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**Jadayupara - the largest bird sculpture in the world. Yes, that is a person standing on the wing!! Jatayu Nature Park, India Photo by @jonny.melon for Wildgeography**

## **GrantStation**

### **Tribes in Nevada eligible for millions in Interior water infrastructure funding**

#### **Funding Enables Community Engagement With Public Lands**

The Matching Awards Program, the National Forest Foundation's flagship competitive grant program, awards funds throughout the United States for projects connecting people to forests.

#### **Grants Advance Well-Being for Indigenous Men in the U.S.**

November's Indigenous Men's Wellbeing Innovation Initiative will provide funding to Indigenous-led nonprofit organizations to improve social and emotional well-being among Indigenous boys and men in the United States.

#### **Awards Recognize Partnerships Addressing Social Issues**

The Mutual of America Community Partnership Award recognizes the important contributions that nonprofit organizations, in partnership with public, private, and other social sector organizations, make to society in the United States.

#### **Group Respite Programs for Individuals With Dementia Supported**

The Brookdale Foundation Group works to enhance the quality of life of older adults in the United States.

### **Regional Opportunities**

#### **Grants Address Mental Health in Arizona**

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Foundation for Community & Health Advancement provides grants for programs and applied research to tackle Arizona's health challenges.

#### **Legal Services Funded in Colorado**

The Colorado Bar Foundation advances justice in Colorado by supporting legal services and law-related education.

#### **Support Facilitates Energy Efficiency Upgrades for Nonprofits**

Southface Institute's GoodUse program helps nonprofits reduce utility costs and their environmental footprint by improving their energy and water efficiency.

#### **Grants Provided to Vermont Schools for Music Programs**

Music Drives Us strives to inspire New England's musicians of tomorrow by supporting their music opportunities today.

### **Federal Opportunities**

#### **Funds Available for Arts Programs for Justice-Involved Youth**

The Arts Programs for Justice-Involved Youth initiative seeks to support and strengthen collaborations between arts-based organizations and juvenile justice systems to develop, expand, or enhance promising and effective interventions that provide access to high-quality arts programs.

### **Program Supports Equity in the Workforce**

The Fostering Access, Rights, and Equity Grant Program supports projects to assist marginalized and underserved women workers who have been impacted by gender-based violence and harassment in the world of work.

### **SeedMoney Garden Grants**

SeedMoney offers grants and crowdfunding opportunities to a wide range of nonprofit organizations across the U.S. and around the world interested in starting or sustaining a food garden project. (The majority of grants are provided in the United States.) [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **T-Mobile HQ Grants**

The T-Mobile HQ Grants program supports nonprofits in the greater Seattle, WA, and greater Kansas City (including parts of Kansas and Missouri) areas that are impacting digital equity and community-specific issues. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **Exploring the U.S. is in Temecula, CA.**

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### **The Redford Center**

The Redford Center is dedicated to environmental impact filmmaking. The Redford Center Grants program, which operates on a two-year cycle, supports feature documentaries and episodic docuseries at any stage of development, production, or post production that are about, or intersect with, an environmental issue and a proposed or activated solution. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.



### **mynews4.com**

**Sparks based Sierra Nevada Corporation secures \$13 billion defense contract**

**A Sparks company was awarded a \$13 billion defense contract to replace the service's E-4B "Doomsday" plane.Sierra Nevada Corporation announced that it was award**

*Part of the Great Oak's significance lies in the fact that, despite its great age, it continues to produce acorns, one of the foods that sustained native Californians for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans."*  
*- Temecula, California*



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### [The Pechanga Great Oak Tree - Living In Temecula](https://livingintemelaca.com/the-pechanga-great-oak-tree)

Aug 28, 2023 If you wish to visit the **Great Oak**, please contact the Cultural Resources Department at (951) 770-6300 for more information. As you explore the Pechanga Reservation and the **Great Oak**, you will gain a deeper understanding of the rich cultural heritage and deep connection the Pechanga people have with this ancient and majestic tree. The **Great Oak** ...

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To the Pechanga people, the land and the Great Oak that stands upon it carry meaning that transcends physical presence. The Great Oak has come to embody the identity and character of the Pechanga Band: strength, wisdom, longevity and determination. (Pechanga website)

#### **Wi'áaşal , The Great Oak**

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The Great Oak is located in an area once known as Great Oak Ranch. It was located just outside the borders of the reservation land granted to the Pechanga people in 1882. In 2001, the Pechanga Tribe purchased the Great Oak Ranch, Wi'áaşal, and the 1000 acres surrounding it. In April 2003, the Pechanga Band of Indians had the Great Oak Ranch property put into federal trust by President Bush. This property is now part of the Pechanga Reservation.



The ranch's most famous resident was mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner, who owned the land he called Rancho del Paisano from 1937 until his death in 1970. Over the years, he expanded the living quarters on the 1000-acre ranch from one small cabin to a complex of 27 buildings, which included separate cabins for the many full-time secretaries who typed the novels he dictated. He even built a fireproof vault where he stored his original manuscripts and



recordings.

*Erle Stanley Gardner discussing baskets with Mary (Maria) Osuna in the mid-1930s. Gardner kept a collection of Native American art in the office where he wrote many of his novels.*

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**These ancient grains are the future of food** Bill Gates April 26, 2024



In West Africa, there's a grain that's older than the wheel—but it could also be the future of food. It can grow in poor soils, resist droughts, and provide income for smallholder farmers. It also tastes great and has many health benefits.

The grain is called fonio, and it's one of the "lost crops" that could help us fight climate change and malnutrition at the same time. As indigenous or native plants that have largely fallen out of cultivation, millets like fonio—along with teff, the main ingredient in Ethiopian injera, and finger millet—are often overlooked by researchers and policymakers. But they have huge potential to improve lives and livelihoods.

In my latest blog post, I share some fascinating facts about fonio, teff, finger millet, and millets generally—including some of the key players working to make ancient grains popular in the modern world. You can read all about these superfoods [on Gates Notes now](#).



*Watch our Camp O'Connor highlights video*

**Camp O'Connor USA** is a free, merit-based summer program for middle school students with a mission to *educate, encourage and inspire* the next generation of leaders. Participants in our civics camp gain a deeper, **experiential understanding of our nation's democracy, branches of government, and the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.**

[View Camp O'Connor USA 2023 Photo Album](#)

**Camp O'Connor USA 2024 DATES: Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14, 2024**

**LOCATION: ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law**

**Applications are now open for current 7th and 8th grade students.**

[Apply Today](#)

The application consists of three sections:

- Student application
- Parent recommendation
- Teacher/Coach/Mentor recommendation (contact email needed)

If you have any questions, please contact [camp@oconnorinstitute.org](mailto:camp@oconnorinstitute.org)

At Camp O'Connor USA, we strive to: Empower and increase campers' understanding of civics, American government and their important role as citizens

- Fortify the leadership skills and confidence of students

- Encourage Camp graduates to become role models and leaders in their schools and communities

**HOW CAMP O'CONNOR CHANGED MY LIFE**  
**Camp Alumni Trex Jones and Hunter White**

**By**

"As alumni of the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute Civics Camp, we feel it's important to share how this extraordinary experience has helped shape our lives, ambitions, and outlook on government and education. Our names are Hunter White and Trex Jones, this is our story."

[Read More](#)

**Camp O'Connor USA Activities**

**Executive Branch Day**

On Executive Branch Day, students learn the responsibilities of the President and the executive branch at the state and federal levels. They engage in interactive simulations of executive leadership and visit the offices of a local mayor or the state governor.

**Legislative Branch Day**

For Legislative Branch Day, students examine the role, structure and procedures of the United States Congress as well as their state legislature. They visit the state capitol, debate and vote on a proposed bill, and hear from a state representative or senator

**Judicial Branch Day**

On Judicial Branch Day, students discover the meaning of the rule of law, an independent judiciary and the important role of our court system. They discuss a well-known U.S. Supreme Court case and explore the arguments behind the final opinion of the Court as well as the dissenting opinions. Students visit the state supreme court and have the chance to ask questions of a sitting justice.

**Citizenship Day**

For Citizenship Day, students learn about their rights and responsibilities as citizens. They discuss the history of voting rights in the United States, jury service and the value and importance of being informed voters in our free society. Students visit a local elections center to see the mechanics of **democracy in action**.

*(Where's the tribal government day?) (Article I, Section 8, US Constitution)*

This five-day summer day-camp provides current 7th and 8th graders with a unique, educational civics experience blended with leadership development. Camp O'Connor USA helps to prepare future leaders for greater participation in our democracy and strengthens their potential for lifelong success.

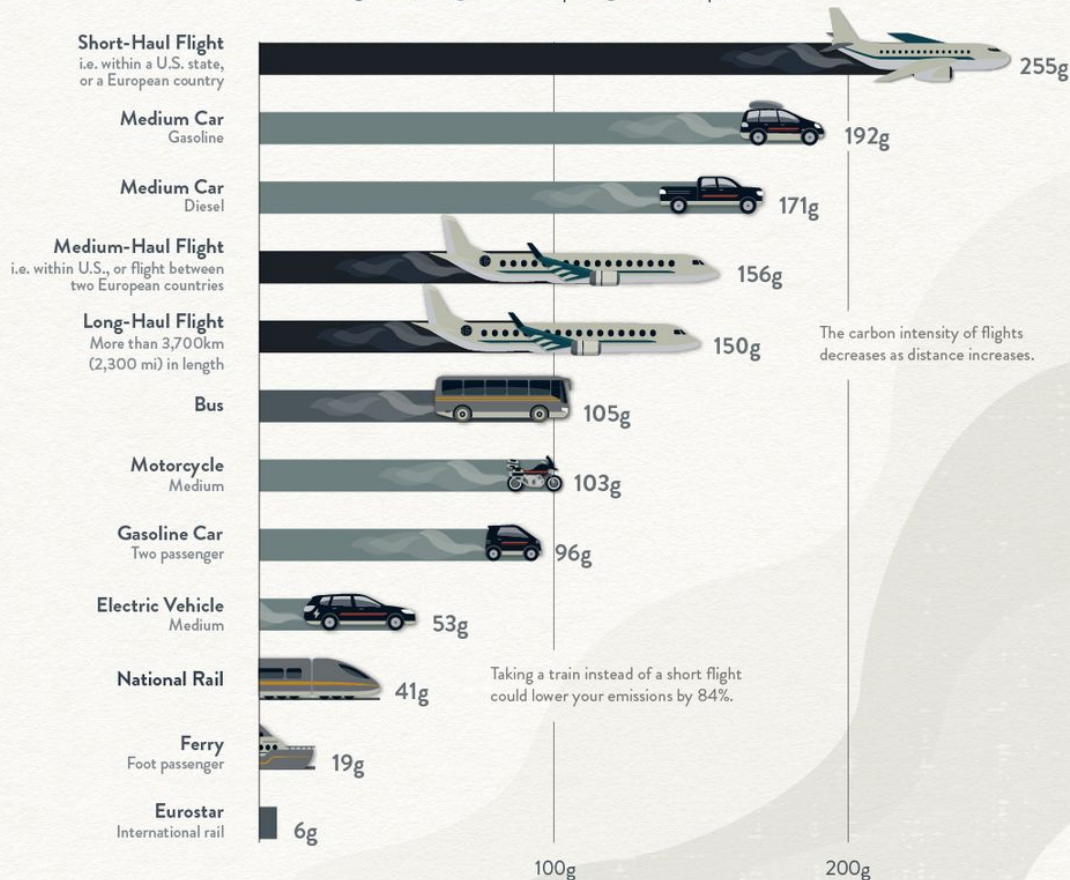
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*Yesterday was **National Teacher Day**, we want to uplift the impact that teachers have on our community, young people, and ourselves. We've had the good, the bad, the ugly.....but they all have taught us something. And, of course, you are a teacher, too! Remember that it is your responsibility to share life-long learning with those around you. sdc*

# The Carbon Cost of Transportation

What's the lowest-carbon method of transportation? Here's the carbon footprint of travel for different vehicles, measured in grams of carbon dioxide equivalents per passenger-kilometer.

● Air Travel ● Private Transport ● Public Transport



Source: UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy via Our World in Data  
Flight labels have been adjusted to be more relevant to an international audience, from the original UK-based source.



## Ancient Maya Royals' Remains Were Burned in a Public Ceremony to Mark a New Political Regime

Archaeologists discovered charred remains of former rulers tossed “haphazardly” into a tomb in present-day Guatemala, suggesting they had been removed from their original burial sites

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/ancient-maya-royals-remains-were-burned-in-a-public-ceremony-to-mark-a-new-political-regime-180984200/?spMailingID=49695369&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2682894385&spReportId=MjY4Mjg5NDM4NQs2>



## California Flies Too Close To The Sun

[Sunny California has a serious solar power problem](#). The state has encouraged people to build solar panels to the extent that it's dealing with a unique problem – on sunny days, there is so much solar power going around the grid that the price of electricity actually turns negative, meaning entire gigawatts of electricity are just thrown away.

Right now, California is home to about 47 gigawatts of solar power thanks to its robust incentive program – equivalent to over 25% of the state's electricity demands. The problem is that solar power generates energy when the sun is out, and grid operators are sometimes forced to “throw away” electricity, driving up the price of electricity during the hours when the sun isn't out. This has also lessened the value of solar installations.

To combat this issue, California implemented a new program named “net-metering,” which only gives money to new solar panel owners based on how much their power is worth to the grid when it goes in. The new regulation has already had a marked effect on the solar market – one energy research firm expects new residential solar installations to drop by 40% this year. Meanwhile, California has been selling some of the surplus energy to nearby states and encouraging people to install batteries to preserve some electricity.

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From Chris Askin's travel log in the South Pacific:

*The next day we went to the Island of Moorea and wow, we had finally arrived at paradise. We enjoyed Taro chips and saw many colorful churches. We visited an ancient temple site more than 900 years old that had been overtaken by the jungle. We learned that when the missionaries brought Christianity it all but erased the previous cultural beliefs. Even the stones from ancient temples were taken to build new churches, but now efforts are underway to restore sites and traditions, and to honor the past.*

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**IMLS Releases Research on Library Services during the Second Year of COVID-19**

*FY 2021 Public Libraries Survey provides insight on continued changes in library services into the pandemic*

**WASHINGTON, DC**—The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced today the release of a research brief on the continued response of public libraries to community needs two years into the COVID-19 pandemic. The brief, “Changes in Public Library Services as the COVID-19 Pandemic Continued Through FY 2021,” highlights how public libraries ensured patrons had access to library services as the pandemic reverberated through communities around the nation, further showcasing the significant role libraries have in their communities.

Findings from the research include:

- Fewer public library systems reported buildings closed to the public due to COVID-19 policies in FY 2021 (57 percent) compared to FY 2020 (90 percent).
- Electronic material circulation rates continued to increase through FY 2021, maintaining a trend first noted in FY 2018.
- The percentage of libraries allowing patrons to register for library cards online continued to increase in cities and suburbs, and libraries offering this option had higher electronic circulation per person than those that did not.
- Outside Wi-Fi access continued to be a popular way that public libraries met the digital needs of their communities, especially in rural and town libraries.

- Outside circulation of collection materials (e.g., curbside pick-up) remained a widely adopted service offered by libraries, with at least 80 percent offering it in both FY 2020 and FY 2021.

Additionally, IMLS's Library Search and Compare Tool includes library-level detail on COVID-19-related services such as whether a particular library continued services that were added or increased during COVID-19 closures, issued e-library cards, or boosted Wi-Fi access outside of library buildings. Access the Library Search and Compare Tool [here](#).

To read the full Public Libraries Survey research brief, please visit [www.ims.gov/publications](http://www.ims.gov/publications).

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Take a Tour of This Gorgeous Tiny Home Community

<https://www.thesimplifydaily.com/posts/tiny-home-community-44519080>

## The Latest Online Culture War Is Humans vs. Algorithms


Ever feel like Instagram or TikTok algorithms know you a bit too well? The backlash against automated curation is building, and new algorithm-free platforms are springing up.

### Nonprofits take a hit in House earmark rules

House appropriators have made it more difficult for members to secure fiscal 2025 earmarks for some social services programs in their districts, according to new guidance Appropriations Chairman Tom Cole, R-Okla., announced. [Read more...](#)



Ash CldHrse

Our girl Wetu has been accepted and was awarded two academic scholarships to UNM  !! She plans on earning her Bachelor's of Science in Biochemistry and plans on heading into the medical field I am super proud of her and looks like we will be spending a lot of time in ABQ!!!!

**A white Buffalo has been born 4/25/24 in Kansas.** For those who don't know the prophecy of the White Buffalo Woman, it is the most significant prophecy of the Lakota people, others like Comanche and Navajo also see it as a sign of things changing in the world and better times coming. Even the National Bison Association says that it is indeed a rare event, about 1 in ten million chance.

A symbol of Hope, and honoring that which is sacred, this is a reminder to Pray and remember your relationship with the Creator, just as the White Buffalo Woman taught the Lakota people to pray with the 7 sacred ceremonies over 19 generations ago. And if the prophecy is true, many major changes this year will lead us to a better relationship with the Earth, with each other and

with the Great Spirit in the sky!! 🙏👁️🐃

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~Tim McGovern

