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Sunset colors the sky a pastel orange above a water tower on the Gila River Nation, in central Arizona.
Photo © J. Carl Ganter / Circle of Blue

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Neil Howard, openDemocracy: The O'Odham nation lives on both sides of the US-Mexican border, and for that they are persecuted and often dehumanized by Border Patrol agents. In this interview, O'Odham activist Ophelia Rivas discusses the mistreatment of Indigenous peoples on the border and how she's resisting.

[Read the Interview](#)

What would *you* do with \$10,000?

What is the High School Giving Circle?

A group of up to 20 high school students from throughout Washoe County form the Youth in Philanthropy High School Giving Circle (HSGC) advisory committee. As a member of the HSGC committee, you and your peers will learn about charities in your community and then decide to which you will give all or a portion of \$10,000.

What do I have to do?

Be part of a team of other HSGC committee members

Talk about community issues that interest you

Give away \$10,000 to charities that serve arts, culture, environment, education, human services

What does it cost?

Nothing. This program is paid for by a fund holder at the Community Foundation. All it costs is your time.

How much time will it take?

75 minutes once a week for 10 weeks—from September to December. All meetings are held on Thursdays from 3:40-5 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. (No meeting the week of Thanksgiving!)

Where will we meet?

Meetings are at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada: 50 Washington Street, Suite 300, Reno, NV 89503. You'll need to provide your own transportation.

What's in it for me?

A chance to be heard!

A way to make a difference on issues YOU care about.

A great community service leadership experience and a reference for your future.

An understanding of why philanthropy is important.

How do I join?

Fill out the application form, get your parent's signature, and send the **application back by September 14!** (*Deadline graciously extended to Sept 20 for tribal applicants since I got this so late*) Selections will be on a first come, first served basis—by school. Send the application to: The Community Foundation of Western Nevada, 50 Washington Street, Suite 300, Reno, NV 89503. Or you can email it to lrenda@nevadafund.org or fax it to 775-333-5487

Where can I get more information?

Call Lauren Renda at the Community Foundation, 775-333-5499 or email Lauren at [HYPERLINK "lrenda@nevadafund.org"](mailto:lrenda@nevadafund.org). Go to www.nevadafund.org to learn more about the Community Foundation High School Giving Circle. How do I join?

High School Giving Circle Member Application

The Community Foundation of Western Nevada is looking for up to 20 high school students from various schools to join our Youth in Philanthropy High School Giving Circle (HSGC) Grants Advisory Committee. This committee is responsible for recommending \$10,000 in grants in our community! Due to demand, we are limiting participation. Selections will be on a first come, first served basis—by school.

Applications are due by September 14.*(Extended to 9.20 for tribal applicants)* For more information please call Lauren Renda, Program Officer at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada at 775-333-5499 or email HYPERLINK "<mailto:lrenda@nevadafund.org>" lrenda@nevadafund.org.

Student's Name: _____ Male/Female

Grade _____ School _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Why are you interested in joining the HSGC grants advisory committee?

What extracurricular clubs/activities have you or do you participate in? (You don't have to be a "joiner" to belong to the HSGC committee; it just gives us a sense of your interests.) You may also use this space to let us know your interests.

_____ When? _____

_____ When? _____

3. _____ When? _____

Meetings are held **weekly** from September 28 through December 7 from 3:40 to 5:00 p.m. (No meeting the week of Thanksgiving.) Some preparation time is involved.

Can you commit to attending 10 meetings? Yes/no (circle one)

Do you have your own transportation? Yes/no (circle one)

Do you understand that though the committee process is private some of the decisions made by the HSGC committee will be made public through Community Foundation publicity and media exposure? Yes/no (circle one)

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

I support my child's intention to join the Community Foundation of Western Nevada Youth in Philanthropy High School Giving Circle Grants Advisory Committee. I allow his/her photo and story of committee involvement to be published in Community Foundation publicity materials and by local media (newspaper, television) outlets.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

Mail or fax your application to: Community Foundation of Western Nevada
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“If we don’t turn back, we will go down.” –Pope Francis, in reference to humanity’s need to understand and take action against climate change. Francis declared that the recent string of major hurricanes should serve as a reminder that each person has a responsibility to fight back against climate change, and that “history will judge the decisions” of those who deny global warming. [Reuters](#)

2017 Great Nevada Picture Hunt - HOME MEANS NEVADA

Nevada means home to each and everyone one of us in different ways, which is why it was a spectacular, albeit challenging, task selecting our favorites for this year’s picture hunt. We received more than 1,200 photographs, each expressing a distinct and brilliant facet of the Silver State. We want to thank everyone who submitted photography, and congratulate the winners of the 2017 Great Nevada Picture Hunt. Here are some of the reasons why home means Nevada to the winners of the 2017 hunt, in their own words.

<http://nevadamagazine.com/home/inside-the-magazine/special-section/2017-great-nevada-picture-hunt/>

from Powows.com

Native Designer Belinda Bullshoe Ready to Wow the Crowd at Paris Fashion Week



You've seen her work featured on our website before, starting off with an article on Bullshoe Creations' [pow wow trail accessories](#) and other articles talking about [fashion shows](#) she's participated in. But now, designer Belinda Bullshoe has some really big news to announce: an invite to showcase her designs at Paris Fashion Week! Every designer dreams about traveling to

Paris, so this is some exciting news, especially for a Native designer (Blackfeet/ Blood Tribe) from Montana!

KRTV Great Falls recently interviewed Bullshoe about how she's preparing for the trip:

As you can imagine, it's expensive to travel to Paris, especially with all the outfits she has to take with her too. Bullshoe has set up a GoFundMe to help offset some of the costs.

[READ MORE](#)

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### **Watch As Comedian Tito Ybarra Confronts Drum Circle**

If Tito Ybarra is involved, you know you're going to laugh your butt off! He recently collaborated with The Yes Men on this video, which uses footage from an incident that occurred a couple years back.

From Tito's Facebook post:

"A couple years ago I was invited out to Albany New York for Stand Up Albany and this happened. My own personal burning man."

Just watch and see if you'd have kept your cool like he did.

Warning – Video NSFW

### **[WHITE PEOPLE ACTING INDIAN BUSTED BY NATIVE COMEDIAN TITO YBARRA](#)**

Have you guys ever been in a similar incident? How did you react? [READ MORE](#)

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Fake "Powwow" At Burning Man Has Indian Country Raising It's Eyebrows

People across Indian country found themselves raising their eyebrows and scratching their heads as a viral Facebook video began making its way through pow wow circles everywhere.

Unless you live under a rock you've probably heard that there was a "powwow" held at the Burning Man festival hosted by none other than Standing Rock's own attorney Chase Iron Eyes and his drum group.

In the video, Chase begins to explain his intentions with a comment that didn't sit well with some Natives.

"We are all Indigenous, we need to transcend, and one way to do that is through the drum."

The video later cuts to a frame showing a large group of people gathered around a drum, many taking it upon themselves to join in on banging the drum and swaying with the beat.

[READ MORE](#)

**Seasonal Photography by
Janine Tom**



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Tea time



Bitterbrush seeds ready to fly — in [Mount Charleston, Nevada](#).



Looking East from the
Spring Mountains — in
[Mount Charleston, Nevada](#).

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FEATURE FILM OPEN CASTING CALL

★★★SEEKING★★★

MEN, WOMEN & TEENS

For a Feature Film Starring

BRUCE DERN	('Nebraska', 'Django Unchained')
MATTHIAS SCHOENAERTS	('Rust and Bone')
JASON MITCHELL	('Straight Outta Compton')

→NO ACTING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY←

Roles Include:

*Prison Inmates, Correction Officers, Mothers, Fathers, Auctioneer,
Social Workers, Friends, and one young woman 15 - 19 years old.
PLUS 300 EXTRAS!*

OPEN CALL for All Roles

DATE: Saturday, September 23rd

TIME: MEN/WOMEN/TEENS – Sign in any time between 10am – 4pm

OPEN CALL for All Roles

DATE: Sunday, September 24th

TIME: MEN/WOMEN/TEENS – Sign in any time between 10am – 1p

LOCATION: TRU TALENT AGENCY / TAKE 2 STUDIOS
780 SMITHRIDGE DRIVE, #300
RENO, NV 89502

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT BUT STILL WANT TO BE CONSIDERED, EMAIL the following info to mustangmoviecasting@gmail.com : NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, CURRENT LOCATION, PICTURE, CONTACT PHONE and EMAIL.

Have a question? **Call us at (775) 853-3375 OR (775) 343-6117**

We are casting Native Americans for the film Mustang shooting in Reno & Carson City. We are casting many paid extra roles and looking for one Native American man age 30-40 (must know how to ride a horse well) If you know someone who might be right for this role have them contact me directly. For the extra roles and bit parts we are holding an open call at the studio on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24th. Folks who are interested can also go to our website at trutalentagency.com and click on MUSTANG and submit two photos and basic info. The photos do not need to be professional.

“They’ve treated us like terrorists for defending the human right to water.” –José Gabriel

Amaya, a resident of Tacuba, El Salvador, in reference to a legal battle over the town’s right to its own water system. In 1995, after years of neglect by the Salvadorian government, the Tacuba community came together to install water infrastructure which had been donated by international aid groups. Recently, the town’s mayor has attempted to seize and appropriate the water system, sparking a legal battle over who has the right to oversee the Tacuba system. [NACLA](#)

Way cool map:

[New Deal Project Map | Living New Deal](#) **<https://livingnewdeal.org/map/>**

The *New Deal* benefitted every state, and nearly every city and town, across the United States, and most of the infrastructure built in the 1930s is still i.

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### **Total Numbers**

The success of Roosevelt’s New Deal programs has been argued about for years. Some say that the government overstepped its bounds and that the United States was dangerously close to becoming a totalitarian government under President Roosevelt. Some argue that unemployment was not erased during the New Deal years and only World War Two was responsible for the end of the Great Depression. What cannot be debated, however, is that the New Deal programs gave hope to millions of citizens who had given up hope. What cannot be debated is that the infrastructure of the United States was rebuilt and modernized and many of the projects were springboards for a future where the U.S. would dominate world affairs.

The sheer number of accomplishments is staggering. CCC projects included 3,470 fire towers erected, 97,000 miles of roads built, 3 billion trees planted, 711 state parks created and over 3 million men employed. The PWA funded the construction of over 34,000 projects, including airports, dams, schools and hospitals. The WPA is credited with having constructed 651,087 miles of roadways, repaired 125,110 public buildings and constructed 853 landing fields. From 1933 and the birth of the New Deal to 1939, unemployment dropped from approximately 15 million to 9 million and most of those workers were employed by New Deal programs.

<https://owlcation.com/humanities/The-Great-Depressions-The-Top-Five-Public-Works-Projects-of-the-New-Deal>

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### **TransCanada May Abandon Energy East Tar Sands Pipeline**

**[Read the Article at EcoWatch](#)**

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### **[Irma-Proof Armor and Nights at the Museum: Shielding Florida's Arts](#)**

By MICHAEL COOPER and ROBIN POGREBIN

Many Florida cultural organizations are relieved that, thanks to careful preparation and good luck, Hurricane Irma was not as bad as they had feared.

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## **Review: We the (Library-Card Carrying) People of 'Ex Libris'**

By MANOHLA DARGIS

In his magnificent documentary, "Ex Libris: The New York Public Library," Frederick Wiseman takes his camera into the halls where people read, learn and seek a perfect union.

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## **UFPJ National Briefing Call on the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty**

**Monday, September 18, 2017**

**8:30 pm EDT/5:30 pm PDT**

**Please RSVP here to receive call-in number**

More info: [ActionNetwork.org](http://ActionNetwork.org).

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## **A Booming Utah Searches for Water Solutions**

By Jim Carlton, The Wall Street Journal

With a population expected to reach 5 million by 2050, state officials are looking at siphoning water from a river that feeds Great Salt Lake, but critics worry the plan will damage the environment and fragile wetlands.

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***The new, hot phrase for planners: resiliency planning (I still like sustainability)***

“Our entire civilization is built on an obsolete assumption,” says Katharine Hayhoe, director of the Climate Science Center at Texas Tech University, noting that all the mapping that tends to drive requirements for building, engineering, and insurance is based on past observations about a static climate that means little for the future. “The smartest thing to do at this point,” she says, is to “be building resilience to the risks we face. And in many cases, those risks are being exacerbated by a changing climate.”

<https://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2017/0901/Beyond-Harvey-Does-the-US-need-to-rethink-flood-management?cmpid=TW>

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## **Conservation, Tribal and Fishing groups respond to Delta tunnels audit, request information about how CVP contractors will pay for the project**

**By Maven, Maven's Notebook**

Yesterday, a coalition of conservation groups that included Restore the Delta, the CSPA, the Sierra Club, the Winnemem Wintu, and others sent a letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein, asking for all relevant financial, fiscal and economic data and information regarding the Delta tunnels financing be released the public, and specifically the project costs and repayment strategy for the Central Valley Project contractors

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## **The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco is presenting a Development**

**Resources Symposium** on Friday September 22, 2017 from 9am to noon at Northern Nevada HOPES. Lunch (hosted) and networking to follow. The Bank's available affordable housing and economic development grant programs will be presented and discussed. If you are an organization involved and interested in affordable housing or economic and community

development, mark your calendars. For more information, check the Federal Home Loan Bank-San Francisco web site where you can register as well: [fhlsf.com](http://fhlsf.com)

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## **US Job Openings Are at a Record High...But There Aren't Enough Qualified**

**Applicants:** The US Labor Department on Tuesday, showed the labor market continues to tighten amid a scarcity of workers. Job openings, a measure of labor demand, increased by 54,000 to a 'seasonally adjusted' 6.2 million—the highest level since the data series started in December 2000. Job openings have now been above 6 million for two straight months. Labor market tightness was also highlighted in a report from the National Federation of Independent Business, which showed that in August, a record number of small businesses ranked finding qualified workers as “[their top business problem](#).” Pnut

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## **Upcoming Dinner and Home Hosting Opportunities**

We are still looking for Friday dinner hosts for groups of 3-4 middle and high school **English teachers** who are visiting Reno for a six-week teacher training program. The Friday commitments are as follows: **September 22, 29 and October 13 and 27**. Host families can host some or all of the dates listed above. We still need hosts for teachers from **Guatemala, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Sudan, Thailand, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Vietnam**.

Two visitors from **Australia** will visit Reno September 27-30 to learn about entrepreneurship and **indigenous rights**. They would like to be hosted for dinner September 28 or 29th.

A delegation of seven advocates from from **Brazil, Bulgaria, Egypt, Lebanon, Palestinian Territories, Philippines, Romania and South Africa** will visit Reno to learn about Women in Justice October 4-8. They would like to be hosted for dinner October 5, 6 or 7th.

Seven **Peruvian attorneys and legal officials** will visit Reno to learn about child abduction. They would like to be hosted for dinner on October 15, 16 or 17th.

A group of 8 visitors from various countries (bios not yet available) will visit Reno October 18-24 to learn about accountable governance. They would like to be hosted for dinner October 19, 20, 21, 22 or 23rd.

A delegation of seven participants from **Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand** will visit Reno to learn about the use of technology in communication and marketing. They would like to be hosted October 23 or 24th.

A delegation of **anti-trafficking officials** (bios not yet available) from various countries will visit Reno. They would like to be hosted for dinner October 26, 27 or 28th.

Four judges and lawyers from the **Republic of Georgia** will visit to learn about the rule of law in the United States. They would like to be hosted for dinner November 3, 4, 5 or 6th.

**Contact Carina Black at [cblack@unr.edu](mailto:cblack@unr.edu) if you are interested in hosting!**