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[Dave N Larisa Jim](#)

Being a urban  
ndn these days  
forgot it was  
Pyramid Lake  
War Holiday  
today. Enjoy  
your day off  
and remember  
why were here!  
Good day fb!

*Not to take  
away for the  
seriousness*

*and importance of the Pyramid Lake War, nor its long term consequences, thought y'all would enjoy the following:*

### **6 Wars Fought for Ridiculous Reasons**

Most wars are fought over serious issues like territory, resources or political freedom, but others arise from bizarre and even comical circumstances. Over the years, armies have mobilized and blood has been shed over everything from tragic misunderstandings and perceived slights to petty border disputes and even sporting events. Get the facts on six of history's most preposterous conflicts.

Bombing of San Juan de Ulúa, Mexico during the 1838 Pastry War.

**1. The Pig War** The aptly named Pig War nearly saw an argument over a slaughtered swine lead to a full-scale conflict between the United States and Great Britain. The controversy began in 1859 on San Juan Island, a chunk of land located between the mainland United States and Vancouver Island. At the time, the island was home to American settlers and British employees of the Hudson's Bay Company, and both parties had laid claim to its fertile soil. The first and only shots of the Pig War came on June 15, 1859, when an American farmer named Lyman Cutlar gunned down a British-owned black boar after he discovered the animal rooting through his potato patch. The ensuing argument over the dead hog increased tensions between the two groups of settlers, and Cutlar was eventually threatened with arrest.

After the Americans reported the incident to the military, the U.S. Army dispatched Captain George Pickett—later a Confederate general during the Civil War—to San Juan with a small complement of troops. Pickett upped the ante by declaring the whole island U.S. property, and the British responded by sending a fleet of heavily armed naval vessels to the coastline. An absurd standoff ensued, and the situation remained on a knife-edge for several agonizing weeks. The two nations would finally negotiate a deal allowing for joint military occupation of San Juan Island in October 1859, ending the Pig War as a bloodless stalemate—save for one unfortunate hog.

**2. The Nika Riot** In 532 AD, massive mobs flooded the streets of Constantinople, burning large parts of the city and nearly toppling the government of the Emperor Justinian—and all of it in the name of chariot racing. The races held at Constantinople's hippodrome had soared in popularity during the sixth century, and fans had organized themselves into strict factions. These ancient hooligans acted more like street gangs than sports fans, and the most powerful groups—known as the Blues and the Greens—became notorious for their barbarism.

Conflict erupted in January 532, when Emperor Justinian refused to release two members of the Blues and Greens who had been condemned to death. In a rare instance of unity, the two factions banded together and began to riot. In a few short days, they had burned the headquarters of the city prefect, clashed with imperial guards and even attempted to crown a new emperor. Faced with a full-scale revolution, Justinian finally resolved to put down the rebellion by force. After bribing the Blues to gain their support, the emperor launched a devastating assault on the remaining hooligans. By the end of the attack, the riots had been quelled and some 30,000 members of the mob lay dead around the grounds of the hippodrome.

**3. The War of the Stray Dog** In one of the most bizarre conflicts of the 20th century, a dog inadvertently triggered an international crisis. The incident was the culmination of a long period of hostility between Greece and Bulgaria, which had been at odds since the Second Balkan War in the 1910s. Tensions finally boiled over in October 1925, when a Greek soldier was shot after allegedly crossing the border into Bulgaria while chasing after his runaway dog.

The shooting became a rallying cry for the Greeks, who soon after invaded Bulgaria and occupied several villages. They were even set to commence shelling the city of Petrich when the League of Nations finally intervened and condemned the attack. An international committee later negotiated a ceasefire between the two nations, but not before the misunderstanding had resulted in the deaths of some 50 people.

**4. The War of Jenkins' Ear** In 1738, a British mariner named Robert Jenkins displayed a severed, decomposing ear before the members of Parliament. As part of a formal testimony, he claimed that a Spanish coastguard officer had sliced off his ear seven years earlier as punishment for smuggling. Spurred on by this stirring testimony, the British had soon declared war on the kingdom of Spain. Thus began the outlandish “War of Jenkins’ Ear.”

In truth, a clash between the British and Spanish had been in the works since the beginning of the 1700s, and Jenkins’ missing ear merely served as a convenient catalyst. The conflict had its roots in territorial disputes over the border between Spanish Florida and British Georgia, as well as the Spanish of boarding and harassing English vessels like the one captained by Jenkins. Fighting began in late 1739, and continued for two years in Florida and Georgia, with neither side emerging as the clear victor. The conflict later merged with the more expansive War of the Austrian Succession, which would not end until 1748.

**5. The Toledo War** Michigan and Ohio might now be known their longstanding football rivalry, but the two states once nearly went to war over a border dispute. The argument began in 1803, when the newly formed state of Ohio took ownership of a sliver of land containing the town of Toledo. Michigan territory later disputed Ohio’s claim on this “Toledo strip” in the 1830s, launching a heated debate that teetered on the edge of violence for several weeks.

In what became known as the Toledo War, both sides wrestled for political control of the territory, and both raised militias to defend against a possible invasion by the other. Desperate for Ohio’s valuable electoral votes, President Andrew Jackson finally intervened in 1835, and by 1836 a compromise was sealed. The détente saw Michigan territory relinquish its claim on the Toledo strip in exchange for statehood and a portion of the Upper Peninsula. Many viewed the decision as a grave injustice, but some residents of the disputed region were quick to accept their newfound status as Ohioans. When one woman learned of the decision, she is said to have quipped, “Thank the Lord, I never did like that Michigan weather anyway.”

**6. The Pastry War** In 1828, angry mobs destroyed large parts of Mexico City during a military coup. One of the victims of the rioting was an expatriate French pastry chef named Remontel, whose small café was ransacked by looters. Mexican officials ignored his complaints, so Remontel petitioned the French government for compensation. His request sat unnoticed until a decade later, when it came to the attention of King Louis-Philippe. The king was already furious that Mexico had failed to repay millions in loans, and now he demanded they pay 600,000 pesos to compensate the pastry chef for his losses. When the Mexicans balked at handing over such an astronomical sum, Louis-Philippe did the unexpected: He started a war.

In October 1838, a French fleet arrived in Mexico and blockaded the city of Veracruz. When the Mexicans still refused to pay up, the ships began shelling the San Juan de Ulua citadel. A few minor battles followed, and by December as many as 250 soldiers had been killed. The famous general Santa Anna even came out of retirement to lead the Mexican army against the French, and he lost a leg after he was wounded by grapeshot. Fighting finally ended in March 1839, when the British government helped broker a peace deal. As part of the treaty, the Mexicans were forced to shell out the 600,000 pesos—no doubt a large sum for a pastry shop at the time.

**Did You Know?**

- In 1896, Great Britain and Zanzibar fought a war that lasted only 45 minutes. The Anglo-Zanzibar War began when a man named Khalid bin Bargash seized control of the throne of Zanzibar. The British favored another ruler, and they demanded that he step down. When Bargash refused and began assembling an army, English ships unleashed a devastating bombardment on his royal palace. Bargash fled the city a few minutes later, bringing an end to one of the shortest wars on record.

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## **Arizona officials call for tightened limits on Lake Mead water use**

**Cronkite News**

Arizona officials call for tightened limits on Lake Mead water use ... Project hit with restrictions before any are placed on *California's water* use, Buschatzke said.

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## **Inside The Looming Disaster Of The Salton Sea**

ThinkProgress

Dead tilapia lines the shores of the Salton Sea, *California's* largest lake. ... *California* promised it would provide when Imperial pledged to transfer *water* that ..

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## **LAKE MEAD HITS NEW RECORD LOW**

The nation's largest man-made reservoir slipped to a new record low sometime after 7 p.m. Wednesday, and forecasters from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation expect see its surface drop another 2 feet through the end of June.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz28981236>

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## **Deeper Grand Canyon, More Communal Colorado River Revealed in New Online Film**

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## **Lake Suwa's Shinto Legend and the Oldest Lake Ice Record on Earth: What It Tells Us About Climate Change and Variability**

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## **Will Empowering "Gram Sabhas" in India Derail Development?**

By: Bahar Dutt

There is unease in the corporate sector over a recent decision by the National Green Tribunal (NGT). After a seven-year struggle, a village in Himachal Pradesh, a northern state, has won the right to decide whether or not a hydel power project should be set up in its area. The empowerment came when rights of the villagers under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) were recognized following a judgment by the Tribunal on 4 May.

This column has highlighted the plight of farmers in Himachal Pradesh and the **submergence of their pine nut trees** due to **construction of the hydel project** . The NGT has directed the government to ensure that prior to forest clearance to the Kashang Integrated Hydroelectric Project, the proposal is placed before a *gram sabha* (comprising all adults above 18 years of age) of villages in Kinnaur district.....More

### **Off the Rez: Shoni's Dream : Video : TLC**

Follow Shoni, an Umatilla Indian, as she chases her dream of becoming the first from her tribe to get a college basketball scholarship. [tlc.discovery.com](http://tlc.discovery.com)

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## **CELEBRATE THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT**

CARSON CITY, NV – Since the early 1980s, May has been a month for celebrating historic preservation and archaeology in Nevada. This year, the theme acknowledges the fiftieth anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, which helps to stabilize neighborhoods and downtowns, contributes to public education, attracts investment, creates jobs, generates tax revenues, supports small business and affordable housing, and powers Nevada's heritage tourism industry. Agencies and organizations have teamed up to spread awareness of archaeological and historic preservation efforts throughout the state and encourage both residents and visitors to explore and learn about Nevada's significant archaeological and historical treasures.

### **Carson City Events**

- **May 2-31: Historic Resources Commission Scavenger Hunt**

This scavenger hunt is open to both adults and kids. The goal is to find all of the architectural building features from the pictures provided and give the correct address. All of the pictures are from properties located in the Carson City Historic District. Participants with all of the correct answers will be entered into a drawing for a free lunch for two at Café at Adele's.

**Sponsor:**Carson City Historic Resources Commission, Carson City Planning Division, and Café at Adele's

**Where:**Carson City Historic District, a map of the area of the Historic District where the scavenger hunt will take place is included in the scavenger hunt packet on the website below.

**More Information:**Eva Chwalisz, 775-283-7080, [echwalisz@carson.org](mailto:echwalisz@carson.org)

**Cost/Admission:**Free

**Website:** <http://carson.org/index.aspx?page=2542>

- **May 21: Under the Stewart Stars**

The Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance is proud to announce the inaugural "Under the Stewart Stars" fundraising event. Join them for an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the historic Stewart Indian School campus with Stewart alumni followed by an evening of dinner and entertainment. Proceeds from the event will support the Stewart Living Legacy Project and the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance. A limited number of tickets are available for this exclusive event.

**Sponsor:**Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance

**Where:**Stewart Indian School 5300 Snyder Avenue Carson City, NV [MAP](#)

**When:**Saturday, May 21, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**More Information:**Scott Carey, 775-544-7269, [info.sispanv@gmail.com](mailto:info.sispanv@gmail.com)

**Cost/Admission:**\$100.00 per person.

- **May 21: Red Rock Archaeology Day**

BLM will host table-top educational exhibits provided by Archaeo-Nevada, the Old Spanish Trail Association, friends of Red Rock and the Red Rock Interpretive Association related to the preservation/conservation of the archaeology on the Red Rock NCA. There will be educational presentations provided and materials distributed for self-guided tours of interpreted cultural resources on the Scenic Loop.

**Sponsor:**BLM in partnership with the Friends of Red Rock (FORRC)

**Where:**1000 Scenic Loop Drive, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Las Vegas [MAP](#)

**When:**Saturday, May 21 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**More Information:**Mark Boatwright,  
702-515-5359, [mboatwri@blm.gov](mailto:mboatwri@blm.gov)

**Cost/Admission:**Free

**Website:** [Red Rock Canyon NCA](#)



**June 2: Linda C. Clements: The Union Hotel**

History and stories remind us why we should save the 1870 Union Hotel; it was once a famous Nevada landmark and is now the most endangered historic building in Nevada.

**Sponsor:**Historical Society of Dayton Valley

**Where:**Dayton Valley Community Center, 170 Pike Street, Dayton, NV [MAP](#)

**When:**Thursday, June 2, 7:00 p.m. Lecture begins at 7:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

**More Information:**Laura Tennant  
775-246-6316 , [L10ant38@gmail.com](mailto:L10ant38@gmail.com)

**Cost/Admission:**Free

**Website:** [www.daytonnvhistory.org](http://www.daytonnvhistory.org)

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[Louinda Garity](#)

STYLE...You're either born with it or not.

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**AFTER 13 YEARS, BLM ROLLS OUT WELCOME MAT AT SLOAN CANYON**

At the southwestern edge of Henderson, a fresh ribbon of pavement meanders up the hill to a parking lot with sweeping views of mountains, desert and

the growing city.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz29005949>



Thursday's dedication included a blessing in the Southern Paiute language from tribal elder Bud Meyer. The Paiutes also helped name the new road. McAbey said Nawghaw Poa means "mountain sheep trail" in Paiute.

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**Newe Hupia** Here is a collection in the making of my seriously AWESOME youth from our 2012 Shoshone/Goshute Youth Language Apprenticeship Program 2012 here at the University of Utah. I have also posted Shoshone [soundcloud.com](https://soundcloud.com)

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Shout out and  
congratulations to

freshman pitcher **Kali Sargent** (Washoe/Paiute) who earned 1st Team All Big 8  
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rence and was also named the Big 8 Conference Pitcher of the Year for Sacramento City College.  
[#NativeAthlete](#) [#Paiute](#) [#Washoe](#) [#SCC](#)

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**Kacee Lynch graduated in Human Services from Solano Community College.**

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**[PDF][Prehistory, Ethnohistory, and History of Eastern Nevada](#)**  
[www.blm.gov/.../03\\_Cultural\\_Resources\\_S...](http://www.blm.gov/.../03_Cultural_Resources_S...)

Bureau of Land Management

*Archaeological* investigations in eastern Nevada have been conducted since ..... for each county in eastern Nevada are available: *Elko County* (hope and Coats ...

### Extract

Earlier, Brigham Young (1851:46-47) provided a fairly detailed description of the Red Creek ruins which indicated the large size of Fremont villages in the eastern Great Basin prior to being razed for farm land:

On the 14th we visited the ruins of an ancient Indian village on Red Creek, where we found quantities of broken, burnt, painted earthenware, arrow points, adobes, burnt brick, a crucible, some corn grains, charred cobs, animal bones, and flint stones of various colors. The ruins were scattered a space about two miles long and one wide.

The buildings were about 120 in number, and were composed apparently of dirt lodges, the earthen roofs having been supported by timbers, which had decayed or been burned, and had fallen in, the remains thus forming mounds of an oval shape and sunken at the top. One of the structures appeared to have been a temple or council hall, and covered about an acre of ground. Red Creek had been turned out of its natural channel to run through and water the village.

The aborigines had a tradition that the Moquitch Indians made the crockery, but of the builders or the inhabitants of the village no tradition was extant.

On the Wheeler survey during the early 1870' ~~~ mounds near Pravo, Paragonah, and Beaver, Utah, were reported and excavations were even carried out at the Provo mounds (Severance 1814; Severance and Yarrow 18799. One of the most interesting archaeological accounts from the region during this time period was by Hoffnan (1878). While serving as surgeon and naturalist, for the U. S. Geographical and **Geological** Survey west of the one hundredth meridian in 1871-72, Hofhan made several ethnological and archaeological observations on the Indians in Arizona, Nevada, and California.

Between Eureka and Belmont, Nevada, Hoffman (1878:473) observed the remains of stone circles in the pinyon groves constructed by Shoshonis for storing pinyon nuts. Furthermore, he noted that,:

Circles of similar construction are sometimes found upon elevated points of land, where they are located as a post **from** whi.ch a **good** view of the surrounding country can be obtained. Here sentinels are posted, or a voluntary watcher my take his station to notify his camp of the approach of game or of strangers, where his time employed in making or mending bows, arrows, or other trappings.

Frequently the ground around such watch-stations is literally covered with chirt (sic) or flint chippings.

These, however, are not of very recent date, as stone darts are not as numerous as they were previous to their communication with the whites. Nevertheless, these siliceous chips and flakes are found more or less about all such **stations**, and **from** the surface accumulation we are enabled to form sane idea of their age (Hoffnan 1878: 473-474).

It should **be** noted that Binford (1978) has recently reported in detail the activities that transpired at Nunirniut Eskimo hunting stations, and **here** we have a short, but similar observation in the Great Basin a hundred years earlier!

*To say nothing of some really interesting information on pp.385-387\**

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**Poll finds 9 in 10 Native  
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**icans aren't offended by  
Redskins name**



Nine in 10 Native Americans say they are not offended by the Washington Redskins name, according to a new Washington Post poll that indicates how few ordinary Indians have been persuaded by a national movement to change the football team's moniker.

[Read more »](#)

[Mark Neil Trahant](#)

I apologize. I have had this Washington Post poll all wrong.

Please join me and thanking them (send a note to the Ombudsman) for their first ever comprehensive news poll of Indian Country.

Think about what they could have wasted that opportunity on: Asking Native people if the US is living up to its treaty promises? Or perhaps something about health care, education or violence against women? No, the good journalists did something far more important: They sought out our opinion if it's ok for sports millionaires to stick with a dictionary defined slur. (Would the N-word get such a poll? No. It's we who are so fortunate.)

Thank you Washington Post for showing that nine-out-of-ten of us think it's ok (no matter what virtually every elected official says or the stand of every national intertribal organization).

You know us better than ourselves. Thank you. Thank you.

Maybe in a thousand years the polling apparatus will find a way to, at least occasionally, not mash Native voices into the asterisk (\*Other) category when asking about presidential preferences or the economy. Yes, Thank you Washington Post.

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**Comedian Teresa Choyguha**

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# *Introduction to* *Shoshone Language*

This is a beginning Shoshone language course that focuses on the fundamentals of Shoshone. By fusing linguistic-based knowledge and culturally appropriate themes, this class provides students with a foundation of the Shoshone language that can translate well to their everyday lives. Course fee includes packet of materials. Tuition for enrolled tribal members will be paid by Barrick. For any questions, please call 775-753-2231.

To enroll call 775-753-2231  
Or visit our website @  
[www.campusce.net/gbcnv](http://www.campusce.net/gbcnv)

**Date:** 6/14/2016 - 8/2/2016  
**Days:** Tue / Thurs  
**Instructor:** Samuel Broncho  
**Time:** (Elko) 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
(Owyhee, IAV) 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
**Location:** GBC Elko Campus or  
Owyhee  
**Fee:** \$210.<sup>00</sup>  
This class is for Elko students &  
Owyhee interactive video  
participants.

**Date:** 6/13/2016 - 8/1/2016  
**Days:** Mon / Wed  
**Instructor:** Samuel Broncho  
**Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Location:** GBC Elko Campus or  
GBC Ely Center  
**Fee:** \$210.<sup>00</sup>  
This class is for Elko students and  
Ely interactive video participants.  
No class July 4 due to holiday.

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Enrollment Deadline is Friday, June 3, 2016. This class is open to community members who want to learn the basics of the Shoshone Language.

## **Tribes blast new Department of Labor rule affecting overtime pay**

Concerns about unique issues in Indian Country and lack of consultation were glossed over by the Obama administration. indianz.com

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[Elayne Silversmith](#)

So this new mexico federal judge bruce d. black dismissed the trademark dilution claims saying that my tribal nation ~ the navajo nation "is not so well known" to be eligible for protection under the indian arts and crafts act... not so well known...hmmm...

## **Urban Outfitters Handed Partial Victory in Navajo Case**

Urban Outfitters has been handed a partial victory in the trademark battle it is fighting against the Navajo Nation after making and selling garments and accessories bearing the word "Navajo." On the heels of a December 2015 ruling, which held... thefashionlaw.com

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**Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country:** <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>

**Multi-Agency Tribal Infrastructure Collaborative (MATIC):**

"<http://www.MATICSouthwest.com>" [www.MATICSouthwest.com](http://www.MATICSouthwest.com)

**Asset Building for Native Communities:** "<http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArRPk>"<http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArRPk>

**Center for American Indian Economic Development:** [www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied](http://www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied)

**Southern California Indian Center-** "<http://www.indiancenter.org>" [www.indiancenter.org](http://www.indiancenter.org)

**Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.** "<http://www.idrsinc.org>"<http://www.idrsinc.org>

**Native American Contractors Association:** "<http://www.nativecontractors.org/>"**Native Learning Center (NLC):** FREE courses & training for Native Americans.  
"<http://www.nativelearningcenter.com>"

**CDFIs: Native Home Capital:** "<http://www.nativehomecapital.com/>"

**Native Community Finance** [www.nativecommunityfinance.org](http://www.nativecommunityfinance.org)

**National Congress of American Indians:** [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)

**National American Indian Housing Council:** [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net)

## **Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils and Indian Chambers of Commerce**

Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona:** <http://www.itcaonline.com/>

Inter Tribal Council of **California:** <http://www.itccinc.org/>

Inter Tribal Council of **Nevada:** <http://www.itcn-snac.org/>

All Pueblo Governors Council (of **New Mexico**): <http://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblos.html>

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of **Arizona** "[www.aiccaz.org](http://www.aiccaz.org)

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of **California** <http://www.aicccal.org>

Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (**SWTHA**) <http://www.swtha.org/>

Nevada/California Indian Housing Association [www.nev-cal.org](http://www.nev-cal.org)