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<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/judge-orders-removal-pipeline-native/>

“Because there’s so much fresh water, you can imagine that 50 years from now...there might actually be a pipeline that brings water from the Great Lakes to Phoenix. I think that’s part of our future.” –Jay Famiglietti, senior water scientist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, speaking about [potential future diversions of Great Lakes water](#) to address water disparity in the United States. (*ideastream*)

In context: Learn more about [out-of-basin water transfers from the Great Lakes](#), and the safeguards against future diversions.

[Ian Zabarte](#)

The first Native American "code talkers" are Comanche/Shoshone in WWI and WWII.

[Asier Zabarte](#) There were also about 60 Basques (using Basque language or Euskara) serving as code talkers at US Army in WWII in Pacific campaign, mainly in Guadalcanal. It seems the idea was from Captain Frank. D. Carranza.



The Comanches had four Code Talkers during World War I, they were Calvin Atchavit, Gilbert Conwoop, Samuel Tabbytosevit and George Clark. They were members of the 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Division.

The Comanches also had the first military trained Code Talkers during World War II. Seventeen Nation members helped develop a Code for radio communications used in the European Theater of operations. Fourteen of the Code Talkers landed on Normandy Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, as members of the 4th Infantry Division, and earned five Battle Stars fighting the German Army – their code was never broken. *They were awarded, on October 15, 2008, the Congressional Gold Medal* (signed into law by President Bush).

The Code Talkers who served overseas were Charles Chibitty, Haddon Codynah, Robert Holder, Forrest Kassaravoid, Wellington Mihecoby, Perry Noyobad, Clifford Ototivo, Simmons Parker, Melvin Permansu, Elgin and Roderick Red Elk, Larry Saupitty, Morris (Sunrise) Tabbyyetchy and Willis Yackeschi – the Code Talkers who did not serve overseas were Albert (Edward) Nahquaddy, Ralph Wahnee and Anthony Tabbytite.

[**Toshiba Casts Doubt on Its Ability to Stay in Business**](#)

By JONATHAN SOBLE and PAUL MOZUR

Struggling **after a disastrous foray into nuclear power**, the company hopes a sale of part of its microchip business, its crown jewel, could alleviate uncertainty.

[Ian Zabarte](#) ***Just a note. I am in good health mind, body, and spirit. I lived in Moapa and breathed the coal ash that is glass with a little uranium. Size, coarseness and chemical***

composition of the particles were in my house there for five years and in my lungs. Not as bad at the Paiute people who lived there for 50 years. It is closed this year and I helped do that.

Sometime in the late 1990s or the early 2000s I received a letter from the US Department of Energy that, because of the amount of time I spent underground at Yucca Mountain, the proposed high level nuclear waste repository, I am at risk of developing silicosis, a miners disease.

My last dying breath will be the death of Yucca Mountain and the end of nuclear weapons testing in Newe Sogobia.

More Permafrost Than Thought May Be Lost as Planet Warms

By HENRY FOUNTAIN

A study suggests that as the planet warms toward 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels, each degree Celsius of warming will lead to the thawing of 1.5 million square miles of permafrost.



Commissioner Starts to Press Cleveland Indians About Logo

By DAVID WALDSTEIN

In a statement, Rob Manfred was said to have expressed a desire "to transition away from the Chief Wahoo logo," a smiling caricature the team uses that many find offensive.

North Coast deal preserves land, gives tribe access to creation site - San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/North-Coast-deal-preserves-land-gives-tribe-10958670.php>

Plenty More Villains at Wells Fargo

By THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Revoking a few bonuses is just a start. The bank must do a lot more to restore trust.

Conservation group lists lower Colorado ...

Las Vegas Review-Journal

The Nevada *water* intake towers at Hoover Dam, Tuesday, April 11, 2017. ... The *water* demands of Arizona, Nevada and *California* are outstripping supply,

Fishery Managers Close 200 Miles Of West Coast To Salmon Fishing

OPB News

Fishing groups and Native American tribes plan to ask *California* Gov. ... Fish advocates blame a lack of *water* releases from dams for the low returns of Klamath ...

Here Are the Nominees for the 2017 Indigenous Music Awards!Manito Ahbee Festival is excited for the return of the Indigenous Music Awards, happening on May 19, 2017, at Club Regent Event Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. After a one-year hiatus, the Indigenous Music Awards are returning in a new and improved format to better serve the artists in the ever-changing music industry.

The 2017 Indigenous Music Awards received over 200 submissions from across North America, and this year's nominees have been determined by music industry professionals.

Indigenous Music Awards is very pleased to announce that Northern Cree is the recipient of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award! [READ MORE](#)

Akwesasne TV Visits the Children's Powwow

Akwesasne TV's "Ohaha'keshon (On the Road)" with host Kevin Lazore recently took a trip to the annual children's pow wow.

Not only did they film the cute tiny tots dancing their hearts out, but also asked the community what's their favorite thing about this particular pow wow.

Looks like the pow wow was great fun for all!

For more great programming immersed in the Mohawk language and culture tune in to <http://www.akwesasnetv.com/>. [READ MORE](#)

N'we Jinan Artists are Back with Two New Songs!

The N'we Jinan nonprofit program continues to work with First Nations students all across Canada to help youth express themselves through music and media.

Most recently they worked with elementary and high school First Nations students at Surrey School District Board in Surrey, British Columbia.

The first song is from the elementary students, "Show Us the Way":

[N'we Jinan Artists - "SHOW US THE WAY" // Surrey, British Columbia.](#)

SONG CREDITS: Rachel, Justice, Lindsey, Kalo, Nick, Antonio, Dimitri, Hannah, Je'sus, Kyra, Kegan, Morgan & Ocean. Produced by David Hodges & Gary Jolly. [READ MORE](#)

Argentina, Chile, and countries in Central America could all [enact stricter water regulations for mining companies](#) in the future, according to a report by London-based BMI Research. "When the negative externalities of gold mining, namely mercury and cyanide exposure to water sources, are left unaddressed, public opinion on all mining activity can motivate extreme legislation," the report said. Just last month, El Salvador voted to ban all metal mining due to



water concerns. *MINING.com*

<http://en.es-static.us/upl/2014/04/Bingham-Mine-landslide-4-10-20141-e1397164696427.jpg>

LAWYERS GIVE CLOSING ARGUMENTS IN 1ST BUNKERVILLE STANDOFF TRIAL

A federal prosecutor on Wednesday characterized six Bunkerville protesters as militiamen who heeded rancher Cliven Bundy's call to arms, while defense attorneys used closing arguments to portray the men as peaceful demonstrators asserting their constitutional rights.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz32297034>

Hopi Easter

These beautifully painted eggs come from Hopi artist Duane Koyawena.

He posted the photo to his Facebook page last year during Easter.

Talk about some talent and skill!

Thanks for sharing with us Duane!

[READ MORE](#)



[Cal Water scholarship applications available](#)

Visalia Times-Delta

California Water Service is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2017-18 school year. In total, \$60,000 in scholarships for

[Bill seeks to allow tribes to kill salmon-eating sea lions](#)

Capital Press

The three states have had federal authorization since 2008 to catch and euthanize *California* sea lions seen preying on salmon. The sea

NARF Reports

With Earth Day almost here—in a time when earth-friendly news can be hard to come by—we wanted to share a recent success!

Coal Mine Suspends Application

Across Cook Inlet from Anchorage, Alaska, is the Native Village of Tyonek. The 180 Tubughna (the residents of the Native Village of Tyonek), like generations before them, harvest subsistence resources and engage in cultural practices that are based in the forests and wetlands of the Ch'u'itnu watershed they call home.

They rely on their landscape for their sustenance and spiritual identity. Unfortunately for them, in the 1970s, coal was discovered under nearby wetlands. Since that time, the Tubughna have been forced to fight relentlessly against proposed coal development and to keep their landscape and lifeways intact.

Most recently, PacRim Coal, LP, applied to develop the Chuitna Coal Project only seven miles from the Native Village of Tyonek. They proposed to strip-mine the river bed and surrounding wetlands, which are spawning grounds for all five of the wild Pacific salmon species. They wanted to **remove 13.7 miles of the river bed from bank to bank and 350 feet down**, destroying existing habitats and ecosystems. NARF represented the Tubughna in their opposition to the Chuitna Coal Project. Many years in the coming, they recently met with some success.

Last month, PacRim suspended its efforts to permit the project. NARF [Staff Attorney Heather Kendall-Miller](#) congratulated the Tubughna, “NARF salutes the tenacity of the Native Village of Tyonek in opposing the development of a coal mine that would destroy salmon habitat streams. Tribal leadership tipped the balance here in favor of maintaining healthy sustainable natural resources.” You can read [more about the Native Village of Tyonek](#) at the NARF blog.

*Our Salmon, our way of life, and our land are safe.
It is our fish and game, it is our land that we are looking after.
-Arthur Standifer, Tribal President of the Native Village of Tyonek*

Local Actions are More Important than Ever

NARF is committed to sustainability and reducing our impact on climate change. Our sustainability report summarizes some of the “green” activities we have engaged in over the past ten years with a focus on improved efficiency, conservation, and offsetting our greenhouse gas emissions. Office energy consumption has decreased significantly, despite an increase in staff, and lower utility bills allowed us to offset our carbon footprint by funding an Indian-country [off-grid solar furnace project](#) that benefits the lives of many tribal members while supporting clean energy. Learn more about what we have accomplished and about our recent EPA award in our updated [sustainability report](#).

Will you Join Us at Work and at Home?

Will you join us in protecting the natural world we all depend on? Below are some links to earth-friendly actions that are easy to implement. Perhaps this Earth Day you can champion sustainability at your work or take action at home. (And the money that you save could be used to support your favorite non-profit charitable organizations!) Also, look for an email next week from NARF Executive Director John Echohawk explaining our Earth Day Pledge.

- [What You Can Do About Climate Change](#) (EPA)
- [Business Emission Reduction Tips](#) (Climate Care)

*We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors.
We borrow it from our children.
-Native American Proverb*

ON FARM INTERNSHIP

Application deadline is 5:00 PM, April 18th, 2017

Native Seeds/SEARCH is seeking applicants for our internship at our Conservation Farm in Patagonia, AZ. This internship will provide a unique and intensive learning opportunity for an individual interested in seed conservation and regionally adapted dryland agricultural systems in the Greater Southwest.

Qualifications include ability and commitment to broadly share knowledge gained in the internship program within Native communities, as well as previous or existing experience and relationships with Native communities.

This NS/S internship is a full-time paid position, from May – November with a regular Monday-Friday schedule at the Conservation Farm located in Patagonia, AZ.

[For more information and how to apply click here.](#)

GrantStation National Funding

Opportunities Throughout the U.S.

Support for Programming for Boys and Young Men of Color

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Forward Promise Empowerment Projects

Forward Promise, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, promotes culturally responsive practices that buffer the effects of historical and systemic trauma on boys and young men of color. Forward Promise Empowerment Projects will support nonprofit organizations that provide culturally relevant and evidence-supported responses to trauma to boys and young men of color, ages 12-24, while promoting opportunities for them to heal, grow, and thrive. Through this grant opportunity, Forward Promise will fund up to nine organizations to help strengthen their capacity to provide programming for boys and young men of color; enhance their ability to use data and research; and increase their ability to influence policy and practice in support of culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and healing-promoting strategies for boys and young men of color. Selected organizations will receive a grant of either up to \$150,000 or up to \$450,000 over two years. The deadline for brief proposals is May 2, 2017; full proposals will be due June 22, 2017. Visit the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's website to review the call for proposals.

Bicycle Infrastructure and Advocacy Initiatives Funded

PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program offers funding for important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the United States. Grants of up to \$10,000 are provided for bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development; city or county agencies or departments; and state or federal agencies working locally. Letters of interest for the fall 2017 grant cycle will be accepted

from June 12 to July 21, 2017; full applications will be due October 13, 2017. Visit the PeopleForBikes website to review the grant guidelines.

Grants Address Media Ethics Issues

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

Programs to Promote Healthy Drinks for Native American Children Supported

Notah Begay III Foundation: Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures

The Notah Begay III Foundation's national program, Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures has issued the "Drop Sugary Drinks!" Request for Applications. Tribes and Native-led organizations working to significantly reduce sugary drinks and to increase the consumption of healthy beverage alternatives (such as water, breastfeeding, indigenous teas, etc.) may apply for a grant between \$10,000 and \$40,000. Applications will be accepted from tribes and Native-led organizations across the country that specifically focus on the reduction of sugar-sweetened beverages and increase the consumption of healthy beverages for young children up to age eight. The application deadline is May 8, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to download the Request for Applications.

Regional Funding

Opportunities for Specific Areas

Funds for Organizations Impacting the Great Lakes Region

The Joyce Foundation

The Joyce Foundation supports efforts to protect the natural environment of the Great Lakes, to reduce poverty and violence in the region, and to ensure that its people have access to good schools, decent jobs, and a diverse and thriving culture. The focus of the Foundation's grantmaking is on initiatives that promise to have an impact on the Great Lakes region, specifically the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The Foundation's program areas include the following: Culture, Democracy, Education, Employment, Environment, Gun Violence Prevention, and the Joint Fund for Education and Employment. (Several program areas have specific geographic limitations within the Great Lakes region: K-12 education grantmaking focuses on the cities of Chicago, Indianapolis, and Minneapolis. Employment grants focus on federal and state policy grants, with some grants to support targeted metro-level progress in Chicago, Indianapolis, and Minneapolis/St. Paul. Culture grants are primarily provided to organizations in the City of Chicago.) Letters of inquiry should be submitted at least six to eight weeks prior to the proposal deadline. The remaining proposal deadlines for 2017 are August 9 and December 5. Visit the Foundation's website for detailed guidelines for each of the program areas.

Grants Enhance Environmental Programs in Virginia, Kentucky, and West Virginia **[Virginia Environmental Endowment](#)**

The mission of the Virginia Environmental Endowment is to improve the quality of the environment by using its capital to encourage all sectors to work together to prevent pollution, conserve natural resources, and promote environmental literacy. The Endowment provides grants to nonprofit organizations for programs conducted in the state of Virginia and in the Kanawha and Ohio River Valleys of Kentucky and West Virginia. The Virginia Program focuses on water quality, land conservation and use, Chesapeake Bay environmental issues, and environmental education. The Kanawha and Ohio River Valleys Program focuses on research, education, and community action on water quality and the effects of water pollution on public health and the environment. The upcoming deadline for both programs is June 15, 2017. Visit the Endowment's website for application guidelines.

Support for Music and Arts Initiatives in Louisiana

[The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation: Community Partnership Grant Program](#)

The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation is dedicated to promoting the music, arts, culture, and heritage of communities in Louisiana. The Foundation's Community Partnership Grant Program supports nonprofit organizations and educational institutions throughout the state in the following categories: Jazz & Heritage After-School and Summer Education Programs in Music, Arts, and Cultural Traditions; Jazz & Heritage In-School Education Programs in Music, Arts, and Cultural Traditions; Jazz & Heritage Presenting: Festivals and Concerts in Music and Performing Arts; and Jazz & Heritage Archive: Documentation and Preservation. Grants of up to \$5,000 are provided. The application deadline is May 15, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more.

Programs for Children, Women, and Minorities in Arizona Funded

[Cardinals Charities](#)

Cardinals Charities, the grantmaking program of the Arizona Cardinals, supports initiatives designed to improve the quality of life and enhance opportunities for children, women, and minorities in the state of Arizona. Grant requests of up to \$5,000 are preferred, with priority given to grants that support special programs. Nonprofit organizations throughout the state are eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted from April 3 through July 14, 2017. Visit the Cardinals' website for more information.

Federal Funding

Opportunities from the U.S. Government

Program Supports Alternative Education for Youth

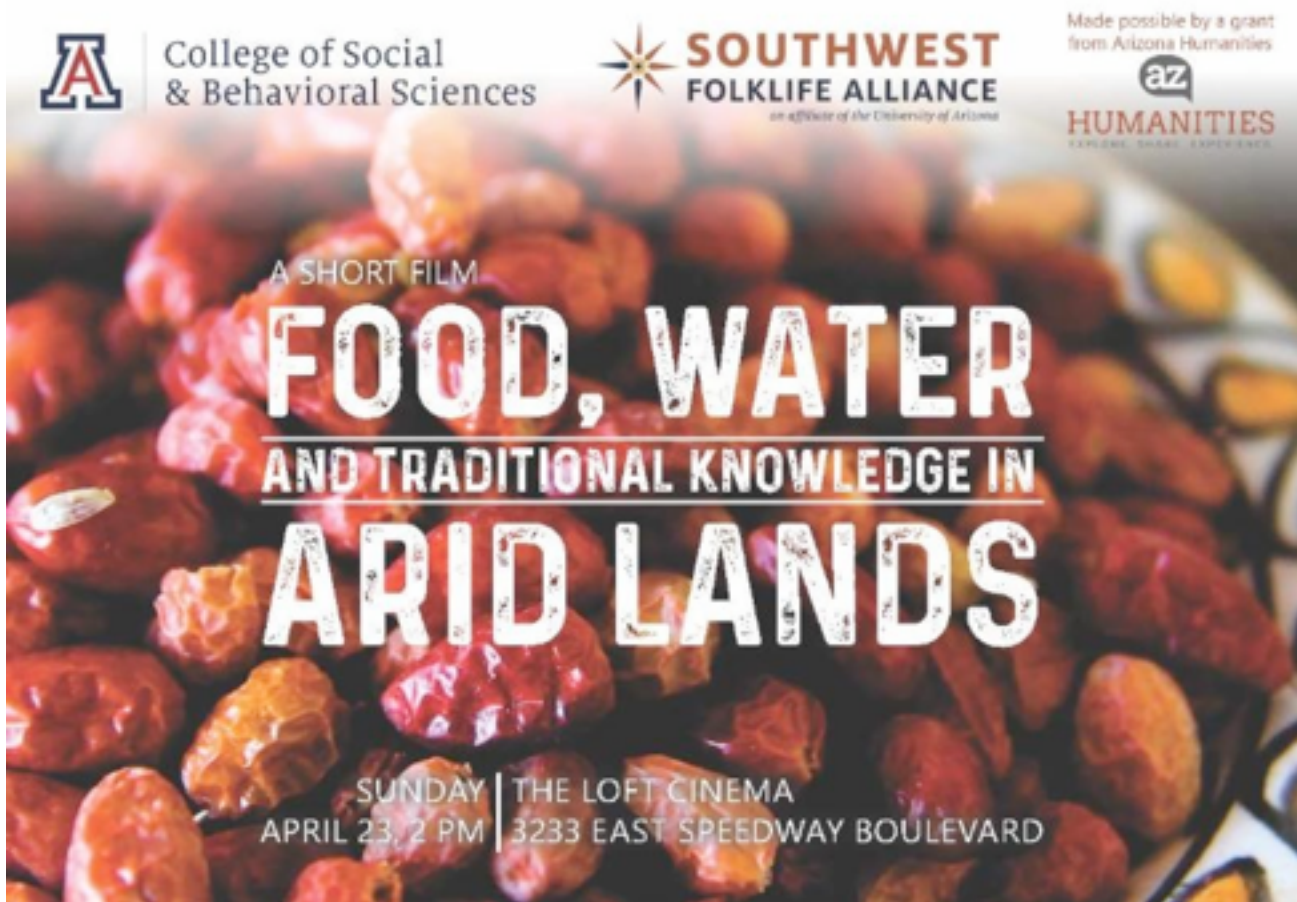
[Department of Labor](#)

The YouthBuild program is a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who are high school dropouts, aging out of foster care, or are disabled or homeless. The application deadline is May 9, 2017.

Rural Cooperatives Funded

[Department of Agriculture](#)

The Rural Cooperative Development Grant program provides support to improve the economic condition of rural areas by assisting in the startup, expansion, or operational improvement of rural cooperatives and other business entities. The application deadline is May 26, 2017.



[Rolinda King](#)

Secret to a long Marriage

A couple was celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Their domestic tranquility had long been the talk of the town. A local newspaper reporter was inquiring as to the secret of their long and happy marriage. "Well, it dates back to our honeymoon," explained the man. "We visited the Grand Canyon and took a trip down to the bottom on the canyon by pack mule. We hadn't gone too far when my wife's mule stumbled. My wife quietly said, 'That's once.' We proceeded a little further and the mule stumbled again. Once more my wife quietly said, 'That's twice.' Hadn't gone a half- mile when the mule stumbled the third time. My wife quietly removed a revolver from her pocket and shot the mule dead. I started to yell at her for her treatment of the mule when she looked at me and quietly said 'That's once.'"