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Trump supporters continue to question if Arizona State Rep. Eric Descheenie, a Navajo American legislator, is here 'illegally'. Let that level of stupid sink in for a moment.

### **Judge writes blistering dissent as kids' climate lawsuit gets tossed**

"It is as if an asteroid were barreling toward the Earth and the government decided to shut down our only defenses."

[https://grist.org/climate/judge-writes-blistering-dissent-as-kids-climate-lawsuit-gets-tossed/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=daily](https://grist.org/climate/judge-writes-blistering-dissent-as-kids-climate-lawsuit-gets-tossed/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=daily)

### **Archivist and bookseller plead guilty to pilfering \$8M in rare texts from Carnegie Library**

One by one, rare books vanished from the library — the Journal of George Washington; a copy of Isaac Newton's "Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica" valued at nearly \$1 million; an Atlas by a 19th-century German explorer worth \$1.2 million

### **National Archives Exhibit Blurs Images Critical of President Trump**

*Joe Heim, The Washington Post*

Heim writes: "The large color photograph that greets visitors to a National Archives exhibit celebrating the centennial of women's suffrage shows a massive crowd filling Pennsylvania Avenue NW for the Women's March on Jan. 21, 2017, the day after President Trump's inauguration.

### **National Archives Apologizes for Altering Image of 2017 Women's March**

By MARIA CRAMER

A

photo from the march displayed at the National Archives was altered to blur signs that were critical of President Trump or might be offensive, officials said.



### **Shoshone Language Learning - Numbers 1-10**

[Owyhee Combined School Shoshoni Language Lessons with Elena Atkins Produced by Colene Paradise and the student filmmakers in the after-school program with Da... youtube.com](#)

## **EPA's Superfund program, a Trump priority, is in shambles**

It turns out it's hard to clean up toxic waste without spending money

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from NATHPO

### **“Streamlining” Environmental & Historic Review Regulations a.k.a. Unfettered Administration Giveaways to Industry**

#### **National Register Proposed Rule Update**

We have recently been informed by the Keeper of the National Register and Acting Associate Director of Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science at National Park Service, Joy Beasley, that NPS staff have been directed to move forward with turning the National Register Proposed Rule into a Final Rule. This process will take several months and includes reviewing and preparing responses to the many comments they received. After that, it will be sent to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to be reviewed. That is expected to happen early this spring. A Final Rule would be published mid-summer. Based on comments by Ms. Beasley and Acting NPS Director David Vela, it seems unlikely that the Final Rule will be substantively different than the Proposed Rule.

This is an unfortunate but not unexpected development, and does not mean all our collective efforts were for naught. Thanks at least in part to our advocacy, OMB has determined this to be significant (unlike the Proposed Rule), which triggers review under [Executive Order 12866](#). This presents a new opportunity for advocacy through [meetings with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs](#) within OMB. If you have any plans or ability to travel to DC in the coming months, [please let me know](#). Additionally, several partners have been compiling an administrative record of the process, in anticipation of litigation, so your comments and efforts are also very useful on that front.

For now, we're in a holding pattern, but please look for additional updates and action items from us in the coming months. You won't find information on the internet until a Final Rule is published, as DOI is keeping it under the radar. Our efforts to hold NPS and DOI accountable on this issue matter greatly, and we're not giving up the fight.

*Thanks to Ted Monoson at [NCSHPO](#) for contributing to this article*

#### **NEPA Proposed Rule to Change Regulation**

Last week, the Trump administration unveiled its [proposed changes to the National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) regulations](#). We are very concerned that, if these changes are made, they will dramatically reduce consideration of cultural resources in infrastructure projects, and negatively impact NEPA integration with Section 106.

In our initial review, the most worrisome changes are:

- Introducing a new concept – “a threshold analysis” - to see if NEPA should apply at all, particularly for privately financed projects with “minimal government funding or involvement” (terms that have yet to be defined). This has the potential of reducing the number of projects requiring cultural resources review.
- Limiting the consideration of indirect effects on the environment (including climate change), effects that are often greater than direct effects. This has the potential of limiting the assessment of project effects on cultural resources.

- Banning groups that don't weigh in during the public comment period from raising objections in litigation later in the process. This change runs counter to the fundamental NEPA goal of giving the public a voice in federal decision making and would curtail our ability to challenge potentially harmful projects.

Over the next two months, we'll be further digging into the proposed changes and formulating our response. All comment letters on the proposed changes are **due on March 10, 2020**. We will share the results of our analysis and response, and make sample comment letters available so that interested individuals and groups may send their thoughts on these changes to administration officials.

For additional details on the proposed changes, read the Council on Environmental Quality's [fact sheet](#) and [draft regulations](#)



[Dr. King spoke out against the genocide of Native Americans](#)  
[Despite the yearly celebrations of Martin Luther King Day and African American History Month, it is probably little known what the great freedom fighter had to say about the horrific mistreatment of Native Americans by the U.S.](#) [peoplesworld.org](http://peoplesworld.org)

### **Grandpa With Alzheimer's Kept Wandering Off, So This Kid Came Up With A Brilliant Idea.** By Emily Davis <https://www.trendingly.com/alzheimers-invention>

After an incident where police brought his grandfather home after finding him on the freeway, 14-year-old Kenneth Shinozuka looked for solutions, but couldn't find anything suitable.

So he ended up inventing a device called [Safe Wander](#), which is a small, lightweight pressure-sensitive pad that is placed in the patient's sock and sends an alert when they exit the bed.

His clever invention has since gone into production, and helped to protect the safety of thousands of Alzheimer's patients, and improve the wellbeing of their caregivers.



Thanks to Marion Werkheiser with the [Coalition for American Heritage](#) for sharing this article.

**It's the birthday (Jan 18) of a man who changed the face of the American West: [Joseph Glidden](#)**, born in Charlestown, New Hampshire (1813). He was a farmer, and when he settled in DeKalb, Illinois, he realized that the stone and wood fences of his native Northeast weren't practical out on the Great Plains. There weren't too many trees to provide rails so building materials had to be shipped out West, and that was expensive. People needed a cheaper way to keep livestock out of their crops.

Wire fencing was much cheaper to produce and transport, only plain wire was no good, because cattle would just push up against the fence and flatten it. So Glidden used an old coffee mill to bend little pieces of wire into barbs. Then he stuck the barbs in between two long strands of straight wire that had been twisted together, locking them in place. Glidden wasn't the only person with this idea, but he perfected it, and he also invented a machine to make manufacturing the wire quicker and easier. He patented his barbed wire method in 1874, and spent the next three years in court, battling over whether he had in fact invented it. He won, and formed the Barb Fence Company. To prove that his wire worked, Glidden set up the "Frying Pan Ranch" near Amarillo, Texas. He fenced the ranch and brought in 12,000 cattle, which he branded. When Texans saw that none of Glidden's cattle strayed from the ranch, they were sold on this cheap new invention. Barbed wire made Glidden a millionaire; he was one of the richest men in America by the time he died in 1906.

The coming of barbed-wire fencing completely changed life in the West. Homesteaders began fencing in their property, and that marked the end of free-ranging herds, and the end of massive cattle drives, and the end of the cowboy. The wire sparked range wars between big ranchers who wanted to protect their land and water claims, and the smaller-scale cattlemen and "free rangers," who would cut the fences wherever they found them. Nomadic tribes of Native Americans could no longer travel freely across the Great Plains. (from the *Writer's Almanac*)

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## **The Nevada Diabetes Association's Diabetes Community Impact Award**

The Nevada Diabetes Association (NDA) is proud to present and celebrate the 2020 Inaugural Diabetes Community Impact Award. This award is for those who have shown distinction and have helped to shape the landscape of diabetes. The focus is on individuals or group entities that have shown excellence in creating an environment that:

- Builds relationships within the diabetes community
- Promotes good health with diabetes management
- Demonstrates creativity and thinks beyond traditional care routines
  - Is continuous in the efforts on diabetes care
- Demonstrates role model behavior for those in our community
- Displays outstanding efforts with education, administration, advocacy and/or personal care
  - Excels in the prevention of complications associated with diabetes

How to submit a candidate for consideration:

Step 1: visit [www.diabetesnv.org/nominate](http://www.diabetesnv.org/nominate) by Friday, February 8, 2020 by 11:59pm PST.

Step 2: Fill out the nomination criteria form (All categories must be filled in for consideration)

Step 3: An email confirmation receipt will be sent to your email.

Step 4: Finalists will be contacted and posted on our social media webpage by Friday, February 15, 2020.

Step 5: Three finalists will attend Winter Wonderland in the VIP section as honored guests with a table for 4. Winter Wonderland is Thursday, February, 27, 2020 from 5-9 pm. Our finalists will also be featured at our diabetes day before the event outside of Bistro Napa, and in the Winter Wonderland program.

Step 6: The Diabetes Community Outreach Winner will be announced at Winter Wonderland at 8:30 pm.

For more information please email: [info@diabetesnv.org](mailto:info@diabetesnv.org)

[Nominate someone HERE](#)



### **“Kid From the Rez Places 6th in the World”**

[“Kid From the Rez places 6th in the World”: The Incredible Story of the Geronimo Canoe Club](#)  
[The Geronimo Canoe Club is an amazing story of local athletic achievement, against incredible odds. Over the last 40 years, the club’s mostly Tsartlip members have been racing and competing internationa...](#) [wsanec.com](http://wsanec.com)



**[This waltz once attributed to Strauss is actually by indigenous Mexican composer Juventino Rosas | 98.7WFMT](#)**

[The waltz is typically associated with composers from German-speaking countries. The word waltz is, after all, German. Viennese composers like Beethoven and Schubert composed waltzes. Viennese composer Johann Strauss II was known as the “Waltz King.” But at the same time that the Viennese were w... wfmt.com](#)

**[Hundreds of Britons Volunteered for a Diary-Keeping Project in 1937. They Left an Invaluable Record of World War II](#)**

The hundreds of unpaid volunteers who participated filled out a series of questionnaires and made regular diary entries. They wrote about the intimate details of their lives as well as their thoughts and feelings about the world around them

**Water Shorts**

**[WATER RESOURCE INNOVATION, HARD-EARNED LESSONS AND COLORADO RIVER CHALLENGES — WESTERN WATER YEAR IN REVIEW](#)**

By Water Education Foundation, 1/16/2020

Innovative efforts to accelerate restoration of headwater forests and to improve a river for the benefit of both farmers and fish. Hard-earned lessons for water agencies from a string of devastating California wildfires. Efforts to drought-proof a chronically water-short region of California. And a broad debate surrounding how best to address persistent challenges facing the Colorado River. These were among the issues Western Water explored in 2019, and are still worth taking a look at in case you missed them.

**[CEQ Releases Proposed Revisions to NEPA Regulations](#)**

By Somach Simmons & Dunn, 1/15/2020

For the first time since their adoption in 1978, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is proposing major changes to its regulations governing federal agency implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). CEQ outlines these additions and revisions in its January 10, 2020 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, inviting public comments on the document until March 10, 2020. Water users and other businesses, state and local agencies with projects involving any federal issues should be tracking the NEPA regulatory changes to determine if there are impacts to their projects.

**Salmon habitat projects completed along the Sacramento River at Anderson River Park** By Red Bluff Daily News, 1/16/2020

The Bureau of Reclamation and its diverse set of partners, including the Yurok Tribe, the State of California, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and several non-governmental organizations, completed a new side channel habitat improvement project in Anderson River Park, south of Redding, at the end of 2019. The project re-established an historic side channel through Anderson River Park providing year-round flow through the channel for juvenile salmon rearing habitat. The Yurok Tribe served as construction contractor, excavating one-half mile of side channel. Total new habitat established is a nearly one-mile long side channel flowing year-round.

**U.S. Water Data, Refreshed Daily** — New U.S. Geological Survey tool displays where water is – and isn't – in the Lower 48 states.

**20,000 acres (8,094 hectares)** Land in the Florida Everglades purchased by the state from a private real estate firm. The deal will spare the land from potential oil drilling, and bring the total protected Everglades wetlands to to nearly 600,000 acres (243,000 hectares). [Reuters](#)

Toxic PFAS chemicals were recently discovered at a contaminated site in Madison Heights, Michigan, and could significantly increase cleanup costs. The Electro-Plating Services facility, where green ooze was found leaking onto the interstate last month, was owned by Gary Sayers, who is now imprisoned for illegally storing hazardous waste at the site. It is unclear whether Sayers or taxpayers will be responsible for the cleanup costs. [Bridge](#)



**Why Martin Luther King Jr. wore a Hawaiian lei on Selma march**

[More than 50 years ago, the Hawaiian lei made a surprise appearance during Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic Selma to Montgomery marches.](#) [hawaiimagazine.com](http://hawaiimagazine.com)





### **Climate change fueled the Australia fires. Now those fires are fueling climate change.**

The fires, which have been burning for months and could rage on for months to come, are impacting the earth's climate in several ways.

### **Reducing Fire, and Cutting Carbon Emissions, the Aboriginal Way**

By THOMAS FULLER and MATTHEW ABBOTT

As blazes rage in southern Australia, Indigenous fire-prevention techniques that have sharply cut destructive bushfires in the north are drawing new attention.

### **'This Is Not How Sequoias Die. It's Supposed to Stand for Another 500 Years'**

*Patrick Greenfield, Guardian UK*

Greenfield writes: "The fable of the giant sequoia tree is an enduring tale of A

### **Brazil's Indigenous Communities Resist Jair Bolsonaro - EcoWatch**

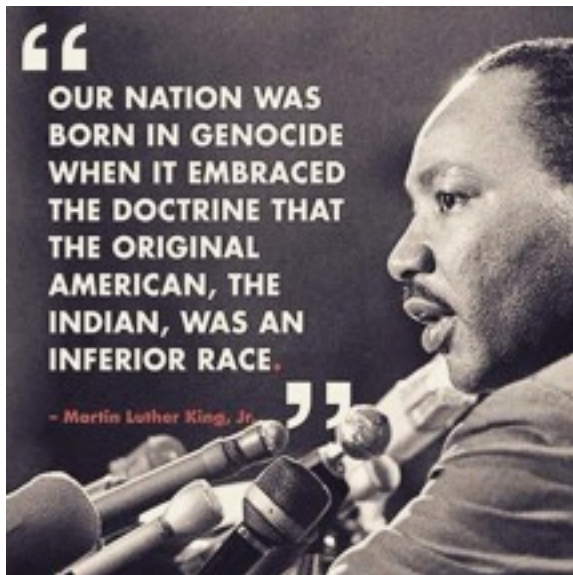
<https://www.ecowatch.com/brazil-indigenous-resist-bolsonaro-2644842722.html>

### **Interpretation Crisis at the Border Leads to Deportation of Mayan-Language Speakers Seeking Refuge** *Democracy Now!*

Excerpt: "As the U.S. continues to use hostile policies to stop people from seeking refuge and asylum in the United States, we look at a key problem that is preventing migrants from getting due process, and in many cases getting them deported: inadequate interpretation for indigenous asylum seekers who speak Mayan languages." [READ MORE](#)

### **U.N. report: With 40M in poverty, U.S. most unequal developed nation**

[A U.N. study has concluded 40 million people in the United States live in poverty -- and more than half of those live in "extreme" or "absolute" poverty.](#) [upi.com](#)



## who is born a US citizen?

*Carol Nackenoff, Swarthmore College; Julie Novkov, University at Albany, State University of New York*

If upheld, a federal court ruling would solidify birthright citizenship as the law of the land, and overturn more than a century of federal refusal to grant American Samoans citizenship status.

## **Ocean Cleaning Device Succeeds in Removing Plastic for the First Time - EcoWatch**

<https://www.ecowatch.com/ocean-cleaning-device-plastic-2640832397.html>

## **RESOURCES**

### [Opportunity Alliance Nevada](#)

#### ***Vision***

To build self-sufficiency and financial stability for all Nevadans

#### ***Mission***

Building sustainable communities across Nevada to stabilize and improve the lives of individuals and families

#### ***Purpose***

Opportunity Alliance Nevada brings together resources and people from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to investigate and understand the barriers faced by struggling low to moderate income Nevadans and provide pathways to self-sufficiency. We accomplish this through Training, Financial Coaching, Mentorship, Advocacy, Partnerships and Collaborations.

#### ***Focus***

Focusing on the needs of low to moderate-income, financially insecure Nevadans

### ***Household Financial Security Framework***

**NAVIGATE:** Financial decisions that impact household financial security

**LEARN:** Basic skills, acquire educational credentials & job skills

**EARN:** Sufficient income to cover expenses & save

**SAVE:** For emergencies & the future (home/retirement)

**OWN:** Acquire home, business, or investments that help build financial stability & wealth

**PROTECT:** What they earn, save, and own through insurance & safeguards against predatory practices.

***[Click Here to Watch Video](#)***

***Opportunity Alliance Nevada is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit incorporated in Nevada and the [statewide community champion of Prosperity Now.](#)***

***Nevada Scorecard 2019 [\(great stats\)](#)***

***<https://www.opportunityalliancenv.org/nevada-scorecard-2019/>***

**Empowering women to rise out of poverty.**

<http://www.waccs.org/>

The Women and Children's Center of the Sierra (WACCS) provides services to support women as they work to move out of poverty and improve their lives. Our comprehensive approach includes ESL and GED (HiSet) education, job search and preparation, a free diaper bank, crisis intervention, and information and referrals for any other community service a woman may need to move forward in her life. WACCS serves women as they work toward their individual goals on their journey out of poverty and away from public safety net programs. We counsel, educate, support, encourage, guide and otherwise empower women as they strive to transform their lives.

**New Financial Literacy Program for Elementary Schools May 30, 2019 By [Phil Johncock](#)**

Nevada State Treasurer, Zach Conine, attended Alyce Taylor Elementary School recently to show students the importance of saving and budgeting finances.

New program that aims to teach young students financial literacy.

The students start off with a college savings plan and are encouraged to set money aside to go into that account.

So far this school year, 44 students have begun saving money collecting nearly \$3,000.

Nationally, the school savings program has helped thousands of students for the last 35 years.

[Click here](#) to access video

**Bridges Out of Poverty - Day One Training - January 29 2020 Tickets, Wed, Jan 29, 2020 at 8:30 AM**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bridges-out-of-poverty-day-one-training-january-29-2020-tickets-78081504883?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

**Also offered March 11, 8:30-3:30**



**[The resonances between Indigenous art and images captured by microscopes](#)**

[A new exhibition pairs paintings by Indigenous Australian artists with microscopic images](#)

[captured by scientists. The parallels are intriguing.](#)

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