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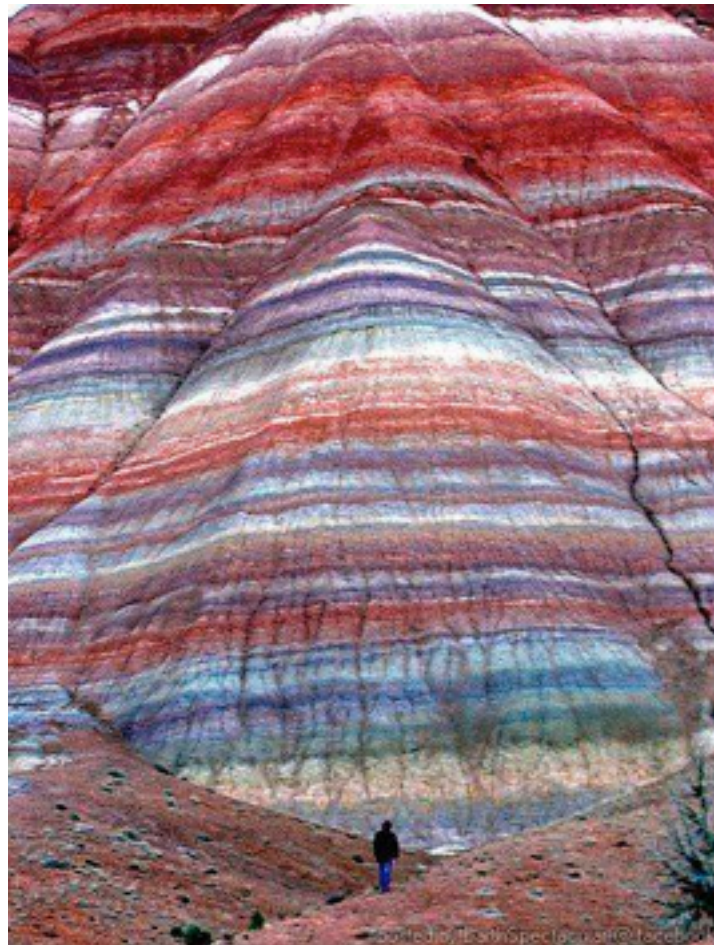
Joe Medicine Crow

The Paria Mountains' 18 miles from Kanab, Utah in Hwy 89. Paria Wilderness, Utah, USA. These mountains are found beside a dirt road that connects to Highway 89 just before the Paria River. Hwy 89 takes you from Kanab Utah to Page Arizona. The side of the mountains have spectacular colors (better than the Grand Canyon, Bryce, the Painted Desert, the slot canyons and even White Pocket) due to their encrusted minerals like iron oxides, manganese, cobalt and others that geologists describe.

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2013 Public Libraries Survey Shows Libraries Responding to Changing 21st Century Needs

Research by IMLS found shifts in Americans' interaction with public libraries' materials, programs, and services in Fiscal Year 2013. *Public Libraries in the United States Survey: Fiscal Year 2013* reveals key indicators of investments and library usage at public libraries in the United States. [Read more](#)



Fourth Digging into Data Challenge Launches with Expanded International Funding and Opportunities

IMLS and 15 national funding agencies from 11 countries on three continents announced the fourth round of the Digging into Data Challenge . Since 2009, the Digging into Data grant

competition has provided nearly \$12 million in funding for international research projects that use "big data" sources and methodologies to address questions in the social sciences and humanities. [Read more](#)

IMLS and the FAIC Announce New Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) Program

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (FAIC) announced a new program to provide museums with collections conservation assessments. The new program will continue to support collections assessments for small and medium-sized museums throughout the nation. [Read more](#)

Libraries and Museums Serving Free Summer Meals

You are invited to learn about the USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which provides free, nutritious meals to kids and teens 18-years-old and younger in low-income communities during summer break. The program depends on community organizations, like libraries and museums, to serve the meals in a safe, convenient, and fun environment. Is your institution interested in getting involved? Find out more during the free webinar on Wednesday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. [Read more](#)

IMLS Has Moved

Our new address is 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, D.C. 20024-2135.

UPNEXT BLOG POSTS

New Voices and Fresh Perspectives: One Institution's Work to Harvest Social Media

Social media platforms have become a venue where serious discourse takes place, but much of this critical and ephemeral content is lost to researchers because few institutions are collecting and preserving it. Tools have surfaced that enable cultural heritage institutions to harvest and preserve the social media record at a much lower cost than was previously possible. [Read more](#)

The Benefits of Hanging Out with Homeschoolers

Three years ago The Children's Museum in Bloomsbury, Pennsylvania, committed to the goal of enhancing the impact of our programs. One aspect of this goal was to identify underserved populations in our area and develop programs that would benefit these groups. [Read more](#)

When I First Fell in Love with Books - An Ode to National Reading Awareness Month

During my infancy my father "taught" me how to read by placing my tiny body on the daily newspaper. As early as back then, he hoped that I would learn and appreciate the words through osmosis. All of my dad's efforts were rewarded when I first learned my letters and memorized the rudimentary spelling lists I would receive in class, all while family members' beaming faces egged me on. [Read more](#)

Giving STEM the Home Team Advantage

In sports, it's generally accepted that the home team has an advantage. So, in a city defined by its love of both sports and educational opportunities, the obvious play is to give Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) the "home team" advantage by providing hands-on learning opportunities at home. [Read more](#)

Bridges to Citizenship: New Training Brings Librarians and Adult Educators Together

Bridges to Citizenship Institutes bring together adult educators, librarians, and USCIS staff for two days to explore ways to work independently and collaboratively to enhance and expand

adult citizenship education services within their communities. USCIS will offer a Bridges to Citizenship Institute, May 18-19, in New York City. [Read more](#)

Framework to Support Learning in Museum and Library Makerspaces Workshop

Makerspaces and maker programs in museums and libraries continue to build on momentum created by targeted efforts of federal, philanthropic, and private support. IMLS, in cooperation with the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, is wrapping up its project to create a framework to support learning in museum and library makerspaces. [Read more](#)

Ninety Percent of Indigenous Peoples in Brazil's Amazon Suffer Mercury Poisoning [Read the Article at teleSUR](#)

This pic is about the Six Nations (Canada) taking responsibility for National Parks; unfortunately, the link went somewhere.....

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RECESS MATTERS BY LIVIA GERSHON

Schools are cutting recess for test preparation, but research shows that playful breaks actually help children learn.



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[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity](#)

Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

[UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education](#)

The UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education, supported by the Government of the People's Republic of China, honors outstanding innovation and contributions made by

individuals, institutions, and organizations to advance girls' and women's education. Click above to learn more about the Prize.

National Funding

Support for Community Improvement Projects Nationwide

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation: Community Partners

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers throughout the United States. The Foundation's Community Partners grant program supports nonprofit organizations and local municipalities undertaking high-need projects such as building renovations and upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades, and safety improvements. Most grants range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The application deadline for the spring funding cycle is May 23, 2016; the fall funding cycle will be open from July 1 to August 26, 2016. Visit the company's website to take the eligibility quiz and submit an online application.

Student Service-Learning Projects Funded

State Farm Youth Advisory Board: Service-Learning Grants Program

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is composed of young adults who demonstrate exemplary work in service-learning, volunteering, and philanthropy in their communities. The Youth Advisory Board's Service-Learning Grants Program funds student-led service-learning projects throughout the United States. Grant requests must fall under one of the following issue areas: community safety and justice, environmental responsibility, access to higher education/closing the achievement gap, health and wellness, economic empowerment and financial literacy, or arts and culture. Public K-12, charter, and higher education institutions are eligible to apply. Nonprofit organizations are also eligible if they are able to demonstrate how they plan to interact with students in public K-12 schools. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Applications must be submitted online by April 29, 2016. Visit the Youth Advisory Board website for application guidelines.

Grants Promote Grassroots Environmental Campaigns in the U.S. and Canada

Fund for Wild Nature

The Fund for Wild Nature provides grants to grassroots nonprofit organizations in the United States and Canada for campaigns to save native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. Priority is given to ecological issues that are not receiving adequate public attention or funding. Grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000, are provided for advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, and similar endeavors. The Fund does not support proposals from organizations with budgets of over \$250,000 annually. The application deadlines are May 1 and October 1 of each year. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Fund's website.

Media Organizations and Journalism Schools Supported

Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation

The mission of the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation is to invest in the future of journalism by building the ethics, skills, and opportunities needed to advance principled, probing news and information. The Foundation provides grants to journalism schools and other nonprofit media organizations, with special preference given to programs focusing on ethics and new

media. The Foundation focuses its giving on the following program areas: Investigative Reporting, Professional Development, Oklahoma Journalism, and Special Opportunities. The deadlines for letters of inquiry are May 15 and November 15, annually. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the grant program and to submit an online letter of inquiry.

Regional Funding

Funds for K-12 STEM Programs in Company Communities

Dominion K-12 Educational Partnership

The Dominion K-12 Educational Partnership provides elementary and secondary educators with the tools they need to revitalize math and science programs. Support is provided in specific geographic areas of the states of Connecticut, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, and throughout the states of Virginia and West Virginia. The Partnership provides grants of up to \$2,500 to encourage the development of new programs to strengthen math and science education through the study of energy or the environment. Public and private elementary and secondary schools, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations are invited to apply. The application deadline is May 31, 2016. Visit the company's website to submit an online application.

Grants Enhance Strong Illinois Communities

Grand Victoria Foundation: Core Grants Program

The Grand Victoria Foundation invests in building strong communities in Illinois by strengthening education, protecting the natural environment, and promoting economic vitality. Through the Core Grants Program, the Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that address the following categories: Employment, Land and Water Conservation, and Early Childhood Education. Statewide organizations, regional organizations that focus on the Chicago metropolitan area, as well as organizations that focus on suburban Chicago counties are eligible to apply. The 2016 deadlines for letters of inquiry are May 6 and October 7. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Core Grants Program.

Support for Forest and River Protection Initiatives in New England

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: New England Forests and Rivers Fund

The New England Forests and Rivers Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), is dedicated to restoring and sustaining healthy forests and rivers that provide habitat for diverse native bird populations, as well as freshwater and diadromous fish populations, throughout the New England states. The Fund will award approximately \$1.9 million in grants, and of that total, \$800,000 will support projects in New Hampshire. Grants will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 each. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes, and educational institutions. The proposal deadline is May 19, 2016. Visit the NFWF website to review the program priorities and application guidelines.

Innovative Organizations in Louisiana and New Mexico Funded

The Frost Foundation

The Frost Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations in the states of Louisiana and New Mexico. The Foundation's areas of grantmaking interest include education, human service needs, and the environment. The Foundation's efforts are directed primarily to supporting

exemplary organizations that can generate positive change beyond traditional boundaries, to encouraging creativity that recognizes emerging needs, and to assisting innovation that addresses current urgent problems. Priority is given to programs that have the potential for wider service or educational exposure than an individual community. The proposal summary deadlines are June 1 and December 1, annually. Visit the Foundation's website to review the application instructions.

Federal Funding

Funds Available to Preserve Humanities Collections

National Endowment for the Humanities

The Preservation Assistance Grants program helps small and mid-sized institutions (such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities) improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. The application deadline is May 3, 2016.

Fire Safety Efforts Supported

Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program supports projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The application deadline is May 6, 2016.

from Native Seed SEARCH

Conivari, *Hyptis suaveolens*, (HB008) grows from southwestern North America south through Mexico to Central America. A Purdue University website discusses two groups of chias, summer and winter. [Conivari](#) and our [Tarahumara Chia, *Salvia tiliaefolia*, HB007](#), are members of the summer group.

Interestingly, these two similar herbs are not botanically categorized in the same genera. Our 2011 Seedlisting states, "A cooling drink is made from the jelled, chia-like seed which has high-fiber mucilage. Mayo people of Southern Sonora in Mexico use it for an eye remedy . Leaves are used to make a fragrant tea which can help with upset stomach and diarrhea."

Purdue also says "Cultivated and spontaneous in Mexico, from near sea level to 4000-5000 ft elevations. It is called "chia grande," "cham," and "conivari," depending on the region." The "Biblioteca Digital de la Medicina Tradicional Mexicana" gives the Guarijio (Guarijia) name as *coneguari*. A valuable website, the BDMTM includes botanical (Latin) names as well as descriptions, uses and names of plants in indigenous languages, Spanish but not in English. The NS/S seedbank holds 6 accessions of this beautiful, nutritious plant , one of which - [Guarijio Conivari HB008](#) is available for distribution.

F.C.C. Approves Broadband Subsidy for Low-Income Households By CECILIA KANG

The move is aimed at bridging the digital divide at a time when one in five people don't have broadband Internet access at home.

Only the Females Bite

With net in hand and eyes peeled, Mauren Turcatel spent two-weeks last



October chasing blood-thirsty predators through the Amazon jungle of Brazil.

- Applications for SIT Graduate Institute's new [Inclusive Security Certificate program](#) are due by April 25.
- SIT Study Abroad is now accepting applications for [summer and fall 2016 programs](#).
- Applications for [Experiment summer 2016 programs](#) are due by April 15.
- SIT Graduate institute still accepting applications for [campus and online degrees](#) on a rolling basis.



[September 13, 2011](#) Leonard Peltier's great-grandchildren meet him for the first time, thanks to an RFC Attica Prison Visit grant [Rosenberg Fund for Children](#)

[Non-motorized Recreation Brings Boost to NV Economy](#)

[April 1, 2016 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service \(NV\)](#) [Play Audio in Browser Window](#)

Non-motorized recreation on BLM lands brings in \$172 Million to the Nevada each year, according to a new study. (castleclass/morguefile)

RENO, Nev. - Nevada's 48 million acres of public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management bring in \$172 million a year from so called "quiet recreation," according to a new [study](#) released by Pew Charitable Trusts. Researchers found camping, hunting, fishing and hiking bring the state \$168 million in direct spending, and \$59 million for pay and benefits to more than 1,600 Nevada workers.

Kristin Lee, project director at ECONorthwest, the firm that conducted the study, said the total impact in a dozen Western states is almost \$3 billion for the U.S. economy, and 25,000 jobs.

"It's folks working in local stores, and then it stems to the suppliers for all of the products and services." she said. "Then it ripples out from there. So, it's likely that it touches almost every sector of the economy."

The report said in Nevada in 2014, tourists made almost 4 million visits to pursue non-motorized activities on the 48 million acres of Silver State land managed by the BLM.

Meghan Wolf, manager of Patagonia, an outdoor recreation store in Reno, said her business depends on tourists visiting Nevada's pristine, undeveloped areas.

"We believe in protecting our public lands," she said. "We see public lands as the backbone of the outdoor industry. It gives people access to wild and unspoiled places, so we think that's really important."

Ken Rait, director of Pew Charitable Trusts' Public Lands Program, hopes BLM managers will use the study results to prioritize conservation.

"Traditionally, Bureau of Land Management lands have been managed to benefit the extractive industries, like the oil and gas industry, and mining and ranching," he said. "What we're finding is that BLM lands benefit a much larger segment of American society."

The full study can be read online at pewtrusts.org.

March 30 at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, the **nationally famous Mankillers** provided an **impromptu performance** at our weekly Paiute language class.

As you know, [The Mankillers](#) is a Native American drum group that performs traditional pow wow music in the northern tradition. Its all-woman membership hails from all parts of America, including the tribes of Apache, Shoshone, Cherokee, Sioux, Creek, Paiute, Choctaw, Seminole, and Yaqui.

The group formed in 1991. Some of its members came from a student drum organization at Humboldt State University, while others came from an Arcata, Calif., drum group.
Photos by Judy Martin



Boon to reporting: Investigative reporters acquire search engine for government information

A new tool, FOIA Mapper, will allow reporters and others to know the contents of government databases previously opaque without an index. FOIA Mapper is a searchable catalog for offline government data allowing a user to enter a topic, find out government agencies dealing with it, the format of storage and how to request the [...]

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Our 2016 pow wow flyer. For more information on this event please go to www.sir-powwow.com

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Crow Tribe elder, historian Joe Medicine Crow dead at 102

By MATTHEW BROWN Associated Press

April 3, 2016

James Woodcock, Associated Press

Crow historian Joe Medicine Crow told then-presidential-candidate Barack Obama in 2008 to "take veterans to the top when you move into the White House," during a visit to Billings, Mont., in 2008. Obama awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009.

BILLINGS, Mont. — Joseph Medicine Crow, an acclaimed Native American historian and last surviving war chief of Montana's Crow Tribe, has died. He was 102.

Medicine Crow died Sunday, Bullis Mortuary funeral home director Terry Bullis said. Services will be announced Monday, he said.

A member of the Crow Tribe's Whistling Water clan, Medicine Crow was raised by his grandparents in a log house in a rural area of the Crow Reservation near Lodge Grass, Montana.

His Crow name was "High Bird," and he recalled listening as a child to stories about the Battle of Little Bighorn from those who were there, including his grandmother's brother, White Man Runs Him, a scout for Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer.

His grandfather, Yellowtail, raised Medicine Crow to be a warrior. The training began when Medicine Crow was just 6 or 7, with a punishing physical regimen that included running barefoot in the snow to toughen the boy's feet and spirit.

Medicine Crow in 1939 became the first of his tribe to receive a master's degree, in anthropology. He served for decades as a Crow historian, cataloging his people's nomadic history by collecting firsthand accounts of pre-reservation life from fellow tribal members.

"I always told people, when you meet Joe Medicine Crow, you're shaking hands with the 19th century," said Herman Viola, curator emeritus at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American Indians.

During World War II, Medicine Crow earned the title of war chief after performing a series of daring deeds, including stealing horses from an enemy encampment and hand-to-hand combat with a German soldier whose life Medicine Crow ultimately spared.

"Warfare was our highest art, but Plains Indian warfare was not about killing. It was about intelligence, leadership, and honor," Medicine Crow wrote in his 2006 book "Counting Coup."

Soon after returning from the European front, Medicine Crow was designated tribal historian by the Crow Tribal Council.

With his prodigious memory, Medicine Crow could accurately recall decades later the names, dates and exploits from the oral history he was exposed to as a child, Viola said. Those included

tales told by four of the six Crow scouts who were at Custer's side at Little Bighorn and who Medicine Crow knew personally.

Yet Medicine Crow also embraced the changes that came with the settling of the West, and he worked to bridge his people's cultural traditions with the opportunities of modern society. His voice became familiar to many outside the region as the narrator for American Indian exhibits in major museums across the country.

"He really wanted to walk in both worlds, the white world and Indian world, and he knew education was a key to success," said Viola, who first met Medicine Crow in 1972 and collaborated with him on several books.

Gov. Steve Bullock said Medicine Crow was an inspiration to his tribe and others.

"Joe was a Crow war chief, veteran, elder, historian, author, and educator. His legacy will forever serve as an inspiration for all Native Americans — and all Montanans," he said.

U.S. Sen. Steve Daines said Medicine Crow was a good leader and the first member of the Crow Tribe to attain a master's degree.

"Medicine Crow's spirit, humility and life achievements leave a lasting imprint on Montana's history," Daines said.

President Barack Obama awarded Medicine Crow the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009.

During the White House ceremony, Obama referred to Medicine Crow as "a good man, a 'bacheitche' in Crow."

"(His) life reflects not only the warrior spirit of the Crow people, but America's highest ideals," Obama said.

He was nominated for the Congressional Gold Medal and was awarded honorary doctoral degrees from the University of Southern California and Montana's Rocky Mountain College.

In the years leading to his death, Medicine Crow continued to live with his family in Lodge Grass. His wife died in 2009. Even after his hearing and eyesight faded, Medicine Crow continued to lecture into his 90s on the Battle of Little Bighorn and other major events in Crow history.