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Community garden in Albany Park aims to protect environment, indigenous culture

The First Nations Garden currently includes a traditional garden for the community's use. Part of the space — a prairie and soil restoration project and land specifically used for indigenous practices and traditions — remains in development. By <u>Nirmal Mulaikal</u> May 24, 2019

<u>Cheyenne River tribe claims Keystone XL contractors escorted off reservation</u> argusleader.com

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe says contractors with TC Energy, formerly known as TransCanada, were escorted off its reservation on Monday night. argusleader.com

As New Pipeline Battle Looms, Texas Moves Toward Criminalizing Pipeline Protest CANDICE BERND, TRUTHOUT

For those who live along the proposed route for Kinder Morgan's Permian Highway Pipeline, the project is yet another symbol of the fossil fuel industry's race to accelerate the climate emergency and the Earth's ongoing sixth mass extinction -- a highway to the next Permian extinction event literally fueled by the last one. Read the Article \rightarrow

Water/Environmental Shorts

On Stressed Colorado River, States Test How Many Diversions Watershed Can Bear By Luke Runyon, KPBS, 6/11/19

The Colorado River is short on water. But you wouldn't know it by looking at a slate of proposed water projects in the river's Upper Basin states of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. The river and its tributaries provide water for 40 million people in the Southwest. For about the last 20 years, demand for water has outstripped the supply, causing its largest reservoirs to decline. In the Bureau of Reclamation's 2012 Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study, you can pinpoint when the lines crossed somewhere around the year 2002. It's a well-documented and widely accepted imbalance.

Pacific sea turtles likely to go extinct under Trump administration policy, lawsuit argues

By Emily Cadei, Sacramento Bee, 6/10/19

Leatherback sea turtles are likely to be "effectively extinct within 20 years" if two new federal permits for fishing off the coast of California go into effect, environmental groups claim in a new lawsuit. In April, the Trump administration granted new two-year "exempted fishing permits" to two California-based vessels in what are currently protected waters. This type of experimental permit is "the only way we can improve the fisheries," said Kathleen Fosmark, co-chair of the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries. Environmental groups argue, however, that the fishing permits are using a loophole to allow the controversial fishing practice known as longline fishing in the protected Pacific Leatherback Conservation Area. 1960s. Read the Article \rightarrow

40 percent Proportion of households in the Navajo Nation, which spans parts of Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico, that do not have running water, even as drought conditions ease in the southwestern U.S. Families in the Navajo Nation are 67 times more likely that the average American to be without clean water, the non-profit Navajo Water Project reports. <u>Pacific</u> <u>Standard</u>

Canvassing the 55 Percent of Rural Voters Wanting Medicare for All BARBARA G. ELLIS, TRUTHOUT

Polls show that 55 percent of rural voters favor Medicare for All, but the Democratic Party leadership in Congress, under pressure from the health care industry, has decided the public isn't ready for single-payer. However, an activated public can take the initiative and begin canvassing the rural U.S. to bring about change, just as it once did to establish Medicare in the

"News is something somebody doesn't want printed; all else is advertising." – William Randolph Hearst "A good newspaper, I suppose, is a nation talking to itself." – Arthur Miller

EPA Requests Nominations for New Members to National Environmental Justice Advisory Council

Applications due July 15, 2019

For more information, click here!

EPA is inviting nominations for new members to the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) to fill seven new vacancies for terms through November 2020. The deadline for applications is **July 15, 2019**, with appointments expected in November 2019.

Established in 1993, the NEJAC provides advice and recommendations about broad, cross-cutting issues related to environmental justice to the EPA Administrator. New members serve for a one-year term.

To maintain the representation outlined by the charter, nominees will be selected to represent:

- academia (3 vacancies);
- community-based organizations (2 vacancies)
- non-governmental organizations (1 vacancy); and
- tribal governments and indigenous organizations (1 vacancy).

Nominations can be submitted in electronic format (preferred) using the NEJAC Member Nomination Form:

- NEJAC Member Nomination Form: <u>https://www.epa.gov/</u> <u>environmentaljustice/nominations-nejac</u>
- Frequently Asked Questions about NEJAC Nominations: <u>https://</u> www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisorycouncil-membership-solicitation-faq

Submit nominations electronically with the subject line "NEJAC Membership 2019" to <u>nejac@epa.gov</u>.

You also may submit nominations by mail to: <u>Karen L. Martin</u>, NEJAC Program Manager, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (MC 2202A), Washington, DC 20460. Non-electronic submissions must follow the same format and contain the same information. For more information: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/nominationsnejac



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Nomination Form

The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Guardians of Culture, Memory, and Lifeways International Awards. Nominations are due by June 28, with awards presented on Wednesday, October 9 at the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums at the Pechanga Casino and Resort, Temecula, California.

Established in 2007 by the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, the awards program identifies and recognizes organizations and individuals who serve as outstanding examples of how indigenous archives, libraries, and museums contribute to the vitality and cultural sovereignty of Native Nations. To learn more about the award categories and nominate worthy individuals or organizations, visit https://www.atalm.org/node/412

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Best wishes to you, Walter Echo-Hawk, ATALM Board Chair Susan Feller, President/CEO Melissa Brodt, Director of Programs

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David McCullough Discusses Why History Matters

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American history author David McCullough discusses why he believes understanding your history is so valuable.



Missouri senator says it's a waste of time to study history because it was a long timeagothinkprogress.orglBy Josh Israel

A Ten Thousand Year Long "Do Not Touch" Sign

- The Long Now Foundation was established in 1996 and is based in San Francisco. It is a public, non-profit organization that seeks to become the seed of a very long-term cultural institution.
- Its goal is to promote "slower/better" thinking as a counterpoint to what it views as today's "faster/cheaper" mindset.
- <u>The Clock of the Long Now</u>, one of several of the foundation's on-going projects, is a monument-scale timepiece designed to operate with minimum human intervention for ten thousand years. It is being constructed in the Texas desert as an icon to long-term thinking.
- World-traveling author, historian and journalist Alexander Rose has been working over the past two decades on the clock with a team of Long Now engineers. <u>Rose explains</u> what he's learned about designing for extreme longevity. (BBC)

More Water Shorts

Arizona plans for drought contingency plan impacts

By Ariana Brocious, Arizona Public Media, 6/10/19

Earlier this year, the seven states that rely on Colorado River water signed a collective drought contingency plan. At a conference last week in Colorado, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director Tom Buschatzke said his state will take about half of the water reductions under that plan when a drought hits. "That's a pretty big lift and a pretty big contribution by the state of Arizona," Buschatzke said. "This will be an issue for us whether we can sustain that kind of long-term reductions moving forward past 2026."

With Flood and Droughts Increasing, Communities Take a New Look at Storing Water Underground By Erica Gies, Ensia, 6/11/19

Houston, Texas, has flooded every year for the past five years. At the same time, Texas is also known for dire water shortages. What if people were to capture the floodwater and store it for later in aquifers — underground layers of permeable rock, gravel and sand that allow water to pass through? A recent study by researchers from the University of Texas at Austin found that coastal aquifers from which water has been pumped for use in farms and cities, have enough space to store two-thirds of the water from high-flow events from 10 Texas rivers, reducing the impacts of both floods and droughts — if we figure out a way to get the excess water into them.

State and local governments seeking climate change 'solutions' have plenty of options By Craig K. Chandler, Yale Climate Connections, 6/11/19

March 2019 five-part series addressed actions individual people can take to reduce their carbon footprint on the road, in and around their homes, and in their diets. That series raised the obvious question of whether individual actions on their own can be adequate to help society confront the climate challenges we all face. The answer is decidedly 'No': Societal actions globally also are essential. That's the focus of this companion two-part series. This post focuses on actions all levels of government can take in this effort. A second part of this series will address actions only the federal government can take. After that, the author plans to address a range of private sector (manufacturing, agriculture, services) actions needed to help prevent the most devastating impacts of climate change.

Water was among the top priorities at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit hosted June 4 in The Hague, The Netherlands where J. Carl Ganter moderated the session, <u>"The Future Now: Water,"</u> and emceed the Water Solutions Stage. The Government of The Netherlands and U.S. State Department hosted the conference of some 2,000 leaders, innovators, and investors.

OPINION: How the California Environmental Quality Act Fails the Environment

By Alastair Bland, East Bay Express, 6/12/19



The owl had probably flown over much of West, migrating over deserts and mountains, pastures and green valleys. It eventually settled in Fremont, in an urban neighborhood where it presumably had wintered before. Burrowing owls often nest in the same rodent burrows year after year. But this time, its familiar home was gone — paved over months before to accommodate the vehicles of shoppers at Walmart. "It was standing in the parking lot," recalled Marcia Grefsrud, an environmental scientist with the

California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"Most Americans are close to total ignorance about the world. They are ignorant. That is an unhealthy condition in a country in which foreign policy has to be endorsed by the people if it is to be pursued. And it makes it much more difficult for any president to pursue an intelligent policy that does justice to the complexity of the world."

"[American exceptionalism] is a reaction to the inability of people to understand global complexity or important issues like American energy dependency. Therefore, they search for simplistic sources of comfort and clarity. And the people that they are now selecting to be, so to speak, the spokespersons of their anxieties are, in most cases, stunningly ignorant." – Zbigniew Brzezinski

House panel turns back effort to fund Yucca Mountain licensing

The House Rules Committee voted 7-4 on Wednesday to kill the funding request by Rep. John Shimkus, R-III., a staunch advocate of nuclear waste storage at the Nevada site.

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500 MGM Resorts International Employees have the chance to attend college for free this fall.

A little legislation summary:

Polling on Native American land: If county or city clerks open a polling place within Native American reservation boundaries during an election, they will be required to open that same polling location in future elections unless the tribe requests otherwise. (Assembly Bill 137 effective Oct. 1; signed by governor.)

Fewer food deserts: The state will begin offering tax credits for businesses willing to invest in "fresh food retailers" located in food deserts — areas in cities that do not have grocery stores

within one mile, or in rural areas within 10 miles. (<u>Assembly Bill 326</u> effective July 1; not yet signed.)

For the thousands of Nevadans who can't vote due to felonies: On July 1, some 77,000 people with a felony conviction that bars them from voting will instantly have their right to vote restored. And going forward, anyone released from prison will be allowed to vote as well. (Assembly Bill 431 effective July 1; signed by governor.)

Historic preservation: Cities and counties (besides Clark, which already does this) can now vote designate historic neighborhoods following a public hearing. (<u>Assembly Bill 230</u>, effect July 1; signed by governor.)

Public records: If you've had trouble getting records from a government agency, this bill aims to make the task easier and possibly cheaper, and also provide penalties when agencies don't comply. (Senate Bill 287 effective Oct. 1; not yet signed.)

Protections for prehistoric sites and Native American graves: You could face jail time for defacing or destroying Native American graves or any historic or prehistoric site on state land. Those penalties were added to the already existing fines for such offenses. (Assembly Bill 152 effective July 1; signed by governor.)

Drone hunting: Puts in state law existing agency regulations against using drones to harass, hunt or kill game birds or mammals. (<u>Senate Bill 454</u> effective May 16; signed by governor.)

Child support: State can revoke a hunting or fishing license from those who fail to make child support payments. (<u>Senate Bill 17</u> effective July 1; signed by governor.)

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