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"They were destroying trees because they didn't live here. It wasn't their home."

Indigenous Woman Fights Peru's Powerful Mining Companies, and Wins globalcitizen.org

#### Understanding the Wet'suwet'en Struggle in Canada

#### Jillian Kestler-D'Amours, Al Jazeera

Kestler-D'Amours writes: "Mass demonstrations, sit-ins and blockades have gripped parts of Canada over the last month as a movement to support the leaders of an Indigenous nation who are opposed to a multibillion-dollar pipeline project in northern British Columbia (BC) grows." <u>READ MORE</u>

#### Native Activists Are Forging a Just Transition to Renewable Energy

#### WINONA LADUKE, TRUTHOUT

As climate change melts away the permafrost in Alaska, communities that have inhabited the land for thousands of years are coming together to create a framework for shifting to an economy that is ecologically sustainable, equitable and just for all. As the Trump administration expands oil and gas exploration in Alaska, Native activists are forging a transition to renewable energy rooted in Indigenous ecological practices and social values associated with long-term stability. Read the Article  $\rightarrow$ 

#### **Carbon Emissions Fall as Electricity Producers Move Away From Coal**

*Jillian Ambrose and Simon Goodley, Guardian UK* Excerpt: "Carbon emissions from the global electricity system fell by 2% last year, the biggest drop in almost 30 years, as countries began to turn their backs on coal-fired power plants." <u>READ MORE</u>

#### Climate change: 10 common myths – and what science really says

https://www.cbsnews.com/news/climate-change-myths-what-science-really-says/

#### In times like these, Nevada's mining tax looks especially irresponsible.

The Nevada Supreme Court is weighing the state's role in protecting water under the Public Trust Doctrine, a legal concept that calls on the government to preserve natural resources for public benefit. The court is hearing arguments over whether the "public trust" values include protection of water resources. Agricultural groups, businesses, and municipalities worry that a change in water protections under a broadened interpretation of the public trust could undermine current water rights. *The Nevada Independent* 

#### Pebble Mine is on the 'fast track'

Governmental agencies and tribes are reviewing a proposal to develop a huge mine in Alaska. The Pebble project would be the largest mine in North America and one of largest in the world. The open pit mine would be 2,500 feet, or 7.5 city blocks

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Rainbow Snake Seen In Florida's Ocala National Forest For First Time since 1969 <u>The non-venomous colubrid is also known as</u> <u>the eel moccasin.</u>



#### How to Save Insects Andrew Urevig, Ensia

Urevig writes: "Butterflies and bees, ants and beetles, cockroaches and flies - whether loved or feared, insects help humans. Just sample the ways these animals enable life as we know it: they pollinate crops, give us new medicines, break down waste and support entire ecosystems." <u>READ MORE</u> (*Any tribal tales about bees and other insects?*)

It's the birthday (March 8) of essayist and children's author Kenneth Grahame, (books by this author) born in Edinburgh, Scotland (1859). He is best known for his book *The Wind in the Willows* (1908), which he composed from bedtime stories he told to his son.

He had already published two books of stories for children, but *The Wind in the Willows* was rejected by publishers because it had talking animals in it. At the time, talking animals were considered too fantastic. Teddy Roosevelt, a fan of Grahame's earlier work, convinced a publisher to take the book. It was huge success, and it continues to sell well, over 100 years later.

Grahame was able to retire from his bank job because of the book. He lived for another 25 years, but he never wrote another one. *Imagine, talking animals?!* 

#### **Fish Shorts**

#### California estimates fewer salmon in Klamath River this year, worrying Yurok Tribe By Eureka Times-Standard, 2/28/2020

The state is projecting lower numbers of adult full-run Chinook salmon in the Klamath River this year, a discouraging sign for the Yurok Tribe, whose fisheries have been devastated by reduced fish counts in recent years. "It's certainly a tough abundance forecast," said Pete McHugh of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. "It makes things hard both in the river and the ocean for fisheries."

#### 'Major Milestones' In Russian River Fish Habitat Enhancements

#### By Patch.com, 2/28/2020

It's hard to imagine the Russian River without salmon or steelhead. These iconic fish were a major food supply for indigenous people and early settlers. They once gave the river the reputation as a world-renowned fly-fishing destination, are a critical link in the riparian food web – and are spectacularly beautiful.

# How the San Geronimo Golf Course Ballot Measure Might Impact California'sEndangered FishBy Marin Magazine, 3/5/2020

WILD SALMON have long been considered sacred by indigenous people on the West Coast. For native ancestors, local streams were full of these wriggling, spawning fish, which provided important nutrition. And though the salmon were feasted on heartily, every year a bounty of them returned. I worked with these amazing fish for nine years in Alaska, as a fisher and then collecting data on them for that state's Department of Fish and Game.

#### Salmon cannons are not the answer for the Klamath River By Herald and News,

The Klamath River is steelhead and salmon country. This river's Chinook salmon and steelhead fisheries have supported commercial and recreational fishing economies for more than a century—and native cultures for millennia. But the Klamath's salmon and steelhead populations are trending downward rapidly.

#### **OPINION:** Invasive plans to eliminate invasive fish from Lake Tahoe

By Tahoe Daily Tribune, 2/29/2020

Regarding Tahoe RCD plan to eradicate some non-native fish in Lake Tahoe concerns anglers. It is well known that warm water fish (bass and bluegill) have diminished wild trout populations at Lake Tahoe. I fully agree, mitigation would greatly help support gene pools of more appropriate cold-water fish. Let's keep Tahoe a cold-water haven.

#### Alaska's Marine Ecosystem Is Changing 'Decades Too Early' Due to Climate

**Crisis** Jordan Davidson, EcoWatch Davidson writes: "The climate crisis is accelerating the rate of change in Alaska's marine ecosystem far faster than scientists had previously thought, causing possibly irreversible

changes." READ MORE

Nevada town has disappeared and re-emerged over 150 years: "When John Wesley Powell and the five remaining members of his crew, who had struggled through the canyons of the Green and Colorado rivers, finally exited the Grand Canyon at the end of August, 1869, hungry and bedraggled, the first people they encountered were Mormon settlers from the tiny community of St. Thomas. Had they arrived two years later, they might not have met anyone. By then, the community was largely abandoned, a victim of cartographic errors and political disputes. ... " Read more from The Daily Sentinel

https://mavensnotebook.com/2019/03/29/funding-opportunity-usda-offersconservation-assistance-to-landowners-to-protect-wetlands-agricultural-landsand-grasslands/

**Exhibit A: Science advisers' critiques of EPA rules** By E&E News, 3/6/2020 An EPA advisory panel's sharp rebukes of the Trump administration's Clean Water Act protections and vehicle emissions standards have provided a partial blueprint for how critics could challenge the rules in court. EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB), which includes many members selected by the Trump administration, last week finalized striking criticisms of the agency's proposed Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule and its recently narrowed definition of the "waters of the United States," or WOTUS.

#### Study: Widespread droughts affect Southern California water six times a century By Water Finance & Management, 3/9/2020

Severe droughts happened simultaneously in the regions that supply water to Southern California almost six times per century on average since the year 1500, according to recent University of Arizona-led research. The study is the first to document the duration and frequency of simultaneous droughts in Southern California's main water sources – the Sacramento River basin, the Upper Colorado River Basin and local Southern California basins. The report highlights what a previous researcher dubbed "perfect droughts" – when the precipitation or streamflow in all three water sources falls below the median for two or more years. The most



recent perfect drought lasted from 2012 to 2015.

This 50-year-old policy is communities' first line of defense against dirty development projects. Trump is about to roll it back. Tuesday is the final day for the public to submit comments on Trump's revision of the National Environmental Policy Act

#### HotSpots H2O: Public to Decide Fate of Contested Brewery in Northern Mexico

The future of a controversial brewery in northern Mexico will be determined by the public, according to statements from Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador

#### A Trump Insider at DOI Embeds Climate Denial in Scientific Research

Hiroko Tabuchi, The New York Times

Tabuchi writes: "An official at the Interior Department embarked on a campaign that has inserted misleading language about climate change - including debunked claims that increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is beneficial - into the agency's scientific reports, according to documents reviewed by The New York Times." <u>READ MORE</u>

# White House Rewrites EPA Assessment of Chemical Linked to Fetal Heart Damage

# ELIZABETH SHOGREN, REVEAL

Trichloroethylene, or TCE, has been used widely for decades to remove grease from electronics, medical devices, aircrafts and by ordinary dry cleaners. It was then often dumped and leaked, contaminating soil and groundwater in residential neighborhoods, military bases and industrial parks across the country. But its adverse effects are being obscured by the Trump administration. Read the Article  $\rightarrow$ 

#### A new state policy puts Native Americans first in line for Diablo Canyon land sale What should happen to the land surrounding Diablo Canyon?

https://www.sanluisobispo.com/opinion/editorials/article241024711.html?

#### Polar Ice Shrinking Six Times Faster Than in the 1990s, Data Shows

Polar ice caps are diminishing six times faster than in the 1990s, data shows. A new report warns that climate change and **global** urbanization could drive an increase in dissolved organic carbon in groundwater, jeopardizing drinking water sources.

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#### Job Opps

Lifeguard training is offered in the spring, fall and winter by certified American Red Cross trainers. The minimum age for Lifeguard Training is 16. Once certified, participants are eligible to work in the City of Reno aquatic centers or they can take their certification to another aquatic facility. For dates or more information call Lauren Kaz at (775) 657-4651 or email <u>KazL@reno.gov</u>. Training provides entry-level participants the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until EMS personnel take over. Participants must attend all classes within the selected session.

More info at: Reno.Gov/ParksAndRec

Parks and Recreation has several part-time job openings in aquatics, park maintenance, adult athletics, & Sierra Kids. Visit Reno.Gov/Jobs for details and to apply.

From April 10, through May 14, 2020 Reno PD will be accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. During that time, you can apply at <u>www.renopd.com</u>, or <u>www.reno.gov/jobs.</u>The physical and written test will take place in June of this year. Now is the time to start preparing, and we are excited to be part of your journey!

Beginning in January, and ending in June, we will provide multiple opportunities to prepare for the physical and written tests, along with the backgrounds process. These event are the Run With A Recruiter, and the Applicant Information Sessions. A description of each event and their full schedules are located below on this page.

We frequently post new information about different recruitment related events on our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram). This is a great way to keep you up to date, so please follow us on the platform of your choice.

If you have any recruitment related questions, feel free to email our recruiter at <u>recruiter@reno.gov</u>. We look forward to meeting you, and to expand the Reno Police Department to meet the needs of our growing and diverse community.

**Never-ending story.** A half century later and downwinders are still seeking justice. <u>Sun</u>



Aaniiih Nakoda College to offer first baccalaureate degree programAaniiih Nakoda College in Fort Belknap will offer its first bachelor's degree program in AaniihNakoda Ecology this fall.greatfallstribune.com

#### It's Time to Close the Loopholes That Are Harming the 2020 Election WENDY R. WEISER AND DANIEL I. WEINER, BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE

Super Tuesday voting last week was marred by long lines more appropriate for a theme park than a 21st century democracy. Long wait times were especially concentrated in precincts serving communities of color and students. Some solutions are in H.R. 1, the For the People Act of 2019, which would make it easier to vote, transform how campaigns are funded, and ban partisan gerrymandering, among other critical changes. Read the Article  $\rightarrow$ 

Regarding 'tribal community right to precinct & polling places:

Here's the Nevada La	w - AB 137.	Elveda	(Click to enlarge)

Assembly Bill No. 137-Assemblyman Watts

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AN ACT relating to elections; revising certain provisions related to establishing polling places within the boundaries of Indian reservations and Indian colonies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest: Existing law requires, under certain circumstances, county and city clerks to establish at least one polling place for the day of a primary election, general election, primary city clection or general city election, as applicable, within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe upon the request of the Indian tribe. (NRS 293.2733, 293C.2675) Existing law also requires, under certain circumstances, county and city clerks to establish at least one temporary branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony upon the request of an Indian tribe. (NRS 293.2737, 293C.3757), Sections 10, 21, 42 and 48 dri this bill provide that if a county or city clerk establishes a polling place for the day of an election or for early voting upon the request of an Indian tribe, the county or city clerk shall continue to establish such a polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for future elections or early voting, unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted-moterial] is material to be omitted

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Sections 1-9. (Deleted by amendment.)
Sec. 10. NRS 293.2733 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.2733 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the county clerk for the establishment of a polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary election or general election.
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(2) If the request is for a general election, the first Friday in July of the year in which the general election is to be held.
(b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling



80th Session (2019)

With kudos to those that worked so hard on this with their communities and the Legislature.

#### The Urban Native Era Experience

On March 14th in Los Angeles CA, <u>Urban Native Era</u> will be holding an event from 11am-6pm Pacific time. The event will be located at Exhibit A Gallery in Los Angeles, with special performances from Mato Wayuhi, and Kinsale Hueston.

#### Urban Native Era will also be releasing its spring collection!

The new collection theme, "For The Next Leaders", heavily displays the experience from the doorway into the apparel. In the interactive activation wall, guests will have a personal experience of reflecting and sharing. The day will end with a special performance by award-winning poet, Kinsale Hueston and a duet with Mato Wayuhi.

#### Viral Video Cree Boys Singing With Plastic Bin Leads to Community

**<u>Response</u>** After a positively provoking <u>video</u> of young boys from Mathias Colomb Cree Nation in Manitoba went viral on Facebook (receiving over 5,000 views in just a few days), individuals from communities all around responded.



The boys wanted to drum—and drum they did—on plastic storage tote bins with any old stick they found. They all joined in to practice drumming and singing, which they learned from an older mentor in their Pukatawagan community. Read More...

#### **Scholarships with April1-15 Deadlines**

PA Land Surveyors' Foundation Scholarship	\$2,000	04/01/2020
Pennsylvania Engineering Foundation Scholarships	\$2,000	04/15/2020
Peters Foundation, Corp. Scholarship	\$20,000	04/01/2020

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PFLAG South Orange County Student Scholarship	\$2,500	04/01/2020
Pine Cone Foundation Scholarship	\$3,500	04/01/2020
Powering Education Scholarship	\$2,000	04/01/2020
Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club Scholarship	<u>\$1,000</u>	04/01/2020
Project Yellow Light Scholarship/Radio Design	<u>\$2,000</u>	04/01/2020
Project Yellow Light/Hunter Garner Video Scholarship	<u>\$8,000</u>	04/01/2020
Prospective Educator Scholarships	Varies	04/06/2020
Ray Greenly Scholarship	\$25,000	04/03/2020
Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship	\$20,000	04/01/2020
RWA Internship Housing Stipend	<u>\$4,000</u>	04/03/2020
Salix Gastrointestinal Health Scholars Award	\$10,000	04/02/2020
Samuel Robinson Award	\$7,500	04/01/2020
Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association Scholarships	\$3,500	04/15/2020
Society of Plastics Engineers Foundation Scholarship	Varies	04/01/2020
SOULE Foundation Scholarship	\$2,500	04/08/2020
SSPI Scholarship Program	\$3,500	04/14/2020
Stand Up 8 Foundation Standout Leader Award	\$2,500	04/15/2020
Stewardship Sermon Scholarship	\$1,000	04/04/2020
Stop The Bleed Essay National Scholarships	\$3,000	04/21/2020
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Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association Merit Scholarship	\$2,000	04/10/2020
Wisconsin Women in Lodging Scholarship	<u>\$500</u>	04/10/2020
Worldstudio AIGA Scholarship	\$5,000	04/10/2020
WWIN Star Scholarship	\$20,000	04/15/2020

**Scholarship Overview** This scholarship program was developed with Washoe County School District's (WCSD) Children in Transition students in mind. The goal is to promote positive outcomes and opportunities for students who may have none at all.

The scholarship focuses on providing high school graduates the opportunity to enroll in higher education certification programs while gaining necessary skills to improve employment opportunities. (Specific requirements listed at <a href="https://www.assistanceleague.org/reno-sparks/students-in-transition-application/">https://www.assistanceleague.org/reno-sparks/students-in-transition-application/</a>)

Assistance League of Reno-Sparks partners with WCSD Children in Transition (CIT) program and Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) Workforce Development and Community Education (WDCE). Our partnerships do not restrict the applicant from entering another accredited vocational or technical training school located in Washoe County.

Scholarships are awarded on both need-based and/or merit-based evaluation. Applicant may not be a chapter member, the relative of a chapter member, an Assisteens<sup>®</sup> member, or an employee of Assistance League of Reno-Sparks.

Students in Transition Scholarship Committee representativescholarshipalrs@gmail.com.775-329-1584

#### A Lesson Learned Is A Paycheck Earned, But Not Always For Students

- Pursuant to Obama-era debt-relief measures, students misled by for-profit schools that had lured them in with false claims about their graduates' career and earning prospects, could request their student loans be forgiven. The Trump administration aimed to change that. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos denounced the debt-relief system as a "free money" giveaway and repeatedly sought to curtail it. A federal court blocked her in 2018.
- But DeVos rewrote the rule again, this time adopting a complicated formula for calculating relief that assured most borrowers would have to repay their loans. On Wednesday, in a bipartisan rebuke, the Senate voted 53 to 42 to <u>strike down the revised</u> <u>rule</u>. The House passed a companion resolution in January.
- The legislation now goes to President Trump, who will either side with Congress and sign the bill, or veto the legislation and side with his education secretary to uphold the new rule.
- Last year Trump announced he would forgive loan debt for permanently disabled veterans so they wouldn't be "saddled with mountains of student debt." If Trump vetoes this legislation Democrats say they will press for a veto override. (NYT)

"Once you carry your own water, you will learn the value of every drop."

--anon

Funeral Services Sidney & Hunter **Timothy** 

March 11, 1996

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Their Song has ended but the Melody lives on." March 7, 2020

## Sunday, March 15, 2020

Viewing: 1:00 pm Services: 2:00 pm Nixon Gym, Nixon, Nevada

Burial: Nixon Cemetery, Nixon, NV

Dinner to follow Nixon Gym Food Donations Appreciated