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Te Kotahi Research Institute will be holding the 2nd He Manawa Whenua Conference in 2015.

Link to Website: <https://wired.ivvy.com/event/HMW15/>

Abstract Call is open until 1 October 2015. Early Bird Registrations are now open.

About He Manawa Whenua

This conference views Indigenous knowledge as a 'Manawa Whenua', or a pool of knowledge, that is situated within the heart of the people. Like the water, this knowledge has been filtered throughout time by the community as well as the environment to become central to the life and well-being of Māori. This Māori and Indigenous centred knowledge also has the potential to deliver unlimited benefits for our people, both now and into the future.

At the heart, or manawa of Māori and Indigenous knowledge is research. This conference explores the pool of Māori and Indigenous knowledge and research that aligns to the following saying,

"He pukenga wai he nohonga tangata. He nohonga tangata he pukenga kōrero"
Bodies of water, bodies of people, bodies of knowledge

This saying refers to the connection between bodies of water, human settlement and the emergence of knowledge. People have always inhabited locations with ready access to water which has given the people both life and identity. This combination has resulted in the growth of Māori and Indigenous knowledge.

The overarching theme of this conference is

'Indigenous research Innovation, Well-being and Inspiration'

Te Kotahi Research Institute invites you to share your innovative Indigenous research that will inspire well-being for our communities, whānau, hapū, iwi and tribal nations <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=831665036853849&set=a.384964214857269.86915.100000310808162&type=1>

Good coverage of protest at 11.23 Niner game by Bay Area media and then there is this:



Our people helping our people!

"Its a great time to be alive as an indigenous person"



[19:02](#)

[Native American Suicide Prevention Organization](#)

Thank you MTV for allowing us to share this video on our page.

We as Indigenous people are receiving recognition by society and are working our way towards bec...

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[Joseph Campbell](#)

"The function of myth is to put us in sync —with ourselves, with our social group,

and with the environment in which we live.

"One of the most interesting and simple ways to get this message is from the mythologies of the Navaho. Every single detail of the desert in which they live has been deified, and the land has become a holy land because it is revelatory of mythological entities. When you recognize the mythological aspect of Mother Nature, you have turned nature itself into an icon, into a holy picture, so that wherever you go, you're getting the message that the divine power is working for you.

"Modern culture has desanctified our landscape and we think that to go to the holy land we have to go to Jerusalem. The Navaho would say, ' This is it, and you're it.' "

Joseph Campbell, Goddesses: Mysteries of the Feminine Divine, p.19

[To Help Language Skills of Children, a Study Finds, Text Their Parents With Tips](#)

By MOTOKO RICH

Preschoolers performed better on literacy tests when their parents received text messages with tips on how to help them, a study in San Francisco found.

"First it was necessary to civilize man in relation to man himself. Now it is necessary to civilize man in relation with nature and animals." - Victor Hugo

Drought Led To Assyrian Empire's Fall — Are There Similarities Today?

Maureen Cavanaugh, Patty Lane, Peggy Pico, KPBS Midday Edition

We may think of climate change as a modern problem and the buildup of greenhouse gases caused by human activity as a new phenomenon. But the Earth's climate has never been stable.

Read more from Trout Unlimited here: [**TU applauds passage of Klamath River bill by Senate committee**](#)

EMBRACING DRY LAND: WATER AND THE AMERICAN WEST BY REED KARAIM

An unlikely assortment of architects, land-use planners, and water conservationists are rethinking urban design with water use in mind.

Harvard Students Take 1964 Literacy Test Black Voters Had To Pass Before Voting -- They All Failed

What happened when a group of Harvard students took the 1964 Louisiana Literacy Test that was designed to keep black people from voting? They all failed. addictinginfo.org

US Uncut

Happening NOW: An Occupy group in Madison, Wisconsin just cut the ribbon to open a new **community of tiny houses for the homeless**. The community includes 9 tiny... [See More](#)



<http://www.masshist.org/object-of-the-month/november-2014>

Resource for Colonial Laws

- [Michael J. Leclerc's Genealogy News](#)
- [Research Tips](#)

We use many kinds of government records in genealogical research. Many of these are obvious, but some less so. One of the most important sets of records to use is the laws passed by colonial and state legislatures.

Often we think that laws are dry and boring. Certainly the language in which they are written can be a bit stiff. But working with the laws can make a huge difference in your success. By knowing and understanding the laws of the time and place in which your ancestors lived, you can determine a great deal more information from the records are you dealing with.

For example, if you know that copies of records were supposed to be kept in multiple places, you can find leads on where to find additional sources of information. If you discover that wills needed to be entered into administration within a certain time after death, you can narrow down the date of death.

In addition to this, in early years, you may actually find records of your ancestors. Up to the early Federal period, many people petitioned the legislature for redress or other issues. One area where this is very common is in military service. Those who served in colonial militias often petitioned for assistance after their service was over. This continued through the Revolutionary War, where many served in the state militias as well as the Continental forces.

aileymail.co.uk/news/article-2149899/The-American-West-youve-seen-Amazing-19th-century-pictures-landscape-chartered-time.html#ixzz1vtjUGcOP

Calendar Additions

Crafts Fair

Friday, November 28 at 10:00am
34 Reservation Road and Golden Lane Reno, Nv.

[All Nations Native Craft Fair](#)

December 6 @ 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Maidu Museum & Historic Site, 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville, CA 95661 United States
Come to our All Nations Native Craft Fair Saturday, December 6, from 10am – 3pm. Jewelry, Basketry, Handmade Crafts, and more. There will be over 20 Native American artisans from California tribes and the Cherokee Nation. You can find great ideas for unique gifts. Free entertainment while you shop! Live music from Native American musicians Otsigeya and Eric Ray. Plenty of free parking available. Maidu Activity Center (adjacent to the Maidu Museum) 1960 Johnson Ranch Drive Roseville, CA 95661 Telephone: 916-774-5934 Website: <http://www.roseville.ca.us/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3922&TargetID=62>
Email: maidumuseum@roseville.ca.us Find out more »

[Twenty-nine Palms Band of Mission Indians Winter Gathering](#)

December 12, 2014 - February 14, 2015

Spotlight 29 Casino, 46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella, CA 92236 United States For more information, contact Earl Thomas at (760) 775-3239 or ethomas@spotlight29.com.

[Find out more »](#)

Honoring 2014 National Native American Heritage Month Blogged By: MBDA

Every year, our Nation pauses to reflect on the profound ways the First Americans have shaped our country's character and culture. The first stewards of our environment, early voices for the values that define our Nation, and models of government to our Founding Fathers -- American Indians and Alaska Natives helped build the very fabric of America.

President Barack Obama

2014 Presidential Proclamation: National Native American Heritage Month

MBDA celebrates Native American Heritage Month and acknowledges the significant contributions of Native American-owned businesses to the U.S. economy. A key component of the Agency's services is dedicated to addressing the unique economic challenges and opportunities in Indian Country. In Fiscal Year 2013, MBDA helped Native American-owned businesses access \$789 million in contracts and capital, which led to the creation and retention of 3,604 jobs.

Quick Facts about Native American-Owned Businesses

- There are 237,000 Native American-owned firms in the United States.
- Native American-owned firms contribute \$34.4 billion in U.S. economic output and 185,000 jobs per year.
- Native American-owned firms with employees average eight workers and \$1.2 million in annual receipts.
- Native American-owned firms are more concentrated in Arizona, California, Florida, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, and Texas.

MBDA continues to invest in Indian Country to support job creation and economic development through the operation of MBDA Business Centers in states with large Native American populations. We commemorate this heritage month and pay tribute to all Native Americans past and present for their legacy of character, strength, and tradition.

» Learn more at [American Indian & Alaska Native-Owned Firms](#)

"A Change is Gonna Come" 05:24

[Jana Mashonee](#) with [Jana Mashonee](#)

An emotional and passionate rendition of this Sam Cooke classic. All proceeds from the sale of "A Change is Gonna Come" go to Jana's 501(c)(3) non profit foundation Jana's Kids, which awards scholarships to Native Youth to help them to achieve their dreams.

The Stream:

Several environmental groups have [sued the U.S. State Department](#) over its relaxed approval of an expanded Enbridge tar sands pipeline from Canada to Wisconsin. Eight organizations are insisting that the project must be halted until a more thorough environmental review is conducted. *Reuters*

Big Oil doesn't even need Keystone -- all the more reason to kill it

The Keystone XL battle is mostly symbolic at this point, which makes winning even more important. BY SAM BLISS

Pipeline builder advised to gin up fake grassroots support

TransCanada has teamed up with the world's largest public relations firm to promote a proposed alternative pipeline that's entirely in Canada.

BY KATE SHEPPARD

Tom Harkin on Keystone: Let's Stop "Digging the Graves of Our Grandchildren"

Sahil Kapur, Talking Points Memo 350.org

Kapur reports: "Retiring Sen. Tom Harkin expressed strong moral opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline hours ahead of a scheduled Senate vote to fast-track its approval." [READ MORE](#)

Sen. Tom Harkin from Iowa says he is through supporting fossil fuels.

If you agree, and think President Obama should join him and reject Keystone XL now, add your name here: <http://act.350.org/sign/reject-keystone-xl-now/>



Great Plains bison finally have a chance to roam the western prairie grasslands lands they were driven from over 100 years ago.

This is a stunning comeback, but it won't happen without help from friends of wildlife like you.

Please make this remarkable homecoming possible. [Symbolically adopt a bison and support our work protecting wildlife.](#)

Once numbering 40 million, majestic bison were slaughtered to the brink of extinction until the early 20th century. Their restoration has been agonizingly slow.

Together, we are working to change this. Supported by the generosity of friends like you, **National Wildlife Federation, in partnership with tribal leaders and others, is spearheading efforts to return bison to their native habitat and establish wild bison herds across the West.**

We've now reached a critical point. The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission just agreed to allow 138 wild bison from Yellowstone National Park to be moved to their historic range on Assiniboine and Sioux tribal lands on Fort Peck Reservation in Montana.

[Please help bring wild bison home and protect at-risk wildlife across the country by adopting today!](#)

With your help, we've overcome the false arguments about disease and successfully defeated the politics opposing wild bison restoration.

Now we are working hard to bring more wild bison back to their historic range on western landscapes—but we can't do it without you.

Thank you very much for all you do to protect wildlife.

Sincerely, Garrit Voggesser, Director, Tribal Lands, National Wildlife Federation

Today was a proud moment as a father...as I represented our people at the University of Reno Dept of Medicine honoring our Indigenous People contributing to medicine sharing traditional knowledge predating western cultures medicine and a round dance song.

As I started the song I heard a little voice join in...it was my mini me Wetuah who sang our relatives song loud and proud. It was awesome!!

I felt so proud that I kept the song going to embrace the moment.

I recognized our relatives before us who lived on the land we were visiting (Reno), that at one time there was plenty of food and traditional medicine. We have experienced the environmental changes through our food source, the indigenous people of this land would know first hand all changed of land, water, air and natural resources for we are directly connected. It did feel like the relatives gave me strength to talk directly to western medicine and to say we are strong and still here to share, even though our resources are encroached upon, we are still willing to share. In a good way

Pesha Yaduah to all my relations in the 4-directions
with Josh Dini and Jolene Aleck (pic disappeared)



THE WHITE HOUSE
Secretary

Office of the Press
November 19, 2014

FACT SHEET: ConnectED to the Future

Today, President Obama hosts school leaders and educators from across the country at the White House for “ConnectED to the Future,” a day-long convening to explore the potential of education technology and the innovations needed to bring America’s schools into the digital age. At the event, the President will launch his Administration’s effort to assist school leaders in their transition to digital learning, following his plan to connect 99 percent of America’s students high-speed broadband internet in their schools and libraries. The President will applaud superintendents across the country that will collaborate with students, educators, and parents to become “Future Ready.”

More than 1,200 school superintendents will join the Obama Administration’s *Future Ready District Pledge* to set a vision for digital learning across America. These educational leaders will foster a culture of learning through technology across their schools; assist their students and families in the transition to high-speed connectivity; provide their learners greater access to high-quality digital devices and content; and provide teachers and principals the support needed to use technology in innovative ways. Together, they will reach approximately 10 million students across more than 16,000 schools across all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Preparing America's students with the skills they need to get good jobs and compete in the global economy demands an interactive, personalized learning experience. According to the FCC, 68% of school districts report that not a single school in their district can meet high-speed connectivity goals. Too few American schools have the broadband connections necessary to support innovative teaching and learning and most lack the wireless connectivity to individualize instruction for students.

In June 2013, President Obama visited Mooresville, NC to announce the ConnectED initiative, beginning with a call to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to enable the connectivity and high-speed broadband needed to spur 21st century learning for America's students within five years. Since that time, the FCC has taken steps to modernize the E-rate program to support high-speed connectivity for America's schools and libraries, providing a \$2 billion down payment toward the President's ConnectED goals. Additionally, private-sector companies have committed more than \$2 billion to supplement federal actions and help support cutting-edge technologies across a greater number of schools and homes.

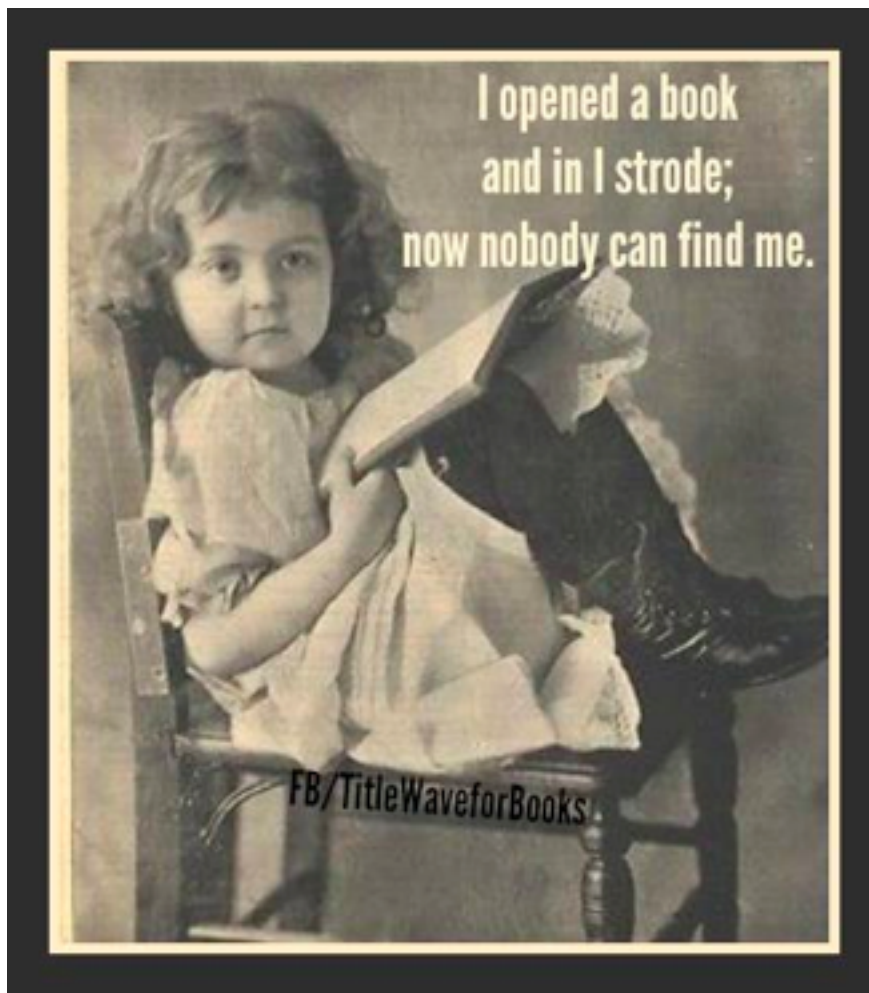
On Monday, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler announced plans to dramatically expand investments in the E-rate program, increasing the program by \$1.5 billion annually. This proposal – scheduled for consideration by the FCC in December – constitutes an essential step to provide the resources needed to meet the goals the President outlined last June

Today's White House "ConnectED to the Future" convening will feature new commitments from private and non-profit partners and from the U.S. Department of Education to support educators as they transition to digital learning, including:

- **Support for State and Local Educational Leaders:** In partnership with the Alliance for Excellent Education, the U.S. Department of Education will host 12 regional summits for Future Ready school districts, to assist local educational leaders as they develop and implement action plans to use technology to personalize learning across their school districts. Secretary Duncan will also issue guidance to state and local superintendents, to support technology and digital learning as an allowable use of more than \$27 billion in federal funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- **Access to Virtual Learning for Teachers and Students:** *EdX* has committed to provide free online coursework from top universities, including free course certificates to teachers and high-school students in high-need schools. All students will have free access to [all Advanced Placement-level courses](#) offered through EdX. In addition, *Coursera* will provide [no-cost online professional development](#) at every school district over the next two years, including opportunities for teachers to earn Coursera's completion certificates which may be used for continuing education credits. The company is partnering with leading schools of education to further expand its teacher professional learning offerings.
- **Future Ready Technology Infrastructure Guide:** The U.S. Department of Education will issue a new technical assistance guide that outlines specific and tangible examples that will help schools improve their technological infrastructure by getting high-speed broadband Internet

connectivity to and throughout schools, choosing devices for learning and establishing policy and procedures for their use.

- **Future Ready Professional Learning Toolkit:** The U.S. Department of Education will issue a new technical assistance toolkit that provides rubrics, checklists and examples to assist district teams as they develop, refine, and evaluate professional learning plans that align with their capacity, learning goals, and standards of professional learning. In particular, the toolkit focuses on how districts can use technology to connect educators and provide tailored professional learning experiences.



On November 23 in 1968 Pyramid Lake Tribal chair William Abraham told the Nevada Indian Affairs Commisiion that the tribe was losing its lands and water rights and the reservation was constantly plundered of gem stones and petrified wood.

On November 24 in 1940 the Goshute people of Nevada and Utah incorporated as the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation