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Marker for “The Old Spanish Trail” Las Vegas, Nevada

## **Indigenous languages are founts of environmental knowledge**

Peoples who live close to nature have a rich lore of plants, animals and landscapes embedded in their mother tongues — which may hold vital clues to protecting biodiversity

<https://knowablemagazine.org/content/article/society/2024/indigenous-languages-environmental-knowledge-save-ecosystems>

**Indiana Senator files a cursive bill** ©Kelly Wilkinson / USA TODAY Sen. Jean Leising writes a note, in cursive, to Indiana Representative sponsors about Senate Bill 104, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024 telling them that the bill has passed in the Senate, and they will usher it through the House. Sen. Leising filed a cursive bill, Senate Bill 103, that includes cursive printing and spelling. The bill requires that cursive, printing and spelling be taught in early elementary. She stresses these basics are important.

***Greetings*** from HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs,

***Don't Miss This Amazing Event!***

Register Today and Learn How to Bring the Nation's Largest, COST FREE Career Training and Education Program to Tribal Youth and Young People!

February 15, 2024

2- 3:00pm EST

RESERVE your spot today!

During This Webinar You Will Learn:

- Steps to partner with Job Corps Centers and how to assist residents with placement into the program
- Sign up to schedule an on-site or virtual Job Corps presentation or event for residents
- How you can change the lives of youth & young adults in your communities and connect them to job resources
- The academic, career technical training, and wrap-around support services provided to participants

Job Corps is the nation's largest cost free residential employment training program with capacity to serve 30,000+ income-eligible participants ages 16-24 across all campuses

- Cost Free Career Training and Industry Recognized Credentials
- Cost Free Campus Housing
- Cost Free Medical Care
- Cost Free Meals
- Living Stipend

Connect Residents to Careers in High-Demand Industries!

- Advanced Emergency Dispatcher
- Advanced Solar Photovoltaic and Thermal System Installer
- Cisco-Certified Network Associate
- Forestry Conservation and Firefighting
- ~~Advanced Computer Systems Administration~~ <https://www.jobcorps.gov/explore>

### Proud Native ·

We were told we would see America come and go. In a sense, America dies from the inside out, because they have forgotten the instructions to live on Mother Earth. This is the Hopi creed, it is our creed, that if you are not spiritually connected to the Earth, and you don't understand the spiritual reality of life on Earth, chances are you are not going to make it.

### **Everything is spiritual, everything has one Spirit.**

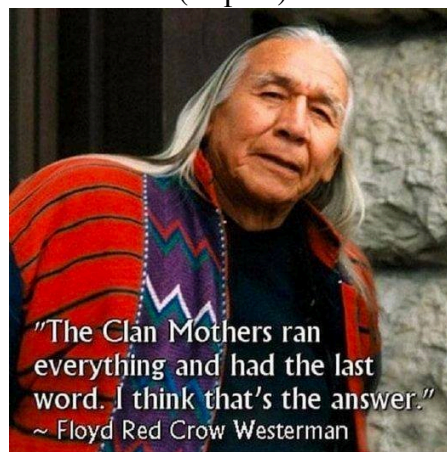
We are here on Earth only a few winters, then we go to the spirit world. The spirit world is more real than most of us realize.

The spirit world is everything. Most of our body is water. To stay healthy you need to drink pure water. Water is sacred, air is sacred. Our DNA is made from the same DNA as the tree, the tree breathes what we breathe out, we need what the tree expires. So we have a common fate with the tree. We are all of the Earth, and when the Earth and its water and atmosphere are corrupted, then the Earth will create her reaction. The Mother reacts.

In the Hopi prophecy it says that storms and floods will get bigger.

For me it is not negative to know that there will be big changes. It's not negative, it's evolution. When you look at it as an Evolution, you know it's time, nothing stays the same. You should learn to plant something. This is the first connection. You should look at all things as Spirit, realize that we are family. It never ends. Everything is life and there is no end to life♥

(Repeat)



### **DNA From 2,000-Year-Old Skeletons Hints at the Origins of Syphilis**

In contrast to a common theory, new findings suggest Columbus-led expeditions may not have transported syphilis to Europe from the Americas, though they cannot disprove the claim with

certainty

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/dna-from-2000-year-old-skeletons-hints-at-the-origins-of-syphilis-180983657/?>

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[ljJanine Winnemucca](#)

“If you are wielding language and cultural knowledge as a weapon in the indianer-than-you contest, then (in my best Spock voice):  
Then not only did you violate the rules, you also failed to understand the principal lesson.”  
~(Good find stolen from Lisa Casarez Flies Away and [Jaimz](#))

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## Business & Industry Business Resource Hub

The hub is a convenient place to access information, resources, and tools that can help you start, manage, and grow your business in Nevada.

Nevada has a vast network of **FREE** technical assistance available to support any stage of your business journey.

Go to the Resource Directory to find information and links to business support providers in various subject areas. Visit the Learning Center for some quick orientation on topics important to every person first starting out.

**[LEARN MORE](#)**

## SilverFlume Nevada's Business Portal

Are you thinking about starting a business in Nevada, but have questions about obtaining a state business license? Are you an existing business with questions about renewing your state business license? Looking to reserve a name for your business? If so, **SilverFlume with the Nevada Secretary of State** is here to help you.

Also, learn how **[“Project Orion”](#)** is making improvements to help the thousands of business owners that rely on SilverFlume and drive more business to the State of Nevada.

**[LEARN MORE](#)**

*Nevada Governor's Office of*  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## **Small Business Support**

[The Governor's Office of Economic Development \(GOED\)](#), has several offices and programs to support new and small business development. Young businesses are the backbone of a thriving economy, creating diverse job growth.

Find out more on microloans, certification and more in support of business success.

- [Nevada's Small Business Credit Initiative \(SSBCI\)](#)
- [Emerging Small Business \(ESB\) Program](#)
- [Nevada APEX Accelerator](#)
- [Office of Entrepreneurship](#)

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## **Office of Small Business Advocacy**

The Office of Small Business Advocacy (OSBA) serves as a point of contact to state and local government agencies for owners of businesses with twenty (20) or fewer employees.

Small business owners face many issues when starting, operating, or closing their businesses. OSBA was created to help small business owners navigate hurdles related to licensing, funding, and business regulations.

Learn more about the 3 ways the OSBA team can help entrepreneurs.

**[LEARN MORE](#)**

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**New rules on the display of Native objects don't affect Minnesota museums and historical societies**

<https://www.startribune.com/new-rules-on-the-display-of-native-objects-dont-affect-minnesota-museums-and-historical-societies/600339720/>



**Aqua Metals Reno Expands Storey County, Nevada, Battery Recycling Operations:** Aqua Metals Reno, Inc. is set to boost its lithium battery recycling operations in Storey County with a \$17 million project, creating 50 jobs and supporting U.S. electrification efforts. ([areadevelopment.com](http://areadevelopment.com))

**Charter school board OKs new school despite pushback from Washoe district:** The Nevada State Public Charter School Authority approved an expansion for Mater Academy of Northern Nevada in Reno, despite Washoe County School District's concerns. The new school in Golden Valley aims to alleviate overcrowding, but may impact existing schools' enrollment and funding. ([elkodaily.com](http://elkodaily.com))

**Vail Bighorn Initiative receives award from Wild Sheep Foundation:** The Vail Bighorn Initiative was honored with the 'Outstanding Achievement Award' at the Sheep Show in Reno for their work in conserving the Gore Range S2 Bighorn Sheep herd's habitat. Their efforts have garnered a nationwide campaign, raising funds to protect the sheep while supporting local housing. ([vaildaily.com](http://vaildaily.com))



If the process can be scaled up and proves cost-effective, it could help manufacturers convert waste into climate-friendlier steel, the researchers say.



[science.org](http://science.org)

[Zapping 'red mud' in plasma turns mine waste into valuable iron](#)  
[A simple process quickly extracts iron and renders the rest largely benign](#)

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**[Thacker Pass housing to open as mine construction begins](#)**

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Washoe County Now Approved - Get Solar Panels For NO COST If You Qualify For This Local Program. Save Thousands On Your Electric Bills!

The Benefits of Solar:

See more

**WASHOE COUNTY**  
NOW APPROVED

**LOCAL SOLAR PROGRAM**  
**GET SOLAR PANELS FOR NO COST AT INSTALL**  
SEE IF YOUR ZIP CODE QUALIFIES

*"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."*

*- Cicero*



Warrior or Bears fan?

[info.localsolaroffer.com](http://info.localsolaroffer.com)

[Washoe County Residents Can Go Solar For No Cost](#)

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**First Nations soprano opera singer Nina Korbe trades butcher shop for the stage**



**Nina Korbe thinks the Australian landscape is unique and perfect for opera settings.  
(Supplied: Opera Queensland, Glenn Hunt) © Provided by ABC News (AU)**

<https://www.msn.com/en-au/news/australia/first-nations-soprano-opera-singer-nina-korbe-trades-butcher-shop-for-the-stage/ar-BB1h5TkT>



### Indian and Native American Employment and Training WIOA Section 166/Public Law 102-477 Conference (NINAETC)

The 44th NINAETC will take place May 13-17, 2024 in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. For more information, [click here](#).

The NINAETC Planning Committee would like to invite grantees to submit proposals to present at the upcoming conference. Please consider presenting your program's highlights and best practices by submitting the [workshop proposal form](#) by February 20, 2024.



The formation of **'ice flowers'** is a beautiful natural phenomenon in the Great Lakes region of North America!!

When the temperature drops under freezing temperatures, the non-frozen water under the ice layer is pushed upward, creating small cracks. Then, as very little water flows through these cracks and almost immediately freezes, very thin ice layers of irregular shapes are formed. As

they accumulate, they create fantastic geometric shapes. Mother Nature's art is amazing!



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**Save The Date!** OCT 28-31, 2024 | **26th Annual American Indian Tourism Conference** | Paragon Casino Resort, Marksville, LA

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The graphic features the AIANTA logo at the top right. The main text reads 'WE ARE HIRING' in large red letters, followed by 'JOIN OUR TEAM!' and a bulleted list of four positions: Information Specialist, Partner Program Coordinator, Tribal Content Developer, and Visitor Outreach Specialist. At the bottom, there is a red button that says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION' with a right-pointing arrow, and contact information: a globe icon for 'WWW.AIANTA.ORG' and an envelope icon for 'INFO@AIANTA.ORG'. The background of the graphic shows a Native American woman carrying a large water jar on her head.

**Applications Open Until February 9, 2024!**

American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) is looking for four talented and passionate people to join our vibrant team!

As an employee of AIANTA, you will play a vital role in promoting and showcasing Native tourism, arts, and culture. AIANTA is a dynamic organization that supports Native American tourism initiatives nationwide. By joining our team, you'll have a chance to make a real impact and contribute to the promotion and preservation of Native cultures. Interested candidates are invited to submit their cover letter, resume/vitae, and 3 professional references to Ariel Richardson, Office Manager, AIANTA at [arichardson@aianta.org](mailto:arichardson@aianta.org) by February 9, 2024, 5:00 p.m. MT. Please specify which position you'e applying for in the subject line.