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Suicide is the most heartbreaking challenge we face in Indian Country, and it strikes youth especially. President Obama has characterized youth suicide as “kids dying of broken hearts.” When he visited the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the summer of 2014, President Obama heard first-hand from Native youth about the high levels of suicide in their communities. The President has directed us to make suicide prevention one of our highest priorities.

One step in addressing the problem is raising awareness and helping people find the tools that they need to prevent it. As co-leader of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention’s (NAASP) American Indian and Alaska Native Task Force, I want to make you aware of an important effort taking place this month, which is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, to raise awareness in Indian Country about suicide prevention: Hope for Life Day.

Hope for Life Day is an NAASP initiative specifically designed for tribal communities to raise awareness about suicide, seek ways to address it, particularly among the teens and adults who are at a high level of risk for taking their own lives, and to designate September 10 as Hope for Life Day annually in conjunction with World Suicide Prevention Day.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC):

- Suicide is the second leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives ages 15 to 34 years, and
- The suicide rate among American Indian and Alaska Native adolescents and young adults ages 15 to 34 is 2.5 times higher than the national average for that age group.

In working with the NAASP and the AI/AN Task Force, where I'm joined by BIA Office of Indian Services Deputy Director Hankie Ortiz, I have the privilege of working with individuals deeply committed to helping save the lives of those in Indian Country most vulnerable to suicide. It's particularly important for Indian Affairs to be part of this effort because our law enforcement officers, social workers and teachers are often the first responders to suicide attempts or victims.

Perhaps you or someone you know has talked about, attempted, or, tragically, even succeeded at suicide. It is an event that leaves loved ones with deep pain and lingering questions, especially "What could I have done to prevent it?" Having a greater understanding of suicide, the willingness to discuss it, and the tools to help prevent it can potentially save those who cannot see how precious their lives really are.

As Deputy Director Cruzan said in his August 24, 2015, message to all OJS employees about National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and in which I heartily concur, "I believe the more information people have regarding signs to watch for, the more people will get the help they need."

The Task Force has developed the Hope for Life Day toolkit to assist health professionals and grassroots organizers working in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The NCIPC website also has invaluable information about suicide prevention tips and resources, including the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) and its online Lifeline Crisis Chat line.

I encourage everyone to make themselves aware of the resources the NAASP, Hope for Life Day and NCIPC websites have to offer for those in need and their families.

I hope you will join with me, Deputy Directors Ortiz and Cruzan, and many others who are working towards lifting up Indian Country by preventing suicide. Remember, Indian Country cannot succeed without your hard work.

Sincerely, Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Circle of Blue:

Drought Hearing

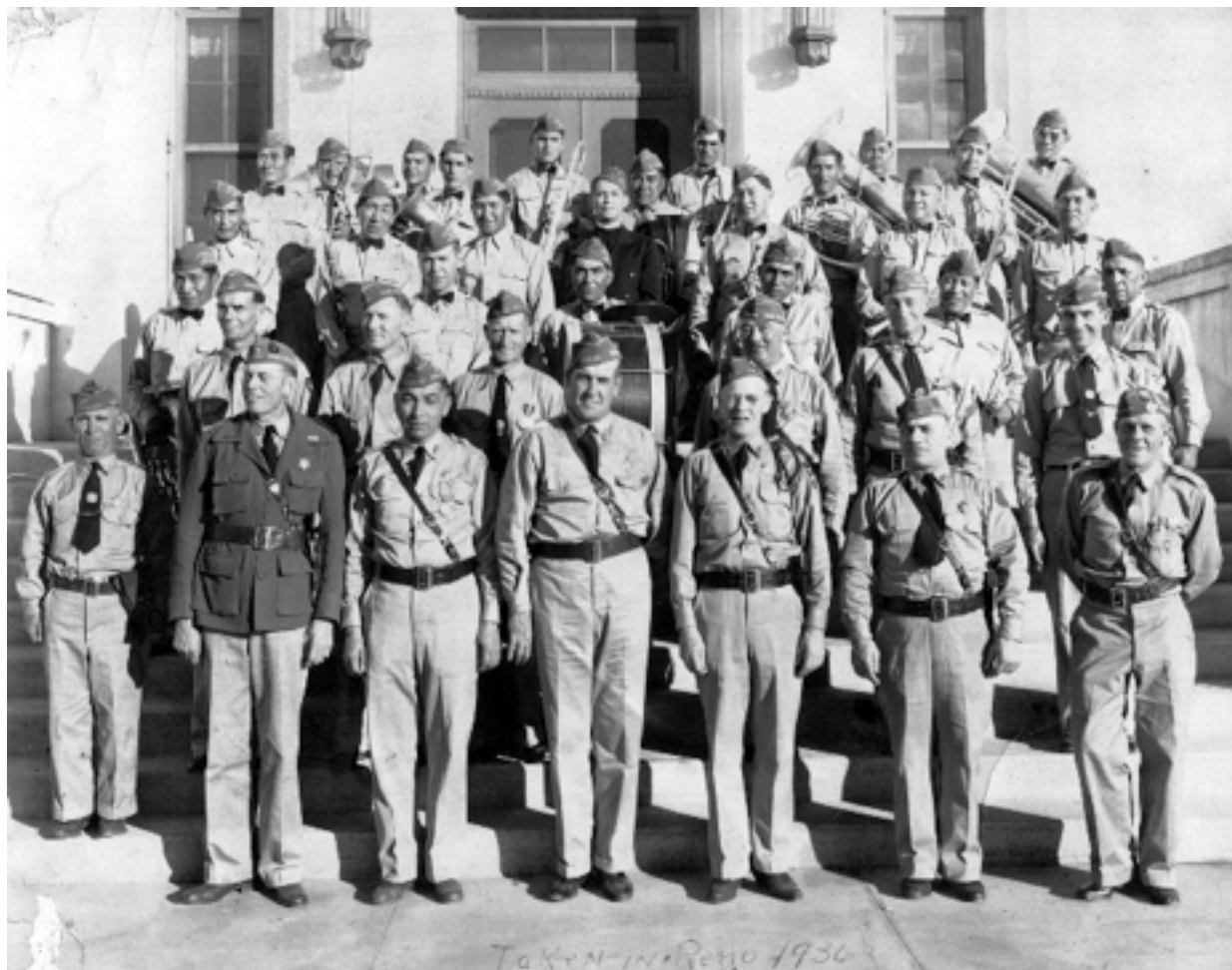
The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee plans to hold a hearing in October on [drought in the American West](#), *Politico* reports.

Mercury in Fish Investigation

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's internal watchdog will assess the agency's success in [protecting the public from mercury contamination in fish](#). The Office of the Inspector General will focus on how well the agency communicates risk.

Gold King Mine Hearings

Two hearings are on the docket as Congress clocks in for its first full work week after the August holiday. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will testify in front of the [Senate Environment and Public Works Committee](#) on September 16 and the [House Natural Resources Committee](#) the next day. The House hearing includes Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye.



[Phoebe Bender](#)

Found this cool picture.. if you recognize your loved ones, can you tag their picture? I know that Grampa Bill Smith is in the middle..

[Ann Lockhart](#)

Headline in Alaska Dispatch News that you will never see in the lower 48: Estimated 35,000 walrus come ashore in northwest Alaska. Receding ice forces animals to seek new shallow feeding grounds.

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John S. and James L. Knight Foundation: Knight News Challenge

The Knight News Challenge is an international contest that accelerates media innovation by

funding breakthrough ideas in news and information. The current Knight News Challenge is seeking to discover ideas that use data for good--that inform and empower people to make decisions about their lives, their communities, and democracy. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D) Sponsorship Program

Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies, also known as Rx&D, is an association of Canada's research-based pharmaceutical companies dedicated to the discovery, development, and delivery of innovative medicines and vaccines to improve the lives of all Canadians. Click above to learn about the Rx&D Sponsorship Program.

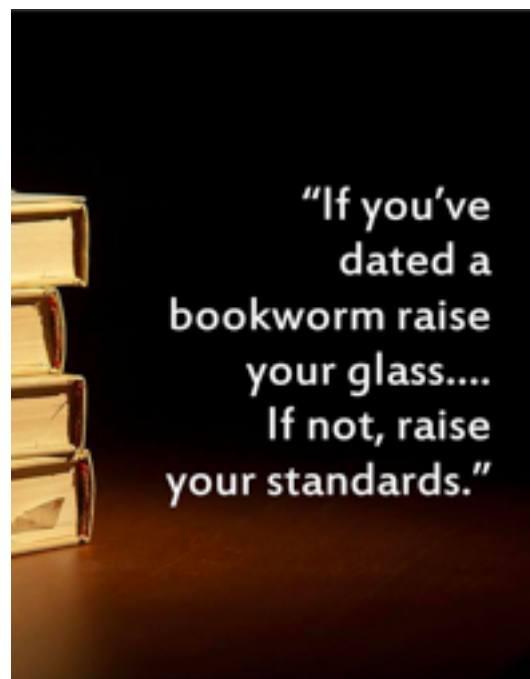
National Funding

Support for Innovative Performing Arts Explorations MAP Fund

The MAP (Multi-Arts Production) Fund, administered by Creative Capital, supports original new work in all disciplines and traditions of the live performing arts. MAP assists artists, ensembles, producers, and presenters of a high artistic standard, whose work in the disciplines of contemporary performance embodies a spirit of exploration and deep inquiry. MAP is particularly interested in supporting artists that question, disrupt, complicate, and challenge inherited notions of social and cultural hierarchy across the current American landscape. Up to 40 grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$45,000, with an average of \$25,000, will be awarded.

Applications for MAP grants must come from U.S. nonprofit organizations. (Artists or ensembles may apply through a fiscal sponsor.) Applying organizations and artists must demonstrate at least two years of professional experience. Online letters of inquiry are due September 28, 2015; invited proposals must be submitted by December 10, 2015. Visit the MAP website for eligibility information and application guidelines.

Statewide Community College Centers Funded



Jobs for the Future: State-Level Student Success Centers

Jobs for the Future (JFF) is a national nonprofit that works to ensure educational and economic opportunity for all. JFF, with support from the Kresge Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has issued the State-Level Student Success Centers request for proposals (RFP) to improve community college completion by creating a new Student Success Center in up to four states. (Student Success Centers organize a state's community colleges around common action to accelerate their efforts to improve student outcomes.) Through this RFP, JFF will provide \$250,000 annually for two years to states selected to launch a Student Success Center. An

applying organization must be a two-year college system, community college association, or other statewide entity in any state in the U.S., excluding the seven states that currently belong to the Student Success Center Network (Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, and Texas). The application deadline is October 9, 2015. Visit the JFF website to download the RFP.

Grants Strengthen Entrepreneurial Ecosystems

Blackstone Charitable Foundation: Blackstone Innovation Grants

The Blackstone Charitable Foundation seeks to accelerate solution-oriented action around the systemic challenges facing entrepreneurial ecosystems by providing a platform at the regional, national, and global levels to advance leading models of innovation. For the 2015-2016 funding cycle, the Blackstone Innovation Grants program will award up to \$5 million to support established nonprofit organizations that are actively working to strengthen an entrepreneurial ecosystem. Organizations may apply for one of two tracks: BIG Program/Project Challenge Grants fund specific programs that address a systemic challenge facing entrepreneurial ecosystems (defined as a target population, industry, or geographic region). BIG Event Grants fund specific events, or a specific track within a larger event, that accelerate the conversation around entrepreneurship on a regional, national, or global scale. The majority of grants awarded will be between \$250,000 and \$500,000 and the grantees selected will be geographically and programmatically diverse. Applying organizations must be at least three years old and have an annual operating budget greater than \$1,000,000. The application deadline is October 12, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to review the Request for Proposals.



Youth Volunteers Recognized in Every State

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program that honors young people in grades five to 12 who are volunteering in their communities. Youth who have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred during the 12 months prior to the date of application are eligible to apply. Local Honorees are selected in November and from those winners two State Honorees (one middle level school student and one high school student) are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. State Honorees receive an award of

\$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, for national recognition events. Out of the State Honorees, ten National Honorees are selected to receive an additional award of \$5,000 as well as a \$5,000 grant for a nonprofit organization of their choice. The application deadline is November 3, 2015. Visit the Prudential website for online application information.

Best Buy Foundation: National Grants

The Best Buy Foundation is dedicated to providing underserved teens access to opportunities through technology that helps them excel in school and develop 21st century skills for their future careers. The Foundation's National Grants support nonprofit organizations with national

scope that create hands-on learning opportunities for underserved teens to engage in learning, experimenting, and interacting with the latest technologies. Targeted technologies include computing, digital photography, filmmaking and videography, graphic design, coding, website design, audio production, robotics, game development, and computer maintenance. Program grants, generally ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000, are provided. Nonprofit organizations with existing out-of-school time programs and a proven track record of serving youth, ages 13-18, are eligible to apply.

Organizations must be located within 25 miles of a Best Buy store or operation center, and have the ability to conduct programming in at least five cities

across the country (not solely in one region). The application deadline is November 1, 2015. Visit the Best Buy website to review the National Partnership Request for Proposals, take the eligibility quiz, and submit an online application.

**Books can be dangerous.
The best ones should be labeled,
"This could change your life."**

Habitat Protection Initiatives Funded

The Conservation Alliance

The Conservation Alliance is a group of outdoor businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots citizen-action groups and their efforts to protect wild places for their habitat and recreation values. Funded projects should seek to secure permanent and quantifiable protection of a specific wild land or waterway. Priority is given to landscape-scale projects that have a clear benefit for habitat. The Alliance is not looking for mainstream education, stewardship, or scientific research projects, but rather for active campaigns. Grants of up to \$50,000 are provided. Before applying for funding, an organization must be nominated by one of the Alliance's member companies. The upcoming nomination deadline is November 1, 2015. The Alliance will send each nominated organization a request for proposal, including instructions on submitting a full proposal, which is due December 1, 2015. Grant criteria and application guidelines are available on the Conservation Alliance website.

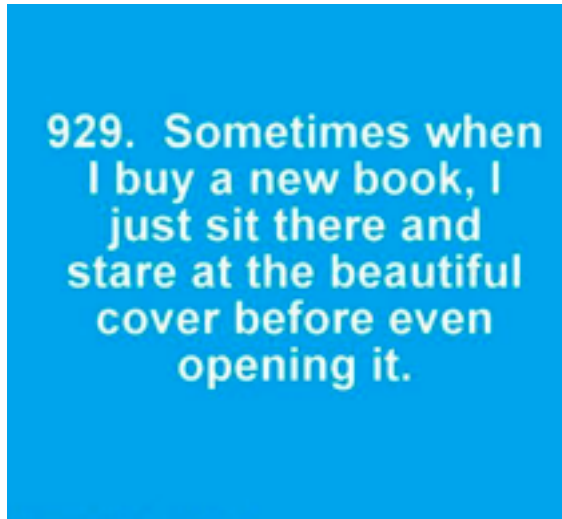
Grants Promote Japanese Performing Arts in the U.S. and Canada

Japan Foundation: Performing Arts Japan

The mission of the Japan Foundation is to establish international cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and other countries. The Foundation's Performing Arts Japan (PAJ) program is designed to promote Japanese performing arts in North America. PAJ supports initiatives created by U.S. and Canadian nonprofit organizations to provide geographically diverse audiences with greater exposure to Japanese performing arts, as well as encouraging collaborations between Japanese and North American artists. The PAJ Touring Grants assist in the presentation of Japanese performing arts in the U.S. and Canada, emphasizing locations outside major metropolitan areas. The PAJ Collaboration Grants allow Japanese and American/

Canadian artists to create new works that will further an appreciation of Japanese culture when presented to American/Canadian audiences. The application deadline is October 20, 2015. Visit the Japan Foundation website to download the PAJ funding guidelines and application form.

Youth-Led Social Justice Activism Supported **Third Wave Mobilize Power Fund**



The Third Wave Fund supports youth-led gender justice activism to advance the political power, well-being, and self-determination of communities of color and low-income communities in the United States. Third Wave's Mobilize Power Fund provides grants of up to \$3,000 for urgent organizing and activism led by young women of color, queer, and trans youth around the country who are leading movements for justice and are taking on this country's most challenging issues. Grassroots organizations, groups, and collectives led by and for young people of color and low-income communities are encouraged to apply. Priority is given to organizations with budgets under \$500,000 that are based in areas with limited access to philanthropic resources.

Proposals

are accepted all year, and reviewed on the 15th day of each month. Visit the Third Wave website to learn more about the application process.

Regional Funding

Prescription Abuse Coalitions in California Supported

California HealthCare Foundation: Regional Opioid Safety Coalitions

The California HealthCare Foundation informs policymakers and industry leaders, invests in ideas and innovations, and connects with changemakers to create a more responsive, patient-centered healthcare system. Through the Regional Opioid Safety Coalitions request for applications (RFA), the Foundation is seeking to help local groups create or strengthen regional opioid safety coalitions in order to drive down prescription painkiller overuse and overdose in California communities. Applying coalitions should bring together leaders from medical societies, county public health agencies, health plans, medical groups, hospitals, pharmacies, law enforcement, the correctional system, community groups, addiction treatment, and others to work on decreasing the morbidity and mortality associated with the overprescribing of painkillers in a single community. Each selected coalition will join a collaborative of peers and receive mentorship, coaching, and up to \$60,000 of coalition support. Applications must be submitted by October 11, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to download the RFA.

Funds for Programs Serving Families Affected by Autism in Selected Regions

Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism

The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people and families affected by autism. The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit

organizations in the New England states; New York; New Jersey; Southern California; Central Florida; and the cities of Calgary, Toronto, and Vancouver in Canada. (National education and advocacy programs are also considered for funding.) The priorities of the Foundation are to meet family's needs by ensuring access to services, an active lifestyle, and adult community-based services. Grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The application deadline is September 30, 2015. The online application form is available on the Foundation's website.

Grants Promote Cross-Cultural Initiatives in Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wyoming

Laura Jane Musser Fund: Intercultural Harmony Program

The Intercultural Harmony Program, an initiative of the Laura Jane Musser Fund, promotes mutual understanding and cooperation between groups and citizens of different cultural backgrounds within defined geographical areas through collaborative, cross-cultural exchange projects. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations in Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wyoming that include members of various cultural communities working

together on projects with common goals. These projects must be intercultural rather than focused on just one culture, and must demonstrate tangible benefits in the larger community. The projects must also describe how they include members of the cultural communities actively in the planning and implementation process. Funded projects can be carried out in a number of areas, including the arts, community service, and youth activities. Online applications may be submitted from September 16 through October 16, 2015. Application guidelines are available on the Fund's website: www.musserfund.org.



Community Planting Projects in Arkansas Supported

Arkansas Flower and Garden Show: Greening of Arkansas Grant Program

The Greening of Arkansas Grant Program, an initiative of the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show, was developed to promote the idea of a greener and cleaner environment by encouraging civic plantings in communities across Arkansas. The program provides support to nonprofit organizations and civic groups for the development and ongoing care of community gardens, neighborhood parks, and high-profile public green spaces. Grants range up to \$2,500, and 50% of the funds must be used for horticulture (trees, shrubs, and flowers). The application deadline is October 2, 2015. Visit the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show website to download the application form.

Funds for Local Projects in Company Communities

Baltimore Life Companies Community Grants Program

The Baltimore Life Companies Community Grants Program supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations that benefit the communities in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio,

Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Washington, DC, where the company has offices. The program provides grants of up to \$500 to fund community-based organizations addressing family, safety, and community enhancement issues. Examples of eligible programs include child safety education, community clean-up campaigns, neighborhood watch activities, etc. Priority is given to ambitious organizations that already have “volunteer power” in place, but need financial support to implement their specific home-grown projects. Applications must be returned to local Baltimore Life agencies by October 16, 2015. Visit the company’s website to download the grant guidelines and application form.

Grants Enhance Communications for People with Disabilities in California

Disability Communications Fund

The Disability Communications Fund (DCF) supports nonprofit organizations that offer technology and programs that serve the communication needs of Californians with disabilities. Grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000 are provided to improve existing services or technology or encourage new services or technology that will make spoken, written, or signed communication easier for people with disabilities of all ages in California. The services can be “high tech” or “low tech,” or anything in between. The following priorities have been identified for 2016: Start-Up Funding, Expansion Support, Increase Access, and New Technology. The deadline for letters of intent is September 29, 2015; full proposals are due November 24, 2015. Visit the DCF website to learn more about the funding priorities and the application process.

Support for Rural Programs in Five States



Major Impact Funds for Organizations in Washington State **Washington Women's Foundation: Pooled Fund Grants**

The vision of the Washington Women's Foundation is to change the course of women's philanthropy through the power of collective giving. Every year the Foundation awards five large impact Pooled Fund Grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Washington State. Grants of up to \$100,000 are awarded, one in each of these funding areas: arts and culture, education, environment, health, and human services. Supported organizations should address at least one of the following criteria: responses to urgent and critical needs,

bold new ventures, or new approaches to ongoing problems. Funding requests for programs/projects, capital investments, and operating expenses are considered. Letters of inquiry will be accepted from September 9 through November 2, 2015. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the application guidelines and procedures.

Federal Funding

Funding Available for Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Department of the Interior

The Strategic Habitat Conservation program is funding science, recovery planning, conservation design, and adaptive management projects such as research, monitoring, and planning of the

California, Nevada, and Klamath River Basin region. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through September 24, 2015.

Program Supports 3D Mapping

Department of the Interior

The 3D Elevation Program is funding data collection projects for high-quality topographic data and three-dimensional representations of the nation's natural and constructed features. The program will fund projects to collect this data over the conterminous United States, Hawaii, and the U.S. territories, as well as specific data over Alaska. The application deadline is September 30, 2015.

Funds Provided for Economic Innovation

Economic Development Administration

The Regional Innovation Strategies Program supports innovative public and private capacity building activities that seek to invent, improve, and commercialize new products and services. The application deadline is October 5, 2015.

Program Supports the Development of New Charter Schools

Department of Education

The Charter Schools Program provides support to increase national understanding of the charter school model by expanding the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the nation, and to evaluate the effects of charter schools, including their effects on students, student academic achievement, staff, and parents. The program provides financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools. The application deadline is October 6, 2015.

[Sac State student's protest sparks viral debate on American Indian history](#)

Sacramento State student Chiitaanibah Johnson has always been passionate about her American Indian heritage and what she sees as attempts to erase that history.... [sacbee.com](#)

[UPDATE: Sac State and Native Student Seek 'Positive Resolution' on Native Genocide Class Disenrollment Issue](#)

[A representative from Sacramento State's News Services department has released a statement to ICTMN regarding the incident in which history professor allegedly told his cl Sac State and Native Student Seek 'Positive Resolution' on Native Genocide Class Disenrollment Issue](#)
[indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com](#)

[Native Student and Family Met With School President Re Native Genocide And... Disappointed](#)
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[Were American Indians the Victims of Genocide?](#)

[Guenter Lewy, who for many years taught political science at the University of Massachusetts, has been a contributor to Commentary since 1964. His books include "The Catholic Church & Nazi Germany, Religion & Revolution, America in Vietnam," and "The Cause that Failed: Communism in American Political..."](#)

for those interested in local events related to using the scare word “communism” against Indians, the archives of the Nevada State Journal are very instructive.....and then, of course, there was James Watt in the 1980’s (ancient history to some but not those of us that lived it!)

Water and Power: The Sierra Nevada's historic low

Alice Walton, Los Angeles Times

Historic low: The snowpack level in the Sierra Nevada may be at its lowest point in 500 years.

The finding is according to a piece in the journal Nature Climate Change, and it demonstrates just how severe California's water shortage is. [“We were expecting that 2015 would be extreme, but not like this.”](#) said senior study author Valerie Trouet, a paleoclimatologist at the University of Arizona.

http://grist.org/living/worlds-worst-couple-lives-like-its-1890-heres-what-they-taught-us/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=daily-horizon

