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**Oscar-winning Cherokee actor Wes Studi calls the Western genre U.S. "mythology" built around genocide.**

It "makes heroes out of absolute villains," he says.

"Over the years, what's happened is, I think people, and especially Indian people, and other minorities that have been affected by the way that the United States of America was built, we began to put pressure on the storytellers of the world, in that, 'Hey, what about us? Did you uh, did you ever stop to think that no, we didn't disappear. You didn't kill all of us. And we are still here, we have developed, and we have been a large part of your development?' I think we need to start telling stories in a way that is real. Enough of these fairytales. Enough of this making heroes out of people that weren't actual heroes. Let's talk about the fact that our present and our future depends on a better recognition of our past. And I think that some filmmakers, some studios, caught the gist of that and began to move in a direction that is hopefully more true to what our population is."

Again: **"We need to start telling stories in a way that is real. Enough of these fairytales."**

Captain Buck's Shoshone Indians, Ruby Valley, NV, 1868



# Educate, Elevate & Empower: 1863 Ruby Valley Treaty Conversations

October 1, 2022

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

TeMoak Diabetes Center ~ 511 Sunset St ~ Elko NV 89801

Zoom Meeting ID: 842 7251 1288

Passcode: 266361

Lunch provided on-site

NKC Raffle & winner announcements

## Discussion Topics & Speakers

- Recap of Voices & Visions Treaty Gathering 2021
- Newe History
- Treaties/Treaty History
- Indian Claims Commission
- CERD & IACHR
- J. Cavanaugh-Bill
- Mary Gibson
- Danielle Mayberry
- Steve Newcomb
- Fermina Stevens
- More speakers TBA

## Join us for day of dialogue

On October 1, 1863, the United States and the Newe (Shoshone) of Nevada negotiated a treaty to establish borders and prescribe conditions of behavior between the parties.

The Treaty is an agreement giving permission to the United States for certain rights of use on UNCEDDED Newe territory. Understanding this is key to the recognition of tribal sovereignty, protection of land rights, and the survival of Newe Culture.

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**RAFFLE**

The Noowuh Knowledge Center is sponsoring a raffle fundraiser towards culturally relevant programming, presentations and general operating funds. The out pouring of community donations has been phenomenal! Look at all the artists and donors who've contributed to the raffle! **The raffle will take place on October 1, 2022** at the *Educate, Elevate and Empower: 1863 Ruby Valley Treaty Conversations*. Call or text (207) 504-6765 if you'd like to buy tickets or email: [noowuhknowledgecenter@gmail.com](mailto:noowuhknowledgecenter@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

### **RAFFLE ITEMS**

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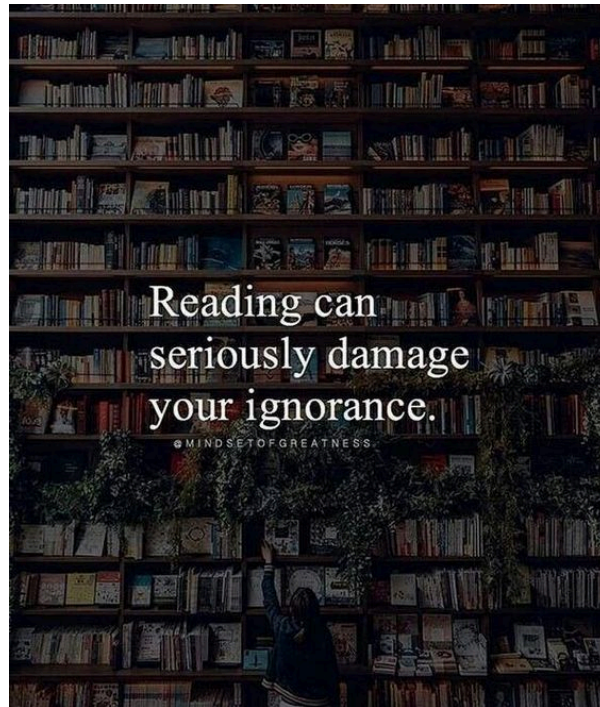
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## **Get Your Geek On!**

By Karen Malone & Tarrah Kopka

How do you create fun, community-building experiences while staying true to your educational mission? For the Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science, the answer is hosting a Geek & Comic Con that explores the "geeky" side of its subjects. Learn how the two-person team behind the event have seen it through six successful editions, and their suggestions for hosting a community convention relevant to your museum's focus. [Read more »](#)



## **Doctors in Brussels Are Prescribing Free Museum Visits**

To boost mental health, one of Brussels' largest hospitals is testing the program in a six-month trial by [Molly Enking](#)

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/doctors-in-brussels-are-prescribing-free-museum-visits-180980800/?>

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## **How Nomads Shaped Centuries of Civilization**

A new book celebrates the achievements of wanderers, whose stories have long been overlooked by [Anthony Sattin](#)

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**For More Than 60 Years, Indigenous Alaskans Have Hosted Their Own Olympics**

Athletes at the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics in Fairbanks test their mettle in events like the blanket toss, knuckle hop and ear pull by [Jennifer Nalewicki](#)

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/for-60-years-indigenous-alaskans-have-hosted-their-own-olympics-180978142/>



**Federal Land Management Laws are failing to protect sacred sites and Native land.** The majority of these laws were enacted more than 50 years ago, with little thought or acknowledgment of the cultural and legal connections of Tribes to these lands. The *Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Land Act* and the *Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act* seek to change that exclusionary pattern.

These two pieces of legislation would advance the Tribal management of public lands and improve the protection of sacred and cultural sites.

Join us as we discuss the importance of protecting sacred places and the potential impact of these two bills on Indian Country.

**Guest speakers include:**

- Carol Davis, Native Organizers Alliance
- Krystal Two Bulls, NDN Collective
- Woody Lee, Utah Dine Bykeya (Bears Ears)
- Jewell James, Lummi House of Tears Carvers
- Valarie Grussing, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

**Zoom Webinar**  
**September 27, 2022**  
**7pm ET / 6pm CT / 4pm PT**

**Register Today!**

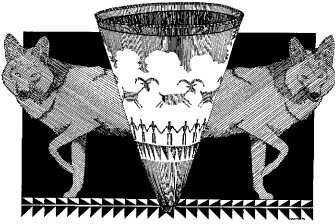
As Native people, we have an inherent right to the freedom of our religions, belief systems, and traditional ways of life. We must act now to ensure Tribal Nations have the ability to protect, co-manage, and prevent the further degradation of these sites. [Sign our petition](#) in support of these bills ahead of the webinar.

Hawwih, Judith LeBlanc (Caddo), Executive Director

**“The true secret of happiness lies in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life.”**  
— William Morris

**Massive Outback rock art site reveals ancient narrative**

Researchers have shed light on the story behind a large sandstone rock art site in Central Queensland that features seven star-like designs, large snake-like designs, six-toed human feet and even a penis      Read in [Phys.org](https://apple.news/AhwmMgCctRoiaWpMnxlqEEw): <https://apple.news/AhwmMgCctRoiaWpMnxlqEEw>



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PRESS RELEASE  
September 21, 2022  
Contact: Ian Zabarte (702) 203-8816

The Native Community Action Council (NCAC) takes no position of Nevada's filing at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to restart the suspended Yucca Mountain proceedings. As a party with standing in the Atomic Safety Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP) of the NRC, the NCAC made the only ownership contention, a requirement of 10 CFR 60.121 to protect Shoshone land and people. Yucca Mountain is within the homelands of the Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians defined by the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley (Consolidated Treaty Series Volume 127-1863).

NCAC member Joe Kennedy stated, *"Stopping Yucca Mountain is the right thing to do to protect the Western Shoshone, all people and life around Yucca Mountain from radiation risk posed by high-level nuclear waste."*

In 1987, the US Congress identified Yucca Mountain as the sole site for characterization as a deep geologic high-level nuclear waste repository. The Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians has been resisting coordinated efforts led by the US Department of Energy, the US Bureau of Land Management, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Department of Transportation and the licensing agency, the US NRC, to inflict hazardous conditions upon the Shoshone people known to be plausible from radioactive materials.

According to Ian Zabarte, Secretary of the Native Community Action Council, *"Property is not a thing. It is a relationship between people in regard to things. Shoshone property rights at Yucca Mountain are protected by the treaty and Article 6 of the US Constitution. Western Shoshone title remains unextinguished."*

The Native Community Action Council has been investigating, educating and advocating on behalf of the Western Shoshone land and people since 1994. Those investigations of radiation exposure are the basis for contentions filed in the NRC ALSBP in 2008 including ownership of land and water.

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## **The Biggest Copper Mine in the US Stalled in Dispute Over Sacred Ground**

Rio Tinto's Resolution project has enough of the metal for 275 million EVs. Some locals say it should never be developed.

Read in Bloomberg Businessweek: [https://apple.news/AdMi-MnTRTxxyDNw\\_YIBfQJQ](https://apple.news/AdMi-MnTRTxxyDNw_YIBfQJQ)

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## **Indigenous leaders urge businesses and banks to stop supporting deforestation**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/sep/21/indigenous-leaders-amazon-rainforest-businesses-banks>

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## **Justice Department Announces More Than \$246 Million in Grants for Tribal Nations**

*09/21/2022 12:00 AM EDT*

The Justice Department announced today that it will award more than \$246 million in grants to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to improve public safety and serve crime victims. The announcement coincides with the 17th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, which is being held from Sept. 21st to 23rd in Anchorage, Alaska.

Nevada needs to move away from natural gas and toward clean energy - that's the view of climate action groups that spoke up on Tuesday at an open forum of the Nevada Public Utilities Commission.

The Pollution Free Nevada coalition wants the PUC to scrutinize Southwest Gas proposals to expand natural gas infrastructure.

Elsbeth DiMarzio, senior campaign representative with the Sierra Club, said the state needs to rely on solar and wind to generate power - and promote electric appliances instead of gas.

"To meet Nevada's climate goals of 100% clean energy and zero greenhouse-gas emissions by 2050," said DiMarzio, "we need to really, rapidly, transition away from the use of methane gas in the electric sector and in buildings."

She noted that Southwest Gas has raised rates three times within four years.

[A study from the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project](#) estimates that replacing a gas-powered heat pump with an electric model can save a household about \$100 a year on its energy bills.

Angel Lazcano, an environmental justice organizer with the Latino advocacy group "Somos Votantes," also testified at the annual Clark County PUC consumer session.

He said many Latinos live closer to highways and industry - where air quality is poor, and the pollution from natural gas appliances makes it worse.



"Eight and a half percent of Latino children suffer from asthma as a result of indoor and outdoor pollution," said Lazcano. "The so-called 'natural gases' in our homes release other harmful pollutants, such as carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide. [It accounts for 14% of our state's total climate pollution.](#)"

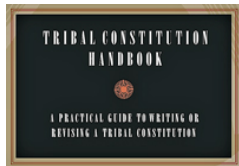
Lazcano said he'd like to see more investment in programs that help people replace older, gas-powered stoves, dryers and water heaters with new electric models.

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**From the Native American Rights Fund  
A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act**

See the online version of the Guide at [the National Indian Law Library website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

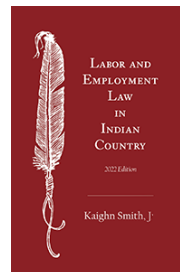
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**Tribal Constitution Handbook:**

**A Guide to Writing and Revising Tribal Constitutions, by Mark C. Tilden**

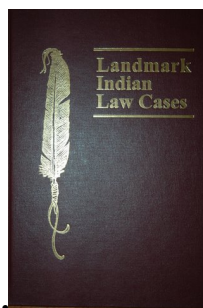
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**from the American Indian Reporter September 1, 2022**

California Tribal Leaders receive recognition from the state legislature for their dedication to the advancement of the California American Indian Tribes. From left to right: Chairman Russell (Buster) Attebery Karuk Tribe, Chairman Robert Smith Pala Band of Mission Indians, Chairman Bo Mazzetti Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians, Erica Pinto Chairwoman Jamul Village, Chairman Jesus Tarango Wilton Rancheria and Assemblyman James Ramos a tribal member of the San Manual Band of Mission Indians and the first California American Indian to elected to the California State legislator. (pic would not transfer)

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**Around Town: With California Propositions 26 & 27, Look Carefully at the Backstory**  
*originally printed in Victorville Daily Press by Pat Orr*

Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer is famous for being destroyed by a combination of Native American tribes led by Lakota Sioux Chief Sitting Bull at the Little Big Horn River in Montana in the summer of 1876.

Less reported were the many atrocities visited upon the Lakota and other tribes by Calvary troops who would sweep in and destroy entire villages, including women and children. It is little wonder that no quarter was given when Custer let his ego overcome good sense and split his command despite having evidence a massive group of Sioux were forming.

Why recite this lurid history? Because now that we are “woke” and recognize the mistakes of the past regarding Native Americans, we need to examine the ways in which we are still trying to keep them out of our way so we can profit.

We all have roughly 45 days before your mail-in ballot should arrive. Besides the usual state and federal offices, we all get to play the “guess what this really means” game with seven ballot propositions. This is the story behind two of those propositions for your consideration.

According to Ballotpedia.com, which tracks such things, the groups trying to pass Propositions 26 and 27 on the November ballot have made these two measures the most expensive in the history of California elections. So far, groups supporting these initiatives have raised a total of \$256.4 million to convince you and I which way to vote

Both 26 and 27 are using California Native American tribes in their campaigns. The Proposition 27 folks have thrown in the homeless as an added hot-topic buzz phrase to get your sympathy and your vote. Just do not dig too deep into the groups and motivations behind these initiatives.

Proposition 26 would allow only for in-person wagering at tribal casino and horse tracks in California. Digital wagering, which has swept the country since the beginning of COVID lock-downs, is the enemy of all casinos. Allowing you to bet from home means you can lose your shirt without even putting one on.

Tribal casinos are the offshoot of negotiated agreements between tribes and the federal government, and to a lesser extent, state governments in which they operate. State and local governments hate that, because they cannot have total control. The state’s greed for taxes and union jobs goes unfulfilled if tribal casinos thrive and survive.

You may realize that tribal casinos are not always located in the heart of a metropolis, so in-person gaming is a must to put customers in the building to provide the jobs and services that spin off profits to support tribal schools, hospitals and housing.

According to Californians for Tribal Sovereignty and Safe Gaming, which was formed by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, and Wilton Rancheria, "Tribal sovereignty and self-determination will be at risk if Proposition 27 passes." There are two large groups of Indian tribes supporting Prop. 26, and opposing 27, including a reported 50 or so smaller tribes.

Both groups claim that allowing "out-of-state" operators to take gaming revenue away from California tribes will do irreparable harm to tribal independence and progress.

Proposition 27's support system is dominated by California card rooms. These folks have hired quality political minds and created a Political Action Committee (PAC) called Taxpayers Against Special Interest Monopolies to raise money and lead the campaign to pass 27 and defeat 26.

Not satisfied with just a single-approach appeal to gamblers, another PAC came into being called Californians for Solutions to Homeless and Mental Health Support to push Prop. 27. This group is touting the fact that a portion of taxes on wagering that would be collected under Prop. 27 would be spent on the homeless and mental health, though few details are provided.

This PAC, backed by BETMGM LLC, FanDuel Sportsbook and DraftKings, raised over \$100 million. One wonders why, if these gaming companies were so concerned about our homeless, they didn't just give the \$100 million to create some housing and care facilities for them.

It is about profit. California would get a cut from taxes on every bet and any winnings. California wins either way, so state officials are happy to sit and watch, although secretly pulling for 27, which will significantly bump gaming revenue and taxes. Online gaming and sports betting companies have proved to be a cash cow that allows them access to everybody, not just folks who can enter a casino and gamble in a controlled environment.

Both sides in the 26 and 27 battle are using people as advertising props to convince you their side deserves your vote. Prop. 27 found two small Northern California tribes to appear in TV ads to say they are being left behind by tribal gaming and Prop. 26 proponents talk about going backward to poor schools, reservations and unemployment when tribal gaming is damaged.

History tells us that when there are tribal interests opposing each other in a political fight over laws or initiatives, both sides are likely to lose. Sometimes it is easier for voters to just say no than to cut through all the half-truths offered up as reason for support or opportunity.

*(These pages have stayed clear of this issue because so much of the information is disingenuous and skirts so much of the complicated history and legal status that is essential to tribes. This article, however, gets to part of the heart the matter - creating a public dust-up between tribes as a diversion while outside interests "walk away with the prize" ....reminds me of a movie we saw in the sixth grade where two young elks were battling for control of the herd, locked horns and fell off a cliff to their deaths while an old buck walked away with the ladies and calves. Don't let yourselves be used. sdc)*