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Do not weep if I am not granted parole. Cry freedom. Coalesce yourselves, galvanize your relationships, establish alliances. In the power of our people we find strength. Hold your head up high. It is not over, until it is over.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse.

Doksha,

Leonard Peltier

* Read Leonard Peltier's entire June 26 statement here: [https://static1.squarespace.com/.../Leonard Peltier...](https://static1.squarespace.com/.../Leonard+Peltier...)

Stevie Van Zandt: I deeply respect the FBI. It's in that spirit that I say they're getting this very wrong

The FBI that pursued Native American activist Leonard Peltier was largely J. Edgar Hoover's creation, not the FBI of today. Stevie Van Zandt calls on FBI Director Christopher Wray to drop his opposition to Peltier's release from prison.

Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/Ae6NvDfTIQBCQDrhpLJg-DQ>

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**12,000-year-old ritual passed down 500 generations may be world's oldest**

Deep in an Australian cave, archaeologists have uncovered evidence that an Aboriginal ritual may have been passed down 500 generations and survived 12,000 years.

Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/A8DIOUhJXQM6fnMkjqk4ocQ>

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The IBEW Museum - A History of Hope, Determination

In 1891, ten electrical workers met in St. Louis, Missouri, to form the first national union for the advancement and safety of those practicing a challenging and dangerous craft. From their efforts came a legacy of pride, skill and dedication: the foundation of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. With hope and determination, they created an effective and respected union that has contributed to the well-being of men and women in all aspects of the industry for more than a century.

The IBEW is proud to celebrate its history through its unique museum at the union's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Through text, graphics, artifacts, interactive displays and video, the museum tells the story of the workers in the electrical trade.

Donate an Object - We welcome donations of objects or material relating to the history of our union and the industries we represent.

Contact Us - If you would like to visit the museum or donate to our collection, please contact our curator Curtis Bateman [202-728-7691](tel:202-728-7691) curtis_bateman@ibew.org

We try to accommodate walk-ins or you can schedule with the curator ahead of time.
IBEW International Office 900 7th St NW Washington, DC 20001

<http://www.ibew.org/media-center/IBEW-News-Media-Center/Visit-the-Museum>

News that got waylaid (lost in the computer)

Commentary: Ag-to-urban bill saves groundwater while building the housing Arizona needs



Craig McFarland, mayor of Casa Grande, writes, “Arizona’s challenges with water supply and housing affordability are linked. But not in the way you may think. Despite a roughly seven-fold population increase, Arizona actually uses less water now than it did in the mid-1950s. Improvements in agriculture and farming water efficiency have helped make this possible, but it’s largely due to the state’s transition from water-intensive agricultural activities to less thirsty residential and domestic uses. Now, this same phenomenon has the ability to not only generate massive water savings and take pressure off Arizona’s limited groundwater supply, but also combat a housing shortage that has made Arizona one of the most expensive places to live. ...” [Read more from Arizona Central](#).

Colorado River Indian Tribes get funds to replace backwater infrastructure, Arizona U.S. senators say

“The Colorado River Indian Tribes in Parker will receive \$1 million to replace backwater infrastructure in the Deer Island area, the two U.S. senators from Arizona announced Monday. U.S. Senators Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema announced the funding that is part of three aging infrastructure projects totaling \$12.445 million. Senators Kelly and Sinema said the funding will go to replace debilitated water control infrastructure to provide greater control of flow and water levels within the backwater that is located within the Colorado River Indian Tribe Reservation. ...” [Read more from KAWC](#)



[Colorado River Indian Tribes sign historic water rights agreement in Parker](#)
[Victor Calderón](#) , April 30, 2024

CRIT leadership joined in ceremony by Interior Secretary, Arizona Gov. Hobbs, Sen. Kelly.

Win Without War

Chi'chil Bildagoteel Historic District of Arizona, a high desert oasis sacred to multiple Indigenous tribes and commonly known as "Oak Flat," is under extreme threat. Rio Tinto, a UK-Australian mining company — notorious for polluting Papua New Guinea, causing an environmental disaster in Brazil that left 19 dead, and blowing up Juukan Gorge, a treasured 46,000-year-old Aboriginal site in Australia — would destroy the area by carving out a 1,115-foot deep, 1.8 mile-wide crater for strip mining.

A coalition of Western Apache tribes and their allies is taking their case to the Supreme Court after the Ninth Circuit narrowly ruled against them earlier this year. It's the necessary next step in this fight. Still, we've seen the Court fail to protect Native rights and the environment before — that's why we need to work every possible angle to #SaveOakFlat.

As the litigation continues, we're piling the pressure on Congress to pass Rep. Raúl Grijalva's *Save Oak Flat from Foreign Mining Act*. This bill would reverse the land transfer and permanently protect the area — and building enough support to pass it in the House is one more way to ensure Oak Flat remains sacred and pristine for generations to come.

You might be asking: Why is Win Without War working on this issue? What's the connection to national security? That'd also be a good question for Senator John McCain. He inserted a midnight rider on the land swap in a 2015 must-pass defense funding bill — the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). That provision upended a prohibition on mining in the region that President Eisenhower put in place decades earlier.

These attempts to undermine human rights and social justice in the name of "national security" remind us how intertwined our collective fights are. **Whether it's reproductive health, racial justice, voting rights, environmental protection, accountability, peace, or Indigenous rights, the fights to protect our shared humanity are one and the same.**

Using "defense" bills to shoehorn in policies that make our communities and our planet less safe is, unfortunately, a well-worn tradition. House Republicans used the same playbook again just last month, inserting MAGA provisions on everything from abortion access to building Confederate monuments in this year's NDAA. These attempts to undermine human rights and social justice in the name of "national security" remind us how intertwined our collective fights are. Whether it's reproductive health, racial justice, voting rights, environmental protection, accountability, peace, or Indigenous rights, the fights to protect our shared humanity are one and the same.

That's why Win Without War joined the fight to save Oak Flat, starting in 2020, when Trump fast-tracked the land transfer that would turn thousands of acres of land over to a mining conglomerate with a devastating track record. But others have been fighting this fight, and others just like it, for centuries.

For too long, U.S. foreign policy has exploited Indigenous people and their lands. It happened when the United States waged an all-out war on Native peoples across the country. It happened when the government instigated coups against Indigenous leaders in Latin America. It's still happening.

So far, the pressure of tens of thousands of activists (that's YOU) and local Indigenous partners has kept Rio Tinto's mining project on pause. We've gained precious time to deepen our work to ensure that Oak Flat remains sacred and pristine for future generations.

With the clock ticking, it's time to work even harder. Please sign our petition and send your Representative an urgent message today.

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Van Rooyen: 'Some of the largest construction projects in world' coming to TRIC: Tract, a Denver-based data center developer, plans to invest \$100 billion into the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center in Storey County, bringing significant construction projects and job opportunities to the greater Reno area. (mbw.com)

[Carole Wright](#)

Aerostar's helium balloon that conducts "intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance" for the military has been seen circling the reservations in South and North Dakota, Whiteriver Apache, eastern Navajo, and Jicarilla Apache since June.

This activity was reported by Brenda Norell's Censored News and Facebook has locked her account. Why? Is FB now a censor of news reports? What more can be learned by surveillance of our reservations? Hell, they know more about us than we do!!

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Are you a teacher, part of a youth-focused organization, or a community non-profit? We invite you to start a Teens Teach Tech team in your hometown! In 2023, our teen volunteers trained over 12,000 adults in 17 states, and now it's your turn to make a difference.

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Patient



Communicative



Empathetic



Motivated

Exciting News! This summer, Teens Teach Tech, powered by AT&T, will host the Summer Showdown, starting June 1st. Teams can earn double the usual incentive for each person trained during this special initiative!

Why get involved?

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Provide hands-on learning experiences in a supportive environment.

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NCET Biz Tips: Stepping into the future of material handling innovation and e-fulfillment: Reno has become a key hub for logistics and warehousing, with companies like NPSG Global leading the way in material handling innovation. Learn more about their operations and upcoming presentation at NCET Tech on July 10. (nbnw.com)

Bigfoot Brothers From Another Mother



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If you think you've seen Bigfoot, this is the article for you. There are tales the old of time of large sasquatches that wander the woods. However, don't assume you've actually laid eyes on Bigfoot. It may be that you've seen a different version. Yep, there are different types of Bigfoots depending on where you live.

While there are over 50 versions reported around the world, let's look at the ones you may encounter in the US.

The names Sasquatch and Yeti are as familiar to us as childhood memories, but the lore of Bigfoot spans from the pine forests of Washington state to the remote mountains of China, covering every conceivable geographic coordinate.

Here's a brief guide to some lesser-known Bigfoot lore that might just spice up your next conversation with that intriguing old-timer over a local brew.

Skunk Ape in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama

Originating from a Seminole myth in the early 1800s, the Skunk Ape, or "cannibal giant" as it was known, was first reported by settlers in what is now Apalachicola around 1818. This foul-smelling, secretive creature was said to stalk fishermen and raid food supplies. Its presence persisted in reports, with notable sightings in Dade County, Florida, during the late 1970s.

Fouke Monster in Arkansas

The small town of Fouke was thrust into a frenzy one night in the early 1970s when a large, hairy beast with red eyes and claws reportedly attacked a local family. Despite being shot at by the husband and his friends, the creature escaped, inspiring the 1972 cult thriller, "The Legend of Boggy Creek."

Grassman in Ohio

With its first reported sighting either in the 1700s or late 1800s, Ohio's Grassman is described as a 9-foot-tall, 300-pound creature with a preference for wheat and tall grasses over meat. A notable encounter in 1978 involved a family spotting the Grassman near their gravel pit, thankfully without any hostility.

Mogollon Monster in Arizona

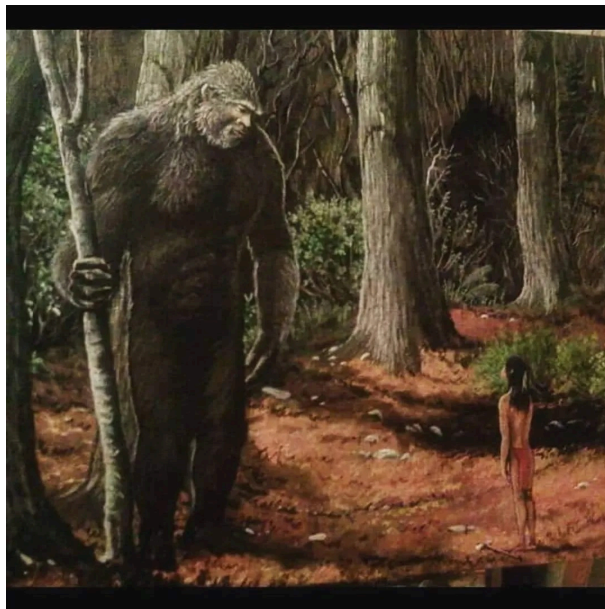
First seen in 1903 along the Mogollon Rim and later in areas like the Grand Canyon and Prescott

National Forest, this creature is noted for its towering height, deep-set eyes, and chilling scream. Reports suggest it feeds on both flora and larger fauna such as deer.

And obviously, if you have photos of any of these, we definitely want to see them!
<https://unitedwestandnews.com/bigfoot-brothers-from-another-mother/>

[Derek Hinkey](#) ·

"There is your Big man standing there, ever waiting, ever present, like the coming of a new day," Medicine Man Pete Catches "He is both spirit and real being, but he can also glide through the forest, like a moose with big antlers, as though the trees weren't there... I know him as my brother... I want him to touch me, just a touch, a blessing, something I could bring home to my sons and grandchildren, that I was there, that I approached him, and he touched me." Ray Owen, son of a Dakota spiritual leader."They exist in another dimension from us, but can appear in this dimension whenever they have a reason to. See, it's like there are many levels, many dimensions. When our time in this one is finished, we move on to the next, but the Big Man can go between. The Big Man comes from God. He's our big brother, kind of looks out for us. The existence of The Big Man is taken for granted throughout North America, and so are his powerful psychic abilities. The Big Man knows when humans are searching for him and that he chooses when and to whom to make an appearance, and that his psychic powers account for his ability to elude man's efforts to capture him or hunt him down. In Indian culture, the entire natural world -- the animals, the plants, the rivers, the stars -- is seen as a family. The increasing appearances of The big man are not only a message or warning to the individuals or communities to whom he appears, but to humankind at large. A messenger who appears as a warning from the Creator that man's disrespect for His sacred instructions has upset the harmony and balance of existence!



[Not just me:](#)

[Historians, legal experts express dismay at Trump immunity ruling](#)

Historians and legal experts warned Monday that the Supreme Court’s presidential immunity ruling opens the door to dangerous abuses of power and strikes against foundational American principles of accountability under the law. [Read more...](#)



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Check them out to learn more!

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What happens when you keep a plot of land in permanent drought? Extract: “With the soil open to colonization, invasives have moved in, making it more difficult for the natives to return.” (*sound familiar, tee hee....sdc*)

<https://laist.com/news/climate-environment/what-happens-when-you-keep-a-plot-of-land-in-permanent-drought>

High Definition Stream Surveys: Informed management in local waterways

“When it comes to environmental monitoring, new stream survey methodologies have revealed a great deal about water quality and streambed conditions over time. Such information can be particularly important in leading restoration initiatives and prioritizing management decisions. Historically, stream surveys have been conducted at a single point along the stream, with data then extrapolated for miles up and downstream. However, Brett Connell, Hydrologist and Director of Sales at Trutta Environmental Solutions, started developing a more intensive stream survey format in his master’s program in 2010 at the University of Tennessee. ... While Connell began developing this new way to collect stream data in college, Trutta’s R&D team has spent years transforming it into the High Definition Stream Survey (HDSS) method—an approach to rapidly gather continuous, meter-resolution GIS data in a single pass for a broad range of stream corridor metrics. ... ” [Read more from Environmental Monitor.](#)

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### For the week of July 8-14

- 1763 Jul 13** - Co. H Bouquet wrote use of contaminated blankets (presumably smallpox) against tribes around Ft. Pitt: “I will try to inoculate the Indians by means of Blankets that may fall in their hands, taking care.....not to get the disease myself”
  
- 1784 Jul 12** El Mocho, chief of the Tonkawas tribe, was assassinated by the Spanish at Presidio La Bahia (the present site of Goliad, Texas).
  
- 1787 Jul 13** Congress passed the Northwest Ordinance, pointing territories toward statehood.
  
- 1801 Jul 14** Thomas Jefferson’s administration affirmed its policy of teaching agriculture and trades to Native Americans.
  
- 1850 Jul 9** President John Tyler, opposed to the creation of Territories and States, dies in office; presidency falls to Millard Fillmore.
  
- 1861 Jul 8** James Nye of New York, newly appointed by President Lincoln to be the governor of the Territory of Nevada arrived in Carson City.
  
- 1861 Jul 12** Two days after the Creek Tribe signed a treaty with the Confederate States, the Choctaw and Chickasaw also did so.
  
- 1862 Jul 14** 18,325 square miles of the Territory of Utah were shifted to the Territory of Nevada.
  
- 1944 Jul 12** Native American soldier Roy Harmon was killed in Casaglia, Italy.
  
- 1963 Jul 10** To fill a previously unfilled position, the Nevada Board of Regents appointed Dorothy J. Jones as District Home Agent for Indian Programs at a salary rate of \$7000 based on twelve months of service. (*Some interesting archives at UNR?!*)
  
- 1965 Jul 14** Police said they had run out of clues on the fate of vanished Winnemucca Colony leader Delbert Howard.

**1966 Jul 12** The Nevada State Journal began publication of a six-part series on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

**From LA Times: [Show us your favorite place in California! We're running low on submissions. Send us photos that scream California and we may feature them in an edition of Essential California.](#)**  
***(A few powwow pics ought to fix that!)***

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## **“A Native Indian of New England Born and a Free Man”**

Brown University 7 years ago

Prof. Newell's book *Brethren by Nature: New England Indians, Colonist, and the Origins of American Slavery* (Cornell University Press, 2015), explores the enslavement of Indians by the English Colonists in New England. ...

