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Enrique Wuarawau    Our future elders                      Lazy Rabbit  
TODAY PRELIMINARY CENSUS DATA IS TO BE RELEASED. PLEASE BE SURE THE STATISTICS RELEASED REFLECT A TRUE PICTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY.....THE CENSUS PROCESS WAS COMPROMISED BY COVID AND TRUMP. It is your responsibility to correct it.

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**NCAI on the Infrastructure Bill**

*If nothing else, this discussion show why each community should have its wish/ aspiration list developed into proposal format, so that it can be developed into a full request when funds become available.*

*Congrats to the NCAI staff who not only scrambled to make a technical presentation but demonstrated their skill(s) and knowledge of the sausage making process. Be sure to speak with relevant staff should you have questions.*

*The audio of my reception (or NCAI transmission) made most speakers unintelligible, but admin said they will post the recording of the session soon. What you won't see here is the plea for communities to use this opportunity protect their sovereignty*

*In the meantime, here are some of the written comments made.*

**You can read NCAI's topline analysis of the bill here:** [https://www.ncai.org/HR\\_3684\\_Topline\\_Summary\\_-\\_Final\\_draft.pdf](https://www.ncai.org/HR_3684_Topline_Summary_-_Final_draft.pdf)

You can also read NCAI's in depth analysis of the bill here: [https://ncai.org/HR\\_3684\\_-\\_Full\\_Legislative\\_Analysis\\_-\\_FINAL-8.11.21.pdf](https://ncai.org/HR_3684_-_Full_Legislative_Analysis_-_FINAL-8.11.21.pdf)

You can find the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Section by Section analysis here: [https://www.indian.senate.gov/sites/default/files/08.10.21%2520-%2520Bipartisan%2520Infrastructure%2520C%2520Tribal%2520Provisions%2520Final%2520v2\\_0.pdf](https://www.indian.senate.gov/sites/default/files/08.10.21%2520-%2520Bipartisan%2520Infrastructure%2520C%2520Tribal%2520Provisions%2520Final%2520v2_0.pdf)

**Comments:**

·Once the final bill is approved and signed, we need to push to ensure Federal Agencies do guidance letters to states to encourage states and local governments to collaborate with tribes in joint infrastructure projects. Connecting to City Water Sewer is an example. Another is connecting across rural areas to connect, tribes, townships, cities, counties and possibly create rural broadband transportation authorities. If Federal Agencies encouraged cooperation, it is more likely that all levels of government create synergies to maximize regional benefits.

**Pilar Thomas**    There are a lot more energy provisions that are applicable to tribes, including EV charging infrastructure, battery manufacturing, pumped hydro storage, weatherization assistance, school energy efficiency, clean school buses and expedited permitting for renewable energy projects on Indian lands

### **Michael Willis**

The competitive grant programs include some with tribal set-asides that ensure tribes receive some portion of the funding, but those without set-asides put tribes in competition with other state/local govt entities. Establishing set-asides is vital. As Moriah mentions - Indian country can work to expand eligibility and then press for set-asides and guaranteed funds.

**Kitcki Carroll.** (Broadband) As previously stated, but to reinforce the points, this package (coupled with other packages) has the potential to accomplish much in the Nation Rebuilding space. It is extremely important that we all keep on the pressure until this (and later pieces) crosses the finish line. Equally important, assuming passage, we must work to make sure that access and roll out by the various departments/agencies is as seamless and barrier-free as possible to ensure that the high level understanding responds to and meets the realities of the front lines. Finally, while "eligibility" is a strong start, we must work together to make sure that Indian Country receives a fair and equitable share of these "eligibility" dollars.

**David Wagner** The NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program based on priority focus on the 25meg download / 3meg upload priority considered "unserved". Not every tribal nation is in this situation. I can understand that these funds are really focused on "need" such as maybe Alaskan and Midwestern Tribes which might have zero infrastructure. I'd say it's a bit harder for smaller tribes surrounded by urban areas that deliver broadband on those Reservations. Is there any flexibility that Tribes can focus on their community needs and antiquated infrastructure (tribal government and tribal community) with a priority not so much focused on applications scored higher not just on unserved homes/communities but with Tribal Governments who need to update their network equipment and delivery mechanisms to buildings, businesses, and homes on the Reservation without this priority of focus strictly to "25meg down / 3meg Up". Tribes might have infrastructure that is already implemented and has for years but need to upgr



**Some Librarians Have a Great Sense of Humor. Fabdreem**



## Infrastructure for Indian Country is overdue

<http://strib.mn/3IW3rJy>

## Enbridge pipeline project continues to include Native American workers, spending

<http://strib.mn/3jLtsJ1>

*“Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books.”*

-- [John Lubbock](#)

Sometimes bees get tired from flying and fall asleep inside flowers with pollen on their bee butts



## [A New Indigenous-led Student Movement Is Protecting Sacred Waters](#)

By Civil Eats, 8/9/21

Seventeen-year-old Danielle Rey Frank was first drawn to activism in the sixth grade. As a member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe in what is now Humboldt County, California, she grew up on the Trinity River, which isn't just a part of her Tribe's food systems and livelihood, it's also a sacred place that's central to their ceremonies and traditions.

## [Advocates: Nevada in crosshairs after U.N. climate report](#)

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## Why one tribe on the coast of Washington is saying goodbye to its home of thousands of years

U.S. Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland visited the Quinault Indian Nation Monday and promised to help coastal tribes move out of the way of rising sea levels. The Quinault people are rebuilding their lower village after the ocean breached a seawall.

Read in The Seattle Times: <https://apple.news/ALfNbmUIQ5CD4zkpnQNguQ>

## **Despite obstacles, Native Americans have the nation's highest COVID vaccination rate**

Native Americans often live far from healthcare facilities and distrust federal authorities. Still, they're getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

Read in Los Angeles Times: [https://apple.news/Ab\\_HrgldpTWChWWkyrvfykQ](https://apple.news/Ab_HrgldpTWChWWkyrvfykQ)

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## **Our audacious goal: A coast to coast news broadcast**

We are so excited about the ICT newscast. We started small, actually in a living room, and now we are in a full studio and aired by PBS stations from Alaska to Wyoming. We still have a long way to go. Our audacious goal is a national broadcast. We want everyone across this great island to see our coverage of the day's events.

We want to produce news that you have never seen before (especially daily).

The amazing thing is that this broadcast started during a pandemic. First a Zoom call, then another, and soon a real broadcast. Yet once our newscast started, all we could think about was why did it take so long?

Let's build on this effort. We launched the newscast knowing that we would need support from foundations, tribes, enterprises, and from people in our communities who treasure innovation. And our supporters have been there for us; we budgeted several fundraising campaigns a year in order to reach our goal of \$230,000. We know that's not easy, but we are on the right track now.

This is the time for you to help.

We'd love the big ticket donors ... those who can write checks with lots of zeroes. But the fact is what really drives our individual campaign is support that is meaningful contributions from individuals. Our average donation so far this month's campaign is \$39.34. That's less than most subscriptions to a daily newspaper. But it works for us because hundreds of people join together, and make a powerful statement that our broadcast, our media enterprise, is important to sustain and grow.

Thank you. Mark Trahant, editor, ICT. [Support ICT](#)

## **Potentially ancient human remains found at Santa Cruz High School**

Michelle Robertson

Remains likely belonging to an ancient Native American were discovered at Santa Cruz High School in July.

"We're on an archeologically significant site," said Samuel Rolens, the chief of communications for Santa Cruz City Schools. "One of the things that means is any time there's any excavation work done in this area, we have to have an archeologist on-site. We do that for all the construction at our schools any time we're excavating."

On-site archeologists look for changes in the consistency of dirt that may signal the presence of a human settlement, Rolens said. In this case, at Santa Cruz High, the archeologist noticed the "really distinct color and consistency" that signals the likelihood of human remains in the soil.

Construction at the site was immediately stopped until an archeologist team came and excavated the entire area, conducting a full search of what might have been there, Rolens said.

That search produced "human artifact." Rolens said they immediately contacted tribal representatives, who appointed a figure called the "most likely descendant" to preside over further decision-making.

The MLD, as they're called, has yet to make a decision on how and when they plan to share the details of the find. The samples are also undergoing carbon-dating to determine when the human they belonged to lived.

"We know they're very old," Rolens said.

Tribal representatives from the Santa Cruz area did not immediately respond to SFGATE's request for comment.

The school was able to eventually resume construction and open in time for the first day of classes Wednesday.

"We're excited because very often the next steps involve decisions about how to work this into our school curriculum to allow our students and community to learn from this," Rolens said.



## Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed:

2 parents  
4 grandparents  
8 great-grandparents  
16 second great-grandparents  
32 third great-grandparents  
64 fourth great-grandparents  
128 fifth great-grandparents  
256 sixth great-grandparents  
512 seventh great-grandparents  
1,024 eighth great-grandparents  
2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment – How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? – did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment...

[Australia to pay hundreds of millions in reparations to Indigenous 'stolen generations'](#)

**Video**

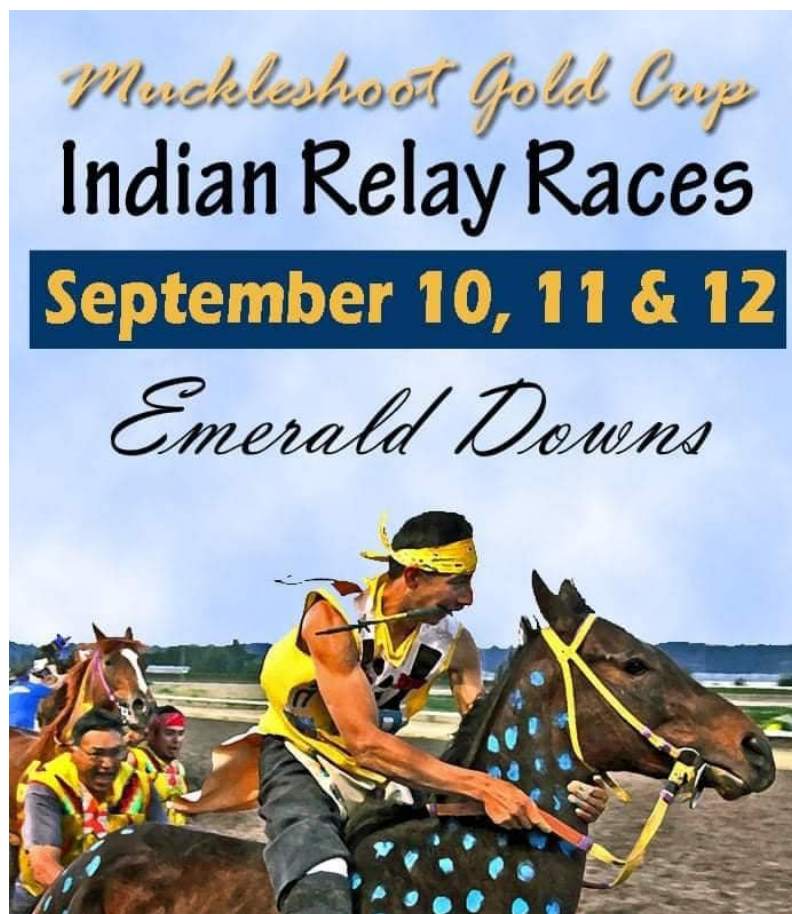
How 3D-printed homes can help fix the housing crisis in America

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### **Canadian mining incubator to open in Elko**

by [Nevada State News](#) CARSON CITY – Canadian mining industry incubator MineConnect will open its doors in Elko this year after signing a three-year partnership deal with the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) and the Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority (NNRDA). The deal is the culmination of five years of discussions, including three trade missions to Nevada.

MineConnect is a northern Ontario-based nonprofit that serves as a supply and service



Check out this article from MPR News:  
<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2021/07/06/minnesota-creates-nations-first-state-office-on-missing-murdered-indigenous-people>

I hope you had a chance to join us for the live interactive broadcast Wednesday, “Drought in the American West.”

**We assembled leaders in food and energy security, data analytics, climate and water, and indigenous history to bring essential context and clarity to this increasingly complex situation as 11 U.S. states face economic and environmental disruption and transformation.**

The event caught the attention of the mainstream news media, including NBC and The Hill, the leading Washington policy and politics outlet.

These are moments we’ve long predicted, and moments when business and government leaders are seeking trusted, data-driven intelligence for rapid course correction.

Add to that the uncertainties of climate change and Monday's stunning IPCC report, with water all at the core.

**Read more below and click on the image to watch the briefing online**

<https://vector-center.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a31483c11c8989c298eb496fc&id=1d41f0b762&e=af593b2ff4>

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“This moment marks the intersection of disruption and determination as the American West embodies a pivotal challenge,” said [J. Carl Ganter](#), Vector Center CEO. “This is a moment of relevancy for the world’s water — from supplying our cities and growing our food, to the most basic human rights and environmental sustainability.”





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National Women's History Museum is telling the stories of women who transformed our nation through our expansive online presence and future physical home for programming and exhibitions. Our email messages are a great way to learn more about women's stories and learn about our latest news, but if you'd like to unsubscribe, [click here](#).



Last summer, our nation reckoned with the reality of racial injustice and persisting structural inequities that disproportionately harm Black and Brown Americans. NWHM is committed to sharing their stories and uplifting the voices of women leading these movements.

From Black Lives Matter to Voices of Black Mothers United, women continue to be at the forefront of social change, pushing our country forward and challenging systemic racism.

*We must do everything in our power to support them.*

**[Please join NWHM in commemorating the immense impact and organizing power that Black and Brown women have on social movements, past and present.](#)**

Women have always been at the forefront of social justice movements, and they continue to lead the way.

At NWHM, we are committed to uplifting these stories to educate, inspire, and empower future generations.

**[Add your name to stand with trailblazers across history in the fight for racial justice >>](#)**

Thank you,

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P.S. You can learn more about the legacy of Black women and social movements in our free online exhibit, "Standing up for Change" [here](#).

*I might add, send YOUR stories to NWHM. Sdc*

## **I Love The Ocean**

It is called Chicama, it occurs in a single point on the Peruvian coast, and it is **the only wave in the world that is protected by law**. Nothing can be built within a radius of two kilometers from that place, so nothing can affect its natural formation.

