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**Of the Earth: Native American Baskets and Pueblo Pottery
March 22, 2025 - December 31, 2027 Nevada Muuseum of Art**

This inaugural exhibition celebrates the opening of a new gallery and showcases remarkable gifts of Native American baskets and Pueblo pottery to the Nevada Museum of Art. The baskets are a gift from Larry Dalrymple and Steve Moreno, who dedicated the past 45 years to acquiring baskets, personal histories, and photographs from modern and contemporary weavers of the Great Basin, Northern California, and the American Southwest. The pottery comes from Brenda and the late John Blom, who began their collection in the early 1990s, sourcing pieces directly from potters, galleries, and Pueblo villages in the Southwest.

To commemorate this special occasion, the exhibition also features 15 newly commissioned Native American baskets from weavers in the Great Basin and Sierra Nevada, including Leah Brady (Western Shoshone), Loretta Burden (Northern Paiute), Sue Coleman (Washoe), Norma Darrough (Western Shoshone), Gracie Dick (Northern Paiute), Julia Parker (Coast Miwok | Kashaya Pomo), Lucy Parker (Kashaya Pomo | Yosemite Miwok | Mono Lake Paiute | Coast Miwok), Melanie Smokey (Western Shoshone | Washoe), Sandra Eagle (Northern Paiute), Rebecca Eagle (Northern Paiute), Nila Northsun (Shoshone | Chippewa), and Jacqueline Rickard (Walker Lake Paiute).

Another highlight of the gallery is a major mural by Jack Malotte (Western Shoshone | Washoe) in collaboration with Lena Tseabbe Wright (Northern Paiute | Yurok). Contemporary artworks inspired by basketry and pottery traditions are interspersed throughout the gallery.

To accompany the exhibition, the Museum, in collaboration with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and publishing partner Rizzoli Electa, will publish *The Art of Native American Washoe Basketry*, a reissue of chapters on Washoe basketry and culture, first published in *Tahoe: A Visual History* in 2015.

This exhibition is co-curated by Melissa Melero-Moose (Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe) and Ann M. Wolfe, the Museum's Andrea and John C. Deane Family Chief Curator and Associate Director.

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RootsTech 2025 is March 6-8 in person in Salt Lake City, Utah and online at RootsTech.org



Las Vegas library district ends diversity program to comply with Trump orders

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District discontinued its Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility program and will dissolve a diversity awareness committee.

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Walt Whitman at the BIA

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On 1 January 1865 Whitman was hired as a clerk at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a governmental agency within the Department of Interior. Six months later, the newly appointed Secretary of Interior, James Harlan, a former Methodist minister and senator from Iowa, fired Whitman upon discovering he was the author of *Leaves of Grass*, a book Harlan knew by reputation as immoral and pornographic. The incident caused considerable stir within the administration as prominent supporters of Whitman came to his defense, eventually securing him a position in the Attorney General's Office.

Upon deciding in 1862 to stay in Washington, Whitman had initially secured a position in the Paymaster's Office as a clerk, but was dissatisfied. To secure a better position, he sought help from several influential friends, including Ralph Waldo Emerson, who wrote a recommendation on his behalf. After receiving the Department of Interior appointment, Whitman, from all accounts and from his letters home, was delighted for a number of reasons. First, he was fascinated by the visiting delegations of American Indians from the plains tribes. It was even reported that he would sometimes visit them in the evenings in their hotel rooms and speak with them via an interpreter. Secondly, he enjoyed the more relaxed atmosphere of the office, which allowed greater flexibility in his schedule so that he could visit the nearby field hospitals to help with the wounded. He wrote in a letter to his brother Jeff that though he was supposed to work from nine to four, he almost never arrived as early as nine and only stayed until four if he wanted. Finally, he was delighted with the per annum pay of \$1200, a considerably higher sum than his previous position, which he needed both to support himself in Washington and to send home to his mother and younger siblings.

The job, which primarily consisted of copying out reports made by BIA officials, was suited to Whitman's needs at the time, and he was well-liked by his immediate superior William P. Dole, who promoted him to a second-class clerkship on 11 May 1865, just a few days prior to his dismissal.

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California tribe enters first-of-its-kind agreement with the state to practice cultural burns

“Northern California’s Karuk Tribe has for more than a century faced significant restrictions on cultural burning — the setting of intentional fires for both ceremonial and practical purposes, such as reducing brush to limit the risk of wildfires. That changed this week, thanks to legislation championed by the tribe and passed by the state last year that allows federally recognized tribes in California to burn freely once they reach agreements with the California Natural Resources Agency and local air quality officials. The tribe announced Thursday that it was the first to reach such an agreement with the agency. “Karuk has been a national thought leader on cultural fire,” said Geneva E.B. Thompson, Natural Resources’ deputy secretary for tribal affairs. “So, it makes sense that they would be a natural first partner in this space because they have a really clear mission and core commitment to get this work done.” ... ” [Read more from the LA Times.](#)

Three former E.P.A. Leaders: You’ll miss it when it’s gone

William K. Reilly, Christine Todd Whitman and Gina McCarthy, all former Environmental Protection Agency administrators, write, “In his first official cabinet meeting of his second term, President Trump on Wednesday indicated that the Environmental Protection Agency, the arm of the federal government essential to protecting our health and environment, is among the top targets for the next wave of major work force reductions. Mr. Trump said about 65 percent of the roughly 15,000 people working there could be fired. An E.P.A. official later said the president was referring to cuts to the agency’s budget, not to personnel. As former E.P.A. heads under both Republican and Democratic administrations, we fear that such cuts would render the agency incapable of protecting Americans from grave threats in our air, water and land. While there are opportunities to make the agency more efficient and better at enforcing laws, Americans across every state, city and local community would suffer the effects of deep cuts. E.P.A. public servants defend us and the environment from harmful pollution every day not in hopes of attention or bigger paychecks or to execute the wishes, wants or needs of billionaires looking to play on a bigger stage. They do it for all Americans and because of laws such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. This is an agency that sets standards and regulations according to science and the laws and funding approved by Congress. ... ”

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With Trump’s war on DEI, local environmental organizations rethink diversity commitments

“On February 13 in a quiet auditorium in Oakland, the California State Coastal Conservancy’s executive officer, Amy Hutzler, took the podium at the agency’s board meeting to propose a resolution that, three weeks earlier, would have been “self-evident”: She asked the board to reaffirm the Conservancy’s commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. “These don’t seem to be normal times,” she said. As the chair moved the resolution to approval, the room of around thirty people, many of them agency staffers, burst into applause. Commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives swept the predominantly white conservation world in the aftermath of George Floyd’s 2020 murder. Now, President Donald Trump’s new administration has declared war on them, in a fast, furious, overwhelming, and legally dubious series of orders: shutting down DEI and environmental justice (EJ) programs, placing EJ staffers on administrative leave, reviewing more than 2,600 grant programs for DEI-related language and canceling contracts. ... Now, agencies and nonprofits whose environmental work is funded by

federal grants face a quandary: Do they risk their funding to stand up for their values? Or do they scrub the offending statements from their public platforms—since words are, well, just words? ... ” [Read more from Bay Nature](#).

The growing threat of catastrophic flooding in rural America

“Extreme precipitation events are becoming more frequent and severe throughout the United States. This leads to more catastrophic flooding, generally defined as rare or exceptional high-magnitude floods that cause widespread destruction to property and/or loss of life. According to the US Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters database, the frequency of floods causing over \$1 billion in damages has risen by 216%. ... Catastrophic flooding events that result in large economic costs and losses of life and property pose a threat across the US. However, rural communities face heightened risks due to unique physical and social factors. Some rural areas are increasingly at risk of severe flooding because of higher poverty rates that correlate with living in flood-prone areas. Rural areas with few residents and/or population decline can mean limited capacity and resources for climate-resilient infrastructure projects, planning, and preparedness. ... ” [Read more from the Pacific Institute](#). (don’t forget NOAA firings)

Editorial: Trump’s funding freeze puts Western states at risk of drying upThe Las Vegas Sun editorial board writes, “The Colorado River is drying up, and now, thanks to President Donald Trump’s unprecedented freeze on federal funding, efforts to save it are drying up too. On his first day back in office, Trump signed an executive order halting the disbursement of funds from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Trump claimed the order was intended to attack far-left “Green New Deal” initiatives — an inexplicable claim given that almost no Green New Deal policies have ever been implemented at the federal level. In reality, the order gutted nearly all federal environmental initiatives and anything the president simply didn’t like or considered too “woke” — a term Trump has refused to define. Among Trump’s victims was \$4 billion earmarked to protect the flow of the Colorado River. Those funds were set aside to pay farmers to use less water, increase the efficiency of Western water usage and upgrade critical infrastructure and water capture technology. Now, with the West already parched by a historic megadrought, Trump’s freeze is making a dire situation even worse. ... ” [Read more from the Las Vegas Sun](#).

A new era for rural Arizona’s water future

“In Arizona, water is the lifeblood of our rural economies, where agriculture, industry, small businesses and families all depend on reliable water supplies. Right now, Arizona stands at a critical crossroads in managing our water resources. Now, we have an opportunity to change that. It’s why we, leaders from across the state, are proud to stand together — Republicans and Democrats alike — to forge a modern, collaborative path to addressing Arizona’s water challenges. The Rural Groundwater Management Act represents a long-overdue step toward securing Arizona’s water future. This initiative creates certainty, opportunity and security for everyone who calls rural Arizona home. ... ” [Read more from the Arizona Capital Times](#).

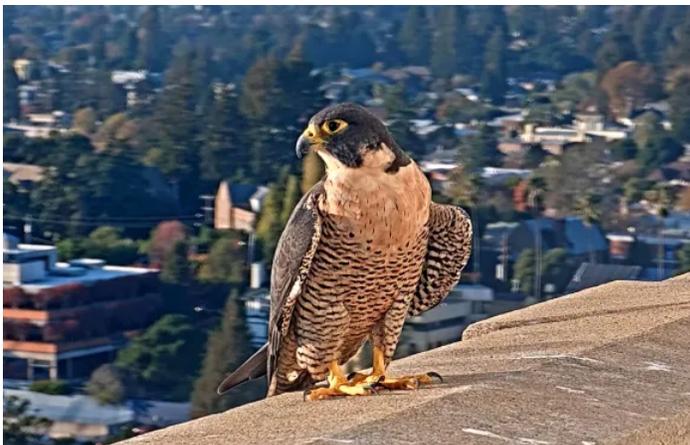
History Bits

There was so much going on (Peltier/DOGE) that I didn't have room for History Bits, so here are two week's worth. What are your favorite daes of tribal history? Send them in!!!

- 1642 Feb 25 Dutch settlers in New Netherland (NY) massacred members of the Hudson Valley tribe who came to them for shelter against Mohawks.
- 1849 Mar 10 "Constitution of the Provisional State of Deseret" adopted by Constitutional Convention.
- 1851 Feb 27 An Act extended all laws then in force regulating trade and intercourse with Indians over those tribes living un the Territories of Utah and Arizona.
- 1859 Feb 28 Congress carved Nevada Territory out of Utah Territory and Dakota Territory out of Nebraska Territory.
- 1866 Feb 25 In Lincoln County, Nevada, was created. It had been a part of Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.....but of course was Newe Segobia before that.
- 1876 Mar 9 *Nevada State Journal*: "Figures show that each Indian costs the government about \$2000 a year to keep him alive, but then figures also show that to kill the Indians all off would cost about \$1,000,000 for each Indian.. It is chearer to let them live."
- 1877 Feb 28 Another treaty was broken by the US when the Black Hills were seized from the Lakota.
- 1879 Mar 6 Nevada Legislature approved a bill allowing scientists to take "any bird, fowl, fish, or animal " out of season".
- 1891 Feb 28 Congress amended the Genral Allotment Act of 1871 to allot each Indian an 1/8 section.
- 1897 Feb 24 Gourd Rattler baptized Episcopalian.
- 1899 Mar 2 President McKinley signed legislation making Tahoma a national park though as Mt. Ranier National Park instead of native name; Rainier was a British military officer who fought to keep the US coming into being.
- 1908 Mar 8 Schurz was enjoying an economic boom with about 100 miners awaiting transportation to the new boom camp of Rawhide (contracts were signed on March 7 for construction of a railroad to Rawhide).
- 1911 Feb 2 The "last Indian uprising in US" occurred when a band of Indians led by "Shoshone Mike" allegedly killed four stockmen in northern Washoe County in January. State police and sheriff's posse broke up band and killed "Shoshone Mike" west of Paradise Valley.
- 1926 Mar 7 Helen Stewart, who donated land for the as Vegas Colony, walks on.

- 1937 Feb 27 Washoe Indians issued a corporate charter and became “formally organized”.
- 1939 Mar 1 Chairman James Vidovich and BOR lawyer met river conservation and Sierra Pacific Power Company officials about water stored in Stampede Dam, viability of spawn for lake’s fish and drought reserve.
- 1939 Mar 6 A federal project to aid Native Americans who had been relocated from fertile land to less arable land by Los Angeles’ successful effort to remove water from the Owens Valley in California.
- 1939 Mar 8 In the House, federal officials unveiled an elaborate program for making Indian self-supporting and independent of the government, reporting only 77 of 265 eligible tribes had rejected the supposedly assimilationist IRA.
- 1944 Feb 24 FDR signed EO9246 authorizing the secretary of war to take possession of plants and facilities of the LAWP (LA Water and Power) in California and Nevada.
- 1969 Mar 7 Twenty-one year old **John Ira Aleck** died in Quang Nam province. Vietnam panel 30w, row 62)
- 1973 Feb 27 Native Americans took control of a richly symbolic settlement of Wounded Knee Creek (SD) to protest federal treatment of Native Americans and alliances between federal officials and entrenched tribal leaders.
- 1973 Mar 1 UNM students Larry Cause and Robert Nakaidene abducted Gallup mayor Emmett Garcia because of their outrage over his alcoholic exploitation of Native Americans at his saloon in Tse Bonto while he was chairman of an anti-alcoholism project.
- 2008 Mar 3 A traveling exhibit sponsored by the US Embassy in Indonesia, “*Edward Curtis and the North American Indian*” opened in Medan, capital of North Sumatra Province after stops in Jakarta and Bandung.

Berkeley’s famous peregrine falcons aren’t the only ones disappearing from Northern California



Despite once battling back from near-extinction, the species seems to be declining as avian flu spreads. [Read more](#)

This Wooden Sculpture Is Twice as Old as Stonehenge and the Pyramids

Findings about the 12,500-year-old Shigir Idol have major implications for the study of prehistory.

https://getpocket.com/explore/item/this-wooden-sculpture-is-twice-as-old-as-stonehenge-and-the-pyramids?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

Finding Your Way Through Donner Summit History

We're closing in on two hundred issues of the Heirloom: thousands of pages, thousands of pictures, and hundreds of subjects.

You've probably begun to realize that you cannot keep all the history in your head. Even if you remember it all, retrieval is difficult.

Fortunately one of the choices we made back at the birth of the DSHS was to index all our Heirloom articles and pictures.

We've diligently kept up the indices so that they are many pages long, full of alphabetized titles and subjects. Go to our web-site and to any of the Heirloom pages (one for each year) and you'll find links to the Heirloom indices.

One of the strengths of the DSHS is the incomparable historical photograph collection. The collection is thousands of pictures and again the sheer number makes finding anything in particular, difficult. Avoid the long URL by going to our website and clicking on the "photographs" link and then to the "historic photo collection link." A third link, to the FlickrR URL will take you to those thousands of searchable historical photographs of Donner Summit.

Have fun.

Find us on the the DSHS YouTube channel <http://bit.ly/418lhxN>
Find us on FaceBook where we place a new historical picture daily.

Trump Removes “Zombie” Pipeline Safety Rules. The administration has withdrawn carbon dioxide pipeline regulations inspired by a horrific gas leak, and a former industry lobbyist is now overseeing such matters.

Meet the 10 Worst Public Lands Villains – And the Damage They’re Doing Right Now

An in-depth introduction to the officials hell-bent on selling, drilling, and destroying America’s public lands.

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Scholarships (A-F) with April 1 Deadline

<u>AAHA Lou Manzione Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	April 01, 2025
<u>AALL Degree Candidate Scholarships</u>	Varies	April 01, 2025
<u>AAUW Mt. Lakes Area Branch Scholarship for Women</u>	Varies	April 01, 2025
<u>ABA Academic Merit Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	April 01, 2025
<u>ABA Diversity Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	April 01, 2025
<u>AFA's Teen Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	April 01, 2025
<u>AFSA National High School Essay Contest</u>	\$2,500	April 01, 2025
<u>AFWA Master's Scholarship</u>	Varies	April 01, 2025
<u>AFWA Undergraduate/5-Year Degree Scholarship</u>	Varies	April 01, 2025
<u>Air Line Pilots Association Scholarship</u>	\$70,000	April 01, 2025
<u>Alan Lucas Educational Scholarships</u>	\$1,500	April 01, 2025
<u>Arkansas Chamber Singers Music/Vocal Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	April 01, 2025
<u>Arnold W. Fritz Scholarship</u>	\$1,500	April 01, 2025
<u>Art Engelbrecht Environmental Education Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	April 01, 2025
<u>Audria M. Edwards Scholarship</u>	Varies	April 01, 2025
<u>Augustana College Rissing Scholarship for Future ELCA Church Leaders</u>	\$20,000	April 01, 2025
<u>Barbara J. Penny Community Service Scholarship</u>	\$1,500	April 01, 2025
<u>Belfer-Aptman Scholars Award for Dissertation Research</u>	\$2,500	April 01, 2025
<u>Beyond the Cure Ambassador Scholarship</u>	\$3,500	April 01, 2025
<u>Bill Banke Scholarship</u>	\$500	April 01, 2025
<u>Blind Service Association Scholarship</u>	Varies	April 01, 2025
<u>Boatman King Scholarship Foundation</u>	\$2,000	April 01, 2025
<u>BPW Alice Mahone Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	April 01, 2025
<u>Brian Pearson Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	April 01, 2025
<u>Bristol-Meyers Squibb Scholarship for Cancer Survivors</u>	\$10,000	April 01, 2025
<u>Burlingame/Gerrity Horticultural Therapy Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	April 01, 2025

Charlie Schulz Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	April 01, 2025
Chicago Engineers' Foundation Incentive Award	\$1,600	April 01, 2025
Chuck Peacock Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	April 01, 2025
Church of the Brethren Nursing Scholarships	\$2,000	April 01, 2025
CIEE College Study Abroad Scholarships	\$2,500	April 01, 2025
College of the Marshall Islands MISGLB	Varies	April 01, 2025
Colorado Christian University Legacy Scholarship	\$5,000	April 01, 2025
Colorado State University First Generation Award	\$20,000	April 01, 2025
Connecticut Academy of Audiology Scholarship	\$1,500	April 01, 2025
Corris Boyd Scholars Program	\$40,000	April 01, 2025
Count Basie Center's Arts Impact Scholarships and Awards	\$2,500	April 01, 2025
CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois	Varies	April 01, 2025
Crawford Heritage Community Foundation Scholarships	Varies	April 01, 2025
David Armanasco Scholarship	\$2,500	April 01, 2025
David Arver Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	April 01, 2025
Davis-Putter Scholarship	\$15,000	April 01, 2025
Desk and Derrick Educational Trust Scholarships	Varies	April 01, 2025
DJ COGA Scholarship	\$1,000	April 01, 2025
Ellis R. Ott Scholarship	\$7,500	April 01, 2025
Energizing Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship	\$1,000	April 01, 2025
Eula Mae Jett Scholarship	\$2,000	April 01, 2025
FCFP Scholarships	Varies	April 01, 2025
FIU Undergraduate Transfer Academic Achievement Scholarship	\$22,062	April 01, 2025
Floyd E. McDonald Scholarship	\$1,000	April 01, 2025
Fluid Power Scholarship	\$2,500	April 01, 2025
Frederic H. Kass III M.D. Endowed Scholarship	\$2,000	April 01, 2025

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