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An aerial view of a wash with toxic tailings from the Caselton Mine in Lincoln County near Pioche, Nevada on June 29, 2023. Caselton is a brownfield site proposed to be used for solar. Courtesy Bridget Bennett <https://ndep.nv.gov/land/abandoned-mine-lands/caselton-mine>

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Our water and lands need us more than ever right now, Noem will regret her decisions in South Dakota!

South Dakota wants to go to war with the tribes, Man camps are ready to be set up and Noem wants to punish any protectors who try to stop the construction of the KXL Pipeline, we have been fighting this for years and now its right in our back yard.

The 600 modular mobile homes are being stored in our Black Hills, and are ready to be set up to start the man camps.

Many of our Women go missing from these camps, It's an all around, messed up deal how this government is treating its indigenous peoples.

Will you be ready to stand with us?

(from the American Indian Reporter via 219)

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ICYMI: Comprehensive Analysis

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**NPR November 14, 2024**

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End of year means file cleaning. Here's an article I had meant to include in the Journal but didn't

Inside the push to make Nevada's green energy development go brown

[Amy Alonzo](#)

<https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/indy-environment-inside-the-push-to-make-nevadas-green-energy-development-go-brown>

Red Hawk and the kayak kids: 18 amazing photographs of Native American life at the turn of the 20th century

In 1900, American photographer Edward Sheriff Curtis embarked on a mission that consumed his life – documenting the cultures of Native American peoples before they were lost forever. For three decades, the arduous yet awe-inspiring work was his obsession, costing him his marriage and health as well as

Read in BBC History Magazine: <https://apple.news/AF20bnv-FRJO-M3MWvRnIZw>



[Livestock producers urged to prepare for disease outbreak](#)

[ThisIsReno - December 13, 2024](#)

University of Nevada, Reno Extension is urging Nevada livestock producers to strengthen their biosecurity measures in light of recent disease outbreaks and the potential threat of foot-and-mouth disease.

[National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum](#)

Oklahoma embodies the American ideal of “the western frontier,” with its wide open spaces, cowboys and cattle ranching culture. Throw yourself into all things Western at this Oklahoma City museum that takes you through the history of American settlement in the West. You’ll wander through a mocked-up frontier town and see rotating exhibits of everything from 19th-century photos to belt buckles. The museum also sells a joint ticket with the [First Americans Museum](#), which goes deep into the region’s Indigenous history and is located just 15 minutes away by car.

Finally, those future [UNR](#), [UNLV](#) or [NSU](#) undergrads don’t have too much time left to get their admissions applications in before the regular deadlines expire. UNR’s deadline to apply for acceptance is Feb. 15, 2025, for new freshman scholarship programs for the fall semester of 2025. Even though the deadline to apply to UNLV officially ends July 1, 2025, the university’s priority deadline for financial aid and scholarship consideration is March 15, 2025. Nevada State University’s deadline to apply to be accepted as a first-year student in the fall of 2025 is July 15.

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How can The 1619 Project and its vast resources support students’ learning of United States history?

Learn how the Pulitzer Center’s 1619 Impact Grantees are working with students and community members to better understand local and national history. Sign up for the 1619 Education newsletter for all the details!

Newsom Pitches Plan to Help Californians Without Degrees Land High-Paying Jobs

<https://www.kqed.org/news/12018471/newsom-pitches-plan-help-californians-without-degrees-land-high-paying-jobs>

[Here are Washoe County career opportunities that close this week. Be sure to get your applications in asap! 1. Elections Specialist 2. Property... \(X: @washoecounty\)](#)

More from the Friends of Congressional Legislation:

[Preserving the History of Indian Boarding Schools](#)

In July, the Department of the Interior released the second volume of its investigative report on the federal government’s role in the boarding school era. The DOI was able to identify by name almost 1,000 children who died while attending federal boarding schools.

The true number of murdered children is undoubtedly higher, as many deaths were not properly reported or were even covered up. In some places, like the Crow Creek reservation in South Dakota, entire graveyards are still being uncovered. In my blog post on the report, I discussed

why it is so important and why it does not go far enough.

At FCNL, we're proud of our work to advocate with and for Native communities in Congress. The Native American Legislative Update is our effort to inform you on the most important issues facing Indian Country.

If you're interested in our work supporting peace and justice across our nine focus areas consider signing up to receive [This Week in the World](#), our brief weekly newsletter that covers breaking news across the Hill.

[Secretary Haaland opens White House Tribal Nations Summit \(Indianz.com\)](#)
[34 Members of Congress Urge President Biden to Pardon Leonard Peltier \(NativeNewsOnline\)](#)
[Center Us: A Native Youth Survey Report \(Aspen Institute\)](#)
[As Disasters Multiply, FEMA makes it Easier for Tribes to Get Aid \(Washington Post\)](#)
[Older Americans Act and Murkowski's Native ELDER Act Pass Senate \(Sen Murkowski\)](#)

This year, we expanded our Natives Vote work, training 160 Native organizers to register and educate voters in their communities across 12 key states with large Native populations. Many of our endorsed Native candidates won their local, state, and federal elections. While the outcome we wanted in the presidential election did not come to pass, our movement is stronger and better prepared to meet the challenges ahead because we worked in communities based on relationship.

Our grassroots network has grown across Turtle Island. Our 2024 Organizing Fellows continue on working with their Tribes and community groups because they were chosen to carry the responsibility beyond this program. They will find ways to strengthen grassroots movements for sovereignty and more self-determination. The continued community outreach, as the groundwork to ensure our communities are counted correctly in the 2030 Census, will determine vital funding and political priorities.

Our most significant organizing work is between elections, and each year we train more and more Native leaders to join our ecosystem of those who lead with Indigenous values. No matter who's in office, we will keep organizing for our inherent sovereignty: our right to make decisions for our lands, our communities, and our own bodies. We will keep building the multi-racial democracy that all our descendants deserve -- Native and non-Native.

Elections don't solve problems; we do! Elections create conditions under which we organize to meet our communities' needs. Thanks to our Natives Vote campaigns in 2020 and 2022, those conditions were particularly hospitable for our organizing.

We secured groundbreaking victories such as ensuring precedent-setting Native leadership in the federal government and hundreds of federal-Tribal co-management agreements with Tribal Nations, which ensure sustainable land and water management for generations to come. Our

movement also successfully compelled the first-ever presidential apology for the deep and lasting impact of Indian boarding schools on our communities.

Now the conditions have changed, but our organizing doesn't stop. Our ancestors have overcome countless attacks and setbacks, and we will keep walking in their footsteps.

We understand that there is much work to do to ensure that the U.S. federal government upholds its responsibilities to Tribal Nations, and during Trump's presidency we'll have to do even more to defend our treaty rights and protect our ancestral lands from harmful energy extraction and toxic mining. We will be up against corporate polluters with even more influence in government, which will keep trying to block climate progress and dismantle crucial environmental laws that safeguard not just Native communities but the future of every community.

With your support, we will keep pressing onward together and meeting the challenges ahead.

Hawwih (*thank you*) for investing in Indigenous leadership and helping to build Native power for a better world for all our relatives: Native and non-Native, and all of the natural world.

Judith Le Blanc (Caddo), Executive Director

Our Martian heritage must be preserved, say leading scientists

Academics agree that by protecting robotic vehicles and landing sites we will help archaeologists of the future.

Extract:

“It would not be the first time one era’s junk has become another’s treasure: archaeologists today often excavate middens – rubbish heaps created by our ancestors.”

Holcomb said: “Just as our species once left Africa, we are currently beginning the process of leaving Earth.

“Each dispersal event represents key moments in our species’ long history of migration. The material left behind, whether it be handaxes in Tanzania or rovers on Mars, represent material footprints recording our history. We believe preservation efforts ensure that history is accurately documented for future generations.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2024/dec/16/our-martian-heritage-must-be-preserved-say-leading-scientists>

AI-powered blood screening detects signs of breast cancer at stages earlier than existing tests; technique detected stage 1A tumor presence with 98% accuracy (More)

Being recognized negatively is still better than being ignored —NG (newtie)

USDA Awards Valley Electric Association Funding to Support Broadband Pilot Project **Announcement is Part of \$23.5 Million Awarded to Nevada**

CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 18, 2024 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack and USDA Rural Development Nevada State Director Lucas Ingvaldstad today announced more than \$23.5 million to connect rural residents in Nevada to reliable high-speed internet through the Broadband Technical Assistance and ReConnect programs.

Valley Electric Association Inc. (VEA) is receiving a \$542,281 Cooperative Agreement for a Broadband Technical Assistance pilot project in Nevada to promote the deployment of high-speed fiber networks to the rural areas of Clark, Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral and Nye counties. VEA will partner with local internet service providers and energy providers to promote the development of mid-mile and last-mile fiber in these remote areas of Nevada.

Lincoln County Telephone System will receive a \$22,997,014 loan through USDA's ReConnect Program to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to provide high-speed internet. This network will benefit 660 people, six businesses and two farms in Lincoln County in Nevada.

Clark, Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral and Nye counties are part of Nevada's Rural Partners Network (RPN) community networks. VEA previously received an \$80 million Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) award to install a solar power generation and storage system.

NATHPO ANNOUNCES HISTORIC GRANT FROM MELLON FOUNDATION **The Three-Year, \$5 Million Grant Will Allow NATHPO To Greatly Expand Its Support For THPOs**

On Friday, December 6, 2024, Dr. Valerie Grussing, Executive Director of the National Association of Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) traveled to New York City to formally accept a three-year, \$5 million grant from the Mellon Foundation. This award represents the largest single grant to NATHPO in the history of the organization.

With these funds, NATHPO will be able to make unprecedented re-grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), whose responsibilities have long since expanded beyond both the statutory framework passed in 1992 and the funding currently provided by Congress. These re-grants will put badly needed resources directly into the hands of THPOs working day in and day out to protect their Tribes' sacred places and preserve their cultural resources. The funding will also allow NATHPO to expand its own capacity to support and advocate on behalf of THPOs.

“NATHPO is beyond grateful for this historic support from the Mellon Foundation,” said NATHPO Executive Director Valerie J. Grussing. **“THPOs, who long ago outgrew the job description in statute, remain chronically underfunded. The added support we will be able to provide directly to THPOs with this grant will help them perform their work of protecting sacred places and preserving cultural resources. Moreover, by expanding our own capacity, NATHPO will be able to expand its reach in advocating on behalf of and the work we do providing hands-on support to THPOs.”**

“Mellon’s support for NATHPO reflects a deep commitment to honoring the profound interconnection between Indigenous communities and their ancestral landscapes, recognizing that place is not just about geography, but living heritage, culture, and community” said Mellon Foundation Humanities in Place director Justin Garrett Moore. **“By providing multiyear support for NATHPO and the Protecting Native Places program, we are investing directly in tribal leadership, Indigenous knowledge systems, and local solutions that have been historically underfunded but are essential to preserving and revitalizing cultural sites that tell powerful stories of resilience and continuity.”**

Who we are – NATHPO is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) membership organization, founded in 1998, of Tribal preservation leaders protecting culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance. Connections to cultural heritage sustain the health and vitality of Native peoples. We provide guidance to preservation officials, elected representatives, and the public about national historic preservation legislation, policies, and regulations. We promote Tribal sovereignty, develop partnerships, and advocate for Tribes in governmental activities on preservation issues. For more information visit our website at www.nathpo.org.

About The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation – The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is the nation’s largest supporter of the arts and humanities. Since 1969, the Foundation has been guided by its core belief that the humanities and arts are essential to human understanding. The Foundation believes that the arts and humanities are where we express our complex humanity, and that everyone deserves the beauty, transcendence, and freedom that can be found there. Through our grants, we seek to build just communities enriched by meaning and empowered by critical thinking, where ideas and imagination can thrive. Learn more at mellon.org.

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## **Top 10 vacation destinations in the U.S.**

1. [Glacier National Park](#)
2. [Yellowstone National Park](#)
3. [Maui](#)
4. [Grand Canyon National Park](#)
5. [Yosemite National Park](#)
6. [Honolulu - Oahu](#)
7. [Grand Teton National Park](#)
8. [Zion National Park](#)
9. [Kaua'i](#)
10. [Lake Tahoe](#)

Las Vegas was No. 28 on the list, with its resort spas, world class entertainment, high-end boutiques and gourmet restaurants as a reason for the ranking. U.S. News also noted Southern Nevada's outdoor recreation opportunities such as ATV tours and hikes around Red Rock.

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Reno Multifamily Market Soars to New Heights in Past Decade May 12, 2023 — By Aiman Noursoultanova, Senior Vice President, CBRE —

Reno has become an increasingly attractive market over the past decade for multifamily investors due to its continued strong performance, fueled by a desirable business and regulatory climate. Rents have doubled since 2013, while vacancy has continued to remain healthy despite

robust construction activity. Multifamily investors took notice once noteworthy companies like Apple, Google, Microsoft and Tesla began to increase their investments in the region.

Strong Population, Job Growth Fuel Investment

Reno's population grew by 15.3 percent in the past decade. The area is projected to see 51.6 percent population growth by 2060, the 40th highest of all 384 U.S. metro areas, according to Washington D.C.-based economic and demographic data firm Woods & Poole Economics. As a testament to the area's growth, the Reno-Tahoe International Airport recently announced a \$500 million development and expansion project to accommodate airport traffic.

The area's rise in population is attributed primarily to job growth and a desirable quality of life. This started with Tesla's initial Gigafactory investment in the region, then continued with Apple's 1.1-million-square-foot data center campus. Google also purchased 1,210 acres and plans for a future data center development. Meanwhile, Tesla announced a \$3.6 billion investment to expand its Nevada manufacturing complex for semi-truck production. This will include two new factories and plans to employ about 3,000 people. Microsoft also confirmed it recently purchased 274 acres just outside Reno proper to support the expansion of its cloud infrastructure.

It's no surprise that Reno ranked as the third most popular destination for companies moving out of California, according to a 2022 study from Claremont McKenna College's Rose Institute of State and Local Government. From 1990 to 2019, 2,832 California companies moved to Las Vegas, followed by New York at 1,455 and Reno at 1,908. EDawn announced 27 companies had either relocated or expanded their workforce in the Reno region in 2022. This equates to 2,263 new jobs, at a record average wage of \$32.67 per hour, including 12 new headquarters.

High Levels of Construction Underway to Meet Demand

The market has experienced robust construction activity over the past five years. More than 1,000 new units have entered the market annually since 2018, with 7,200 units added over the past five years, per Costar. Some notable projects currently under construction or nearing completion include the Reno Experience District by Lyon Living (more than 1,200 new apartment units) and the 369-unit Ballpark Apartments by Pacific Development next to the Greater Nevada AAA baseball field. The Dean, the tallest student housing project in Reno's history at 12 stories, is currently under construction across from the University of Nevada, Reno. It's being built in a submarket that has rapidly expanded due to the university's ongoing development and expansion.

Downtown Sparks Victorian Square has seen many new high- and mid-rise multifamily projects deliver in recent years thanks, in part, to the extensive growth occurring at Tahoe Reno Industrial Center east of Reno. Sparks is also undergoing a town square revitalization, complete with a movie theater, outdoor concert venue, shops and restaurants. The area surrounding the 1-million-square-foot Outlets at Legends development in east Sparks has also flourished with new multifamily development, as has the Spanish Springs submarket north of Sparks.

Reno's North Valleys submarket, which has seen heavy industrial development, has a multitude of multifamily and affordable projects under construction. South Reno is seeing numerous large-scale, Class A developments as well. Downtown Damonte Ranch, a new, strategically planned,

mixed-use district on 73 acres, was also announced in 2022. It will feature an outdoor town center with retail shops, restaurants, Class A office spaces and luxury apartments. Although construction has been robust, rents continued to grow steadily while vacancy remained under 4 percent over the past decade.

Looking Ahead

Nationally, CBRE forecasts rent growth of 3.5 percent for 2023, down from 6.7 percent in 2022 and 13.4 percent in 2021. This is still relatively healthy, however, when compared with the long-run average of 2.5 percent. Looking ahead, Reno/Sparks continues to perform well despite softening market fundamentals. **The job growth that has buoyed the market continues to occur, particularly in newer, higher-wage industries like healthcare, technology, manufacturing and aerospace/aviation.** With single-family home prices still high and limited inventory on the market, renting will continue to be in strong demand, especially as high interest rates persist through 2023.

<https://rebusinessonline.com/reno-multifamily-market-soars-to-new-heights-in-past-decade/>

- Despite strong community opposition, the massive Village at Palisades Tahoe development was approved. Critics warn of fire risks, traffic, and... (X: [@HitchScienceUNR](#))

Sweeps Across California: Houseless Artists, Housed Allies and Spiritual Leaders Faced All-Night Harassment by Police

“200 years ago, before colonization there wasn’t even a concept of homelessness,” said Talking Chief/spokesperson of the confederated villages of Lisjan/Ohlone and co-founder of the Sogorea Te Land Trust and Family Elders Council member of Homefulness.

For the whole story: <https://davisvanguard.org/2024/12/sweeps-across-california-houseless-artists-housed-allies-and-spiritual-leaders-faced-all-night-harassment-by-police/>

New tuberculosis clinic breakground in Reno, set to open in 2026 ([mynews4.com](#)) —

A new tuberculosis clinic is under construction in Reno, set to open in 2026. This facility will enhance local health services, replacing the older clinic and providing much-needed resources for tuberculosis treatment and prevention in the community.

(Here’s a great term paper/thesis topic starting with all the Indians sent to Weimar.)

Scientists Just Dissected the World’s Rarest Whale in New Zealand. Here’s What They Found

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/scientists-just-dissected-the-worlds-rarest-whale-in-new-zealand-heres-what-they-found-180985678/>

Even as the dissection ends, the whale will have many scientific and cultural afterlives.

Following the dissection, the local iwi, or tribes, will retain the jaw and teeth of the spade-toothed whale, which are sacred in Māori culture, according to the [AP](#). The rest of the skeleton, featuring 3D-printed replacements for those parts, will wind up in the [Tūhura Otago Museum](#) in Dunedin, where the public can revel in the presence of one of the world’s rarest mammals.

(Extract)

NHPRC Awards <https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/awards/awards-11-24>

[JFK Library Foundation](#)

NOW is the time to submit your nomination for the 2025 Profile in Courage Award!

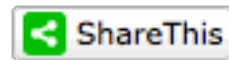
Presented by the JFK Library Foundation, this prestigious honor celebrates leaders who risked everything in pursuit of the greater good—the quality in leadership that President John F. Kennedy admired most.

Have someone in mind for the award? Let us know



75% of Nevadans think more emphasis should be placed on conserving wildlife migration routes than on new developments, according to Colorado College's State of the Rockies Project. (Adobe Stock)

[Report: NV emerges as conservation leader among Western states](#)



December 23, 2024 - Alex Gonzalez, Public News Service (NV)

Nevada scored high for its well-funded conservation programs and for the state's commitment to public land protections.

[A new report by The Center for Western Priorities](#) evaluated eight Western states within three categories - land protection and access, responsible energy development, and land use and

planning for growth.

The Center's Policy Director Rachael Hamby said Nevada has done a good job of becoming an "assertive leader" as it relates to public land protection and conservation - especially with 67% of the state being made up of public lands, according to the Bureau of Land Management.

She added that Nevada was also the first state Legislature to endorse the global 30X30 Initiative, which is a plan to conserve 30% of nature by 2030 - to avoid what Hamby called a "biodiversity crisis."

"They've made progress towards that goal too, opening a couple new state parks," said Hamby, "and again this is a state doesn't always have as much of a surface area to work with - and this shows that is OK. You can be a conservation leader with your state-level policies in place for the lands that you do manage on behalf of Nevadans."

Hamby said the Silver State has also taken action to protect wildlife, including what she calls a "strong habitat framework" that is a direct result of an executive order signed in 2021 by former Gov. Steve Sisolak.

Nevada also passed a bill in 2021 that requires developers to consult with the Department of Wildlife on their subdivision plans and assess how projects will impact wildlife connectivity.

Nevada didn't have a legislative session in 2024, but it will have one in 2025.

Hamby said despite Nevada being in a good spot, there are still areas for improvement, such as responsible energy development.

Despite Nevada not being a major oil-producing or natural-gas producing state, it currently has no statewide setback requirements for oil and gas wells or any laws or rules on the books to reduce methane emissions.

Hamby said each state can celebrate its wins, but must also get to work where they're lagging.

"So hopefully the scorecard can help with identifying some area for growth in each state," said Hamby, "as policymakers are looking for ideas of what they might be able to do to advance conservation goals."

Hamby added that the positive economic implications of a transition to a clean energy economy will become even more evident in years to come. Since the passage of [The Clean Energy Plan](#) in 2022, Nevada has seen more than 20,000 new jobs across the state.



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Eldon William O'Daye

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