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[Picuris Pueblo Going Solar: Ribbon Cutting Monday | Valley Daily Post](#)

Picuris Pueblo & NPHA is holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for a 1MW Solar Array Project that has recently been completed for Picuris Pueblo, in a partnership with Kit Carson Electric Cooperative. The project was funded in large part through a \$1 million grant from the Department of Energy Office of... [valleydailypost.com](http://valleydailypost.com)

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Legzira Beach, Morocco

Paragliders, surfers, fishermen, and a handful of in-the-know visitors who frequented Legzira Beach outside the city of Sidi Ifni in [Morocco](#) mourned when its twin red sea arch succumbed to the weight of the massive cliff above it in 2016. The rust-colored hideaway was a popular sunset scene; a similar setting can be found in the Jurassic-era red sea stacks of Landram Bay in Devon, [England](#). Photograph by Zzvet, Getty Images

Jeffery Pine, Yosemite National Park

The dead and wind-battered Jeffery pine atop [Yosemite](#)'s Sentinel Dome, made famous by Ansel Adams, finally toppled in 2003. Some say the only tree in the scenic vista was one of the world's most photographed trees, having been the star of glass plate images as early as the 1860s.

Photograph by Harald Sund, Getty Images

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**Deadlines**

**February 23, 2018 Deadline** - Native American Research Internship, University of Utah, Department of Pediatrics, NIH, NIDDK, NHLBI. For AI/AN junior or senior undergraduates. 10 weeks paid full-time research assistant. For information click [here](#).

**February 26 Deadline** - Border Latino and American Indian Summer Exposure to Research. 10 week, cutting-edge, undergraduate research experience with a laboratory training opportunity, pairing junior and senior level student scholars with UA health science researchers. Program June 4-August 7. For information contact Viridiana at (520) 626-0726.

**February 28 Deadline** - AFL-CIO (AFSCME) Harvard LWP Union Scholars Program For second semester sophomores or juniors interested in American Studies, Anthropology, etc. Stipend. 10 week summer field placement. For more information click [here](#).

**March 1 Deadline** - Anne Ray Internships at the Indian Arts Research Center. Two, nine month paid internships to college graduates or junior museum professionals. For information click [here](#).

**March 1 Deadline** - 2018 Western Social Science Association's Call for student paper competition abstracts for the 2018 Vine Deloria, Jr. American Indian Studies Student Paper Award. For information contact [Michelle](#).

**March 9 Deadline** - 2018 SREP Cohort. Summer Research Enhancement Program. 10 week program to help students develop skills and interests in prevention research and participate first hand in community based, ongoing projects at Dine College and other institutions on the Navajo Nation and in other Native communities. For information click [here](#).

**April 7 Deadline** - Mesa Community College Hoop of Learning is a scholarship based, high school-to-college bridge program for American Indian students in high school. Gives students the opportunity to earn college credits while still attending high school. April 7 deadline is for Summer 2018 semester. For information contact Jerri at (480) 461-7901.

## Resources

**AI/AN Scholarships in Social Work** - Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies at the Washington University-St. Louis has opportunities for full scholarships to American Indians and Alaska Natives to pursue Social Work and other dual degree programs through the Buder Charitable Foundation. The program also has an AI/An concentration that can be pursued. For information contact Molly via [email](#).

**Lend a Hand Program** - The Lend a Hand loan program pays off high-cost car title loans up to \$3,000 for Maricopa County residents. The program is a partnership between the Arizona Community Foundation, MariSol Federal Credit Union, and Take Charge America. The goal of the program is to rescue residents struggling to pay off car title loans and help put them on a path to healthy credit and financial success. For more information, click [here](#).

**Home in Five Advantage** -The Home in Five Advantage program helps low and moderate income homebuyers by offering a competitive loan interest rate with a non-repayable grant for down payment and closing costs. Additional assistance is also available to qualified U.S. Military personnel, veterans, teachers, first responders, and individuals with an annual income up to \$31,450. For more information, click [here](#).

**New Broadcast: Educational Opportunity Gaps in K-12 Public Schools** - AI/AN students continue to face barriers and discrimination throughout their education resulting in academic achievement gaps. These differences have been outlined in "A First Look: Key Data Highlights on Equity and Opportunity Gaps in Our Nation's Public School." To view the broadcast click [here](#).

**Western Region Public Health Training Center** - Featured training opportunities. For more information click [here](#). For Arizona, Nevada, California, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. Excellent training opportunities and programs.

**Healthy Native Youth** - Raising Healthy Native Youth Through Culturally Relevant Health Education. For information check the [website](#).

**Future Inspired Native American Leaders Mentoring Program** is a partnership between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona and Phoenix Indian Center. Native American High School youth are matched with adult volunteers and have additional opportunities to participate in cultural and college/career readiness activities together! They are enrolling for both Mentors (18+ years old) and mentees (high school students). Contact Tribal Partnership Coordinator Bobbi Rose Nez at (602) 769-7463 or [email her for more information](#).

**Native American Children's Literature Recommended Reading List** - For information click [here](#). For additional information on the [American Indians in Children's Literature website](#) [click here](#).

**Listing of Phoenix-area Sweatlodges** - To view the updated PDF click [here](#).

**Considering a graduate program in public health?** - University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health information session. Information sessions are held on campus in Tucson and online throughout the semester. Join us to learn exciting information

regarding the MPH, MS, PhD, DrPH, and certificate programs, as well as taking classes as a non-degree seeking student. Review admissions requirements and the application process, and the sessions are small, informal, and offer lots of time for questions. For more details click [here.](#)

**US Department of Commerce/US Census Bureau: New Resource. My Tribal Area.** This tool provides quick and easy access to selected AI/AN demographic, social, economic, and housing statistics from the American Community Survey (ACS). For information click [here.](#)

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### **Plan Ahead Calendar**

**January 27 - Connect 2 STEM.** University of Arizona College of Medicine, 435 N. 5th Street, Phoenix. Free. For information and parking click [here.](#)

**February 1-2 - Wiring the Rez: Innovative Strategies for Business Development via E-Commerce Conference.** Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino, Chandler. For information click [here.](#)

**February 6-7, 2018 - AACHC Annual Conference.** For information click [here.](#)

**February 21 - NB3 Foundation's Healthy Beverage Summit.** Albuquerque, NM. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For information or to register click [here.](#)

**March 17-18 - National Association of Community Health Center's Policy and Issues Forum.** Washington D.C.

**March 21-23 - American College of Obstetricians and and Gynecologists Indigenous Women's Health Conference.** Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**March 25-28 - 2018 Native Women and Men's Wellness and Diabetes Prevention Conference.** University of Oklahoma American Indian Institute. New Orleans, LA. For information click [here.](#)

**April 3-4 - 2018 National Native American Bar Association Annual Meeting and 45th Anniversary Events.** Talking Stick Resort.

**April 4-6 - Arizona American Indian Integrated Care Forum V. "Achieving Integrated Health and Wellness for Tribes in Arizona".** Hon-Day Resort and Casino and Conference Center. White Mountain Apache Tribe, 777 Highway 26, Pinetop, Arizona 85935.

**June 26-28 - NIWRC's 2018 Women Are Sacred Conference.** Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**July 8-14 - 16th Annual NABI Tournament. Maricopa, Arizona.**

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### **CivicSpark Americorps Member**

Make a difference while launching your career in sustainability!

Apply now to become a CivicSpark AmeriCorps member.

CivicSpark is a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program dedicated to building capacity for local governments to address climate change. 48 Members will be hired annually, serving for 11

months completing climate change mitigation and adaptation work. Members have the chance to gain valuable experience in their field, build office professional skills, and develop a strong network, while creating a lasting difference.

**Role:**

48 Members will be selected and placed in 9 regions through California, including: Central Coast, Greater LA/Inland Empire, LA, North Coast, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley, and the Sierra Nevada. Regional teams will be made up of 3-10 Members and a half time senior project manager. Members will work on defined projects with local governments. Although all projects will contain different tasks and responsibilities, on a day-to-day level, CivicSpark Members will work on a range of tasks from data collection and analysis, to meeting facilitation, to community outreach, to report writing, and presentation of results. All Members should leave the service year with an understanding of work within local governments, experience working with key climate change mitigation and adaptation tools, ability to analyze data, and ability to work successfully in a team office environment.

Examples of project from 2014-15 Service Year include:

**Energy Efficiency** – benchmarking local building energy use, identifying solar ready sites, engaging local governments in a bulk solar purchasing program, greenhouse gas inventorying, building business or residential energy efficiency programs

- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Point of Permit Energy Audit and Education Program – conduct home energy assessments as a means to educate homeowners about energy efficiency and incorporate energy efficiency.
- Ventura Climate Friendly Buildings – support the Ventura Better Business Challenge of reducing energy usage by 20% by the year 2020.

**Climate change** –localizing a Community Climate Action Plan template, tracking metrics to monitor and evaluate progress, updating and reviewing existing CAPs, implementing CAP initiatives

- Climate Action Planning for the Sierra Region – support climate action planning and community climate research and risk analysis for local governments.
- Cities of Fontana and Redlands – help prepare a localized climate action plan

**Sustainable Communities** – completing vulnerability assessments, implementing adaptation strategies, analyzing ZEV infrastructure needs

- Sacramento Regional Climate Vulnerability Assessment – conduct a broad-level vulnerability assessment for the community and audit the community’s existing plans and policies that can contribute to community preparedness.
- Resilient Shorelines in the Bay Area – support implementation of resilient shorelines project and develop regional analysis of shoreline vulnerabilities.

In addition to project work, members will have the chance to work on volunteer services and volunteer recruitment and support, and will regularly attend trainings for technical knowledge

and professional development.

### **Benefits**

AmeriCorps was created to address community need through service. AmeriCorps Members have the opportunity to make an impact in their community while gaining valuable career and life experience. In exchange for their service, each Member receives the following benefits:

- \$14,000 Living Allowance (before taxes) spread evenly over 11 months.
- Segal Education Award of \$5,775 at the completion of service
- Forbearance on existing qualifying student loans and payment of interest accrued during service
- Health Insurance
- Childcare Assistance – (to qualifying Members), paid to an eligible provider of your choice.
- Significant professional development training
- Network development with regional and statewide contacts in the climate protection field.

### **Qualifications**

CivicSpark Members will have completed at least a 4-year degree and will have relevant experience in the sustainability field. An ideal candidate might have the following characteristics:

- Degree in environmental related field and one year of relevant experience
- Experience with California climate change policies and practices (mitigation and/or adaptation related)
- Experience with local government operations and structures, especially as they relate to climate protection
- Good communications and teamwork skills, some experience with outreach preferred
- Capability to work in a professional office setting
- Comfort with quantitative work, including data collection and analysis
- Solid analytic or technical writing ability
- Candidates must complete a DOJ, state, and NSOPR background check prior to service

This is an equal opportunity position and we prefer to place a candidate who already lives in the community being served.

### **Application Instructions**

CivicSpark is currently hiring for all regions. The 2015-16 Service Year will start October 19th and last through mid September, 2016. To apply, candidates must complete an online application found on the CivicSpark website, [www.civicspark.lgc.org](http://www.civicspark.lgc.org). Candidates selected for interviews



will be contacted in the coming weeks, as interviewing is ongoing until all slots are filled.

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## Interesting Jobs Available

- [Benetech Jobs](#)
- [Omidyar Network Jobs](#)
- [Benetech Jobs](#)
- [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Jobs](#)
- [Packard Foundation Jobs](#)
- [Innovations for Poverty Action Jobs](#)
- [University of California Berkeley Jobs](#)
- [The Zappos Family Jobs](#)
- [Walt Disney Company Jobs](#)
- [YMCA Jobs](#)
- [Goodwill Jobs](#)
- [Planned Parenthood Jobs](#)

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*."The very powerful and the very stupid have one thing in common. They don't alter their views to fit the facts. They alter the facts to fit the views. Which can be uncomfortable if you happen to be one of the facts that needs altering".*

*- the 4th Doctor Who, The Face of Evil*

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## [Cell Phone Radiation Risks: California Issues Groundbreaking Guidelines](#)

*Olga Naidenko, Environmental Working Group*

Naidenko writes: "This week, California officially issued groundbreaking guidelines advising cell phone users to keep phones away from their bodies and limit use when reception is weak. State officials caution that studies link radiation from long-term cell phone use to an increased risk of brain cancer, lower sperm counts and other health problems, and note that children's developing brains could be at greater risk."

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**Question: Where did the custom of kissing under mistletoe originate?**

**Sweden**

**England**

**France**

**Italy**

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## **The USDA Rolled Back Protections for Small Farmers. Now the Farmers Are Suing**

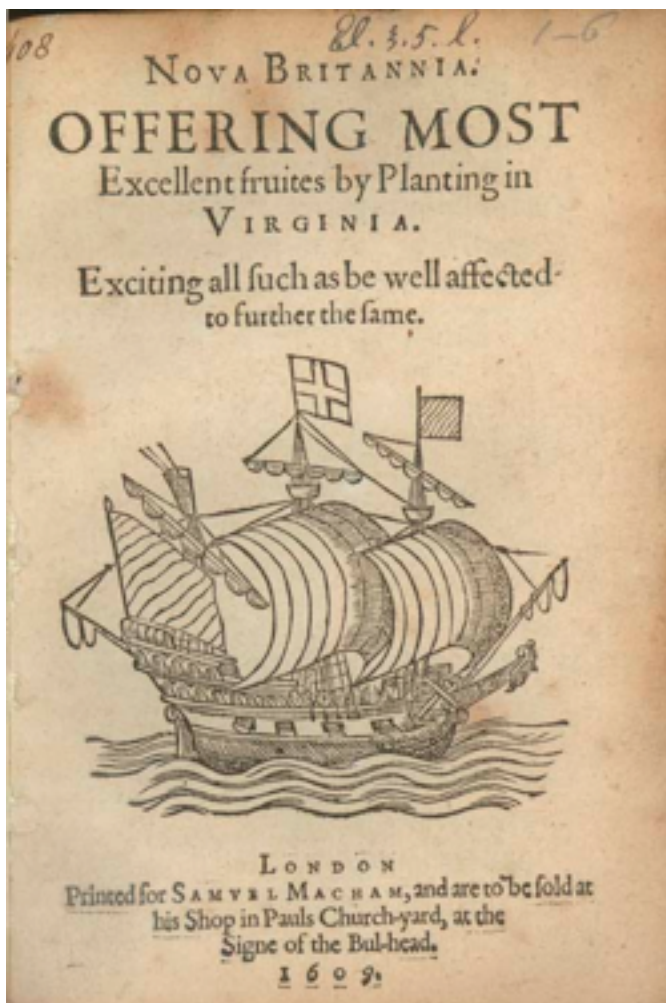
Nancy Matsumoto, NPR

Matsumoto writes: "An organization representing the interests of small farmers across rural America fired a legal salvo Thursday aimed at a Trump administration they feel has let them down." [READ MORE](#)

**Today's selection -- from *Fantasyland* by Kurt Andersen.** From the earliest days, and continuing for decades and even centuries, promoters of the New World enticed colonizers with the promise of riches, causing the historian Daniel Boorstin to suggest that 'American civilization [has] been shaped by the fact that there was a kind of natural selection here of those people who were willing to believe in advertising':

"Although [Sir Walter] Raleigh never visited North America himself, he believed that in addition to its gold deposits, his realm might somehow be the biblical Garden of Eden. ... A large fraction of the first settlers dispatched by Raleigh became sick and died. He dispatched a second

expedition of gold-hunters. It also failed, and all those colonists died. But Sir Walter continued believing the dream of gold. ...



"In 1606 the new English king, James, despite Raleigh's colonization disasters, gave a franchise to two new private enterprises, the Virginia Company of London and the Virginia Company of Plymouth, to start colonies. The southern one, under the auspices of London, they named Jamestown after the monarch. Their royal charter was clear about the main mission: 'to dig, mine, and search for all Manner of Mines of Gold ... And to HAVE and enjoy the Gold.' As Tocqueville wrote in his history two centuries later, 'It was ... gold-seekers who were sent to Virginia. No noble thought or conception above gain presided over the foundation of the new settlements.' Twothirds of those first hundred gold-seekers promptly died. But the captain of the expedition returned to England claiming to have found 'gold showing mountains.' ... In fact, Jamestown ore they dug and refined and shipped to England turned out to be iron



pyrite, fool's gold....

"The gold fantasy wasn't limited to colonists in the South. Those dispatched at the same time by the Plymouth Company, 120 of them, landed up on the Maine coast, also looking for gold and a faster route to Asia. They found signs of neither. But their desperation to believe the impossible is funny and sad. No gold so far, the colony president wrote home, but 'the natives constantly affirm that in these parts there are nutmegs, mace and cinnamon.' Tropical spices growing in New England?...

"Down in Virginia, meanwhile, more than six thousand people had emigrated to Jamestown by 1620, the equivalent of a midsize English city at the time. At least three-quarters had died but not the abiding dream. People kept coming and believing, hopefulness becoming delusion. It was a gold rush with no gold. *Fifteen years* after Jamestown's founding, a colonist wrote a friend to request a shipment of nails, cutlery, vinegar, cheese -- and also to make excuses for why he hadn't quite yet managed to get rich: 'By reason of my sickness & weakness I was not able to travel up and down the hills and dales of these countries but do now intend every day to walk up and down the hills for good Minerals here is both gold [and] silver.'

"The sickness and weakness and death continued. Gold remained a chimera. Two decades into the seventeenth century, English America was a failing start-up, a vaporware tragedy and farce. But back in England the investors and their promotional agents continued printing posters, hyperbolic testimonials, and dozens of books and pamphlets, organizing lotteries, and fanning out hucksterish blue smoke. Thus the first English-speaking Americans tended to be the more wide-eyed and desperately wishful. 'Most of the 120,000 indentured servants and adventurers who sailed to the [South] in the seventeenth century,' according to the University of Pennsylvania historian Walter McDougall's history of America, *Freedom Just Around the Corner*, 'did not know what lay ahead but were taken in by the propaganda of the sponsors.' The historian Daniel Boorstin went even further, suggesting that 'American civilization [has] been shaped by the fact that there was a kind of natural selection here of those people who were willing to believe in advertising.' Western civilization's first great advertising campaign was created in order to inspire enough dreamers and suckers to create America.

"As a get-rich-quick enterprise, Virginia was a bust. The colonists who stayed resorted to the familiar drudgery of agriculture, although the cash crop that saved them was a harbinger of a certain future America -- it was indigenous, novel, glamorous, inessential, psychoactive, and addictive: tobacco."

**Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire**      **Author: Kurt Andersen**

Publisher: [Random House](#)      Copyright 2017 by Kurt Andersen      Pages: 20-23

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**Answer: England.**

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**[In Opioid Battle, Cherokee Want Their Day in Tribal Court](#)**

By JAN HOFFMAN

Decimated by addiction, its heritage at risk, the Cherokee Nation is trying to sue pharmacies and distributors. But it may be blocked from doing so.



## [Here's What Oil Drilling Looks Like in the Arctic Refuge, 30 Years Later](#)

By HENRY FOUNTAIN

Satellite images of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge show the effects of an oil well that operated there in the mid-1980s.

## [The New Mississippi Civil Rights Museum Refuses to Sugarcoat History](#)

By HOLLAND COTTER

Our critic visits a museum whose story is still unfolding, from 1960s Jackson, to Ferguson and Charlottesville. It leaves us upset -and that's good.

**\$170 million** Cost of a pipeline to divert water from the Colorado River to the Hualapai Tribe in northern Arizona. A dispute over the tribe's water rights has simmered for several decades, and the pipeline was suggested as a solution in 2016. Arizona lawmakers recently introduced legislation to ratify the potential pipeline. [Arizona Public Media](#)

## [Creative leaders: Make time for inspiration](#)

By Catherine Iste

We often overlook things that are too simple, delaying them for a time that never comes or not making the time because it does not seem big enough to add to a list or calendar. Yet taking some simple steps, regularly, can prove to be the difference between being a creative leader and a stressed manager. Try these three simple ways to add more sustainable creativity into that leadership bag of tricks. [READ MORE](#)

## BLM Issues Decision on North American Land Speed Recreation Permit

December 19, 2017 7:58 am by [Steven Field](#) Views:

The Bureau of Land Management, Mount Lewis Field Office, has completed its analysis of a Special Recreation Permit, submitted by North American Eagle, Inc., to conduct land speed record attempts on the alkali flat of Diamond Valley, Eureka, Nevada, using a vehicle equipped with a jet engine.

An Environmental Assessment was completed to analyze the potential impacts of issuing this SRP and was made available for public comment on November 7, 2017. The Record of Decision and Finding of No Significant Impact were signed on December 18, 2017. The project area is located approximately 25 miles north of the town of Eureka, Nevada. The landform in this area provides features uniquely suited to land speed record attempts including an area of sufficient length for vehicles runs that could reach or exceed 800 miles per hour, limited access points to the project area and soil conditions that are suited to this type of activity.

The Environmental Assessment, Record of Decision and other relevant documents are available on the BLM ePlanning website at <https://go.usa.gov/xnQap>. Hardcopies of these documents are also available for review at the Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada, 89820, during their regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or require clarification on this EA, please call Christine Gabriel, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at (775) 635-4000.

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## [The Trump Administration Word Ban Extends to Other Federal Agencies. Its Ongoing Assault on Science Is Much Worse.](#)

*Michael Halpern, Union of Concerned Scientists*

Excerpt: "This starts with words and communication, but it's just the tip of the iceberg. Just last week, Interior Sec. Ryan Zinke summoned the head of Joshua Tree National Park to his office for a tongue lashing over tweets the park had sent out referencing climate change." [READ MORE](#)



**Armellio Milton Barlese** funeral services will be at the Nixon Gym at 11am, viewing will be at 10am, Friday December 22, 2017. All food donations appreciated.