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Now is the time to Shape Our Future!

Census 2020 will determine how millions of federal \$ is divided over the next 10 years. More importantly, the Census numbers will be used to determine representation on local, state, and federal levels.

Indian Country Counts In 2010 American Indians were undercounted by more than 5%. Let's not let that happen again. Complete your Census now!

PowWows.com is excited to partner with Census 2020 to help raise awareness. What better way to learn more than with a giveaway! [Read More...](#)

[Bill McKibben | Big Oil Is Using the Coronavirus Pandemic to Push Through the Keystone XL Pipeline](#) *Bill McKibben, Guardian UK*

McKibben writes: "I'm going to tell you the single worst story I've heard in these past few horrid months, a story that combines naked greed, political influence peddling, a willingness to endanger innocent human beings, utter blindness to one of the greatest calamities in human history and a complete disregard for the next crisis aiming for our planet." [READ MORE](#)

[The Green New Deal Is Cheap, Actually](#)

Tim Dickinson, Rolling Stone

Dickinson writes: "Opposition to the Green New Deal is often framed as a matter of cost. President Trump's re-election campaign blasted the 'radical' plan, claiming it would 'cost trillions of dollars, wreck our economy, and decimate millions of energy jobs.'" [READ MORE](#)

[Reno River Festival](#)

Get off the couch to help our heroes with the Reno River Festival's Virtual River Run! Participating is super simple. Choose between the Battle Born 17K or the Full Truckee 121 miles then get moving. You complete the run at your own pace in your own home or neighborhood. When you're finished, we'll send you your medal and a donation to Feed Our Heroes - a group of Northern Nevada restaurants and sponsors committed to feeding our ER staff and first responders.

[We may be apart, but we are still one community. Let's go big and stay home!](#)



[For Your Shelter at Home Assignments - Independent Films](#)

August 21, 2017

[Doc Star of the Month: Chief Judge Abby Abinanti, 'Tribal Justice'](#)

An eye-opening documentary about restorative justice on the rez, Anne Makepeace's Tribal Justice should be required viewing for anyone involved in [Read more](#)

April 15, 2015

[Which Truth is More Important? The Documentarian's Ethical Dilemma](#)

[Documentarians face quandaries at every phase of the process. Is it ethical to film this subject? What footage do I include? Do I have a "right" to](#) [Read more](#)

[Conscience Point](#)

In the Hamptons, playground of the rich, land for the development of luxury property is bought and sold at a premium. Members of the Shinnecock Nation, tell a different story about the meaning and value of this beautiful peninsula and long to preserve what remains of their cultural heritage. [Read more](#)

[Reservation Blues: 'Kind Hearted Woman' Paints a Hardscrabble Portrait](#)

'Kind Hearted Woman' airs April 1 and 2 on PBS' 'Frontline' and 'Independent Lens.' [Read more](#)

July 22, 2016

['The Seventh Fire' Explores Gang Life on the Reservation](#)

Jack Pettibone Riccobono's debut feature, The Seventh Fire, which opens today in New York and July 29 in Los Angeles through Film Movement, takes an [Read more](#)

Shadowtrain: Under a Crooked Sky

Shadowtrain: Under a Crooked Sky explores a hybrid way of life merging modern society with the ancient practices of people who have lived in harmony with the land for thousands of years; native American Indians. The film reveals its message through the journey of a group of renowned musical... [Read more](#)

September 17, 2009

Their AIM Is True: Native American Filmmakers Look to Define a New Era

Forty years ago, an ebullient civil rights movement brought the plight of many marginalized Americans to the frontier of a slumbering national [Read more](#)

Estado de Exceção (State of Exception)

As Rio de Janeiro prepares to host the 2014 FIFA World Cup and 2016 Olympics, a community of self-described “urban Indians” are threatened with forced eviction to make way for a stadium named after the original indigenous inhabitants of the territory. As the mega-events begin threatening a... [Read more](#)

October 18, 2017

Sterlin Harjo on the Dos and Don'ts of Filming in Indian Country

Editor's Note: Lauren Wissot had interviewed Sterlin Harjo for the article she wrote for the Fall 2017 issue, entitled " Whose Story? Five Doc-Makers [Read more](#)

Los Cautivos: The First Battle Over Native American Education

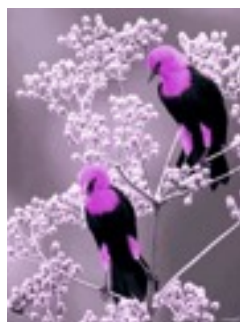
As the Western frontier closed, America sought to forcibly re-educate Native Americans at Indian Boarding Schools. Their motto was “Kill The Indian To Save The Man.” In 1892, the Pueblo of Isleta sued the Albuquerque Indian School for the return of “Los Cautivos” (The Captives), 36 children... [Read more](#)

November 15, 2018

Documentaries to Watch for Native American Heritage Month

Editor's note: In celebration of National Native American Heritage Month, we invited Rebekka Herrera-Schlichting, Assistant Director of one of our [Read more](#)

What we're checking out: [The Social Distancing Festival](#), a calendar of live-streamed events. “You’ve probably already exhausted your Netflix and HBO options,” writes our national correspondent Mike Wines, “so here are different options.”



[Dee Numa](#)

El Capitan: The Miwok said this was an Angry Rock Chief who would spout Rocks from the top of his head. Actually it was Paiutes rolling rocks down to keep out intruders.



Half Dome was originally called "Tis-sa-ack", meaning Girl Crying in the Paiute language. Tis-sa-ack is a compound word broken down as T'ssi yakka and a compound word of the Yosemite Mono Lake Paiutes, thus = T'ssi = Girl and Yakka = cry, thus crying girl in the Paiute Language.

Yosemite and their advisors don't know the Truth and try to make everything Miwok. However they cant change the old history of the Park and they don't know the Paiute language!



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STATE OF MONTANA

STEVE BULLOCK
GOVERNOR



MIKE COONEY
LT. GOVERNOR

TO: Kids, parents, and magical creatures performing essential duties
FROM: Governor Steve Bullock
DATE: April 9, 2020
RE: Directive providing that certain magical creatures may travel throughout Montana to perform essential services

Magical entities perform essential services outside the scope of human ability. The tradition of Easter egg hunts has been celebrated by generations of Montanans. The Easter Bunny performs the essential services of hiding Easter eggs, supporting the chocolate-egg industry, and bringing springtime joy to Montanans all over the state.

Further, all dental services, including magical ones, are considered essential services, especially during a time of increased consumption of chocolate eggs, yellow Peeps, and other related spring treats. The Tooth Fairy is uniquely qualified to perform the service of lost tooth collection, and to remit payment for lost baby teeth.

Other magical entities, including but not limited to elves, unicorns, and friendly dragons, are also considered essential workers, provided they maintain a comfortable six-foot distance. Visits to homes for magical purposes is essential travel.

Therefore, in accordance with the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Montana, I hereby direct the following measures be in place in the State of Montana effective immediately through the end of the emergency:

- Magical entities, including but not limited to the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy, may freely travel into and through Montana to perform services essential to Montanans.
- Magical entities must leave behind a gift—for example, eggs, chocolates, or the fair market value of a baby tooth—at every home they visit, and must follow social distancing guidelines.
- This Directive does not modify, abridge, or limit the effect of any other statute or administrative rule regulating magical entities.

Authorities: Esther Watkins Arnold, The Tooth Fairy (1927); Margery Williams, The Velveteen Rabbit (1922); and all Montana children, young and young-at-heart.

Limitations

- This Directive is effective immediately and expires at the end of the emergency.
- Nothing in this Directive limits the authority or discretion of the Tooth Fairy, the Easter Bunny, or any fairies, gnomes, elves, unicorns, or friendly dragons to perform their essential functions as they see fit.

[Reclamation seeks public input on proposed Klamath Project interim operations](#)

By Herald and News, 4/5/2020

The Bureau of Reclamation invites public comment on a draft environmental assessment that evaluates a proposed water management approach for the Klamath Project, according to a news release. The Project provides irrigation for approximately 230,000 acres of farmed lands in the Klamath Basin. “The proposed Interim Operations Plan strives to balance the water needs in the Klamath Basin by delivering as much water as possible to the Klamath Project, while also meeting the needs of fish and wildlife in an environmentally sound manner,” said Reclamation’s Area Manager Jeff Nettleton, in a news release.

[Pioneer student designs plan to fix Mule Creek contamination](#)

By Ledger Dispatch, 4/4/2020

Meris Schauer, **an 8-year-old second grader** from Pioneer Elementary, sat down and started her first day of distance learning from the safety of her home. One of her first assignments – a Scholastic News Science Focus on Engineering – was to make an invention, explain how it works and design and draw the invention. Schauer, a young reader of the Ledger Dispatch newspaper, had remembered reading about the ongoing contamination of Mule Creek by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) from Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP). The publisher had asked for readers to call local, state and federal representatives, to seek ways to help solve this problem.

Cowboys Glamping in Camo Glam: This Isn’t A Potato/Potahto Situation, Idaho

*Ammon Bundy, the Idaho man who once led an armed takeover of an Oregon wildlife refuge, is determined to violate Governor Brad Little’s order to avoid group gatherings.

- Last week Bundy gathered a few dozen people inside an old factory building north of Boise and expounded on how [Little’s order undermines their constitutional right](#) to peacefully assemble.
- He’s not alone. Some state lawmakers and a county sheriff have challenged social-distancing requirements, calling them an infringement on individual liberties. One group wants 1,000 people to get together for Easter.
- Idaho is facing its own worrying spike in coronavirus cases. Despite that, efforts aimed at containing the spread of the virus have run into outright rebellion among people in some parts of the state who dislike big government and science.
- Meanwhile an emergency room doctor in the area said a lot of people listen to those voices. Unfortunately, if even “a small group wants to exercise their right to assemble, it puts the community at large at such a high risk.” (NYT)

[Humans living in Amazon 10,000 years ago cultivated plants, study finds](#) (Guardian)

■ **Seismologists have been able to hear the earth’s natural vibrations more clearly** as the everyday hum of humanity has grown quieter. Electricity usage in the U.S. [has fallen sharply in the past month](#), a sign of decreased economic activity.

NYT special report on A.I.: As artificial intelligence evolves and expands, so does the impact on our lives. The Times [examined the trend](#) as it applies to fields including [education](#), [entertainment](#), [science](#) and [sports](#).

One Small Step For Man, One Giant Leap of Ego

- President Trump put on his real estate developer cap and signed an executive order Wednesday [encouraging the US to mine the moon](#). A 1979 agreement known as the moon treaty stipulates that any activities in space should conform to international law.
- The executive order notes that the US was never a signatory, and the US doesn't view space as a "global commons." It also says the US will oppose any international effort to bar it from removing chunks of moon, Mars or elsewhere in space. In 2015 Congress passed a law explicitly allowing American companies to use resources from the moon and asteroids.
- The Trump administration's zeal to commence drilling on the moon is consistent with its enthusiastic support of mining back on Earth. The administration has opened up vast tracts of federal land for oil and gas drilling, and rolled back various environmental laws in an attempt to revive the ailing coal industry.
- In his first year in office Trump downsized two national monuments in Utah in what represented [the largest elimination of public lands protections in US history](#). (Guardian)

Please see: [First Native female judge kept working for the Ojibwe people](#)

Margaret Seelye Treuer Nurse, lawyer, judge

First Native female judge kept working for the Ojibwe people

By JOEL RIPPEL • joel.rippel@startribune.com

Margaret Seelye Treuer was resolute.

Her determination helped her go from humble beginnings on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation to become the first American Indian female attorney in Minnesota and then the first Indian female judge in the country.

"My mother was a trailblazer," said son Anton Treuer, an author and professor at Bemidji State University.

Treuer died March 18 at her home in Bena, Minn. She was 76.

"She started the comprehensive health program at Red Lake, became the first female Native attorney in the state of Minnesota, and rebuilt an intergenerational bridge in her family for keeping our Ojibwe culture alive," her son said. "She was a fierce woman — the kind who made you feel safe when she went into battle for you and the kind who never let you win an argument."

Treuer said his mom had a bright, contagious laugh .

“She nurtured and helped many people in her family and Ojibwe community, but she inspired everyone she met,” he said.

Treuer was born Nov . 19, 1943, in Cass Lake, Minn., to Eugene and Luella Seelye. The family, which included six children, lived in a one-room, 8-by-14-foot cabin in Bena, on the south shore of Lake Winnibigoshish.

After graduating from Cass Lake High School in 1961, she earned a degree from St. Luke’s School of Nursing in Duluth. After a year as a nurse in St. Cloud, she returned home to found the Leech Lake Reservation’s Community Health Program. She also established the new health program on the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

At Red Lake, she met Robert Treuer, an Austrian-Jewish immigrant who had survived the Holocaust. They married and moved to Washington, D.C. Robert Treuer went to work for the Office of Economic Opportunity and Margaret attended law school at Catholic University. Anton and another son, David, were born while she was in law school.

While in Washington, Margaret was a volunteer at the Native American Rights Fund and worked to re-establish the Menominee Reservation in Wisconsin. Congress had terminated the Menominee Tribe’s federal recognition in 1961. Her efforts were instrumental in Congress re-establishing the reservation in 1973.

She worked briefly at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where she evaluated tribal courts, and at the nonprofit Housing Assistance Council as the tribal advocate for the low-income program.

While studying for the bar, she had twins. The family moved back to Minnesota in 1979. Treuer and attorney Paul Day opened a practice.

In 1981, she was appointed an assistant U.S. attorney for the district of Minnesota. She eventually became a federal judge.

She also worked as a tribal judge for the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa in the 1980s and then for the Red Lake Nation in the 1990s.

In 2012, the National Association of Women Judges awarded her a Lifetime Achievement Award.

She remained true to her roots. Treuer, whose Ojibwe names were Giiwedinoowkwe (North Wind Woman) and Aazhideyaashiikwe (Crossing Flight Woman), taught her children how to live off the land.

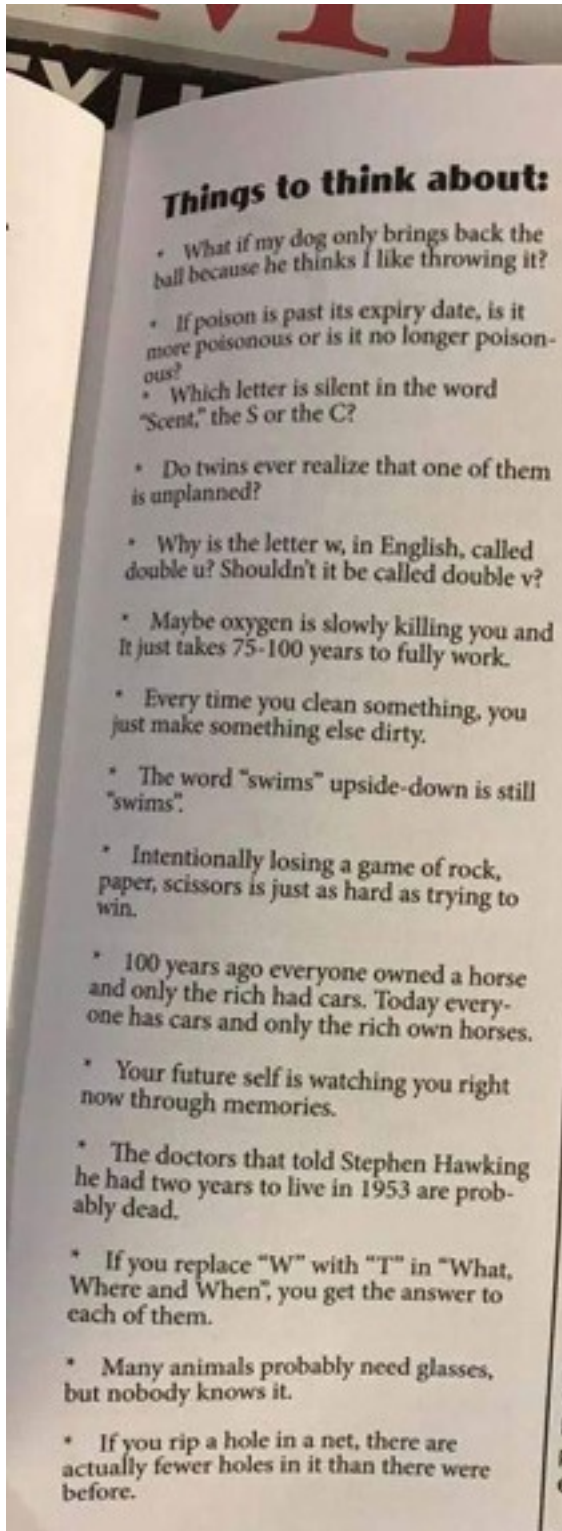
David Treuer, an author and professor at the University of Southern California, told the Star Tribune in 2006, “My parents raised all of us with a strong sense of who we are.”

Robert Treuer died in 2016. In addition to Anton and David, Margaret is survived by her mother, Luella Seelye, son Micah, daughter Megan, 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and brother Lanny Seelye. Services have been held.

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“My mother was a trailblazer.”

— son Anton Treuer



In case any of these haven't crossed your desk...

- * Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- * I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- * I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- * Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ----- The Living Room or The Bedroom
- * Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- * Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- * I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone
- * This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog..... we laughed a lot.
- * So, after this quarantine.....will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?
- * Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- * My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.

* Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.

* I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

* I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.

* Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.

* Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.



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“When we say Mitakuye Oyasin, ‘All Our

Relations,’ many people don’t understand the meaning of those words. The phrase Mitakuye Oyasin has a bigger meaning than just our blood relatives. Yes, it’s true; we are all one human race. But the word Mitakuye means relations and Oyasin means more than family, more than a Nation, more than all of humankind, everything that has a spirit. The Earth herself, Maka Uinci, is our relation, and so is the sky, Grandfather Sky, and so is the Buffalo and so are each of the two-leggeds, the four-leggeds, those that swim, those that fly, the root nation and the crawling beings who share the world with us. Mitakuye Oyasin refers to the interconnectedness of all beings and all things. We are all interconnected. We are all One.” —Chief Arvol Looking Horse

from his book *White Buffalo Teachings* (Dreamkeepers Press, 2001)

Arvol Looking Horse is the 19th Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe and a spiritual leader of the Sioux Nation.