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Joe Biden expands sacred Bears Ears

Biden also restored protections for the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument off the coast of New England.

From Valley of the Gods to an ancient Anasazi site, see the grandeur of Bears Ears

By CLAIRE HARBAGE & KIRK SIEGLER • 4 HOURS AGO

President Biden today restored the boundaries of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante national monuments in Utah that were dramatically reduced under former President Trump. He also reimposed fishing restrictions at a third monument off the coast of New England. Fabulous

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Rethinking How We Celebrate American History—Indigenous Peoples’ Day

Happy Indigenous Peoples’ Day! On Monday, more states, cities, and communities than ever will observe Indigenous Peoples’ Day in place of or in addition to Columbus Day. They’re part of a larger movement to see a more complete and accurate history of the United States taught in our schools and public spaces. Given research showing that the majority of state and local curriculum standards end their study of Native American history before 1900, the importance of celebrating the survival and contemporary experience of Native peoples has never been clearer.

Dennis W. Zotigh and Renee Gokey, October 12th, 2020

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**University of Nevada Director of Community Indigenous Relations**

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**Nevada Indian Commission Program Officer**

<https://careers.nv.gov/job/CARSON-CITY-PROGRAM-OFFICER-1-NEVA-89701/796045700/>

**The Nevada Emergency Management and Health Tribal Coordinator**

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https://www.berkeleyside.org/2021/10/07/crystal-wahpepah-kitchen-new-restaurant-oakland?utm_source=Berkeleyside+newsletters

Good news—Native students in California cannot be penalized for missing school to participate in ceremony.



[On Indigenous Peoples Day, Groups Call for New Nat'l. Monument](#)



October 11, 2021 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

SEARCHLIGHT, Nev. - In honor of Indigenous Peoples Day today, many in Nevada's Native community are calling for the establishment of a new national monument at [Spirit Mountain](#), known as Avi Kwa Ame, near Searchlight. Multiple tribes derive their creation story from the Avi Kwa Ame area.

Nora McDowell, a project manager for the [Fort Mojave Indian Tribe's Pipa Aha Macav Cultural Center](#), said the land is her people's most sacred site.

"The river is our namesake," she said. "We are the Aha Macav, 'People of the River.' The mountains we revere as a place of creation. You could analogize it to the Vatican, Arlington Cemetery, the Wailing Wall. This is our church, this is our place. This is our home."

On Friday, President Joe Biden restored the boundaries of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah, which had been shrunk by former President Donald Trump. Searchlight resident Kim Garrison Means, an organizer for Avi Kwa Ame, said Biden's

move has injected new hope into the fight to establish a 380,000-acre monument in southern Nevada.

"This is a promise that our government is making to us," she said, "and that harkens back to promises that our government has made in the past and not kept."

Biden also just became the first U.S. president to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day. Stacey Montooth, executive director of the [Nevada Indian Commission](#), said that is a very big deal.

"It is just huge," she said, "to have the highest elected official recognize that, since the founding of the United States, our federal government has systematically sought to displace and assimilate American Indians."

Paul Selberg, executive director of the [Nevada Conservation League](#), said the Spirit Mountain area also is important habitat for endangered species and contains culturally significant remnants of the old West.

"There are the tortoises, bighorn sheep, historic mining and pioneer-era artifacts that could be preserved and protected in the area as well," he said.



The Forgotten History of Solidarity Between Black and Indigenous Freedom Movements

by Kyle T. Mays

"We have forgotten a similar time in history when African American and Native American activists battled against colonialism and white supremacy, respecting the uniqueness of both groups' history, but understanding that an end to US empire would require solidarity."

America's 50,000 monuments: More mermaids than congresswomen, more Confederates than abolitionists

"Of 916 monuments mentioning pioneers and westward expansion, only 15 percent also mention Native Americans, Indians or Indigenous people."

Within one linear centimeter of your lower colon there lives and works more bacteria (about 100 billion) than all humans who have ever been born. Yet many people continue to assert that it is we who are in charge of the world. -Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist and author (b. 5 Oct 1958)

Jody Potts-Joseph

My daughter [Quannah Rose ChasingHorse](#) for Chanel!!!! I believe she is the first Indigenous person/Native American/Alaska Native to work with this legendary luxury brand! This morning in Paris she walked the runway for Chanel and did amazing. I'm so proud of her for having the

courage to follow her dreams and to take on the responsibility of breaking stereotypes, barriers and educate people and using her platform for GOOD. Quannah you are a beautiful soul, I am so proud to be your mama! I love you so much! **Congratulations** babe! **xoxoxo**

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[The Indigenous goddess we all need\(ed\) - Indian Country Today](#)



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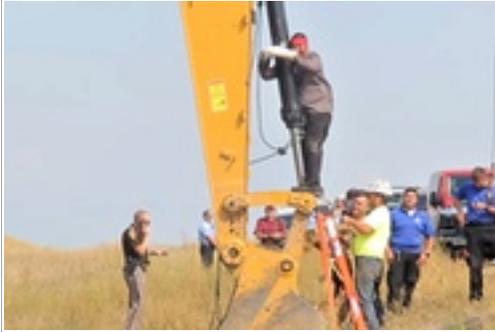
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## **TRAUMATIC MONOLOGUES: THE THERAPEUTIC TURN IN INDIGENOUS POLITICS**

*by Melanie K. Yazzie*

American and Canadian politicians are happy to promote initiatives based in psychological understandings that "trauma" is the principal source of Native disadvantage, while ignoring the ongoing colonial exploitation of indigenous lands by the oil and gas industries.

## **When Did Mandatory Vaccinations Become Common?**

**by Cristina Valldejuli**

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/158827>

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## **No, We Don't Have to Mine Our Way to Clean Energy - Sierra Nevada Ally**

Opinion Any regular reader of the Ally will be familiar with the ongoing drama at Thacker Pass, where a Canadian mining corporation wants to mine for lithium. And while we do need lithium, one of the key components of electric car batteries and other low-carbon energy infrastructure, we must source....

**Mary Gibson: This is a great article.**

"We face an existential climate crisis, and must move quickly to convert our infrastructure to support low-carbon energy. The challenge is to do so without replacing dirty oil with dirty mining".

## **SNC funds prescribed fire & cultural burning training project**

By the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 10/6/21

Native American tribes used fire to manage Sierra Nevada landscapes for millennia prior to the arrival of permanent European settlements in the 1800s—a practice that has continued on a more limited scale today. As the state of California works to restore wildfire resilience, it is partnering more with tribes to incorporate cultural burning ideas and techniques into modern land-management practices.

## **Voters in 36 states will elect a governor next year. Here's a cheat sheet. (Politico)**

## **Maori politician worries New Zealand's COVID plan is a 'death warrant' for her people**

By [AILSA CHANG](#), [ASHLEY BROWN](#) & [ASHISH VALENTINE](#) • 3 HOURS AGO

New Zealand is moving away from a "zero cases" approach to COVID-19. NPR's Ailsa Chang talks with Maori party co-leader Debbie Ngarewa-Packer about why she opposes the change.



**[HMSC Connects! Podcast: Wampanoag Perspectives on Museum Objects with Elizabeth Perry and Meredith Vasta](#)**

Elizabeth James-Perry, Wampanoag artist and educator  
Meredith Vasta, Collections Steward, Peabody Museum

Ahead of Indigenous Peoples Day on October 11—the official designation in Cambridge—listen to a conversation with two women who worked together on the [Listening to Wampanoag Voices](#) online exhibit. It marked four hundred years since the Wampanoag Nation encountered English immigrants who settled on the shores of their land at Patuxet—now called Plymouth.



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**For Some Western Tribes, COVID-19 Closures Have Meant ‘Having Their Homeland Back’**

The Walker River Paiute Reservation is situated in remote western Nevada, surrounded by a sequence of mountains layered with shades of brown, red and green

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THE SHASTA LANGUAGE: A ONE HUNDRED  
YEAR LANGUAGE CONVERSATION

PRESENTER: JAMES SARMENTO

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James Sarmento (Shasta) received his doctorate in Native American Studies from the University of California, Davis. Dr. Sarmento currently works as the Executive Director of Cultural Resources for the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians. He was the Executive Director of the Native American Language Center at UC Davis and Project Coordinator for the J.P. Harrington Database Project from 2008 to 2013, where he assisted both academic and indigenous scholars in accessing John Peabody Harrington's ethnographic and linguistic notes. He worked for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation as their Cultural Resource Manager where he managed the Site Preservation Unit from 2013 until 2017. He later worked with the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians as their Tribal Historic Preservation Office. His research focuses on California Indian Language Reclamation, specifically with the Shasta language, California archaeology and archaeological field methods as they pertain to Cultural Resource Management within California, and the digital archiving of linguistic and cultural data.

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“My passion for agriculture comes from my Lakota way of life. I was raised that we are the caretakers of this land. Everything that lives and grows on Unci maka (the earth) is our relatives,” Red Hawk says. “Even though animals do not speak our language, they understand us, and I have witnessed an animal’s ability to help and heal a person during their time of need.” She captures the heart, culture, and true understanding of agriculture



[EXTENSION.SDSTATE.EDU](http://EXTENSION.SDSTATE.EDU)

### **Red Hawk First South Dakotan To Win National 4-H Youth in Action Award**

Distinguished for her “drive to inspire her peers and give back to her Rosebud Sioux Tribe community through charitable veterinary work,” Red Hawk is the first South Dakota 4-H’er to win a Youth in Action award.



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### **[Free Movie] “Time of The Sixth Sun” - Global Awakening**

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**Street Artists Transform an Ordinary Building into a Spectacular Bookcase**

## A Treaty to Watch

- For 67 years, Calgary-based Enbridge Energy has moved oil and natural gas from western Canada, through Michigan and the Great Lakes, to refineries in Ontario. But Michigan's Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D) says one section of the company's pipeline, Line 5 -- which crosses beneath the environmentally-sensitive Straits of Mackinac -- is a "ticking time bomb," and she's shut it down.
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- After court-ordered mediation between Enbridge and the governor broke down, the Canadian government [invoked a 1977 treaty](#) this week, which says in Article II that no public authority in either country shall interfere with the transmission of hydrocarbons through transit pipelines.
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- That would seem to give Canada an edge, except that Whitmer might be arguing Article V, which says "in the event of an actual or threatened natural disaster...the flow of hydrocarbons ...may be temporarily reduced or stopped [by or with the approval of] regulatory authorities of the Party in whose territory such disaster, emergency or other demonstrable need occurs." Now that the treaty's been invoked, the dispute will be decided by binding arbitration. (Guardian)

## Grid And Bear It



(Paul Hennessy via Getty Images)

Electricity is delivered to consumers through a complex network called [the grid](#). It consists of over 7,300 power plants and transformers connected by more than 450,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines serving 145 million customers. Each region has interconnected local electricity grids, which maintain reliability by providing multiple routes for energy to flow to supply power to multiple load centers. This ensures minimal loss of service in case transmission lines or power plants fail. The Eastern Interconnection operates in states east of the Rocky Mountains, while the Western Interconnection covers the Pacific Ocean to the Rocky Mountain states.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ([FERC](#)) imposes mandatory reliability standards on all generation and transmission owners throughout the continental U.S., with one [exception](#). Since the 1930s, Texas has operated its own intrastate power grid to avoid any federal regulation. That fact hadn't drawn much national attention outside the industry until the massive [failure](#) of the Texas grid during February's deadly freeze.

Electric grids must exist in constant balance, and utilities have sophisticated systems for predicting when demand will go up and down. Grid operators constantly monitor and manage the demand, supply, reserve margins, and power mix to ensure that power plants produce the right amount of electricity to meet demand at any given time. The production of electricity is adjusted in 15-minute intervals to account for demand changes throughout the day to avoid a blackout or other cascading problems. In an unplanned emergency, grid operators can buy

extra power from neighboring utilities, something Texas chose not to do last winter. Or, they can strike that balance by burning more fossil fuels.

Burning fossil fuels is hastening the planet's warming and causing the climate to change, which is exacerbating extreme weather conditions and wreaking havoc on the electric grid. The best solution to slowing down climate change would be a [massive deployment of renewable power](#) like wind and solar. Gas and coal power plants generate continuous power by burning fuel, and how much they burn can be modulated based on the demand for electricity. But the generation of solar and wind energy fluctuates, which can create a mismatch between demand and supply. Currently, utilities' ability to load giant batteries up with solar power in the morning and store it for when customers need more energy is still quite limited.

As renewable sources take over the energy mix, utilities won't be able to quickly spin up more supply by burning fossil fuels. A future grid that runs on an often intermittent supply of energy from renewables will need to be far more flexible to compensate. This will demand a fundamental rethinking of how the power grid operates. (Anthropocene Institute, FERC, Texas Tribune, Wired)

## [Nevada ranks third highest nationally for women being murdered by men](#)

*Marie Wilcox in 2016.*



Vickie Simmons

Lost City Museum, me and cousin Ural Begay with Grandma Topsy's little basket and great Grandma Maggie's big basket. Awesome surprise!

[Tommy Lee Kreger/CC BY 2.0](#)

**The last fluent speaker of Wukchumni is gone.**

For many years, Marie Wilcox was a guardian of the Indigenous language once commonly spoken in Central California. In the 1990s, she began writing down words as she remembered them and didn't stop for two decades, ultimately producing a complete compendium of Wukchumni. On Sept. 25, Wilcox died at a hospital in Visalia. She was 87. [N.Y. Times](#)

"It'll just be gone one of these days." **Wilcox was featured in an acclaimed short documentary in 2014.** [👉 YouTube \(~9 mins\)](#)



Prayers for **Leroy Hicks** family today as they celebrate his life. Have to say thanks for all you did for our tribe and people, from being a Council member, on our Water Team, a member of the USDA ASCS committee and a member of the Livestock Association.. Always making decisions with common sense and for the betterment of our water and rangelands. He spent many years working in our public works department making sure we had clean water to drink. He was a great equipment operator and one of few that could operate a crane. LeRoy was one of the good guys, one that we could go to for help. He was willing to testify on our water rights case on range work. Just asking "what do I need to do?" We all had nothing but RESPECT for him.

But today is about "family", cause that is what was most important to him. The girls were his heart and joy, [Christie Hicks Taylor O'Daye](#) and [Shelby O'Daye](#) . Keep Sandy and the rest of the Hicks family in your thoughts and prayers as they continue on without him.

Oh, he was one of the original Warriors, shooting 3-pointers before there was a line.

[Elveda Martinez](#). 9.9.21

At the service for **Dorothy Ely**, Father Eric Lawrence made a plea for all those that knew her and her community service to jot those stories down so her legacy is carried forward.



















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