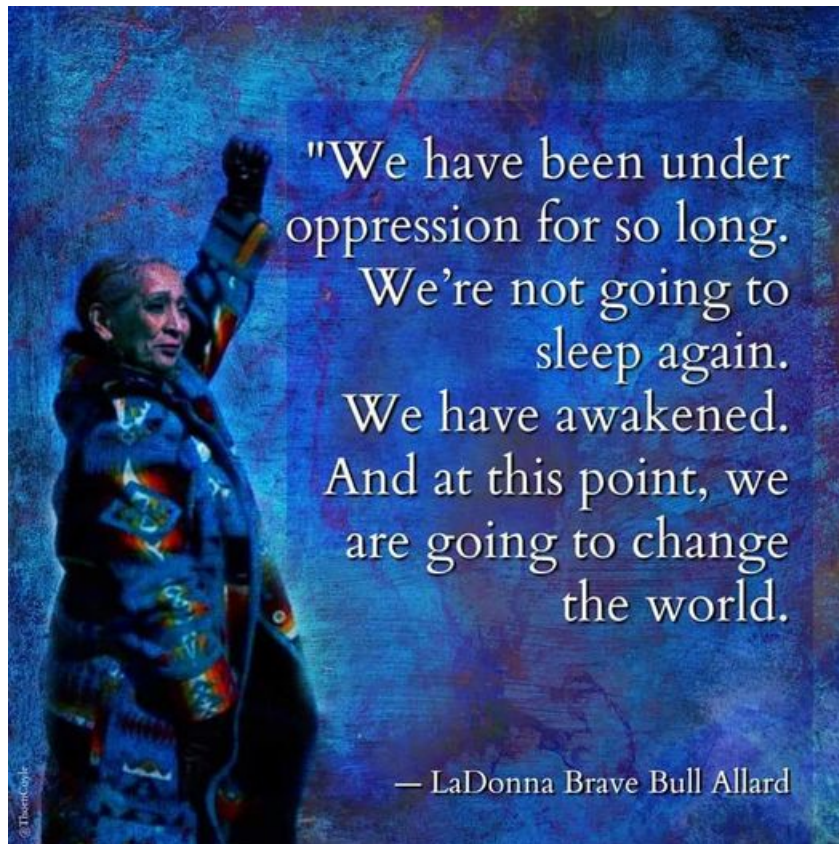
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I wanted to be sure you have the registration information for our event beginning April 26, 2021. Please register and attend if you can. Go to the webpage and register and share our event with others. <https://www.nativecommunityactioncouncil.org/native%20forum>

Sincerely, Ian Zabarte, Secretary, Native Community Action Council

[Japan says it will dump radioactive water from crippled Fukushima nuclear plant into the Pacific, sparking protests](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/japan-fukushima-radioactive-wastewater-nuclear-plant-pacific-ocean-protest/)

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From the C-SPAN Archives

This really should be a Friday post at it will give you hours...hours of thought. C-Span started in 1979, so this is an opportunity to go back in time and reflect on the last forty years. These entries will make significant contribution to your libraries and museums. If you cannot spend more than hour, at least listen to Jiggers.....can't believe it has been 35 years!

Vital American Indian Issues (May2, 1986)

[Rich LaFramboise](#) talked about issues confronting American Indian Nations including economic development and tribal rights. [Chairman LaFramboise](#) answered reporters' questions

- [Indian Affairs](#)
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- [The Indian World of George Washington](#)
[Jun 6, 2020 ... Dartmouth College history professor Colin Calloway looked at George Washington's relationships with Native American leaders. This virtual ...](#)
- [Andrew Jackson and His Indian Wars](#)
[Aug 18, 2001 ... Professor Robert Remini discussed his book, \[Andrew Jackson and His Indian Wars\], published by Viking Press. The book is about the former ...](#)
- [1830s Cholera Epidemic and Indian Removal](#)
[Aug 12, 2018 ... C-SPAN spoke with Sony Brook history professor Paul Kelton about the spread of cholera in the 1800's and how it affected Native Americans.](#)
- [Indian Gaming and Tribal Sovereignty: The Casino Compromise](#)
[Feb 12, 2006 ... The co-authors talked about their first book, \[Indian Gaming and Tribal Sovereignty: The Casino Compromise\], published in 2005 by the ...](#)

Indian Affairs

Mar 24, 2021 ... An oversight hearing to examine water infrastructure needs for Native communities

Crow Indians in Montana

Crow Indian Poet Henry Real Bird talked about the history of the Crow Indians and the importance of preserving Native American history. **C-SPAN's Local...** [read more](#)

Miss Indian American Collection

Sheridan Fulmer Public Library's Wyoming Room manager Kim Ostermyer showed items from Sheridan's Miss Indian American Collection and explains how the pageant... [read more](#)

Indian Claims Commission

Professor Gregory Smoak talked about the Indian Claims Commission, a judicial panel created in 1946 for relations between the U.S. government and... [read more](#)

Fort Lewis Indian School, 1892 - 1911

Located in Southern Colorado, Fort Lewis Indian School operated from 1892 to 1911. Its purpose was to assimilate indigenous children to... [read more](#)

December 2, 2011

History of Native American Military Service

A panel was held on the history of military service by Native Americans since the American Revolution, featuring American Indians who...

Evan Haefeli re-examined the traditional interpretations of the native reaction to the arrival of explorer Henry Hudson and the men on his ship "Half Moon" 400 years previously. He focused on what the natives' descendants...

Indian Spectacle

In her book, Indian Spectacle, Jennifer Guiliano examines the use of native mascotry in sports and the effects it has on the communities it is supposed to... [read more](#)

Stewart Indian School

Richard Arnold, chairman of the **Nevada Indian Commission**, talked about the Stewart Indian School, located the Stewart area of Carson City, Nevada. The school was one of... [read more](#)

State of Indian Nations Address

Joe Garcia delivered the fifth annual state of the Indian Nations address. He talked about issues important to Native Americans and their... [read more](#)

Crazy Horse Memorial

Started in 1948, the Crazy Horse Monument in the Black Hills of **South Dakota** honors the Oglala Lakota Warrior and is the centerpiece of the campus that seeks to... [read more](#)

State of Indian Nations Address

[President Joe Garcia](#) delivered the sixth annual State of Indian Nations address. Delivered three days after President Bush's State of the Union... [read more](#)

Indian Casinos

Guests talked about gaming at Indian casinos and a recent *Time* magazine article critical of their operations. They also responded to viewer comments and questions. Mr. Barlett participated via telephone.

Indian Voices

[Alison Owings](#) talked about her book *Indian Voices: Listening to Native Americans* in conversation with [Gary Johnson](#). The book documents how Native... [read more](#)

2013 State of Indian Nations Address

[Jefferson Keel](#) delivered his annual State of Indian Nations address. [President Keel](#) said he plans to ask the federal government to exempt... [read more](#)

Indian Slave Trade in the Colonial South

[Professor Tyler Boulware](#) talked about Indian slave trade in the South between 1670 and 1720. Spurred by trade with European settlers, tribes like the... [read more](#)

- [Indian Affairs](#)
[Mar 10, 2021 ... Hearings to examine Native communities and the climate crisis.](#)

American Indian Resources Institute

American Indian Resources Institute has hosted 2 events in the C-SPAN Video Library; the first program was a 1992 [Forum](#). Most appearances with [Daniel K. Inouye \(2\)](#), [Richard Trudell \(2\)](#), [John Echohawk \(2\)](#). Most common tag: [Native Americans](#).

Native American Health Care Reform (1993)

Legislators and representatives of Native American advocacy groups spoke at a forum on health care reform proposals for Native Americans.... [read more](#)

Indian Culture and Tribal Sovereignty

The American Indian Resources Institute sponsored a forum on "Governmental Power in Indian Country," as part of its conference entitled, "Indian... [read more](#)

American Indian Voices

Native Americans spoke about their culture and history and their present day concerns.

Rising up from Indian Country

[Author Ann Durkin Keating](#) presents an illustrated lecture based on her latest book, *Rising Up from Indian Country: The Battle of Fort...* [read more](#)

There is more, but you get the idea.....

These Colorful Windows Turn Light Into Power

<https://mydailydiscovery.com/windows-turn-light-into-power/>

Israeli Scientists Create "Cow-Free Milk" With Yeast

<https://mydailydiscovery.com/cow-free-milk/>



Nana Mayfield

1976: Government admits forced sterilization of Indian Women

A study by the U.S. General Accounting Office finds that 4 of the 12 Indian Health Service regions sterilized 3,406 American Indian women without their permission between 1973 and 1976. The GAO finds that 36 women under age 21 had been forcibly sterilized during this period despite a court-ordered moratorium on sterilizations of women younger than 21.

Two years earlier, an independent study by Dr. Connie Pinkerton-Uri, Choctaw/Cherokee, found that one in four American Indian women had been sterilized without her consent. Pinkerton-Uri's research indicated that the Indian Health Service had "singled out full-blooded Indian women for sterilization procedures."

<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices/timeline/543.html>

[Mike Myers](#)

: Please read.. Here's an article about a recent **U.S. federal court decision regarding ICWA**. There are some wins but the big loss is that any American can adopt an Indigenous child. This is because this is being argued as a civil rights argument and has nothing to do with upholding our inherent rights as separate nations and peoples. This decision actually violates several international laws and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in particular.
Fifth Circuit Court Keeps and Strikes Portions of Indian Child Welfare Act
BY JENNA KUNZE APRIL 08, 2021

The U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday ruled that Congress has the authority to enact the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), while striking down a portion of the law that gives preference to Indigenous families in the adoption of Native American children.

The lawsuit—*Brackeen v. Haaland*, formerly *Brackeen v. Bernhardt*— was brought by Texas, Indiana, Louisiana, and individual plaintiffs, alleging that ICWA is unconstitutional for discriminating against non-Native families in the placement of Native children.

Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 in response to Native children being removed from their homes and placed with non-Native families. Research by the Native Indian Child Welfare Association found that between 25 percent and 35 percent of all Native children were forcibly removed from their home by state child welfare and private adoption agencies. Of them, 85 percent were placed with non-Native families, even when fit and willing relatives were available. ICWA is a safeguard aimed at preventing such a crisis from occurring by enabling tribes and families to be involved in child welfare cases.

A 325-page opinion document penned by Judge James Dennis and Judge Stuart Duncan included a summary of majority agreements among the 16-judge court, and several instances of a lack of consensus, which defaults to former precedent.

“The main takeaways are: basically the court did decide that at least one plaintiff has standing to bring this claim,” said Mary Kathryn Nagle, a Cherokee Nation citizen and partner with the law firm Pipestem and Nagle, which specializes in federal Indian law. “The court basically denied, or didn't reach full agreement, on most of the constitutional challenges. So, as a result of this ongoing opinion, the majority of ICWA remains constitutional.”

Where it gets messy, Nagle said, is that the majority of judges ruled that certain provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act violate the anti-commandeering doctrine, which says that the federal government cannot require states or state officials to adopt or enforce federal law. In one example, a majority of judges found that ICWA's “active efforts” clause—which requires prospective foster parents of a Native child prove that active efforts have been made to remediate or rehabilitate the biological parent and prevent the breakup of the Native American family—“unconstitutionally commandeered state actors,” given its need for expert witnesses and recordkeeping.

The Protect ICWA Campaign, a coalition comprised of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Association on

American Affairs (AAIA), and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), issued a statement on Tuesday expressing both pleasure and concern with the case's decision.

"While the Protect ICWA Campaign is pleased to see that the court recognized that ICWA generally is within Congress's authority, we are deeply concerned that aspects of this opinion misunderstand the unique relationship between the United States and tribal nations," the group wrote in a statement.

In 2018, a federal district court in Texas ruled that ICWA violates the U.S. Constitution. Last year, in response to appeals brought by the federal government and tribal nations, a three-judge panel from the 5th Circuit reversed that decision, reaffirming the constitutionality of ICWA. On Tuesday, the case was heard en banc review, or by an entire court.

Moving forward, Nagle said she anticipates plaintiffs will appeal Tuesday's decision, sending the case to the Supreme Court to make a judgement on ICWA's constitutionality.

The "real battlefield" — in Nagle's opinion — will be on whether or not it's constitutional for ICWA to give preference in placement of Native children with Native families or communities, as is currently allowed by law.

"Obviously, (ICWA) was not about keeping children in homes that aren't safe or where they're abused, that's not at all what happens here," Nagle said. "But I think it's true for all children, if they can stay with a loving family member, that's way better than going to a stranger. But the problem is here, we have strangers who want Indian children and they're making an argument that they're entitled to have Indian babies, and that it violates their constitutional rights if they can't be a preferred placement for an Indian child. And that's pretty ludicrous."

As far as impact from the current ruling, the 5th Circuit's ruling on provisions giving preference to Native American families will go into effect June 1, and will only affect court proceedings thereafter in the three states within the 5th Circuit: Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Subject: Sustainable Development Training - April 27-29

Registration is now open for Sustainable Development, Design, and Construction Training April 27-29. Attached are the event details and registration link: <http://bit.ly/SustainableDevApril>.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Respectfully, SWONAP

[EventDetails_SustainableDev.pdf](#)

Pipeline Spills Over 1,600 Gallons of Oil Near Los Angeles Communities

Emily Denny, EcoWatch

Denny writes: "More than 1,600 gallons of oil have spilled in the Inglewood Oil Field - the largest urban oil field in the country, where more than a million people live within five miles of its boundaries."

[Shasta Dam raise threatens McCloud River, group says](#)

By Redding Record Searchlight, 4/13/21

While the federal government sees the prospect of raising the height of Shasta Dam as a way to increase water storage for a thirsty California, the Winnemem Wintu of Shasta County see it as a threat to their culture. It was a theme picked up this week by

American Rivers, a conservation group that named the McCloud River one of America's 10 most endangered rivers because of the proposal to raise the height of Shasta Dam. Raising the height of the dam would raise the level of the lake about 20 feet when full. It would also further inundate about a third of a mile of the McCloud River.

Kate Yoder | Did Climate Change Cause Societies to Collapse? New Research Upends the Old Story.

Kate Yoder, Grist Yoder writes: "If you're under the impression that climate change drove ancient civilizations to their demise, you probably haven't heard the full story." **READ MORE**

[America's Most Iconic Natural Wonder Has a Uranium Mine Next Door](#)



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Lummi Nation carvers and allies to embark on national tour to D.C., give totem pole to President Biden

Lummi carver Jewell Praying Wolf James is finishing a totem pole that will join travelers in a cross-country journey to D.C., with stops all along the way calling attention to sacred Native sites and advocating for their protection.

EPA directs Minnesota to list waters impaired for wild rice

<https://www.minnpost.com/environment/2021/04/epa-directs-minnesota-to-list-waters-impaired-for-wild-rice/>

[Powwow at UC Davis](#)

Powwow Dancer Highlight: Grass Dancer Virgil Rambeau

As a part of our Virtual Week of Events, for day five we are delighted to present our Powwow Dancer Highlight with Grass Dancer Virgil Rambeau!

Did you know that 80% of bison calves have April and May birthdays? That's why we want to celebrate the upcoming calving season with a contest! Simply guess the date you think the first calf will be born on Knife Chief Nation Society Buffalo Ranch and you could win!

Enter now: tankafund.org/enter-to-win/

Going live for American Indian Symposium at NE Oklahoma <https://fb.watch/4ROj7BiK01/>
[NSU Center for Tribal Studies](#)

A Million Lines of Code: The Future of News and Jobs in Indian Country with keynote speaker Mark Trahant

All sessions are bing recorded! Enjoy

We could lose 40,000 wild horses if you don't act TODAY!

SJR 3, a resolution that calls on Congress to fund brutal helicopter roundups of at least 40,000 of Nevada's cherished wild horses and burros, is being pushed by cattlemen, big game hunters and wildlife trappers who want to profit from the public land where wild horses roam.

Nevada's wild horses belong to all Americans, so we need everyone to weigh in against this bill today.

Please send an email to the Nevada Senate Natural Resources Committee and tell them that you oppose SJR 3: SenNR@sen.state.nv.us. Be sure to use the subject line "I oppose SJR3."

Personalized emails will make the most impact! Use these talking points when sending your email:

- SJR 3 supports brutalizing Nevada's wild horses and burros and decimating their wild populations so cattle can graze the public lands where they live.
- SJR 3 is against the wishes of 86% of Nevadans who want to protect and humanely manage wild horses and burros.
- SJR3 supports spending \$1 billion or more in taxpayer dollars on the failed approach of roundups instead of long-term solutions like fertility control.
- SJR3 will harm Nevada ecotourism and business development because few of these iconic animals will be left for visitors and residents to enjoy.
- SJR 3 would lead to slaughter because the cost of rounding up and incarcerating so many wild horses and burros would quickly become untenable.

American Wild Horse Campaign P.O. Box 1733 Davis, CA 95617

Easter at Thacker Pass: She Would Never Rise From the Dead Again - Max Wilbert

Sentinel Rock, a naturally-formed stone tower, stands at Thacker Pass' eastern entrance. The day before Easter, Max Wilbert and I accompanied Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone tribal members Daranda Hinkey, her father Day, and Eddie Smart to Sentinel Rock. We had heard that Daranda, Day, and Eddie's ancestors had gathered at Sentinel Rock for generations. And, sure enough, as we climbed up to Sentinel Rock, the ground was covered with glittering shards of obsidian left over from countless efforts to create arrowheads and other tools.

As we ascended Sentinel Rock, through rabbit brush and volcanic rocks, I pondered how many generations of humans must have sat on the rocks I was climbing over. I imagined these people watching the surrounding lands for deer and antelope herds while fashioning arrowheads. I heard the excitement in ancient voices as they strategized for the upcoming hunt. I tasted the trout they pulled from the nearby stream and cooked with the delicious wild onions we found growing around Sentinel Rock. I sensed the joy community after community shared as they gathered here century after century to face east, the direction Day explained was the Paiute way to pray and sing.

The joy vanished when I crested the top of Sentinel Rock. Daranda asked if I could picture a gaping open pit lithium mine in the land we were gazing at.

Thacker Pass stretched out before me. I saw all of her. I saw her strong shoulders, the tawny and auburn Montana mountains in the north. I saw her abundant hips, the tall, brown Double H mountains in the south. I saw the sagebrush forming her sylvan, silver skin rippling over her ridges and draws. I saw the fierce light in her eyes reflected in the powerful spring slant of afternoon sun.

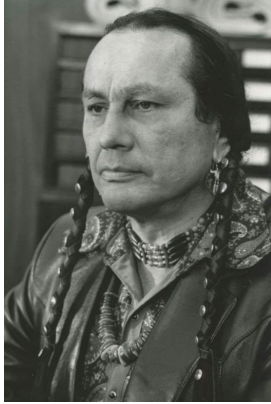
I also saw how exposed, how vulnerable Thacker Pass was.

As this realization settled in, Thacker Pass said I've always been this vulnerable. I've always been here, exposed, giving myself to everyone who comes to me. But, no one before has ever wanted to destroy me.

Her voice turned into images. The seasons cycled over Thacker Pass. The shadows grew and the wind turned chill. Heavy snows fell. Insects died. Snakes retreated into the earth. Mule deer and antelope chased warmth towards the basin floor. Thacker Pass fell into winter's temporary death. But, then the sun grew stronger. The snow melted. The creeks swelled. Insects emerged from larvae. Snakes, their quick tongues flicking at the sunlight finding its way into their dark rooms, ventured forth. Mule deer and antelope climbed back up the Pass to find young, green graze. Thacker Pass showed me how she rose from her temporary death as she had forever.

I was raised Catholic and I could not ignore the Easter imagery in these visions. Though I was raised Catholic, the land is now my goddess. And, at a time when the Christian world celebrated the one-time resurrection of Jesus Christ, Thacker Pass – with the rest of the land – has risen from the dead every year forever.

I began to cry softly, hoping no one noticed, when I pictured what Lithium Americas' open pit mine would do to Thacker Pass. I knew that, if the mine was constructed, Thacker Pass – who had resurrected herself countless times to give life to so many – would never rise from the dead again. [#protectthackerpass](#)



“Before I was six years old, my grandparents and my mother had taught me that if all the green things that grow were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all the four-legged creatures were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all the winged creatures were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all our relatives who crawl and swim and live within the earth were taken away, there could be no life. But if all the human beings were taken away, life on earth would flourish. That is how insignificant we are.” Russell Means, Oglala Lakota Nation (November 10, 1939 – October 22, 2012).

Pocket worthyStories to fuel your mind.

The Pirate Radio Broadcaster Who Occupied Alcatraz and Terrified the FBI

Over fifty years ago, John Trudell overcame tragedy to become the national voice for Native Americans—and a model for a new generation of activists.

[Narratively](#)

- Jacob Pagano

https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-pirate-radio-broadcaster-who-occupied-alcatraz-and-terrified-the-fbi?utm_source=pocket-newtab&fbclid=IwAR375ZEblb_sQIYxq_dRZ-jRIkoBLCw1r0yec3CwnEmw8D_4Ra9kxDawt8

Get informed by attending the [Nevada Tomorrow Community Data Exchange](#). Learn about this free, dynamic, easy to use, one-stop digital resource for access to community quality of life data. You will find up-to-date demographic, education, environmental, economic, health, social determinant and equity data that highlights trends, challenges and opportunities in our Nevada communities; hundreds of maps, tables and figures, and, promising practices.

Each month local experts will shed light on the obstacles and opportunities we face as a community in areas such as Health & Wellness, Education & Lifelong Learning, Economic Wellbeing, Land Use, the Arts & Cultural Vitality, our Natural Environment and so much more.

These community conversations are powered by the data offered in [NevadaTomorrow.org](#) - TMT's new Community Data Exchange initiative.

NevadaTomorrow.org plays a vital role in our community by offering a trustworthy, independent, non-partisan, non-biased, grassroots, community-lead, digital resource for stakeholders and the community at large to access critical data needed to prioritize, address, and advocate for quality of life issues.

[TMCC launches “microcredentialing” program for tech workforce](#)

The Tech Careers FastTrack boot camp is a microcredentialing program that stacks short, self-paced learning modules for aspiring tech professionals.

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[Rani Williams](#)

REP. SHARICE DAVIDS ANNOUNCES NEW TRIBAL AFFAIRS STAFF

April 14, 2021 Press Release

Today, Representative Sharice Davids (KS-03) announced she has hired Rani Williams to serve as Legislative Assistant handling Indian Country issues and as Democratic Director for the Congressional Native American Caucus on behalf of Davids.

“I am thrilled to welcome Rani to my team,” said Davids. “Her knowledge and experience in tribal law and policy will help us be responsive to tribes, amplify their voices, and guide the bipartisan work of the Congressional Native American Caucus. I look forward to working together on behalf of Indian Country and Kansas.”

Williams is Agai Dicutta Numu and an enrolled member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe. She graduated from the University of Washington, and earned her J.D. and Indian Legal Certificate from ASU Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. She has also worked with tribal communities in Washington, D.C. advancing tribal policy as a Wilma Mankiller Legal Fellow at the National Congress of American Indians and on government and legislative affairs for the Navajo Nation. Most recently, Williams led tribal voter protection efforts as Deputy Voter Protection Director for the Arizona Democratic Party’s coordinated campaign.

