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*Like so many times (unrecorded), the Water Warriors were right and are vindicated...*

**Oil, we're not in Keystone anymore: A pipe rupture in Kansas dumped 14,000 barrels of oil into a creek this week, making it the [largest Keystone Pipeline spill ever](#)**

### **Keystone Pipeline Leaks 14,000 Barrels of Oil in Kansas**

This is the largest onshore crude pipeline spill in nine years and the biggest in the system's history.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/keystone-pipeline-leaks-14000-barrels-of-oil-in-kansas-180981275/?>

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### **Calls Grow to 'Stop Building New Oil Pipelines' as Data Shows Severity of Keystone Leaks** <https://www.ecowatch.com/keystone-pipeline-oil-spill.html>

#### **For Our Future**

When Juan Mancias was a child his grandmother would tell him stories of the **sacred land at the Great River's end.**

Now, he is working to stop investors from developing gas facilities in his people's sacred site.



<https://bit.ly/3EYDORO>

Nevada farmers have battled the land for well over a century and a half, stunning naysayers everywhere ("How did you get tomatoes to grow in this acidic sand?") Now, the next generation of local farmers is pitching a concept both old and new: worm tea.

No, worm tea isn't for human consumption. Local worms are being used to decompose local organic matter, and their output -- nicknamed "worm tea," is being sprayed on crops in fields damaged by chemical fertilizer and herbicides. Still, we'd rather have a tall glass of worm tea than kombucha. [Amy Alonzo has more.](#)

## **President Biden has announced his intention to designate a new national monument honoring a sacred site for Native Tribes in Southern Nevada: Avi Kwa Ame.**

This victory comes from the longtime advocacy and grassroots work of a coalition of local Tribes who have come together to push for permanent federal protections of Avi Kwa Ame.

**We're grateful for this action by the president, but we also need to have clear eyes about it: protecting this one sacred place is not enough.**

That's why we're working hard inside and outside of Congress to build support for the ***Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Lands Act*** and the ***Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act***. These two bills are critical to protecting sacred place across the country and we're fighting to ensure they become law.

In September, we delivered petition signatures supporting these landmark bills to the House Committee of Natural Resources as the Committee held hearings on the bills.

Now, we've upped the pressure by organizing a coalition of two dozen organizations and gathering more than 100,000 signatures specifically in support of passing both of these bills immediately.

And the timing couldn't be more important. As MAGA Republicans are set to take over the House in the new year, we know that protection of our sacred places will become even more urgent. Interior Secretary Haaland and the rest of the Biden administration will have to stand up to Republican attempts to overrule Tribal sovereignty and further put our lands at risk in the interests of big money donors in the fossil fuel industry who seek to use our lands for profit.

**[The Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Lands Act and the Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act would provide the critical additional protections needed to save our sacred places. That's why we cannot stop fighting to pass them before the end of the year. Please donate now to fund the fight to win.](#)**

Thank you for everything you're doing to honor and continue the rich history of Native people and organizing for social change.

Hawwih (*thank you* in Caddo),

Judith Le Blanc (Caddo)  
Executive Director



**Stanford building plants for climate change:** Scientists have **genetically reprogrammed plants** to give them traits that will allow them to thrive on a hotter and drier planet. Experts say new crops will need to be created for harsher and more unpredictable conditions.

**Mystery Revealed**



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Read more about Catalina Island, California is confirmed by archaeologists to be home to a tribe of blue-eyed white giants



**Dee Numa      MAGGIE "TABUCE" HOWARD**

Born in 1870, near Bridgeport, California, a Piute. Her father was Joaquin Sam, or Kosana. Maggie lived near Bridgeport until her mother died, then went to live with her father near Mono Lake. Her family made many trips over the mountains to Yosemite to gather acorns, and trade with the Yosemite.

At Mono Lake they collected the pupa of a certain fly which breeds on the shores of Mono Lake. With this Ka-cha-vee and acorns they lived well.

On one trip crossing the mountains her father's horse was frightened, and threw him on a rock. Some Indians picked him up and brought him to Yosemite Valley. They thought he was dead. The story of "Kosana" as it was told, is that late in the fall of 1875, a small group of Indians from the Mono Lake Country had crossed the Sierra, to gather acorns. When they had finished, they started their return trip over the high pass, but were forced to turn back because of a heavy snow



storm. Among this group was an old man named Kosana, a medicine man, more than 80 years old, and not strong. He died after the exposure and the strenuous trip into the Valley. His followers set up camp near the site of the present park museum where they built their u-ma-cha, with canvas and long slabs of incense cedar bark.

Some white men made a fine coffin for the deceased Kosana, he was buried just south of the large rock that is seen near the southeast corner of the Yosemite Museum.

Kosana had a young daughter at the time of his death, who was none other than "Ta-bu-ce" or Maggie, as she was known by her many friends in later years. Ta-bu-ce is an Indian name meaning "grass nut" the name her mother gave her.

Maggie had three husbands: first was Jack Lundy, second Billy Williams, and third Dan Howard. She had two sons: Willie Mike Williams, and Simon Slim Lundy.

After Maggie was married, she and her oldest son William, her sister's daughter May Tom, age 14, and some others went up the Yosemite Falls trail, and camped somewhere in the upper Indian Canyon. This was after an Indian Festival. Maggie, after much dancing, was tired and went to sleep early. A high wind storm came up and blew down a large pine tree. Her niece May Tom was killed by this fallen tree. Maggie had her collar bone broken, her ankles and feet badly injured, and the bones in her right leg fractured. Her sister took her daughter to the Valley, and left Maggie for dead beneath the tree all night. The next day Charlie Dick and other Indians came for her. She doesn't remember what happened during that long night. A doctor in the Valley set the bones. All summer she lay in a cast, barely able to move her right hand to shoo away the flies. In the fall she was able to walk a little. She never fully recovered from this, always walking with a decided limp.

Maggie lived many years in Yosemite Valley, and was well known by many park visitors; for some years she was employed by the park museum to give demonstrations, making acorn meal and mush. She made many "Hikis," baskets, and sold them to visitors. Death came to her January 25, 1947, and she was buried at Bishop, California, Too much snow at Mono Lake prevented the burial there, her preferred resting place.



Reminder: **The Nevada Women's Fund will begin accepting scholarship applications for the 2023-24 school year this Thursday, Dec. 15.** Scholarships will begin at \$2,000 and are intended to support women pursuing higher education. To apply or learn more, click [here](#) or call (775) 786-2335. ([KOLO](#))



(Yuval Helfman)

👉 **This is what it looks like inside the rotunda of the Los Angeles Central Library.**

Plans for the library took shape in the early 1900s, when Los Angeles' population grew tenfold to more than 1 million residents by the late 1920s. Boosters called for a monument to learning befitting the city's newfound importance: "Grow up, Los Angeles!" one slogan read. "Own your own public library and take your place with progressive cities!"

The result, opened in 1926, embraced "a style almost avant-garde," wrote the essayist Colin Marshall, blending allusions to Egypt, Rome, Byzantium, and the Islamic world. The centerpiece: a high-domed rotunda with a brilliant globe chandelier surrounded by a series of 40-foot-wide murals depicting the history of California. Entering it has been [described](#) as akin to entering a place of worship. [KCET](#) | [L.A. Times](#)

### [Kawānanakoa, 'last Hawaiian princess,' dies at 96](#)

Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawānanakoa, the so-called last Hawaiian princess whose lineage included the royal family that once ruled the islands and an Irish businessman who became one of Hawaii's largest landowners, died on Sunday. A news release later said she died peacefully in her Honolulu home with her wife, Veronica Gail Kawānanakoa, at her side.

## Dartmouth College

With the following words, Daniel Webster concluded his successful defense of the inviolability of the royal charter of [Dartmouth College](#)<sup>External</sup>, which was originally obtained on **December 13, 1769**:



[Dartmouth College...](#) Ammi B. Young, artist; Stodart & Currier, lithographers; [New York]: Published by B.O. Tyler, [1834 or 1835]. [Popular Graphic Arts](#). Prints & Photographs Division  
It is, Sir, as I have said, a small college. And yet there are those who love it!

*Archivist's Notes.* [Letter, Thomas Jefferson to William Plumer regarding the Dartmouth College Case. July 21, 1816.](#) (*Thomas Jefferson Papers*). Manuscript Division

[Daniel Webster](#). Mathew Brady, photographer; Southworth & Hawes, [between 1851 and 1860]. [Daguerreotypes](#). Prints & Photographs Division  
In his landmark *Dartmouth College v. Woodward* decision (1819), [Chief Justice John Marshall](#) (1755-1835) supported the inviolability of the charter as a contract and ruled that the college, under the charter, was a private and not a public entity. As such, the school was protected from the state's regulatory power through the contract clause of the United States Constitution.



[Dartmouth and Wentworth Halls, Dartmouth College](#). [Hanover, New Hampshire]. ca 1900. [Detroit Publishing Company](#). Prints & Photographs Division

The ninth oldest college in the United States, Dartmouth was founded when Reverend Eleazar Wheelock, a Congregationalist minister seeking to expand his school into a college, relocated his educational establishment from Connecticut to Hanover, in the royal Province of New Hampshire. Wheelock's earlier school, the Moor's Charity School, was primarily for the education of Native Americans. The Royal Governor John Wentworth provided the land Dartmouth was built on and conveyed the charter from King George III to establish the college. Wheelock's charter was to create a college for the "education and instruction of Youth of the Indian Tribes in this Land...and also of English Youth and any others."

The college was named in honor of [William Legge, the Earl of Dartmouth](#), a friend of Wentworth's and an important benefactor. [Salmon P. Chase](#) and [Robert Frost](#) are among Dartmouth's famous graduates.

Dartmouth's first classes, consisting of just four students, were held in a single log hut in [Hanover](#) in 1770. As of 2021 there were approximately 4,500 undergraduates and 2,200 graduate students enrolled in the four-year, private, liberal arts college. The school has more than 40 undergraduate academic departments and programs in the arts and sciences. Dartmouth College is the home of one the nation's oldest professional schools of engineering, the first graduate school of management, and one of the nation's top medical schools.

### Learn More

- Search across the collections on *Dartmouth* to find more materials such as [a panoramic photograph showing the Earl of Dartmouth](#) laying the corner stone of new building at Dartmouth College on October 26, 1904.
- Search on *Dartmouth College* in the [pictorial collections](#) for various images, which are primarily buildings.
- Also search on *Dartmouth College* in [Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record/Historic American Landscapes Survey](#) for more information on various buildings on the campus such as the [Webster Cottage](#) and [Wentworth Hall](#).

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### Experts are developing solar 'trees' that can charge electric cars | Top Gear

[https://www.topgear.com/car-news/electric/experts-are-developing-solar-trees-can-charge-electric-cars?fbclid=IwAR2Jfr0TUhukEKQjxBZeVfubnNV0dhMdtBaykMYi6ZvN\\_Ib\\_TrM1QI93oeU](https://www.topgear.com/car-news/electric/experts-are-developing-solar-trees-can-charge-electric-cars?fbclid=IwAR2Jfr0TUhukEKQjxBZeVfubnNV0dhMdtBaykMYi6ZvN_Ib_TrM1QI93oeU)

### Request for Nominations to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council Now Available Application Deadline January 17, 2023

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) within the White House invites the public to submit expressions of interest in serving as members of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC). The WHEJAC is charged with providing advice to the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council (IAC) and the [Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality](#) (CEQ) on a whole-of-government approach to address issues related, but not limited, to environmental justice. This notice solicits expressions of interest to fill





approximately fifteen (15) new vacancies for a two-year term. To maintain the representation outlined by the charter, nominees will be selected to represent the following stakeholder groups: academia; community-based organizations; non-governmental organizations; industry/business; state/local government; tribal government/indigenous organizations; faith-based organizations; public health; and youth-led or youth focused environmental organizations.

Specific information about how to apply and the criteria for appointment can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>

Submit expression of interest questionnaire and resumes for nomination electronically with the subject line **WHEJAC Membership 2023** to [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov).

For more information, contact: Karen Martin, U.S. EPA, by telephone at (202) 564-0203, or email at [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov).

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**[Lesley Williams](#)**      *Yesterday the birds came back.  In the morning I passed a big Golden Eagle on a post just watching me drive by. And last night way up in a tree I saw flashes of white, so I slowed down and looked closer, it was two bald eagles. One who found his mate, and they will be together for life. *

*Seeing that told me, I'm living the life I should be and the hard choices I made, were the right ones. Sometimes we think the blessing are attached in the form of another, only to realize they are ours that we carry inside. Thank you I said, thank you.*

*Reminds me of a story: one time someone brought us an eagle they "acquired" (most likely shot them.) Vint put it on the roof because it wasn't supposed to be here. Killing birds can make you sick, or worse. That night we heard this big giant clatter on the roof and the next morning the bird was gone. Its mate came to get it. Imagine how big it was. Imagine how it tracked its mate to where it was found. Remember that for anyone wanting to kill an eagle for its feathers.*

*One year a bald eagle flew over the house. I happened to be outside and watched it fly over me. It was huge. Good morning brother! I said.*

*There are many things in this world that we miss or ignore. Sometimes life is brutal and sometimes it's not. Sometimes you will see something that lifts you up, if you recognize the signs. Sometimes we just need to be reminded to be thankful.*

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**A Nevada-based renewable energy company plans to significantly shrink the size of a planned geothermal power plant in order to ease federal criticisms of its potential impacts on an endangered toad. [Read on »](#)**

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**The Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center in Reno**, which aims to offer a pathway out of poverty for individuals between the ages of 16 and 24, **currently has more than 500 openings**. The program equips students with job-ready skills in construction, painting, welding, and other areas and is completely free to participants and families. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply. ([KOLO](#))



### [Norma Flying Horse](#)

I'm extremely honored to create a gown for Miss Minnesota, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, for the Miss America stage!! Her dress is orange to represent our children who endured the boarding school's attempted genocide of our people. It is a hand beaded on smoked hide, upcycled gown.

Rachel had a vision of representing her people with this orange dress, I am grateful she gave me the opportunity to help her create the vision she had for this pageant. Representation is everything and Rachel does that beautifully.

I've watched the Miss America pageant since I was a little girl and to see my work walk that stage....amazing! [#everychildmatters](#) [Miss Minnesota](#) [Rachel Evangelisto](#)



[yaktrinews.com](http://yaktrinews.com)

[Yakama Nation elder turns 101, celebrates new book of Native legends](#)

[Accomplished linguist and author Virginia Beavert celebrated her 101st birthday Wednesday, making her the oldest living Yakama Nation elder.](#)

### **Example of George Washington Papers**

[George Washington Papers, Series 4, General Correspondence: George Washington, October 28, 1756, Speech to Catawba Indians](#) **Date: 1756-10-28**

[George Washington Papers, Series 4, General Correspondence: George Washington, December 1756, Speech to Catawba Indians; incomplete](#) **Date: 1756-12**

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[George Washington Papers, Series 4, General Correspondence: George Washington, August 1, 1756, Speech to Tuscarora Indians](#)      **Date:** 1756-08-01

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Recently, HUD participated in the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit. At the event, HUD Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman and ONAP Deputy Assistant Secretary Heidi Frechette joined Tribal leaders, Cabinet Secretaries, Ambassador Susan Rice, and President Biden to discuss how the Biden-Harris Administration is delivering on its goal to better support Tribal communities.

In her remarks to Tribal leaders, Deputy Secretary Todman announced several significant actions HUD is taking to strengthen its Government-to-Government relationship with Tribal governments and expand access to housing resources across Indian Country. These actions include:

- Establishing HUD's [Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee](#);
- Publishing new [Section 184 Proposed Regulations](#), which will modernize the program and provide more homeownership opportunities in Indian Country;
- Implementing a new [Section 184 Skilled Workers demonstration](#), which will support Tribes in financing the construction of rental housing for skilled workers in Tribal communities;
- Launching an interagency initiative (in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services) to increase access to care and services for American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness in urban areas.

Through these actions, HUD is working to strengthen and expand existing Indian housing programs and fulfill its Federal trust responsibility to Tribes and Tribal communities. This impactful and important work is necessary to ensure more Native American families have access to much-needed housing resources.

If you have not already done so, please consider reviewing the [White House Tribal Nations Summit Progress Report](#), which includes a summary of the actions taken by the Federal Government in 2022 to better support Tribal Nations.

Many thanks,  
Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public and Indian Housing

Heidi Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs

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**The City of Reno is currently accepting funding applications from local organizations that seek to support the homeless and victims of domestic violence.** The application will remain open through Jan. 9. Visit the link to view a list of eligible projects and click [here](#) to learn more about applying. ([KOLO](#))

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