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On **March 28**, join NCET and Darren McBride, founder and CEO of Sierra Computer Group, as he will get down to brass tacks about your inbox and offer practical advice on how to more effectively manage email.

Email has become both a productivity tool and a giant time waster. Too many people don't take advantage of automation to reduce their email workload. Darren will shed some light on the following:

- An overview of mail services and advantages/disadvantages of each.
- Tips about how to reduce volume of newsletters and spam.
- Ideas on sending secure email attachments (for documents like tax returns) for free.
- An overview of how artificial intelligence can sort and sift your incoming email to save you time.
- How to easily backup and archive your email
- Identifying and avoiding Phishing attacks via email
- Syncing email and calendars with mobile devices and how to deal with duplication

Come learn how to slay your electronic inbox and get organized once and for all!

NCET members may bring an unlimited number of guests at member prices. Join before you RSVP for this event and your savings will pay for some of all of your membership! Join NCET now and save.

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 - 11 am > 1 pm

- \$27 - NCET members
- \$37 - non-members

NEW! Tables for 8 - includes premium location at front of room, table signage, and recognition from the podium during luncheon.

- \$216 - NCET members
- \$296 - non-members

NCET events have been selling out! RSVP early so you don't miss this great event.

The Fine Print:

- Advance reservations required. RSVP by midnight on Tuesday, March 27 . (Sorry, walk-ins not available)
- We encourage you to pay in advance-there is a \$10 service charge for payment at the door.
- No-shows will be charged the full amount of the reservation unless cancelled at least 48 hours before the event.

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Trump Administration Offers 77 Million Acres in Gulf of Mexico to Oil Industry

<https://www.ecowatch.com/gulf-of-mexico-oil-leases-2550890044.html>



Events

April 11 Though members of the Nevada Air National Guard in Reno may come from northern Nevada, they respond to emergencies around the U.S. and its territories. At this Tech Wednesday, participants will see and learn about two of the Guard's critical systems to address disasters: the Guard's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) and Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC).

The MAFFS equipment, when loaded into the cargo compartment of a C-130 aircraft, can drop up to 3,000 gallons of water or fire retardant in six seconds through a nozzle on the rear left side of the plane. Nevada Guard soldiers and airmen used the MAFFS to help fight the Detwiler Fire in northern California.

The JISCC is a mobile satellite system that can be quickly transported to any location and supplement phone, radio and Internet communications. The Nevada Guard used this technology to assist with the disaster relief after Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the wildfires in Santa Rosa.

Bring the kids and don't miss this chance to see this life-saving technology up close. Participants must bring a government-issued ID to enter the base.

Nevada Air National Guard 1776 National
Guard Way Reno, NV 89502 ([map](#))

April 11, 2018 5:30 - 7:30

pm RSVPs close on March 27

* \$15 - NCET members * \$25 - General

* \$10 - Children under 18 accompanied by parent or adult guardian

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May 14-17 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTF) Carlton, MN

Hosted by the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the NTF provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, and technical topics in air quality. The NTF is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), made possible by funding from US EPA and our generous sponsors. "http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/docs/conferences/18ntf/NTFAgenda_Webv1.pdf" \t "_blank"

Click [HERE](#) for NTF agenda. More info at "<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/Index>"
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**May 30 – June 1 AMERIND I NAIHC Annual Convention & Trade Show
San Diego, CA**

AMERIND Risk and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) host this combined annual event featuring a two-day trade show as well as topical training sessions that provided up-to-date information on issues that impact tribal housing programs and that directly relate to the administration of programs under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). This is an exciting opportunity to network with Tribal housing professionals and other tribal housing and community development stakeholders. We anticipate over 700 attendees from across Indian Country. More info. at:
<http://naihc.net/annual-convention/>

June 18-22 Native American Natural Resources Youth Practicum Waltrous, NM

[Application Deadline: May 25, 2018 – Native American Natural Resources Youth Practicum, June 18-22 in Waltrous, NM \(Native American Fish & Wildlife Society – Southwest Region\)](#)

Aug. 13-16 2018 Tribal Lands & Environment Forum Spokane, WA

8th annual Tribal Lands & Environment Forum (TLEF) features special trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on our conference theme: A National Conversation on Tribal Land and Water Resources. Topics highlighted at the forum include solid/hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Tribal water program topics – water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration (including wetlands, streams and fisheries) will also be included with breakout sessions, trainings and field trips. More at <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/Index>

Funding Resources

Sept. 30, 2018 - Land Buy Back Program For Tribal Nations (DOI)

Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land for immediate transfer to the recognized tribe that exercises jurisdiction. Effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. Program will fund indirect costs

equal to no more than 15% of the modified total direct costs. \$1.9 billion is available for this 10-year program, which ends in Nov. 2022. Eligibility: Tribes with jurisdiction over locations with purchasable fractional land interests. More at:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=297700>

Open - Indian Land Tenure Foundation - Land Recovery Efforts

The Foundation provides funding to Indian nations to support various aspects of land recovery with a focus on reacquiring alienated federal lands. Returning lands to Indian ownership and control is important to ensure that Indian people have access to the financial and natural resources within their own reservations. The Foundation supports a variety of initiatives to assist tribes in the development of plans to reacquire reservation lands. More info. at: <https://www.iltf.org/grants/special-initiatives/land-recovery-efforts>

Open - National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” Grant Program

Program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places – achieving these community goals through strategies that incorporate arts, culture, and/or design. This funding supports local efforts to enhance quality of life & opportunity for existing residents, increase creative activity, & create or preserve a distinct sense of place. Eligible lead applicants are: • Nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) U.S. organizations with **3-year history of programming**; and • Local govt counties, parishes, cities, towns, villages, or federally recognized tribal governments. Local arts agencies or other departments, agencies, or entities within an eligible local government may submit the application on behalf of that local government. More at:

<https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction>

Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov

Government Information by Topic: <http://www.usa.gov/>.

Explore U.S. Federal Agency Resources for Native Americans: <https://www.usa.gov/tribes>

HUD’s PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>.

HUD’s Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.

Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.

Environmental Resources: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>

National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org

Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country:

<http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>

Asset Building for Native Communities:

<http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArRPk>

Center for American Indian Economic Development:

www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied

Southern California Indian Center- www.indiancenter.org

Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. <http://www.idrsinc.org>

Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>

CDFIs: Native Capital Access: www.nativecapitalaccess.com

Native Community Finance: www.nativecommunityfinance.org

National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org

National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net

Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils and Indian Chambers of Commerce

Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona:** <http://www.itcaonline.com/>

Inter Tribal Council of **California:** <http://www.itccinc.org/>

Inter Tribal Council of **Nevada:** <http://www.itcn-snac.org/>

All Pueblo Governors Council (of **New Mexico**): <http://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblos.html>

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona www.aiccaz.org

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California <http://www.aicccal.org>

Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (*SWTHA*) <http://www.swtha.org/>

Nevada/California Indian Housing Association www.nev-cal.org

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Las Vegas - Around the City

Register your kids for Spring Break Camps. [Click here for more information.](#)

Residents ages 50 years and older are invited to audition for the 15th annual Las Vegas Senior Idol Showcase. [Click here for more information.](#)

[Free Safe Summer Nights Celebrations April 5-May 17](#)

[Free Spring Expo April 7](#)

[Las Vegas residents can now keep chickens in their yards](#)

Urban chicken-keeping is a go in Las Vegas.

Chevron, SF and Oakland present climate change tutorial before U.S. judge

By Bay City News, 3/21/18

A lawyer for Chevron Corp. told a federal judge in San Francisco Wednesday that the company “accepts the consensus of the scientific community” that climate change is real and is caused primarily by human activity.

In the Courtroom, Climate Science Needs Substance—and Style

By Adam Rogers, Wired, 3/21/18

Chevron would like you to know that it believes in climate change. It also believes people cause it by burning carbon-based fuel—the kind Chevron extracts from the ground, refines, and sells. In fact, Chevron believes all this so hard that today its lawyer said so, in a federal court in San Francisco. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change? Yup. They’re right.

Little-Known California Lawsuit Complicates Drought Plan for Lake Mead

By Daniel Rothberg, Water Deeply, 3/21/18

States that share Colorado River water are negotiating a Drought Contingency Plan, but a recent lawsuit in California’s Imperial Irrigation District, a main player in the talks, is making things harder.

A Scholarship is Available for College Seniors Who Desire a Career in Education

by [Gary Horky](#) Views:

As a way to encourage

students to pursue education careers in Nevada, the Nevada State Treasurer’s Office is accepting applications for the Kenny Guinn Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship awards two Nevada college seniors — one from Southern Nevada the other from Northern Nevada — \$4,500 each to help pay for tuition, registration, textbooks or other education related expenses.

The Treasurer’s Office hopes this education career scholarship creates an incentive for students to stay in the community and help the teacher deficit Nevada is facing.

To be eligible, applicants must currently be an eligible Millennium Scholar, must be entering their senior or last year of college with 90 or more credits at an eligible institution, be enrolled in a course of study leading a teaching license in elementary or secondary education, maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, state a commitment to teaching in Nevada upon graduation and have a commendable record of community service.

To apply, students need to fill out the application, submit a 500-word essay, send a resume with their community involvement and achievements, and three letters of recommendation.

Applications must be submitted by midnight on April 2. For more information and to apply visit <http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/What/>.

“People don’t realize how a man’s whole life can be changed by one book.” - Malcom X

47TH ANNUAL STANFORD POWWOW

HONORING MISSING AND
MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

MAY 11-13, 2018

EUCALYPTUS GROVE, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

22ND ANNUAL 5K

FUN RUN AND WALK

SATURDAY MAY 12

CONTESTING

Grand Entry Times

Friday 7PM | Saturday 5PM & 7PM | Sunday 1PM

Point system in effect Friday through Saturday

Dance Competition Categories

Women | Golden Age | N Traditional | S Traditional | Jingle | Fancy

Men | Golden Age | N Traditional | S Traditional | Grass | Fancy

Teen Girls | Traditional (N & S Combined) | Jingle | Fancy

Teen Boys | Traditional (N & S Combined) | Grass | Fancy

Junior Girls | All Categories Combined

Junior Boys | All Categories Combined

Drum Contest

Special | Hand Drum

HEAD STAFF

Host Northern Drum | Midnite Express

Host Southern Drum | Southern Express

Head Woman Dancer | Jocy Bird

Head Man Dancer | Trae Little Sky

Master of Ceremony | Thomas Phillips

Master of Ceremony | Bobby Whitebird

Arena Director | Darrell Goodwill

Head Judge | Alva Fiddler

All Drums Welcome - Free Dance Registration - Camping Available
ABSOLUTELY NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL
Supplemental security provided by TEMA Council

Attention All Contest Participants:

All dancers and singers are required to have a valid Social Security Number (SSN) or Social Insurance Number (SIN) before registration. Both U.S. and Non-U.S. contest winners must also fill out additional paperwork.

Sponsored by the Stanford American Indian Organization
P.O. Box 20090, Stanford, CA, 94305 - powwow@stanford.edu
Interested in Volunteering? Contact powwow-cochairs@lists.stanford.edu



A Must View: <https://youtu.be/jcsKMie6M94>

Canada's Pipeline Challenges Will Force More Tar Sands Oil to Move by Rail | <https://www.desmogblog.com/2018/03/18/canadian-pipeline-capacity-more-tar-sands-oil-rail>

Energy secretary grilled over request for funds to revive Yucca ...

By Gary Martin / RJ Washington Bureau

Nevada senators fight Yucca Mountain restart on two fronts

By Gary Martin / RJ Washington Bureau

Loika Kane shared **Stacey Burns's** post. [March 20 at 2:06pm](#) ·

Eeeeeee 20 members of Eagle Wings following performance at NUI Diabetes Health Fair this past weekend. Love these young guys and gals and ladies! The generation that will be teaching our Great Basin songs and dances to the next generation of Numu, Newe, and Washeshu.



Winners and losers in the spending bill

By James Hohmann with Breanne Depposch and Joanie Greve

THE BIG IDEA: Congressional leaders unveiled the details last night of a \$1.3 trillion deal that will fund the federal government through the end of September. Republicans get a \$78 billion increase in defense spending. Democrats get a \$52 billion increase in domestic spending. Appropriators almost completely disregarded the austerity budget proposed by President Trump.

We're still dissecting [the 2,232-page bill](#), which was negotiated behind closed doors and must pass before Friday at midnight to avert another shutdown. It will almost certainly be the last major piece of legislation to get through Congress this year. Here are seven winners and seven losers:

WINNERS:

1. The troops: All military personnel will get a 2.4 percent pay raise. (Civilian federal employees get a smaller 1.9 percent raise.)
2. **Defense contractors:** The Pentagon gets \$144 billion for new hardware, including missile defense. It's the biggest increase since the Iraq war was launched 15 years ago.

3. Dean Heller: The Nevada Republican is the most vulnerable senator up for reelection in 2018, and he blocked efforts by the Energy Department to revive the unpopular nuclear storage program at Yucca Mountain. The ads write themselves.

4. Chris Van Hollen: The Democratic senator from Maryland blocked all funding for the construction of a new FBI headquarters because the administration has decided it wants the facility in the District, rather than his blue state. Van Hollen is trying to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, Barbara Mikulski, who used her seniority to bring home lots of bacon for Maryland.

5. Big Ag: The tax bill hurt large agricultural corporations by giving special advantages to farmer-owned cooperatives. Their lobbyists got language inserted to level the playing field. To get their support, Democrats secured the expansion of a low-income tax credit.

6. Big Bird: The Corporation for Public Broadcasting will get \$465 million in federal funding. Appropriators also rejected Trump's push to eliminate the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities.

7. The integrity of our elections: "While a Democratic push to win provisions protecting special counsel Robert S. Mueller III did not succeed, the bill does include hundreds of millions of dollars to combat potential interference from Russia or others in the November midterm elections," [Mike DeBonis and Erica Werner report](#). "The federal Election Assistance Commission will receive \$380 million to dole out to states to improve their election-related cybersecurity. And the FBI is set to receive \$300 million in counterintelligence funding to combat Russian hacking."

LOSERS:

1. The Parkland kids: The bill includes the Fix NICS Act, which will modestly improve the background check system for buying guns by incentivizing states and federal agencies to share more records for the national database. Democrats also got language allowing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct research into gun violence.

But these incremental reforms take political pressure off Republicans to pass a standalone bill. As tens of thousands of protesters descend on Washington this weekend to agitate for stronger gun control, GOP lawmakers will point to Fix NICS and the CDC rider to inoculate themselves from attacks that they've done nothing in response to the Florida school shooting.

This spending deal basically ensures that, among other things, the minimum age to buy an assault weapon won't be raised from 18 to 21 – which would have stopped Nikolas Cruz, 19, from legally getting the AR-15 he used to kill 17 people on Valentine's Day at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School.

Democrats say this is the most they could realistically get, and they argue that doing it in the budget bill stops Republicans from sneaking through concealed-carry reciprocity, a top NRA priority, in a gun-focused package.

2. Trump's border wall promise: The president wanted \$25 billion of funding for the project. He only got \$1.6 billion to construct defenses on the U.S.-Mexico border, but most of [the money is earmarked](#) for specific projects that would have probably gone forward even if Hillary Clinton was president. "The biggest catch is this: The barriers authorized to be built under the act must be 'operationally effective

designs' already deployed as of last March, meaning none of Trump's big, beautiful wall prototypes can be built," [Ed O'Keefe notes in a story with Mike and Erica.](#)

Trump nearly derailed the whole package yesterday because there was not more wall funding, but he relented after Paul Ryan paid an emergency visit to the White House residence. Mitch McConnell dialed in and was on speakerphone. "They argued that he was getting money for the border wall at a level the White House had been signaling was acceptable," [per Robert Costa and Josh Dawsey.](#) "In recent days, he has insisted to associates that congressional Republicans 'owe' him more money for the wall since he has raised them millions for their reelection bids and signed the GOP-authored tax bill into law. Tuesday's dinner gala for the National Republican Congressional Committee — the \$32 million that event raised for House lawmakers, in particular — was on the president's mind."

3. The "dreamers": This was also probably [the last opportunity](#) before the midterms to protect the undocumented immigrants who were brought here as children, as part of a deal for wall funding. They continue to be left in limbo.

4. Health insurance companies: Trump cut off cost-sharing reduction payments last fall that keep it profitable for insurers to offer plans to poor people. Then the tax bill eliminated the individual mandate, which means many healthy young people will no longer buy insurance plans. Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) pushed hard for an amendment to restore some of the money being taken away from the big insurance companies, and Democrats were amenable because they want to shore up the Obamacare marketplaces. But then social conservatives demanded new restrictions on abortion to go along with it, a poison pill that killed the Collins-Alexander plan.

5. The House Freedom Caucus: The group of three dozen hardline conservatives got rolled, as did Mick Mulvaney, the OMB director who used to be a member and took the lead in crafting the budget proposal Trump unveiled last month. Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.), chairman of the Freedom Caucus, decried the deal because it funds Planned Parenthood, does not defund "sanctuary cities" and expands the national debt. He's also mad that it does not "really" include money for the wall, and he doesn't like stronger background checks for gun buyers. Many of the members in his caucus will vote no, but leadership does not need their votes. Meadows has Trump's ear, but this again exposes the limits of his influence

6. Betsy DeVos: The Education Secretary wanted to spend more than \$1 billion promoting vouchers while slashing funding for the rest of her department by \$3.6 billion, mostly by taking it from programs that help the poor. She also wanted to make big cuts to the Office for Civil Rights and eliminate grant programs that support student mental-health services.

The final deal basically does the opposite of everything she asked for. Her department's funding goes up by \$3.9 billion, but she gets zero of the dollars she wanted for the school choice program. There's a \$700 million increase in funding for a mental health program that will fund school counselors. There's \$40 million for a D.C. Tuition Assistance Grant that she wanted to eliminate. The Office for Civil Rights, after-school programs and early childhood education programs all get money she said she didn't want. ([Moriah Balingit and Danielle Douglas-Gabriel have more.](#))

7. Transparency: The bill was released late on the night before the House votes to pass it. Negotiations were conducted behind closed doors, and dropping it at the 11th hour leaves little time for people to scrutinize the many handouts to special interests until after they've gone into effect. This is no way to run a government. ([Here's the full bill if you want to peruse it yourself.](#))

But, but, but: There are two notable exceptions. The Congressional Research Service now must publish online all the reports it prepares for lawmakers. The Secret Service will be required to release an annual report on travel costs for people under their protection, specifically adult children of the president. This is designed to expose how much taxpayers are spending to safeguard Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump on their overseas business trips.