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*Because the fire situation is so dynamic and changes hourly, there is not a lot of coverage but readers should be aware of the peril so many communities are facing right now and help prepare for the emergency and restoration of losses. This is not a “thoughts and prayers” situation. sdc*

*“Before the Gold Rush in 1849, large parts of California burned every few decades. Lightning fires burned for months, and native tribes burned the land, clearing out dead vegetation. But for much of the past century, as **the state’s population has built homes, towns and parks in rural areas**, firefighters have extinguished the flames to save property and lives, allowing forests and other landscapes to become unnaturally dense. As a result, **fires now burn hotter and with more intensity.**”*

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/08/23/california-fires-state-feds-agree-to-thin-millions-of-acres-of-forests/>

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The reason we’re Lyttonites is because we live in Lytton,” said Michell. “Now we’re spread. People are devastated. We need to bring people home. When we said that Kanaka Bar cares and is willing to help we meant it.



[wltribune.com](https://www.wltribune.com)

[Bold plan to house Lytton wildfire evacuees proposed by Kanaka Bar band - Williams Lake Tribune](#)

[Proposal includes multipurpose buildings and housing units at Kanaka Bar, 15km from Lytton](#)

***"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive."***

**Writer and Philosopher, Elbert Hubbard**

[Shaun Burner](#) is with [Franceska Julianna](#).



We're excited and honored to finally share the first piece from a series of murals that [Trust Your Struggle](#) was commissioned to do for the City of Sacramento. The design process for this project has been over a year in the making. Located at the North 12th Street corridor- it's one of the few gateways that leads you into downtown.

The inspiration behind this body of work is full circle for us. We've always been inspired by metamorphosis, how it speaks to our own personal journeys and those we experience collectively. We also wanted to pay homage to the history of this area & the different people who have called it home.

Sacramento is on the tribal territory of the Nisenan People. The confluence was traditionally a gathering place for surrounding tribes. We would like to acknowledge the Southern Maidu people to the North, the Valley and Plains Miwok/ Me-Wuk Peoples to the south of the American River and we would also like to honor the Patwin Wintun Peoples to the west of the Sacramento River. We are grateful for the guidance and resources from The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians. They helped shape the vision for this mural- educating us on uses of natural resources along the rivers and the amount of respect & care that goes into handling them.

The art of basketry is an essential part of their life- baskets embody the profound connection to land. They shared the idea of "life in a basket"- baskets were made for every part of life from baby carriers, harvesting food, to caskets for those who passed on. This further propelled our vision of capturing this beautiful practice.

We are also grateful for the opportunity to be in community with Loaves & Fishes through this project. It's an honor for us to start the series with their building. They've been an oasis for folks who are experiencing homelessness for over 40 years. We had the privilege of working with

youth from Mustard Seed School- as they helped us paint the caterpillar on the upper left corner. We hope they can look at the mural someday and remember that they had a hand in creating it. Special thank you to [Brett Cook](#) for your constant support and groundwork you laid for this project. Stay tuned for the next mural in the series

[Wakinyan Luta Featheronhead.](#)

**When people say “Women didn’t Sun Dance long ago”, they’re right.** The reason for that is because the Sundance used to be a war dance. Our warriors would do it when they came back from war. The original “Buffalo Skull Dragging” song said: Paint your face black, they’re looking for you. So our enemies wouldn’t recognize us in nagiyata (Spirit World), and in a way that’s why we never had PTSD. Then, a man named, “Gablaya” made the Sundance we know about today. We had to change it, because times change. We no longer had to fight physically, but fight for our health (Mental, Emotional, Spiritual, and Physical). But the reason why Women can dance today is because they’ve become warriors too. Single moms, have to play both roles, and etc. Times change, so we have to adapt. When you move into a new house, you don’t take everything with you. You take some old stuff with you, and get some new stuff. So do we. Aho, hecup se nakelo.



*Sagebrush near the Protect Thacker Pass encampment at sunset on April 17, 2021. (David Calvert/The Nevada Independent)*

## **California to Pay Reparations to Victims of Forced Sterilization in State Prisons**

**Zack Linly, *The Root***

**Linly writes: "The nation known as the 'land of the free' once had a sanctioned eugenics program that inspired Nazi Germany."**

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*The above story has been making the rounds lately, particularly on NPR. Reporters need to be reminded that this was also a policy/practice of “the Indian Service”, now IHS.....most reporters are too young to have this in their memory bank and, needless to say, did not get it in their formal education. A thought from an old fart.*

**TUESDAY: Special invitation to a live conversation with the Kichwa people of Sarayaku (interpretation provided!)**

In Ecuador's remote Amazon, the Kichwa people of Sarayaku have waged a **successful decades-long battle against oil extraction in their territory**. Due to their resistance, they kept some 100 million barrels of crude in the ground and helped lead a rights-based movement to **end extraction in Ecuador and beyond**.

Amazon Watch has had the privilege of **partnering with Sarayaku for over two decades**, providing advocacy, communications, capacity building, and regranting support. Together, we invite you to deepen your solidarity with the Sarayaku and **join us for a live conversation**

**When:** Tuesday, July 27 @ 11 am PDT / 2 pm EDT

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided!

**Tuesday marks the anniversary of their legal victory** and the declaration of their *Kawsak Sacha*, or Living Forest, proposal. We hope you will join us for this discussion with Sarayaku leaders about this moment of threat and opportunity and the urgent need for Indigenous solutions like *Kawsak Sacha* for Sarayaku, the Amazon, and the world. **COVID-19, historic flooding, climate change, and the threat of new oil expansion** put their people at even greater risk

A pillar of resistance, resiliency, and vision, the Kichwa of Sarayaku were recently **awarded the 2021 UN Equator Prize**, in part for their illuminating *Kawsak Sacha* proposal that seeks to establish a new category of protected area based on traditional Indigenous worldviews and ancestral forest protection practices.

**Join us for a live conversation on Tuesday! Double click center in box below.**

**[YES, I WANT TO JOIN A LIVE DISCUSSION FROM SARAYAKU!](#)**

## **Oklahoma Reels After Supreme Court Ruling on Indian Tribes**

***By The Washington Post 25 July 21***

Kyle Willis hadn't seen Kimberly Graham in years, since the day she was sentenced to 107 years in prison after she drunkenly plowed her truck into a group of motorcyclists in Tulsa, killing five people, including his mother and stepfather.

So it was a shock when he saw her at a court hearing last month — tanned, dressed in a frilly purple top and jeans and laughing — a free woman. Graham, who is Native American, was let out of prison in April **after a Supreme Court decision last year that found that a large part of**

eastern Oklahoma is still Indian country. Despite a century of state and local prosecutions, the court ruled that crimes there were the province of federal and tribal courts.

More: <https://readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-66/70633-oklahoma-reels-after-supreme-court-ruling-on-indian-tribes>

**Indigenous athletes set to shine in Olympics** by [Dan Ninham](#).  
New Zealand, Australia, Canada are among nations sending Native athletes to Tokyo ... continue reading

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[Sherman Ardoin](#) is with [Sandra Bolling](#) ·

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In 1850 parts of California paid 5 dollars for an Indian scalp. But wait, read this!

In 1850, California law made it legal to declare any jobless Indian a vagrant, then auction his services off for up to four months. And it permitted whites to force Indian children to work for them until they were eighteen, provided the permission of what the law called a "friend" was obtained first.

Whites hunted down adult Indians in the mountains, kidnapped their children and sold them as "apprentices" for as little as fifty dollars. "If ever an Indian was fully and honestly paid for his labor," one white settler said, "it was not my luck to hear of it." Indians could not complain in court because by another California statute, "no Indian or black or mulatto person" was "permitted to give evidence in favor of or against a white person."

### **South Fork of Feather River**

The miners... are sometimes guilty of the most brutal acts with the Indians. Such incidents have fallen under my notice that would make humanity weep and men disown their race.

### **William Swain**

Indians continued to die from diseases the white man had inadvertently introduced among them, but now thousands more were being killed deliberately.

We hope that the Government will render such aid as will enable the citizens of the north to carry on a war of extermination until the last Redskin of these tribes has been killed. Extermination is no longer a question of time -- the time has arrived, the work has commenced, and let the first man that says treaty or peace be regarded as a traitor.

### **Yreka Herald**

Indian Women Being Rounded up in CaliforniaThe "bold" volunteers crept on the Indians before day... and killed about nine men, the balance escaping. The women and children remained, trusting that an American would not murder women and children. In this they were mistaken... the Americans searched around among the haystacks with the hatchet and split the children's heads open. In this way there were over forty women and children butchered.

The towns of Marysville and Honey Lake paid bounties for Indian scalps. Shasta City offered five dollars for every Indian head brought to city hall. And California's state treasury reimbursed many of the local governments for their expenses.

[Bucky Harjo](#) :



[Which is why I am opposed to the San Francisco 49's team name. It should be changed](#)

[Tahoe Likely to Drop Below Rim in Three Months](#)

By Tahoe Daily Tribune, 7/22/2021

After two consecutive dry winters, Tahoe's lake level is sitting a little over 1.5 feet above its natural rim — a threshold the alpine lake is forecasted to drop below in the next three

months. And while the rise and fall of Lake Tahoe's water level is cyclical in the short-term (with evaporation and downstream flow offsetting spring runoff filling the lake each year) and the long-term (the lake has fallen below its natural rim over 20 times in the last century since data collection began), experts are concerned by the severity of the current drought and its impacts on water supply, wildfires and wildlife.

### **From the History Hub of the National Archives - Jim Thorpe Wedding Film**

[Dorothea Brennan](#) Mar 30, 2020 9:38 AM

Jim Thorpe (Native American, Olympic Medal Winner, Carlisle Indian School) was married in Carlisle PA in 1913. I know that several of my relatives attended the wedding, but the only photo I have is a picture of the wedding party. There are similar pictures of the wedding party available on various sites. Just prior to the wedding contemporary newspapers indicate that it was going to be filmed by 2 different crews. The reference does not provide names of the crews or who hired them, but I assume that it was for newsreels and news coverage. I have checked with the Library of Congress and the Cumberland County Historical Society, they do not have any additional material from the wedding, I have tried checking with the Jim Thorpe museum but don't believe they have anything either.

I am looking for a copy of the newsreels. I am also looking for any photos that show people in attendance at the wedding. A list of guests would help too. I believe they included: Ruth Rachael Hemminger, Daniel and Mary Brennan Any leads would be greatly appreciated.

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Dear Ms. Brennan, Thank you for posting your request on History Hub!

We searched the National Archives Catalog and located the [Student Records, 1879 - 1918](#) of the Carlisle Indian School in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Record Group 75) that includes a file unit titled [Jim Thorpe Student File](#). The student file contains three school record cards, two black and white photographs, several administrative letters, and many news clippings that trace his athletic career. A complete file may be viewed via the [Carlisle Indian School Digital Resource Center](#) at the Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections [http://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/student\\_files/james-thorpe-student-file](http://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/student_files/james-thorpe-student-file)

We also located [Motion Picture Films Forming a Series of Newsreels, Documentaries, and Short Subjects, ca. 1913 - ca. 1960](#) in the American Film Institute Collection, ca. 1913 - ca. 1960 (AFI Collection) that may include the newsreel you seek. Only 12 films have been digitized. For access to the non-digitized films, please contact the National Archives at College Park - Motion Picture (RDSM) via email at [mopix@nara.gov](mailto:mopix@nara.gov)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to guidance received from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), NARA has adjusted its normal operations to balance the need of completing its mission-critical work while also adhering to the recommended social distancing for the safety of NARA staff. As a result of this re-prioritization of activities, you may experience a delay in receiving an initial acknowledgement as well as a substantive response to your reference request from RDSM. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your understanding and patience.

We hope this is helpful. Best of luck with your research. Rebecca Collier, National Archives <https://historyhub.history.gov/people/beckycollier/activity>



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### [Polynesian Voyaging Society concludes tour of eight World Heritage marine sites](#)

Extract:

The Voyage is taking the iconic sailing vessel, Hōkūle‘a, around Island Earth, and her sister canoe, Hikianalia, around the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific. Hōkūle‘a is a replica of an ancient Polynesian deep sea voyaging canoe that was built 40 years ago. Her Worldwide Voyage has taken her more than 31,000 nautical miles, including stops at 16 countries. Along the way, Hōkūle‘a has visited eight World Heritage marine sites, exchanging ideas and learning with local experts and residents at each.

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[tribalbusinessnews.com](http://tribalbusinessnews.com)

[Harry Reid highlights legacy on Native policy, Indian gaming, filibuster reform](#)

[While it might be surprising to some, Harry Reid says he’s not a gambler, meaning he doesn’t partake in casino games.](#)



**On July 22, Wilderness Watch and allies filed suit in the U.S. District Court for Montana asking for a preliminary injunction and/or temporary restraining order to halt the State of Montana's North Fork Blackfoot Westslope Cutthroat Trout Project—a massive stream poisoning and fish stocking project in the Scapegoat Wilderness that could begin as soon as August 1. The Forest Service (FS), in blatant violation of the Wilderness Act, issued a decision on July 15 authorizing Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) to make approximately 67 helicopter landings in the Wilderness, apply rotenone to kill previously stocked fish in 67 miles of stream and 3 lakes, restock naturally fishless waters with hatchery-reared westslope cutthroat trout, and use motorized and gas-powered boats and equipment in the Wilderness.**

**The Scapegoat Wilderness is the southern anchor of the famed Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, an area of 1.6 million unbroken acres of designated Wilderness that is home to rare species such as grizzly bears, wolves, and wolverines. The Forest Service abdicated its responsibility to the Scapegoat and its wildlife by unlawfully approving FWP's poisoning project with a categorical exclusion (CE), avoiding the required full environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which would have included analyzing a full range of alternatives, some of which could have protected the Scapegoat Wilderness.**

**"The helicopter landings, broadscale use of poisons in lakes and free-flowing waters, and intensive wildlife manipulations authorized by the Forest Service in this case represent one of the most egregious intrusions in Wilderness,"** stated George Nickas, executive director of Wilderness Watch. **"It shows a total disregard for what Wilderness is all about."**

The streams, lakes, and upper reaches of the North Fork Blackfoot River approved for poisoning are naturally fishless. The State's goal is to kill the fish it has been stocking in these headwater streams for several decades and replace them with westslope cutthroat trout, a species native to the lower reaches of the North Fork.

**Poisoning streams and stocking naturally fishless waters with fish will wreak havoc on the natural aquatic ecosystem in the Scapegoat Wilderness.** Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Forest Service refer to the natural condition of these waters as "barren," but in fact they are rich aquatic ecosystems filled with life. The poison rotenone has been shown to kill many of the organisms that derive oxygen from the water, including aquatic vertebrates and invertebrates, amphibians, and other species that naturally occur in these streams. Introducing westslope cutthroat—an effective predator—into naturally fishless ecosystems has been shown to have devastating effects to natural systems throughout the West.

"Wilderness exists to allow natural ecosystems to evolve in their own way, not to serve as game farms or fish hatcheries," added Nickas. "That's why Wilderness is so important for conservation, science, and the human spirit."

**The conservation groups are represented by Wilderness Watch staff Attorney, Dana Johnson, and Tim Bechtold of Bechtold Law Firm.**

**[As drought slams California and Oregon, Klamath farmers grow fish to quell a water war](#)**  
**[By the Los Angeles Times, 7/22/21](#)**

It's a strange place to find fish, deep in the high desert, where drought-baked earth butts against scrubby mountains. But water spews from the hot springs on Ron Barnes' land near the



California-Oregon border, pure and perfect for rearing c'waam and koptu, two kinds of endangered suckerfish sacred to Native American tribes.

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Erick Melvin Mason, "Mega" on July 13, 2021 at his home in Bishop, Ca following an extended illness that doctors could never diagnose. Erick was born on April 24, 1975 in Yuba City, California to Pearl Dewey-Vega and Clifton Jeff Mason, Sr. He attended Bishop Union Elementary Schools and High School in Bishop and graduated from the Big Pine High School. He continued his education at the Academy of Radio Broadcasting in Huntington Beach, California where he received a degree in radio broadcasting. He held several jobs working for

Chevron in Rocklin, CA, Walmart in Nevada, The Bishop Paiute Tribe, Toiyabe Indian Health Project, and Caltrans where he found the ideal position in Dispatch working for the past 21 years. He was considered a staple in the District 9 Dispatch Team. He was always there to keep their Maintenance team and the traveling public safe. Another passion of his was to keep Tribal traditions alive. He lived most of his life on the Bishop Paiute Reservation and was a member of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe of Death Valley. He poured his heart in to reviving the traditional hand games of the Paiute-Shoshone People when hand game was almost never practiced. He began teaching the young and bringing back handgame tournaments at Tribal events. Natives would come from near and as far away as Canada to participate in Bishop Hand Games. He loved the game and his Hand game family loved him. He traveled many miles to play in hand game tournaments all over the country. He enjoyed teaching and learning the songs from his grandmother and great-grandfather, who he cherished dearly. In 2009, Loni Romo blessed Erick with a daughter, Emileigh Adeline Mason who was his pride and joy. He was so proud of her many accomplishments. He loved to watch her at Pow Wows where she reigned as Princess for several years and was an excellent jingle and traditional dancer.

Erick is survived by his daughter, Emileigh Adeline Mason and her mother, Loni Romo and sister, Michaela King; his mother Pearl Vega and step-father, Douglas Vega; brothers, Clifton Jeff Mason, Jr. and Justin Kinney Sr.; his nieces, Su-Wah-Vee "HaiWee" Mason, Anah-kee E. Mason, and Jasmine R. Mason; nephews, Timothy A. Mason, Clifton J. Mason III, Melvin C. Mason, Weston Mason and Hollis Mason, Justin Kinney Jr. and Jasper Kinney; uncles, Clifford Delvin Dewey, Doug Frank-Mason and Earl "Duke" Frank; aunts, Christine Spratt, LouAnne Lovelace, Claudia Salgado, Pam Frank, Rachel Mason and Dolly Manuelito; plus tons of cousins and extended family.

Erick was preceded in death by his father, Clifton J. Mason, Sr.; sisters, Jeanine R. Mason and Julie R. Mason; brother, Gerald Mason; grandparents, Clifford and Emily Dewey, Earl Frank Jr and Amelia Frank and Dorland Mason.

A Cry Dance will be held for Erick Friday, July 23rd at dusk. Viewing will be held at the Cry Dance. Services will follow on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Barlow Lane Gym, 390 Barlow Lane, Bishop. A grab-n- o lunch will be available after the services and burial will be at the Fish Lake Valley Cemetery in Dyer, Nevada.

We ask that everyone honor Covid -19 prevention efforts and please wear a mask. Thank you.

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Erick Melvin "Mega" Mason  
1975 - 2021

