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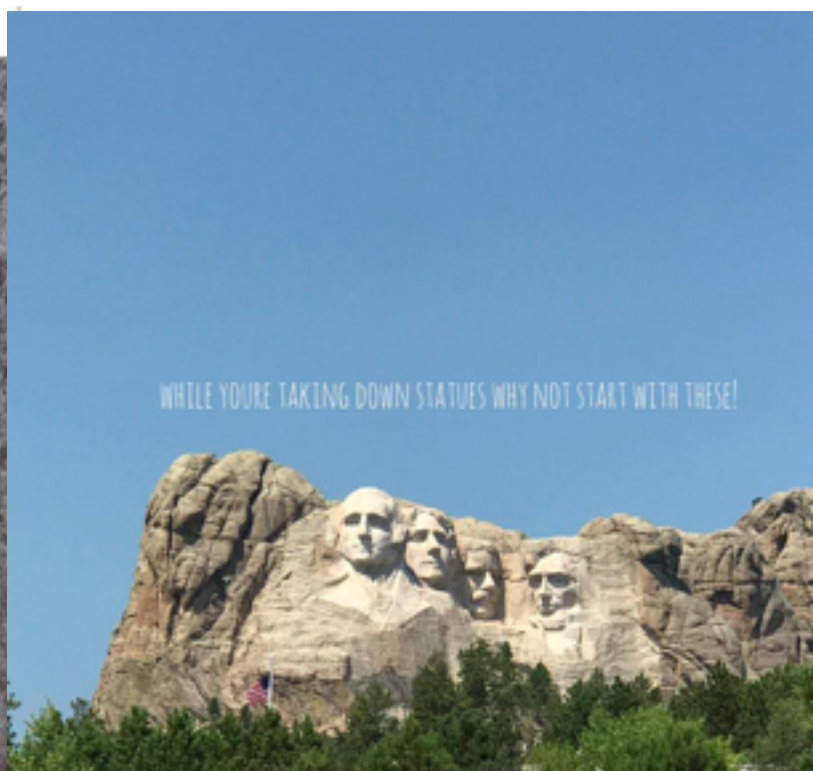
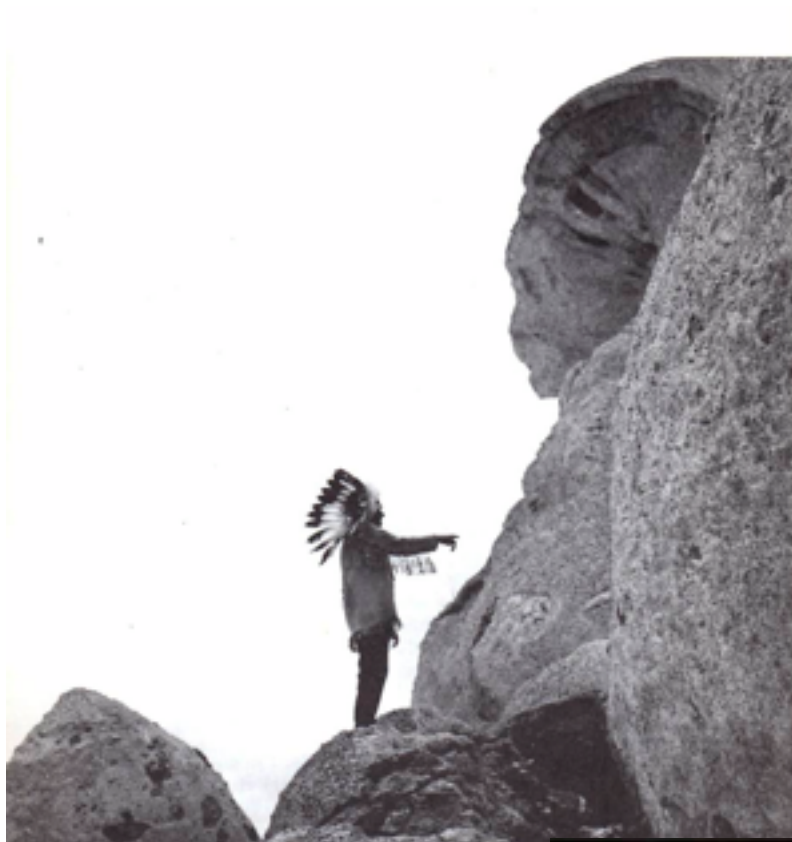
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Having been at Standing Rock on September 3, 2016, and witnessed the firsthand impact of DAPL Security Forces tear gassing and letting loose attack dogs on prayerful and peaceful Elders, Young People and Children, Walking the Red Road agrees with this Statement, wholeheartedly!

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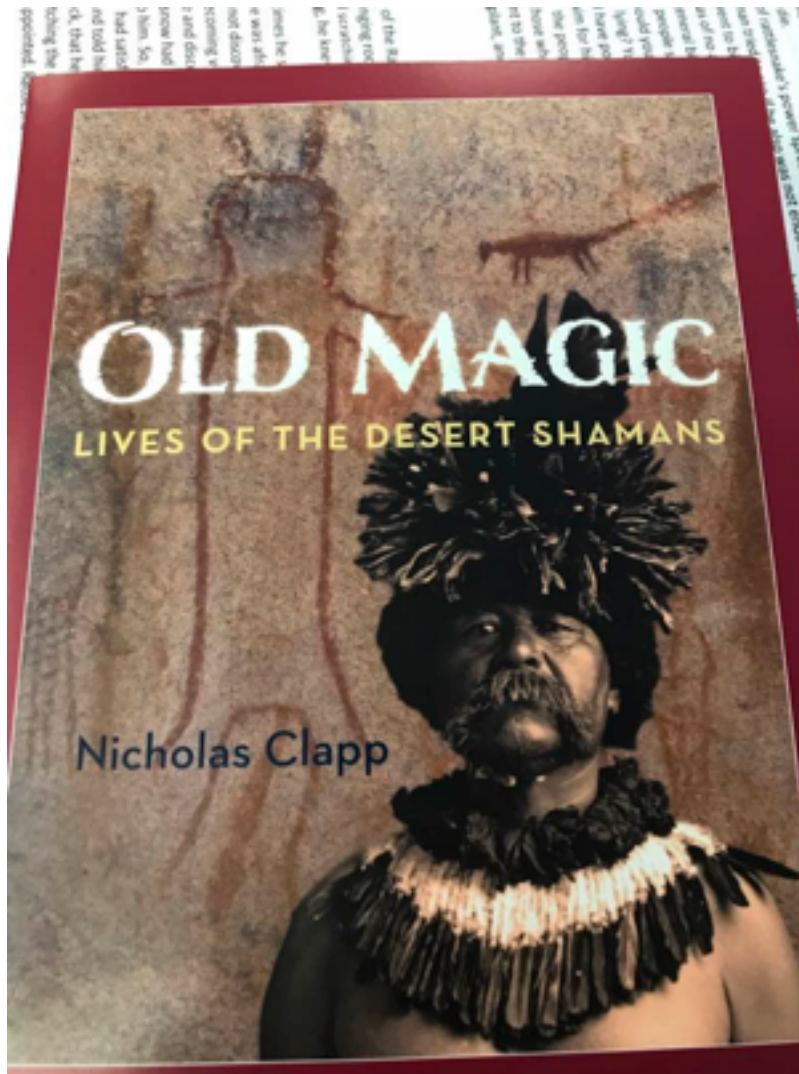
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Sherman Alexie reflects on the hatred currently plaguing the United States.

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The dream of every archaeologist is to make a find that changes the way we think about history. Something ancient, unexpected and marvelous. While most archaeology isn't as exciting as it's portrayed in movies, some of it is. These archaeological discoveries were all truly incredible. Many of them p...

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As reported by Seattle Times, these beautiful murals created by Andrew Morrison (Apache/Haida) were defaced over the weekend. Judging from the photograph it looks like the vandal might have used a super-soaker or rigged extinguisher to spray their

Advocates Defend Size, Importance of NV National Monuments

August 17, 2017 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

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Gold Butte National Monument was one of the last to be designated by President Obama before he left office. (Kurt Kuznicki)

LAS VEGAS -- Tribes and conservation groups are making a last-minute plea to keep Nevada's national monuments intact, one week before a federal review comes to an end.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is expected to announce his recommendations for the fate of Gold Butte and Basin and Range National Monuments next Thursday, August 24, when his report is due to President Donald Trump.

Fawn Douglas of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe said the monument designation is crucial to saving the historical and natural treasures at Gold Butte from vandals.

"There are bullet holes covering the petroglyphs and whole swatches of rock writing that have been torn out. Joshua trees have been knocked over for no reason at all," Douglas said. "Gold Butte is special and sacred to the Southern Paiute people, and for everyone who visits here."

Many tribes were disappointed after Zinke cancelled a planned meeting with the Moapa Tribe in June and held a short phone conversation instead.

President Trump has said he ordered the review of more than 20 national monuments to ensure they received proper consultation with stakeholders, and with an eye to protecting the smallest area necessary. Millions of Americans, including more than 90,000 Nevadans, have made public comments in support of leaving the monuments intact.

Nada Culver, senior counsel at The Wilderness Society, said a wide array of groups are planning litigation if the President moves against the monuments.

"Any action to undercut the existence, size or protections of these monuments would give rise to legal action swiftly from the conservation community to some tribal interests, to potentially attorneys general," Culver said.

The Antiquities Act gives the President the ability to create national monuments, but it does not explicitly permit the chief executive to revoke them.

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SERI Digital Best Practices Series

This month CoSA's State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI) Tools and Resources Subcommittee unveiled the first in a series of digital best practice documents. Focusing on digital project planning and management, this guide offers practical help for archives and other organizations that are embarking on records digitization projects. For more information about the Digital Best Practices Series, or to download *Digital Best Practices Series, Number 1, Digitization Projects*, visit the [CoSA website](#).

Nominations Open for CoSA-Ancestry Leadership Award

CoSA-Ancestry Leadership Award, sponsored by **Ancestry**, assists CoSA with its strategic plan commitment to facilitate next generation leadership development by providing a reimbursement for individuals or groups of mid-level managers in state and territorial archives to help develop their professional potential and prepare for advancement. ***_Due November 1***

Check the [website](#) for nomination forms and additional information. Contact [Anne](#) or [Barbara](#) with questions.

Welcome, New State Archivists

CoSA welcomes several new state archivists and administrators of state archives and records programs.

Louisiana: Doug Harrison, Executive Director

Mississippi: David Pilcher, Director, Archives and Records Services

Nevada: Teri J. Mark, Assistant Administrator, Archives and Records

Northern Marianas Islands: Perry Pangelinan, Director of Library Programs and Services, C.N.M.I. Archives

Rhode Island: Ashley Selima, State Archivist and Public Records Administrator

Utah: Ken Williams, Director

Also, welcome **interim contacts** for:

Alaska: Rotating interim state archivists: Karen Gray, Chris Hieb, and Zachary Jones

Florida: Amy L. Johnson, Director, Division of Library and Information Services

Mentoring Program Volunteers

With many new state archivists and state archives directors, CoSA is in need of more volunteers for its Mentoring Program. CoSA's Mentoring Program pairs a more experienced state archivist with a new appointee in another state, to provide informal assistance and support. Please contact [Barbara](#) to volunteer.

SERI Volunteers and Staff Contacts

CoSA's State Electronic Records Initiative Steering Committee is looking for more volunteers, both state archivists and state archives staff, to participate in SERI subcommittees. SERI is also updating contact information for any new electronic records or digital preservation staff that you have hired in the past few years, to help keep out SERI listserv current. Please complete this [brief survey](#) to update CoSA on your staff and projects:

Colorado State Archives Videos

Colorado State Archivist Aly Jabrocki recently shared two videos about [doing research](#) at the archives and [transferring records](#) to the archives from state agencies. Take a look at these very well-done videos!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15

CoSA-NHPRC Symposium (invitation only), *Government Email in an Age of Risk: Ensuring Preservation of and Access to Information* Washington, DC

October 1-31

American Archives Month

October 10

Electronic Records Day

Watch your email for more information on Electronic Records Day, 2017.

October 25-26 Pittsburgh, PA

[National Digital Stewardship Alliance](#) Pittsburgh, PA

November 6-8

[Best Practices Exchange](#) Boston, MA

Jointly hosted by the Massachusetts Archives, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, and the Massachusetts State Library.

August 12-18, 2018

[Archives * Records 2018](#) Washington, DC

Mark your calendars for the Joint Annual Meeting of the Council of State Archivists, the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, and the Society of American Archivists.

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EMILY ATKIN

Supporting a White Nationalist Goal, DOJ Looks to End Affirmative Action

Mark Karlin, BuzzFlash at Truthout: The uproar over Charlottesville is only the visible edge of Trump's reactionary, racist policies. [Read the BuzzFlash Commentary](#)

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By Jenny Wilson / RJ

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By Ben Botkin / RJ Capital Bureau

California Tribe Enters The Cannabis Market

More and more Native American tribes across the country are looking into the cannabis market as a business enterprise for their people. Most recently the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians have partnered with a cannabis company in this growing industry.

Please read more from the press release below.

LAS VEGAS, Aug. 2, 2017 /PRNewswire/ — GB Sciences, Inc. (OTCQB: GBLX) is proud to announce an agreement with the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians (Los Coyotes) for the purposes of establishing cannabis operations on the tribe's lands located near Warner Springs, California.

The nonbinding Joint Statement of Intent outlines plans to build and operate facilities to grow, manufacture, and distribute commercial cannabis and cannabis products in the State of California. [READ MORE](#)

From the Phoebe A Hearst Museum of Anthropology:

Lounge Lecture - Miniature Worlds: Model Dioramas in American Anthropology

Thursday, August 31st 6:30-8:00pm

Research Anthropologist Ira Jacknis shares what will be the first comprehensive study on the history, use, and impact of dioramas, ethnographic models, and miniature archaeological reconstructions in the field of anthropology. [Click here to find out more.](#)

When Russia Owned Part of America

By PENN BULLOCK

The sea-otter trade brought adventurers across the Bering Strait to Alaska and beyond, and remnants of their footprints remain.

**PowWows.com will stream the
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Tune in August 17-20, 2017

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August 17, 18, 19 & 20

3212 Dakota Parkway Shakopee, MN 55379

Pow Wow Head Staff

Experience Native American dancers from the SMSC and other Indian nations at the SMSC sponsored Wacipi Exhibition. A whirl of colors, sights and sounds will fill the halls as the Rotunda is transformed into a Wacipi arena, complete with a Master of Ceremonies and two invited drum groups.

Invited Native American dancers of all ages in full regalia will enter the arena to perform with live Wacipi music in two separate performances. Mall visitors will experience a Native American Grand Entry, learn about the various dance styles, and have the opportunity to join the dancers and participate in the Intertribals and Round Dance.

World-Renowned Indigenous Dancers Attending Wacipi Exhibition

The Sampson Bros.—Samsoshe and Micco Sampson of the Seneca and Mvskoke Creek Nations—have performed the art of the hoop dance for audiences around the world. They will be performing at the Wacipi Exhibition on August 17 at the Mall of America Rotunda. They will perform at 3:30pm.

About the Sampson Bros.:

- World-famous hoop dancers
- Opened for acts such as Joan Jett, Redbone, Puddle of Mudd, Willie Nelson, Neil Young, and A Tribe Called Red
- Appeared on MTV's Rebel Music: Native America and ESPN's Outside the Lines
- Toured and performed throughout North America, Europe, and New Zealand

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Head Staff

Master of Ceremonies: Juakin Hamilton - Ruben Little Head

Honorary Master of Ceremonies: Wallace Coffey

Arena Directors: Chaske La Blanc - Clifton Goodwill

Head Man Judge: Canku One Star

Head Woman Judge: Alva Fiddler

Head Singing Judge: Rooster Top Sky

Sound: Hokah Sound

Tabulation:

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Color Guard:Sisseton-Wahpeton Kit Fox Society
Native American Women Warriors (N.A.W.W.)**Drums:****Host:**

Northern Cree - Alberta

The Boyz - Minnesota

Invited:Bull Horn - Alberta
High Noon - Alberta
Mato Pejuta - Nebraska
Midnite Express - Minnesota
Sharpshooter - Turtle Island
Show Time - South Dakota
Young Bear - North Dakota
Southern Style - Utah
Wild Band of Comanches - Oklahoma
Yellow Hammer - Oklahoma

Filmed in Minnesota, New Adventure Film Features Native Cast

There's some familiar faces in this movie that looks like fun for the whole family!

Kid West is a family-friendly adventure that follows "a young spitfire cowgirl, and her coolheaded Native American friend, as they race a gang of neighborhood bullies to find a mysterious treasure supposedly having mystical powers."

Filmed on location in Minnesota, the cast features Atquetzali Quiroz as Angie (the Native friend), pow wow dancer turned actor Larry Yazzie as Jeremiah, Indigenous TV host Stacey Thunder as the "TV Reporter" and Ajuawak Kapashesit as the <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10204030424718280&set=a.4815000670261.1073741826.1753661360&type=3> "Park Ranger". **READ MORE**

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Pyramid Lake Paiute member overcomes challenges to achieve her goals

RENO, Nev. — Loni Romo knows a thing or two about adapting to tough situations.

Romo, 32, an enrolled member of Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, is a mother of two who recently graduated with the Class of 2017 from the University of Nevada, Reno.

"My dream job would be working strictly with Native students," Romo said in an interview with First Nation's Focus in June. "I would just love to be able to see our own succeed."

Romo's path to higher education is not your traditional story — taking the scenic route is how she describes her journey.

Growing up in Wadsworth, Nevada, she, like many other Native children, attended Natchez Elementary School.

"All of the cultural aspects were my favorite part about going to Natchez," Romo said.

When junior high approached, with hopes to better prepare herself for high school, Romo decided to attend school 20 miles away in Fernley.

Soon after transferring, Romo realized school was different off the reservation.

"I was considered 'the Native girl,'" Romo said.

Because she was away from home and family, she said she began to get discouraged, only doing enough with her studies to get by in order to be eligible for sports.

Romo's path took an unexpected turn when she gave birth to her first daughter, Michaela, the summer before her junior year in high school.

Romo was determined to finish high school more than ever, but that was easier said than done, considering she was now a teen mother on top of being a student.

"Dealing with people who were so negative, saying I was a typical Indian girl who was never going to amount to anything, was hard," Romo said. "I was damn sure I was not going to drop out of school."

Despite the odds stacked against her, Romo graduated on time. After receiving her diploma, Romo's counselor approached her to say, "I can't believe you actually did it," she recalled.

Romo was at a loss for words — not only at his comment, but more so because it was one of the few times her counselor had spoken to her.

After graduation, Romo attended Truckee Meadows Community College to receive her Associate of Arts in General Studies.

She then took a job working with Native youth as a Student Graduation Advocate for high school students in the Washoe County School District.

During that time, Romo had her second daughter, Emileigh.

"While I was working in all these schools, I would tell my students to go to college, but yet I wasn't leading by example," Romo said.

After being unexpectedly laid off, Romo had the urge to go back to school, this time attending UNR.

The first semester back at college was a difficult one. Romo was placed on academic probation, and she nearly had to dis-enroll.

But that scare lit a fire underneath her, she recalled.

"I couldn't stop. I knew I had to finish to be where I want to be," Romo said.

After a few years, she graduated with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development and Family Studies.

Yet, Romo's educational journey is not over. She was accepted this summer into graduate school at UNR for Counseling and Education Psychology.

Her dream is to work specifically with Native American students, so she can see more of her own people continue their pathway to a higher education.



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