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**A rare blonde female eagle has
chosen her mate....**

John Dirvanowski

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Update on Mashpee Wampanoag Situation

Thank you to everyone who has signed the [Land is Sacred: Stand With the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe](#) petition. As an update, this Thursday, May 7th, there will be a hearing in the U.S. District Court in Washington DC to hear the Tribe's Motion for an injunction against the attempt to remove their land from trust. For more information, here is a link to a recent article: <https://www.capecodtimes.com/news/20200413/mashpee-tribes-request-to-halt-land-order-to-be-heard-may-7>

If you'd like to do even more to support the Tribe, here are two more action steps to take:

- 1) Contact Secretary of the Interior Bernhardt and/or Senator Hoeven, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, and let them know directly that you oppose this action against the tribe. You can find their contact information and respective scripts [HERE](#).
- 2) In advance of the May 7th court hearing, join in the virtual *Sacred Fire Prayer Protest* where prayer fires and candles are being lit nationwide in support of the Tribe and to denounce the Trump Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project
- 3) Administration for attempting to disestablish their reservation. Light your candle/fire, let it burn 1-4 days, and post a picture with the hashtag **#StandWithMashpee**. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Thank you for all you are doing!

Register Now for NCAI Forum "COVID-19: Economic Impacts and Implications for Indian Country" (May 12)

Part of NCAI's ongoing COVID-19 Virtual Events series, this forum will document the data and other evidence emerging from Indian Country about the nature and gravity of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on tribal nations, and their necessary implications for tribal governmental action and federal funding support. Panelists include:

- **Joseph P. Kalt**, Co-Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development
- **Patrice Kunesh**, Founder and Director, Pehin Haha Consulting
- **Casey Lozar**, Director, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- **Aaron Payment**, Chairman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

The forum will be held on Tuesday, May 12 from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. EDT.

To register for the forum, please click [here](#).

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Question: I can only live where there is light, but if the light shines on me, I die. What am I?

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Nomination packets are due May 15.

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Photographs showcase history through the art of images. As objects, they represent shifting cultural styles and attitudes of times (and mediums) that no longer exist in the flickering novelty of the present. As [Oliver Wendell Holmes warned in 1859](#), their invention trained us to hunt and collect images as glimmering appearances, in his words, like the skin and hide of trophy hunters. Photographs carry with them the possibility of leaving lives formerly lived to dissolve, mirage-like, in history's distant viewfinder.

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“Education is our only political safety. Outside of this ark, all is deluge.”

Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.”

—*Horace Mann*

Learn about the **American Indian College Fund's Full Circle Scholarship** application and win some GREAT PRIZES during our 3 new prep events! RSVP now at <https://bit.ly/>

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2yVnK2a and apply before the MAY 31 deadline!

Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announced the availability of \$42.5 million in Youth Apprenticeship Readiness grants to support the enrollment of in-school or out-of-school youth apprentices (ages 16-24) into new or existing registered apprenticeship programs. ETA intends to fund approximately 15 to 25 Youth Apprenticeship Readiness grants, with awards ranging from \$1 million to \$5 million. [Information on how eligible applicants can apply for funding is available here.](#)

In just 30 days, the Women's Bureau will celebrate our 100th anniversary.

As we honor 100 years of working for working women, the "Our Purpose. Your Work." initiative presents women of all ages with the opportunity to share your work stories and talk about how the Women's Bureau has helped advance your purpose. Throughout our centennial year thus far, [we have collected and shared stories](#) to learn how the Women's Bureau's resources and initiatives have made a difference in your life, at work and at home.

Don't miss your chance to share your story; we want to hear how your life, your work, and your family have been affected. [Tell us your story here.](#)



Jeanette Allen
[Today's teacher has her two students in the library reading this morning.](#)

[How Minnesotans can address homelessness among the state's American Indians](https://www.minnpost.com/community-voices/2020/05/how-minnesotans-can-address-homelessness-among-the-states-american-indians/)

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[Minnesota Scientists Look to Plant a Forest for a New Climate](#)

Jordan Davidson, EcoWatch

Davidson writes: "The landscape of Minnesota is changing as the climate crisis intensifies. Animals and plants that once were only found in the southern part of the state have moved north, suggesting that as the climate changes, Minnesota, by 2100, will start to resemble an environment similar to the one found in Kansas, a few states to the south." [READ MORE](#)

[Betsy DeVos Sued for Seizing Student Loan Borrowers' Wages During Pandemic](#)

Michael Stratford, POLITICO

Stratford writes: "Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is continuing to garnish the wages of federal student loan borrowers who fall behind on payments even though Congress suspended the practice in the economic rescue package, according to a new lawsuit." [READ MORE](#)

[Voting By Mail in Tribal Communities](https://www.narf.org/vote-by-mail/) <https://www.narf.org/vote-by-mail/>

In any move to a vote-by-mail system because of COVID-19, we must provide accommodations for tribal communities to protect their ability to vote. Native American communities face many challenges with vote-by-mail. For example throughout the country, there are homes on reservations that do not have addresses or do not use a street name. The postal service does not deliver to these addresses, so they cannot receive ballots at their homes. Tribes and states must work together and election funding must be provided to tribes to enact the needed changes. [Learn more and share our online flyer about vote-by-mail challenges and proposed solutions →](#)

Nevada Humanities will soon launch *Nevada Humanities CARES: Emergency Relief Grants to Nevada Cultural Organizations*.

These rapid-response grants will provide operating support for Nevada's nonprofit humanities and cultural organizations facing financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 health emergency. [Learn more](#)

[Nevada Humanities Virtual Salon: Indigenous Narratives in the Modern Context](#)

Friday, May 15 | 6 pm PST

Join us for a virtual discussion about journalism, jurisdictional issues, and Indigenous narratives. To be a part the conversation, visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/nevadahumanities](https://www.facebook.com/nevadahumanities), 6 pm PST, and ask our panelists questions throughout the event. [Learn more](#)

[Nevada Humanities Project Grant Deadline Extended to June 10, 2020](#) Nevada

Humanities supports public humanities projects and programs that promote community through engagement. In light of the evolving COVID-19 emergency, our Project Grant application deadline has been extended to June 10, 2020. [Learn more](#)

[Call for New Board of Trustee Members at Nevada Humanities](#)

Nominations open until May 30, 2020

Do you know someone who is passionate about the humanities? [Nominate](#) them to serve on our Board of Trustees by Saturday, May 30, 2020. [Learn more](#)

New Mexico Invokes Riot Law to Control Virus Near Navajo Nation

By SIMON ROMERO

The lockdown in Gallup, on the edge of the country's largest Indian reservation, comes in response to a worsening outbreak.

You are under no obligation to remain the same person you were a year ago, a month ago, or even a day ago. You are here to create yourself, continuously ” — Richard Feynman

“Rookie stardom carries its own isolation in Congress, a habitat filled with some of the planet's most jealous and thirsty creatures. “

Mark Leibovich May 4, 2020

Take a Virtual Tour of the Smithsonian American Art Museum's Humboldt Exhibition

The Catalina Island Bison Herd – Avalon, California - Atlas Obscura

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/catalina-island-bison-herd>

Twenty-two miles off the coast of Los Angeles, Santa Catalina Island is a haven for marine biologists, tourists, and history buffs. In 1924, the film *The Vanishing* ...

Yesterland Side Trip: Newport Harbor Buffalo Ranch

<https://www.yesterland.com/buffalo.html>

Newport Harbor Buffalo Ranch, photo by Robert Geivet, 1955, courtesy of the Old ... You'll be in the middle of a herd of buffalo, shipped here from Kansas in late 1954 ... for a University of California campus a short distance from the Buffalo Ranch. ... Bonita Canyon Drive in Newport Beach, take a look at the northeast corner.

Golden Gate Park Buffalo Paddock - Weird California

<http://www.weirdca.com/location.php?location=241>

Feb 24, 2014 ... A herd of bison live and graze in the middle of San Francisco. ... The Covered Wagon released in 1923 that has several bison appearing in it.



Golden Gate Park Buffalo & Bison

<https://goldengatepark.com/buffalo-paddock.html> - This tail position may also

occur between competing bulls during the mating season. If you notice that a bison is bucking, this may signify playful movement or at ...

Buffalo Ranch - Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buffalo_Ranch

Buffalo Ranch was a tourist attraction which was operated on 115 acres (0.47 km²) in what is today Newport Beach, California by Gene Clark of the Irvine ...

The oldest living tree ever found was cut down by some guy in 1964. It had been around since before the Egyptian pyramids were built 📌



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The oldest living tree ever found was a bristlecone pine named "Prometheus". Located in the Great Basin

National Park in eastern Nevada, it had been alive since before the pyramids were built.

But in the summer of 1964, a geography graduate student named Donald Currey, who was doing research on ice age glaciology in Wheeler Peak, controversially cut it down.

The Forest Service granted him permission to take core samples from a number of bristlecone pines growing in a grove there.

Currey found a tree in this grove, known by local mountaineers as Prometheus, that he believed to be well over 4,000 years old.

wikipedia.org

The grove in which Prometheus grew on Wheeler Peak

There are several differing accounts of how Prometheus met its end. Some say the tool he was using to take samples broke off in the tree, or that he did not know how to core such a large tree.

Currey says the growth form of the ancient tree made it impossible to determine its age by coring.

But what we do know is that, after counting the rings, it was determined that the tree was around 4,900 years old. What he had killed was then the world's oldest known living thing.

When news got out, there was a worldwide outcry and he was heavily criticized. The incident brought the ancient bristlecones to the world's attention, and led to the Great Basin National Park being established in 1986.

Today, the stump of Prometheus is all that remains of the ancient tree that was once the world's oldest known living thing.

Answer: *I am a shadow*

Thanks to a strict 'Cordon Sanitaire', Austria was able to remain plague free for 101 years

In 1770, Empress Maria Theresa of Austria came up with a plan to keep her country plague free. Setting up a *cordon sanitaire* (a sanitary cordon), she was able to isolate the country from the surrounding Ottoman Empire for over a century.

With borders spanning 1,600km, no expense was spared. Soldiers stood along the entire border, with just a musket shot between them, and strict crossing points were designated with even stricter controls.

Anyone crossing at one of these checkpoints found themselves monitored for 21 days. If a plague was present in the Ottoman Empire, this holding time increased to 48 days.

Any goods crossing the border also faced severe checks. To ensure fabric and wool were not carrying the plague, items were taken to a warehouse where peasants were paid to sleep on them. If the peasants did not fall ill, the goods were accepted as non-infectious.

The approach worked, and Austria was able to remain plague-free for 101 years, while the surrounding Ottoman Empire saw frequent epidemics.

Alexander Hamilton asked, "Why has government been instituted at all?" and then answered, "Because the passions of men will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice, without constraint."



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We're not the descendants of the
Natives you didn't kill. We're the spirits
of the ones you did kill.

And we remember.



According to us,
we're irreplaceable...

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