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[***Elysia Chlorotica, a green sea slug, is the first animal ever discovered to create chlorophyll like a plant. This makes it capable of photosynthesis, meaning it is part animal and part plant.***](#)



Joy Harjo

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I used to watch and listen to the knowledgable elders of our tribal nations. They listened and watched. When people came into the community they would pay attention to how they spoke, the words they used, and how they treated others in the community. They acted with empathy and kindness and always humor. Those who brought discord in their talk and behavior were not allowed to disrupt the community.

[Cindy La Marr](#):

Thank you [Joy Harjo](#). She went on to write eloquently about the lack of empathy in our world (it's always been this way in my opinion

but more evident with social media). We need to return to respect and remember there's a difference between Elders and old folks. There are shrinking numbers of them in Indian communities... Thank you Joy for reminding us in such a knowledgeable way.

[Sharron Savage](#)

Well said, Ms. Harjo. Age does not equal compassion. Compassion is learned and practiced mostly by the examples we live with or are in our communities.

Tornados destroy several homes in southeastern Utah

MONTICELLO, Utah (AP) — Tornadoes destroyed several homes in southeastern Utah over the weekend, but authorities said there were no reports of people injured.

A storm produced two tornadoes in San Juan County in southeastern Utah over the span of an hour starting around 12:35 p.m. Saturday, according to meteorologist Kris Sanders with the National Weather Service's office in Grand Junction, Colorado.

The paths of the tornadoes that touched down near Montezuma Creek likely covered less than 10 miles (16 kilometers), but the weather service hadn't yet determined their exact tracks or wind speeds, Sanders said by telephone. A survey may be conducted Monday, he said Sunday.

Three homes in the area were demolished in the storm, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren said in a social media post. The 27,000-square-mile (70,000-square-kilometer) reservation stretches into Arizona, New Mexico and Utah and is the largest of any Native American tribe.

No injuries were reported, but an unknown number of livestock and pets were reported missing, the Navajo Police Department said in a social media post. Images posted by the department showed the towering column of a tornado surrounded by dark clouds and also a flattened home surrounded by debris.

Tornadoes are pretty unusual in that part of Utah, Sanders said, noting that the weather service had only confirmed two there since 1950.

100-Mile Walk Underway In NorCal To Commemorate Konkow Trail Of Tears

The five-day, 100-mile walk commemorates a tragic moment in American history.
Bay City News, News Partner



Dozens of Native Americans planned to gather Sunday morning in Chico to start a long and emotional walk to Covelo as part of the annual Nome Cult Walk. (Jenna Fisher/Patch)

The five-day, 100-mile walk commemorates a tragic moment in American history when beginning on Aug. 28, 1863, 461 Konkow (or Concow) Maidu were forcibly marched by the California State Militia from Chico to the Nome Cult Reservation in Round Valley. The walk took almost three weeks, much of it through what is now known as Mendocino National Forest.

Of those who made the dangerous trek under the watchful eye of the militia, only 277 reached Round Valley. According to Jesse Dizard of Chico State University, 150 Maidu were left behind along the trail, too sick or malnourished to continue. Others were killed and some escaped

The survivors arrived at what is now the Round Valley Reservation, a sovereign nation of seven confederated tribes, many members of whom are descendants of those who survived the Konkow Trail of Tears.

According to the United States Forest Service, tribal members from and descendants of the Concow Maidu, the Round Valley Indian Tribes, Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California, Redding Rancheria, Grindstone Nomlaki, the Mechoopda Tribe, Pit River, Wintu, Nisenan and Greenville Maidu will participate.

The annual Nome Cult Walk from Chico to Round Valley starts Sunday. Walkers will travel through Orland and Newville before trekking along Mendocino National Forest roads, stopping to rest at various campgrounds. The group will arrive on Saturday at Hidden Oaks Park in Covelo.



[Planet Raw](#) ·

At the black vents of the deep sea, where water boils with minerals and light never comes, a creature crawls in silence.

The scaly-foot snail.

Unlike any other, its body has armored itself with iron.

Its shell is plated with iron sulfide, glimmering like forged steel.

Even its foot is covered in rows of iron-tipped scales, a natural chainmail against the crushing deep.

Scientists call it the only animal known to incorporate metal into its skeleton.

A living tank, born in the furnace of Earth's underwater volcanoes.

Here, where most life would be torn apart, this snail thrives.

Not with speed. Not with teeth.

But with armor—proof that evolution builds weapons from whatever the Earth provides.

It is not just a snail.

It is a knight of the abyss.

[#WildLife](#) [#ScalyFootSnail](#) [#Animals](#) [#Nature](#) [#Photography](#) [#fblifestyle](#)

New Bill Would Allow Rubio to Strip US Citizens' Passports Over Political Speech

The legislation would allow the Secretary of State to strip anyone's US passport with no legal due process.

STEPHEN PRAGER | COMMON DREAMS

From a summary report of the Northwest Native Asset Building Coalition

Extract:

OWEESTA Training In Action

OWEESTA TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING

"Building Native Communities"

Our program partnership between the Northwest Native Asset Building Coalition and EIW is built on a shared history of struggle within our communities. The Community Reinvestment Program has provided hope and capacity to address the need for financial education and empowerment for Indigenous & BIPOC people in Washington State. Despite the shared history of trauma, our communities still often feel as though they are facing these challenges alone.

Through our partnership we have shown that our communities can come together to serve all people. Our 10-week financial coaching series showcased the success of this effort. These virtual sessions served 69 individuals with an average of 25 attendees per session and included representation from the Native, African American, Asian, Pacific Islander and Latino communities. Using a trauma informed approach, we facilitated an environment where individuals felt comfortable opening up and sharing stories with one another. This provided a space that allowed participants to not only learn from our coaches and subject matter experts but to also learn from one another and recognize that they had many shared experiences. As coaches, seeing that willingness to learn and grow and bridge cultural gaps is rewarding.

Throughout this program NW Native ABC developed several professional collaborations. These collaborations proved to be extremely successful in our efforts to address homeownership. NW Native ABC and EIW worked with the Tlingit & Haida Community Navigator Program, WaFd Bank, and Washington Trust Bank to host a 6-hour first time homebuyer class at the Tlingit & Haida office. This class resulted in 36 participants completing the requirements to get their homeowners education certificate that qualifies them for lending assistance and access to the Covenant Homeownership Program. This is an important step toward home ownership and building generational wealth for these families.

We had 4 participants who have started their own business with our financial and business coaching support. They serve as important examples in their community of what is possible when support systems are in place. One notable example is Sage, a young native located in Spokane, WA. Sage is a shining example of someone who overcame their circumstances and a substantial amount of trauma.

He was able to utilize what he learned with our financial coaching and business coaching to budget and save and ultimately start his own massage therapy business, Terra Luminous LLC. By building his own practice, he has been able to successfully implement his own brand of massage that is rooted in a trauma informed approach to healing, energy work, and massage therapy. Sage is doing amazing things in his community and now earns a livable wage with his own business.

One of primary objectives with this project was to bring in the Oweesta organization and provide an opportunity to become a certified trauma informed financial coach. We had 36 individuals register for the 4-day in person workshop. The result of this event was the certification of 25 new trauma-informed financial coaches that are now serving their communities areas across the state. Some of these newly certified coaches were also grant recipients and they have gone on to create a significant impact within their organizations. NW Native ABC has partnered with several of these individuals to co-host trainings and broaden our collective impact. Brining in this certification workshop was a key component of our

program with the mission of creating a self-sustaining movement and a new generation of financial coaches that are serving their communities.

One notable example of the lasting impact of our programming is reflected in the success of Joshua, a Tribal member who completed Native ABC's Train-the-Trainer program and became a certified financial coach. He brought these skills back to his community, offering educational workshops and direct financial coaching to Tribal members. His impact has gone beyond individual education—most recently, he successfully advocated for and helped pass a resolution requiring young adults to complete a financial literacy course before accessing their trust funds. Although the issue is complex and controversial within the community, Joshua effectively communicated the long-term consequences of distributing large sums of money to young adults without adequate financial education. His advocacy helped catalyze a movement among the Tribal voting population, resulting in a meaningful policy change. This initiative is a powerful example of Native ABC's commitment to building leadership and driving systemic change through culturally grounded financial education.

Additionally, the skills and knowledge Joshua gained through Native ABC's curriculum have helped grow his own business, Jalashuk LLC. By incorporating financial literacy services into his consulting work, he has expanded the impact of his business and created new opportunities for clients across Indian Country. Inspired by this work, he has also begun studying accounting to strengthen his ability to manage the finances of both Jalashuk LLC and the Northwest Native Asset Building Coalition. His story illustrates how Native ABC's model supports both individual transformation and broader community and economic development.

Jessica is an emerging Makah Tribal leader that works to help homeless Native women fleeing domestic violence and incarceration in Seattle under the umbrella of MotherNation. She also works to address issues of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) by conducting search missions for Indigenous people that are missing or have been trafficked. Jessica attended the Oweesta training and has used her certification to provide trauma informed financial training to her fellow staff and clients through MotherNation. As a single mother of 2 children, Jessica has also advanced her personal financial goals of saving money through budgeting and implementing what she has learned in her own life. Her own experience makes her an exceptional coach as she passes these skills to her family and clients.

Rocky is an Indigenous father of two young that attended and successfully completed Oweesta Financial Empowerment Training. Rocky now provides financial empowerment training for the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation in Seattle. Rocky has emerged as a shining star in the movement and has accomplished all his Native workforce development goals due to his young energy and passion to help fellow Natives move forward with financial equity. He is now motivated to create his own curriculum and continues to advance in his role. Tierra completed the Oweesta training and immediately put it into practice in her own consulting business. Tierra has seen many notable success stories from her participants and estimates that after the Oweesta training she has helped over 280 individuals. Her work is focused in Clark County with a focus on African American communities. Tierra said the Oweesta training has impacted her directly as well as her organization which directly pours into community. "The principles and tools learned through Oweesta's financial coaching frameworks have been instrumental in helping our financial coaches guide participants to get serious about savings. The Oweesta approach focuses on participant-led goal setting which has better equipped our coaches to implement practical savings strategies. The training emphasizes meeting clients where they are and building financial literacy and confidence step-by-step, which has directly led to more engaged participants who are actively working towards and achieving their sa

[Letting kids run wild outside is surprisingly good for their brains](#)

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WVTF <https://www.wvtf.org> > news > 2025-07-23 > psychologist-explains-why-time-spent-in-nature-can-help-kids-brain-development-and-mental-health

## [Psychologist explains why time spent in nature can help kids' brain ...](#)**Jul 23, 2025**

She says there's a lot of research to support that playing outside in nature has a wide range of benefits for children's brain development, and mental health.

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thefriendify.com <https://thefriendify.com> > blog > outdoor-play-brain-development

[The Shocking Truth About Outdoor Play and Brain Development](#) **Dec 26, 2024**

Discover the surprising impact of outdoor play on children's brain development. Learn how unstructured outdoor activities enhance creativity.

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Aug 12, 2025 When my kids tumble into the car after an afternoon spent outside with muddy knees, tangled hair and stories about the worms they found or the forts they built, they are lit up. They are calm. theladyhawk.com

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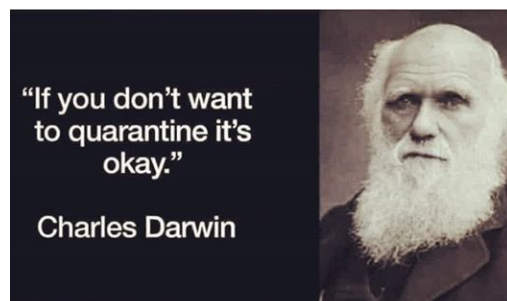
*[A must read \(to the end!\):](#)*

## [As Trump Targets National Parks that 'Disparage Americans,' Advocates Warn California History Is At Stake](#)

<https://www.kqed.org/news/12055659/national-park-service-california-yosemite-muir-woods-trump-executive-order>

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[from Journal #4670 \(5.4.20\)](#)



GOP Aims to Permanently Gut Federal Land Protections via Arcane Oversight Rule

Republicans want to use the Congressional Review Act to advance Trump's extraction agenda in Alaska and beyond.

LOIS PARSHLEY | GRIST



State grant launches Point Reyes restoration design, free-range future for native tule elk

The California Wildlife Conservation Board awarded The Nature Conservancy a \$2.7 million grant to fund the design of a comprehensive plan for restoration, sustainable grazing and monitoring of thousands of acres of land at the Point Reyes National Seashore that has been used for ranching for decades. The transition is part of a federal land management plan that stemmed from a lawsuit settled in January between the National Park Service and environmental groups.

[Read more](#)

Muhammad Ali once said, “Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It’s not something you learn in school. But if you haven’t learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven’t learned anything.”



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Native American agriculture: roots of U.S. farming

“When Europeans first arrived in the New World, many believed they had discovered untouched wilderness—vast forests, endless plains, and fertile river valleys waiting to be cultivated. But this perception was far from the truth. Long before European settlement, Native American communities had already been shaping, managing, and cultivating the land through advanced agricultural practices.” [Listen to podcast, read excerpts at Ag Net West.](#)

Klamath water bill awaits Newsom's signature

“A

bill aimed at preserving flows for fish on two Klamath tributaries passed through both chambers of the state legislature last week and awaits signature by Governor Gavin Newsom. [Assembly Bill 263](#), authored by North Coast Assemblymember Chris Rogers (D-Santa Rosa), would maintain existing minimum flows for the Shasta and Scott rivers. The flow regulations were established as part of an emergency drought declaration four years ago. If enacted, the regulations would be kept until 2031 or whenever the State Water Board sets permanent rules that are currently in the works. “The Shasta and Scott rivers are currently under emergency regulations that took tribal voices and our state’s fisheries into consideration when they were developed,” said Rogers in a press release. The rivers are major tributaries to the Klamath River and host spawning grounds for fish, including threatened populations of salmonids. ... ” [Read more from the Eureka Times-Standard](#).



Beavers return to tribal lands: a win for ecosystems

“The pictograph, an ochre-red outline with four paws and an unmistakable paddle of a tail, has been on the reservation “my whole life,” said Kenneth McDarment, a member of the Tule River Tribe. It’s just one of many paintings — of people, geometric designs and other wildlife — from 500 to 1,000 years ago adorning the walls of a site called Painted Rock in the southern California foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. But today, it stands out to McDarment, who formerly served on the Tule River Tribal Council. “Sometimes you need to just look at things more often,” he told Mongabay. About a decade ago, a succession of drought years parched the land, and leaders were searching for ways to shore up the reservation’s water. ... So, the Tule River Tribe decided to find a way to bring them back. ... ” [Read more from Mongabay](#).

‘No one comes out of this unscathed’: Experts warn that Colorado River use needs cutting immediately



“Consumption of Colorado River water is outpacing nature’s ability to replenish it, with the basin’s reservoirs on the verge of being depleted to the point of exhaustion without urgent federal action to cut use, according to a new analysis from leading experts of the river. The [analysis](#), published Thursday, found that if the river’s water continues to be used at the same rate and the Southwest sees another winter as dry as the last one, Lakes Mead and Powell—the nation’s two largest reservoirs—would collectively hold 9 percent of the

water they can store by the end of next summer. After enduring decades of overconsumption of the river's water, the lakes would have just under 4 million acre feet of water in storage for emergencies and drier years when demand can't be met. Every year, roughly 13 million acre feet is taken from the river for drinking water and human development across the region, with conservative forecasts estimating roughly 9.3 million acre feet of inflow next year. ... ” [Read more from Inside Climate News](#).

Study looks at ‘realistically available’ water in Lake Mead, Lake Powell a year from now
““Immediate and substantial reductions” in Colorado River water use could be needed much sooner than anyone predicted, according to a study published last week. The problem: People are using more water than the amount that has been coming down the river and it could reach a tipping point by the end of next summer, a University of Colorado study suggests. That means hard choices are ahead unless a very wet winter rescues 40 million water users along the river. A repeat of conditions this year — near-average snowpack (91% of normal), but streamflow levels projected at 52% of average — could put new pressure on the river. “If next year is a repeat of this year and uses of water remain the same, we estimate that consumptive use will exceed the natural flow in the Colorado River Basin by at least 3.6 million acre feet,” the CU study said. An acre foot is the amount of water needed to cover an acre of land in water a foot deep — 325,851 gallons. ... ” [Read more from Channel 8](#).

SEE ALSO: [As the Colorado River Dies, A New Battle Over Water Rights](#), from the Flagler **[Ninth Circuit upholds Clean Water Act exemption for irrigated agriculture](#)**

“In a decision with major implications for Western agriculture, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the Clean Water Act exemption for irrigation return flows. The ruling in Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations v. Nickels affirms that discharges from irrigated agriculture are exempt from federal permitting requirements so long as they do not include additional point source discharges unrelated to crop production. The case centered on California's Grassland Bypass Project, a drainage system that conveys water from nearly 100,000 acres of farmland. Environmental groups argued that pollutants entering the project from sources such as groundwater seepage, dust, or runoff should disqualify it from the exemption and trigger federal permitting under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The Ninth Circuit disagreed. ... ” Read more from the Western Farm Press

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