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### **Shoshone-Bannock lost, found, now**

Paiute tribes told of an ancient giant people as tall as 12-feet with red hair. These huge warriors were fierce and powerful. The Pauites told settlers that when there were only a few of the giants left, they chased them into a cave where they filled the opening with brush and burned it. At one point, an earthquake filled the opening of the cave. In 1911 in the Lovelock Cave in Nevada, the cave was unearthed. It contained 2 skeletons with red hair; the female was 6.5' & the male was 8 feet tall.

**FACEBOOK: "Mission Indian Federation"**

Between 1919 and 1965, the Mission Indian Federation (MIF) was Southern California's most popular grass-roots political organization. Their purpose was to end Mission Indian Agency abuse and paternalism and bring equal rights, justice, and "home rule" for Southern California Indians.

Ernie Salgado is currently seeking funding for a Mission Indian Federation film documentary — **MISION INDIAN STUDY GUIDE**.

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**FACEBOOK: "Kumeyaay Information Village"**

The primary goal of KUMEYAAY.INFO is to welcome visitors and Native peoples of all tribal nations and provide a casual village environment to share and network their culturally-relevant creative work, information and opinions.

To re-source the internet's very best culturally-related works into a fresh interactive cyber web network of hyper-linked information and collective endeavors.

To encourage and excite the creative and cultural spirits of all Native American peoples, and to offer them a cyber resource (and the technical assistance) to publish their original and collaborative work on [www.kumeyaay.info](http://www.kumeyaay.info) — **KUMEYAAY**.

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*This is one of the controversies in DC this week. While there are many things that can be said for/ against "The War on Poverty", from my perspective it was/is a critical point in tribal history. The War on Poverty brought many new programs including Headstart, Job Corps, Work Programs, Title Programs for schools, The Trio Programs (Talent Search, Upward Bound, Special Services) and Community Action Agencies.....which in Nevada precipitated the funding of ITCN and the history of individual tribal council and community development evolution.*

*Even more prescient, was that for the first time, embedded in law, was the right/privilege for Indian groups to apply and be granted funds from other federal entities than the Bureau of Indian Affairs and creation of "Indian desks".....which also led to the Kennedy-Mondale Act (Indian Education and Self Determination Act), affectionately known as "638" and that resultant history.*

*Concurrently, several agencies began to fund some of their programs through the BIA and IHS, most notably clean water systems and housing. While I personally am a little cynical about what happened to housing, the original program included Self-Help Housing and most Nevada participants ended up with 30 year mortgages of \$9-11,000. This is the era in which green snot began to disappear.*

*What is your tribal legacy from this era? Please share.*

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Jan 8, 2014

**Statement by the President on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War on Poverty**

As Americans, we believe that everyone who works hard deserves a chance at opportunity, and that all our citizens deserve some basic measure of security. And so, 50 years ago, President Johnson declared a War on Poverty to help each and every American fulfill his or her basic hopes. We created new avenues of opportunity through jobs and education, expanded access to health care for seniors, the poor, and Americans with disabilities, and helped working families make ends meet. Without Social Security,

nearly half of seniors would be living in poverty. Today, fewer than one in seven do. Before Medicare, only half of seniors had some form of health insurance. Today, virtually all do. And because we expanded pro-work and pro-family programs like the Earned Income Tax Credit, a recent study found that the poverty rate has fallen by nearly 40% since the 1960s, and kept millions from falling into poverty during the Great Recession.

These endeavors didn't just make us a better country. They reaffirmed that we are a great country. They lived up to our best hopes as a people who value the dignity and potential of every human being. But as every American knows, our work is far from over. In the richest nation on Earth, far too many children are still born into poverty, far too few have a fair shot to escape it, and Americans of all races and backgrounds experience wages and incomes that aren't rising, making it harder to share in the opportunities a growing economy provides. That does not mean, as some suggest, abandoning the War on Poverty. In fact, if we hadn't declared "unconditional war on poverty in America," millions more Americans would be living in poverty today. Instead, it means we must redouble our efforts to make sure our economy works for every working American. It means helping our businesses create new jobs with stronger wages and benefits, expanding access to education and health care, rebuilding those communities on the outskirts of hope, and constructing new ladders of opportunity for our people to climb.

We are a country that keeps the promises we've made. And in a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy, we will make sure that as America grows stronger, this recovery leaves no one behind. Because for all that has changed in the 50 years since President Johnson dedicated us to this economic and moral mission, one constant of our character has not: we are one nation and one people, and we rise or fall together.

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## **CMIC's Leadership Training for Entrepreneurial, Small Business, Economic Development**

**Who Should [Apply?](#)**

*Highly-motivated Native individuals who want to start a business & Native business owners who want to expand their existing business...*

WHEN: February 5-7, 2014 (2-1/2 days)

March 5-6, 2014 (2 days)

April 2-4, 2014 (2-1/2 days)

April 29-30, 2014 (2 days)

WHERE: Training locations to be determined

[DOWNLOAD POSTER, SPONSOR, APPLICATION PDF](#)

[CMIC website](#)

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*This New York Times Project offers an easy way for tribal educators to introduce and distribute information generated by the community on a variety of topics. sdc*

## **Lesson plans across the curriculum based on NYTimes content**

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Editor Katherine Schulten has worked in education for over 25 years as a teacher, school newspaper adviser, literacy consultant, curriculum writer and editor.

Deputy Editor **Michael Gonchar** began his career as a humanities teacher, then worked for 10 years as a school and instructional coach specializing in helping to open and guide new small schools.

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## Video contest deadline extended to January 15

When it comes to quality of life, everyone can and should take it personally. That's the challenge to our community: share how you take quality of life personally by participating in the Take it Personally video contest.

### What is the Take it Personally contest?

Take it Personally is a way for you to show our community (through video) what you, your family, your business or organization do to have a positive impact on the quality of life here in the Truckee Meadows. To participate, simply submit your video of 25 seconds or less showing us how you impact quality of life for our community. Your video may fall into one of two categories: Individual/Family and Business/Organization.

### Are there prizes?

The following cash prizes will be awarded to winners in the Individual/Family category: First place, \$300; second place, \$150; third place, \$50. The winner in the Business/Organization category will receive sponsorship of a TMT Indicator, valued at \$1,000.

The winning videos will be posted on TMT's website, broadcast on local media, promoted on social media and used as a call to action to other communities.

Winners will be announced at TMT's upcoming [Annual Meeting](#) on January 23, 2014, beginning at 5 p.m. at Renown Regional Medical Center's Mack Auditorium. Finalists will be notified prior to the event. The meeting will include a celebration of TMT's return to full function after a period of inactivity. [PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE](#)

## How do I participate?

- Create your video (25 seconds or less) explaining how you take improving the [quality of life](#) in the Truckee Meadows personally (what do you do to help?).
- Upload your video to your favorite video sharing site (eg - [YouTube](#) or [Vimeo](#)).
- [Email us](#) a link to your video to let us know you'd like to participate on the contest. Please include some basic contact information so we can get a hold of you if you win.
- **Deadline for submissions EXTENDED TO JANUARY 15, 2014.**

Read the [Official Rules and Regulations](#)

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[More than 4,000 Native Children Died while Attending Indian Residential Schools - nativenewsonline.net](#)      [January 5, 2014](#)

[OTTAWA — In what may be one of Canada’s darkest chapters, the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission has disclosed more than 4,000 Native children died while they lived at residential schools. Sadly, many of the students’ deaths occurred without so much as notification to the...](#)



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[The Thick Dark Fog - Trailer \(Documentary\)](#)      <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNKPXhr5NKY>

Walter Littlemoon attended a federal Indian boarding school in South Dakota sixty years ago. The mission of many of these schools in 1950, was still to "kill the Indian and save the man." The children were not allowed to be Indians -- to speak their language or express their culture or native identity in any way at the risk of being severely beaten, humiliated or abused. What effects did these actions cause?

Many Indians, like Walter, lived with this unresolved trauma into adulthood, acting it out through alcoholism and domestic violence. At age 58, Walter decided to write and publish his memoirs as a way to explain his past abusive behaviors to his estranged children. But dealing with the

memories of his boarding school days nearly put an end to it. Walter's published memoir from 2009, "They Called Me Uncivilized: The Memoir of an Everyday Lakota Man from Wounded Knee" is the final result of his remembering.

Director - Randy Vasquez  
Producer - Jonathan Skurnik  
Editor/Writer - Paul Freedman  
DP - Kahlil Hudson  
Composer - Kathryn Bostic

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### **Library district promotes structured play among parents, kids**

By CAITLYN BELCHER View Staff Writer

Parents and children will soon have the opportunity to spend more quality time together at the Windmill Library, 7060 W. Windmill Lane.

The library plans to offer a series of five Family Place Parent-Child Workshops for children 1 to 5 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Jan. 10.

According to youth services coordinator Mary Nelson Brown, the series will include an orientation and workshops on speech, hearing and language; child development; nutrition; and music, play and health.

“It’s an opportunity for parents to come together with their kids and have an unstructured play environment,” Nelson Brown said. “We provide all the materials and toys that are developmentally appropriate for preschool ages.”

In addition to toys and books, the library is set to provide community experts to answer parents’ questions and concerns.

“For example, if a parent has a toddler who is a picky eater, there will be a person during the nutritional workshop who can offer advice,” Nelson Brown said, “but the resource professionals are not doing an actual presentation.

“It’s an opportunity for the parents to be here with their child and learn about the resources the library has to offer and other agencies in the community that serve young children.”

According to Nelson Brown, the program is part of a Family Place Libraries grant started in the late 1990s.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services issued the grant to the Middle Country Public Library in New York, which has offered grant partnerships to more than 300 libraries since the implementation.

Nelson Brown said the staff from Middle Country Public Library visited the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District when it was implementing a new checkout system.

“We just got to talking, and they were interested in bringing the grant programs to our library district and becoming partners,” she said. “There’s quite a few partners in California, New York and Pennsylvania, but we’re the first in the state of Nevada.”

The network is an extension of the library district’s early literacy story time program, according to Nelson Brown.

“We’re trying to build a parenting collection within the children’s section so that parents that are there for story time have easy access to books and materials on parenting,” Nelson Brown said. “We’re also trying to build on our toy and manipulative toy collection because we know that children really learn through play.”

Spring Valley resident Marcie Hodgeson said the workshops should be a good resource for new parents.

“As a new parent, you sometimes have no idea where to start when it comes to nutrition or learning to talk,” Hodgeson said. “It will be nice for them to have all the resources and answers under one roof. It can also help remind or correct parents who have already had kids before.”

The library district plans to implement the workshop series in January at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. North; in February at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road; and in March at the Whitney Library, 5175 E. Tropicana Ave.

“It really builds on what we’re trying to do to get kids school-ready,” Nelson Brown said. “We’re trying to help develop their skills, and we know that play is one of the ways to do that.”

Parents are encouraged to register for the workshops. For more information, visit [lvccld.org/events](http://lvccld.org/events).

Contact Southwest/Spring Valley View reporter Caitlyn Belcher at [cbelcher@viewnews.com](mailto:cbelcher@viewnews.com) or 702-383-0403.

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Do you know about **[ShadowLight Productions](#)**? Expanding upon shadow puppet traditions of Indonesia, this amazing theater company has produced some of the most moving, imaginative, and fully-realized pieces I've ever seen. From January 15 through January 19 they will be presenting **[PORO OYNA](#)**, bringing the mythology of the Aynu, Japan's indigenous culture, to life. They will be welcomed by a California Indian group from the Klamath River, who will also partake in a "sing-off" with the Aynu performers and in other ways as well. Don't miss this.

-Malcolm Margolin                      For more information see: [shadowlightaynuproject.org](http://shadowlightaynuproject.org)

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***'I cannot sleep unless I am surrounded by books.'* - Jorge Luis Borges**

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## Federal Water Tap

In a normal week, I use this space to look back at U.S. government water news from the seven days that have just passed. Today, however, I turn the lens in the opposite direction. These are the policies, reports, and decisions to anticipate in 2014, organized chronologically, more or less.

### Great Lakes

The government gets up to speed quickly. Today, January 6, the Army Corps of Engineers will release [a final report](#) on how to deal with the spread of Asian carp and other aquatic invasive species from the Mississippi River Basin into the Great Lakes. The Obama administration has spent \$US 200 million since 2009 to stymie the fish, including electronic and physical barriers in waterways. The report being released today was ordered by Congress in 2007.

### Laws

Two major water-related laws are more than a year past due but are closer to completion. The farm bill and the water resources development bill are in conference committees where differences between House and Senate versions will be smoothed.

The farm bill controls the federal purse strings for more than 20 agricultural conservation programs, some of which affect water quality. The water resources bill is the main authorizing legislation for projects undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers. Both bills offer change. The farm bill consolidates conservation programs and cuts their overall budget by several billion over 10 years. The House version of the water resources bill revokes \$US 12 billion in funding for projects that have not broken ground, and it includes provisions for quickening the pace of environmental reviews, to the chagrin of green groups.

### Ag Census

Every five years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture gathers a comprehensive set of statistics on the nation's farm economy and practices, called the [Census of Agriculture](#). The most recent data, from 2012, will be published in February.

### Bristol Bay

Early in 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will release a final report on the ecosystem effects of a proposed copper mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed. The watershed is the world's most productive wild sockeye salmon run. A [draft report](#) published last year outlined the stream and wetland habitat losses that could be expected based on three mine sizes. The report did not consider the effects of secondary construction: a deepwater port to transport the raw material, a power plant to fuel the mine, or general economic development in the region.

### Supreme Court

Three cases are in various stages before the nation's highest court. The court will decide whether it should take up Texas's complaint that groundwater use in New Mexico is taking away from its share of the Rio Grande. The federal government's legal counsel argues that Texas [has shown sufficient evidence](#) for the case to proceed.

A court-appointed "special master" will submit recommendations to the court for resolving a dispute between two states in the northern plains. Montana claims that mining the methane trapped in coal seams in Wyoming is reducing the amount of water that should flow down the Tongue River. To release the gas, large volumes of groundwater are pumped out of the surrounding rock formations.

And one case will see a ruling from the Supreme Court itself. A long-running dispute between Kansas and Nebraska over the Republican River was already sent to a special master, who ruled largely in favor of Nebraska. The court will decide whether to endorse the recommendations.

### **USGS Water Use Report**

In mid-2014, the U.S. Geological Survey will release a much-delayed report on water use in the United States. The new report, with data from 2010, will go into greater detail than before on water withdrawals by the thermoelectric sector. For the first time since 1995, the report will track the water consumed by power plants.

### **Fracking Report**

By the end of the year, the EPA will release a [draft report](#) on how drinking water is being affected by fracking, the natural gas production technique that, in combination with horizontal drilling, has pushed the U.S. to the top of global energy ranks. Congress ordered the study in 2010.

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### **[Myron Dewey](#)**

*Today I drove by the Tulalip Elders new apartments, wow.... What a view with an added plus they look good. Im curious if your tribes have such programs or housing that make you proud as a tribal member, but also you will be taken care of when you are an elder?*

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[Julie Johnson](#) uploaded a file in the group [Native American Caucus of the Washington State Democrats](#).

Joe Pakootas, former Tribal Council Chair and current CEO of Colville Businesses is running against 5 term Republican Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers in the 5th District (From Colville Reservation area down to Walla Walla area of WA State). Cathy won 62% of the vote in her last election ... so we really need to get out and work for and support Joe. Please read the attachment and donate \$1 to \$\_\_\_\_. Julie Johnson, Vice Chair, Native American Caucus Committee, WSDCC.

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## **There is still time to register for this week's FREE Webinar:**

### **What is the AASLH Leadership in History Awards and Why Should I Apply?**

Have you always wondered what the AASLH Awards program is? Do you feel that your organization is too small to win a National award?

AASLH knows that organizations across the country do amazing work in the field of state and local history and want to recognize your efforts.

Join this **FREE** informational webinar to learn about the program and why you should apply, no matter what your budget size. Also get tips for how to put together an award-winning nomination.

- January 9, 2014 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Eastern
- **FREE** Webinar  
[Pre-Registration Required](#)

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**Jenny Durnan Petty**

We've got a bunch of jobs open at [IGT](#) on the Corporate Communications team including: Digital Media Copywriter, Web Graphics Production Artist, Web Search and Usage Analyst, Web Content and CMS Admin, and a Communications Project Manager. Interested? Send me a note.

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**Reno Rebirth: New Nevada plan creates college kickstart accounts for kindergartners** [rgj.com](http://rgj.com) <http://ow.ly/slTVh>

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**[Public Service Loan Forgiveness | Federal Student Aid](#)** [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)

[Under public service loan forgiveness, borrowers may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance due on their eligible federal student loans.](#)

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**[Democratic National Convention Delegate Lexie LaMere Walks On at 21](#)**

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

[Lexie Wakan LaMere, daughter of well-known human rights activist Frank LaMere, walked on January 3, 2014 at the age of 21 after battling leukemia.](#)