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Hi! I'm new to this group. Thought I'd share my favorite southwest pic, taken at the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the White Mountains. That's Mount Williamson in the background, at sunset. Yes, it's a VERY long lens, 400mm with a 2x extender, then cropped a bit.

[Hair equity.](#) The Assembly's judiciary committee this week passed a bill that would expand the reach of California's 2019 CROWN Act — which bars hair discrimination at schools and workplaces — to also include competitive sports and other situations.

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[The Global Mining Boom Puts African Great Apes at Greater Risk Than Previously Known](#)

[Katie Surma, Inside Climate News](#)

[Surma writes: "New research reveals that one-third of great apes on the African continent are threatened by mining concessions, while inadequate protective measures are in place."](#)

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**This Museum Lets Visitors Talk to A.I. Copies of World War II Veterans**

Eighteen Americans who participated in the war effort each answered up to 1,000 questions on camera to create their interactive video likenesses

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Lithium and people in the Amargosa Valley. In this first-ever collaboration between the Nevada Current and Nevada Public Radio/Desert Companion, the Current's Jeniffer Solis unpacks the issues and describes the diverse coalition of folks who hope to stop lithium drilling in the Amargosa Valley before it permanently alters Ash Meadows. **[Can locals save Ash Meadows?](#)**

The Story of Captain John

This is the story of an Indian Chief, who was for many years absolute ruler of a thousand subjects in the Mono Area. Owing to the disobedience of his people to his last, and most important, edict, he proclaimed that he was no longer their Chief and leader, and died a few years later a broken hearted and lonely old man.

Captain John of The Mono Piutes was a person, I, the writer, had long waited to meet. I had entertained visions of him as a potentate—surrounded by his subjects, living in a sort of Utopia near the shores of Mono Lake. I was quite disillusioned, however, with his surroundings on our visit to him, but it *was* and *is* a never-to-be-forgotten memory.

My husband, who had known John for some years, finally consented to take me by buggy team, over what he knew would be rough and hazardous roads, to the place where John lived in the Mono Basin.

We had gone many miles too far when we were finally directed by a rancher to go back until we came to a divide where we were to branch off the main road. This we found and followed along a sandy creek bed to a place known as the Patroli ranch on the north side of Mono Lake.

Stopping at this ranch, we saw a small barefooted Italian boy peeking at us from behind a tree. My husband held up a coin and the boy's fear suddenly left him and he came up to the buggy. In answer to our question, he directed us to continue on over a road mostly overgrown with sagebrush. Pointing to a place where a faint outline of smoke was rising in the distance, he said "John lives down there, but why you wanta see that Indian Wop? Maybe you better notta go. All Indians and some white men are afraid of thata John. You know what some people call him?" Here he put his hand partly over his mouth and whispered, "A Witch Man."

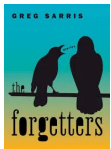
Farming and Irrigation Artifacts Museum

OLDEST BASKET IN THE WORLD, 10,500-year-old basket

The empty basket was discovered by youth volunteers from the Nofei Prat pre-military leadership academy during excavations in Cave 4 at Wadi Muraba'at, some 10 miles north of the Cave of Horror in the occupied West Bank.

Preserved by the extreme heat and aridity of the region, it was woven from plant material and even features an intact lid. The basket is very large, with a capacity of roughly 90-100 liter (24-26 gallons). An initial study indicates it was woven by two people, one of whom was left-handed. Researchers hope analysis of the small amount of soil found in the bottom of the basket may reveal its contents.

(Photos credit: Yaniv Berman, Israel Antiquities Authority;
Yoli Schwartz, Israel Antiquities Authority)



(Courtesy Heyday)

April 7

Greg Sarris: The Sonoma writer and American Indian leader appears with literary critic Jane Ciabattari to promote “The Forgetters,” a cycle of stories in the manner of Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok creation stories. [1 p.m., Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera]

AT THE SMITHSONIAN

Greg Sarris: The Sonoma writer and American Indian leader appears with literary critic Jane Ciabattari to promote “The Forgetters,” a cycle of stories in the manner of Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok creation stories. A Smithsonian folklorist looks back and finds stories that explain how a darkening of daytime skies provokes a foreboding of evil

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UPON SUFFERING BEYOND SUFFERING~ THE RED NATION SHALL RISE AGAIN AND IT SHALL BE A BLESSING FOR A SICK WORLD! A WORLD FILLED WITH BROKEN PROMISES, SELFISHNESS AND SEPARATIONS! A WORLD LONGING FOR LIGHT AGAIN~ I SEE A TIME OF SEVEN GENERATION WHEN ALL THE COLORS OF MANKIND WILL GATHER UNDER THE SACRED TREE OF LIFE AND THE WHOLE EARTH WILL BECOME ONE CIRCLE AGAIN ~ ~ ~



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Researchers make significant breakthrough to solve unmet need for potable water in Navajo Nation: 'This device can work for us' ([msn.com](https://www.msn.com))

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/technology/researchers-reach-significant-breakthrough-with-device-that-can-produce-potable-water-out-of-thin-air-here-s-how-it-works/ar-BB1jeHB8>

These Tribal People Are In Absolute Wonderment When Shown A Clip Of Polar Bears. By Emily Davis

In this fascinating video from the BBC, tribes people who have never seen ice before react to a polar bear clip from BBC's Planet Earth. <http://www.trendingly.com/tribes-react-to-polar-bears>

ONAP Vacancy Announcement - Vacancy Announcement

Position: Grants Management Specialist, GS-9/11/12

Locations: Seattle, WA

Application Deadline: April 8, 2024

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Harold Bettinger Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
Hawaii Pacific University Esports Scholarship	\$24,000	May 01, 2024
Henrietta M. Fisher Memorial Honor Scholarship Fund	\$4,000	May 01, 2024
Howard Community College Scholarships	Varies	May 01, 2024
Humans of Dementia Scholarship	\$1,500	May 01, 2024
IAEE Helen Brett Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
IEEE Charles LeGeyt Fortescue Scholarship	\$24,000	May 01, 2024
Indiana Farm Bureau Excellence in Ag Award	\$8,000	May 01, 2024
International Essential Tremor Foundation Scholarship	\$3,000	May 01, 2024
Ira Rosenzweg Scholarship	\$4,000	May 01, 2024
Jacob And Rita Van Namen Marketing Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
James Bridenbaugh Memorial Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
Jamie Bax Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
Jesse L. Jackson-Fellows Toyota Scholarship	\$25,000	May 01, 2024
John Carew Memorial Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
John L. Tomasovic, Sr. Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
Johnny's Hope Hayley Rayburn Nursing Scholarship	\$1,000	May 01, 2024
Julio and Sarah Armellini Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
Kansas Military Service Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
Kentucky Teacher Scholarship Program	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
Laura Fuoss Memorial Grant	\$1,000	May 01, 2024
Les Dames d'Escoffier Colorado Chapter Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
LIFE Association Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
LIFGA Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
Manchester University Honors Program	Varies	May 01, 2024
Maryland 2+2 Transfer Scholarship	\$2,000	May 01, 2024
Michigan Nurses Foundation Scholarships	\$2,000	May 01, 2024
Mike and Flo Novoesky Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
Montana Life Members Scholarship	\$2,000	May 01, 2024
Murphy Memorial Scholarship	\$500	May 01, 2024
National Greenhouse Manufacturers Association (NGMA) Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
New Jersey Hall of Fame Arête Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
NJACD Memorial Conservation Scholarship	\$1,000	May 01, 2024
NSCCF Scholarships	\$10,300	May 01, 2024
NVFEH Scholarship for Medical Students	\$1,500	May 01, 2024
NWCL Law Scholarship	\$1,000	May 01, 2024

O'Neill Tabani Enrichment Fund	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
Order of Alhambra Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
Oregon Chafee Education and Training Grant	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
Page Education Foundation Grants	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
Paula Ford-Martin Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	May 01, 2024
Paula Kovarick Segalman Family Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
PHCC Educational Foundation Scholarships	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
PMI Alaska Chapter Scholarship	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
PMI Dr. Harold Kerzner Scholarship	\$7,500	May 01, 2024
PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter Scholarship	\$1,000	May 01, 2024
PMI GAC Scholarships	\$3,000	May 01, 2024
PMI James "Jim" Rankin Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
PMI Kansas City Mid America Chapter Scholarship	\$3,000	May 01, 2024
PMI Matthew H. Parry Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000	May 01, 2024
PMI New York City Chapter Scholarship	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
PMI North Carolina Chapter Scholarship	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
PMI Phoenix Chapter Scholarship	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
PMI Robert J. Yourzak Scholarship Award	\$2,000	May 01, 2024
PMI Silver Spring Chapter Scholarship	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
PMI Tulsa Chapter Scholarship	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation	\$20,000	May 01, 2024
Rambler Scholarship for LGBTQI Student Athletes	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
Raytheon Underrepresented Minorities in Cybersecurity Scholarship	\$10,000	May 01, 2024
Richard T. Meister Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
Robert J Frankel Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
Rotary Scholarship for Camarillo, CA	Varies	May 01, 2024

San Jose State University Scholarships	Varies	May 01, 2024
Seed Companies Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
SET Educational Fund	\$6,500	May 01, 2024
SSC's Leadership in Law Enforcement Scholarship	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
State of Maine Grant Program	\$1,250	May 01, 2024
STEM for Every Child Scholarship	\$1,000	May 01, 2024
Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund	Varies	May 01, 2024
SVCF Bailey Family Postgraduate Scholarship	\$3,000	May 01, 2024
SWANA Scholarships	Varies	May 01, 2024
Syracuse University Named Scholarships	\$2,500	May 01, 2024
Tennessee Tech Undergraduate Scholarships	\$64,000	May 01, 2024
Texas Tech University Presidential Merit Scholarships	\$36,000	May 01, 2024
The Mahoney Family Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
The Paradigm Challenge	\$100,000	May 01, 2024
The Ruth Cheatham Foundation Scholarship	Varies	May 01, 2024
The Washington Thoroughbred Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
The Women's Empowerment Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024
Tom Olen Memorial Fund Scholarship	\$5,000	May 01, 2024

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Language keeper

Jaeden King wants to preserve the Ojibwe language by bringing it to schools in her community By Kim Kiser

Growing up on Mille Lacs tribal land, Jaeden King spent a lot of time with her grandmother. “She was always speaking Ojibwe,” King recalls.

In addition to listening and learning, King, who graduated from Onamia High School, took two years of post-secondary Ojibwe classes at Bemidji State University. Now in her fourth year at the University of Minnesota, she is double majoring in American Indian Studies and the Ojibwe language in the College of Liberal Arts.

King says she originally planned to study business. While doing an internship at Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, her boss, an attorney and U of M graduate, encouraged her to consider the American Indian Studies program. “He did American Indian Studies as an undergraduate. He told me to do something I’m passionate about,” she says.

At her high school graduation party, King’s grandmother encouraged her to continue studying the Ojibwe language. “She said I was going to be a language keeper and that I’m not going to let the language die. She made me feel like it was the thing to do,” King says.

The Tobin and Susan Jones Scholarship and others have made it possible for King to pursue those passions. Funded with IRA distributions and an estate gift, the scholarship is directed toward undergraduate students attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities who are enrolled or eligible for enrollment in a federally recognized tribe.

“My grandmother said, when she was my age, college wasn’t possible. It was so expensive. It’s not something people on the reservation did,” she says. “In high school, I spent a lot of time working, studying, and volunteering. It means a lot to me that someone wanted to give me a scholarship for my hard work.”

After college, King, a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and a descendant of the Red Lake Nation, plans to return to Mille Lacs. “I have a lot of hopes and dreams for the language in my home,” she says.

She would like to open an Ojibwe immersion day care center and write children’s books in Ojibwe. She also wants to get the language into the Onamia and Hinckley schools and open an Ojibwe immersion school in Minnesota like Waadookodaading in Hayward, Wisconsin.

“Because the Ojibwe language is an endangered language,” she says, “it’s really important for my people to work on bringing it back to life.”

Support the [Ojibwe Language Program](#) in the Department of American Indian Studies in the College of Liberal Arts.

Jaeden King on the tribal land where she grew up. “It’s where my mom grew up and her mom and my grandma’s mom.” pic @<https://give.umn.edu/stories/language-keeper>

First State of the Union Address (1845) by James K. Polk Given December 2

President Polk was an unabashed expansionist and thus his policies and actions would have major impact on Indian nations, ultimately leading to the invasion of Mexico and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

This first state of the union should be read in full; however a few (brief) extracts:

First was a fascinating spin on the annexation of Texas, followed by another long narration of relations/intercourse with Mexico. (“This accession to our territory has been a bloodless achievement.” *Remember the Alamo?*)(“Toward Texas I do not doubt that a liberal and generous spirit will actuate Congress in all that concerns her interests and prosperity, and that she will never have cause to regret that she has united her "lone star" to our glorious constellation.”)

On to Oregon

“Subsequent to the date of this act of Parliament a grant was made from the "British Crown" to the Hudsons Bay Company of the exclusive trade with the Indian tribes in the Oregon Territory, subject to a reservation that it shall not operate to the exclusion "of the subjects of any foreign states who, under or by force of any convention for the time being between us and such foreign states, respectively, may be entitled to and shall be engaged in the said trade." It is much to be regretted that while under this act British subjects have enjoyed the protection of British laws and British judicial tribunals throughout the whole of Oregon, American citizens in the same Territory have enjoyed no such protection from their Government. At the same time, the result illustrates the character of our people and their institutions. In spite of this neglect they have multiplied, and their number is rapidly increasing in that Territory. They have made no appeal to arms, but have peacefully fortified themselves in their new homes by the adoption of republican institutions for themselves, furnishing another example of the truth that self-government is inherent in the American breast and must prevail. It is due to them that they should be embraced and protected by our laws. It is deemed important that our laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes east of the Rocky Mountains should be extended to such tribes as dwell beyond them. The increasing emigration to Oregon and the care and protection which is due from the Government to its citizens in that distant region make it our duty, as it is our interest, to cultivate amicable relations with the Indian tribes of that Territory. For this purpose I recommend that provision be made for establishing an Indian agency and such subagencies as may be deemed necessary beyond the Rocky Mountains.”

“For the protection of emigrants whilst on their way to Oregon against the attacks of the Indian tribes occupying the country through which they pass, I recommend that a suitable number of stockades and blockhouse forts be erected along the usual route between our frontier settlements on the Missouri and the Rocky Mountains, and that an adequate force of mounted riflemen be raised to guard and protect them on their journey. The immediate adoption of these recommendations by Congress will not violate the provisions of the existing treaty. It will be doing nothing more for American citizens than British laws have long since done for British subjects in the same territory.”

“It requires several months to perform the voyage by sea from the Atlantic States to Oregon, and although we have a large number of whale ships in the Pacific, but few of them afford an opportunity of interchanging intelligence without great delay between our settlements in that distant region and the United States. An overland mail is believed to be entirely practicable, and the importance of establishing such a mail at least once a month is submitted to the favorable consideration of Congress.”

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In stating that the sale of public lands should be reduced from \$1.25/acre to \$1/acre:

“I recommend the continuance of the policy of granting preemptions in its most liberal extent to all those who have settled or may hereafter settle on the public lands, whether surveyed or unsurveyed, to which the Indian title may have been extinguished at the time of settlement. It has been found by experience that in consequence of combinations of purchasers and other causes a very small quantity of the public lands, when sold at public auction, commands a higher price than the minimum rates established by law. The settlers on the public lands are, however, but rarely able to secure their homes and improvements at the public sales at that rate, because these combinations, by means of the capital they command and their superior ability to purchase, render it impossible for the settler to compete with them in the market. By putting down all competition these combinations of capitalists and speculators are usually enabled to purchase the lands, including the improvements of the settlers, at the minimum price of the Government, and either turn them out of their homes or extort from them, according to their ability to pay, double or quadruple the amount paid for them to the Government. It is to the enterprise and perseverance of the hardy pioneers of the West, who penetrate the wilderness with their families, suffer the dangers, the privations, and hardships attending the settlement of a new country, and prepare the way for the body of emigrants who in the course of a few years usually follow them, that we are in a great degree indebted for the rapid extension and aggrandizement of our country.”

“Experience has proved that no portion of our population are more patriotic than the hardy and brave men of the frontier, or more ready to obey the call of their country and to defend her rights and her honor whenever and by whatever enemy assailed. They should be protected from the grasping speculator and secured, at the minimum price of the public lands, in the humble homes which they have improved by their labor. With this end in view, all vexatious or unnecessary restrictions imposed upon them by the existing preemption laws should be repealed or modified. It is the true policy of the Government to afford facilities to its citizens to become the owners of small portions of our vast public domain at low and moderate rates.”

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“The present system of managing the mineral lands of the United States is believed to be radically defective. More than 1,000,000 acres of the public lands, supposed to contain lead and other minerals, have been reserved from sale, and numerous leases upon them have been granted to individuals upon a stipulated rent. The system of granting leases has proved to be not only unprofitable to the Government, but unsatisfactory to the citizens who have gone upon the lands, and must, if continued, lay the foundation of much future difficulty between the Government and the lessees. According to the official records, the amount of rents received by the Government for the years 1841, 1842, 1843, and 1844 was \$6,354.74, while the expenses of the system during the same period, including salaries of superintendents, agents, clerks, and incidental expenses, were \$26,111.11, the income being less than one-fourth of the expenses. To this pecuniary loss

may be added the injury sustained by the public in consequence of the destruction of timber and the careless and wasteful manner of working the mines. The system has given rise to much litigation between the United States and individual citizens, producing irritation and excitement in the mineral region, and involving the Government in heavy additional expenditures. It is believed that similar losses and embarrassments will continue to occur while the present System of leasing these lands remains unchanged. These lands are now under the superintendence and care of the War Department, with the ordinary duties of which they have no proper or natural connection. I recommend the repeal of the present system, and that these lands be placed under the superintendence and management of the General Land Office, as other public lands, and be brought into market and sold upon such terms as Congress in their wisdom may prescribe, reserving to the Government an equitable percentage of the gross amount of mineral product, and that the preemption principle be extended to resident miners and settlers upon them at the minimum price which may be established by Congress.”

“During the last summer the First Regiment of Dragoons made extensive excursions through the Indian country on our borders, a part of them advancing nearly to the possessions of the Hudsons Bay Company in the north, and a part as far as the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains and the head waters of the tributary streams of the Colorado of the West. The exhibition of this military force among the Indian tribes in those distant regions and the councils held with them by the commanders of the expeditions, it is believed, will have a salutary influence in restraining them from hostilities among themselves and maintaining friendly relations between them and the United States. An interesting account of one of these excursions accompanies the report of the Secretary of War. Under the directions of the War Department Brevet Captain Fremont, of the Corps of Topographical Engineers, has been employed since 1842 in exploring the country west of the Mississippi and beyond the Rocky Mountains. Two expeditions have already been brought to a close, and the reports of that scientific and enterprising officer have furnished much interesting and valuable information. He is now engaged in a third expedition, but it is not expected that this arduous service will be completed in season to enable me to communicate the result to Congress at the present session.”

“Our relations with the Indian tribes are of a favorable character. The policy of removing them to a country designed for their permanent residence west of the Mississippi, and without the limits of the organized States and Territories, is better appreciated by them than it was a few years ago, while education is now attended to and the habits of civilized life are gaining ground among them.”

“Serious difficulties of long standing continue to distract the several parties into which the Cherokees are unhappily divided. The efforts of the Government to adjust the difficulties between them have heretofore proved unsuccessful, and there remains no probability that this desirable object can be accomplished without the aid of further legislation by Congress. I will at an early period of your session present the subject for your consideration, accompanied with an exposition of the complaints and claims of the several parties into which the nation is divided, with a view to the adoption of such measures by Congress as may enable the Executive to do justice to them, respectively, and to put an end, if possible, to the dissensions which have long prevailed and still prevail among them.”

There are (lengthy) substantial remarks on foreign trade (including taxing imports of Portuguese wine), the Treasury, Navy, The AG’s office, DC representation (!) and a tribute to Andy Jackson.

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/James_K._Polk%27s_First_State_of_the_Union_Address