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“I cannot stand by while people ... issue biased information and hyperbole about the wild horses and burros to cripple or eliminate their populations and monopolize their legal habitats.” —Wildlife ecologist Craig Downer

<https://renonr.com/2023/12/22/nevadas-wild-horses-and-burros-are-protected-by-law-and-are-not-ruining-public-lands/>

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PastForward 2024 Proposals

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The National Trust for Historic Preservation is looking for your proposals for the annual [PastForward conference](#) in New Orleans, LA. At the PastForward conference (October 28-30, 2024), the National Trust for Historic Preservation kicks off a celebration of its 75th anniversary and the evolving practice of preservation in one of the country's most historic cities, New Orleans. Joining us will be the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans celebrating its 50th anniversary, Main Street Louisiana, marking its 40th anniversary, and the National Center for Preservation Trades and Technology founded thirty years ago.

Because preservation is an evolving practice, the National Trust invites you to submit a session proposal that instructs how we as individuals, organizations, and institutions can help address three of our nation's biggest challenges:

Track: Creating Climate Resilience Through Historic Preservation

Preservationists play a leadership role in helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change because buildings are responsible for approximately 40 percent of carbon emissions and more than a third of existing buildings in the U.S. are over 50 years old. For example, the National Trust welcomes submissions that:

- highlight strategies to mitigate climate change including the addition of energy-saving materials, upgrades, and processes.
- describe how to conserve, reuse, and retrofit older and historic buildings to help reduce carbon emissions, or how to adapt historic places to withstand current and future climate impacts;
- share knowledge of quickly evolving climate policy that strengthens connections between real estate development, planning, historic preservation, and sustainability.

Track: Ensuring a Representative Preservation Movement

How we decide and who decides what places should be recognized, interpreted, and protected is being reexamined to increase the diversity of people empowered to lead and to tell a more complete story of our nation. Consider submitting a session to:

- teach lessons in growing the participation in the preservation field so that it more fully represents all communities, cultures, and heritage;
- describe how to lower barriers to participation in the preservation field and processes; or
- share ways to provide people with earlier exposure to preservation as a viable career path.

Track: Encouraging Historic Preservation-Based Community Development

As one of the country’s preeminent Main Street programs, Louisiana Main Street promotes economic development with historic preservation at its core. As one of the highest users of the federal historic tax credit, Louisiana residents embrace historic preservation as an economic development tool. The state also offers one of the best tax credits for incentivizing the reuse of its older buildings. Help teach and advocate for expanding the role that cultural heritage and its preservation plays in the vitality and equitable growth of our communities by submitting proposals that:

- share preservation-based strategies for equitable development that respect the historical and present-day realities such as a growing population needing adequate housing;
- highlight strategies to ensure a level playing field for those wishing to retain and invest in their own neighborhood; or
- describe ways to support the multiple trades/crafts needed to rehabilitate, adapt, and retrofit historic places.

The conference encourages participation of new and diverse voices as session presenters. We are particularly interested in featuring content and narratives of underrepresented groups of people. Underrepresented groups include, but are not limited to, women, immigrants, Asian Americans, Black Americans, Latinx Americans, Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and LGBTQ+ communities. PastForward 2024 will offer a variety of formats to complement the cutting-edge content presented by dynamic speakers. Submit your proposal by January 12, 2024.

For technical assistance with the application form, please visit <https://www.submittable.com/help/submitter/>

For any other questions contact conference@savingplaces.org.



Could Lake Mead end up drying out like the ill-fated Aral Sea?

“The Aral Sea used to be the fourth-largest lake in the world, but thanks to poor water management, the lake rapidly shrank over only a handful of decades—from larger than the entire state of West Virginia to only 10 percent of its original size. Now, some are concerned that the same fate may meet important reservoirs in the United States like Lake Mead. Scorched by the

megadrought that has gripped the U.S. southwest for 20 years, Lake Mead is constantly plagued by bouts of drying. The reservoir, which provides essential water to millions of people, is at risk of drying out further with the effects of climate change and water use modification. ... ” [Read more from Newsweek.](#)

Developers want water policy changes in response to construction limits on metro Phoenix’s fringes

“Developers plan to seek changes to Arizona’s decades-old laws restricting construction in areas without adequate water supplies after the state said this summer that it won’t issue permits for new subdivisions in some areas on metro Phoenix’s fringes. The Arizona Capitol Times [reported](#) that the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona wants lawmakers to remove what it calls a “moratorium on home buildings in the most affordable parts” of metro Phoenix, saying the move is leading to escalating home prices. Spencer Kamps, the group’s executive director, said provisions of the state’s 1980 Groundwater Act and related laws don’t recognize what homebuilders have been doing to ensure their new developments don’t have a net negative effect on the supply of water. ... ” [Read more from the Associated Press.](#)

The Lake Powell pipeline: A timeline

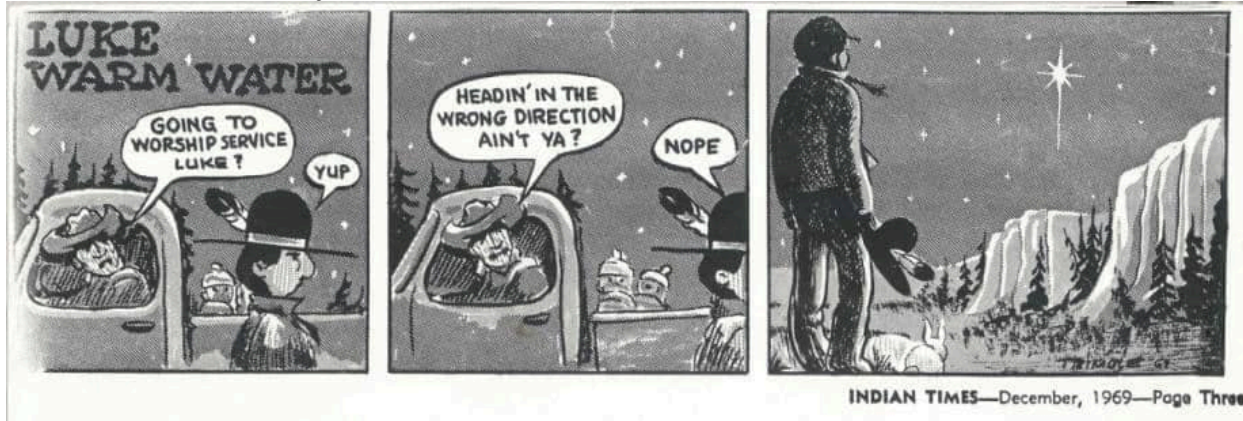
“The Lake Powell pipeline has been dormant for years, leading many to believe that the project is dead. But it could technically still happen. The pipeline would transport 86,000 acre-feet of water per year from drought-stricken Lake Powell on the Colorado River to southwestern Utah. It would stretch over 143 miles long and cost billions of dollars. At one point, it was also supposed to generate electricity for public utilities and municipalities. But despite being authorized by the Utah Legislature over 20 years ago, the project hasn’t broken ground. Interrupted environmental impact statements and opposition from surrounding states have suspended the pipeline in regulatory limbo. ... ” [Read more from the Salt Lake Tribune.](#)

‘We’re in for some big changes’: Takeaways from 2023’s environmental law battles

By Pamela King | 12/22/2023 01:33 PM EST

<https://www.eenews.net/articles/were-in-for-some-big-changes-takeaways-from-2023s-environmental-law-battles/>

Thanks to John Berry



Open pit mine in Moonlight Valley

Article from Plumas Sun re the hearing on vesting at the old Engles Mine.

https://plumassun.org/2023/12/17/strong-opinions-aired-at-hearing-over-engels-mine-proposal/?omnisendContactID=6561289b7967bb0ee22bf428&utm_campaign=campaign%3A+Dec+16-29+%28657c9f9eb11b7762499b8d99%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=omnisend

A little history for the week:

Jan 1 1889 Solar Eclipse and Wovoka's vision.

1909 WA Van Voorhis becomes Superintendent of Fallon Day School.

1971 United Way funding for RSIC development began.

2002 Constituional amendments went ot effect at Fallon Paiute - Shohone. Tribe

Jan 3 1959 Alaska became a State.

Jan 4 1818 troops commanded by Andrew Hackson destroyed a Creek village to prevent the tribe from using it.

1874 in Eskiminzin, survivors of the Camp Grant Apache massacre, escaped from U.S. custody.

1896 Utah becomes the 45th State of the Unionl

1975 President Ford signed the Indian Self Determination Assistance Act which became known as PL93-638.

Jan 5 1882 President Arthur reserves territory in Utah for the Uncompahgre Tribe.

Jan 6 1849 High Council succeeded by the Legislative Council of the Great Salt Lake City.

1933 land in fifteen counties surrendered by the State of Nevada to the federal government (in exchange for land wanted for state parks) was opened to settlement under the US Homestead Act, preference to ex-servicementkm

Jan 7 1781 Mission San Pedro Y San Pablo De Bicur was established on Native American land in present day Imperial County, California, without asking the tribe's permission.

From the This Is Reno on the year's underreported stories:

The far-right attempt to take over policy boards is alive and well in the Reno area. A national trend—what one observer called “a highly orchestrated effort”—is occurring locally, and few are paying attention.

The alleged problem at local libraries—pornography being dished out to kids—is speculative and highly exaggerated. But it's being used as a pretext to take over board positions and concoct issues where few exist.

Members of the loud, often foul-mouthed and even openly racist crew—dubbed by some as TSP or “the same 10 people”—show up to numerous public meetings with a recurring tactic: speak

loudly, frequently and consistently. They have seen some success. It is also evident some serving on local boards are being fed carefully crafted agendas not of their authorship.

While some board activities have been covered in the past, we were dismayed—but unsurprised —[at a recent Washoe County Library Board of Trustees meeting](#), attended by a hundred or more, that the only other media outlet that appeared to be in attendance was [The Nevada Independent](#).

When a seemingly endless parade of folks who have mastered the art of going from zero to [Christofascist](#) in less than 10 seconds of a three-minute public comment period, blathering in front of a board of volunteers under the guise of protecting children’s “innocence,” and so few media show up even though an unprecedented number of concerned citizens do, there may be a concern. Especially when the library director’s job is on the line because of pressure by the pugnacious, vocal minority.

<https://thisisreno.com/2023/12/the-top-four-underreported-reno-news-stories-in-2023/>

There is also a great story on public records at the same site.

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**National Historic Trust - Restored: Lefferts Historic House**

Brooklyn, New York’s [Lefferts Historic House](#) reopened to the public in August of 2023 after three years of pandemic- and construction-related closure. The 1783 Dutch Colonial farmhouse, originally owned by the borough’s prominent Lefferts family, was moved in 1918 to its current location in Prospect Park, where it became a house museum. More than a century later, the nonprofit Prospect Park Alliance, which operates the New York City–owned site, launched an extensive, publicly funded \$2.5 million restoration project. Assya Plavskina, the alliance’s construction supervisor for historic preservation, says that while the house’s original framing remains in good condition, cedar roof shingles added in the 1990s had deteriorated from biological growth.

Crews removed and replaced the shingles and added hidden zinc stripping, which will inhibit future growth. The work also involved replacing some of the original wall shingles and repairing other wall shingles, exterior columns, and windows, as well as adding new mechanical and electrical systems. Extra beams were added to increase visitor capacity. Using private funding, the team conducted plaster restoration throughout some interior exhibit rooms. The restoration coincided with the museum’s reinterpretation plan, ReImagine Lefferts. **The goal is to explore the narratives of the people who were enslaved by the Leffertses, as well as those of the Lenape, the Native American people upon whose ancestral lands Prospect Park now sits.**

**REFLECTING ON 2023**

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Beavers released into California wild for the first time in 75 years

Travis VanZant/California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Maidu Summit Consortium Vice Chairman Allen Lowry, center, offers a blessing of the new beavers in a welcome ceremony before the beavers are released onto the Mountain Maidu people’s ancestral lands in Plumas County on Oct. 18, 2023. Pictured left to right, CDFW Director Chuck Bonham, Lowry and California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade

Crowfoot. (*pic wouldn't transfer*) Full story <https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/california-beavers-released-in-wild-18569060.php>

- **University of Nevada, Reno:** "New year, new Pack! 🐾 🎉 The application deadline for the Spring 2024 semester has been extended to Jan. 15, so head to the link in bio to apply now and get the new year started off in the best way - The Wolf Pack Way!" ([Instagram](#))

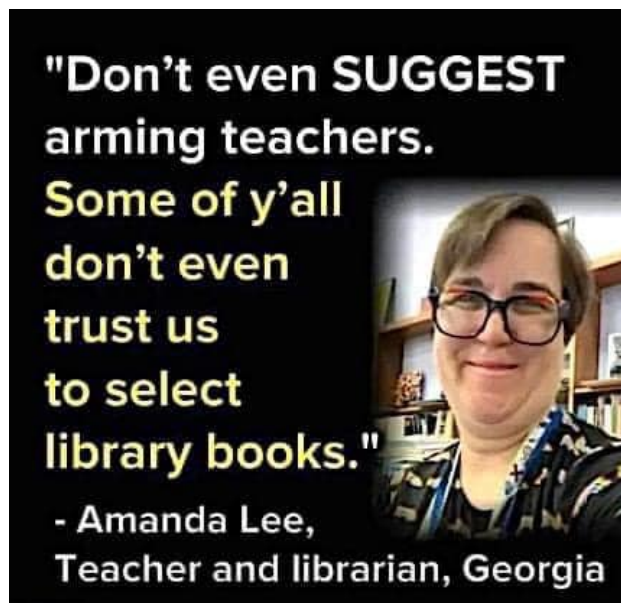
Education Amidst Critical Workforce Gaps

Dec 27, 2023 02:30 am by Annelise Pierce, Shasta Scout



Rebuilding Shasta County's workforce will increase the quality of life for this generation, and those to come. But filling workforce gaps will require educators to overcome economic, informational, social and logistical barriers to increase access to post-secondary education and build pathways to jobs.

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<https://electrek.co/2023/12/28/largest-clean-energy-project-us-sunzia/>

Groundbreaking Minnesota Native American justice is focused on the next generation
<https://www.startribune.com/groundbreaking-minnesota-native-american-justice-is-focused-on-the-next-generation/600331234/>

[Returning to the river: Tribal nations see hope for homelands as Klamath River dams are removed](#)

USA Today, 12/28/2023. Jenny Creek bubbled cool and clear under a leafy canopy, and dragonflies flitted about the lively little waterway.

[Minneapolis Star Tribune Archives \(search term Indian\)](#)

<https://startribune.newspapers.com/search/?query=indian>



The Storyteller

Winter is a time for gathering together and sharing stories and memories from long ago. Wishing you a wondrous holiday season and blessed new beginnings from the NATHPO team. (Original art created for NATHPO by Stacy Laravie (Ponca), watercolor and pen)

A lot happened in 2023 here at NATHPO, and as the year comes to a close, we take a few moments to look back on the year in gratitude, celebration, and anticipation of an exciting 2024 to come.

More THPOs! With the addition of the Lovelock Paiute Tribe of the Lovelock Indian Colony, the number of Park Service-approved THPOs swelled to 221 this year. We know of multiple applications currently in the works and look forward to welcoming even more THPOs in 2024.

FY 2023 THPO Funding Increase! Necessitated by the growing number of THPOs as well as the increasing workload, we went flat out on Capitol Hill to increase the Congressional appropriation for THPOs in the Historic Preservation Fund. We were thrilled to see an unheard-of 44% increase and hear about the positive impact this made for so many of you! We won't be letting up for FY24.

23rd Annual Conference BACK IN PERSON! This February, NATHPO held [our 23rd annual conference](#) hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at the Harrah's Cherokee Hotel & Casino Resort. It was great to have folks back in person again for the first time since the start of COVID, and we're already gearing up for our [24th annual conference](#) at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Resort in the Wisconsin Dells August 12-16, 2024.

Staffing Up At NATHPO: We added several new faces to the team at NATHPO this year. Stacy Laravie (Ponca) joined as our Indigenization Advisor, marking the first former THPO to join the staff in its 25-year history. We also welcomed back Ted Monoson as our Government Affairs Coordinator and added Matt Fuehrmeyer as our new Communications Specialist. We're grateful for the work the expanded team has been doing and look forward to all they'll do in the new year.

Protecting Native Places: 2023 was the second year for NATHPO's Protecting Native Places grant program. We started this program last year, with the help of our partners at The Wilderness Society and the Wilburforce Foundation. These \$5,000 grants to member THPOs can be used to support their work to ensure that Tribal cultural resources and places are managed and protected, including the incorporation of traditional knowledge, from upgrading mapping technology and document preservation to building structures and creating opportunities for education on Tribes' connection to and the importance of preserving ancestral lands. You can learn more about the Protecting Native Places grants and see the list of 2023 recipients [HERE](#).

Active Role in Federal Initiatives and Rulemakings: NATHPO eagerly participated in a number of anticipated and overdue federal efforts this year, and looks forward to continuing to engage with Administration and agency leadership on staff on improving consultation, accountability, and protection of Native places. 2023 efforts have included:

- Updating [NPS guidance on Bulletin 38](#) (TCPs),
- Revising the [implementing regulations for NAGPRA](#),
- [USACE rescinding Appendix C](#),
- ACHP's [Policy Statement on Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects](#) and forthcoming [policy on Indigenous Knowledge](#),
- The White House Council on Native American Affairs' [Best Practices Guide on Sacred Sites](#)
National Urban Indian Family Coalition -
- Celebrating 20 Years and Beyond

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*Hope you got this advice before I did!*

**RIGHT BEFORE THE CLOCK  
STRIKES MIDNIGHT ON  
DECEMBER 31...**



**MAKE SURE YOU RAISE  
YOUR **LEFT LEG**. THAT WAY  
YOU WILL START THE YEAR  
OFF ON THE **RIGHT FOOT**.**

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**In this month's eNewsletter, Executive Director Janeen Comenote looks back at 2023 and forward to 2024**

In May of 2003, 12 urban Native non-profits gathered at the Daybreak Star Cultural



Center in Seattle, and the National Urban Indian Family Coalition was born. As we take a moment at the end of 2023 to reflect and appreciate all the important work we've accomplished over the last two decades, our focus remains directly on our Native people living in cities across the nation.

Since our inception, we've made it our mission to celebrate and contribute to thriving urban American Indian and Alaska Native communities by working toward a shared vision that elevates our people's perspective and wisdom. I want to take this time to say how truly grateful and humbled I am to be a part of an organization that contributes towards making the last year so truly impactful.

To start, our network of urban Native non-profits continues to prove just how powerful our communities are and how local community investment builds lasting power. We've seen our Democracy is Indigenous (DII) Cohort and our newly created Weaving our Web (WoW) Digital Equity Coalition make tangible impacts on their cities and communities.

For DII, our cohort continued to showcase the importance of civic engagement, hosting different elected and city officials for our Thriving City series for conversations about the issues facing urban Native people and how to solve them.

With the WoW Digital Equity Coalition, we've been working with a group of non-profits to close the digital divide for urban Native families by helping spread awareness around the Affordability Connectivity Program and providing families with digital infrastructure like laptops and cell phones. We continue to dedicate time and resources to our Resurgence Urban Indian Education Initiative through our Resurgence Practitioner Network, which is bringing together educators at urban Native community-based schools to establish shared pedagogies and educational strategies.

Hands down the highlight of the year came in October, when the NUIFC brought together our network, friends, and community leaders in Las Vegas to celebrate our 20th anniversary with an amazing gala. This special night featured custom-made celebratory Pendleton blankets for each member organization, a slate of awards for different employees at urban Indian non-profits, community reciprocity awards for Rick Williams (Denver) and Sharon Day (Minneapolis), a lifetime achievement award for the inspiring Ladonna Harris, and a powerful speech from Nichole Maher about how our work can define the next generation. My deepest thanks to the NUIFC staff who made the entire night possible, the amount of work that went into making this night a reality was awe-inspiring!

Finally, some thoughts on what we all know is going to be a generation-defining election in 2024. Our movement has been building to make a difference in moments like this and we are excited to see how our urban Native communities will develop innovative and creative ways to ensure that our people are engaged in this moment and are looking forward to contributing everything we can to make their work a reality. Working within our communities to ensure that they not only vote but are engaged with our policymakers ensures our visibility to generations to come and remains a focal point for our work in general and very specifically in 2024.

On behalf of the staff and board of the National Urban Family Coalition, we wish you and yours a healthy and fulfilling 2024



After receiving countless submissions from across Indian country, we have chosen the talented Scott Tom of [ST Graphix](#) as our winner! We hope you enjoy their art as much as we did!

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In Loving Memory
Colten Udale Jackson

April 5, 1989 - December 11, 2023

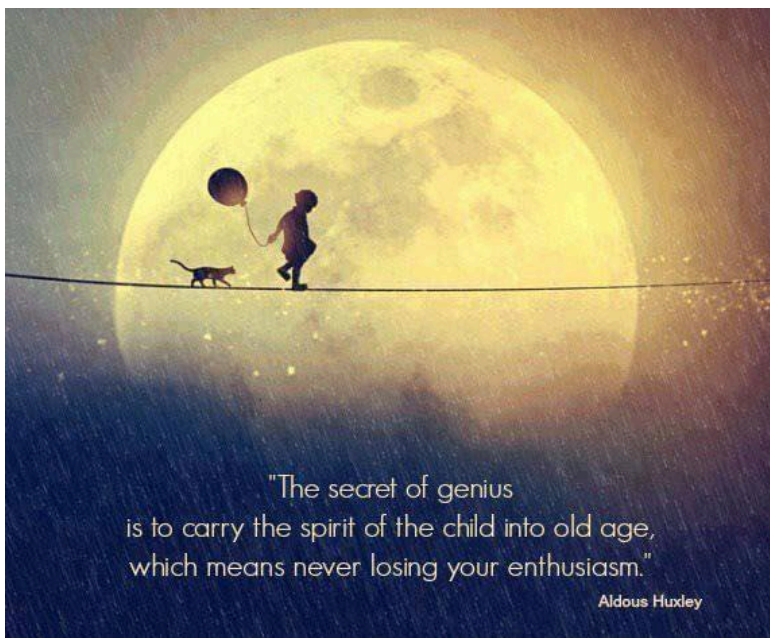


Graveside service will be held at the Fort McDermitt Cemetary
on December 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Viewing & Visitation on Friday, December 29th at 4:00 p.m.
Fort McDermitt Tribal Gym

Traditional Feed immediately following Interment
Food donations welcomed

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"The secret of genius
is to carry the spirit of the child into old age,
which means never losing your enthusiasm."

Aldous Huxley

May 2024 be your year of enthusiasm sdc