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*from Duckwater Tribe Website*

FOCUS: Natasha Lennard | Oregon Police Obsessively Spied on Activists for Years, Even After Pipeline Fight Ended

*Natasha Lennard, The Intercept*

Lennard writes: "Internal emails obtained by Siskiyou Rising Tide and Information for Public Use show police treating even the most placid social justice activities as sites of criminal threat."

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**Bison in Canada Discover Ancient Petroglyphs, Fulfilling an Indigenous Prophecy**

Reintroduced to Wanuskewin Heritage Park in 2019, the animals' hooves uncovered four 1,000-year-old rock carvings Diane Selkirk November 24, 2021

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/bison-in-canada-discover-ancient-petroglyphs-fulfilling-an-indigenous-prophecy-180979119/?spMailingID=49054332&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2580847793&spReportId=MjU4MDg0Nzc5MwS2>

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**When Did Humans Arrive in the Americas? Lice Help Answer That Head-Scratcher**

A new analysis of the annoying critters shows when groups from Asia and Europe hitched rides on human hair and skin to arrive on our continent Brian Handwerk November 8, 2023

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/lice-genetics-help-show-when-humans-migrated-to-the-americas-180983217/>



Sarah Ortegon HighWalking has been selected as the Wyoming Woman Artist to Watch by the National Museum of Women in the Arts for its 2024 show, New Worlds. (Courtesy photo from Sarah Ortegon HighWalking)

**WOMEN YOU SHOULD KNOW IN WYOMING: Native American Visual Artist and Dancer Selected for Global ‘Women to Watch’ Exhibit (Part 3)**

**Sarah Ortegon HighWalking will share her Indigenous-inspired art at D.C. museum show**

<https://wyomingtruth.org/women-you-should-know-in-wyoming-native-american-visual-artist-and-dancer-selected-for-global-women-to-watch-exhibit-part-3/>

[Ally Radio: Lack of Dignity in Government and a Rise in Critical Minerals](#)

Listen to Ally Radio for November 3, 2023.

By [Noah Glick](#) & [Scott King](#)

On this week’s Ally Radio, we’re exploring how the lack of decorum and dignity in public discourse spells trouble for democracy – one possible path forward.

**Then, we’ll head to eastern Nevada to learn more about a proposed mine that is hoping to extract vanadium. Vanadium is a critical mineral, like lithium, but this one could hold the answer to more long-term grid-scale renewable energy storage.**

<https://sierranevadaally.org/2023/11/03/ally-radio-lack-of-dignity-in-government-and-a-rise-in-critical-minerals/>

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**Cash for college.** Eligible California students miss out on hundreds of millions in financial aid each year because they don’t apply. But a new state law aimed at getting high school seniors to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid seems to be having an effect, report CalMatters College Journalism Network fellows Haydee Barahona and Li Khan.  
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**A post-ownership society.** Think buying a house in California is tough? In Switzerland, the average age of a first-time homebuyer is 48, and the average studio apartment in Zurich costs north of \$1 million. The New York Times talked to Swiss people about why most of them plan to rent for life.

*And tribes are in a position to do so much crative housing.....*  
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from Dee Numa

My Grandfathers House based on he was a BIA COP on the Walker River Paiute Indian Rez.

Dated like 1950 to 1963

This is the Martinez House they allowed him to use as a Police Man



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# Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Class

11/16/23 The DeLaMare Library  
5pm–7pm

Learn how to make ribbon skirts or shirts! Sewing machines, materials, & refreshments provided. For Ribbon Shirts, please bring your own button-up.

Please reach to our Student  
Leader, Kinzie Cady to RSVP at  
[kcady@unr.edu](mailto:kcady@unr.edu)



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## How America's First Banned Book Survived and Became an Anti-Authoritarian Icon

The Puritans outlawed Thomas Morton's "New English Canaan" because it was critical of the society they were building in colonial New England

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-americas-first-banned-book-survived-and-became-an-anti-authoritarian-icon-180982971/>

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*Susanville Indian Rancheria*

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**Amanda Stephens, Foundation Specialist, Columbia College 209-588-5065**  
**Native Voices Presents a Documentary at Columbia College on Thursday 11/16 at 6PM**

Please join Columbia College for our fifth Native Voices event, open to the campus and community on Thursday, November 16 from 6-8pm.

We will be showing a screening of the documentary film, “Daughter of a Lost Bird”, which follows Kendra, an adult Native adoptee, as she reconnects with her birth family, discovers her Lummi heritage, and confronts issues of her own identity.

Her singular story echoes many affected by the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Indian Adoption Project.

After the movie, Diana Carpenter, LMFT, Director, ICWA Representative, Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council Social Services, Janell Lavell-Bunch (Tuolumne Me-Wuk), and Dr. Stephanie Beaver-Guzman (Hupa/Yurok) will answer questions from the audience.

Doors will open by 5:45, and there will be reserved Elder Seating by request. Please see the flyer below and promote to your students, friends and family members. Admission is free.



*People wearing traditional Aztec dance clothing walk through an Indigenous Peoples' Day festival on Monday in Phoenix. Cities throughout the U.S. held celebrations. ROSS D. FRANKLIN — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS*

Native people celebrated their history on Monday with events across the U.S. marking Indigenous Peoples Day, from a sunrise gathering in Minneapolis to a rally in Maine.

The ceremonies, dances and speeches came two years after President Joe Biden officially commemorated Indigenous Peoples Day. At the time, he said the day is meant to “honor America’s first inhabitants and the Tribal Nations that continue to thrive today.”

In Minnesota, about 150 people, including the governor and lieutenant governor, attended a sunrise prayer and ceremony at Bde Maka Ska, a lake surrounded by parkland on the south side of Minneapolis.

“Today, we recognize our ancestors and predecessors who really laid the foundation for us to stand,” said Thorne LaPointe, an indigenous organizer and Native American. “And we will always recognize our elders who are here and those who have gone on before us, who really kicked open the doors in their time, nationally and internationally.”

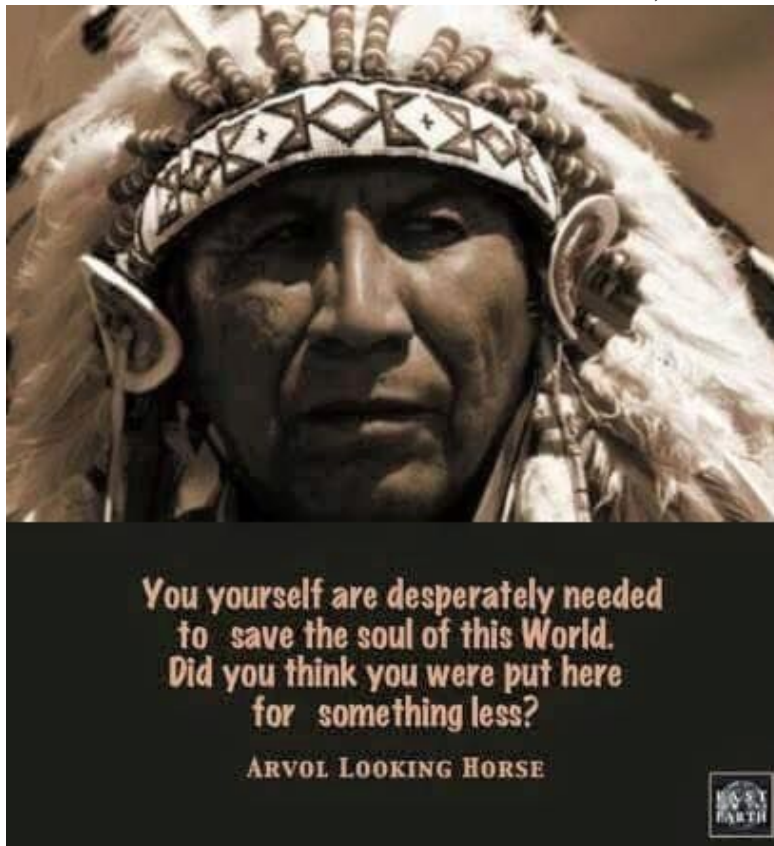
According to the Pew Research Center, 17 states and Washington, D.C., have holidays honoring Native Americans. Many of them celebrate it on the second Monday of October, pivoting from a day long rooted in the celebration of explorer Christopher Columbus to one focused on the people whose lives and culture were forever changed by colonialism. Dozens of cities and school systems also observe Indigenous Peoples Day.

**In Augusta, Maine, several hundred people celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day by rallying outside the Statehouse in support a Nov. 7 statewide vote on an amendment that would require the restoration of tribal treaties that were omitted from printed versions of the state constitution.**

Maulian Bryant, Penobscot Nation ambassador and president of the Wabanaki Alliance, said once people understand the importance to Native Americans, they'll support it like they did when towns, and then the state, enacted Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Bryant recalled the successful grassroots conversations that took place about the legacy of Columbus, whose arrival brought violence, disease and suffering to Native Americans.

“We want to honor the true stewards of these lands,” she said.



**Ask Joe: family still waiting for medical records after former patient died on the streets: The family of a woman who passed away after being discharged from St. Mary's Hospital in Reno struggles to obtain her medical records. The case highlights issues with hospital record transparency in Reno. ([mynews4.com](http://mynews4.com))**



## Science in the Wild | University of Nevada, Reno

We are preparing for our second Science in the Wild event on Thursday, November 16th at the Patagonia Outlet in downtown Reno. Along with the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources and Patagonia, we are partnering with the Walker Basin Conservancy, who will give a short presentation and raise funds for the restoration of Walker Lake. We are pleased to have four speakers from various disciplines with projects in the Sierra Nevada, Great Basin and Alaska. This event is free, but registration is required. Find out more in the university's events calendar. We hope to see you there!

[https://shepherdgazette.com/science-in-the-wild-university-of-nevada-reno/?user\\_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8](https://shepherdgazette.com/science-in-the-wild-university-of-nevada-reno/?user_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8)

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## Europeans, Africans and Indians in La Florida

This section portrays the early history of Florida: Through the tales of some of its protagonists, we will discover how Europeans, Africans, (both free and enslaved), and Indians struggled to create a colonial society. While violent clashes certainly occurred, so too did long periods of peace and coexistence. Thanks to creative audiovisuals and models, visitors will be transported back to sixteenth-century Florida.

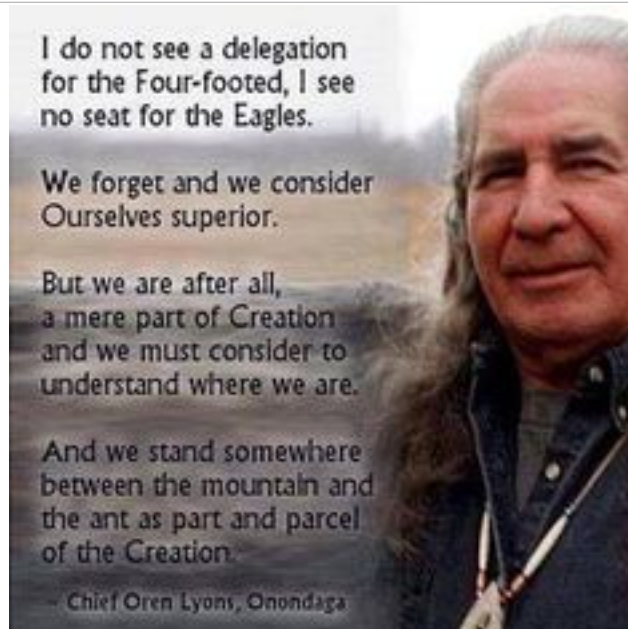


[https://www.accioncultural.es/virtuales/florida/eng/europeans\\_africans.html](https://www.accioncultural.es/virtuales/florida/eng/europeans_africans.html)

## Judge: BLM plan to rip up thousands of trees in Nevada can move forward

BLM says effort is to restore native sagebrush habitat, reduce fire risk; environmental groups call it 'scorched ...

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## Recognizing fake news now a required subject in California schools

A new law requires K-12 schools to add media literacy to curriculum for English language arts, science, math and history-social studies. Among the lessons will be recognizing fake news.

**[Read more](#)**

### **Saving Great Salt Lake**

*Grist*

Excerpt: "The fate of the Great Salt Lake's unique ecosystem hinges on Utah's willingness to rethink how it uses water."

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### **Janet Wilson | The Historic Claims That Put a Few California Farming Families First in Line for Colorado River Water**

*Janet Wilson, ProPublica*

Wilson writes: "Twenty families in the Imperial Valley received a whopping 386.5 billion gallons of the river's water last year - more than three Western states. Century-old water rights guarantee that supply."

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### **Mercury Is Still an Environmental Threat**

*Tristan Ahtone, Grist*

Ahtone writes: "The heavy metal is poisoning Indigenous peoples' environment and health, but

no one can agree on how or when to get rid of it."

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### **Why Native Hawaiians Are Being "Pushed Out of Paradise" in Their Homeland**

*Adam Yamaguchi, Kerry Breen, CBS News*

Excerpt: "Doreen Hall is among the thousands of native Hawaiians who decided to leave the state with her family because of rising prices in the area. Each year, 15,000 native Hawaiians leave the state for the mainland, which now boasts a larger Hawaiian population than Hawaii itself. There are fears that rebuilding from the wildfires that ravaged Maui over the summer will lead to even more displacement."

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#### ***Important Message from SWONAP's Acting Administrator:***

Greetings,

Many of you know me from when I worked in SWONAP as the Deputy Administrator and Administrator before I transferred to Oklahoma City. My name is David Southerland, and I will be the Acting Administrator for the Southwest Office of Native American Programs (SWONAP) until a permanent hire can be made. (The SWONAP Administrator Job Announcement was recently posted and applications are due by November 22, 2023. See links for more information:

#### **1-ONAP Vacancy Announcement - Administrator, GS-15; SWONAP - Phoenix, AZ -**

23-HUD-3117-(MP – Internal to Gov) <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/759963600>

23-HUD-3118-P (DEU- Open to Public) <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/759963700> )

There have been numerous staff changes at SWONAP due to retirements and some staff accepting other positions. We currently have **Jan Oleksak, Director of Grants Evaluation** in the Phoenix Office, **Floyd Tortalita, Deputy Administrator** and **Shane Begay, Director of Grants Management** in the Albuquerque Office. SWONAP continues to have some of the most experienced Team Leaders in all of ONAP that will be assisting our new staff along with you all.

A heartfelt *Thanks* to those of you who participated in the **ONAP Housing Summit on October 31-November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Click on the link for the Summit recap, presentations, pictures and more.

**[HUD Native American Program Housing Summit | National American Indian Housing Council \(naihc.net\)](https://www.naihc.net)**

***Here's the big change effective Monday, November 13, 2023! The Phoenix SWONAP office is moving to a new location. The new location is 2800 N Central Ave., Suite 700, Phoenix, AZ 85004. In-person meetings in our new offices will be "By Appointment Only". Here is a link to your assigned SWONAP Specialists to contact for In Person meeting appointments and logistics. [Grantee Assignments](#)***

SWONAP is excited about serving you from our *new and improved* offices in Uptown Phoenix.

*Thank you,*

***David Southerland, Administrator , Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs***

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