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Pyramid Lake

## The Genetic Power of Ancient Trees

*Jim Robbins, BBC*

Excerpt: "Even as we discover the incredible benefits of the world's most ancient trees, we are losing them to climate change. But cloning could offer an answer."

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[Cherokee tribe pushes to restore original name of Great Smoky Mountains' highest peak \(msn.com\)](#)  
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**Ocean Conservancy Photo Contest Winners Tell a Story of the Beauty and Fragility of Marine Wildlife - EcoWatch**

<https://www.ecowatch.com/ocean-conservancy-photo-contest.html>  
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## The Best Museum Bathrooms, According to Museum People

By Joseph O'Neill

For the last Question of the Month, we asked you about your favorite museum bathrooms, and now we're sharing the results! See what creative, comfortable facilities were most frequently commended across more than two hundred responses.

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*At the Nevada Museum of Art:*

**Harry Fonseca: Stone Poem #4** (Through January 1, 2023)

[The spotlight exhibition highlights a single painting by Harry Fonseca. Stone Poem #4 is part of the Dorothy S and Robert J. Keyser Greater West Collection. In addition to the painting, the Center for Art + Environment acquired a gift of significant archive materials related to the artist's research, design and creation of the Stone Poem series.](#)

**Preserving Ancestral Knowledge - Friday, August 26 at noon**

[Join Stacey Burns and Lorri Chasing Crow in a program exploring how language, song and dance support the preservation and transmission of ancestral knowledge. Enjoy dancing by the member of the RSIC while learning about the traditional and modern practices of Great Basin Indigenous Tribes. \\$15 | Free for members](#)



**Question:** Walk all over me while I'm alive, and I won't make a sound, but step on me when I'm dead, I'll alert everyone around. What am I? 🤔

**The Reno-Tahoe Senior Summer Games is currently accepting registrations.** The popular event is meant to promote fitness for the community's senior population. The games will occur from Aug. 22 through Sept. 2. [Click here to register.](#) ([Press Release Desk](#))

**NSF director: Funding boost can steer research money to more states**

When President Joe Biden signs legislation this week boosting U.S. science and technology funding, it would pave the way for the National Science Foundation to expand research grants to states and educational institutions that have traditionally not benefited from such programs. [Read more...](#)

**FY22 Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity – Application Deadline Nov. 17, 2022**

ONAP has released the FY 2022 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Awards will range from \$500,000 to \$7,500,000. A copy of the NOFO can be obtained at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Applications, submitted through grants.gov, are due by **November 17, 2022**. Please continue to check [Codetalk](#) for future updates and training announcements.

When two naturalists discovered the world's tallest known tree in Redwood National Park in 2006, they tried to keep even its name, "Hyperion," a secret. They feared people would try to find it, photograph it, climb it, stomp on its roots. That's of course exactly what happened. **So last week park authorities took the dramatic step of banning people from getting anywhere near the 397-foot redwood.** Trespassers face a \$5,000 fine and even jailtime. [SFGATE](#) | [Lost Coast Outpost](#)



**The Illegal Airstrips Bringing Toxic Mining to Brazil’s Indigenous Land**

**The Times identified hundreds of airstrips that bring criminal mining operations to the most remote corners of the Amazon.**

Victor Moriyama for The New York Times

### New Reactor Approved in US

The US government said it will approve a new nuclear power reactor design. It is just the 7th nuclear reactor design ever approved in the US

- Despite accounting for 18.9% of US energy, nuclear power has stagnated in the US due to high costs and perceived risks
- These new smaller reactors are presented as low-risk and lower-cost alternatives to older designs
- The new reactor, designed by NuScale, is small enough to be built in a factory and shipped to a customer, cutting costs. Its safety features let it shut down without human interference

### Dig Deeper

- Despite decades of decline in nuclear energy, some experts believe that the world may be on the cusp of a "nuclear renaissance" — a large-scale reinvestment in the technology across the world. Experts cite climate goals, volatile gas prices, and new nuclear technologies as reasons nuclear energy production may increase worldwide



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Untitled painting from the **Dreamtime Sisters** series by Aboriginal artist from Utopia, Central Australia, Colleen Wallace Nungari, born in 1973/1974.

She is renowned for her vibrant use of colour and detailed dot paintings created in a style associated with the Keringke artists of Santa Teresa and made famous by her aunt, Kathleen Wallace, who gave Colleen permission to paint in this style. Her distinctively decorative and colourful works have gained broad popularity amongst Indigenous art aficionados and collectors. Her Dreamtime Sisters are three good spirits of Eastern Arrernte, Central Australia, said to be the first people on earth during the creation time, who dance the Awelye (women's ceremony) as they look after and protect Arnumarra (the country) and guard the sacred sites.

Acrylic on Belgian linen, 93 x 123 cm, 37 x 48 in approx



 WWII uncovered: Women's Auxiliary Army Corps: Sophie Yazzie


"Women's Army Corps Technician Grade 4, Sophie Yazzie, of Canyon de Chelly Arizona, attempted to enlist in the Marine Corps with hopes of being accepted as a Navajo Code Talker, like her clan nephew Johnny Manuelito. After being denied by the Marine Corps Sophi continued working as a cook in Gallup, New Mexico, for two more years until Manuelito suggested she join the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps."

"Sophie then traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico in January 1943 and the Army swore her in at the age of 28 years old. She then completed basic training in Daytona Beach, Florida. The Army assigned Sophie to Foster Field in Victoria, Texas, which is now closed. During her time there, she cooked for future fighter pilots." (Vantage Point 11/2/2020)

"After Sophie received her honorable discharge in 1945, she married Jordan Yazzie and started a family. Yazzie worked as a cook at her alma mater, Wingate Boarding School, until she was 70 years old, before going back to growing food in Canyon de Chelly. In 2013 and 2014, Yazzie participated in the Coalition for American Indian Veterans of Southern Arizona. She was inducted into the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at the Women's Memorial Library in 2014." (Navajo Times and Vantage Point 11/2/2020)

Sophie Yazzie was the longest-living veteran in Arizona before she died in Tucson. She had four children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren with her late husband, Jordan Yazzie. Sophie passed away on January 25, 2020 in Tucson Arizona. She was 105 years old. Lest We Forget.

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## CHANGING TV FROM THE RESERVATION



Jul 29, 2022 6 BY ANDREW R. CHOW

WHILE BRAINSTORMING FUNNY SCENES FOR the second season of his FX comedy series *Reservation Dogs*, Sterlin Harjo turned to the memory of his grandmother’s deathbed. It’s not that Harjo was callous about her death—far from it. He had sat by the ailing matriarch for a week with his extended family before she died, 11 years ago. While she slept, they sang songs and swapped stories into the wee hours of the morning. When she finally roused one day for a cup of coffee, they sat around, cracking jokes and making her laugh.

When she died a couple of days later, Harjo grieved, but he also felt a sense of closure. “It’s a beautiful way to go: having a community that loves you, singing for you, helping you as you exit this place,” Harjo said during a Zoom interview from his Tulsa, Okla., office. “It brings out these better versions of who

<https://www.scribd.com/article/584680314/Changing-Tv-From-The-Reservation>

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[The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon](#) ·

“We’re really funny people, it just hasn’t been shown before.”  
-The Cast of [Reservation Dogs](#) on Native representation in FX’s *Reservation Dogs*.

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[Dee Numa](#) · [Wa-Pai-Shone Trading Post Stewart Nevada \(left to right\)](#)

Irene McCauley, Jane Jones, Dorothy Amoura Stanley holding Yosemite Mono Lake Paiute Tina



Charlie Basket which was sold for \$250.00 in 1939.



## [Lakota People's Law Project](https://lakota.law/protect-icwa)

We are at the most significant crossroads in over 40 years as our children and sovereignty are again under attack. The U.S. Supreme Court will soon make a decision regarding the Brackeen v. Haaland case and the Constitutionality of ICWA, and we need your help.

Please join us this Thursday, August 4th, as our panel discusses the real possibility of our children's safety and tribal sovereignty being removed.

We will stream live on Facebook at 4 pm PST, 5 pm MT, 6 pm CST, and 7pm EST.

A big oil law firm is providing pro bono support to overturn ICWA. This would be a significant blow to our sovereignty and tribal protections and open oil opportunities for their clients on tribal land if successful.

We must stand together. Our tribes must stand together. We must protect our children and sovereignty!

[lakota.law/protect-icwa](https://lakota.law/protect-icwa) #protecticwa

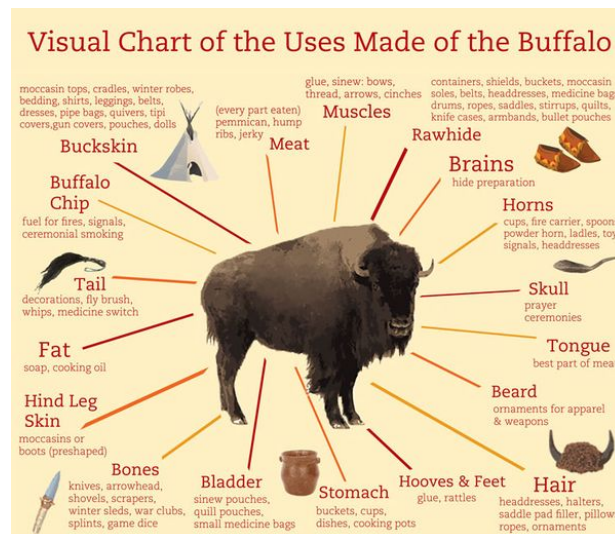
### **Lakota People's Law Project**

Our relative, *thatáŋka* (the buffalo), gave up its own life to feed and sustain our ancestors.

The buffalo provided for their every need, and no part of their sacrifice was wasted. Although there were more ways the buffalo gave to us than is on this graphic, it is a great starting point and reminder.

The buffalo symbolizes self-sacrifice; it gives until there is nothing left. This is the cornerstone of the Lakota way of life. Our wealth is not determined by how much we st...

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[Sol Mamakwa](#)



Last week I was in Maskwacis to hear what Pope had to say. I was also asked to deliver a birch bark scroll with a message on it.

Security was very tight but I asked Dene National Chief Gerald Antoine to hand-deliver it (see picture).

This is the message written on the scroll:

July 18, 2022

Dear Pope Francis,

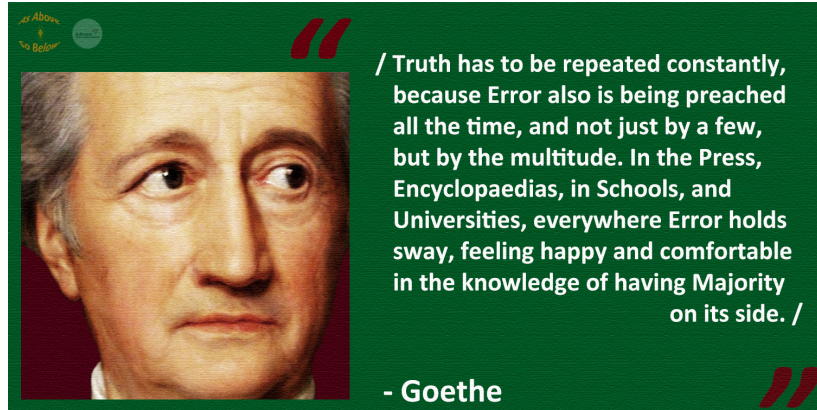
For hundreds of years, the Catholic Church has justified its incursions on Indigenous people's lands with its Doctrine of Discovery. The church has rationalized its oppression and subjugation of Indigenous People, the theft of Indigenous lands and possessions and with this document, still legalizes the genocide of our peoples. This is still the foundation of the Canadian legal system, with higher courts citing the Doctrine for decisions that are made against our people.

This barbaric practice must stop. That way of thinking and feeling must stop. Whatever it takes, whatever the first step must be, the Doctrine of Discovery must be dismantled. From northern Ontario comes the demand that the Pope begin this monumental task. Not to do so is a conscious decision to carry on the crimes against all humanity, against All Our Relations, against all of Creation.

We are expecting a public declaration of your repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery. Your choice to follow through will reflect on the relationship going forward with Indigenous People around the world.

Chi Miiigwetch,  
Indigenous People of the Kiiwetinoong Riding of Northwestern Ontario



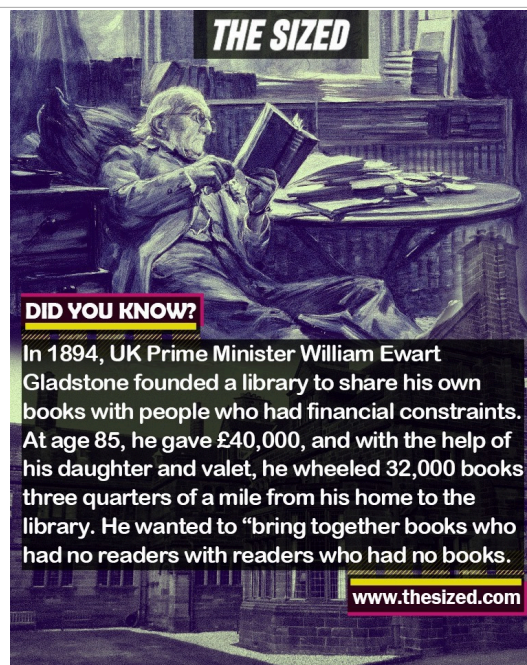


"Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was a German poet, playwright, novelist, scientist, statesman, theatre director, and critic. His works include plays, poetry, literature, and aesthetic criticism as well as treatises on botany, anatomy, and colour. He is widely regarded as the greatest and most influential writer in the German language, his work having a profound and wide-ranging influence on Western literary, political and philosophical thought from the late 18th century to the present day. Goethe took up residence in Weimar in November 1775 following the success of his first novel, The Sorrows of Young Werther. He was ennobled by the Duke of Saxe-Weimar, Karl August, in 1782. Goethe was an early participant in the Sturm und Drang literary movement."

[Report: Modify Glen Canyon Dam soon or risk losing the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon](#)

[If water levels in Lake Powell continue to drop, the flow of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon will stop.](#)

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From: **Noowuh Knowledge Center** <[noowuhknowledgecenter@gmail.com](mailto:noowuhknowledgecenter@gmail.com)>  
Subject: 107th Session UNCERD

In recent developments at the 76th session of the **Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** (CERD), it was decided that the Western Shoshone case be reviewed in relation to the protection of rights of indigenous peoples, lands, territories and sacred sties and affects by extractive industries and other land projects. Please note that the Western Shoshone (primarily traditional Newe) have submitted petitions to the international forums of the United Nations as early as the 1990's to present time.

The issues concerning the Newe are: human rights violations, treaty violations (undue process), and the lack of United States to comply with CERD recommendations to initiate fair and thorough dialogue regarding treaty land. For some that attended the treaty conference last October 1-3, 2021 in Elko, the international cases were discussed and updates given by attorney Julie Cavanaugh-Bill.

The unexpectedness of the recent development by CERD this information is being shared through the Noowuh Knowledge Center as the center for information dissemination.

Attached, you will find the Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedure, Decision 1(68), CERD list of themes (see page 4, #23 for Western Shoshone) to be addressed at the 107th session, and the Shadow Report recently submitted by the attorney.

A delegation of Newe will be attending UNCERD, August 6-14th. They are: Mary Gibson (Elko), Joe Kennedy (Timbisha), and Chet Stevens (Elko). The youth delegate

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is Valarie Moon (Elko).

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Attached are the CERD list of themes, shadow report and flyer.



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