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Sonoma County climate conference showcases tribal and county efforts to address water and wildfire issues

“Native American tribal leaders, county officials, environmentalists and state and local water resource officials on the North Coast opened a two-day “climate resilience” summit Wednesday at the Graton Resort and Casino. The conference, which focused on watershed and wildfire issues across the region, was organized by the North Coast Resource Partnership, a coalition of tribes and counties that helps coordinate the use and distribution of state water quality funds. The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria hosted and sponsored the event, which drew more than 400 attendees to the casino’s event center near Rohnert Park. Greg Sarris, the tribe’s chairman, gave a keynote speech that briefly outlined how colonization of the North Coast and subsequent land uses have radically transformed and degraded the landscape and environment. Indigenous people, he said, had cultivated a “relationship” with their surroundings that included the use of prescribed or cultural burning on the landscape that helped reduce the risk of severe wildfire. ...” [Read more from the Associated Press.](#)

The deleterious dust of the Salton Sea



“California’s Salton Sea is impressive—it’s the largest lake by surface area in the Golden State and a haven for migratory birds. But its waters also contain high levels of agricultural runoff. As the lake evaporates, those pollutants are becoming increasingly concentrated, and the Salton Sea’s shrinking shorelines are leaving behind a perimeter of dry, toxic dust. Researchers recently mined hospitalization records and showed that people are more likely to experience respiratory distress when particulate matter blows from over the Salton Sea. These findings could inform efforts to limit the health impacts of Salton Sea–derived particulates, according to the team. Located roughly 260 kilometers (160 miles) southeast of Los Angeles, the Salton Sea is a vast inland lake. But it’s shrinking: Water levels have fallen by more than 3 meters (9 feet) over the past 25 years. That’s because the rate of water flowing into the lake—mainly due to agricultural runoff from farms in the surrounding Coachella and Imperial Valleys—is far lower than the rate of evaporation. As the Salton Sea shrinks, wide swaths of dusty, dry lake bed known as playa are continuously being exposed. At the same time, the lake’s waters are becoming more saline and rich in agriculturally important compounds such as nitrogen and phosphorus, conditions that can promote [algal blooms](#). ...” [Read more from EOS.](#)

Colorado law protects state streams, lakes and wetlands, no matter who is in the White House, lawmakers say

“Faced with uncertainty due to a U.S. Supreme Court decision and a Trump administration decree, Colorado is steering its own course when it comes to regulating and protecting the state’s waters and wetlands. In a 2023 decision the Supreme Court sharply limited protections under the Clean Water Act. Colorado, however, enacted its own, more comprehensive statute in 2024. House Bill 1379, requires state permits for any dredging or filling of wetlands, streams and rivers

on state or private land. The federal government – through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – retains the power to issue permits on federal land in Colorado and to oversee certain water projects. And on Jan. 25 in an executive order President Donald Trump called for emergency permitting powers under the act for energy facilities, which could affect Army Corps permits. ...” [Read more from the Colorado Sun.](#)

Senate confirms Zeldin to lead Environmental Protection Agency as Trump vows to cut climate rules

“The Republican-controlled Senate on Wednesday confirmed Lee Zeldin to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, a key role to help President Donald Trump fulfill his pledge to roll back major environmental regulations, including those aimed at slowing climate change and encouraging use of electric vehicles. The vote was 56-42 in Zeldin’s favor. Three Democrats — Sens. Ruben Gallego and Mark Kelly of Arizona and John Fetterman of Pennsylvania — supported Zeldin, along with all 53 Republicans. Zeldin, a former Republican congressman from New York, is a longtime Trump ally and served on Trump’s defense team during his first impeachment. He voted against certifying Trump’s 2020 election loss to President Joe Biden. ...” [Read more from the Associated Press.](#)

Reset or purge? Trump EPA dismisses agency science advisers

“All members of the Environmental Protection Agency’s boards of outside advisers on science and clean air were dismissed in a letter emailed late Tuesday, an unusual step the Trump administration said was aimed at depoliticizing the panels. Panel members expressed disappointment and confusion at the assertion in the letter signed by James Payne, a career EPA attorney Trump installed as acting administrator. Critics charged the Trump administration with politicizing the process by eliminating the current independent advisers and clearing the way for them to be replaced with hand-picked appointees. “This is not about good governance, this is about rigging the system for polluters; corruption at the expense of the American people,” said Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island, the ranking Democrat on the Committee on Environment and Public Works. ...” [Read more from Inside Climate News.](#)

The First Americans: Discover indigenous life before the colonists landed

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Read in All About History: https://apple.news/ARjPB_Z4bTg63vVFbSrDFSA

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025

Hello Jan,

[34 Years Of Strandbeest Evolution](#)



Meet the Strandbeest – wind-powered walking sculptures by Theo Jansen. No motors, no electronics—just ingenious design and evolution in action.

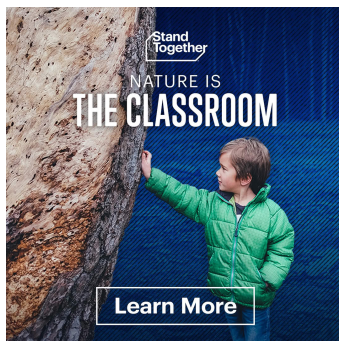
How do they work? Why did Jansen build them? And could they one day roam beaches on their own? Dive into the fascinating world of these kinetic creatures!

[34 Years Of Strandbeest Evolution](#)

https://mvotd.com/34-years-of-strandbeest-evolution-video_47c9b4f6c.html?mc_cid=c74614ab81&mc_eid=ffc6455f15

Want to learn why children are thriving with no walls or desks?

Dive into AdventureMe's model of forest-based learning.



standtogether.org

[Inside This Colorado Forest School](#)

[The forest school model is having transformational results. One founder explains how it taps into children's natural curiosity about the world and allows them to develop in their own way, at their own pace.](#)

A museum's confession: Why we have looted objects

https://www.npr.org/2025/01/28/nx-s1-5260960/thailand-art-heist-repatriation-san-francisco-museum?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

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[Design Competition](#)

[Know a teen interested in design? Challenge finalists are mentored by design experts.](#)

[unapologetic African Again](#) ·

In The Lost World of the Kalahari, Laurens van der Post writes about living among the original men of the Kalahari Desert and describes how shocked they were that he couldn't hear the stars.

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At first they thought he must be joking or lying. When they realized he really couldn't hear the stars, they concluded he must be very ill and expressed great sorrow. For the Bushmen knew anyone who can't hear nature must have the gravest sickness of all

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Russell Vought is the nominee for Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) – *the office that just tried to carry out Trump's unprecedented federal funding freeze*. Trump's press secretary even said that Vought would have the power to determine which programs receive funding!

Archaeologists Are Finding Dugout Canoes in the American Midwest as Old as the Great Pyramids of Egypt

In the waterways connected to the Great Lakes, researchers uncover boats that tell the story of millennia of Indigenous history

Read in Smithsonian Magazine: <https://apple.news/Ab8RY6shBT0uuXhSCbp55sg>

A Discussion of Current Affairs: Lesley OG Marley Williams

The writing was on the wall. Natives for trumpets are out there justifying his actions. His only priority is getting richer for himself and his cronies. Native tribes are on his list to take away recognition. He thinks taking away monies will cripple us. If it is monies obligated tribes will file lawsuits which will last until his term ends. They are testing tribal strength and merit. Members on here disparaging their tribes also mirror the perception of those who believe funds are wasted. Funds are encumbered and usually attach to funding source requirements and audits. As someone who worked during COVID in HR I know the ARPA money was highly regulated. Trump also has to recoup this funding as it was obligated by his Administration during this time. He's just pissed his attempt at worldwide genocide failed.

I knew a Chairman once who was worried about self governance and wanted to ensure tribes be sustained by their own economic development. Crabs in the bucket dismembered that infrastructure. He failed and they failed in the end. That was 7 years ago... how will we move through this period? I want to see plans for sustainability people. You have the right to ask this of your tribes.

We are moving into holdout periods of which is ingrained in your DNA. Natives will survive this as we always do.

Gay Hooper

Well said, we have the knowledge of this land because we are created from this land.

Mariaha Lopez

My question is what our our leaders doing? I would like to see statements from them.

Doyle Cesspooch

Stupid people!!

Peggy Lorge

Look at Trump's Project 2025. Turn Indian Education over to BIA, cut and rid IHS, take over tribal lands not being used, enforce tribal blood quantum from the tribe registered. Trump hated Native Americans since they got a casino and he didn't. He told the the judge that the Indians didn't look like Indians to him.

Cassius Quintero

Peggy Lorge read that whole thing, it's crazy how much information is out there but people are not picking it up

Dialina Blackhat

Cassius Quintero the project 2025??

Peggy Lorge

Dialina Blackhat yes

Dialina Blackhat

Peggy Lorge ill have to read it. I started to, but just busy.

Dialina Blackhat

It's going to turn into a big mess. I don't understand why Natives in Oklahoma & Arizona supported him. He hates Natives.

A Light to Do Shellwork By - Poems — Georgiana Valyouce-Sanchez

CHUMASH MAN

”Shoo-mash,“ he says
and when he says it
I think of ancient sea lion hunts
and salt spray windswept
across my face
They tell him
his people are dead
“Terminated”

It’s official
U.S. rubber-stamped official
Chumash: Terminated
a people who died
they say
a case fr anthropologists

Ah. but this old one
this old one whose face is
ancient prayers comet o rest
this old one know
who he is

“Shoo-mash,“ he says
and somewhere sea lions still gather
along the California coast
and salt spray
rises
rainbow mist
above the constant breaking
of the waves.

This and other more than delightful poems are in the volume published by Tanager Press
www.scarlettanager.com or PO Box 2090 Oakland, CA 94620

Joy Harjo wrote “This long-awaited book of poetry by Gerogiana Valoyce-Sanchez is a beautiful masterwork on how to take care of the light of knowlege given to her by family, by the lands and the waters. Each poem is a delicate and precise as a carved shell. Each shell-poem reminds us of the original purpose of poetry, to function as blessing songs, as memory holders, or observations for what is humbly important but might go unseen unless given a place to live in a poem. There poems will take you to the ocean’s edge and allow you to listen deeply to the blue deep. They will take you to the desert and sing into you the shimmer of rain feeding the generouse expanse of sunlight. With this collection of poetry; you will make it home.”

Discovering Brooks Island, a Scenic Surprise in San Francisco Bay

“My job is to make sure people are protected and safe,” said Allen, “and keep the island as rural as possible so that it stays the way it was 4,000 years ago.”

Indigenous Ohlone people lived here first, at least seasonally. They fished, gathered shellfish and hunted birds. Along a 2-mile loop that wraps around Brooks Island, you can spot many of the native plants the Ohlone used, like buckeye and soap root.

<https://www.kqed.org/news/12024562/brooks-island-a-scenic-surprise-in-san-francisco-bay>

An Oscar contender for best documentary is “Sugarcane,” co-directed by Oakland’s Julian Brave NoiseCat, probes abuse by priests and nuns upon young Canadian indigenous students at a boarding school.

Mutton bustin' at the 2025 Reno Rodeo: Here's how to apply (rgj.com) — The Reno Rodeo is gearing up for its 105th year, offering exciting events like mutton bustin' for young cowboys and cowgirls. Applications open on February 1, and the event promises a thrilling lineup including bronc riding and barrel racing.

[Senate confirms Doug Burgum as interior secretary after Trump tasked him to boost drilling](#)

[Trump says tariffs on Canada and Mexico coming Saturday](#)

[A US appeals court says banning gun sales to young adults under 21 is unconstitutional](#)

The Empire the Aztecs Couldn't Conquer

The P'urhépechas were one of the only indigenous groups in Mexico the Aztecs failed to conquer – but despite that feat, they were nearly lost to history.

<https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-empire-the-aztecs-couldn-t-conquer>

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The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame will award four \$5,000 scholarships to young women who are graduating high school seniors residing in Alameda County.

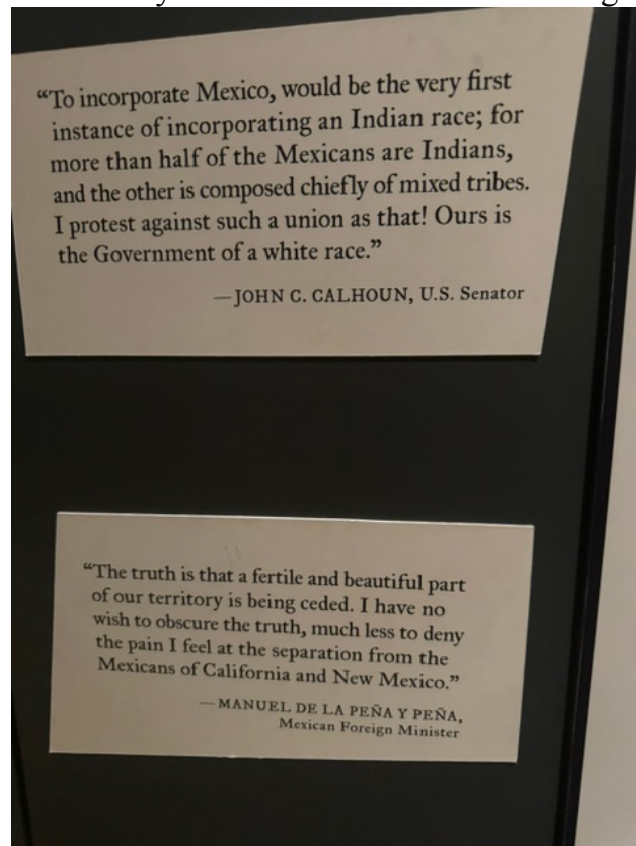
Applications accepted through
Friday, February 7, 2025.

Learn more & apply: acgov.org/whof





This is why this Journal is late....we were goofing off.



Sample of books available at the Field Museum (Chicago) Library (search term Paiute Baskets)

[Mass Harvesting, Ichthyofaunal Assemblages, and Ancestral Paiute Fishing in the North American Great Basin](#)

Authors [B Sunday Eiselt](#)

Article 2020 in *American Antiquity* v85 n4 (20201001): 715-736 Peer-reviewed
Summary Documenting variability in the archaeological record is critical to our understanding human fishing ...

... subsistence regimes. The Northern **Paiute** in Oregon and Nevada exploited seasonally aggregated tui chub (*Siphateles bicolor*) through mass-harvesting techniques using nets and **baskets**. This article integrates experimental studies with ethnographic and archaeological data to infer the types of fishing gear that were used from the reconstructed sizes of tui chub remains. The mean size of fish assemblages is compared to the coefficient of variation to identify fishing techniques based on the size parameters of gear types, and a technology investment model is used to assess regional variations in commitments to fishing in open lake and marshland settings. Results are compared to tui chub assemblages from two protohistoric archaeological sites in eastern Oregon, revealing two distinctive fishing strategies with general implications for the organization of labor by hunter-gatherer fisherfolk.

[The land of little rain](#)

Authors [Mary Austin 1868-1934](#), [E Boyd Smith \(Elmer Boyd\), 1860-1943](#).

eBook 1904 Boston : Houghton, Mifflin, 1904.

Summary Mary Hunter Austin (1868-1934) moved with her family from Illinois to the desert on the edge of the ...

... of its people: the Ute, **Paiute**, Mojave, and Shoshone tribes; European-American gold prospectors and borax miners; and descendants of Hispanic settlers.

Older © 1903 Print Book edition

[Details](#)

[Indian baskets of North America](#)

Authors [Frank W Lamb](#)

Print Book ©1972 1st ed. Riverside, Calif. : Rubidoux Pub. Co., ©1972. Summary Highly illustrated guide following a geographic organization of the **basket** making peoples of North America.

[Weaving a legacy : Indian baskets & the people of Owens Valley, California](#)

Authors [Sharon E Dean 1959-](#)

Print Book ©2004 Salt Lake City : University of Utah Press, ©2004.

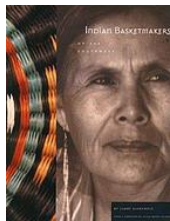
Summary Owens Valley, situated on the western edge of the Great Basin between the Sierra Nevada and White-Inyo mountain ranges, has been home for thousands of years to the Owens Valley **Paiute** and their southern neighbors, the Panamint Shoshone. The willow **baskets** created by both groups are noteworthy for their complex construction and durability, and the materials and design of the **baskets** reflect available resources as well as the seminomadic existence that characterized life in the Great Basin for generations. Since the mid-nineteen-century arrival of non-Indians into the Valley, the **baskets** have changed; Weaving a Legacy places those changes within the region's dramatic social history. This volume closely examines basketry techniques and technology, historic weavers and their lineages, contemporary weavers, and **basket** collectors. -- Book cover.

[Andrew A. Forbes - Photographs of the Owens Valley Paiute](#)

Authors [JON BOSAK](#)

Article 1975 in The Journal of California Anthropology v2 n1 (19750701): 38-59

Article 2007 in The American Indian Quarterly v31 n4 (2007): 657-659 Peer-reviewed



[Indian basketmakers of the Southwest : the living art and fine tradition](#)

Authors [Larry Dalrymple](#)

Print Book ©2000

Santa Fe, N.M. : Museum of New Mexico Press, ©2000.

Summary During the last decade, there has been a **basket** renaissance across the Southwest. Presented are the contemporary **baskets** and basketmaking traditions of southwestern tribes including the Hualapai, Havasupai, Yavapai, Western Apache; the Jicarilla Apache, the Ute, San Juan **Paiute**, and Navajo; the Tohono O'odham and Akimel O'odham; the Pueblos of New Mexico; and Hopi of Arizona.

[A Basket-Maker cave in Kane County, Utah](#)

Authors [Jesse L Nusbaum \(Jesse Logan\)](#), (Author) [Alfred Vincent Kidder 1885-1963](#), (Author) [Samuel James Guernsey 1868-1936](#), (Author) [Alfred Vincent Kidder 1885-1963](#), [Samuel James Guernsey 1868-1936](#).

Print Book 1922 New York : Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, 1922.

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The inimitable artist **Jaune Quick-to-See Smith**, died January 24, 2025. She was 85. Born at the St. Ignatius Indian Mission on her reservation, Smith was an enrolled Salish member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Nation, MT.

“Smith repeatedly overcame the immense headwinds of gender and race, deliberately clearing space for others as she went. Hers was the first painting by a Native artist to be acquired by the National Gallery of Art. In 2023, she became the first Native artist to be given a retrospective at the Whitney Museum when they mounted *Jaune Quick-to-See Smith: Memory Map*—the most comprehensive exhibit of the artist’s work to date.”

For more, visit the Garth Greenan Gallery at:

<https://www.garthgreenan.com/.../jaune-quick.../undefined...>

