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Is it really Friday?



CKON Radio. 2:30 PM - Frogtown Road Canada Has Lost Its Halo: We Must Confront Our Indigenous Genocide
Tara Sutton, Guardian UK
Sutton writes: "It's not often that Canadians have to apologize for their country."
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Cancel Canada Day: 'Nothing to celebrate' amid unmarked graves
National holiday on Thursday comes after hundreds of Indigenous children's remains found at residential school sites.



Wanda George-Quasula : I wear orange and wear my long braided hair today for our Native children that were found in a mass graves from catholic residential schools. They were beaten and tortured, raped, forced to cut off their long braids. Today is Canada's Independence Day and they are wearing orange today also.



"I'm 70. I'm on my way out, and I don't have a problem with that, that's natural. But when I look at my descendants, our young people, I just kinda think we have to reclaim our memory. The genocide of civilization is there to erase that memory -- we don't remember we're human beings anymore. That's why there's all the false prides. That's why there's the drug use, the alcoholism. Those are symptoms of it. It's the genocide itself. It's denied itself. It's the genocide that's created these conditions. We've forgotten that we're human beings, and we're passing this diseased perception of reality amongst ourselves. We really need to look at who we are. It's not enough to say that 'I'm a traditionalist.' It's not enough to say 'I can speak the language.' It's not enough to say 'We're all about respect.' It's not enough anymore. We have to understand what we're saying. We have to understand tradition, culture, sharing, love. That's the way it was a long time ago. That was our way of life." -John Trudell (1946-2015)

Washoe Tribe, Town of Minden work out deal on siren

The Minden siren sports a new coat of paint. Wednesday, June 30, 2021

A deal has been worked out on the Minden siren that will see the evening test time moved to 5 p.m.

The town and the Washoe Tribe issued a joint statement on Wednesday morning.

“The Chairman of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Serrell Smokey, and the Manager of the Town of Minden, Nevada, John Frisby, are pleased to announce that a collaborative agreement has been reached between the Tribe and Minden in response to the Tribe’s request that Minden’s 6 p.m. emergency siren not sound in proximity to Douglas County’s revoked sundowner ordinance,” the statement said. “Chairman Smokey and Mr. Frisby engaged in open and honest dialogue. Their discussions resulted in a mutual agreement that the evening siren should continue to sound, but to change its time from 6 p.m. each evening to 5 p.m. The 5 p.m. siren will serve to acknowledge the volunteer firefighters and first responders who have been historically dispatched by the town siren. Deleting the 6 p.m. siren will honor those hurt by archaic sundowner mandates of prior eras.

Chairman Smokey and Town Manager Frisby are hopeful that this change will herald greater respect and genuine progress for all members of our communities.”

"This is our time. This is our show."

Indigenous presence at the 2021 Tribeca Film Festival in New York ... continue reading



Here's The Latest List Of The Nation's Most Endangered Historic Places

Every year, the trust puts out a list of the most endangered historic sites in America — this year, it includes civil rights campsites, a hotel that was home to the blues and a Navajo trading post.

Read in NPR: https://apple.news/AMXRH6zt8TgiY_XbrtVjCVQ

World must rewild on massive scale to heal nature and climate, says UN

The 'decade on ecosystem restoration' launches with a call for 'imagination' and action on never-before-seen scale. The Guardian: https://apple.news/AyM0kb_4cSkS057L4sOMTEQ

The Fossil Fuel Industry's Biggest Methane Polluter Is a Nobody

When it comes to the U.S. oil and gas industry's greenhouse gas pollution, I tend to think of well-known and much-hated oil giants like Chevron and Exxon. But a new analysis released Tuesday shows that when it comes to the energy sector's methane emissions, these massive firms aren't the only major contributors. Small, relatively unknown fossil fuel drillers are some of the worst culprits, particularly when it comes to methane emissions.

Read in Gizmodo: https://apple.news/AOyigH_7qTcK_Xxv7xUqNrg

How Much Water Goes Into Oil Fracking in Drought-Stricken California?

By Eric Ting, SFGate, 6/28/21

When California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced plans to ban hydraulic fracturing, a highly controversial method of oil and gas production more widely known as fracking, he focused primarily on climate change impacts. He may have a water conservation argument to make as well.

How Does Cannabis Cultivation Affect California's Water?

By Sarah Bardeen and Lori Pottinger, Public Policy Institute of California, 6/28/21

The rise in legal cannabis cultivation in California has brought a once-clandestine industry out of the shadows. Legalization has begun to illuminate the industry's impacts on ecosystems and water—a particularly fraught issue as the state confronts a new drought.

DOJ Resource

If it is too hot outside and you need something (constructive) to do, here's a list of recordings that might help you plan out some projects:

The Project Safe Neighborhoods FY 2021 Grant Announcement

Webinar held: May 19, 2021

Webinar presenters will provide an overview of the FY 2021 Project Safe Neighborhoods funding opportunity.

[Watch the Recording](#) | [Access the Presentation](#) | [Read the Transcript](#)

FY 2021 COSSAP Site-Based Solicitation Webinar

Webinar held: May 18, 2021, 2 p.m. ET

Webinar presenters will provide an overview of the FY 2021 COSSAP opportunity and how to apply.

[Watch the Recording](#) | [Access the Presentation](#)

Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application

This webinar from the Department of Justice (DOJ) JustGrants team will focus on the application submission process and will provide targeted assistance to applicants applying for DOJ funding opportunities.

[Watch the Recording](#) | [Access the Presentation](#).

[Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program FY 2021 Solicitation Webinar](#)

[Webinar held: March 2, 2021, 2 p.m. ET](#)

[Webinar presenters will discuss the purpose and goals of this funding opportunity.](#)

[Access the Presentation](#)

Safeguarding Correctional Facilities and Public Safety by Addressing Contraband Cellphones Program

Webinar held: February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. ET

Webinar presenters will discuss the purpose and goals of this funding opportunity; review eligibility requirements and deliverables; and address frequently asked questions.

[Watch the Recording](#) | [Access the Presentation](#) | [Read the Transcript](#)

Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2021: An Overview of What's Ahead

In this webinar, attendees will learn the primary initiatives BJA plans to fund in 2021, eligibility requirements, and estimated funding amounts.

[Watch the Recording](#) | [Access the Presentation](#) | [Read the Transcript](#)

The Federal Funding Process: The First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations

In this webinar, attendees will learn what registrations are necessary to apply, how to navigate [Grants.gov](#) and JustGrants, and what resources are available for applicants, such as the Office of Justice Programs' Funding Resource Center.

[Watch the Recording](#) | [Access the Presentation](#) | [Read the Transcript](#)

JustGrants and ASAP: OJP's New Grant Management Systems

During this virtual meeting with the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations, BJA shared information about the new grants management and payment systems.

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The biggest problem with eating insects isn't the "ew" factor
Can insects become a big part of humanity's diet? Should it?

Biden Picks Career Water Policy Adviser to Lead Water Agency

By The Associated Press, 6/29/21

Camille Touton, a veteran congressional water policy adviser, has been nominated to lead the agency that oversees water and power in the U.S. West.

President Joe Biden on Friday nominated Touton to be the next commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. If confirmed, the Nevada native will be a central figure in negotiations among several states over the future of the Colorado River.

The single biggest predictor of
high academic achievement is
reading to children.
Not flash cards, not workbooks,
not fancy preschools, not
blinking toys or computers,
but mom or dad taking the time
every day or night (or both!) to sit
and read them wonderful books.

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HUD's Office of Native American Programs
Management Opportunities - Phoenix, AZ and Albuquerque, NM (SWONAP)

Supervisor Grants Evaluation Specialist, GS-1101-14 - 2 postings
(Phoenix, AZ & Albuquerque, NM)- (Permanent positions)

Open: June 28, 2021 **Closes:** July 13, 2021

Announcement number:

21-HUD-1463 MP (Internal Candidates)

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/605854900>

21-HUD-1464-P; DEU (Public Applicants. <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/605855000>

Minnesota Sheriff Barricades Pipeline Resistance Camp's Driveway

Alleen Brown, The Intercept

Brown writes: "A Minnesota sheriff's office blocked access Monday morning to one of the protest encampments set up to resist the Enbridge Line 3 tar sands pipeline."

[READ MORE](#)

This story is significant in so many ways.....

Minnesota's OK for Enbridge to temporarily move 5B gallons of water sows tension <http://strib.mn/3y6YAZ3>



Nina Winnemucca, recipient of Bishop's Cross

Water scarcity is presenting California's rice farmers with a wrenching choice: **Would it make better business sense to sell their water than to grow rice?** Seth Fiack, a grower on the banks of the Sacramento River, chose to sell. "You want to sit there and say, 'We want to monetize the water?'" No, we don't," he said. "It's not what we prefer to do, but it's what we kind of need to, have to." [N.Y. Times](#)

Happy birthday to FOIA! The Freedom of Information Act was signed into law on July 4, 1966 by a reluctant Lyndon B. Johnson, and helped open government on issues large and small ever since. Looking for something to request this long holiday weekend? [Why not request a copy of the fireworks your community will be shooting off?](#) Or take some time to brush up on more [advanced transparency topics with our collection of FOIA guides.](#)

► From the Filing Cabinet to the Cloud: Organization Attempts to Bring FOIA

Requests into Digital Age. A [new report by the World Privacy Forum](#) is attempting to modernize public records requests for the 21st Century. The report examined the [U.S.'s Privacy Act of 1974](#), an important and early privacy law that still applies to U.S. federal agencies, and is proposing several legislative overhauls to bring public records laws up to speed for the digital age. The report includes several recommendations, mostly the requirement of new technologies as well as additional rights for record requesters.

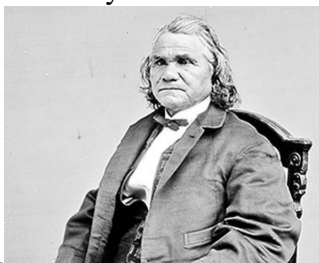
FOIA 101

Do you dig data? We've been compiling a lot of it over the past decade, [including average agency and jurisdiction response times across the United States](#). If you're a researcher or need more fine-tuned data, let us know and we might be able to help you pull some custom information. If you're interested in FOIA responses that came in the form of a spreadsheet, [you can also filter MuckRock requests to just release CSVs and Excel spreadsheets](#). You never know what you might find, [such as a list of all the cars the federal government owns](#) [popsci.com](#)

[I Spent a Week Exploring How We'll Have to Live in Post-Water America](#) [Cutting water consumption requires more consideration than you'd think.](#)

[American Battlefield Trust](#) .

On June 23, 1865, Brigadier General Stand Watie surrendered the last significant Confederate force at Fort Towson, in the Indian Territory—present-day Oklahoma. Stand Watie was the last Confederate general in the field to stop fighting and the only Native American to become a general in the Confederate Army. Get the latest content on America's defining conflicts and



battlefield preservation.



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Ancestral to the Hudgins Family of Yerington Nevada Yosemite Mono Lake Paiutes

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Annual Yellowstone Bison Petting Competition Set to Begin July 15th

TOPICS: Bison National Park Travel
Wyoming Yellowstone



This relationship between the natural world and an often unseen yet ever-present realm is an integral part of the Blackfeet culture. “We don’t separate them. That’s the way we believe our whole lives,” says Carrie Lynn.

[Who Was Jean Baptiste Point DuSable, the New Namesake of Chicago's Lake Shore Drive?](#)

Extract....”Most, [but not all](#), Indigenous tribes were forced to leave the region in 1833 after they were coerced into signing the Treaty of Chicago, which forfeited 15 million acres of land to the U.S. government, per *Atlas Obscura*.”

[MGM unveils solar project it says will power 13 Vegas hotels.](#) [Read more](#)

[A Space Laser Shows How Catastrophic Sea Level Rise Will Be.](#) BY MATT SIMON

Scientists calculate that by 2100, over 400 million people could live in low-lying, at-risk areas—and that's a conservative estimate.

FEMA Seeking Public Comment on Climate Change and Underserved Communities and Populations

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is seeking public comments on how the agency's programs deal with climate change and underserved communities and populations.

Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, Docket ID: [FEMA-2021-0011](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2021-0011).

Feedback on the executive orders will be open through **July 21, 2021 at 7:59 AM ET**.

The type of feedback most useful to the agency identifies specific programs, regulations, information collections and/or policies that could benefit from reform. Additionally, feedback should refer to specific barriers to participation; address how to improve risk perception; offer actionable data; and specify viable alternatives to existing approaches that meet statutory obligations.

Background

Earlier this year, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. released three executive orders requiring agencies to assess existing programs and policies to determine the following:

- If agency programs and policies perpetuate systemic barriers to opportunities and benefits for people of color and other underserved groups.
- If additional agency actions are required to bolster resilience to climate change.
- If agency programs, policies and activities address the disproportionately high and adverse climate-related impacts on disadvantaged communities.

With the increasing severity and number of large-scale disasters in recent years, that may in part be from climate change, it is essential to reevaluate the agency's programs. These efforts may help to reduce unnecessary barriers to participation and effectiveness, to serve all communities, to increase equity and to promote preparedness and resilience.

Bison have returned to the Great Plains. Now what?

A push and pull between both Indigenous and non-Indigenous ranchers illustrates the struggles of reintroducing the essential mammals to modern landscapes.

Read in Popular Science: <https://apple.news/AsRO5EB5qSkaoelQEXuhN1w>



“Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.” — [Robert Frost](#)

Visual Sovereignty Project – Meet the Artist: Tara Moses | she/her | Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

View Tara Moses's work "Divergent" here: <http://osfashland.org/.../visual-sovereignty-project.aspx...>

The Visual Sovereignty Project is a digital commissioning project for Indigenous artists that recognizes Indigenous people have a story to tell, “for us, by us, now us.”

--- --- --- Tara is a citizen of Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, director, multi award-winning playwright, Producing Artistic Director of telatúlsa, co-

Artistic Director of Red Eagle Soaring, and co-Founder of Groundwater Arts. She holds a BA in Theatre from the University of Tulsa and is expected to attend Brown University/Trinity Rep as an MFA Directing Candidate in the fall of 2021.

"There was something about the pandemic that disrupted my very well-oiled machine of a brain. Trauma response to pandemics is in my blood. Like actually, like scientists have proven how trauma can interrupt DNA expression giving real meaning to intergenerational trauma but this was different. I could always give way to what I wanted my brain to do. I could focus on something for hours on end and never need food or water or go to the bathroom however, that wasn't happening anymore. I found out why. It turns out I've been neuro-divergent this whole time and nobody told me."

"Indians treat people as relations. There aren't added labels that I like to call qualifiers we assign to people. That is because disability is a colonial construct. Colonization puts people in boxes and assigns them value in a hierarchy whiteness higher than brownness, brownness higher than blackness, Neuro-typical higher than neuro-divergent, abled higher than disabled and so on and so forth. In my family though there has not been talk about being disabled even though so many are. There aren't conversations about how we will make certain places or practices accessible they just are because our relation needs them."

"I was just a whole person not someone with qualifiers that got assigned values. Unfortunately, that is only true at home. Out here, in the theatre, outside of community those qualifiers matter. Because they matter to colonialism. Colonialism is every fuckingwhere!"

"So, for however long I felt like I could only be one of two things. I could be a Native woman or I could be a first-generation college graduate. I could be fat and neurodivergent but just two because when you put all of those together it's too much for people to handle and the system shorts out. So, I restricted myself creatively, professionally, personally and it felt like people were taking bites out of me leaving jagged edges behind for me to make sense of. In short, I am many things, and all of those things are important. I want to be the whole relation that I am."



The weekend read:

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/07/05/in-a-divided-country-communal-living-redefines-togetherness>

•Dammen Neween Noh Tsaan Naha - Our People Are Doing Good Things

Good evening, I am writing this post as it is my last day as the Head of Native American Affairs for Nevada Gold Mines. I have chosen to depart from my position effective today, while it may seem rather sudden and perhaps unexpected, ultimately it is a decision I needed to make for personal reasons. I was so blessed to have been a part of this journey with the tribes and

community members over the past couple of years, I have made many new friends and shared in many successes over the time I was here. Just know that the work I have started, Nevada Gold Mines leadership is prepared to remain committed to carrying it through, and that the NA Affairs team is still in place forging ahead to much more successes and accomplishments. I will miss being a part of this great program, but I know in my heart that it is time to move on. With that begin said please take care of yourselves and each other, be kind to one another, work towards a happy and productive future, be active participants, and lastly communicate. Communicate in a positive way with your leadership and each other. Finally thank you to my team for supporting me and for all the work you do, I appreciate it. **Joe Mike**



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Argyroxiphium, **The flower of Patience**. It opens every 7 years. And it lasts 7 days.



RIP Keith Andren

[youtube.com](#)

[National Anthem on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation](#)

[Keith and Angele singing American Flag Song and the National Anthem for the 4th of July Rodeo 2008.](#)

[youtube.com](#)

[My beautiful people Shoshone Peyote Song](#)

[Shoshone Peyote Song By keith](#)

- [Mr Keith Andren Paiute Shoshone Singer - YouTube.](#) (Circle Dance).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJXUGtKC4Co>

Servive: Wednesday, July 7th at 1pm in the HDC in Owyhee, NV.

[Ervin Lent](#)

Heard yesterday from ms Yaney Mcgyver down in Pitanuggwait'/Bishop that my good brother **Harry C. Williams** has passed. Unbelievable it is.. My heart is so, so heavy today.. Harry the actor, the activist, my former campaign manager when I ran for elected office.. He no doubt will be most remembered by many for his role in the Jenna Cavelle (thank you Jenna) produced documentary/film about water and water wars in the Owens Valley, 'Paya' and the 2002 film/ documentary, 'The Methuselah Tree', produced by Ian Duncan of London England's Channel 4 and the Public Broadcasting System/PBS. In that movie Harry sang the Eagle (Kwinah') song (Numus know the song) under the shade of the oldest known living Bristlecone Pine tree, 'Methuselah'. He also portrayed the first Numus/Paiutes that the Methuselah tree saw in its infancy (about 5,000 years ago) along with other Numus/Paiutes recruited for parts (hunters) in that film. Finally, it was Harry who during an activist/political interaction with the 3rd district Inyo county supervisor incumbent, being totally dissatisfied with a lack of representation in that district for our Numu people, vowed to 'replace' him. So Harry and Mervin Hess, recruited me to run for that representative position against the incumbent, both knowing my background and experience in government. We won.. Thanks to Harry and the Bishop Paiute tribe's backing and hard work. Just sharing a bit of information about Harry of which perhaps some don't know.. Harry will surely and truly missed by many.. even some across the oceans. My prayers to the family and his son Noah.. I will be looking for Harry when I cross over to the heavens... PuuhWah' (my prayer is on the wind to TeeNah')



"We looked at everything as a garden. The natives had made this place bloom like a rose."

~Harry Williams

kcet.org

[How the Owens Valley Paiute Made The Desert Bloom](#)

[“200 years ago, before the white man came, it was green. Our ditches lifted the groundwater up.”](#)

<http://www.brunemortuary.com/Obituaries/2021/06/30/harry-williams-1956-2021/?fbclid=IwAR0pX7Ag5JuE6-mU3ZE-C5hRKKqE47Yaf8I98g1s30lhxGZDHRlbSNUwan8>