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The savage is
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destroys it.

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End: Thu 17 Jun 2021, 11:00 AM

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Start: Tue 22 Jun 2021, 2:00 PM

End: Tue 22 Jun 2021, 4:00 PM



[Norm Cavanaugh](#)

[Tha Mormon crickets are on the move marching south on hwy 51, about 2 miles from Riddle, I'd.](#)

[Mary Gibson](#)

Ancestral food. Nutritious and life-saving food supplements for the people of the Great Basin and beyond.

Biggest. Antlers. Ever. Meet the Irish Elk.

On view at the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum, this specimen of the extinct species unlocks an evolutionary mystery.



The Irish elk, or *Megaloceros giganteus*, ranged across northern Eurasia from Siberia to Ireland and shed its giant antlers every year. It is on display in the David H. Koch Hall of Fossils—Deep Time at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. (Gary Mulcahey / NMNH). By Richard Grant

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/irish-elk-biggest-antlers-ever-180977706/>

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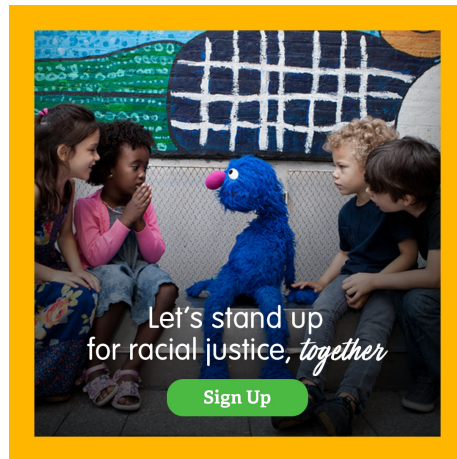


[Rez Radio 101.7 FM. Who loves this Indigenous cake? Wow](#)

[sesame.org](https://www.sesame.org)

[Never too young to stand up for racial justice](#)

[Get the family viewing guide](#)



As the 2021 Legislature winds down (want to bet on a special session?), one of those memorable moments:

NEVADA LAWMAKER CALLS INTO QUESTION THE HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICAN MASSACRES, CAUSING BACKLASH FROM ADVOCATES.

By Riley Snyder

Sen. **Ira Hansen** (R-Sparks) angered some Native advocates earlier this month when he rebutted the historical accuracy of testimony shared by tribal leaders and elders, but doubled down on his comments saying he was focused on accuracy.

Native elder **Delaine Spilsbury** and Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation Chairman **Rupert Steele** delivered testimony during a hearing on [AB171](#) earlier this month, explaining the importance of Spring Valley (known as Bahsahwahbee in Shoshone) where they said hundreds of Indigenous people were killed in at least three massacres between 1850 and 1900.

During the hearing, Spilsbury emotionally recounted her own grandmother's experience of surviving a massacre as a young child.

“As she hid in a ditch, she witnessed bloodthirsty thugs viciously kill off her relatives and friends and desecrate her place of worship, her place of solace,” Spilsbury said. “For the remaining Nuwu people, it is our firm belief that the swamp cedars in Spring Valley embody the spirits of the lives lost during these massacres, bodies of our relatives nourished those junipers. Their spirits, souls and remains are all that is left in Spring Valley in those trees. That is why I continue to visit.”

But Hansen pushed back on the historical accuracy of the massacres described in Spilsbury's testimony and by Steele [in a letter of support](#) for the bill. During the hearing, Hansen argued that there were anomalies between the testimony and the historical record, including indications that U.S. Cavalry divisions were involved in the 1897 massacre while saying there was no cavalry in the region at that time.

"No offense to anybody, but the historical inaccuracies disturb me, as part of the bill," Hansen said during the hearing in early May. Despite concerns, Hansen ultimately voted to pass it during the Senate Natural Resources Committee meeting last week.

The Nevada Native Voters Alliance [called for a public apology](#) for the comments from Hansen earlier this month, stating that they "reflect a lack of cultural competency and Indigenous education that is endemic in this country" in a press release.

"It's super disrespectful for Senator Hansen to assert that he knows more about tribal history than our tribal people," **Taylor Patterson**, executive director of the Nevada Native Voters Alliance, said during an interview with *The Nevada Independent* last week. "If he's truly a student of history, as he says he is, he realizes that history is written from a certain perspective and often leaves out indigenous perspectives as well as other BIPOC communities."

In an interview, Hansen apologized for hurting people's feelings but said he would not apologize for his statements on the historical record.

"I'm standing by it," Hansen said during an interview Thursday with *The Nevada Independent*. "I apologize for hurting their feelings. But you know, I'm not going to apologize for basically saying something I think is inaccurate, it's inaccurate."

Hansen said he thinks the history needs to be "solid" in the language and history behind both the bill and a separate resolution urging Congress and the Biden administration to designate the area as a National Heritage Area.

"I'm voting for this. The only thing that concerns me is we have some historical things that frankly just aren't accurate in this thing," Hansen said during floor debate on [AJR4](#) on Friday, adding that he believes the region merits protection for the 1863 massacre but continued to raise doubts about the massacres in 1859 and 1897.

Patterson said she didn't expect Hansen to offer an apology, but hopes the exchange could spur the senator and others to increase conversations with tribal leaders and community members, adding that the Legislature would benefit from having elected tribal members to represent their communities.

"So we have this issue where we're not being included, number one, schools are not teaching about Native Americans in a real meaningful way, and then we have legislators that are perpetuating stereotypes and false narratives about our people," she said.

Hansen also said that he considers himself native to Nevada, as well, as his grandfather arrived in the Great Basin region in 1925.

“I'm as much a product of the Nevada desert, born right here, so in my mind I'm a Native American too,” he said. “True, I don't have the ancestry that goes back thousands of years, but hundreds of years in my case, almost a hundred.””

To view the hearing: <http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00324/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20210506/-1/?fk=8515&viewmode=1>

Senate Natural Resources	May 06, 2021	3:30 PM	Agenda	Minutes not yet available	Heard, No Action
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Ed note: Anyone wanting to do the research, call me; several archives to be explored.

Milpitas eagle family makes fifth return to nest



The city's eagle-cam streams live video.

Greta Thunberg Talks Science, Self-Care, and What's Next for Her

Marianne Dhenin, Teen Vogue

Dhenin writes: "We always say that we don't have the money, we can't act so quickly, we can't do these kinds of things. But then, when the pandemic came, we saw a completely different crisis response, and that puts [the climate crisis] in a different perspective. It really shows that we can treat an emergency like an emergency." [READ MORE](#)




Bill McKibben | The Particular Psychology of Destroying the Planet

Bill McKibben, The New Yorker

McKibben writes: "How is it that some people, or corporations, can knowingly perpetuate the damage? Or, as people routinely ask me, 'Don't they have grandchildren?'" [READ MORE](#)

Opinion | The Hoover Dam Made Life in the West Possible. Or So We Thought. - The New York Times


https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/14/opinion/water-hoover-dam-climate-change.html?campaign_id=2&emc=edit_th_20210516&instance_id=30940&nl=todaysheadlines®i_id=37436600&segment_id=58209&user_id=d94880555f1604f09124f694bfa8d5c2

	<p><u>June 5: World Environment Day 2021</u></p> <p>The theme for World Environment Day 2021 is “Ecosystem Restoration” and will see the launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Ecosystem restoration can take many forms: Growing trees, greening cities, rewilding gardens, changing diets or cleaning up rivers and coasts. This is the generation that can make peace with nature.</p>
	<p><u>June 6: World Green Roof Day</u></p> <p>Towns and cities globally are going green to adapt to climate change. Green roofs also provide vital wildlife habitat and make life better for everyone. Join in this celebration of green roofs all over the world and the many benefits they bring to people and nature. Share the green roof love on social media with images, events and gatherings. You can support #WGRD2021 as an individual or organisation.</p>
	<p><u>June 15-16: Grey to Green Conference 2021</u></p> <p>Get inspired by professionals working to create greener and more resilient communities. Designers, researchers and policymakers will come together to share their work in Biophilic Design, Integrated Stormwater Management Practices, Urban Agriculture, Green Roof and Green Wall Best Practices & more in over 30 Speaker presentations and virtual tour offerings!</p>

NCET Tech Wed | Tesla Gigafactory

Jun 9 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Free Live Stream: 4:30-5:30 pm. Virtual Networking: 4-4:30 pm

At its Gigafactory in Sparks, Tesla manufactures drive units for their Model S, 3 and Y vehicles as well as their state-of-the-art batteries – all while maintaining a low carbon footprint. Its thousands upon thousands of employees contribute to the success of the size and scope of the facility, as they manufacture a huge volume of materials and products day in and day out.



NATIVE HEALTH

Indigenous Readers Book Club

<p>JUNE</p> <p>There There by Tommy Orange</p>	<p>JULY</p> <p>Where the Dead Sit Talking by Brandon Hobson</p>
<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Heart Berries by Teresa Marie Mailhot</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Cheyenne Madonna by Eddie Chuculate</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>The Seed Keeper: A Novel by Diane Wilson</p>	

**MEETINGS WILL BE BI-WEEKLY
5:30 PM MST VIA ZOOM**



[Dee Numa](#) [A Paiute polychrome basket, Daisy Young Charlie, Sold for US \\$17,625](#)

Reader comment: *Re tuition in Germany. Good friend's daughter married a lovely man from Ireland which she met in SF. He was there attending law school, final year and was to return next year for first year of his specialty, international law. In Ireland education is free if you are a citizen. Therefore, Ireland paid for initial education in Ireland, special law education in California, his specialty while attending in both Ireland and New York. He is now doing special study in NY to pass Bar and Ireland is paying for tuition. Education is FREE in Ireland from cradle to completion. Pass me a glass of Tulamore Dew!*

[Environment](#)

April 20, 2021

Helping the Hopi and Navajo Nations build safer homes and resilient communities

Red Feather Development Group provides solar furnaces and other sustainable improvements with support from Wells Fargo.

Since 2010, Wells Fargo has been a proud supporter of the Red Feather Development Group, an organization focused on finding sustainable solutions to challenges facing the Hopi and Navajo Nations. Recently, when the shutdown of a large coal-fired power plant led to a heating crisis, Red Feather launched a healthy heating program to outfit homes with solar furnaces. The upgrades provided heat during daytime hours while also improving indoor air quality and health, serving as just one example of Red Feather's "innovative approaches to utilizing sustainable technology," said Victor Burrola, community development officer for Wells Fargo's Social Impact and Sustainability group.

Watch the following video to learn more about Red Feather's history and its work with Wells Fargo to help build resiliency into these communities.



Red Feather Development Group deploys solar heating furnaces to reduce costs and improve air quality for rural residents of Navajo and Hopi Nations. (2:21)

glendid.com

[Seniors are now able to join online classes for free](#)

Tad Williams, Jr. Honored as the Carson City School District's Educator of the Year

Mr. Tad Williams, Jr. has been teaching with the district for nine years and is a Rodeo World Champion for team roping. He earned the World Champion Title at the 2017 Indian National Finals. He actively applies the principals taught by Dr. James Comer, a professor of Child Psychiatry at Yale, which reads "No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship." That's what Mr. Williams demonstrates each day at school. With those relationships comes trust and respect. Mr. Williams makes it a priority to make those connections with students. In his classroom, he fosters a program called "I wish my teacher knew," which gives his students an opportunity to share things about themselves.

Mr. Williams elaborated that he tells his students "It's okay to have bad days. The students just need to feel comfortable enough to tell me that the dog barked all night, and they couldn't sleep, or that the cops came, and they were scared. As soon as a teacher knows the struggles their students are experiencing, it is a little bit easier to endure patiently with behavior problems or academic struggles."

Whether it is rodeo or teaching, Mr. Williams never ceases to impress. In addition to last night's award, as the District Educator of the Year, Mr. Williams will also have the opportunity to compete statewide for Nevada Teacher of the Year.



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Technically they aren't dragons, but they are flying lizards, which is pretty close. The tiny lizards are known as 'Draco volans', and over the course of thousands of years, they developed an amazing way to evade predators - flight.

Their wings are different than your average bird's wings, as they are actually a set of elongated ribs, which they can extend and retract at will

- Esmerelda Aponte

They live in the Western Ghats and hill forests of southern India.

Joseph White Eagle

When you take your last breath and your heart will beat no more it will not matter anymore the problems you had in this life, your pain and your sadness will have no more meaning. What you have gained outside of yourself that you value will mean nothing to you, and what you have gained within you will mean everything as you now take your place in the Spirit world. The future to the First Nations Ancestors was not about obtaining riches or power but it was to prepare themselves in this short life to enter into the next world. For the truest reward you could give yourself is to achieve a closer relationship with the Great Spirit within you and this you will truly take with you when you pass. For the closer you become to the divine source the better your spirit will experience in the next world, for what was most important and valued by the Ancestors was only what you could take with you from this short life and what you could not take had much less importance. Leaving your children with a more close and loving relationship with the Great Spirit and Mother Earth is a much better gift than leaving them with money and physical possessions. Ekosi.

