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Found on [the South Jetty in Humboldt county, maybe this floated down from Washington or Alaska , Photo credit to RiAnne Elizabeth from Remember in Eureka when...](#)

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San Francisco supervisors have replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day, saying they want to honor Native American people and condemn the atrocities they suffered.

FINDING CALIFORNIA'S CLIMATE PAST AND FUTURE INSIDE OF ITS TREES

Daniel Ackerman, Pacific Standard

In order to better understand just how extreme the state's weather has gotten, scientists looked to the ring patterns of 500-year-old oaks.

Large Dams Fail on Climate Change and Indigenous Rights

https://www.ecowatch.com/dams-climate-change-indigenous-rights-2526301213.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=b446808ad7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-b446808ad7-85895669

Gold is 'false god' fueling 'slavery,' pope says. Much of the metal ends up in Miami **Miami Herald**

Speaking in the Peruvian Amazon Friday, Pope Francis said the region's gold mining industry had become a "false god that demands human sacrifice" that chews up people and nature and "corrupts everything." **[Read the full story](#)**

Greenpeace Slams Coca-Cola Plastic Announcement as 'Dodging the Main Issue'

By Louise Edge

Coca-Cola produces more than 110 billion single use plastic bottles each year, and billions of these end up in landfills, rivers and the sea.

[https://www.ecowatch.com/greenpeace-coca-cola-2526964744.html?utm_source=EcoWatch%2BList&utm_campaign=d7f443fe9a-](https://www.ecowatch.com/greenpeace-coca-cola-2526964744.html?utm_source=EcoWatch%2BList&utm_campaign=d7f443fe9a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-d7f443fe9a-85895669)

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*Only the self-sufficient stand alone
- most people follow the crowd and imitate.*

~ Bruce Lee

[Photo by Rick Derevan, Atascadero, California](#) | Badlands National Park, South Dakota

Nevada Arts Council

Nevada arts organizations can submit applications for Nevada Arts Council grants for fiscal year 2019. These annual awards include: Arts Learning Project Grants, Partners in Excellence Grants, and Project Grants.

Grant applications and award nominations for NAC grants must be submitted through “[GO Smart™](#)” the new online grants system. *This new system requires all applicants to begin the process by setting up a profile.*

The **Arts Learning Project Grant** is a project-based grant designed to support imaginative arts education/learning activities and long-term artist residencies that establish, expand and/or enhance lifelong arts learning and increase cultural awareness. A demonstrated planning process and an ongoing evaluation process by teachers, administrators, staff, artists and the community are considered integral parts of a successful arts education/learning project. [Read more](#)

Partners in Excellence Grants strengthen Nevada’s arts infrastructure by supporting general operations of cultural organizations and institutions throughout the state. [Read more](#)

Project Grants support arts and cultural activities of non-arts organizations and public institutions that are integral to the applicant’s overall mission and goals, and achieved through community partnerships. In addition, individuals can submit nominations for the Nevada Heritage Award as well.

Nevada Heritage Awards, presented annually by the Folklife Program of the Nevada Arts Council, recognize and celebrate living cultural treasures: individuals who embody the highest level of artistic achievement and the highest level of service. Their accomplishments assure that folk and traditional arts will continue to be known, valued, and practiced in their families and communities. These awards recognize lifelong commitments to mastering, teaching and sharing traditional culture. [Read more](#)

Detailed information regarding all Nevada Arts Council grants and FY19 guidelines can be found by clicking on the “Grants” tab above. For more information, contact the Grants Management Team at [email](#) or (775) 687-7102.

The **Artist Fellowship Program** was created to encourage the pursuit of artistic excellence by providing financial support to outstanding artists. Fellowship grants go to contemporary artists living in Nevada in the literary, performing, and visual arts (including media arts), and may be awarded at any stage of the artists’ career development. By recognizing and rewarding artistic accomplishment, the Fellowship Program promotes public awareness and appreciation of the role of the artist in our society.

New NASA Study Solves Climate Mystery, Confirms Methane Spike Tied to Oil and Gas <https://www.ecowatch.com/nasa-study-methanespike-2526089909.html>

David Bobzien [RT @ByBenSpillman: #Nevada could be home to first #wilderness designations of the @realDonaldTrump era. https://t.co/pYjECC7QPU / #protectnv #publiclands #publiclandowner](#)

Proposed Nevada wilderness could be Trump-era first

House approves 136,000 acres of wilderness in Pershing County [rgj.com](#)

Canada embraces indigenous cuisine, a long-neglected culinary tradition

A handful of indigenous-owned restaurants that have sprung up in Toronto in recent years hint at changing circumstances [theguardian.com](#)

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NEW MEXICO

- 1- NM has more cows than people
- 2- About 75 % of NM's roads are unpaved
- 3- It's one of the youngest states although we have the oldest continuously inhabited towns on the continent
- 4- Santa Fe was founded 10 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth
- 5- You can see five different states from the top of Capulin volcano: Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and of course, New Mexico
- 6- Santa Fe is the nation's highest capital (I hope they mean in elevation since marijuana is now legal in Denver, Colorado)
- 7- NM has more PhDs per capita than any other state.
- 8- Taos Pueblo has been inhabited for over a thousand years
- 9- NM is wine country. By the late 1800s, NM was THE wine producing region in the United States. Today, there are over 50 wineries
- 10- You cannot legally dance in NM while wearing a sombrero
- 11- Idiots are not allowed to vote. The NM Constitution officially bars "idiots" from voting. At the time, the term had a different meaning. A mentally ill person. It would be nice if the Constitution also barred idiots from running for office.

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[Kay McNeer](#) shared [I am New Mexico's post](#).

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### [This Solar-Powered RV Runs Without Fuel Or Charging Stations](#)

A German motorhome company has unveiled an RV that's built for the open road with a sleek design and head-to-toe solar panels so you never have to worry... [greenmatters.com](http://greenmatters.com)

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**Question: What is the weight of the average cumulus cloud?**

1. 8.2 billion pounds
2. 2500 pounds
3. 1.1 million pounds
4. 710 pounds

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*"I yearn to be of the stars. We are all stardust, after all, having been created from jetsam of the Big Bang."*

A.J. Ullman; *Drifting Falling*; Moonshine Cove Publishing; 2017.

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[from delanceyplace.com](http://delanceyplace.com)

**Today's selection -- from *Benjamin Harrison* by Charles W. Calhoun.** America's first imperial conquest was the islands of Samoa:

"In 1878 the United States had entered into a treaty of friendship and commerce with Samoa whereby it gained the right to deposit coal for American vessels at Pago Pago. In return, the United States agreed to use its good offices in behalf of Samoa in disputes with foreign powers. Paying heed to this latter provision, successive American administrations grew increasingly wary of greater British and especially German influence in the islands. The accelerating antagonism among the foreign powers was compounded by fight-ing between rival factions of Samoans. By the late 1880s, German aggressions against the government of Samoa brought Germany and the United States to the brink of war, but in the final weeks of the Cleveland administration, German chancellor Otto von Bismarck moved to allay the crisis by inviting the other two powers to discuss the issue at a conference in Berlin. The effort for a negoti-ated settlement received an



unexpected boost when a hurricane at Samoa destroyed most of the naval vessels on the scene and several merchant ships as well. ...

**German,  
British and  
American  
warships in  
Apia Harbor,  
Samoa, 1899.**



"The administration's sine qua non for the conference was the preservation of an independent Samoan nation under the leadership of a king of the people's own choosing. Harrison and Blaine also instructed the American delegates to resist any agreement that derogated U.S. rights at Pago Pago. Moreover, they should guard against any move by the other powers to dominate Samoa. Such dominance would threaten the interests of the United States, especially its growing trade with the East, which was bound to develop even more with the eventual opening of a ship canal through Central America. Harrison regarded an earlier Cleveland administration proposal, which called for the three foreign powers to name a cabinet of three secretaries for the king, as 'not in harmony with the established policy' of the American government. Still, he promised to 'give weighty consideration to whatever plan the conference may suggest.' In the end, he accepted what amounted to a joint protectorate over Samoa, exercised by the United States, Britain, and Germany.

"By mid-June, the conference put the finishing touches on a settlement, known as the General Act of Berlin. Designed to check international rivalry and ostensibly secure Samoa's independence, the act was an assumption of sovereignty in all but name by the three powers. It restored King Malietoa Laupepa to power, but it also provided for the three powers to appoint a chief justice, the president of the municipal council of the port city of Apia, and other officials.

The act also instituted a variety of taxes, including import and export duties, license fees, and capitation levies.

"It was a momentous step. The administration had halted German expansion, but never before had the United States accepted responsibility for the government of a people beyond its own continent. Equally extraordinary, the United States found itself in the sort of 'entanglement' with European powers that for a century it had steadfastly shunned. Nonetheless, Blaine was ecstatic over 'our complete success at Berlin,' and Harrison hoped the act would be 'productive of the permanent establishment of law and order in Samoa.' Unfortunately, the diplomatic triumph fell short in implementation. The powers had difficulty finding suitable persons to fill the posts of chief justice and municipal council president, and the natives resisted the regime. Britain, Germany, and the United States had to keep warships present to ensure the enforcement of the chief justice's orders and the collection of taxes. By 1899, the situation had grown so irksome that Germany and the United States agreed to divide the islands between them."

### **Benjamin Harrison: The American Presidents Series: The 23rd President, 1889-1893**

Author: Charles W. Calhoun

Publisher: Times Books

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W. Calhoun    Pages: 77-79

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### **William Harrison: Life Before the Presidency | Miller Center**

<https://millercenter.org/president/harrison/life-before-the-presidency>

*William Henry Harrison* served as governor of the *Indiana* Territory for twelve years. He speculated in land, invested in two mill enterprises, and had a reputation as an honest administrator. To his credit, he was instrumental in improving the roads and other infrastructure in the region. However, the primary task charged to ...

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### **Benjamin Harrison: The American Presidents Series: The 23rd ...**

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1466860812>

Charles W. Calhoun, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. - 2013 - Biography & Autobiography *Harrison* since Civil War days, presented a thirty—three—page report that described the government's dealings with the *Indians* but also attributed much of their resistance to an understandable discontent over the destruction of their way of life. "Those guilty of actual deeds of hostility should be punished," Morgan wrote, but ...

### **Benjamin Harrison: Centennial President**

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=160021066X>

Anne Chieko Moore, Hester Anne Hale - 2006 - Biography & Autobiography

Under President *Harrison's* administration, the last of the *Indian* wars occurred in South Dakota. The Great Sioux reservation had been reduced drastically, and in the 1880s, a Paiute shaman, Wovoka, began a religious movement, the Ghost Dance, that offered hope to the *Indians*. They were told that bullets would be ...

### **Indians 101: President Benjamin Harrison and Indian Education**

<https://www.dailykos.com/.../Indians-101-President-Benjamin-Harrison-and-Indian-E...>

May 8, 2014 - Attorney General Jeff Sessions just issued a federal license to discriminate under the guise

of “religious liberty.”Sessions'... See All 10 Campaigns » · Native American Netroots · Queue Stream  
Members Following Profile · *Indians 101: President Benjamin Harrison and Indian Education.* By  
Ojibwa. Thursday ...

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*Protesters gathered  
for a Women's March  
in Whitehorse,  
Yukon, Canada today  
at -13 degrees  
Celsius. Solidarity!  
The red dress in this  
photo  
commemorates  
missing and  
murdered Indigenous  
women and girls in  
Canada.*



from sd-k

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/probing-paradoxes-native-americans-pop-culture-180967906/>

<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/370117-how-national-monument-designations-can-hurt-native-americans>

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Answer: **1.1 million pounds** (thanks, Buckaroo News)

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[HistoryBites's video.](#)

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[July 31, 2017](#) ·

**WATCH: She assimilated without losing her traditions.** The 1st Native American to write an opera -- she exposed HORRIBLE corporate crimes to help her people gai... [See More](#)

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## **Trahan Reports**

Question. I'm producing cards highlighting #NativeVote18 candidates, one for every candidate on my list. Two years ago I did this and posted one each day on social media. I am wondering ... if they were printed and sold, are folks interested in a complete pack? Or just social media?



I am also interested in hearing from readers about color. Last election I developed a color for every state (usually based on something in the state flag). But some readers asked me to color code by

party,  
Red,  
Blue,  
Green,  
etc.

# New Mexico

U.S. CONGRESS

## Deb Haaland

"I went to Standing Rock because I believe the health of our earth and environment are the most important factors for the future of our children and grandchildren and their ability to thrive, and I saw the #NoDAPL protest as a drum beat for true environmental change." [debforcongress.com](http://debforcongress.com)



Primary election is June 5, 2018; New Mexico voter registration is available online. First Congressional District includes Albuquerque.

#NativeVote18 \* trahantreports.com

Thoughts?

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## Upcoming Dinner Hosting Opportunities

*Twelve High School Students from Brazil are visiting Reno for two weeks and learning about social justice and volunteerism.*

### **Tourism Official from Japan**

A single Japanese tourism official with the Japanese Ministry of Tourism is looking for a home hospitality dinner on Feb 1st or 2nd.

### **Environmental Experts from Myanmar**

A delegation of seven Burmese officials working on Natural Resource Management are looking to be hosted for a home hospitality dinner on February 9, 10, 11, or 12.

### **Emergency Response Officials from Iraq**

A delegation of Iraqi Emergency Response and Disaster Management officials are looking for a home hospitality dinner on Feb 11 or 12.

### **Judges and Prosecutors from 11 African Countries**

A delegation of eleven African judges and prosecutors from Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia, and Uganda are looking for a home hospitality dinner on February 23, 24, or 25.

**Judges from Saudi Arabia**

A delegation of 12 Saudi Arabian Judges are looking for a home hospitality dinner on March 8th or 9th.

**Judges and Lawyers from Pakistan**

A delegation of ten Pakistani Judges and Lawyers focusing on Child Abductions are looking for a dinner on March 8th or 9th.

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

Interested in Hosting Visitors for Overnight Stays?

**Delegation of Six on Disability Advocacy and Reform from Azerbaijan (May 4-12)**

Six Open World delegates from Azerbaijan will visit Reno May 4-12, 2018. Two of the delegates will require some additional assistance during their home stays, one delegate is blind and one delegate is in a wheel chair. Please contact Michael Graf at [mgraf@nnic.org](mailto:mgraf@nnic.org) if you are interested in hosting a delegate.



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*In science, the simplest questions often prove themselves the most difficult to answer. Questions such as what killed the dinosaurs, or how many fish are there in the oceans took decades to solve or remain unanswered. [phys.org](http://phys.org)*