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***The beautiful California Red Sided Garter Snake.***

***As it's name suggests, this gorgeous creature is found in California. They're not dangerous to humans.***

**EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Approve New Definition of “Waters of the United States”:** “The U.S. EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today that they have jointly approved a new definition of the key term “waters of the United States,” a term that defines the limits of federal jurisdiction over surface waters under the Clean Water Act and several other federal laws. The rule containing the new definition will become effective 60 days after its publication in the Federal Register, which typically occurs within a week or so of the agencies' public announcement of a new rule. [Read the 297-page rule here.](#) The agencies announced the new rule after several years of wrestling with this regulatory definition, which establishes the scope of federal wetlands permitting authority, federal discharge limitations, and other important programs. EPA and the Corps assert in the preamble to the rule that this new definition is “narrower” than the existing regulatory definition, and that “fewer waters will be defined as ‘waters of the United States’” than under existing regulations. In the debate leading up to today's announcement, however, a variety of affected parties – landowners, developers,

farmers, manufacturers and others – have argued that the agencies' effort to redefine “[waters of the United States](#)” will lead to a broadening of federal jurisdiction. ...” Read more from Allen Matkins here: [EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Approve New Definition of “Waters of the United States”](#)”

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### [California drought: Farmers' 'senior' water rights under siege](#)

Lisa M. Krieger, Contra Costa Times

A 143-year-old piece of paper proves that Rudy Mussi has a legal right to water from the gently meandering Middle River that nourishes his family farm.



Navajo mother and child. 1914. Photo by Pennington & Rowland. Source - Library of Congress.



[MOSES ON THE MESA](#) with [Knyll Caldona](#) and [7 others](#)

Geronimo.  
Apache. 1897. Fort Sill, Oklahoma.  
Photo by Ed Irwin.  
Source - Denver Public Library

Today's selection -- from *The Battle for God* by Karen Armstrong. The Axial Age was a historical period from 700 to 200 BCE that saw the rise of many of the major religions around the globe that are still with us today. **Whereas hunter-gatherer societies had been largely egalitarian**, the rise of agricultural societies brought the creation of a large and vulnerable peasant class that did not share in the new prosperity. This seems to have been a major impetus for the independent beginnings of Buddhism and Hinduism in India, Confucianism and Taoism in the Far East, and monotheism in the Middle East:

"There was a ... transitional period in the ancient world, lasting roughly from 700 to 200 BCE, which historians have called the Axial Age because it was pivotal to the spiritual development of humanity. This age was itself the product and fruition of thousands of years of economic, and therefore social and cultural, evolution, beginning in Sumer in what is now Iraq, and in ancient Egypt. People in the fourth and third millennia BCE, instead of simply growing enough crops to satisfy their immediate needs, became capable of producing an agricultural surplus with which they could trade and thereby acquire additional income. This enabled them to build the first civilizations, develop the arts, and create increasingly powerful polities: cities, city-states, and, eventually, empires. In agrarian society, power no longer lay exclusively with the local king or priest; its locus shifted at least partly to the marketplace, the source of each culture's wealth. In these altered circumstances, people ultimately began to find that the old paganism, which had served their ancestors well, no longer spoke fully to their condition.

### **The Philosophers of the "Axial Age": Socrates, Confucius, Buddha, and Zarathustra**

"In the cities and empires of the Axial Age, citizens were acquiring a wider perspective and broader horizons, which made the old local cults seem limited and parochial. Instead of seeing the divine as embodied in a number of different deities, people increasingly began to worship a single, universal transcendence and source of sacredness. They had more leisure and were thus able to develop a richer interior life; accordingly, they came to desire a spirituality which did not depend entirely upon external forms. The most sensitive were troubled by the social injustice that seemed built into this agrarian society, depending as it did on the labor of peasants who never had the chance to benefit from the high culture.

"Consequently, prophets and reformers arose who insisted that the virtue of compassion was crucial to the spiritual life: an ability to see sacredness in every single human being, and a willingness to take practical care of the more vulnerable members of society, became the test of authentic piety. In this way, during the Axial Age, the great confessional faiths that have continued to guide human beings sprang up in the civilized world: Buddhism and Hinduism in India, Confucianism and Taoism in the Far East; monotheism in the Middle East; and rationalism in Europe. Despite their major differences, these Axial Age religions had much in common: they all built on the old traditions to evolve the idea of a single, universal transcendence; they cultivated an internalized spirituality, and stressed the importance of practical compassion."

**The Battle for God** Author: Karen Armstrong Publisher: Ballantine Books  
Copyright 2000 Pages: xiv-xv

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### **F.C.C. Chief Seeks Broadband Plan to Aid the Poor By REBECCA R. RUIZ**

The plan will suggest sweeping changes to a \$1.7 billion subsidy program charged with ensuring all Americans have affordable access to advanced telecommunications services.

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***Remember when archiving certain media to keep the hardware that plays it! sdc***  
GADGETWISE

## **Keeping Your Classic Tech Devices Running**

By J. D. BIERSDORFER NYT 5.28.15

From house calls to mail-in service, there is a repair option out there for your cherished but obsolete gadgets. [new photos](#)\*.

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**Environmentalists suggest drought diet to save precious water** KABC-TV  
*California's water* shortage has environmentalists suggesting a ... It's the invisible water that's embedded into our daily life," said Evan Marks of the Ecology.

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**Want to know your water footprint? Take the test on the [water calculator website](#).**

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**Join us Thursday, June 25, 1–3 pm for "Saving Cursive: New tools in the fight for Handwriting" in our McGowan Theater at the [US National Archives](#) in DC.**

Digital technology and time pressures in today's classroom raise questions about whether teaching cursive handwriting is relevant or worthwhile. However, growing research says cursive provides benefits that keyboarding does not and linking handwriting to academic success. Linda Shrewsbury, creator and president of CursiveLogic, comes to the handwriting debate with a tool to teach cursive in a fraction of the time it's previously taken. She will demonstrate her intuitive approach for teaching cursive handwriting. Consider this event one step towards preserving cursive for the next generation. (This program is presented in partnership with Fahrney's Pens.)

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**National Self Help Housing Conference** San Antonio, TX 7/21/2015 - 7/23/2015

This year's conference theme, 50 Years of Building Dreams, celebrates the half-century success of the USDA Rural Development Section 523 program.

The conference will feature informative and interactive workshops delving into timely topics, as well as providing opportunities for sharing best practices, networking and motivational keynote speakers. [Register](#)

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### **Cave Creek Museum**

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Website: <http://www.cavecreekmuseum.org>

**Institutional Overview** Collects, preserves, and interprets the prehistory and history of the desert foothills from A.D. 1200 to the present. Exhibits focus on prehistoric Native American communities and turn-of-the-century Euro-American ranching and mining settlements.

Provides exhibits, lectures, special tours, a traveling trunk exhibit, and a research library focusing on Cave Creek, Carefree, and Foothills history.

### **Collection Overview**

Archaeology gallery. Artifacts and dwellings primarily from the Arizona area. Several hundred

items on display, including approximately four hundred pieces of pottery, five Navajo rugs, one sandal form, miscellaneous textiles, and a replica of a thirteenth-century Hohokam house.

Artifacts on display are drawn primarily from the Hinkley, Heckel, and Sierra Vista Collections. The artifacts from 5 local excavations are also on display which include Octotillo, Livingston, Mueller, Quarter Circle Ranch and the Shogur ruins.

In March 2009, a parade of strange pieces of iron and wood, marked with years of use, wended its way to the Museum from deep within Continental Mountain. Today, the parts of the historic Gold Reef Mine 10-stamp Mill are arrayed neatly south of the Museum building, on display as an outside "exhibit in progress." The massive mechanical elements are not idle. Volunteers are working to reconnect the various components so that they will one day be an active demonstration of a behemoth operation to pulverize gold ore.

Al Zeman, the stamp mill restoration coordinator, met with Charlie Connell, an Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum volunteer, in January 2009 to discuss the possibility of restoring the stamp mill. First, though, they had to figure out how to get the massive pieces from a remote area in the Continental Mountains to the Museum. The Mortar boxes alone weighed over 5,000 pounds each while each of the stamps was approximately 1,500 pounds. Fortunately, Arizona Public Service (APS) and Section Leader for Hauling Services, Mike Northrop, agreed to help with the move. Three arduous trips later, volunteers and APS workers had moved the bulk of the stamp mill from the millsite to the Cave Creek Museum.

**Cartwright Ranch exhibit.** Paraphernalia from the original Cartwright Ranch (at one time, Arizona's largest ranch). Objects include cattle brands, bridles, horseshoes, saddles, ropes, horseshoeing equipment, fence-pulling equipment, and one photograph of the Cartwright Ranch.

**Natural History display.** Exhibits focusing on desert flora and fauna and touchables for exploration.

**Tubercular Cabin.** An original residence cabin from the Desmont Sanitarium, ca. 1920. Described by the Arizona Historical Society as the last original tubercular cabin in Arizona. Furnished with period pieces, including a rocking chair, an iron bed, and a bedside table. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Library.** Comprehensive collection of early Cave Creek newspapers; scrapbooks; clippings; photos; telephone directories. Newspapers include the Cave Creek Sentinel, the Black Mountain News, and a nearly complete collection of Cave Creek's original newspaper, the Vacuum Cleaner. Scrapbooks from the Desert Hills Women's Club, the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Black Mountain Community Church. Clippings and photos of Cave Creek residents, history, and government; Desert Foothills Land Trust; local mines; local ranches; and other miscellaneous topics. Telephone directories dating from the earliest telephone service in the area (late 1940s).

**Sears-Kay Ruin.** Thirteenth-century Hohokam village located approximately ten miles from Cave Creek Museum. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Archival materials: 8 l.f. archival materials  
Artifacts: 4,000 items.

### **Collections**

Heckel Native American pottery collection. (A.D. 700-1400)  
Hinkley, William E. Native American pottery collection. (A.D. 700-1400)  
Livingston Site Pre-historic collection (AD 1100-1200)  
Mueller Site Prehistoric Collection (AD 1150 – 1450)  
Mueller Site Prehistoric Collection (AD 1150 – 1450) Shogur Ruin Pre-historic Collection (AD 950 – 1150)  
Ocotillo Site Pre-historic & Historic Collection (AD 1800's)  
Quarter Circle One Ranch Collection (AD 850 – 1250)  
Sierra Vista Collection.

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### **Casa Grande Valley Historical Society**

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Website: <http://www.cgvhs.org> [Map](#)

Collects, preserves, interprets, and disseminates the history and culture of the Casa Grande Valley, including all of Pinal County and Arizona where local ties exist. Primary cultures include Hispanic, American-West European, African-American and Native American. Collections principally from the historic period, although some pre-historic materials are collected to show background and relationships; they include transportation, agriculture, mining, commerce, and local, prehistoric habitation. The renovated Southside Colored Grammar School, which once served the children of local cotton workers, is on the grounds.

Archival materials: 124 l.f. Artifacts: 12,000 items  
Books, periodicals, newspapers: 2,000 titles Photographs: 22,000 items

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### **Buckeye Valley Museum**

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Promotes understanding and appreciation of items of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance to Buckeye Valley and the surrounding communities. Collections include pre-historic pottery and stone tools, historic and modern baskets, bottles, kitchenware, furniture, saddles, photographs, mounted animals, tools, books, historic documents, and ephemera.

Artifacts: 3,000 items

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### **Arizona Room**

Arizona Room Librarian, 1221 N. Central Ave., 2nd floor, [Phoenix](#), AZ 85004  
Tel: 602-262-4636 Fax: 602-261-8800 [Map](#)  
Website: <http://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/pageView.jsp?id=6017>

The Arizona Room, located on the fourth floor of the Burton Barr Central Library, contains a research collection of books, magazines, maps and other materials reflecting the heritage, lifestyle and geography of the desert Southwest from prehistoric times to the present. Topics in this carefully selected collection range from Arizona history to histories of Arizona communities and cities and Southwestern Native American tribes. Examples of additional subjects available include the water, plants, animals, archaeology, geology, art, ranching, military history, transportation, cooking and travel of Arizona.

Specialized resources include:

- Newspaperman and Rough Rider James H. McClintock collection of correspondence, photographs and newspaper clippings
- Arizona telephone directories - prior years with Phoenix directories to 1923
- Arizona city directories - with Phoenix directories to 1892
- Phoenix high school yearbooks, including early 20th century Phoenix Union High School yearbooks
- Arizona Census 1870 - 1930 on microfilm
- Arizona Republic newspaper clipping files (mid 1960's - 1989)
- University of Arizona index to Arizona Periodicals
- Arizona 7.5 minute topographic maps
- Phoenix aerial surveys (earliest is 1968)
- Biographies (more than 1,200)
- Historic maps
- Sanborn Maps
- Headquarters Records of Fort Verde, Arizona Territory
- Interior Department appointment papers, Arizona Territory

Due to the nature of the collection, materials may **ONLY BE USED IN THE ROOM**. Copying of most materials is available at 20 cents per page and **PENCILS ONLY** may be used for writing. No food or drink is permitted in the Arizona Room.

### **Collection Overview**

Arizona Republic : newspaper clippings, mid-1960s to 1989.

Maps. -- Topographic maps, county highway atlases, territorial and city maps, geologic maps, forest maps, and Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

McClintock, James H. : papers and photographs. -- 27 linear feet. -- McClintock was a member of the Rough Riders and a local newspaperman.

Phoenix aerial surveys, 1968 to present.

Phoenix city directories.

Phoenix high schools : yearbooks.

Archival materials: 27 linear feet      Maps: 2,500 items  
Moving images: 73 items      Periodicals: 200 titles      Texts: 25,000 volumes  
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## **Another School District Needing Help To Make The Right Decision**

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO SEND AN EMAIL TO THE DISTRICT & CC ME  
[andrekaruk@ncidc.org](mailto:andrekaruk@ncidc.org)

I am writing today to protest your decision to violate the Civil Rights (American Indian Civil Rights Act) of Christian Titman. His right to wear eagle feathers is guaranteed under the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (American Indian Religious Freedom Act). He also has the right to wear his feathers as it is considered to be a mark of academic distinction much like gold National Honor Society cords.

Graduation is a significant event in the community. The traditional gifting of a feather is an honor that is shared with the public to mark the importance of the achievement of the recipient. If you would allow a Sikh student to wear a turban or a Christian student to wear a cross then you must not be hypocritical in denying Native Americans the right to wear the symbols of their culture that mark this success.



It is your duty to support and exalt your students, not make punitive decisions that negatively impact their self-esteem. Celebrate this milestone reached in cooperation with your district by confirming the importance of this accomplishment by allowing Mr. Titman to respectfully adorn his mortarboard to note his achievement. I urge the Clovis Unified School District to protect the inherent legal and moral rights of your American Indian students.

Most Sincerely,  
*André P. Cramblit*      [andrekaruk@ncidc.org](mailto:andrekaruk@ncidc.org)  
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Jeanette Allen shared [The Logical Indian's](#) video.:

[What did you say to him?](#) 03:10

### [The Logical Indian](#)

This video will touch your heart for sure. The message is so powerful that it will change many hearts as well. Also, It clearly explains what true communication is all about. Watch it and share it to make it reach more people and change their hearts for good!

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## HUD Updates

**HUD/ONAP Position Announcement:** - Grants Management Specialist (Denver, CO). Below are the Internal and External links to the job announcement(s).

Visit [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov) for more details.

MP (Internal): <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/404575000?share=email>

DEU (External): <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/404575100?share=email>

*Additionally, below is the May 2015 Recap of **What's New on CodeTalk**, HUD's Office of Native American Programs New and Improved website.* Stay current and Bookmark the link at [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih)

Here's a recap of what's new on the Codetalk webpages this month.

1. [Codetalk Homepage makeover!](#) New look includes links to the new [Best Practices page](#). Projects featured will rotate monthly.  
Under "What's New":
  1. **ONAP is hiring!** Links to Supervisory Native American Program Specialists, in Washington DC and Lead Grants Management (Team Leader) in Denver, CO job openings.
  2. **ICDBG Mold.** Webcast link, NOFA PowerPoint, and FAQs added.
  3. **Streamlining the Environmental Review Process Initiative.** Link to Dear Tribal Leader letter and May 6<sup>th</sup> Interim Report.
  4. **Summer 2015 Federal Government Opportunities for Native Youth.** Link to document with summer internships and scholarships.
  5. **White House Tribal Youth Gathering in Washington, DC July 9, 2015 .** Includes links to White House announcement, application, and 2014 Native Youth Report
  6. **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, South Dakota named a 2015 Promise Zone.** Includes links to Pine Ridge Promise Zone Summary and Federal Resources for Rural and Tribal Communities
1. [Best Practices page](#) **New page!**
  1. Includes links to view projects by [Activity Type](#) or by [Region](#), and
  2. Links to HUD PD&R reports, Title VI success stories, case studies, and other agency best practices.
1. [Dear Tribal Leader Letters](#) **New page!** Links to pdf letters published chronologically.
1. [Tribal Leaders page](#)
  1. Added link to [Dear Tribal Leader Letters](#) page under subsection "Consultation"
1. [ICDBG](#)
  1. 2015 ICDBG Mold NOFA Presentation and webcast link added to "Related Information" subsection.
1. [Gen-I](#)

1. Added link for Gen-I (Generation Indigenous) under “Information for Youth” on [Codetalk Home](#) , [AKONAP](#) , [EWONAP](#) , [NPONAP](#) , [NwONAP](#) , [SPONAP](#) , and [SWONAP](#) homepages.
  1. [HUD Tribal Consultation](#)
    1. Added link to Tribal Government To Government Consultation Policy: Solicitation of Public Comment (published April 8, 2015)
  1. [Negotiated Rulemaking page](#)
    1. Added link to 2014 Formula Neg Reg (page managed by First Pic)
    2. Consolidated narrative summary of 2010 process and committee members onto the [2010 IHBG Neg Reg page](#)
  1. [Section 184 Home](#)
    1. Revised Maximum Loan Limits by County published. Effective date: May 1, 2015
  1. [Tribe and TDHE Section 184 Resources](#)
    1. Revision to state that annual mortgage premium of .15 percent payable monthly
  1. [Forms Page](#)
    1. IHP/APR Form Guidance replaced with January 2015 edition
    2. Updated IHP/APR (HUD-52737) to hyperlink to HUDClips
  1. [NAHASDA Program Guidance](#)
    1. **2015-01a** Income Limits under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996- Amends the calculation chart for Alaska
    2. **2014-11 IHP/APR Guidance Attachment** replaced with January 2015 edition
  1. **Latest version of the GE G**
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**Hey It's Friday!**



[Project Noah](#)

In our Spotting of the Day, we introduce you to this spectacled leaf monkey, also known as the dusky leaf monkey or dusky langur. Enjoy!