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Here we are at another milestone issue when I ask you if the Journal is still entertaining, useful, a valuable read for your time. Feedback is extremely important to me as so much more information and coverage is available today than in 1999 when the Journal started. Are there topics not being covered that you would like to see included? Topics that do not interest you?

Also time to ask if there other friends, family and colleagues you would like see added to the email list. Eternal thanks to the American Indian Reporter for creating and maintaining a searchable, electronic archive.

And, as always, grateful for your friendship (even those I do not know personally) and your contributions to this Journal as well as Indian Country in general. sdc

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Why go: A new wilderness park stands out with Indigenous-led experiences

One of Québec's newest and most breathtakingly wild national parks is the first to be managed by a First Nation. With the creation of Nibiischii Park, the Cree Nation of Mistissini has protected more than 4,000 square miles of peaceful lake country in the Eeyou Istchee-James Bay region of northern Québec. This vast area encompasses the province's largest wildlife reserve, Albanel-Mistassini-and-Waconichi Lakes, accessible from Chibougamau, a 90-minute flight from Montréal on Cree-owned airline Air Creebec.

In the reserve, Waconichi Lake's waterfront cabins, floating chalets, and sauna provide a summer wilderness retreat for anglers and paddlers, as well as wildlife-watchers, who can take in panoramas of the lake and surrounding boreal forest from a new cliffside walkway and suspension bridge. Last winter, for the first time, the nation opened its lodge year-round and launched Cree-led winter activities: fireside storytelling, crafting workshops, and wilderness survival classes.

On your way north to the park, some new First Nations cultural initiatives present extra reasons to linger in Montréal: an outdoor sculpture trail along Peel Street made as a collaboration between an Indigenous artist and a non-Indigenous one, a new Inuit art gallery at the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, and, 20 minutes south, the Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center, which opens in the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) community in 2026. – *Karen Gardiner*

See our <u>Québec destination spotlight</u> for more information on how to plan a visit to the Canadian province's newest national park, Nibiischii National Park.

Federal judge overturns Forest Service plan to poison Buffalo Creek in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

https://open.substack.com/pub/wildernesswatch/p/federal-judge-overturns-forest-service? utm_source=share&utm_medium=android&r=5z4zi5

Indigenous tribes creating a tariff free trade corridor

Indigenous Nations Pursue Tariff-Free Trade Across U.S ... - NewsBreak

A group of Canadian Indigenous nations is reviving something older than the US/Canada border itself: trade routes that predate customs agents and toll booths. The Standing Buffalo Dakota Tribe and several Saskatchewan nations are joining forces with Montana tribes such as the Fort Peck Sioux to open a tariff-free trade corridor across the U.S.-Canada border, Mother Jones reported. Getty Images



Indigenous Nations Plan a Tariff-Free Trade Corridor Across the US ... Oct 5, 2025Indigenous Nations Plan a Tariff-Free Trade Corridor Across the US-Canada border "We're not begging for crumbs anymore. We're demanding what's rightly ours." 0:16

Standing Buffalo Dakota Nation looks to build an economic future with ...

Sep 23, 2025Next week Standing Buffalo Dakota Nation in Saskatchewan will sign a memorandum of understanding with the Fort Peck Sioux **Tribes** community in the U.S to build a **trade corridor** system.

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<u>Indigenous Nations Propose Customs-Free Trade</u> <u>Corridor Across the US-Canada Border</u>

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Indigenous tribes are starting a tariff free trade corridor between the US and Canada, utilizing their connected land. GO GET EM!!! #tariffs #indegenoustiktok #hopecore #traderoute #breakingnews

<u>Trade Routes in the Americas before Columbus - YouTube 20:43</u>

One Nation Across Borders: Indigenous Trade, Unity & Power Moves | Drum Circle News

Massive Gold-Mining Operations Proposed In The Inland Empire

Extract: Take Friday's announcement from the Bureau of Land Management. The federal agency

announced it was <u>seeking public comment</u> on a proposed expansion of the Castle Mountain gold and silver mine near Nipton in San Bernardino County.

If approved, Castle Mountain Ventures, a subsidiary of Canadian-based Equinox Gold Corp., could add 1,800 acres of public lands to the mine's overall footprint of 3,294 acres.

The expansion would quadruple the expected annual mining rate in the area from 18 million to 80 million tons, according to the BLM.

The proposed project and others like it in California and across the country support President Trump's Executive Order 14241 titled "Immediate Measures to Increase American Mineral Production," aimed at boosting domestic mineral production. The order, issued March 20, references the president's Jan. 20 national energy emergency, which paves the way for vast mining projects on public lands.

https://patch.com/california/banning-beaumont/massive-gold-mining-operations-proposed-inland-empire

The Salmon populations in the Pacific Northwest are facing extinction. We're in court to save them.

Last week, conservation, fishing, and clean energy groups represented by Earthjustice asked a court for emergency measures to protect endangered salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin.

Here's how we got to this point:

In December 2023, after three decades of litigation, the federal government, the states of Oregon and Washington, four Northwest Tribes, and groups represented by Earthjustice finalized a hard-won, science-based plan to restore salmon health, habitat, and river operations called the Resilient Columbia Basin Agreement. It gave salmon a realistic path to recovery after years of unlawful management plans that failed to protect them from dams.

In June of this year, the Trump administration abruptly pulled the plug on this agreement. Without that agreement, salmon populations already on the brink now have NO viable plan in place to protect them.

Now: In a new court filing, we are demanding that the federal government immediately:

- Increase spill over dams (so juvenile salmon can bypass deadly turbines)
- Lower reservoir elevations to reduce migration time through warm, stagnant stretches that harm fish
- Remove migration barriers in critical tributaries
- Ramp up predator control (e.g., invasive walleye and predatory birds)

This case is not just about salmon — it's also about justice and a way of life. The Trump administration's decision to tear apart this carefully crafted agreement is another dark chapter in the federal government's history of betraying Tribes. The salmon populations our lawsuit seeks to restore are key to the region's ecosystem, economy, and Tribal cultures.

For 30 years and through five different administrations, Earthjustice has represented conservation, fishing and renewable energy groups — alongside the Nez Perce Tribe, other Columbia Basin Tribes, and the State of Oregon — in court battles to protect threatened and endangered salmon in the Columbia River Basin. These fights are not won overnight, and your support has made this work possible. Will you give today and help us in the next chapter of this fight?

The Team at Earthjustice

Tommy Orange talks about his plans for the 2025 MacArthur Fellowship

The Oakland writer, a Berkeley neurobiologist and a Stanford chemical engineer will each receive \$800,000 to further their work.

Oakland author Tommy Orange looks on before speaking at Oakland Tech in Oakland on Friday, Oct. 10, 2025. Orange writes about the urban Native American experience, and he was a 2025 MacArthur Fellow, a prestigious award referred to as a "genius grant.".(Ray Chavez/Bay Area News Group)



By <u>Kate Bradshaw</u> | <u>kbradshaw@bayareanewsgroup.com</u> | Bay Area News Group UPDATED: October 13, 2025 at 5:35 AM PDT

Award-winning novelist Tommy Orange made headlines Wednesday when he won a MacArthur Fellowship — often referred to as a "genius grant." But it turns out the Oakland writer had been keeping the intel quiet for about a month already after Chris Lovely, senior program officer at the MacArthur Foundation, pranked him when delivering the good news.

She'd set up a call asking for his input on another person she said was a fellowship candidate. Then, when he got on the call, she flipped the script and told him he'd been selected.

"It was all kind of a blur," he said in an interview.

The win is a high-profile acknowledgment of the significance of Orange's work, which spotlights stories of urban Indigenous people who are rarely represented in popular culture. He is the author of the award-winning novels "There There" (Knopf, 2018) and "Wandering Stars" (Knopf, 2024), books set largely in Oakland that tell stories of contemporary Native American characters and the ways that trauma is transmitted across generations. They also incorporate references to historical events, including the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864, the Carlisle Indian Industrial School and the 1969-71 Occupation of Alcatraz.

Orange, who is enrolled in the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma, grew up in Oakland's Dimond District and went on to graduate from the MFA program at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe.

The MacArthur Fellowship comes with an \$800,000 no-strings-attached award, and arrives at an important time in his career.

"As writers, we are always figuring out how to do the work that will support us being able to write for a living," he said.

He is working on a new novel called "The Pretendians" (Knopf), and had been on the verge of taking a university teaching job that would've taken him away from writing, he said. But with the fellowship funds, he can instead focus on his writing — which he feels a strong sense of urgency to produce, given the "looming AI situation," as he described it.

"I do feel like there's some kind of ticking clock on how long creative people will be in demand and be able to have careers," he said. "The timing is really amazing with that in the background of everyone's lives. I have been wanting to put out a lot of creative work in the next two years, and this really allows that to be possible."

Writers around the Bay Area lauded Orange's win.

"He deserves, in my opinion, every award possible," said Laurie Ann Doyle, a Berkeley-based author and co-founder of the San Francisco-based Babylon Salon, where Orange gave a reading for his first book.

Doyle also praised his involvement in teaching writing. Orange led a short story workshop last weekend at San Francisco's Mechanics' Institute in exchange for funding to support Native elders.

One of the attendees, journalist and fiction writer Nate Olivarez-Giles, said that rather than presenting feedback on the stories as a problem to solve, Orange helped the writers by "imagining what could be possible, how we could push ourselves," he said. "The whole dynamic and energy of it felt much more nurturing than a lot of these spaces can feel."

"I'm still buzzing off of it, feeling so inspired," he said.

Orange's writing holds particular significance for Olivarez-Giles, who recently moved to Oakland and is a descendant of the Yaqui tribe in southern Arizona and Mexico. He read "There There" last year at age 40, and it was the first time he'd seen a fictional story that reflected his experience of his Native American identity, as someone who is urban, ethnically mixed and Indigenous, with some awareness about what it means to be Native but yearning to learn more.

"I'd never seen that in a book before, anywhere," he said. "It makes me more excited to be living in Oakland and be a writer in Oakland."

In a video profile by the MacArthur Foundation, Orange discussed his literary focus on the contemporary, urban experiences of Native Americans. "Eighty percent of Native people live in

cities, and the way we're depicted is still with Pilgrims or in relation to cowboys, or at best, reservation life, and it's just not the case for how we live our lives," he said. "I wanted to highlight what it's like for Native people to be living in a city like Oakland."

History Bits

- **1646 Oct 28** John Eliot provided first Christian religious service in English colonies for Narive Americans in their own language.
- **1815 Oct 30** Jose Manuel Gallegos, Catholic priest, Nuevo Mexico Elector, Territory of New Mexico Council, US Delegate to Congress, Territorial House, Territorial Treasurer, US Superintendent of Indian Affairs for New Mexico, was born.
- **1837 Oct 27 Seminole Chief Osceola**, having led his people away from a relocation camp, was taken prisoner as he approached US Major General Thomas Jessp while they were both under flags of truce.
- 1837 Nov 1 The steamboat *Monmouth*, carrying 700 Creek tribe members to be relocated, was struck by the Trenton, a sailboat being towed by the Steamboat *Warren*, breaking apart with from 240-400 Creek being killed.
- The New York Times reported that Creek tribe Chief Opothleyanholo (Properly Hupuehelth Yaholo) was leading a force of 1700 warriors against the Confederacy.
- 1878 Oct 29 NSJ: "Very few Indians now make the Pyramid Lake Reservation their home. There are not over fifty there. Generally the reservation is the home for nearly three hundred; but nearly all are now away pinenutting, so as to lay in their Winter's supply."
- **1912 Oct 28** President Taft reserved additional 89.70 acres to Moapa River Indian Reservation.
- 1935 Oct 27 Consultant to state governments on how to implement alcohol prohibition repeal said that the number of alcohol-related deaths had declined since people started drinking again from 3,44 ro 2,75 per 100,00.
- 1953 Oct 31 Nevada Day Committee sponsored "Dat So La Lee/An Indian Legend" with a cast of 200 Native Americans, plus "the mysterious and beautiful Puberty Dance" and "Battle of the River of the Washoe Paiute War."
- **1994 Oct 31** The California Desert Land Protection Act (PL103-433) includes federal recognition of the Timbasha Shoshone.

Energy secretary says furlough of nuclear workers, amid shutdown, hits national security Extract: U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright said that the ongoing government shutdown had led to the furlough of workers who are critical to the maintainance and modernization of the nation's nuclear program, including weapons and energy. Key nuclear administration sites operate in Nevada, Idaho and New Mexico.

During a news conference in Las Vegas, before visiting the Nevada National Security Site, Wright said the shutdown had led to an additional 68 federal nuclear employees being furloughed this week. That's on top of 1,400 federal nuclear employees across the country who have already been let go. In addition, more than 1,000 nuclear contractors in Nevada could receive notices by the end of the month, because their work relies on the federal government remaining open.

https://knpr.org/2025-10-21/energy-secretary-says-nuclear-workers-on-furlough-amid-shutdown-hits-national-security

Scholarships with November 30 Deadline

AFCEA War Veterans Scholarships: Undergraduate Only	\$2,500	November 30, 2025
All-American Pest Control STEAM Trailblazer Scholarship	\$1,000	November 30, 2025
Bessie Mathew Foundation's Education Assistance Program	\$5,000	November 30, 2025
Bonnie Fang Nursing Scholarship	\$5,000	November 30, 2025
Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest	\$5,000	November 30, 2025
Colonel Kathleen Swacina Scholarship	\$1,500	November 30, 2025
David Malcolm Scholarship	\$2,500	November 30, 2025
Dr. Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders	\$1,000	November 30, 2025
Emery Reddy Legal Studies Scholarship	\$2,000	November 30, 2025
Kaiser Permanente Northern California Medical Student Scholarship	\$2,500	November 30, 2025
Kids' Chance of Maine	\$5,000	November 30, 2025
Kids' Chance of New York Scholarship	\$10,000	November 30, 2025
Kress Foundation History of Art Institutional Fellowships	\$30,000	November 30, 2025
Lisa Michelle Memorial Fund Scholarship	\$1,000	November 30, 2025
Minnesota State Grant Program	\$16,987	November 30, 2025
NACA Alan Davis Scholarship	\$5,000	November 30, 2025
Nightwing Scholarship	\$5,000	November 30, 2025
OHM Advisors Diversity Scholarship	\$4,000	November 30, 2025
Pauahi Foundation Public Scholarships . Oracle Women in Leadership Scholarship	\$1 ^{\$} 588	November 30, 2025 November 30, 2025
Peter K. New Award	\$3,000	November 30, 2025
Ralph W. Shrader Graduate Diversity Scholarship	\$3,000	November 30, 2025
SBB Research Group STEM Scholarship	\$2,500	November 30, 2025
Susan Lawrence Soldier For Life Scholarship	\$5,000	November 30, 2025
The Carl James Dunlap Memorial Student Award	\$2,500	November 30, 2025
The Dental Accounting Group Business Leadership Scholarship	\$1,000	November 30, 2025

The Earth Prize Competition	\$100,000	November 30, 2025
The John Galt Scholarship for Future Supply Chain Leaders UCLA Regent's Scholarship		November 30, 2025 November 30, 2025
University of California - Irvine Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship	. ,	November 30, 2025
University of California Irvine Director's Scholarship	\$1,000	November 30, 2025
University of California- Irvine Regents' Scholarship	\$1,000	November 30, 2025
University of California- San Diego Chancellor's Scholarships	\$20,000	November 30, 2025
University of California- San Diego Ellen and Roger Revelle Scholarship	\$10,000	November 30, 2025
University of California- San Diego Regents Scholarship	\$20,000	November 30, 2025
University of California-Santa Barbara Regents Scholarship	\$20,000	November 30, 2025
University of Lynchburg Hopwood Scholarship	\$96,000	November 30, 2025

Sacred Fire •

For generations, the Blackfeet Nation told a story: their ancestors had roamed the Montana plains for nearly 18,000 years—long before settlers, maps, or fences existed.

Historians dismissed these accounts as myth or mere storytelling. Oral traditions weren't seen as reliable history.

Then, in 2022, science finally caught up. DNA analysis revealed the Blackfeet's lineage diverged from other Indigenous groups about 18,000 years ago, matching their ancient oral history.

truth.

This wasn't just a minor detail—it validated a form of knowledge preserved without written records. The stories passed from elders to children survived

millennia, carrying undeniable

For the Blackfeet, storytelling vital tool for teaching survival, deep connection to the land.

Every hill, river, and valley each one anchored in reality,



was more than entertainment. It was a preserving identity, and maintaining a

held memories tied to specific stories—now confirmed by science.

This discovery challenges us to rethink how we value history and whose voices get heard. It asks: What other truths might be hidden in oral traditions around the world, waiting for us to listen?

The Blackfeet story shows that history isn't just written in books—it lives in stories, songs, and memories passed down through generations. Maybe it's time we all start listening more closely.

Sacred Fire, Clothing (Brand)
Red Cross and Lakora Law Project Report:



Entire villages in Alaska were destroyed by Typhoon Halong, and many are now uninhabitable. In Kipnuk, Red Cross teams walked through mud-covered boardwalks and damaged homes, meeting families who had lost everything. With winter approaching fast, the challenges are growing: no power, no running water, and food stores ruined.

Our disaster teams are working closely with local partners to help families prepare for the long winter and begin their recovery. In Anchorage, we're supporting evacuees with shelter, meals and emotional care. In Bethel, Red Cross teams are working around the clock to reconnect loved ones separated by the storm.

This will be a long road to recovery. Alaska is depending on us, and we're depending on your support. Please donate today to help those affected by the storms and floods in Alaska. No matter the size, your gift truly makes a difference: https://rdcrss.org/4qq5jZS

NCAI Extends Support Following Devastating Flooding in Western Alaska

We are asking Tribal Nations, Native organizations, and allies to stand with Western Alaska — now." NCAI encourages contributions to the Western Alaska Disaster Relief Fund.

'That's what our Native people do.' AFN convention brought focus to ...

