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It feels so good to be indigenous!!!

***The 'driest place on Earth' is covered in pink flowers
after a crazy year of rain***



Sherry Rupert

Grand Marshall

Nevada Day Parade

October 2015

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The Legend of the Red Headed Giants

One day I am looking into the story of the Lovelock Giants and decide to call the Nevada State Museum. I speak with a Dr. Gene Hattori who is the curator of ... youtube.com

- Spirit Cave and Lovelock Nevada Mummies - CAUCASIANS IN ANCIENT AMERICA White Caucasian remains found in Ancient America. Indian tribes want to get rid of ALL white prehistorical evidence in America under the NAGPRA Law, they can...youtube.com

California Farmer Gifts 700 Acres Of Coastal Land Back To Native American Tribe October 28, 2015 by Amanda Froelich

For the first time in over a century, the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians will be able to enjoy the Pacific coast where they and their ancestors once hunted, fished, and roamed free.

150 years ago, the Pomo Native American tribe was forced to move inland and abandon the community's coastal home in California. They left behind 668 acres of dense redwood forest, dramatic coastline, and the ability to roam and hunt freely for a small, water-poor reservation.

In 1925, the Richardson family purchased the expanse of land and was delighted in its coastal bluffs, waterfalls, and history. One member of the family, however, always knew the land didn't *really* belong to them, therefore, donated it back to the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians *last week*.

As Good News Network reports, the Tribe may now expand its reservation to 18-times its previous size. And, for the first time in over a hundred years, the people will once again be able to enjoy the Pacific coast where they and their ancestors once hunted, fished, and lived free.

It took five years of fundraising by the Sonoma County government, The Trust for Public Land and private foundations and groups for the vision to become a reality. The effort was worth it, however, as the newly established Kashia Coastal Reserve **restored ownership of the land to the tribe** *last week*.

Sonoma County contributed two million dollars for the project while another six million was raised by the coalition of groups seeking to buy the property for the Kashia. In exchange, the California Coastal Trail will now extend north for one mile across their land, giving the public access to a cliff walk overlooking the breathtaking stretch of coastline.

KNTV shares (above) that the Tribe will manage the land as protected open space, as well as use the reclaimed land to educate the public about the history and practices of native people in the area.

Similar to Johnny Depp intending to purchase the site of Wounded Knee Massacre and gift it back to Native American tribes, this good news is a reminder that kind people *do* exist on this planet and are working hard to remedy wrongs carried out in the past.

The land will be available to the Pomo Indians immediately, and Bill Richardson will get to live out his days on the mile-long stretch of property. When he passes, his body will be buried on a hillside overlooking the [ocean](#).

The Stream: The Global Rundown

Heatwaves in **Middle East** cities, including **Abu Dhabi** and **Dubai**, are on track to become unbearably hot for humans by the end of the century if climate change continues, scientists found. Communities in the **Philippines** are struggling to recover from Typhoon Koppu's floods, while floods in **Texas** linked to Hurricane Patricia could leave the state with a hefty bill. **Laos** plans to expand its hydropower capacity to increase electricity exports. Tar sand operations in **Canada** are withdrawing too much water from the Athabasca River, according to an environmental group. Residents of **Florida** say water is the state's biggest environmental threat.

"Giving companies first rights to water, over longstanding Indigenous treaties or any other recognized water licenses holders is clearly a human rights issue."—Jesse Cardinal, coordinator of the Keepers of the Athabasca environmental group, on [concerns about water withdrawals from Canada's Athabasca River](#) for tar sand mining. The group says low water levels in the river are disrupting the fall harvest for First Nations communities. (*Vice*)

Climate change poses major threats to electric power systems in Native American communities

Extreme weather events and climate change affect the way that American Indian tribes use, receive, and produce energy, according to a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) report.

[Read more](#)

Former Idaho governor sues U.S. Department of Energy over nuclear waste plan

Salmon, Idaho - A former Idaho governor is suing the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) over its plan to ship spent fuel from out-of-state commercial nuclear reactors to a laboratory in the state, claiming the shipment could endanger drinking water. [Read more](#)

NAFOA: Inspiring Native American students to pursue business careers for positive change in Indian Country

Building financial skills of the next generation is important to achieving the vision of many tribes' long-term economic viability. Watch the NAFOA next generation campaign [video](#)

According to the Economic Research Service, a U.S. Department of Agriculture agency, in the past three decades the number of women-operated farms has increased substantially in the nation. Between 1978 and 2007, when the last agriculture census was completed, the number of women-operated farms in the U.S. grew from 306,200 to nearly a million. Women run 13 percent of all the nation's farms and are 30 percent of all farmers in the U.S.

<http://www.rcac.org/elizabeth-zach/who-are-these-women/>

Data: Majority of Nevadans seeking school vouchers live in upscale suburbs

New data provide the first glimpse into who's applying for the state's voucher-like education program. The...

lasvegassun.com

'It was obviously a policy not to report them': New research finds at least 3,000 confirmed...

At least 3,000 children, including four under the age of 10 found huddled together in frozen embrace, are now known to have died during attendance at Canada's...www.nationalpost.com

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Pueblo Stories By the Fire

- Saturday,
November 28
at 5:00pm -
6:00pm in MST

Indian Pueblo Cultural
Center 2401 12th St
NW, Albuquerque, New
Mexico 87104

Join the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center for this family holiday event inspired by the Pueblo wintertime tradition of storytelling. Hear a traditional Pueblo story told fireside followed by a hands-on art activity inspired by the story. A meaningful way to learn about Pueblo traditions and experience Pueblo hospitality.



Offered 4 Saturdays this holiday season!
Saturday, November 28th - storyteller TBA
Saturday, December 5th - Eldrena Douma (Laguna/Hopi)
Saturday, December 12th - Lee Francis IV (Laguna)
Saturday, December 19th - storyteller TBA

The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo - An Interview with Kent Nerburn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-YHyU_nCww

New World Library Published on Feb 25, 2014

Award winning author Kent Nerburn talks about his book THE GIRL WHO SANG TO THE BUFFALO, which completes the trilogy that started with NEITHER WOLF NOR DOG and THE WOLF AT TWILIGHT. For more info visit <http://www.newworldlibrary.com> or <http://www.kentnerburn.com>

Churches in Northern Nevada

The first official Pentecostal church in Nevada was the Glad Tidings Assemblies of God Church of Reno, organized in 1921. Its humble beginnings were common to many early Pentecostal churches. The congregants first met in a home, then in a tent, moved to a second-floor rental at Fourth and Virginia streets, from there to a rented facility at 541 N. Sierra, and finally settled at Bell Street near Fifth. The congregation chose Rev. J. D. Wells, who served as pastor until 1924. He subsequently devoted himself to evangelization of Native Americans and through his writings contributed to the Assemblies of God mission in Battle Mountain. Rural Pentecostal Nevadans were active elsewhere in establishing churches on Shoshone and Paiute Indian reservations. The Native American congregations remained numerically small (never numbering more than 5 percent of the reservation population), but their churches were active in addressing problems of alcoholism and unemployment.

- See more at: <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/pentecostalis-nevada#sthash.Ifz196b8.dpuf>

Harvard Law Library Readies Trove of Decisions for Digital Age By ERIK ECKHOLM

Harvard and a private company are creating a searchable database of American case law to be on the Internet for free, allowing instant retrieval of vital records that had been available, for a price.

California drought puts Chinook salmon in danger of extinction

ELLEN KNICKMEYER, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another deadly summer of drought has heightened fears of extinction in the wild for an iconic California salmon, federal officials said Wednesday.

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U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx Announces \$500 Million in TIGER Grants Awarded to 39 Projects

Projects Target Future Needs in Rural and Urban Communities

WASHINGTON – U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx today announced that the Department of Transportation will provide \$500 million for 39 transportation projects in 34 states, some projects spanning several states, from its TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) 2015 program. This year rural areas received 43% of the project awards, a higher percentage than any previous year.

The Department received 627 eligible applications from 50 states and several U.S. territories, including Tribal governments, requesting 20 times the \$500 million available for the program, or \$10.1 billion for needed transportation projects.

“Transportation is always about the future. If we're just fixing today's problems, we'll fall further and further behind. We already know that a growing population and increasing freight traffic will require our system to do more,” said Secretary Foxx. “In this round of TIGER, we selected projects that focus on where the country’s transportation infrastructure needs to be in the future;

ever safer, ever more innovative, and ever more targeted to open the floodgates of opportunity across America.”

Projects funded through this round of TIGER support several key transportation goals:

Connecting Our Communities to Opportunities: In selecting projects, Secretary Foxx prioritized the extent to which the proposed project strengthens access to opportunities through transportation improvements. The Department seeks to enhance long-term employment opportunities for all Americans by investing in transportation projects that better connect communities to centers of employment, education, and services, especially in economically distressed areas. Examples include:

- A \$10 million grant to develop complete streets and a linear park trail in Kalispell, Montana that will catalyze redevelopment in the heart of the community by relocating rail serving the neighboring industrial park and removing rail from the downtown area.
- **A \$2.9 million grant to assist in the construction of critical roads and sidewalks in the Native Village of Point Hope, Alaska, and the purchase of ADA-compliant transit buses to provide accessible transportation throughout the community.**
- A \$20 million grant to develop a new 15-mile bus rapid transit (BRT) line in Birmingham, Alabama, connecting Birmingham’s residents, especially low-income citizens, to employment centers, educational opportunities, and community services.
- A \$15 million grant to more than double the existing streetcar system in Tacoma, Washington, better connecting the downtown to major employment, medical, education, and other institutions.
- A \$20.8 million grant to construct transit facilities in growing rural areas of Texas, and to buy replacement transit vehicles that will provide service to rural areas, and that will have improved safety and accessibility features for persons with disabilities.

Improving Safety: To make the U.S. transportation system the safest in the world, DOT strives to improve public health and safety by reducing transportation-related fatalities and injuries. TIGER grantees include projects that improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and rail-highway grade crossings, and upgrade deteriorating infrastructure. Examples include:

- **A \$15 million grant to construct a grade separated highway overpass at the intersection of State Route 347 and a double track rail line in Maricopa, Arizona, fostering a safe, connected, accessible transportation system for the multimodal movement of people, goods, and services.**
- **A \$1 million grant to help complete a bike and pedestrian network in the Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico, creating safe bicycle and pedestrian access linking economic centers to residential areas, and serving as the catalyst to the revitalization of the traditional village areas of the Pueblo of Laguna.**

- A \$16 million grant for improvements to support the accelerated replacement of the century-old Portal Bridge that crosses the Hackensack River in New Jersey, which will improve aging infrastructure and ultimately facilitate faster, safer, and more reliable rail traffic on one of the

most congested segments of the Northeast Corridor.



- A \$16.9 million grant to convert Dixie Highway in Louisville, Kentucky to a BRT corridor to better connect the southwest part of the city to jobs, social services, education, and medical care along the corridor, including safer options for

bicyclists and pedestrians.

Supporting Innovation: The Department of Transportation is bullish about supporting innovation in our transportation solutions. Meeting the challenges of tomorrow will require not only higher levels of investment in maintaining and expanding our infrastructure, but supporting the integration of technology that can maximize transportation assets and potentially deliver game-changing safety and efficiency enhancements. In this round of TIGER, DOT invested in efforts to advance innovation. Examples include:

- A \$25 million grant to implement a regional truck parking information management system along interstates in Kansas, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, providing truck drivers with reliable, real-time information to make smarter, more efficient truck parking decisions.
- A \$9 million grant to assist in the construction of a multimodal travel plaza on I-95 in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, that will include electric vehicle charging stations, a secured bicycle parking area and a newly constructed welcome center with incorporated solar panels.
- A \$6.8 million grant to assist in the development and deployment of technology for fixed and demand-response transit operators in rural transit service areas across rural Ohio.

This is the seventh TIGER round since 2009, bringing the total grant amount to \$4.6 billion provided to 381 projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including 134 projects to support rural and tribal communities. Demand for the program has been

overwhelming, to date the Department of Transportation has received more than 6,700 applications requesting more than \$134 billion for transportation projects across the country.

The GROW AMERICA Act, the Administration's surface transportation legislative proposal, would keep TIGER roaring with \$7.5 billion over six years for TIGER grants.

Click [here](#) for additional information on individual TIGER grants.

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Obama Administration Names 9 Communities Chosen As Finalists for Pilot to Improve the Outcomes of Disconnected Youth

The Obama Administration announced today that nine communities will receive flexibility and start-up grants of up to \$700,000 to implement innovative programs to improve outcomes for disconnected youth.

The Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth (P3) is a collaboration of six federal agencies – the U.S. Departments of [Education](#), [Labor](#), [Health and Human Services](#) and [Justice](#), along with the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) and the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) – to respond jointly to common challenges that communities face.

“The great thing about the performance partnership pilots is that they give states, cities, towns and native communities the flexibility to pool funding for programs and services that can improve outcomes for youth who aren't in school, working, or in education and training,” said Shaun Donovan, Director of the Office of Management and Budget. “This will help change lives for 10,000 young people, particularly boys and girls of color who can succeed if given the opportunity.”

“With this pilot program, these nine communities have a real shot at changing the prospects for many of our disconnected youth, particularly for young men of color,” said Education Secretary Arne Duncan. “If



we care about our country's future, we must work together — at the local, state and federal levels — to reconnect all young people with the education and career pathways that lead away from poverty, desperation and violence and toward a renewed sense of community, stability and success.”

The finalist communities are Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Broward County, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; Southeastern Kentucky (including Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, Letcher and Perry counties); **Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Indian Tribe (El Paso, Texas)**; Indianapolis, Indiana; Los Angeles, California; the state of Oklahoma; and Seattle, Washington.

“These partnerships are breaking down unproductive stovepipes to better connect young people with training, education and work experience,” said Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez. “This holistic approach will help young people who have already faced significant barriers access new opportunities and find their path to good jobs that pay family sustaining wages.”

The idea is simple: agencies give communities greater flexibility to use federal funding more effectively, and communities agree to be more accountable for concrete outcomes for youth, further delivering on the President's [My Brother's Keeper](#) initiative. Government and community partners have invested considerable attention and resources to meet the needs of disconnected youth. However, there are significant programmatic and administrative obstacles to achieving meaningful improvements in education, employment, health and well-being for these young people. Many of these challenges can be addressed by improving coordination among programs and targeting resources to those approaches that achieve the best results for youth.

Sierra Nevada Geotourism

October 2015

There are few better indoor activities than exploring a museum, plus, here in the Sierra you'll find most of our museums take advantage of their incredible outdoor surroundings too. With the cooler weather rolling in, a list of recommended museums seems more than appropriate.

The Sierra's history is filled with intrigue, from railroads to logging, precious metals to dinosaurs, pioneers to the Native American community, our museums have so very much to offer.

Check out four recommended museums below, then visit the [Web Map](#) for dozens more. We also want you to stay tuned for exciting announcements about our next Sierra Nevada Geotourism auction, scheduled to go live November 17th!

American River Nature Center

Featuring hands-on natural history exhibits, live animals and a bookstore, the [American River Nature Center](#) is located in the historic Kane House in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in Coloma.

The Nature Center offers hands-on learning about the local environment and natural history. Native animal mounts such as mountain lion, fox, bobcat, river otter and deer, and live specimens including California tiger salamander, Rosy boa, Northern leopard frog are also a main focus of the Center.

Take a self-guided tour through the native plant garden surrounding the Nature Center and learn about ways to attract wildlife to your own yard. Many displays and exhibits change quarterly, so go and check out what's new at the Nature Center! Click [here](#) to learn more.

Eastern California Museum and Bookstore

The Eastern California Museum in Independence has been the place to learn about Inyo County and Eastern Sierra history for eight decades. That history, from dinosaur bones to Native American baskets to pioneer saddles to famous Sierra Nevada mountaineers to the famous "Water War" between Los Angeles and the Owens Valley, is on display in the museum building as well as found throughout the museum grounds.

The heart of the museum's collection is one of the largest collections of Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone basketry in the nation. The Museum is also an amazing repository for more than 27,000 historic photos of the majestic Eastern Sierra.

Click [here](#) to learn more!

Nevada State Museum

Nevada, the Silver State, did not earn its nickname lightly. While the California Gold Rush remains prominent in memory, no less important were the silver veins found in the hills of the Sierra Nevada. The [Nevada State Museum](#) is the perfect place to see highlights from the mining days of Nevada history. The museum also offers much more, from exploring the full timeline of the state to discovering the Native American experience, not to mention the chance to learn about the natural forces that carved out the majestic Great Basin landscape.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Nevada State Museum.

Sierra Nevada Logging Museum

The Sierra Nevada Logging Museum is located in White Pines on the historic site of the Blagen Sawmill. This facility is an excellent trip for the traveler interested in the local logging history. The exhibits found here are especially pertinent today, as we look back at historic forest management for explanations to today's increased fire danger and decreased water storage.

Visitors will find a museum of artifacts and a kiosk devoted to displaying and interpreting the history of logging throughout the region along with great interpretive trails highlighting historic equipment. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Where are those Delta Narratives?

By Alex Breitler

- See more at: <http://blogs.esanjoaquin.com/san-joaquin-river-delta#sthash.xvCgM1Hq.fYhDfzth.dpuf>

- Settlers first named the San Joaquin River after St. Francis, in hopes that the saint would convert the "heathen" American Indians living along the stream. To the Spaniards' disappointment, the wild swamps provided refuge to the Indians for decades longer than in other areas.

- It was malaria that ultimately killed them. In 1833, explorers found skulls and bodies where villages had been converted into mass graveyards.

Nevada Drought Summit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HG7ZFEtHe20&feature=youtu.be>

Tasked with sharing information and researching a wide range of issues related to drought, Gov. Sandoval's Drought Forum came together in September 2015 for a three-day summit at the state capitol and drew water experts, tourism representatives, scientists, municipal leaders, farmers and ranchers.

Southern Nevada Water Project KNPR

They had been fighting over Colorado River *water* since the negotiations on the original compact in the 1920s. The ruling settled the *water* distribution ... [video](#) [Waylon Pee Pahona](#) [October 28 at 10:05pm](#) · [Prince George, Canada](#)

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Gitxsan Nation From Gitseguekla another powerful night here in Prince George. **It feels so good to be indigenous!!!**



The

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The Atacama desert is awash with color this fall after extreme El Nino rains.www.washingtonpost.com|By [Angela Fritz](#)