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Judith LeBlanc, Campaign for America's Future: In Lower Brule, South Dakota, elected tribal officials, spiritual leaders, Native grassroots organizations, youth groups and traditional women's societies have gathered with non-Native farmers, ranchers and others affected by the Keystone XL pipeline. [Read the Article](#)

All Around Nevada: Toquima Cave

by Steven Field (Buckaroo News)

All Around Nevada is a website run by University of Nevada Reno Professor Howard Goldbaum. The site highlights fascinating out of the way places in Nevada. Professor Goldbaum has given us permission to reprint content from the site. Today's post is about Toquima Cave. Toquima Cave, located on Pete's Summit in the Toquima mountain range east of [...] [Read more of this post](#)

A Gold Rush in Salmon Country

By BRENDAN JONES

Thanks to Trump, a mining project that threatened fish is back in play.

<http://iwanttoberecycled.org/game>

Soboba - U.S. Veterans Administration Sign Housing Agreement

In keeping with the Veterans Day celebration the Soboba Tribal Council and the U.S. Veterans Administration Department in Washington D.C. signed ' an historical housing agreement. For the first time in the history of the United States of American, Soboba tribal veterans will be allowed to use tribal lands to obtain a loan to build or buy a home on the reservation.

Frances Diaz. Soboba Housing Department Manager told SIR. "I'm extremely proud of the hard work the Tribal Council's put into making the veterans loans a reality for the tribal members." "The Council is planning to host a formal signing on the reservation with representative from the U.S. Veterans Administration Department." "A day has not been set as we need to coordinate the event with the Veterans Administration." She added.

Although the HUD 184 Indian Home loan Program is available to the tribal veterans it requires a 2.25% down payment plus closing cost of about 3%. The VA Home Loans do not require a down payment. The tribal also provides home loans to it members without a down payment but the loans are limited to homes built or located on the reservation and are not available to the veterans over the age of 60.

Seems like the elders just can escape Government discrimination weather it be the federal Government or their own tribal Government.

The reason for the no loans to the tribal members over 60-years of age is because the tribe is not able to obtain insurance because of their age.

It would seem reasonable for the home alone to be the collateral for the loan. With family members to have the option of assuming the loan should something happen to the elder. And should none of the elders family not want ot assume the loan the tribe would assume title to the home and make it available to other tribal members. The logic may be to simple to comprehend. Moreover, the Tribal Council is already buying single family dwelling for rental or purchase by tribal members on lands adjacent to tribal lands. Maybe there is a new tribal "Investment Strategy" system in play here or it's to simple for me to understand.

Then again, maybe its more about money than taking care of our own.

Regardless, of all the tribal business nonsense, after almost 100- years of citizenship and to many wars and armed conflicts around the world the United States of America is providing the American Indian Veterans with the opportunity to provide adequate housing for their families on their reservation homelands.

Although none of the five members of the Soboba Tribal Council have served in the military they have a long history of family member that have served.

Chairman, Scott Cozart's mother and father were veterans of the Korean Conflict; Vice-Chairman, Isaish Vivianco's father, Louis and uncle, Robert are Viet Nam veterans; Larry "Dee" Boniface, grandfather of Monica Herria was a Korean veteran; Kelly Hurtado's grandfather, Foster Hurtado is a WW II veteran; and Rose Salgado's father, Ernest Salgado Sr., was a WW II veteran and both Ernie and Richard are Viet Nam veterans. And they all have uncles, aunts and cousins that are veterans.

Soboba, as are all the American Indian tribes are very proud of the service of their tribal members in the military.

----Ernie Salgado

Soboba to Donate \$1-Million to San Jacinto Schools

The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians will be contributing one million dollars to the San Jacinto Unified School District. The money is in lieu of building fees and taxes that the Tribe would have paid for the construction of its new casino and hotel on the corner of Soboba Rd. and Parkway.

The district will use about 65% of the money for the first phase of construction of the Soboba Aquatic Center.

It's funny how over time how things change but stay the same.

In way of example, years ago the location of the new casino and hotel was part of the Chambers Ranch and somewhere between Parkway and the golf course boundary on Soboba Rd. was a large reservoir, I'm guessing 100 feet wide and 200 feet long and about eight-foot deep when full. It was nasty and definitely unhealthy by any standards, filled with enough green moss it could have been bailed and an abundance of live creatures none of which were fish. It matters not because this is where many of us older Rez Dogs learned to swim.

I'll always remember Mr. Chambers for his kindness toward us kids. He never once told us to leave, all he would just say "You kids be careful."

It's nice that we, as a Tribe can provide the opportunity for other poor kids to have a place to swim. Maybe we are the Chambers family and it's our turn to say "You kids have fun and be careful." Isn't America Great!

Rare 400-Year-Old Map Traces Indigenous Roots in Mexico

<https://www.livescience.com/61004-rare-mexico-map.html>

[It's a brutal end for these salmon, but it replenishes oceans and feeds families](#)



[Hudson Sangree, Sacramento Bee](#)

Thousands of salmon make the grueling journey from the Pacific Ocean up the American River each fall.

[Ellen Kemper](#) is at [Meow Wolf](#). [Meow Wolf \(and Santa Fe\) in the LA Times article about chiles:](#)

"I wondered if scorching-hot chiles, said to bring on hallucinations, inspired one of Santa Fe's must-see art attractions. Mind-trippy Meow Wolf, created by more than 100 artists, offers a portal into the fantastical world of interactive art with 70 rooms that encompass a treehouse, laser-based musical instruments and a psychedelic "magic bus" ride."

[Red or green? Your answer speaks volumes about you in New Mexico and its chile capitals](#)

Ask anyone from New Mexico what autumn smells like. It's not of burning leaves, freshly harvested grapes or simmering hot apple cider. It's a distinctive regional aroma of roasted chile — a smoky, piquant perfume that pervades backyards, parking lots and even grocery stores during the season.

latimes.com

Utah's Pando aspen grove is the most massive living thing known on Earth. It may die soon.

Shayne, I like your last journal post with a quote from Ann Richards, former Governor of Texas.

This past weekend, after reading the attached article concerning the environment, I decided to send a email comment back to the journalist who composed this article. My comment was critical leaving out the ancestral and tribal peoples who I believe had/have a roll in this regional environment, but in the article only a ecologist was asked to give an opinion. But sadly I see in the writing that America began with Columbus, Pilgrims, Manifest Destiny. The composition of this article, which is viewed by many in the inter mountain region leaves out Native Americans. The environmental landscapes across the Western Hemisphere were peopled thousands of years before this new time, so Native Americans have a place in the discussion. So I spoke out.

Hopefully, the journalist will respond, but I will follow up by Christmas. I send this to you because, I believe you understand and hear from other people who have similar experiences related to the way Native Americans are treated as if they are a history note in books, a circumstance that goes back centuries. My original email to the journalist will follow. Thanks, Don

I found this article from The Salt Lake Tribune that you might be interested in: <http://www.sltrib.com/news/2017/11/11/utahs-pando-aspen-grove-is-the-most-massive-living-thing-known-on-earth-it-may-die-soon>

To: ealberty@sltrib.com

Subject: Pando Aspen Grove

Hello, my name is Don Whyte. Reading your article regarding this magnificent grove being impacted by deer and recently by cattle. Your writing from your research that includes Paul Rogers comments;

For centuries, if not millennia, Rogers says, wolves, bears and cougars "kept the deer in line ... enough so that these giant clones could persist and be healthy. Between 1920 and 1970, something happened. There are very few young trees after that vintage. What changed? I'm guessing cattle, deer and the removal of predators."

I believe this description fails to include the ancestral and historical people who also lived in this area during this time. Making it only an ecological issue that leaves out the human interaction falls below excellent reporting. Please check the archaeology record in this area, Fremont and Ute people enjoyed life in this area, they were there and they were also a part of that circle of environmental health of this aspen grove. Just like wildland fire (I use as an example), fire ecologist have been sharing the relationship of tribal peoples and the health of an environments across the west. I believe the predators of deer described by Mr. Rogers is short in full description by not including the Native American hunters. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

Sincerely, Donald Whyte, Ute Mountain Ute

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Fidel Castro's Enduring Environmental Legacy

teleSUR

Excerpt: "Fidel's commitment to education and health care stand out as monumental achievements for Cuba under his decades of rule. While he emerged as a stalwart of anti-imperialism and anti-capitalism, his commitment to environmentalism and Cuba's achievements in the area gets less attention." [READ MORE](#)

[Photo by Donald Quintana, Nature and Wildlife Photography](#) | Semipalmated plover chick standing along the Solomon River near Nome, Alaska

from PowWows.com

Artist from Standing Rock Revives Cultural Traditions through Historical Research

Holly Young needs no grand introduction among American Indian artists. She's a full-time artist



from Standing Rock who's work has been showcased at some astounding venues and locations throughout the United States. Although widely recognized as the creator of Holly's Hoops, she makes much more than beaded earrings. She's a moccasin maker, cradleboard maker, ledger artist, and—as of lately—a floral bead artist. She's also a mother, daughter, sister, ally, and supporter of other artists, communities, causes and initiatives.

Holly's art is impacting not only her community but her life as well.

Her inspiration to begin her work with art blossomed when she was expecting her first child Inyan He Paha Young, more than 10 years ago, when she was snooping around her grandmother's belongings and found a pair of floral moccasins. Over the last several years her work has been widely recognized through her earrings but has since grown into other mediums. And although her earring creations are always in demand, her other art forms are growing in recognition.

2018 Gathering of Nations Pow Wow Tickets On Sale

Tickets now on sale!

Keep reading to find out how to enter to win FREE tickets for the [2018 Gathering of Nations](#).

Albuquerque, N.M. – November 17, 2017 – Beginning Wednesday, November 22, The Gathering of Nations limited is making advance tickets available for a very special pre-sale.

Advance tickets for the Powwow and the Miss Indian World Traditional Talent Presentation will become available on the Gathering of Nations website, www.gatheringofnations.com. The 35th Annual Gathering of Nations events will take place Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28, 2018, in Albuquerque N.M. The Miss Indian World Talent Competition will take place, once again Thursday, April 26, 2018, at the Albuquerque Convention Center, while the Powwow will take place Friday and Saturday (April 27 & 28) on the new "Powwow Grounds" At Expo NM/Tingley Coliseum. [READ MORE](#)



While Honoring Code Talkers, Trump Makes Tasteless 'Pocahontas' Joke

In what was supposed to be a pleasant event honoring some of our brave Navajo codetalkers, Donald Trump decides to make a Pocahontas crack, presumably aimed at Elizabeth Warren.

"You were here long before any of us were here. Although we have a representative in Congress who they say was here a long time ago. They call her Pocahontas," Trump said, once again crudely referring to Warren's Native American heritage. "But you know what, I like you, because you are special."

MSNBC was interviewing Elizabeth Warren on an unrelated topic so they were able to get a quick response from her

If you want to watch the whole ceremony, watch below. Video starts at 56:30.

[President Trump Hosts an Event Honoring the Native American Code Talkers](#)

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[NowThis Politics's video.](#)

This Native American vet spoke about diversity strengthening our country — right in front of Trump

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November 27, 2017

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty released the following statement in response to remarks made by President Trump today at an event honoring Navajo Code Talkers:

"Today's careless comment from President Trump is the latest example of systemic, deep-seated ignorance of Native Americans and our intrinsic right to exist and practice our ways of life. The intentional disregard of the historical trauma of Pocahontas as a sexual assault survivor directly resulting from colonization is disturbing.

"The Navajo People are not strangers to the prejudice, discrimination, and marginalization perpetrated by western culture. Our women and children are targets of violence. We must speak out against such ignorance in every instance, in hopes for a better future for our children and our land.

"I must respond to White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders' flat-out denial of this racial slur, dismissing the tangible and egregious impact pejoratives have on indigenous people. I must respond to President Trump's remark today referencing Pocahontas. With due respect, it is problematic for the president use this term in the manner we heard today. It diminishes the experience of Pocahontas and is totally inappropriate. The reckless appropriation of this term is deeply offensive and dangerous to the sovereignty and identity of our peoples. Such rhetoric is damaging, and it a serious infringement of our right to live as Native Americans.

"The Navajo Code Talkers are not pawns to advance a personal grudge, or promote false narratives. Such pandering dishonors the sacrifice of our national heroes. Let me be clear, such antics do not change the fact of history. Indigenous peoples' disparate socioeconomic issues are a direct result of this false narrative, and we cannot sit idly by as the citizens of the United States and our indigenous children are gas-lighted from this terrible truth.

"We honor and respect the Navajo Code Talkers, and we are proud of their sacrifice. Let us not allow this display of immaturity and short-sightedness distract us from the important issues we advocate for collectively as sovereign nations on this continent, but continue to advance the cause and secure the future of indigenous people in America."



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 Kassanavoid, Wellington Mihecoby, Perry Noyobad, Clifford Otativo, Summons Parker, Melvin Permansu, Elgin and Roderick Red Elk, Larry Saupitty, Morris (Sunrise) Tabbyyetchy and Willis Yackesch – the Code Talkers who did not serve overseas were Albert (Edward) Nahquaddy, Ralph Walmee and Anthony Tabbytite.

Trump Packing Courts

e policies of the Obama administration, easily done by executive action. But that's just a temporary fix that could be undone again by the next president. [A better, permanent strategy, is to make life-time appointments of like-minded judges to federal benches.](#) And that's something the Trump administration is wasting no time doing, racing to fill vacancies on top courts around the country, from the Supreme Court to powerful lower courts that would

decide the fate of regulatory challenges and groundbreaking lawsuits. Conservative judges may reject arguments calling for more federal regulation or enforcement, or trying to fit climate change rules within the existing Clean Air Act. Novel climate lawsuits underway across the country, such as the California counties who are suing oil companies on the theory that their greenhouse gas emissions are causing sea level rise, could ultimately be heard by Trump appointees. The opinions of [those judges could shape numerous legal decisions related to climate and environmental policy](#) long after Trump exits the White House.

[Zinke Proposes New National Monument in His Home State but Wants to Shrink Them Elsewhere](#)

Lorraine Chow, EcoWatch

Chow writes: "Interior Sec. Ryan Zinke wants to reshape and repurpose 10 national monuments for drilling, logging and other commercial activities, but you won't see the same recommendations for existing monuments in Montana - Zinke's home state." [READ MORE](#)

[Antoinette Cavanaugh](#)

Calling all Western Shoshone individuals who are interested in a list of scholarships

to help pay for college--message me with your email address an I will send you an updated list of scholarship opportunities that may provide funding opportunities.

[Dee Numa](#)

Paiute Basket Maker Yosemite National Park



[Dee Numa](#)

Paiute Woman Yosemite National Park

[Dee Numa](#)
[River Paiut](#)

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