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Click a suit to read the history behind the commemorative playing card photos or view the entire [Nevada Heritage Playing Card Guidebook](#).



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City**

**Christina Thomas
sing with the Carson
Symphony on
October 26.**

[A history of megadrought](#)

Deborah Sullivan Brennan, San Diego Union Tribune

California's history has been written in great droughts, with arid eras in our past.

Not Just California: Droughts Extend Across Americas Miguel Llanos, NBC News

Say "drought" and Americans are likely to think California, but the Golden State is hardly alone when looking across the Western Hemisphere: A dry spell has killed cattle and wiped out crops in Central America, parts of Colombia have seen rioting over scarce water, and southern Brazil is facing its worst dry spell in 50 years.

A Trip to Kuwait (on the Prairie)

By Laura Gottesdiener, TomDispatch 13 October 14

Now, six years later, the region displays all the classic contemporary markers of hell: toxic flames that burn around the clock; ink-black smoke billowing from 18-wheelers; intermittent explosions caused by lightning striking the super-conductive wastewater tanks that hydraulic fracturing makes a necessity; a massive Walmart; an abundance of meth, crack, and liquor; freezing winters; rents higher than Manhattan; and far, far too many men.

<http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/26379-focus-a-trip-to-kuwait-on-the-prairie>

Geoff Ellis shared [350.org's photo](#).

Is Nevada next? Act now or regret the poor decisions made on your behalf... its your water!

[350.org](#)

Pretty sure California needs that water... Read more here: <http://go.350.org/1sieT0Q>

Photo: [Brooke Anderson Photography: Stills of Our Stories & Struggles](#)

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Zotero URL: <https://www.zotero.org>

Zotero is an open-source citation management tool that helps you collect, organize, cite, and share your research sources.

Zotero collects all your research in a single, searchable interface. It automatically senses content in your web browser and allows you to add the content to your personal library with a single click.

Texas State University Library guide to Zotero.

Basic Zotero is freely available; fees for storage plans.

ReferenCite : Academic Referencing Resource

URL: <http://www.cite.auckland.ac.nz/index.php?p=overview>

University of Auckland, New Zealand, website with:

--QuickCite (tool with drop-down menus for referencing/citing in MLA, APA, Chicago, and ACS formats)

--Explanations of referencing, why to reference, and when to reference; tutorials

--Links to style sheets and manuals (Harvard, Chicago, APA, MLA, ACS, University of Aukland, and more)

--Info on evaluating websites and documenting internet sources

Sequential Pacific Biodiesel Acquires Bently Biofuels

[Sequential Pacific Biodiesel](#) announced it has acquired Bently Biofuels' cooking oil collection and biodiesel production assets in Richmond, California, and Minden, Nevada. This acquisition marks an important first step for SeSequential in expanding its community scale biodiesel production business beyond the Pacific Northwest.

Founded in 2005, SeSequential Pacific Biodiesel is the longest-running commercial biodiesel producer in the Pacific Northwest. The company collects used cooking oil from thousands of restaurants, businesses, hospitals and schools and recycles it into cleaner burning, sustainably produced biodiesel fuel at its state of the art production facility in Salem, Oregon. SeSequential also supplies biodiesel to fleets, retailers and wholesale distributors up and down the West Coast. To date, the company has sold more than 20 million gallons of fuel.

"We believe strongly in the concept of community scale biodiesel production, where fuel is sourced, produced and sold within the same geographic region," said Tyson Keever, president of SeSequential Pacific Biodiesel. "We've been looking at ways to expand our operations into California and Nevada for a while now, but didn't want to stray too far from that community based model. This acquisition provides us with the infrastructure to replicate that model for the larger market."

SeSequential plans to maintain biodiesel sales and the collection services previously offered by Bently Biofuels in both states.

[Read article published in GreenBiz about Biofuels Industry.](#)

Introducing the Greening Sports Directory

The [Greening Sports Directory](#) is a comprehensive directory of local, regional, and national contacts and resources to help sports facilities green their operations.

The directory is customized for sports facilities - from NFL teams to pee-wee youth football leagues - but it exists to benefit organizations of all types : large to small, public to private, hospitals to hotels. Organized in 20 Green Topics (e.g., energy efficiency, green purchasing, green landscaping), the directory offers useful resources for just about any business. The directory currently includes [18 major metro areas](#) in 16 states. Facilities looking to improve their energy efficiency or their green purchasing practices now have a rich list of contacts available to assist

their efforts. Recently, three new metro areas: Indianapolis, Dallas, and Atlanta were added.

This directory was created by the [Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center](#), with support from EPA & P2Rx.

Orpheus

Mass Execution of aboriginal Children from the Mohawk Residential School located in Ontario. They took all those children and stood them up next to a big ditch, then they shot



them all
and they all
fell into the
ditch.
Some of
the kids
were still
alive and
they just
poured the
dirt in on
top of
them.
Buried
them alive.

Prisoners
of the
church.
This mass
murder
happened
in 1943 –
in

Brantford, Ontario, on land occupied by the Canadian Army, at its Basic Training Camp Number 20

Lorna McNaughton of Ohsweken, Ontario: is a survivor of the infamous “Mush Hole”, the Brantford Mohawk Indian residential school, run by the Church and Crown of England until 1970.

Why were these children shot?

The school was overcrowded just then. She was there, Lorna saw the army bring in all these cots for lots of new kids who showed up from all over the country. They must have just wanted to get rid of all the extra hungry mouths; it was wartime and everything was rationed. One day those new kids were in the dorms, then they were all taken out, and were never seen again.

A probable site of this mass burial of the executed children has been located, and is now under the protection

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d jurisdiction of the Onkwehonwe Mohawk Nation and its clan mothers. [#indigenous](#) [#aboriginal](#)

The investigation into the Canadian Genocide continues.

The Mohawk residential school Institute, 1832-1970 – Church of England (Anglican) operated - Ontario.

PERFORMING SENIORS SOUGHT FOR SENIOR CENTER TALENT SHOWCASE

Talented, mature performers ages 50 and older are invited to audition for the opportunity to perform in the Doolittle Senior Center's "I've Got Talent Senior Showcase." Senior singers, dancers, musicians, comedians or other performers who are interested may call the Doolittle Senior Center at 702-229-6125 to request an audition appointment, or stop by the center at 1930 N. J St. The deadline for audition applications is Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. Auditions will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, and Thursday, Nov. 6, at the senior center. The showcase is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m. at the West Las Vegas Library Theater, located at 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

Individual and group acts are welcome to audition. Performance material and costumes should be appropriate for audiences of all ages. Use of fire and/or animals will not be allowed. All performers must be at least 50 years of age. There is no audition fee. Those selected to perform will be required to attend a rehearsal at the West Las Vegas Library Theater. The city of Las Vegas is sponsoring the event. For more information, call 702-229-6125.

DRUNKTOWN'S FINEST, the first feature length film by Sydney Freeland, offers three unique perspectives on the small-town struggle. Set on the Navajo reservation of northern New Mexico, the stories of curious-but-weary Nizhoni, aspiring transgender model Felixia, and irresponsible father-to-be Luther are delicately intertwined by relation and happenstance. The quest for fuller, more exceptional lives drives these tender souls in intimate and familiar ways. Their community, as well as the desert landscape, provides both solace and challenge for these young Native Americans.

Executive produced by Robert Redford, this drama won the Audience and Grand Jury Award at Outfest for First US Dramatic Feature.

Contains sexuality and graphic violence. Seattle Premiere Copresented by [Longhouse Media](#)
Run time: 93 min. | US | 2014 Genres: Drama, Transgender

*We are excited to announce that **applications are now open for 2015 Google scholarships.** The application deadlines are in mid January, but don't wait to get started on your application!*

At Google, we believe information should be universally accessible. Our education and scholarship programs aim to inspire and help students become future leaders in computing and technology by breaking down the barriers that prevent them from entering these fields. We are now accepting applications from current university students, undergraduate and graduate, for the following scholarship programs:

- [Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship](#) for women in technology
- [Generation Google Scholarship](#) for students from underrepresented backgrounds in computer science
- [Google Lime Scholarship](#) for students with disabilities
- [Google Student Veterans of America \(SVA\) Scholarship](#) for students who are serving or have served in the military
- *The Generation Google Scholarship for current high school seniors will open in early 2015*

Read through these helpful tips before getting started on your application.

Apply!

The first advice is simple: apply! You never know unless you apply - don't let this opportunity pass you by.

What we look for

When evaluating scholarship applications, we are especially interested in the following qualities: passion for and commitment to computer science, technical accomplishments, leadership and involvement in your community, and academic achievements. Keep these in mind as you fill out your application.

Work on your resume

Be sure to update your resume, as it is an important component of the application that helps us understand your interest and accomplishments in

**Celebrate Nevada Day
and Join the
Nevada Indian Commission
for the
2014 Nevada Day Parade**

**"Happy 150th Birthday Nevada"
(1864-2014)**

**Saturday, November 1, 2014
8:30am**

Stewart Alumni, the 1964 Centennial Indian Princesses and their families are invited to ride our 45' float to celebrate Nevada's 150th Birthday. All are welcome! Lets fill up this float!

To RSVP and for float location please contact the Nevada Indian Commission (775) 687-8333 or cgibbons@nic.nv.gov

Each rider will receive a complimentary lunch.

All Alumni are asked to wear something red and white and princesses will wear shawls.

computer science. Google has some tips for preparing your technical resume [here](#). Your university's career center may also be a helpful resource.

Be descriptive and call out your accomplishments

Don't be shy when it comes to describing your accomplishments. We often come across applications where the applicant has worked on an amazing project or has great leadership experience, yet barely mentions this in their application! While we evaluate an applicant on all components of the application (i.e., resume, references, transcript, and essays), we want to know what's important to you, and we encourage you to call out the accomplishments that you are proud of.



The essays matter

The essays help us to get to know you better and they hold a lot of weight in the review process. We read through many applications and what we remember most is the quality of the essays. Read the questions carefully and answer each component of the question, as they're designed to help us evaluate your application based on the criteria we look for. Trust us, someone who has put a lot of time and effort into their essay questions stands out above the rest!

Proofread

Though this may sound simple, you may be surprised at the number of grammatical and spelling errors that we find in our application pool. You wouldn't be ruled out for a typo, but a well-polished application does say something about the effort you put in filling it out.

Be mindful of deadlines--both for yourself and for your references

Don't miss out just because the deadline slipped your mind! Mark your calendars and be sure to submit your application on time. Likewise, give your references ample time to write a

recommendation and remind them about the approaching deadline to ensure your application is complete.

For more information on all scholarship programs, please visit the [Google Scholarships site](#).

- [Indian Vision - Chirapaq - Native American - Powerful Pride - Sacred Medicine Heartpounding Chirapaq by Reencuentros from Indian's Vision CD and art images of Native American Indians by J.D. Challenger, Kirby Sattler, and other famous f...](#)
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- [Missing the Point: The Real Impact of Team Names on American Indian and Alaska Native Youth](#)
Featured speaker: [Dahkota Franklin Kicking Bear Brown, Student, Argonaut High School; Champion for Change, Center for Native American Youth](#) The debate over t...
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- [Native American Indians Music / Legends of the Flute Boy . Page on Facebook by Rik the DutchFluteplayer ~ Whistler for Wolves . Native American Indian Flute .](#) youtube.com

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[family feather dance Alaska University festival of native arts 2007 fiddle drums guitar violin](#) youtube.com

[The Aspen Institute](#)

- <http://csreports.aspeninstitute.org/Dialogue-on-Public-Libraries/2014/report>

from The Stream

Climate Change

Nearly 1,000 high-altitude lakes have been formed in Peru over the past 40 years as [the country's glaciers have melted 40 percent](#), *Reuters* reported. The glaciers are the source of much of the drinking water in Peru but are disappearing due to climate change, the Peruvian government said.

[Declining Arctic sea ice is behind a 7-degree increase in average October temperatures](#) in Barrow, Alaska, over the past 34 years, according to scientists at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, *Climate News Network* reported. The study also found that fluctuating sea ice levels are likely linked to the uneven temperature changes in Barrow, where the average annual temperature has risen 2.7 degrees.

Pacific islanders joined a flotilla of protesters in Australia who [blocked coal ships at Newcastle Port to demonstrate against Australia's commitment to coal](#), the *Guardian* reported. The islanders wanted to bring attention to climate change, which is driving the rising sea levels that threaten their countries with floods and saltwater intrusion.

Mary Gibson

Coming soon to Newe Sogobia!! Good read about the known and mostly unknown facts about fracking and the harmful affects on our sacred water and the general well being of all life. Of course, in this particular article its not surprising that it is the Native women warriors leading the opposition on this unspeakable assault to our earth mother and our way of life and spirit. Osa.

'Unspeakable Poverty of Loss': Intergenerational Trauma and the Bakken Oil Fields

Winona LaDuke links the effects of intergenerational trauma with the ascent of Bakken oil field development in the Dakotas. indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com

Carol Snooks with Lesley Williams and 47 others

JACKPOT HANDGAME TOURNEY Saturday November 1st in Carson for Nv Day \$100 entry fee per team 2-5 players sign ups end at 2p.m. any questions contact me at 775-790-0172



Potlatch for Politicians OCT. 15, 2014

An editor with multiple graduate degrees once called me up with a story idea hatched among fellow trend-sniffers in Manhattan. “Indians,” he said, with practiced urgency. “Something’s going on with American Indians. Look into it and tell me what you think.”

Dutifully, I reported back that the first Americans were still poor, still forgotten, still there — albeit with casinos and better lobbyists in Washington. The forgotten part applies especially at elections, given that natives who list themselves as “Indian alone” on the census form make up less than 1 percent of the total population of the United States.

But — news alert! — with barely two weeks to go until the midterm federal election, the most underrepresented people in the country could be the kingmakers for control of the Senate. Let us pause for the cynical voice of an Indian friend who thinks that elections don’t matter: “Democrats, Republicans, they’re all white to me,” he says.

Still, the fact that all the money and manipulations of the Koch brothers could be undone by a handful of native voters living in some of the poorest and most remote parts of the land is a tribute to our teetering democracy. More time has been wasted defending the name of the Washington Professional Football Team than has ever been spent discussing tribal sovereignty or how the modern diet is killing too many natives. Yet now, important-sounding people have been forced to learn a phrase in Yup’ik, or find Shannon County, S.D., on a map.

The Senate, by design, is unrepresentative. Why should Wyoming have as many senators as California, which has more than 60 times the population? That design also means that people in crowded states occasionally have to feign concern for residents in wide-open spaces.

Thus we find ourselves in Alaska and South Dakota, where the native vote could be the only thing that stands in the way of a Republican-controlled Senate. Alaska voters, though quirky and contrarian no matter what the race, seem poised to give the Republican Dan Sullivan the seat now held by the Democrat Mark Begich. Except typically, the polls are more misleading in the Last Frontier than a fish finder’s sonar in a bathtub.

Only about 250,000 people are expected to vote there. Of those, almost one in five has some Alaska Native or Indian blood — the highest percentage of any state. Begich has been feverishly working native villages in advance of the state’s two weeks of early voting. If the race is a nail-biter, look for late returns from, say, Kotzebue, an Inupiat town on a gravel spit 33 miles north of the Arctic Circle, to decide the winner.

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In South Dakota, Native Americans are the largest single minority group, and they tend to vote Democratic. In a three-way race, heavy turnout on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation might be enough to prevent the fading Republican front-runner, Mike Rounds, from picking up the seat. Tribal elections are the same day, as is a ballot measure to change the name of Shannon County, which is more than 90 percent Indian, to Oglala Lakota County. In 2012, the tribes of North

Dakota provided the winning margin for the Democrat Heidi Heitkamp, who won her Senate seat by just over 4,000 votes.

What no vote can change are the woeful conditions in many parts of Indian country. Suicide, substance abuse and chronic unemployment are the scourges of many tribal homelands. Half the people in Shannon County live below the poverty level.

Depressing, yes. So what we talk about when we talk about Indians seldom gets beyond caricature. On the left, measures like Seattle's new designation of the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day is the kind of empty, feel-good measure that sets up a comically liberal city council for mockery. It's not a real holiday, just enough of one to insult Italian-Americans who feel slighted at the dis of Christopher Columbus.

On the right, there is a hysterical fear of granting Indians any real power. So the Violence Against Women Act almost didn't make it through renewal last year because Republicans didn't want to allow tribes to prosecute non-Indians who assaulted Indians in Indian country.

Obamacare is a pundit's punching bag in much of the country. But on reservations, it has made a life-or-death difference for thousands of people whose health has been improved by some of the law's lesser-known provisions.

At the center of most questions in the native world is a construct that Americans often forget or ignore: nations within a nation. Tribes point to their treaties that grant a degree of sovereignty, signed by long-dead presidents, backed by Supreme Court decisions. If they can get a politician to understand that at election time, it's a minor victory.

George Takei

They weren't exactly the wind beneath their wings.

