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AJ+ is at United States Capitol. Rep. Deb Haaland (D-NM) wore a traditional Pueblo dress as she was sworn in as one of the first Native American women in Congress.



[Anne Louise](#) is attending Blessings upon Sharice Davids (a member of the Ho-Chunk Natio



n) who will be sworn-in today as a United States Representative for District-1, D-Kansas. Congrats also to Deb Haaland (member of Laguna Pueblo) from the great state of New Mexico who along with Sharice have made history and opened doors to so many aspiring youth as the first Native American women to be elected to Congress!

[#GlowingWithNativeWomanPride](#)

[Congresswoman Deb Haaland](#)

Not only did we make history today, we also passed bills that would:

Pay federal workers & contractors

Open National Parks

Fund tribal services (though in...

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Anne Louise

There is much to be beaming with pride today including newly elected House of Representative Ruth Ann Buffalo, who is preparing to escort Chairwoman Myra Pearson into the Tribal State address, which starts shortly in the North Dakota Legislation in Bismarck.



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<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2019/1/2/1823008/-Trump-s-shutdown-Navaho-Nation-residents-trapped-in-their-homes-as-federal-snowplows-stop-running>

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Did you know that Native American tribes are basically their own nations?

Two Spirits Stood At The Front Lines Of Standing Rock

Posted By [Paul G](#) July 22nd, 2017 Blog

Candi Brings Plenty (Lakota) was honored by Sacred Stone Camp elders and given permission to lead the LGBTIQA2S+ Native American camp in a Grand Entry march into the greater camp on October 13. Only now, 500 years after Invasion, Two Spirit people are finally returning to places of honor and power in our communities. Coined in the 1990s, at the third an Intertribal LGBT Conference in Winnipeg, “Two Spirit” is the place-marker for First Nation and Native American LGBTIQA2S+ individuals. No longer can this important part of Indian Country be relegated to the rear. The move by the elders of Oceti Sakowin to include the Two Spirit Nation in the winter ceremonial camp signals their acceptance of what their ancestors practiced for millennia.

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The advent of Christianity brought the destruction of the Two Spirit people and with them, their traditional knowledge. This first wave of violence in the ensuing genocide was indeed a strategic move by invading armies. It is no coincidence that Two Spirit people were often healers, tradition bearers, and decision makers, the key to the survival of their Nations. Our absence from the balance and rhythm of daily tribal life marked a particularly dark time in Turtle Island. The invitation from the Lakota winyan (women) is of major historical significance for Indigenous People worldwide.

Candi Brings Plenty, prominent Two Spirit activist and director of the Portland Two Spirit Society as well as executive director of the Equi Institute (Oregon’s first Trans and Queer focused health clinic) shares, “Our camp represents the five hundred and eighty tribes of the United States, First Nations of Canada, Alaskan Natives, Indigenous nations from the central and southern Americas and Indigenous Pacific Islanders. We hold numerous intersectionalities and will arrive (during the Grand Entry) with allies. There are over forty-seven Two Spirit Societies collectively in the US and abroad. We have our very own elders and honor the fact that there are exponential terms in our traditional Indigenous languages for identities we carry. We also acknowledge that there is spectrum of gender, and that there is not just a binary gender identity of only male and female.... And most of all, we embrace that we each have our own spirituality and culture from the tribes, bands, clans and nations we each represent.” Brings Plenty continues,

“As a Lakota Sioux, I know that there very much is an unspoken acceptance and embrace for us Two Spirits, as we have been held in a sacred way during the pre-colonial era. It wasn’t until colonization and missionary terrors that created a derogative stigma to the Two Spirit walk of life.” This terror and stigma have been deeply damaging to the Two Spirit community. Research conducted in 2011



This terror and stigma have been deeply damaging to the Two Spirit community. Research conducted in 2011 by Mental Health North America and an advisory board for the State of California found that 73% of Two Spirit individuals reported being victims of verbal or mental abuse from within the greater Native American community. Our community faces a high rate of suicide and mental illnesses such as PTSD

(combat and non), depression and anxiety: all hallmarks of a population that have survived genocide against all odds. Despite these facts, the Two Spirit Nation has visited the front lines on several occasions, to date. The invitation to join Sacred Stone Camp is symbolic of a return to traditional culture-something all of us can appreciate-Native or ally-and encourage in our own local communities across the West.

C Corp, S Corp, LLCs and beyond: The alphabet soup that comprises business designations can leave you with questions — lots of questions.

And that's in a "routine" climate.

But the current business climate is anything but predictable, as tax reform has left even MORE unanswered questions. This Biz Café is here to help you rest assured that your business entity has the right designation for maximum cash flow.

Get a jump start on tax season with this presentation that will help you secure answers to your tax and deduction questions. Mike Bosma is our guest, who has been the Reno office Principal in Charge since joining CliftonLarsonAllen in January 2017. He has been in public accounting specializing in taxation for more than 24 years and is dedicated to assisting taxpayers attain

higher levels of success through proactive tax planning, creative restructuring and strategic business solutions.

And he's joining us for the January Biz Café, called "*Is My Entity that I Selected Pre-Tax-Reform Still the Right Vehicle?*"

Here are some questions that may just be keeping you as a business owner up at night:

- With the new 21 percent corporate tax rate, should I be a C corporation?
- How do I maximize the 20 percent 199A deduction as an S corporation?
- Should everyone be an LLC so we don't have to pay wages?
- I am a professional services firm; how do I structure my affairs to minimize taxes?

In short, Mike will take attendees through the decision-making process and help them find the path to higher cash flow moving forward.

Don't forget: **Due to popular demand, Biz Café is now from 3-5 p.m.**

Please join us at **Rounds Bakery** from 3 to 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 16**; the program starts at 4 p.m. It's free to attend, no RSVPs are needed, and everyone is welcome!

Bring your questions and get ready for some answers that will help you maximize your profits.

"If there is snow on the ground now, that is a good indicator that we should see more snow going forward. The more snow on the ground, the greater the chance of it hanging around." – John King, a water resources engineer and snow surveyor, in reference to current snowpack in California's Sierra Nevada mountains. The first snow survey of the season showed that snow water content is 67 percent of normal, an "adequate" amount, according to surveyors. Last year at this time, snowpack was 29 percent of normal. [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

Bob Tregilus **The "Wolfman" panel.** I think people call this petroglyph wolfman because of the two glyphs (lower right and left) that resemble wolf or coyote tracks. Whatever the case, of



course we don't have a clue what the artist(s) had in mind when they chipped these images into the rock. (Comb Ridge, Utah, 10/19/2018. Note: I made extensive alterations to the image to remove all of the gun shot marks.)

Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan's new governor, has requested an opinion from state Attorney General Dana Nessel on the legality of a planned pipeline replacement in a key section of the Great Lakes. In November, former Governor Rick Snyder and the Michigan legislature passed Public Act 359, which calls for the replacement of a stretch of Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline in the Mackinac Straits. Whitmer and Nessel have both expressed concern over the line's possible environmental impact. [The New York Times](#)

Artwork Taken From Africa, Returning to a Home Transformed

By JASON FARAGO

A pivotal report calls for thousands of artworks to leave French museums and return to West Africa. An artist, a historian and a philosopher debate what should happen — and what these objects could mean to young Africans who have never seen them.

Government shutdown closes Indian Health Service but CDC is still watching flu

NBC News

While the partial government shutdown barely affects the CDC or FDA, other public health operations like the Indian Health Service are taking a hit. [Read the full story](#)

About 3.4K Nevadans not getting paid during government shutdown

About 30 percent of the roughly 11,000 federal workers employed with cabinet level agencies in Nevada are going without paychecks as the partial government shutdown grinds through its second week, a Washington think tank estimates.

I am pleased to announce that **NATHPO has hired Dr. Valerie Grussing as our permanent Executive Director.** Valerie comes to NATHPO with years of experience in cultural resources consultation, including eight years as the Cultural Resources Coordinator for the National Marine Protected Areas Center, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). She has a PhD in Coastal Resources Management and a Master's degree in Anthropology, and has worked with many Tribes on projects ranging from characterizing cultural landscapes to developing and implementing effective Tribal consultation policies. I am confident that Valerie will bring a strong work ethic and valuable experience to NATHPO. Janine Ledford, Makah THPO, NATHPO Secretary/Treasurer, and past Chair, says "I worked closely with Dr. Valerie Grussing on a BOEM project called *Characterizing Tribal Cultural Landscapes*. The project was meaningful, in large part due to her efforts to expand the dialog between agencies and tribes. She understands the challenges tribes are faced with when working with state and federal agencies. She is a great communicator and is interested in providing solutions and sharing successful strategies. NATHPO is fortunate to have Valerie serve in the capacity as Executive Director and I fully expect NATHPO to grow while continuing to benefit Indian Country under her leadership." Rosie Clayburn, Yurok THPO, has also worked with Valerie. She shares that "Valerie comes with a solid background in advocating for meaningful Tribal consultation within agencies and for the protection of Cultural Resources. I am really excited that she is joining NATHPO and know that she will do a great job working on behalf of Tribes. Valerie is a very detail oriented person and kept our pilot project with BOEM on time and on point while always making sure that Tribes were at the forefront of developing

policies related to Tribal Cultural Resources and consultation." Please join me in welcoming Valerie to NATHPO!

In the months to come, Valerie and the NATHPO Board of Directors will be working closely together on strategic planning goals for guiding NATHPO into the future. We hope to find more ways to engage our current members, bring in new members, and focus on how we can combine our strengths as THPOs, Tribal leaders, Tribal members, and Tribal cultural resource professionals to continue our fight for the protection and preservation of Native American cultural heritage. During this year of transition, we plan to reach out for your input on how to keep NATHPO a strong organization and an unparalleled advocate for our members. I look forward to hearing from all of you!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, or concerns:
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valerie@nathpo.org. Thank you for your support of NATHPO and for all that you do to protect Native culture. Find this and other updates on our website: nathpo.org.

Sincerely, Shasta C. Gaughen, NATHPO Chair, THPO, Pala Band of Mission Indians

Submissions open for UNLV's Business Plan Competition

The competition, presented by UNLV's Troesh Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, invites students and members of the community to pitch their business plans to a panel of judges.

Community Seed Grant Deadline:

Deadline for our first 2019 [Community Seed Grant](#) is January 11, 2019. NS/S is pleased to offer small donations of our seeds to eligible organizations in the Greater Southwest region. These grants are designed to support the work of educators and those working to enhance the nutritional, social, economic, or environmental health of underprivileged groups. Pick up an application at our retail location or apply [online](#).

New on our Blog :

Adopt-A-Crop Finale: "With your support on Adopt-A-Crop 2018, we not only secured the future of five different seeds, but preserved some of their human histories, helped develop practices to scale up their production in modern systems, moved meaningful quantities back into the communities where they belong, and hope above hope inspired a few young people to undertake futures in farming." [Read More...](#)

Nevada Weather Trivia: The coldest weather on record in Reno came WAY back in January 1890. The mercury plunged to -8 on January 6th, -18°F on January 7th and 9th, -6 on the 10th, and -19, setting the all-time lowest temperature on record for Reno, on the 8th.

Observations were taken at the University of Nevada at the time. Because of this location and other factors in data collection, these numbers are unofficial. The cold snap of January 1937 set most of the official record lows during this week, and it was a bitter morning on January 21, 1916, that set the official, all-time Reno low of -17.

First snow survey shows water content just ‘adequate.’ But there’s hope for improvement

By Peter Fimrite, San Francisco Chronicle, 1/3/19

A lot more snow will have to fall if California is to have enough water this year to fill reservoirs, nourish salmon, help crops flourish and moisten the fire-prone hills long enough to avoid another catastrophic conflagration, state officials said Thursday. California’s top snow surveyors, in the Sierra on Thursday with measuring poles and electronic sensor data, concluded that the state’s frozen water supply is just adequate, at best.

Draft EIR details Klamath dam removal impacts and alternatives

By Daily Independent, 1/3/19

SACRAMENTO – Another important step in the process leading up to removal of four dams along the Klamath River was reached at the end of 2018. On Dec. 27, 2018, the California State Water Resources Control Board released its Draft Environmental Impact Report on the proposed removal of three Klamath dams located in California. While the Klamath River Renewal Corporation’s dam removal plan includes the decommissioning of the J.C. Boyle dam, the water board’s DEIR does not discuss removal of that dam, as it is located in Oregon.

LEADING WOMEN IN WATER, COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT AND PROMISING SOLUTIONS — WESTERN WATER YEAR IN REVIEW

By Douglas E. Beeman, Western Water, 1/4/19

The growing leadership of women in water. The Colorado River’s persistent drought and efforts to sign off on a plan to avert worse shortfalls of water from the river. And in California’s Central Valley, promising solutions to vexing water resource challenges. These were among the topics that Western Waternews explored in 2018. Western Water, the Foundation’s flagship publication, has provided in-depth coverage of significant water resource issues in California and the Southwest for more than 40 years. In 2018, we took Western Water news entirely online to make it more accessible to a broader range of readers.

Trump asks Supreme Court to resolve groundwater fight

By Ellen M. Gilmer, E&E News, 1/4/19

The Trump administration is pushing the Supreme Court to review what could be the most consequential environmental case of the term: a broiling Clean Water Act debate. The Justice Department yesterday recommended the high court decide whether the landmark environmental law applies to pollution that travels through groundwater before reaching federally regulated water. Two recent circuit court decisions say yes, but critics think that approach vastly expands the statute.



Peggy Flanagan to be sworn-in as lieutenant governor

Indian Country and the state of Minnesota, or the ancestral homelands to the Anishinabewaki and Očeti Šakówinj , will see the first Native American woman sworn in as the lieutenant governor. [Read more](#) newsmaven.io

Indian Country Today video news report for Jan 6, 2019

Video of Crow elders presenting War Bonnet to soldier with honor song goes viral, Live blog: The new Congress takes office, Elizabeth Warren announces her intention to run for President in 2020 and #NativeHumor. With Vincent Schilling.

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Education Department investigates discrimination against Native students

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#NativeHumor: 10 Native New Year's Resolutions You'll Probably Never See

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Suzan Shown Harjo: White Folks' Hair Fetish

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