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<https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2020/04/14/nevada-mine-expansion-native-tribes-protest-groundwater-pumping-plan/2993906001/>

Who Owns History? Connecticut Woman Sues Harvard for Family Photos

More than 40 descendants of Louis Agassiz support Tamara Lanier's efforts and have written an open letter to Harvard asking the university to relinquish the photo.

Historians Want Your Pandemic Journals And Photos 'In Real Time'

"There will always be official records," says Anne McDonough. "But the thoughts and the responses and the impact on everyday, local people, if it is not actively collected, unfortunately that will go by the wayside.

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Land"That practice, even if it is only a ritual formality, it nevertheless, I believe, sets a tone that makes for a more civil society in a land where a settler society lives alongside Indigenous peoples," said Tom Isern, a history professor at North Dakota State University



This was a gif with a twitchy nose.....

"There are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen."

— Vladimir Lenin

Bob Tregilus

My bathroom reading of late is: "A Field Guide to Rocks & Minerals" (1953) by F.H. Pough. On uranium & thorium Pough writes: "Its day may come, if atomic energy has not been previously superseded by solar energy, our most likely ultimate source of power." Wow, what a visionary! Interestingly, Dr. Pough was also a longtime resident of Reno. In 1935 he earned his PhD from Harvard in mineralogy. He died in 2006 at the age of 99. Here's Pough's obituary in the NYT: [https://www.nytimes.com/.../frederick-h-pough-writer-of-gem-g...>](https://www.nytimes.com/.../frederick-h-pough-writer-of-gem-g...).

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The Virus Revealed Our Essential Tech (and Weeded Out the Excess)

By BRIAN X. CHEN

A computer with a good internet connection, communication apps and entertainment are the only tech we really need, ever.

You Can't Visit the Museum. But Your Robot Can.

By ANDREW DICKSON

With arts institutions closed around the world, Hastings Contemporary museum in England is offering virtual tours using a telepresence robot.

Coffee was so important in Turkish culture that under 15th-century law, a woman had the freedom to divorce her husband if he didn't provide her with enough coffee ☹

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That hand is not the color of yours, but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain. If you pierce your hand, you also feel pain. The blood that will flow from mine will be the same color as yours. I am a man. God made us both. – Chief Standing Bear

Get Outdoors Nevada:

Virtual Programming Schedule- Earth Week

Monday Earth Day Mindfulness

Tuesday Backyard Birding: Make Your Own Bird Feeder
Native Habitat: What's In Bloom?

Wednesday Mojave Max Tortoise Talks: Life Cycle
Neighborhood Nature: I Spy

Thursday Leave No Trace Principles
Leave No Trace: Bingo!

Friday Desert Tortoises: Life Cycle

Saturday Recycle Me This: Southern Nevada Recycling

To learn more about our programs, please visit <https://getoutdoorsnevada.org/>

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How will Earth Day celebrate its 50th birthday? Not as planned.

In the middle of a pandemic, the landmark anniversary is getting a digital makeover.

The 50th anniversary of Earth Day is this week, and [The Times spoke with one of its organizers, Denis Hayes](#)

“This was not an anti-litter campaign,” he recalled. “This was talking about fundamental changes in the nature of the American economy.” The cause that drew 20 million people into the streets was, he said, “in some ways much more profoundly radical” than the anti-Vietnam War movement.

“Dear Future Generations: Please Accept Our Apologies. We Were Rolling Drunk on Petroleum.” – Kurt Vonnegut Jr

- In 2010 BP’s Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded 200 miles north of Mexican territory. The offshore rig sank, and over 87 days released some 5 million barrels of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Oil plumes coated hundreds of miles of shoreline, causing catastrophic damage to marine life, coral reefs and birds. 11 crew members were killed and 17 others injured.
- Public and political outrage in the US drove BP to take full responsibility for [the worst oil spill of the 20th century](#). The company paid out \$69 billion, including more than \$10 billion to affected fishermen and businesses. But BP has always denied its oil reached Mexico, claiming the ocean current propelled the huge spill in the opposite direction.
- Mexican scientists and fishermen in communities along the coastline know different. Before the disaster the fishing industry was booming and supported tens of thousands of families across the Gulf of Mexico. A decade later these Mexican communities have received nothing in compensation, and their young people are forced to migrate to faraway cities to find factory work. (Guardian)

Coronavirus Reaches Amazon’s Isolated Yanomami Tribe



By Victor Omondi The coronavirus has caused alarm in Brazil after reports state it has reached a remote indigenous community in the Amazon. Also called the Yanomami people, they have been so isolated from the outside world that they are known for their vulnerability to foreign diseases. This indigenous tribe is made of about 27, [...]

Planned obsolescence: the outrage of our electronic waste mountain (Guardian)

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day with EPA

This year, April 22nd marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, a day celebrated by millions of people across the world. Since the first Earth Day in 1970, the United States has made tremendous progress improving air quality, cleaning up contaminated lands, and protecting our water resources. As part of that progress, EPA is working hard to ensure all Americans have a clean, healthy environment and a more prosperous future.

EPA remains committed to protecting human health and the environment as we continue to adjust to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. While many of us are staying safe at home this Earth Day, we wanted to share some of our environmental information and educational resources for remote learning. Please feel free to share these resources with others. Have a happy and safe Earth Day!

For more information visit: <https://www.epa.gov/earthday/celebrate-50th-anniversary-earth-day-epa-environmental-education-resources>

She's a doctor on the coronavirus front lines. At home, she has no running water. "You're saying 20 seconds of wash your hands with water," a Navajo doctor in Arizona said. "We do not have plumbing. And that's how I grew up"

Read in NBC News: <https://apple.news/Aj8BB8RuFSu-vESDIBLB-7g>



[In The 1920s, A White Community Conspired To Kill Native Americans For Their Oil Money](#)

[The Osage tribe in Oklahoma became spectacularly wealthy in the early 1900s — and then members started turning up dead. David Grann's Killers of the Flower Moon describes the dark plot against them.](#) npr.org

VIDEO: How to Make Your Own Face Mask

By **THE NEW YORK TIMES**

The coronavirus pandemic is leading citizens everywhere to put on masks while in public. Here's how to make one out of an old T-shirt.

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COVID-19 Related Funding

Omidyar Network: COVID-19 Economic Response Advocacy Fund

The Omidyar Network's COVID-19 Economic Response Advocacy Fund plans to infuse 501(c)(4) funding into national, state, and local advocacy and organizing efforts aimed at passing economic stimulus to address the immediate toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on working people.

GENYOUth: COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding

GENYOUth's COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding program will provide grants of up to \$3,000 per school to supply much-needed resources for meal distribution and delivery efforts to get food to students during COVID-19.

Facebook Journalism Project: COVID-19 Local News Relief Fund Grant Program

The Facebook Journalism Project's COVID-19 Local News Relief Fund Grant Program will help U.S. local news organizations continue serving communities during the coronavirus outbreak.

For more grant opportunities,
visit our [COVID-19 Related Funding](#) page.

We understand the challenges being faced by nonprofits, educational organizations, and individuals across the globe. To help during this unprecedented time we have launched a [COVID-19 Related Funding](#) page.

National Opportunities

Support for Programming to Aid People with Alzheimer's or Dementia

The Brookdale National Group Respite Program awards seed grants to service providers that plan to develop new, dementia-specific Group Respite or specialized Early Memory Loss (EML) programming to participants, along with support to caregivers and care partners.

Youth Soccer Programs Funded Nationwide

Target Youth Soccer Grants support nonprofit organizations, schools, and government agencies throughout the United States that have soccer programs serving youth 5 to 18 years old.

Grants Benefit LGBTQI Organizations

The Funding Queerly Giving Circle, administered by Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, supports LGBTQI organizations throughout the United States.

Model Justice Efforts Recognized

The Foundation for Improvement of Justice works to enhance local, state, and federal systems of justice by rewarding the accomplishments of innovative programs throughout the United States.

Regional Opportunities

Grassroots Community Organizing in the Midwest Supported

The mission of the Needmor Fund is to work with others to bring about social justice.

Funds for Reproductive Health Education Efforts in South Carolina

The New Morning Foundation is dedicated to breaking cycles of generational poverty—often perpetuated by unintended pregnancy—and boldly advocating for reproductive health education for all South Carolinians.

Grants Promote K-12 Music and Arts Programs in 44 States

The California Casualty Music and Arts Grant program provides support to K-12 public schools negatively impacted by reduced budgets.

Support for Programs for Young Children at Risk in Vermont and Northeastern New Jersey

The Turrell Fund supports nonprofit organizations that provide or foster the creation and delivery of quality developmental and educational services to at-risk children in the state of Vermont and Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Union counties in New Jersey.

Federal Opportunities

Funds Available to Combat Rural Opioid Use

The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (Implementation) seeks to reduce the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder, in high risk rural communities.

Anti-Gang Efforts Supported

The Comprehensive Anti-Gang Programs for Youth initiative helps communities develop youth gang intervention or suppression programs that aim to reduce violence.

Plato's ship of fools: "Why does democracy involve a neglect of statecraft? Plato argues that in a system where political power ('cratos') lies in the hands of the people ('demos') it is not guaranteed, in fact is unlikely, that those best equipped to rule will get a chance to manage public affairs. Instead the loudest voices will dominate, irrational, ill-motivated decisions will be made and the complex arena of politics which is in need of careful ordering and management will turn into a crazy circus."

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [published the timeline](#) for its **environmental assessment of the North Bakken Expansion Project**, which will connect natural gas processing facilities with distribution lines through 92 miles of pipeline.

The assessment is due on September 4, 2020.

Native American Turquoise Jewelry Through History and Today



Archaeologists have found evidence of the native people and what would become America creating jewelry from the stones, shells, and other natural materials as far back as 10,000 years ago. As the millennia went on, turquoise jewelry became one of the more prominent varieties made specifically by tribes in the Southwest. This was, after all, where the turquoise stone was naturally found in some quantities.

Today, people all over the world seek out authentic necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and more made by tribes that produce turquoise jewelry for sale.

How to Tell Real Turquoise Jewelry From Fake Turquoise Jewelry

One of the easiest ways to recognize if the necklace, bracelet, or pair of earrings you are about to buy is dyed howlite rather than authentic turquoise is to check its source. Jewelry that comes directly from tribes that produce turquoise jewelry will always be real. When you are investing in jewelry that will last your lifetime and more, it makes sense to find out where it came from.

The fact that jewelry made with genuine turquoise stone is an investment is another clue that you are getting the real thing. Of course, you can find Native American-made accessories in all price points. A simple silver and turquoise pendant can cost less than \$100. However, a simple silver and dyed howlite pendant will cost only a fraction of that. (PowWows.com)

“Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone; but if someone puts his hand on you, send him to the cemetery.” — Malcolm X

“Be polite, be professional, but have a plan to kill everybody you meet.” — Jim Mattis

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.” — Ecclesiastes 1:

One of the ways in COVID 19 has impacted our lives is the preclusion to saying good bye to those that walk on during this time. As such, these pages will include additional messages as there is no way, other than electronically, to gather and share.

Velda Jennifer Lowery

February 3, 1962 – April 14, 2020

Velda “Jenny” Lowery, age 58, died peacefully April 14, 2020 at Renown Medical Center with caring nurses by her side holding her hand. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, auntie, cousin, and friend. She had a very large, loving, and close family. She was loved by all. She was preceded in death by her parents Viola and Nober Zuniga and two brothers, Norvall and Nelson Zuniga.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Dunn of Sparks, NV. Four grandchildren who she adored, Maya, Kobe, Camron, and Ian Dunn. She is also survived by eight sisters, Mildred Pikyavit, Nola Zuniga, and Eunice Others of Utah. Velma Melendez of Reno, NV, Virginia Howard of Owyhee, NV, Vicki Moore, Verna Melendez, and Patti Bennett of Sparks, NV and three brothers Nathaniel Hunkup of Sparks, NV, Norman Zuniga of Reno, NV and Nolan Zuniga of Cedar City, UT. As well numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Born February 3, 1962 in Ely, NV to Viola and Nober Zuniga. She was a lifelong resident of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony in Reno, NV. She attended Orvis Ring Elementary School, Vaughn Middle School, and graduated from Carson High School. She later married Darrell Lowery and had one child, Elizabeth Lowery Dunn.

Velda bravely fought a valiant fight with Kidney Disease starting as a teen. She would go on to have several transplants and was no stranger to the hospital. Through it all she remained ever so kind, fun loving, and full of life. Velda worked for many years for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Smoke Shop in Reno where she met so many people with whom she would forge lifelong friendships with. She loved to travel. She was an avid cruiser and had been to many beautiful places. She enjoyed music and concerts. She was also involved in Scrapbooking and had made many great friends traveling to Scrapbook Conventions. Her passion was her family and her traditions.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses who were a big part of her life over the years, namely Renown Dialysis Center and Sierra Nevada Nephrology. You gave us many years with her, thus allowing her to see her child and even grandchildren grow, and never gave up hope. We would also like to thank the many doctors and nurses who stayed by her side until the end as we couldn't be with her. We are forever grateful to you all.

A memorial service for the public will be held at a later date in order to allow the community to say their goodbyes as she would have wanted. Per her wishes, we will spread her ashes off the coast of Hawaii.



And an additional farewell to Francis Hooper