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## [Naomi Duerr](#)

### [Check your speed...of your #internet, that is!](#)

We at Western Nevada Development District are conducting a year-long analysis of the internet speeds of all areas of NW Nevada. This data will help determine where federal funds go to improve internet access. Doesn't matter if you are in a town or in the country, this one's for you!

“As local communities are dealing with community connectivity, or trying to apply for federal grants, we are running into challenges with the data that is needed to support those projects and grant applications,” said Reno City Councilwoman Naomi Duerr, who also serves as president of WNDD.

Visit [www.nevadaspeedtest.org](http://www.nevadaspeedtest.org) from your home, school, or work -day or night - and complete the speed test process, which takes about a minute. Do it often!

[Cynthia S. Ryan](#) If you get a chance, check it on a few different days and times. The data upload and download rate depends on the traffic at a particular time, like a road. Together, the data gives a truer picture of the overall service rate in your part of town.



[Is your state ready to handle the influx of federal funds for expanding broadband?](#)

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### [NNS story: \\$65 Billion in Infrastructure Bill to Tackle Rural Broadband](#)

OWYHEE, Nev. -- There's a light at the end of the tunnel for rural Nevadans struggling with slow, spotty internet service as the Biden administration's [infrastructure bill](#) has allocated \$65 billion for broadband improvements.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's [ReConnect program](#) just started taking applications for grants and loans to companies willing to build out networks to underserved areas.

Lynn Manning John, vice-principal of Owyhee Combined School on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, said her community desperately needs better coverage and more bandwidth.

"In the building, we struggle with the internet going out regularly, because the kids are on Chromebooks," Manning John explained. "And because of our location, which is a hundred miles from Elko, it sometimes takes us a day or two to get our internet back up."

She pointed out the area has only a single cell tower, and 90% of families have no internet service at home. Rural areas often lack communication infrastructure, because the customer base is too small to provide a return on a telecom company's investment.

Manning John said the future of her community, part of the Shoshone Paiute Tribe, depends on better broadband.

"It cannot be left up to the market," Manning John contended. "These kids have a need. Internet is just as essential as indoor plumbing and electricity. It needs to be provided on the scale that we do any type of public service."

Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev., voted against the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, saying it favors urban over rural and suburban areas and creates red tape.

Jenny Miller, vice president of states and industry relations with the nonprofit advocacy group Connected Nation, said the country needs to make distance learning and telemedicine available to all, and to close the digital divide.

"It's really a once-in-a-generation amount of money that is coming down the pipe," Miller emphasized. "There is a ton of political pressure to get this moving quickly. We needed this yesterday."

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**Trail project to highlight Dakota history, Minnesota River riverfront near downtown Shakopee**

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[GOED approves tax abatements for nine companies, expects \\$145 million in business investment](#)

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In 1918 letter, a forest ranger in California complained about Indians setting fires "for pure cussedness." A century later, with much of California's wildlands dangerously overgrown, the **tribal view of fire as medicine for the land has been vindicated. On Jan. 1, a new law will help revive the lost art by removing liability risk for private citizens who set prescribed burns.** "We're at a critical turning point," said Margo Robbins, a Yurok tribal member, "and we are turning in a good direction." [Al Jazeera](#)

## **Federal Judge Halts Post-Fire 'Salvage Logging' in Willamette National Forest**

*Eddy Binford-Ross and Zach Urness, Salem Statesman Journal*

Excerpt: "A federal judge has halted U.S. Forest Service plans to log portions of the Willamette National Forest near Breitenbush Hot Springs and Detroit Lake that were affected by the 2020 Labor Fires."

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## **California is potentially moving toward an entirely new system of learning in public schools.**

Some of the state's largest districts — including San Diego, Los Angeles, Oakland, and Sacramento — are now phasing out Ds and Fs, allowing students to retake tests and spend more time on assignments. The purpose, reform advocates say, is to avoid derailing students with bad grades while also encouraging competency. Some teachers are not sold on the idea.

[EdSource](#)



A pronghorn antelope in California.

*Janet Delight*

## **California is home to the fastest land animal in the Western Hemisphere.**

The pronghorn antelope can't match a cheetah's top speed of roughly 70 mph. But it can get close — about 60 mph — and it can maintain blazing speeds over [greater distances](#) than a cheetah, cruising at 45 mph for half an hour or more. Historically, pronghorn numbered as many 500,000 across California. Today, fewer than 5,000 are concentrated in the state's northeast.

Smaller herds roam the [Carrizo Plain](#) and the Bodie Hills. Blink and you might miss them. [Fish & Wildlife](#) See pronghorn at full speed. 🖱️ [YouTube \(~3 mins\)](#)

## **Report: Bit by Bit, the Noose Is Tightening Around the Nuclear Weapons Industry**

*Jon Schwarz, The Intercept*

Schwarz writes: "Human beings are not necessarily destined to annihilate ourselves."

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## **Ecuador: Court Convenes Historic Hearing in Indigenous Territory on Land Consent Issue**

*Kimberley Brown, Mongabay*

Brown writes: "Early on the morning of Nov. 15, five Constitutional Court judges arrived by canoe to the Indigenous Cofan community of Sinangoe in Ecuador's northern Amazon rainforest."

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## **RCMP Arrests Dozens of Land Defenders, and 2 Journalists, at Wet'suwet'en Standoff**

*Anya Zoledziowski, VICE*

Zoledziowski writes: "According to reports, RCMP descended on a resistance camp on Friday as part of its multi-day raid."

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## INDIAN GIANT KILLED.

### Tradition Among the Piutes About a Huge Northern Warrior.

The Piute Indians have a tradition that extends back, they know not how far into "the long ago," of an Indian of giant stature, who gave them trouble. They say that the giant warrior came from the north. He took up his abode near Pyramid lake, and made war on the Piutes, killing many of their men. The giant was finally slain by a Piute David, who crept up behind him and drove a poisoned arrow into his back, between the shoulder blades, says the *Virginia (Nev.) Chronicle*. Two or three of the giant's tracks and his grave are shown to this day. The tracks are near the Truckee river, between Wadsworth and Pyramid lake. They are in soft sandstone, and are still kept clear of sand and soil. Every Indian that passes the spot stoops and sweeps out any dirt that may have lodged in the big tracks. The giant's grave is not far from where the tracks are seen. The grave is always kept clear of vegetation; any grass or weed seen growing upon it are pulled up by the roots. In this way the spot has always been kept marked. The Indians also have a tradition of huge animals that roamed the country. They say these animals had horns, with which they were able to uproot trees. To rid themselves of these great beasts the whole Piute tribe turned out, surrounded the herd and drove them into Pyramid lake, where all were drowned. Even now, when the lake is seen rolling about far out from shore, the Indians point to the waves and say they are the backs of the monster beasts.

From a California Sun interview with

... [Mushim Patricia Ikeda](#), a Buddhist and mindfulness meditation teacher, author, and justice activist in the Bay Area:

**You're organizing a dinner party. Which three California figures, dead or alive, do you invite, and why? How would you get the conversation started?**

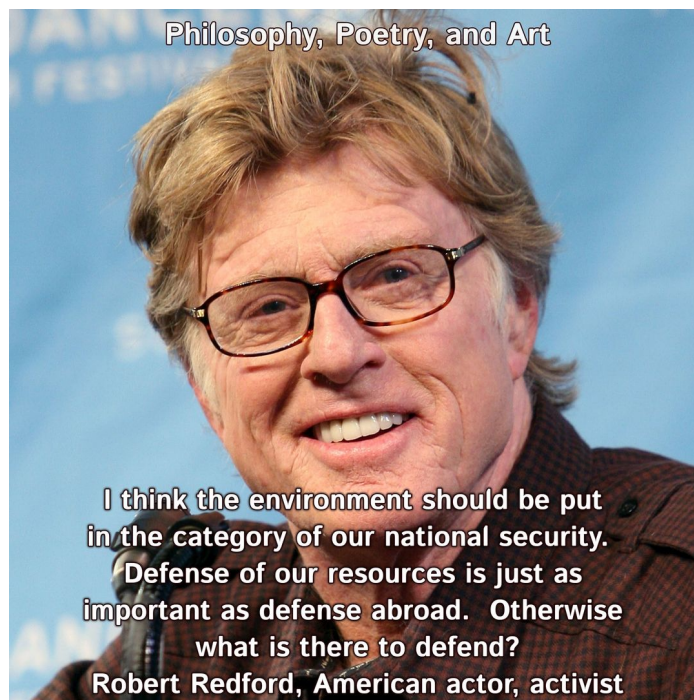
I would invite John Muir, the famous naturalist and advocate for preservation of "wilderness" areas in California; Ishi (d. 1916), the last of the Yahi indigenous people in what is now California; and an interpreter who could translate Yahi to English. I'd seat Muir in a separate room outfitted with a large screen. Everyone would be served some of their favorite foods, with the style of seating and lighting that they preferred. I'd then ask Ishi (which wasn't his real name) to tell me what he wanted people in California in 2021 to know, and tell him this would be shared with other people if he would do me the honor of engaging in what in some cultures is called "talkstory." When people talkstory, they voluntarily share things from their lives, cultures, and experiences in their own words and in their own ways without interruption.

All of this would be Zoomed into the room where John Muir was sitting, so that he could see and hear Ishi. Then I would join Muir for coffee and dessert, and ask him about his experience hearing what Ishi shared and if his (colonizing) vision of "preserving wilderness" might have evolved since 1914. If I could, I'd also videoconference in both their mothers, because I'd like to hear whatever they had to say about their sons, and about their own lives.

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*"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."* – [James Baldwin](#)  
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**Tiny living Pac-Man robots have learned how to reproduce (CNN)**

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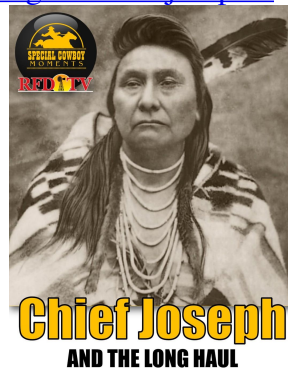
Over the course of four long months, Chief Joseph and his 700 followers, a group that included just 200 actual warriors, embarked on a 1,400-mile march toward Canada. The journey included several impressive victories against a U.S. force that numbered more than 2,000 soldiers.

But the retreat took its toll on the group. By the fall of 1877 Chief Joseph and his people were exhausted. They had come within 40 miles of the Canadian border, reaching the Bear Paw Mountains of Montana, but were too beaten and starving to continue to fight.

Having seen his warriors reduced to just 87 fighting men, having weathered the loss of his own brother, Olikut, and having seen many of the women and children near starvation, Chief Joseph surrendered to his enemy, delivering one of the great speeches in American history.

"I am tired of fighting," he said. "Our chiefs are killed. Looking Glass is dead. Toohoolhoolzote is dead. The old men are all dead. It is the young men who say, 'Yes' or 'No.' He who led the young men [Olikut] is dead. It is cold, and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing to death. My people, some of them, have run away to the hills, and have no blankets, no food. No one knows where they are—perhaps freezing to death. I want to have time to look for my children, and see how many of them I can find. Maybe I shall find them among the dead. Hear me, my chiefs! I am tired. My heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."

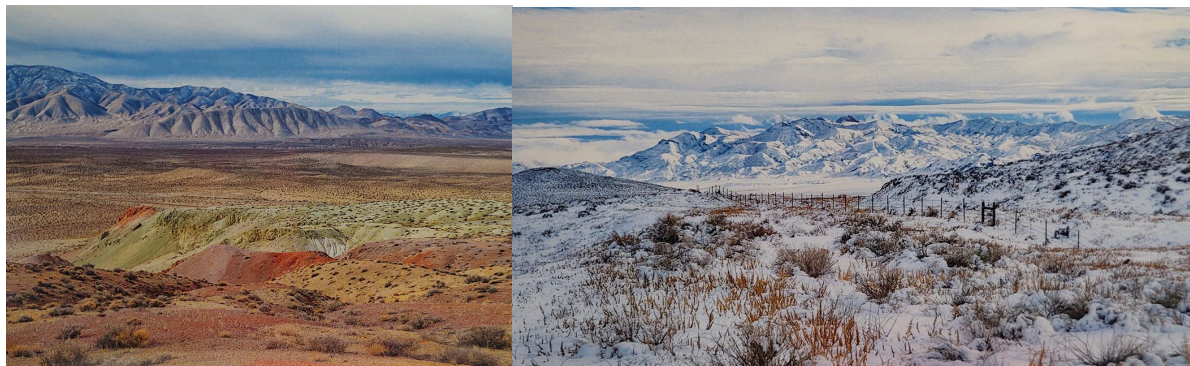
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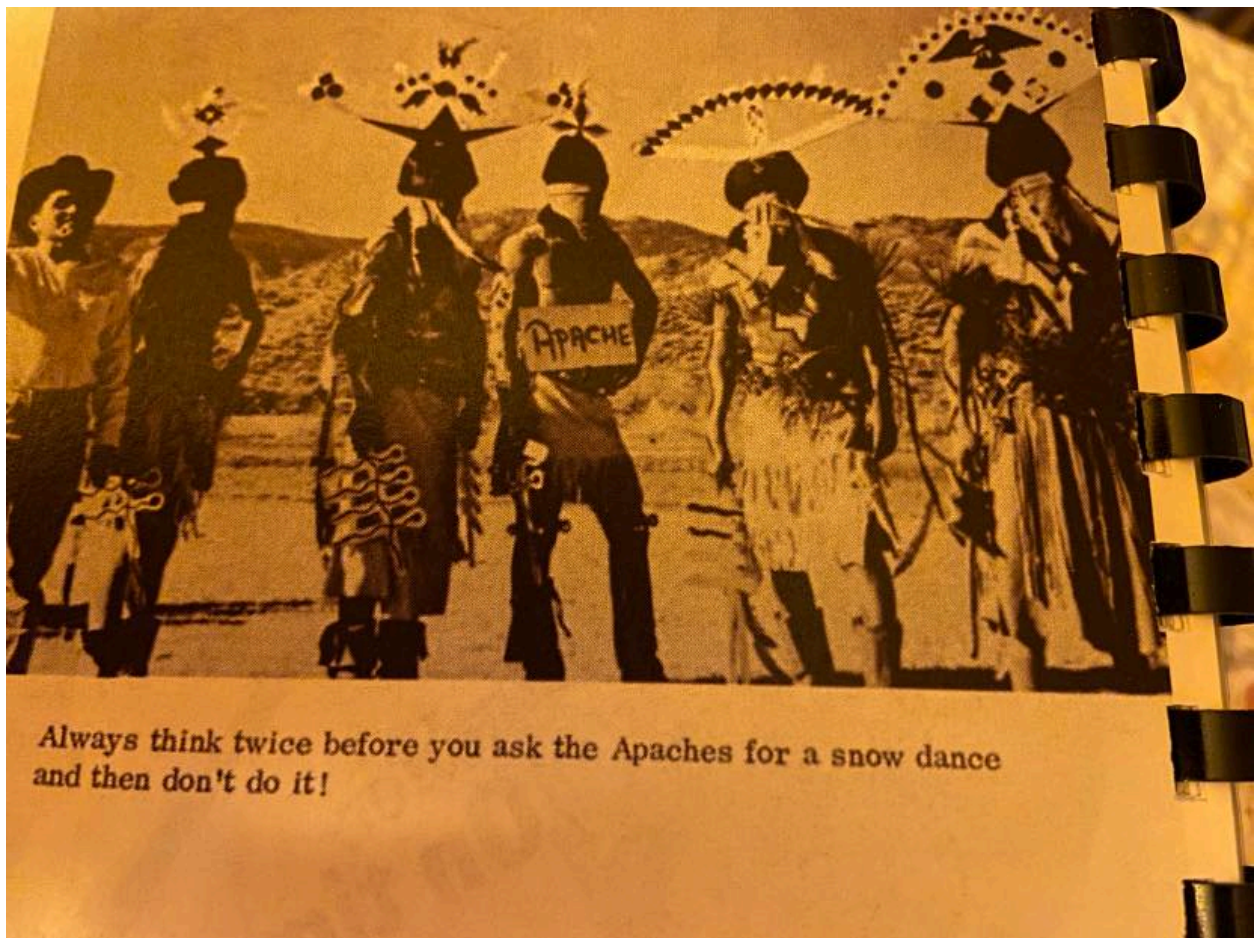
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I don't know if anyone remembers 1968 the CC. chambers of commerce ask the Stewart Indian Club to do a snow dance because there was no snow yet and snow was needed. So we agreed and did our dance in front of the casino downtown. It was humbling because Apaches are mostly from Arizona. So we told each other "just pray for snow while you are dancing because they need snow"

Halfway through our dance it started snowing! Nonstop for 2 weeks and blocked roads to Tahoe, etc. - snow was so high it was unbelievable!

I think we made the news! So They wanted us to stop the snow after 2 weeks but we told them - you asked for snow and you got it. We will not ask to stop snow we prayed for.

Was looking through my yearbook and saw this picture so I wanted to see if anyone remembered.



[Shawn Nez](#)

Dec 15

2021 [Junior Roughstock World Finals](#) reserve senior saddle bronc champion [Tator Nez](#). Putting Yerington, Nv back on the map.



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## A word from Zinn Education Project

"Thanks to CREDO members' support, we will offer educators more free people's history lessons to "teach outside the textbook." Over 140,000 teachers access our lessons and hundreds have joined our *Teaching for Black Lives* study groups."

— **Jesse Hagopian**

Zinn Education Project

*"Teach the Black Freedom Struggle"*

*Campaign Leader*



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EPA will host a listening session about the Clean School Bus Program in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. **This program will offer \$5 billion over five years to replace older school buses with clean school buses that are zero-emission or use alternative fuels.**

EPA will provide an overview of the legislation and seeks input from stakeholders on developing a successful program to achieve nationwide deployment of clean and zero-emission school buses.

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, December 15, 3:00-4:30 pm (ET)

**Register Here:** [https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_cKaIAE03SsyQs3mM5p8wuQ](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_cKaIAE03SsyQs3mM5p8wuQ).

Webinar participants will have an opportunity to speak for up to two minutes to provide feedback. Depending on participation, not every attendee may have time to speak, but interested parties may also submit suggestions about program implementation to [cleanschoolbus@epa.gov](mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov).

Eligible recipients for funding through this new program include: state and local governments, certain contractors, nonprofit school transportation associations, and Tribes, Tribal organizations or Tribally-controlled schools.



### **Edith Monture**

Charlotte Edith Anderson Monture wanted to be a nurse, but as a Mohawk woman of the Six Nations of the Grand River in Ontario, her options were limited by the damaging policies of the day. Turned down by nursing programs in Canada, she trained in the United States.

Anderson graduated first in her class in 1914 and began her career at a private school in New York City. When the United States entered the war in 1917, she volunteered to serve overseas as one of 14 Native nurses in the US Army Medical Department.

Prior to her deployment, her family gave her Mohawk ceremonial clothes that she could be buried in if she died overseas. She served at Base Buffalo 23 Hospital in Vittel, France, where, her diary notes, her unit performed 50 operations in one day on July 6, 1918.

His memories of the war remained vivid throughout his life. "It was a horrible sight - crumbling buildings, burnt trees, worn shells everywhere, whole cities blown up," she recalled in an interview in 1983. She still mourned the deaths of her patients.

After the war, Anderson returned to the Six Nations community, got married, raised children, and nursed part-time. She died in 1996, at the age of 105



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### **Deb Haaland Seeks Protection for Ancient Navajo Sites**

*Susan Montoy Bryan, Associated Press*

Bryan writes: "On Monday, U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland joined pueblo leaders at [Chaco Culture National Historical Park] to reflect on her office's announcement last week that it would seek to withdraw federal land holdings within 10 miles (16 kilometers) of its boundary."

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**Horseback riders are starting their annual ride In Memorial of the Dakota 38+2 Warriors**

that were executed by the largest mass execution in U.S. History, in Mankato, Minnesota. The riders are starting today near my home reservation from Lower Brule to Crow Creek, South

Dakota. The ride is a 2 week ride ending on day of where the execution took place, Mankato, Minnesota, December 26, 1862.

Thank you to riders for all you do and for reminding the world of what happened to our people and making sure it's never repeated. We will always remember them. Hecetuwedo

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**Indian Taco & Bake Sale**



Indian Tacos  
\$12 each  
Fry Bread  
\$5 each

**Saturday, December 11**

**11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

1103 S. Main Street, Lone Pine

**Susan Bobb is cooking!**

