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[Tommy B. Robinson Photography](#) with [Narsis Reeves](#)

Pikuni Express teammates hang on to their starting horse as it rears up near the start of the Championship race.

Native American culture on display

Music, dance, storytelling and other aspects of Native American culture will be on display at the annual **Gathering of the Ohlone Peoples** scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct.

4 at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont, CA;

Activities will include demonstrations of basketry, jewelry, soaproot brush and string making.

You can try your hand at making a fire without matches or fashioning a miniature tule boat. Native plant teas, manzanita cider and acorn soup will be available for tasting. The park's 2,000-year-old village site will be open for tours, too.

Parental participation is required. Coyote Hills is at 8000 Patterson Ranch Road, off Paseo Padre Parkway.

There's a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle, but the gathering is free of charge. For more information, call 510-544-3220.

EMV 101: What Small Businesses Need to Know About The Switch to Chip Card Technology

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

Join SBA and Square for a free webinar presentation: "EMV 101: What Small Businesses Need to Know About the Switch to Chip Card Technology".

Participants will learn:

- What the transition to EMV chip card technology means for small businesses
- What EMV chip card technology is and why it's more secure
- What the new fraud liability rules that take effect October 1st mean for merchants

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Blog | Drones: A Few Things to Think About Before Deploying Them

There's no doubt about it: drones are trendy today. Consumer enthusiasm is growing, as drone communities such as [DIYDrones](#) pop up online. To support the public's drone interest, there's a [whole ecosystem](#) of drone manufacturers, pilot training programs, conventions and other startup businesses popping up. [>>Read more](#)

[Reversing the Tide: Cities and Countries Are Rebelling Against Water Privatization, and Winning](#)

Tom Lawson, Occupy.com: Known as remunicipalization, more and more communities and governments are choosing to resist and reverse private water contracts. According to a 2014 report by the Transnational Institute, around 180 cities in

35 countries have returned control of their water supply to municipalities in the past 15 years. [Read the Article](#)

Patter of Hooves Heralds New Season in Tuscany and Sustains a Tradition

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Transumanza, the seasonal moving of cattle from one land to another, continues today with professional cowboys as well as horse aficionados.



THE PARCHED WEST

Investors Are Mining for Water, the Next Hot Commodity

By NELSON D. SCHWARTZ

Private companies like Cadiz Inc. and Poseidon Water hope to turn a profit by slaking the mounting thirst of California and the West. But the obstacles are formidable.

Dinosaur tracks in prehistoric limestone are removed from the bed of the Paluxy River in Texas, 1952.

<http://www.trendingly.com/historical-photos/3>

Promise Zones Update: Third Round Request for Comments

Provide Your Comments on the Proposed Selection Process, Criteria, and Submissions by next Monday, September 28, 2015

The third and final round of the Promise Zones competition will open in the Fall of 2015. HUD and USDA invite you to provide written comments on ways to improve the future competition.

In addition to providing comments on the proposed selection process, criteria, and submissions for the third round of the Promise Zone Initiative, commenters are encouraged to address any or all of the following questions.

A. Overarching Questions:

For communities considering a Promise Zone application:

1. Are the programs that provide preferential access for designated Promise Zones helpful? Are there policy areas or issues that you need to address that are not represented?
2. If your community is not designated, but you and your partners intend to continue community revitalization efforts, please explain what particular types of information, technical assistance, peer exchange, introductions or other non-competitive assistance would be helpful to you as you move your work forward?
3. Do you find the MAX Survey sufficiently easy to use compared to other federal application systems (e.g. Grants.Gov)?
4. Would you be willing to provide the type of information requested in the Goals and Activities template for purposes of potentially connecting you to federal and private partners/peers that could facilitate your community's development work if it were not part of a competition for a federal designation? ([See MAX Survey](#))

E. Community Development Marketplace

For users of the Community Development Marketplace (a database of strategy and activity information Second Round applicants permitted HUD and USDA to share):

1. What kind of potential user are you? HUD has heard from foundations, investors, communities, researchers and national intermediaries and stakeholder networks, but there may be others who can use this data.
2. Does the Third Round template capture information that would be useful to you? ([See MAX Survey](#)). If yes, how is this information useful to you?
3. Are there additional pieces of information that would assist you in filtering and searching for information you would like to have?

D. Promise Zone Website

5. Is the website clear and easy to use? If not, what elements would be more helpful? (see [Promise Zones website](#) and linked program information).
6. Is the interagency program information presented on the website well-matched to your community's needs? If not, what type of information would be helpful to add?

G. Communications and Stakeholder Engagement

8. Do you find Promise Zones communications, through emails, webinars, written documents and other means, useful to organizations working in your community? Please elaborate on what is useful or what could be done to make it more useful.
9. How can HUD communicate more clearly/effectively with residents and community based organizations about the way that the Promise Zone Initiative operates and how it supports local work?
10. How can the Promise Zones Initiative better engage new Americans and immigrant stakeholders?

K. Data collection, research and evaluation

12. How can the Promise Zones make use of the EPA Smart Location database?
13. Does the Promise Zones framework for tracking data address the issue of burdening designees in terms of data access and reporting? Are there other ways we could accomplish this?
14. Is the Promise Zones table of core indicators, measures, and data sources useful for community development outcome tracking? Are there other measures that should be added?

Written comments can be submitted by email to: PromiseZones@hud.gov with "Third Round Promise Zone selections" in the subject line.

Questions or comments may also be directed by postal mail to:

Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development,
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,

451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7136
Washington, DC 20410
ATTN: Third Round Promise Zone selections

More information is available on the [Promise Zones website](#).

Adventure Opportunities

Applications for the [Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship](#) are due by October 1.

SIT Study Abroad is now accepting applications for [spring and summer 2016 programs](#).

The Experiment is accepting applications for [summer 2016 programs](#).

Apply for SIT Graduate Institute's new [Monitoring & Evaluation Certificate Program](#) in Washington, DC by November 16.

NEW VEGAS VISITORS WANT ZOMBIES, ASSAULT RIFLES

Some Vegas visitors are hungry for thrills such as fighting zombies in post-apocalyptic scenarios, pulling loops in high-performance airplanes and shooting fully automatic AK-47s

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz26524372>

How to Become a Great Executive Director

I wish I'd had a resource like this during my decade as an Executive Director. Lessons on managing staff, fundraising, your board relationship, and more. www.joangarry.com

Study of Holocaust survivors finds trauma passed on to children's genes

New finding is first example in humans of the theory of epigenetic inheritance: the idea that environmental factors can affect the genes of your children
theguardian.com|By Helen Thomson

[South Dakota no longer requires kids to learn about the Constitution, Native Americans, or slavery](#)

In case you haven't heard, the South Dakota Board of Education has dumped early American history from its K-12 curriculum. www.rawstory.com

[Anne Susan](#) · [YouTube](#) ·

Sharing Justin's video he made from his Washington DC trip. Yes, he and older sister Ashley had their sibling moments, they both seen the cost of living difference from home...good job son, awesome video I Have A Dream...

Washington D.C in September was amazing to say the least. Although family drama and expensive problems got in the way, I still had a good time. The Weather w... youtube.com

This Tower Pulls Drinking Water Out of Thin Air

Designer Arturo Vittori says his invention can provide remote villages with more than 25 gallons of clean drinking water per day smithsonianmag.com By Tuan C. Nguyen

Salmon to swim above Shasta Dam for first time in nearly 80 years **RYAN SABALOW, Sacramento Bee**

In just two years, Chinook salmon could be swimming above Shasta Dam for the first time in nearly eight decades under a proposal that would truck endangered hatchery-raised fish into a cold-water tributary that feeds the state's largest reservoir.

Water and Power: Toilet to tap makes a comeback Alice Walton, Los Angeles Times

Toilet to tap: In an effort to reduce Southern California's reliance on imported water, the Metropolitan Water District is considering a new recycling effort that would turn sewage into drinking water . [It would take about a decade to build the new infrastructure, and similar plants have cost \\$1 billion.](#) "If anything, this drought has demonstrated that you'd better have a diversified water portfolio or you're not going to survive very well," said Mark Gold, associate vice chancellor for environment and sustainability at UCLA.

University system offers internships aimed at battling drought Sonoma State Star

The internship program, which began in 2012, is in response to *California's water* crisis. In the program, students will have the chance to address the crisis.

Does optimism have a place in Western water politics? "When John Fleck began covering water (among other things) in 1995 for New Mexico's Albuquerque Journal, he assumed he'd be writing stories about dried out wells and cracked mud. After all, as a Los Angeles native who grew up in a suburb that had replaced an irrigated citrus orchard, he'd grown up reading books like *A River No More*, by Philip Fradkin, and *Cadillac Desert*, by Marc Reisner, essential reading for water nerds. As a journalist, he went looking for the kinds of stories these authors promised: stories of "conflict, crisis, and doom." But he found a very different narrative and after nearly 30 years spent covering some of the most pressing water issues in the West, Fleck is now writing a book, which is due to be published by Island Press next year. He recently spoke to HCN about the dilemma water journalists face these days— and why the West's water problems aren't as bad as we think. ... " Continue reading at High Country News here: [Does optimism have a place in Western water politics?](#)

Report: 'Unbundling Water Rights: Blueprint for Development of Robust Water

Allocation Systems in the Western US': Michael Campana writes, "Renee Martin-Nagle sent me this pioneering report from Duke University's Nicholas Institute by Australian water guru Michael Young and others, *Unbundling Water Rights: A Blueprint for Development of Robust Water Allocation Systems in the Western United States*. Renee noted that the plan advocates estimating a basin's runoff (both surface water and groundwater) and replacing water rights with water shares. Here is the summary: "This report lays out a blueprint for transitioning to robust water rights, allocation, and management systems in the western United States—a blueprint ready for pilot testing in Nevada's Diamond Valley and Humboldt Basin ... " Continue reading at Water Wired here: [Report: 'Unbundling Water Rights: Blueprint for Development of Robust](#)

[Water Allocation Systems in the Western US'](#)

Resilience, and pulling the end cap on the new Las Vegas Lake Mead

intake: “Southern Nevada Water Authority crews pulled the end cap off of the agency’s new, deeper Lake Mead intake today, and by this weekend they’ll be pumping water from the new system. This is a major milestone in a system that, when completed, provides critical water management breathing room for the entire Colorado River Basin. Theorists of “resilience” have adopted ideas from the study of ecology to what they call “social-ecological systems”. One of the critical elements is the idea of “regime shifts” – points in the evolution in the system at which change becomes sudden rather than gradual. ...” Read more from the Inkstain blog here:

[Resilience, and pulling the end cap on the new Las Vegas Lake Mead intake](#)

[Canada headed for conflict unless political class commits to renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples: TRC chair](#)

Lack of education in Canada of 'true relationship' contributes to problem, said Sinclair Jorge Barrera

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Digital, audience and engagement strategy survey

Sep 29, 2015 10:58 am | Rich Cherry

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Smithsonian Hackathon Prize Gaming Challenge

| Nancy Proctor

Smithsonian Hackathon Prize Gaming Challenge September 26 – 27, 2015 8:00 AM Saturday – 7:00 PM Sunday Event Location: Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, 10th street & Constitution Ave NW, Washington DC 20560 Register: <http://go.si.edu/site/Calendar/2125831160?view=Detail&id=100941> Are you inspired by nature? ... [Continue reading →](#)

Holland & Hart Launches Biggest Little Startup Competition

Holland & Hart, in partnership with The Abbi Agency and J.A. Solari & Partners, has launched the Biggest Little Startup Competition from September 25 to November 12 to support the growth of one emerging Northern Nevada company. The winner of the competition will be awarded a prize package valued at \$25,000, which includes \$5,000 cash, corporate legal services from Holland & Hart, PR and marketing services from The Abbi Agency, and accounting services from J.A. Solari & Partners.

The contest will take place in two phases:

Phase One — Video Entry and Votin

Participants are asked to submit a three-minute video describing their startup concept and what entrepreneurship means to them to the competition's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/biggestlittlestartup by October 16. The public will vote for their favorite startup video through



Facebook from October 16 to October 31. The five entered videos with the most Facebook votes on October 31 will be selected to participate in a live pitch competition.

Phase Two — Live Pitch

The five videos with the most votes will participate in a live pitch competition on November 12 at the University of Nevada, Reno Innovation Center in Reno. A panel of judges will select one winner based on depth of business planning, previous sales performance or test marketing, and growth strategy. The winner selected at the live pitch competition will be awarded the prize package valued at \$25,000.

Only existing or proposed businesses are eligible to enter the Biggest Little Startup Competition. To be eligible to participate, businesses must 1) maintain a primary operating location within 100 miles of Reno; and 2) gross income in any of the years 2013, 2014, or the first nine months of 2015 that does not exceed \$300,000.

Utah Congressman Vows to Kill America's Top Parks Program

The move -- which is expected to succeed -- places dozens of U.S. national parks at heightened risk of commercial development. thinkprogress.org

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BLM to present Sloan Canyon plans at meeting — VIDEO

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Concept design for Sloan Canyon Access Road (Ross Weckesser/YouTube)

By Ricardo Torres Las Vegas Review-Journal

A paved road and parking lot, restrooms and hiking trails are part of the plans for Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and the Bureau of Land Management wants to know your thoughts about it.

Bureau officials will hold a meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday to present the proposal and answer questions.

The meeting will be held at Levi Strauss & Co., 501 Executive Airport Drive in Henderson.

Officials also will discuss other alternatives for the 48,438-acre conservation area about 25 miles southeast of Las Vegas, BLM said.

The paved access road would start at Democracy Drive and end at a paved parking area near Petroglyph Canyon, BLM said. A temporary visitor contact station with restrooms and information also would be built. Trails would be added to the hiking network already available.

A concept animation of what the access road might look like is available on YouTube.

Comment cards will be available at Thursday's meeting, and public input will be accepted through Oct. 12 at bwarner@blm.gov.

An environmental analysis of the proposed actions is available online at <http://1.usa.gov/1VdYEke>.

The conservation area was established in 2002 and funded with \$63 million from the sale of 480 acres at the southern edge of Henderson. The area ranges from lowland dry lake beds to volcanic rock peaks, and includes several large concentrations of American Indian rock art.

Access to Sloan Canyon currently is provided by a few dozen miles of hiking trails and a 4-mile rocky road only suitable for high-clearance, four-wheel drive vehicles.

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