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Did you know that raising our kids near their grandparents is one of the greatest gifts we could ever give them? Read on to find out why!

[Watching the Giant Sequoias Die](#) Kelsey Lahr, Slate

Lahr writes: "Watching the trees I love die has made me rethink what hope means this far into climate change." **[READ MORE](#)**

[Survey: https://oapen.org/download?type=document&docid=648333](https://oapen.org/download?type=document&docid=648333)

[Can Nature Help Curb Climate Change?](#)

By EcoWatch, 4/23/2020

Just off Highway 880 at the edge of Hayward, the cityscape changes abruptly. Businesses and parking lots give way to large swaths of pickle grass and pools of water stretching out to the eastern edge of the San Francisco Bay. On a recent sunny, windy March day – just before COVID-19 sent the Bay Area into lockdown – Dave Halsing stood on the trails at Eden Landing Ecological Reserve and pointed out what used to be old industrial salt ponds. He noted how they're gradually being restored into a rich mosaic of tidal wetlands and other ecosystems in the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project.

[Editorial: California has a chance for a green future after the coronavirus. Don't waste it](#)

San Francisco Chronicle, April 26, 2020

Bears are taking over Yosemite meadows, and coyotes are wandering city streets. Hilltop sunsets never looked more pure and bright. Around the world, smog-glazed skies are giving way to blue vistas and fresh air. A deadly pandemic is slowing human activity and boosting wildlife in startling ways.

[News from UNR](#)

[University of Nevada, Reno recruiting Class of 2024 online](#)

[Jessica Maddox & Ian McGlory](#)

[Connection in the archives: How University Libraries' Special Collections and University Archives are keeping things moving during the pandemic](#)

[A Night in Howlywood - Movie Night with the pack](#)

[Wednesday, April 29 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.](#)

[Coping with COVID-19: Weekly Town Hall for Small Business Owners](#)

[Wednesday, April 29 from 4 to 4:15 p.m.](#)

[4-H How to: Build a Raised Garden Bed](#)

[Thursday, April 30 from 9 to 10 a.m.](#)

[Cybersecurity Panel: Data Security & Ethics in the Digital Age](#)

[University Libraries, with HathiTrust, provides Emergency Temporary Access to Copyrighted Books](#)

[COVID-19 Petition to change grade to S/U - Spring 2020](#)

[Nevada Small Business Development Center's guide to aid businesses during COVID-19 pandemic](#)

[Summer Session 2020 Update](#)

Capital City Reads: My First Summer in the Sierra

Repeats every day until Sat May 16 2020 .

April 19, 2020 (All day)

The Carson City Library will host a community read of My First Summer in the Sierra by John Muir for Capital City Reads, Carson City Library's annual city-wide book club.

Capital City Reads takes place every April as a celebration of National Library Week, bringing people together through reading and discussion.

This year's program starts with National Library Week on April 19 and will run through **May 16**.



NEVADA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
**BROWN BAG
LUNCH SERIES**
TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED
NEVADA LABOR COMMISSIONER

OVERVIEW OF NEVADA LABOR LAWS
ENFORCEMENT OF NEVADA LABOR LAWS DURING COVID-19
COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES
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WHEN APRIL 28, 2020, 12:00 - 12:45 P.M.
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https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/education/meet-the-skeleton-who-is-watching-over-the-unlv-library-2011996/?g2i_source=newsletter&g2i_campaign=Coronavirus%20Update&utm_email=052334D8A401B5F9947E54B575&utm_source=listrak&utm_medium=Coronavirus&utm_term=Meet%20the%20skeleton%20who%20is%20watching%20over%20the%20UNLV%20library%20-%20title&utm_campaign=Coronavirus%20Update

“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says – I'm possible!”

— Audrey Hepburn

Water Shorts

[Reclamation awards \\$1.1 million to six tribes for water resource technical assistance](#)

By U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 4/22/2020

Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman announced that six tribes will share \$1.1 million through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program to develop, manage and protect water and related resources. "Reclamation is committed to working with tribes throughout the West on water management issues," Commissioner Burman said. "This funding will establish cooperative working relationships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations and ensure they can fully participate with Reclamation as they develop, manage and protect their water resources."

Mother Nature: *This is a series. I have posted two; you can do the rest. Enjoy. sdc*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmVLcj-XKnM&t=&fbclid=IwAR1FjGt7i1Wbi-sbvpzdGco80-yLrJQWKdKZDUAh5JtwicW_ISiRUo4IBCA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rM6txLtoaac>

The clean water case of the century: *"The nation's highest court has sided with clean water advocates in a decades-long legal dispute involving a wastewater treatment plant, its pollution discharges, and a partially dead coral reef in Hawai'i. The U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision on Apr. 23, solidifying the Clean Water Act's place as one of the nation's most effective environmental laws. "This decision is a huge victory for clean water," said David Henkin, the Earthjustice attorney who argued the case before the court. "We are glad the Court has recognized the importance of protecting clean water for all Americans." ... "* Read more from Earthjustice here: [The clean water case of the century](#)

Striking middle ground(water), the Supreme Court holds that some discharges to

groundwater require Clean Water Act permits: *"The U.S. Supreme Court issued on April 23, 2020 a significant and controversial Clean Water Act ("CWA") decision in County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund et al. As summarized previously, the issue presented was whether the County of Maui ("County") requires a CWA discharge permit to dispose of wastewater through groundwater discharge wells where the discharged waters ultimately reach the Pacific Ocean. Without determining if the County's discharge requires a permit, the Court held that any discharge to groundwater that is the "functional equivalent" of a direct discharge into navigable waters requires a CWA permit. In its decision, the Court struck a middle ground by declining to adopt the even more expansive "fairly traceable" standard adopted by the Ninth Circuit, or the bright line "groundwater doesn't count" rule sought by the County and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). ... "* Read more from Brownstein Hyatt here: [Striking middle ground\(water\), the Supreme Court holds that some discharges to groundwater require Clean Water Act permits](#)

WOTUS RULE PUBLISHED

After months of delay, the 2020 WOTUS rule is finally published, ensuring the California regulated community receives no relief associated with the rule's bright lines and clarifications: "The 2020 WOTUS Rule seeks to provide certainty regarding the extent and reach of Federal Water Pollution Control Act ("CWA") jurisdiction and permitting through the establishment of bright line rules, added definitions, and the elimination of the "significant nexus" test established

by Justice Kennedy's concurring opinion in *Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 715 (2006) (hereafter "Rapanos"). However, whether the 2020 WOTUS Rule will suffer the same fate as the earlier 2015 WOTUS Rule remains to be seen due to threatened and anticipated litigation by a number of states and environmental organizations. To wit, on February 13, 2020, thirteen (13) environmental groups filed a Notice of Intent to sue the Agencies over the 2020 WOTUS Rule. Litigation regarding the earlier repeal rule, which made effective once again the 1988 United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") and the 1986 United States Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") versions of the WOTUS definition until the 2020 WOTUS Rule is in effect, continue to make its way through the federal courts. ... " Read more from Downey Brand here: [After months of delay, the 2020 WOTUS rule is finally published, ensuring the California regulated community receives no relief associated with the rule's bright lines and clarifications](#)

Redefining navigable waters: the next frontier of the WOTUS saga: *"In the ongoing saga of the Clean Water Act's so-called "Waters of the United States" or WOTUS rule, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) announced changes to the definition of "Navigable Waterways" on January 23, 2020. Those changes were published in the Federal Register on April 21, 2020. The EPA and ACOE share jurisdiction for administering the Clean Water Act and are collectively responsible for adopting regulations for implementing the Clean Water Act. The change to the definition of Navigable Waters is the latest move by the EPA and ACOE to redefine the scope of the Clean Water Act's reach during the years following the introduction of the 2015 Clean Water Rule. The confusion and controversy stem, ironically, from the Clean Water Act's simple definition of "navigable waters" as "waters of the United States." The Act itself doesn't provide any further definition, and determining the waters over which the Act confers jurisdiction has been the subject of controversy and litigation for years. ... "* Read more from Nossaman here: [Redefining navigable waters: the next frontier of the WOTUS saga](#)

Senate Circulates Water Infrastructure Bills

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee posted draft versions of two bills that would authorize \$19.5 billion for water projects.

[America's Water Infrastructure Act](#) is a \$17 billion proposal that funds Army Corps of Engineers projects for deepening ports, expanding water storage, and studies to assess flooding on the Great Lakes shoreline. It also increases authorized funding for the federal government's low-interest loan program for sewer systems to \$3 billion a year by 2024.

The [Drinking Water Infrastructure Act](#) is a \$2.5 billion proposal for investing in the systems for delivering and treating drinking water

KEYSTONE PIPELINE

"A U.S. District Court in Montana has ruled that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated the Endangered Species Act when it issued Nationwide Permit (NWP) 12 in 2017 to authorize qualifying utility line projects. Several environmental organizations challenged the Corps' authorization under that permit of the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline's crossing of several streams. Agreeing with them that the Corps had not complied with its obligations under the Endangered Species Act, the court vacated NWP 12 and the Corps' authorization of the pipeline. The court couched its ruling in such sweeping terms, though, that it effectively called into question the validity of Corps NWP 12 authorization of thousands of other utility line projects throughout the country. More than that, the court's reasoning might apply as well to the other 51 Corps nationwide permits and thus jeopardize tens of thousands of projects of various sorts—residential, commercial, and institutional projects, maintenance activities, linear

transportation projects, hydropower projects, certain types of mining, agricultural activities, and stormwater management projects—approved under those permits. ... ” Read more from Briscoe Ivester & Bazel here: [Federal court vacates Corps of Engineers permit for Keystone XL pipeline — and jeopardizes thousands of other projects nationwide](#)

Computer Chip for Humans Gets a Nod from The FDA

By Victor Omondi The food and Drug Administration on Wednesday announced that they have approved computer chips for humans. In a landmark deal, the FDA gave a go-ahead to Applied Digital Solutions of Delray Beach in Florida to market the Computer chip. The VeriChip is the size of a grain of rice and is implantable.




EPA Extends Deadline to Apply for Community-Scale Air Toxics Monitoring Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the deadline to apply for the 2020 Community-Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring grants competition. As part of the Agency's mission to protect human and environmental health, EPA periodically awards these grants to help state, local and tribal air agencies conduct air quality monitoring projects to address localized air toxics issues. Air toxics, also known as hazardous air pollutants, are linked to cancer or other serious health effects. Under the Clean Air Act, EPA regulates 187 listed air toxic pollutants.

The new application deadline will be May 1, 2020.

For additional information, and to download the Request for Application, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/amtic/community-scale-air-toxics-ambient-monitoring-csatam>



[Diana Knox](#) That is my Grandfather, Truman Buff and his little brother, Phillip Buff    Their Grandmother was Maggie Moreno, of Fort Independence Indian Reservation, an original allottee. I grew up with my Grandpa Truman & Grandma, Clara (Shaw, of Pyrmind Lake)...[See More](#)

A Few Years Ago: (undated)



**Bernice Lalo, Elected Official,
Western Shoshone:**

"One of the things we need to know about Indian life is that we have a history, and we have songs, we have dances, we have fine arts, we have literature, we have scientists, we have botanists, we have medical people."

**Native Americans - Guide to
Online Primary Sources -
LibGuides at University of
California San Diego**

[https://ucsd.libguides.com/
primarysources/nativeamericans](https://ucsd.libguides.com/primarysources/nativeamericans)

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Question: I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

Judge Rules Against Trump's Attempt to Log in America's Largest National Forest
<https://www.ecowatch.com/national-forest-trump-logging-tongass-2645476974.html>

Borealis Philanthropy: Disability Inclusion Fund

The Disability Inclusion Fund is launching a \$200,000 rapid response fund to provide support for organizations on the front lines that are serving people with disabilities during COVID-19.

Circle for Justice Innovations: Strategic Opportunities Support Rapid Response Fund

The Strategic Opportunities Support (SOS) Rapid Response Fund has always provided flexible and immediate funding to organizations responding to changing political landscapes and working to build collective power at critical junctures.

Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas: Rapid-Response COVID Relief Grants

The purpose of the Rapid-Response COVID Relief Grants program is to help nonprofit organizations in Arkansas lessen the impact of the COVID-19 virus on the individuals, families, and communities they serve.

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

National Opportunities

Support for Communities Adversely Affected by Mining in the U.S. and Canada

The Grassroots Communities Mining Mini-Grant Program provides support to community-based organizations and tribes or tribal programs in the U.S. and Canada.

Mental Health Initiatives Created by Medical Students Funded

The American Psychiatric Association Foundation is dedicated to advancing public understanding of mental illnesses.

Matching Grants Enhance National Forests and Grasslands

The National Forest Foundation was established by Congress to support the Forest Service in its management of America's National Forests and Grasslands.

Bookmobiles Serving Youth Supported

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation is dedicated to advancing literacy and fostering a love of reading among underserved and at-risk children and youth.

Regional Opportunities

Funds for Health and Human Services Organizations in New York State

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation supports nonprofit organizations serving low-income individuals, families, and communities in New York State.

[Grants Promote Racial Equity and Economic Mobility in the Great Lakes Region](#)

The mission of the Joyce Foundation is to improve quality of life, promote safe and healthy communities, and build a just society in the Great Lakes region.

[Support for Oral Health Programs in Washington State](#)

The Arcora Foundation is dedicated to partnering with Washington communities and boldly transforming systems to improve oral health.

[Environmental Initiatives in Vermont Funded](#)

The Lintilhac Foundation supports organizations that are making positive change for Vermont's environment and its people and providing Vermonters the information and resources they need to control their environmental destinies and strong traditions of democratic engagement.

Federal Opportunities

[Farmers Markets Supported](#)

The Farmers Market Promotion Program supports projects that develop, coordinate, and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.



[Program Supports Environmental Health for Children](#)

The Children's Healthy Learning Environments Grant Initiative provides capacity building to address children's environmental health in school and childcare settings.

["In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."](#) — Robert Frost.

[Study: COVID-19 Reduces Numbers of Youth Incarcerated](#)

Roz Brown, Public News Service (NV)

Answer to Quiz: A map

[What Is a Native American Round Dance? History, Music, & Meaning](#)



All across North America, Native American nations have come together to perform various round dances throughout the ages. Usually held during the colder autumn and winter months indoors, they have been used as a central focus of various gatherings designed for socialization and community building. Understanding the meaning of round dance events can give you a unique perspective into the history and modern take on these shared traditions.

It is difficult to determine when the first Native American round dance was held. They were popular with the Plains Indians including the Cree. (<http://native-dance.ca/en/renewal/cree-round-dances/>) Early history and legend state that they were introduced to the earliest forms by the Assiniboine tribe. In those long-ago days, the slow-moving, circular dance was part of a healing ceremony. They were often only one part of a longer event that may have included prayers, gift-giving, feasting, and other social activities.

The legend that began the entire round dance tradition comes from the Cree Indians. It tells the tale of a woman who stayed with her beloved mother all throughout her life. When the mother passed away, the daughter was beset with such grief that she was visited by her mother's spirit to help calm her sorrow. The mother introduced the idea of a circle dance where all the people and ancestors will come together, surround each other with support and love, and thus her grief.

from Powwows.com