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Compliments of Heidi Barlese. (Auntie Jeanette, Reynelda and Stone Mother)

Dyami Thomas

Some more history that was never taught in school..

California first became a state in 1850. The first governor of California was Peter H. Burnett. That same year he legalized and enforced Indian slavery. He said "That a war of extermination will continue to be waged between the races until the Indian race becomes extinct. This must be expected."

In both 1851-1852, the state of California paid \$1 million to militias that hunted down California Natives. \$5 for every severed head and 25 cents for a scalp. Men, women, children, elders, it simply didn't matter which age.

California Natives have survived 3 genocides. Spanish Conquest (missions), Oil and The Gold Rush.

In just 20 years, 80% of California Natives were wiped out.

Today there are over 109 federally recognized tribes in the state of California and 78 tribes that are partitioning for recognition.

This is some of the brutal but true history of California Natives.

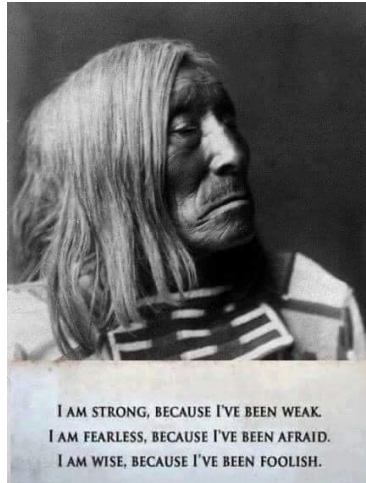


Teachers Across the Country Protest Laws Restricting Lessons on Racism

Several thousand teachers have signed a pledge that says: "We, the undersigned educators, refuse to lie to young people about U.S. history and current events — regardless of the law."

Our Earth Mother is sick. All man-kind is threatened. Modern technology, plus man's avarice and greed, have caused an impending apocalypse. We, who have always been here, whose bones of untold generations of our ancestors enrich the soil, are the stewards, the caretakers of this land. Joining hands with all kindred spirits, Native and non-Native, we can give future generations a place in the sun. Our children must learn how imperative is this truth as we teach continuity of culture, tradition, and our true history. To help overcome five hundred years of generational trauma and historical trauma, we elders must impart these truths to our young ones. Giving them a positive ancestral foundation helps engender our children with a strong, positive self-image. Pride in themselves as Natives will help future generations be more capable of making good life decisions. Brother Carter Camp, the founder of Oklahoma AIM, said. "As time has passed and I see so many of our young people taking part in a traditional way of living and believing, I know our fight was worth it, and those we lost died worthy deaths.

By Dwain Camp, Elder, Ponca Nation 3.15.21 Issue, American Indian Reporter



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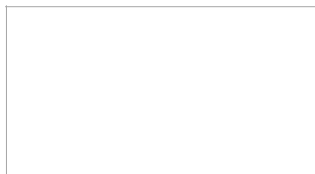
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Registration is Now Open for *Land Art: Past, Present, Futures* – the Museum's First Season-Long Art + Environment Event

September 23 to November 19, 2021

Expanded into a subscription series, *Land Art: Past, Present, Futures* will encompass 13 virtual discussions, five gallery exhibitions, a live performance in

Las Vegas, and a major publication.
Double Click on box to register.



😞 My daughter's 1st grade teacher
looked as if she might cry...

I could see the stress and built-up frustration in her eyes.

It was our first parent / teacher conference and I was so excited to meet our new teacher and all of the other parents...

I had no idea that this poor teacher was so troubled...

But what she said next shook me to the core...

"I have been teaching for 10 years and unfortunately, this has been the most difficult class of my career... All of your children are severely behind and have an extremely difficult time focusing, we can't seem to get through any of the curriculum."

I was silent... And at first surprised...

But after thinking about it, I could see how this might have happened.

We have only been back in school for about 2 months.

Before that... Zoom.

For over a year...

Getting our 6-year-old to sit still through the day proved challenging...

As the day would go on, her interest faded... and eventually, she would stop paying attention entirely.

I had hoped returning to the classroom would fix everything.

Her teacher went on to explain she was going to try one last thing to try and calm the class...

She described a yoga session that was specifically designed for children and worked to bring out their focus and even helped end misbehavior altogether.

Of course, all of the parents agreed this was a great idea and committed to helping encourage their children to participate.

At first we didn't notice much of a difference... But eventually, we noticed our daughter becoming more attentive, more helpful, even kinder...

We were so happy to find out she was improving in school as well... In fact the entire classroom had improved.

The yoga was working...

The simple routine was found within a series of children's books...

Which was quickly added to our home library.

These cute books do a wonderful job introducing simple stretches and breath work that allow children to become more mindful.

Written by a nationally recognized yoga instructor, these books hit the mark and make it easy for any family to implement these powerful methods at home.

Testimonials from parents and teachers have confirmed an increase in children's concentration and memory, an increased awareness and mindfulness, lower levels of anxiety, and even improved discipline and reduced impulsiveness (acting out).

It's no surprise why teachers and parents alike have said this simple "yoga" series has made all the difference.

After a chaotic past year, perhaps some mindfulness is exactly what we need.

[The Best Spots for Seeing Buffalo in Indian Country in Montana](#)



Last Chance to Tell Your Story

In April of 2020, as California and the world sheltered-in-place, CHS launched the *Tell Your Story-- California during the time of COVID-19* project to document life in California during a monumental time in history. Over the course of the past 14 months, we have collected hundreds of entries from across the state and created an online exhibition featuring your experiences.

Our story collection portal will officially close on July 15, 2021. We encourage you to submit your experience and become part of the historical record. Preserving your stories can reinforce that, together, we are the people making history. [Click here to tell YOUR story.](#)

Visit our *Tell Your Story* online gallery [here](#).

Tree rings provide glimpses into droughts of the distant past: When widely spaced they indicate periods of wet soil, and when tightly spaced they indicate dry soil. Scientists who analyzed more than 1,500 tree-ring timelines across the American West found that **the region is now experiencing a drought almost as bad as a megadrought in the 1500s** whose severity has been described in biblical terms. [The Guardian](#) created a fascinating visual guide.



[Candace Wright Gonzo](#) is with [Valda CrowDog](#) and .

[My beautiful niece graduated from Hug High School. So proud of you and your mom, brought tears of happiness for you.](#)

Lee WhiteHorse

On this day in 1876, present day Montana General Crook was carrying out orders by the United States to exterminate all Lakotas, men, women n children. He commanded a large fighting force of over 1000 soldiers, 400 Crow and Shoshone scouts, and hundreds of volunteer militia in what's known as the BATTLE OF THE ROSEBUD...He attacked Crazy Horse's camp expecting a quick victory.. But Crazy Horse rallied his fighters and devastated Crook's forces n forced him to retreat n run for his life...Gen Crook would flee clear into Wyoming while Crazy Horse and his fighters would again shock the world 8 days later and completely destroy Gen George A Custer at the Little Big Horn Battle.....It's a good day to be LAKOTA..... Wahko Pesni Muwani, Tunkasila Ci` Muwani!!!!

Advanced Energy Sector Roars Back to Life in Nevada

Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)



A new report finds that jobs in wind power in Nevada grew in 2020 despite the pandemic. (Niserin/iStockphotos)

LAS VEGAS, Nev. -- A [new report](#) found President Joe Biden's infrastructure bill, the [American Jobs Plan](#), would supercharge the economy in Nevada and across the nation.

The report, from a trade group called Advanced Energy Economy (AEE), found that the plan would create more than 10.7 million jobs nationwide associated with electric vehicles and charging infrastructure.

Ryan Gallentine, policy director for AEE, said Biden's proposed investment of \$274 billion would be a force multiplier.

"Investments in electrified transportation programs yield a five-fold return for the economy," Gallentine reported. "So we found that it drives economic growth, it spurs private investments and creates jobs that accelerate the EV transition."

The report found the new tax dollars will [create jobs](#) in Nevada.

Already the broader advanced-energy sector, which includes energy efficiency, energy storage, solar, hydro, nuclear power and electric vehicles, employs more than 31,500 people in the state, more than twice the number who work in mining or oil and gas extraction. Almost half of those jobs are concentrated in Clark County, followed by Storey, Washoe, Douglas and Elko counties.

The report forecast Nevada will see 7% growth in the sector overall.

Gallentine predicted Biden's plan would deliver \$1.3 trillion to the U.S. gross domestic product, and generate \$231 billion in savings for consumers, governments and companies.

"For each dollar of public investment, it generates \$2.60 of direct private investment," Gallentine explained. "So that's a good deal for consumers. It's a good deal for the U.S. economy, and it's something that should have bipartisan support in Congress."

The report also found, although the sector took a hit during the pandemic, jobs in Nevada's wind-power industry actually grew 6% in 2020, while employment in the electric vehicle market grew by 2%.

In January, a hacker who wanted to poison the Bay Area's water supply accessed a treatment plant by simply typing in a former employee's username and password. After logging in, the hacker deleted programs used to treat the water. No illnesses resulted, but the incident highlighted how vulnerable America's water supplies are. "If you could imagine a community center run by two old guys who are plumbers, that's your average water plant," a cybersecurity expert said. [NBC News](#)



Hayk Shalunts

👉 **There's a figure of a 7-foot-tall man with his head lodged in a wall in downtown Los Angeles.** Created by the artist Terry Allen in 1991, the anonymous businessman known as [Corporate Head](#) is installed outside an [office tower](#) with an accompanying poem that reads in part, "They said to become concrete and I became concrete."

[vox.com](https://www.vox.com)

[The controversy over Bill Gates becoming the largest private farmland owner in the US](#)
[People are drawing connections between Gates's vast farmlands and climate change advocacy.](#)



[The Lithium Mine Versus the Wildflower](#) (Wired)

Nevada Bans Native American Mascots In Public Schools, Unless They Have Tribal Approval

By Savannah Maher, [Mountain West News Bureau](#)

The American Psychological Association [called](#) for the retirement of Indian mascots 16 years ago, citing research by psychologists like [Stephanie Fryberg](#).

She said these mascots and the behavior they encourage in schools cause measurable harm to Native children's mental health and self-esteem.

"You know, we're really playing with children's identities in a place that is so essential to life outcomes," Fryberg said.

Fryberg credits the Black Lives Matter movement for sparking the retirement of the Washington D.C. NFL team's mascot.

[Aaron Payment](#), vice president of the National Congress of American Indians, says a small wave of school mascot retirements and statewide bans has followed, including in [Nevada](#) and [Colorado](#).

"We see it as dominos falling from an earlier racist era, but we're still not there," Payment said.

[Nearly 2,000](#) American schools still use Indian mascots, including more than a 100 across every state in our region. Colorado and Nevada schools with Native mascots now have a year to change them unless they reach an agreement with federally recognized tribes.

Indigenous Activists In Our Region Celebrate Cancellation Of Keystone XL Pipeline

By [KNPR](#), [Mountain West News Bureau](#)

Native American activists in our region cheered the cancellation of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, which they say would have encroached on tribal lands in Montana and South Dakota.

The Canadian company behind the project scrapped it last week, five months after President Joe Biden canceled its permit. Tribal members and environmentalists had fought the pipeline for a decade.

Among them was Las Vegas native Mercedes Krause, a member of the Oglala Lakota Sioux Nation.

“We always stand in solidarity with the tribal communities around our country – they are our relatives fighting these things,” Krause said.

Krause is vice chair of the UNLV Native American Alumni Club, which is also opposing a lithium mine planned for Thacker Pass in Northern Nevada. It says it threatens sovereign tribal land.

Oil And Gas Leases Paused On Public Lands

By Nate Hegyi, [Mountain West News Bureau](#)

A federal judge pressed pause last week on new oil and gas drilling on 630 square miles of public lands in our region. The judge ruled that the Bureau of Land Management must revisit leases in Wyoming and Montana because it failed to figure out how many sage grouse might be affected by drilling there.

New well pads, pipelines and storage tanks are all considered big threats for these chicken-sized birds.

Michael Saul is an attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity. His organization helped file the lawsuit and he said the sage grouse are what’s called an “indicator species.”

“It’s a metaphorical canary in the coal mine for the survival of 300 other species of birds, mammals and other creatures that rely on a healthy sagebrush ecosystem,” Saul said.

A Bureau of Land Management spokesman declined to comment. The judge’s decision means the agency needs to redo parts of the environmental review for these leases.

In addition to all the drought news:

[Ancient River Channels Could Speed Groundwater Recharge](#)

By Robin Meadows, Estuary News, 6/18/21

Graham Fogg, an emeritus hydrogeologist at UC Davis, and colleagues have found a new way to speed recharge in the Central Valley: ancient river channels where water can shoot underground. The channels are called paleo valleys because they formed 16,000 years ago, during the last ice age when an expanse of alpine glaciers capped the Sierra Nevada.

Reminder:

[Virtual Tribal Drinking Water Workshop for Southern California](#)

The State Water Board and California Department of Water Resources invite the community to attend workshops about the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) drinking water program and the opportunities available to California Native American Tribes.

Start: Tue 22 Jun 2021, 2:00 PM

End: Tue 22 Jun 2021, 4:00 PM

And then there's his horrific track record in Indian Country

[America's 'Great Chief Justice' Was an Unrepentant Slaveholder](#) **by Paul Finkelman**

John Marshall's previous biographers have glossed over the extent of his slaveholding and his enthusiasm for the institution. Reappraisal of his legacy is entirely appropriate in light of new discoveries

[Lands bill would trade conservation for development](#)

A sweeping lands bill that would provide protection for 2 million acres for recreation and conservation in exchange for offering public land for development in Clark County is facing criticism from environmental groups.

['We're just somebody little:' Amid plans to mine lithium deposit, Indigenous, rural communities find themselves at the center of the energy transition](#)

By Daniel Rothberg



The Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation following a storm in an otherwise dry year on May 19, 2021. The reservation includes land in Nevada and Oregon. (David Calvert/

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[Endangered 80-year-old tortoise becomes a first-time mom](#)

[First time mom – While most of animal species don't even live up to 80-year-old, for Nigrita – the tortoise, it is the age she gave birth for the very first time. An even more fortunate event thinking her species is endangered.](#) <img class=

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