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The Ninth Circuit **court** today refused to stop the ecological destruction at the **Thacker Pass** Lithium Mine, allowing the bulldozers to roll pending its review of the environmental justice and conservation groups' **appeal** of the District of Nevada decision from earlier this month.

## **Tribes want Thacker Pass added to National Register of Historic Places**

Known in Paiute as Peehee mu'huh, the area is sacred and culturally important

[https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2023/02/21/tribes-want-thacker-pass-added-to-national-register-of-historic-places/69925128007/?utm\\_source=rgj-](https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2023/02/21/tribes-want-thacker-pass-added-to-national-register-of-historic-places/69925128007/?utm_source=rgj-)

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## **Navajo community wins fight to replace crumbling campus**

TO'HAIJILEE, N.M. (AP) — A school tucked into the sandstone cliffs and juniper-dotted mesas of central New Mexico is fortified on one side by a wall of sandbags and an earthen berm. With each rainstorm, the nearly century-old To'Hajiilee Community School on the fringes of the Navajo Nation sinks further into the ground. Residents of the small community off Interstate 40 recently learned that after years of raising flags about the school that lies in a floodplain, the latest federal budget included \$90 million for a new campus.

## **Pope nationalizes Vatican assets, property in new reform**

Pope Francis has essentially nationalized all assets and property owned by Vatican departments and affiliated institutions, declaring them to be sovereign patrimony owned by the Holy See and not any individual or office. The action outlined in a new law published Thursday marks Francis' latest initiative to centralize Vatican assets so they can be managed properly, following years of mismanagement that led to huge losses and, prosecutors allege, criminal wrongdoing. Francis previously stripped the Vatican's secretariat of state of its 600 billion-euro (\$635 billion) portfolio and ordered the assets transferred to the Vatican's patrimony office following a scandal involving a 350 million-euro investment in a London property.



## **West Virginia Early History - First Early Inhabitants of West Virginia**

Early history examines the archaeological record that tells the story of the first inhabitants of West Virginia. Learn about the prehistory and culture of the first early inhabitants, and what lessons it might teach us about the early history of West Virginia.

## **West Virginia First Early Inhabitants Timeline**

- **11,000 BC** - First people in West Virginia were the Paleo-Indians or early hunters.
- **7000BC-1000 BC** -
  - Differing Archaic cultures developed in the Northern Panhandle, the Eastern Panhandle, and the Kanawha Valley.

- Most of the large game became extinct, and the early hunters either died out or adapted to a culture of hunting small game and gathering edible plants. in 6000 BC
- **1600 BC-1000 BC** -
  - Adena people differed from the Archaic do to organization of villages
  - 1000 BC -Beginning of the Early Woodland or Adena culture.
- **500 BC - 1000 CE** - Members of the Hopewell culture began migrating into the Kanawha Valley and erected mounds in the South Charleston and St. Albans area
- **1000 CE - 1600 CE** - Native Americans of various tribes occupied West Virginia
- **1000 AD** - Woodland Period: homes were established along rivers and trade exchange systems and burial systems were established
- **1614** - Violent confrontation between hundreds of English and Powhatan men on the Pamunkey River, Virginia - refer to Powhatan
- **1622-1624** - The Powhatan Wars, battles and conflicts in Virginia between colonists and American Native Indians
- **1688 - 1763** - The French and Indian Wars between France and Great Britain for lands in North America consisting of King William's War (1688-1699), Queen Anne's War (1702-1713), King George's War (1744 - 1748) and the French and Indian War aka the Seven Years War (1754-1763)
- **1758** - The Anglo-Cherokee War (1758â€“1761) - The Cherokee uprising in present-day Tennessee, Virginia and the Carolinas
- **1754 - 1763** - The French Indian War is won by Great Britain against the French so ending the series of conflicts known as the French and Indian Wars
- **1763** - Treaty of Paris
- **1774** - Lord Dunmore's War. Governor Dunmore commanded a force to defeat the Shawnee, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, down the Ohio River.

## **Early History of Native Americans in West Virginia - The Indigenous People of West Virginia**

The names of the West Virginia tribes included the Cherokee, Iroquois, Manahoac, Meherrin, Monacan, Nottaway, Occaneechi, Saponi and Shawnee.

The first people in West Virginia were the Paleo-Indians, or early hunters, who arrived sometime before 11,000 BC. Excavations in the Kanawha and Ohio valleys, on Blennerhassett Island, and at Peck's Run in Upshur County have uncovered stone weapons of this period. The early hunters lived in small family units. Small nomadic groups hunted large game, such as mastodons, mammoths, and buffalo, with spears that had fluted points. Large numbers of these arrowheads have been discovered along the Ohio River between St. Mary's and Parkersburg. Around 6,000 BC most of the large game became extinct, and the early hunters either died out or adapted to a culture of hunting small game and gathering edible plants.

Between 7,000 and 1,000 BC, several differing Archaic cultures developed in the Northern Panhandle, the Eastern Panhandle, and the Kanawha Valley. Excavations have revealed simple tools, primitive pottery, and ceremonial burials. Unlike the nomadic Paleo-Indians, the Archaic people tended to settle in one place for long periods of time. An archaeological excavation in the

late 1960s determined the St. Albans site to be one of the first permanent settlements in present-day West Virginia. The Archaic people chose this site in order to gather shellfish from the Kanawha River. The use of gardens, pottery, and ceremonial burial mounds around 1000 BC marked the beginning of the Early Woodland or Adena culture.

The Adena people differed from the Archaic because they organized villages, developed more extensive gardens, wore jewelry, and played games. The most lasting records of their culture are ceremonial burial mounds. The Adena people were the first Native Americans to build ceremonial mounds. We know little about how or why the mounds were built, although it may have been that the mounds were built over the remains of honored members of the tribe.

The Hopewell culture apparently developed in the Illinois Valley around 500 BC. As the Hopewell people moved east, their culture had the most significant impact of any of the early Americans. By the year 1, members of the Hopewell culture began migrating into the Kanawha Valley and erected mounds in the South Charleston and St. Albans area. During the late prehistoric period (1000--1600), West Virginia was occupied by Native Americans of various tribes. They lived in small villages and hunted, fished, and cultivated corn, beans, and squash. In addition to many burial sites and petroglyphs (drawings on stone), one of the largest excavations of a Native American village is Buffalo Village at Buffalo, Putnam County.

By 1600, organized tribes such as the Delaware and Shawnee had moved into present-day West Virginia. In addition, the powerful Iroquois Confederacy began exerting its influence on the region. The Confederacy was an alliance of five Iroquois-speaking nations - Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca - formed in present-day New York in the late 1500s. In 1722, the Tuscaroras joined the Iroquois Confederacy, which became known as the Six Nations.

As the Confederacy fought smaller tribes for control of western Virginia, European colonists set their own designs on the Ohio Valley. Both the British and French claimed territory comprising present-day West Virginia and Native Americans were forced west. Many of the tribes were destroyed by constant warfare and European diseases. At the same time, trade with the Europeans proved a strong attraction, enabling the Indians to acquire valuable new products, such as guns, steel hatchets, cloth, and kettles. The fur trade in particular made many tribes powerful and more aggressive. The Indian nations successfully played one European power against another. For instance, the British formed an alliance with the Iroquois Confederacy to cut the French out of the lucrative fur trade. However, the Six Nations also negotiated treaties and traded with the French. In the end, however, the Native American tribes were almost universally forced from their lands to areas further west.

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**Elks Lodge 2397 has named Casey Mentzer the 2022 Sparks Citizen of the Year.** He is the lead engineer at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility. Mentzer spends a significant amount of time advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion within engineering by working to create scholarships for underrepresented groups and providing training for rural Nevada. He's thrilled and humbled that environmental contributions to the community are recognized in an award like this. ([Sparks Tribune](#))

**LaunchNevada is providing University of Nevada, Reno students with small grants to launch their businesses.** Connected to the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship in the College of Business, it aims to help students with the first steps of launching their entrepreneurial ideas and helps student teams prepare for the annual Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition. Applicants must complete a two-page proposal for their project and often receive feedback on how to strengthen their business idea and plans. ([Nevada Today](#))

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## **How the West Was Lost**

In America's first climate war, John Wesley Powell tried to prevent the overdevelopment that led to environmental devastation. [The Atlantic](#) John F. Ross

“His genius lay in recognizing that every arid civilization stands or falls not by the absolute amount of water available, but rather by its capacity to develop economic, technical, and political mechanisms that can dispense the water equitably, and then adjust as needs change.”

<https://getpocket.com/explore/item/how-the-west-was-lost>

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## **Tribal leaders, community members demonstrate the natural and cultural significance of the Great Bend of the Gila** **Interactive Story Map released February 24**

<https://ictnews.org/the-press-pool/tribal-leaders-community-members-demonstrate-the-natural-and-cultural-significance-of-the-great-bend-of-the-gila>

## **Native Healing Coalition seeks additional tribal support for Indian boarding school bill**

Bill would establish federal commission to investigate and document boarding school impacts

### **Press Pool**



### Scholarships with April 3–6 Deadlines

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| <a href="#">APCF Best Formulations Scholarship</a>                                       | \$5,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">APCF Cathay Bank Foundation Scholarship Program</a>                          | \$1,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">APCF First General Bank Scholarship</a>                                      | \$2,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">APCF Harold J. West Memorial Scholarship</a>                                 | \$10,000 | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">APCF Mega Bank Scholarship Program</a>                                       | \$1,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">APCF Royal Business Bank Scholarship</a>                                     | \$2,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">APCF State Bank of India (California) Scholarship</a>                        | \$1,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">BBB Students of Integrity Scholarship</a>                                    | \$2,500  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Candlelighters For Children With Cancer Continuing Education Scholarship</a> | \$2,500  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Chicago Police and Firefighter Training Academy Scholarship</a>              | Varies   | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Diabetes Scholars</a>                                                        | \$5,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program</a>                            | \$5,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Iowa Scholarships for the Arts</a>                                           | \$2,500  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Jeffrey D. Sollender College Scholarship</a>                                 | \$10,000 | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Kinnett Scholarships for College/Further Education</a>                       | \$1,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Lee E. Schauer Scholarship</a>                                               | \$48,000 | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Les Dames d'Escoffier Colorado Chapter Scholarship</a>                       | \$1,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Lucile E. Wright Scholarship</a>                                             | \$1,500  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program</a>                                    | \$80,000 | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Palo Alto Rotary Club Vocational Scholarships</a>                            | \$2,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Preferred Bank Scholarship Program</a>                                       | \$1,500  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">RWA Internship Housing Stipend</a>                                           | \$4,000  | 04/03/2023 |
| <a href="#">Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation Scholarship</a>                             | Varies   | 04/03/2023 |

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| <a href="#">American Indian Education Fund</a>                 | \$1,500 | 04/04/2023 |
| <a href="#">Dan &amp; Marie Archer Scholarship</a>             | \$250   | 04/04/2023 |
| <a href="#">Millie Brothers CODA International Scholarship</a> | \$3,000 | 04/04/2023 |
| <a href="#">The AIEF Graduate Scholarship Program</a>          | \$2,000 | 04/04/2023 |
| <a href="#">The AIEF Undergraduate Scholarship Program</a>     | \$2,000 | 04/04/2023 |



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| <a href="#">Church Mutual Insurance Religious Scholars Program</a>                           | \$2,500  | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">David Sankey Minority Scholarship in Meteorology</a>                             | \$1,000  | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">Erskine College Music Scholarships</a>                                           | Varies   | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">LMC Scholarship Program</a>                                                      | \$10,000 | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship</a>                                      | \$10,000 | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">Monterey Bay Officer Spouses Club Scholarship Award</a>                          | Varies   | 04/05/2023 |
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| <a href="#">Scholarships for Lutheran Laywomen</a>                                           | \$2,000  | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">Steamboat Ski &amp; Resort Corporation DEI Scholarship</a>                       | \$10,000 | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">The Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarship</a>                                          | \$5,000  | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">The Anne Ford Scholarship</a>                                                    | \$10,000 | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">The Dr. Roderick A. Scofield Scholarship in Meteorology</a>                      | \$1,000  | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">The Ken Reeves Memorial AccuWeather Undergraduate Scholarship in Meteorology</a> | \$1,000  | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">The NWAFF Broadcast Meteorology Scholarship</a>                                  | \$1,000  | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc. Founders Fund Scholarship</a>                   | Varies   | 04/05/2023 |
| <a href="#">William Vatauk Scholarship</a>                                                   | \$1,000  | 04/05/2023 |
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| <a href="#">Brian Pearson Memorial Scholarship</a>                                           | \$1,000  | 04/06/2023 |
| <a href="#">James Knott Memorial Scholarship</a>                                             | \$1,000  | 04/06/2023 |
| <a href="#">LNEC Ford Driving Dreams Scholarship</a>                                         | \$2,000  | 04/06/2023 |
| <a href="#">Meg Graham Scholarship</a>                                                       | \$10,000 | 04/06/2023 |
| <a href="#">RCI-IIBEC Foundation Robert W. Lyons Award</a>                                   | \$5,000  | 04/06/2023 |
| <a href="#">ULINE Scholarship</a>                                                            | \$5,000  | 04/06/2023 |
| <a href="#">WMU Fisher Gerontology Dissertation Prize</a>                                    | \$1,000  | 04/06/2023 |

“You have to listen to a fluent speaker in the language for 2,000 hours, and you will then understand about 95% of what that person is saying. After 6,000 hours of being totally immersed in the language, you are functionally bilingual. At 12,000 hours, you would be a fluent speaker. It's a long journey that depends on the individuals and how motivated and committed they are.”

**Tribal College Journal, Janine Pease, et al.**  
*Language Revitalization at Tribal Colleges and Universities: Overviews, Perspectives, and Profiles, 1993-2018*

Equality California Institute, with generous support from the Comcast Foundation, is pleased to announce that applications for our 2023 Comcast Fellowship are now OPEN!

The Comcast Fellowship is an annual summer in-person legislative program crafted for college students with a passion for LGBTQ+ advocacy. After a competitive application process, fellows will be placed in the offices of pro-equality legislative partners in the Capitol community where they will spend four weeks experiencing policy-making and issues-based organizing firsthand. The 2023 Fellowship runs through June 20, 2023 to July 21, 2023. Fellows are granted a stipend of \$3,000 to enable participation. **The deadline to submit an application is Friday, April 14, 2023.**

Visit [eqca.org/comcast-fellowship](https://eqca.org/comcast-fellowship) to learn more.

**APPLY TODAY»**

### LevelUp Gov: A Marketing Contest | The Volcker Alliance

Technological innovation and the welfare of our country are tightly linked. If we want to shape and protect our future—avert the climate crisis, accelerate the transition to greenenergy, modernize America’s scrambling transit system and infrastructure – we must creatively deploy technology and use it in an equitable way.

How can we use tech as a force for good? One way is to equip the government with the fiercest, sharpest tech talent.

Unfortunately, not enough people with cutting-edge tech skills are interested in working in the government. Here’s a troubling fact: only three per- cent of information technology workers in the federal government are under the age of 30, while over half are approaching retirement.

That’s where you come in.

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LevelUp Gov is a national contest to collect fresh, bold messages to get people with technology skills to pursue careers in government. If you’re a member of Gen Z with a passion for public service and a flair for marketing, social media, or design and you are eighteen (18) years of age or older, we’re asking you to inspire people with technology skills to pursue career opportunities in federal government.

The top two winners will each receive a \$10,000 cash prize. Two runners-up will each receive \$2,500. Up to six honorable mentions will each receive \$500. We need your vision and ideas—help us level up government and set the course of our future. LevelUp Gov is a national contest.





[theancientzen.com](http://theancientzen.com)

*From what I know about traditional leadership prior to contact with settlers, we never had actions or politicians.*

*We followed medicine people because they had direct communication with the spirit world. Think about it.*

*If the economy collapsed tomorrow and we were sent back to the land, would you go depend on your chief and council to save you?*

*Back then we followed the most knowledgeable, the most skilled and the most respected, because it was about our survival.*

*It was never about popularity because we had to feel like this person was going to guide us through sickness and bring us closer to the Creator.*

André Bear



**Native Americans seized Wounded Knee 50 years ago. Here's what 1 reporter remembers**  
 Oglala Lakota activists took over the village of Wounded Knee in an occupation that lasted 71 days. Journalist Kevin McKiernan reflects on the standoff and the legacy it leaves.  
 NPR

*Fifty years! Oh dear, those of us that remember this clearly are old (no, mature!) Please take a moment to jot down your memories of this time to include in your tribal archives.*

## The Poetry Foundation chose this Louise Erdrich work in remembrance of Wounded Knee. (With thanks to MW)

We watched from the house  
as the river grew, helpless  
and terrible in its unfamiliar body.  
Wrestling everything into it,  
the water wrapped around trees  
until their life-hold was broken.  
They went down, one by one,  
and the river dragged off their covering.

Nests of the herons, roots washed to bones,  
snags of soaked bark on the shoreline:  
a whole forest pulled through the teeth  
of the spillway. Trees surfacing  
singly, where the river poured off  
into arteries for fields below the reservation.

When at last it was over, the long removal,  
they had all become the same dry wood.  
We walked among them, the branches  
whitening in the raw sun.  
Above us drifted herons,  
alone, hoarse-voiced, broken,  
settling their beaks among the hollows.  
Grandpa said, *These are the ghosts of the tree people*  
moving among us, unable to take their rest.

Sometimes now, we dream our way back to the heron dance.  
Their long wings are bending the air  
into circles through which they fall.  
They rise again in shifting wheels.  
How long must we live in the broken figures  
their necks make, narrowing the sky.

### A Note from the Editor

50 years ago, The American Indian Movement (AIM) with members of the Oglala Lakota nation occupied Wounded Knee at the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota. AIM had gathered at the historic site of the 1890 massacre of Native Americans by the US 7th Cavalry to protest the federal government's policies toward native peoples. The standoff between members of AIM and federal authorities lasted until May 8, 1973.

**A new generation of Indigenous leaders takes inspiration from those at Wounded Knee**

<https://www.startribune.com/a-new-generation-of-indigenous-leaders-take-inspiration-from-those-at-wounded-knee/600255513/>

**Native Americans Seized Wounded Knee 50 Years Ago. Here's What One Reporter Remembers**

<https://www.rsn.org/001/native-americans-seized-wounded-knee-50-years-ago-heres-what-one-reporter-remembers.html>

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**Stronger Storms, And Less Of The Calms Before Them**

- \* First Street Foundation, a nonprofit research group based in Brooklyn, New York, released a report on Monday that [revealed the growing risk posed by hurricanes](#). Thanks to climate change, we'll likely see not only stronger hurricanes, but they'll spread across more of the United States.
- \* Currently affected by tropical cyclones will be at risk of damage from hurricane-force winds in the next 30 years, the study says. Cyclone winds will move further west and north into places unaccustomed to the gusts.
- \* This year, researchers estimated that the country could expect to see an annual loss of \$18.5 billion as a result of hurricane-force winds. Increase is expected to come from increased exposure in Florida alone. (PNut)

*Also from PNut:*

**Penicillin, Aspirin, And ... Maggots?**

- As modern medicine deals with the rise of antibiotic resistance, [some doctors are rejecting modernity and embracing tradition](#), using novel therapies as alternatives to the usual antibiotic treatments. Maggots, honey, leeches, and even garlic are all being employed as modern research has sparked interest in previously-panned panaceas.
- Maggots are a major source of optimism for treating infections without using antibiotics. The fly larvae are able to eat dead and infected flesh, helping fight off infections. Scientific articles about maggot therapy are published multiple times a year, and the U.K.'s NHS has seen the number of patients treated by maggots increase by 47% between 2007 and 2019. "The larvae will only eat dead tissue," reassures one representative of BioMonde, a sterile maggot-production facility.
- Other "alternative" treatments are also getting serious consideration. Honey is being used to create sterile dressings and is also being considered for use as an alternative to antimicrobial drugs. Leeches, when raised in a way that minimizes their gut bacteria, are also used to increase blood circulation and recovery after surgery. Even a mixture of alliums (plants like garlic and onions), wine, and cow stomach bile has been shown to kill 90% of MRSA bacteria in wounds. Maybe it's time to admit that our ancestors were on to something – as long as their methods aren't being tested on us, personally.

***"Until man learns to respect and speak to the animal world, he can never know his true role on Earth." ~ Vangelis.***