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The public lands legislation also includes conservation, but environmental groups and Native American tribes are still opposed.

Brazil's First Indigenous Curator: 'We're Not Afraid Anymore'

By JILL LANGLOIS

Sandra Benites, of the Guaraní Nandeva people, is using art to bring new visions and voices to the museum world.



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COVID-19 Related Funding

International Association for Volunteer Effort: COVID-19 Response Fund

The COVID-19 Response Fund will focus on supporting global volunteer leadership organizations working directly to respond to the pandemic among the most vulnerable populations in order to help build their capacity for response.

Eos Foundation: Community-Wide Emergency Children's Meals Grant Program

Through the Eos Foundation's Community-Wide Emergency Children's Meals Grant Program, Massachusetts school districts are eligible to apply for emergency grants of up to \$10,000.

William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund: COVID-19 Response Grants

The William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund is offering immediate support to communities in Connecticut responding to current events related to COVID-19.

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

National Opportunities

Support for Suicide Prevention Efforts

The Cardinal Health Foundation strives to help build healthier communities, where all people have the opportunity to live healthy lives and share their perspectives and experiences.

National Programs Addressing the Media, Drinking Water, and Animal Welfare Funded

The Park Foundation is dedicated to the support of education, quality media, and the protection of the environment.

Grants Promote Financial Health Programs for Government Employees

The State and Local Government Financial Wellness Grants Program will provide support to state and local governments that have the interest and capacity to develop and offer a financial wellness program to their employees.

Support for Educators Encouraging a Diverse Democracy

The mission of Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, is to help teachers and schools educate children and youth to be active participants in a diverse democracy.

Regional Opportunities

Funds for Organizations in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Western Wisconsin

The Otto Bremer Trust is dedicated to building healthy, vibrant communities—places where basic needs are met, mutual regard is prized, and opportunities for economic, civic, and social participation are within everyone’s reach.

Grants Enhance Services for People in Need in the Southeastern U.S.

The John and Polly Sparks Foundation is a Christian-based foundation that supports nonprofit organizations in the southeastern United States, with emphasis on Florida and Georgia.

Support for Historic Preservation and Wildlife Rehabilitation in Oregon and Southern Washington

The mission of the Kinsman Foundation is to encourage the enjoyment of life through traditional Oregonian and American values.

Habitat Protection Initiatives in the Appalachian Region Funded

The Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Program is offering grants to restore and sustain healthy forests, rivers, and streams that provide habitat for diverse native bird and freshwater aquatic populations in the Appalachian region.

Cape Fear Memorial Foundation

The Cape Fear Memorial Foundation's primary purpose is to serve the health and medical needs of the people of southeastern North Carolina, including Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Pender, and New Hanover counties. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

Federal Opportunities

Funds Available to Develop Rural Residency Programs

The Rural Residency Planning and Development Program supports the development of new rural residency programs in a variety of health fields.

Humanities Projects for the Public Supported

The Public Humanities Projects program supports projects that bring the ideas and insights of the humanities to life for general audiences through in-person programming

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#### **Classics for Kids Foundation**

The Classics for Kids Foundation offers matching grants to K-12 schools and nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. to help purchase stringed instruments. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.



### Inclusive Conservation Initiative

The Inclusive Conservation Initiative, a project of the Global Environment Facility, aims to support indigenous peoples and local communities in their continuing efforts to safeguard Earth's natural ecosystems, recognizing the historical roles they have played in nature conservation.

[Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

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### **History of the Tiwahe Foundation**

The Foundation evolved from origins as a culturally responsive grantmaking initiative of three Minnesota family foundations known as the American Indian Family Empowerment Program. Launched in 1993 initially by the Marbrook Foundation, American Indian Family Empowerment Program was the inspiration of Markell Brooks. It operated as a donor-designated fund with monies from a collaborative of the Marbrook, Westcliff and Grotto Foundations. In 2009, American Indian Family Empowerment Program transformed into a new entity, the Tiwahe Foundation. While Tiwahe Foundation is an independent community foundation with its own board of directors, the original American Indian Family Empowerment Program remains part of the ongoing work.

The Tiwahe Foundation is a place for giving — and giving back — that benefits the well-being of American Indian people and communities in Minnesota. We are a community foundation of friends and supporters — Indian and non-Indian — who have resources, time, and talents to share. Together, we all work to unleash more philanthropy and generosity that are not only held within every person but also embodied collectively.

We think of this as the Circle of Giving — a continuous cycle of success grounded in indigenous culture that recognizes that giving benefits both giver and receiver. The Tiwahe Foundation is a trusted community partner, connector and resource. Our core work involves:

- Investing in the needs of individuals relative to education, economic and community development, and tribal culture (through the American Indian Family Empowerment Program);
- Promoting Indian leadership development and leadership network formation;
- Building a permanent endowment for operations; and
- Practicing core values such as family, respect, trust, and generosity in operationalizing the Circle of Giving, so as to build a self-sustaining community.

<https://tiwahefoundation.org>

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### **Blandin Foundation, Mdewakanton Sioux (Largest philanthropist to Indian nations)**

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### **Legislation directs \$46M to Prairie Island band for first-in-Minnesota energy project**

The money would help the Indian community with a 'net zero' project including solar panels and a microgrid. <http://strib.mn/2zql5iK>





Native American smudging is an act that illuminates something primordial within people, connecting both smoke with spirituality in remarkable ways. This is a common ceremonial ritual amongst the ingenious people, held closely within these cultures to purify, spiritually cleanse, and bless. So, whether you are a Native American yourself, or simply want to know more about the culture to expand your insights, then understanding smudging is undoubtedly an area to not overlook.

### **What Is Native American Smudging?**

In order to fully grasp the concept and potentially do this ritualized act yourself, first we must take a look at what smudging is exactly. By definition, smudging is a ceremony that consists of burning plant herbs and resins in either a clay or shelled bowl while prayers are being done. This results in a smoke cloud formation that is believed to cleanse the air and those within it.

Smudging is, in fact, the most popular ritual used to clear people and places of elements that are not serving them any good. As a whole, smudging is u

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### **Earth's Lungs Amazon Forests Saved: Indigenous Group Wins Case Over Illegal Tree Logging**

*Shreya Chauhan, India Times*

Chauhan writes: "After two decades of federal court dispute against illegal logging interests, the Ashaninka indigenous community in Brazil has won." **READ MORE**

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*"We rely on the fearless faith and glory of life for daily existence, otherwise we will be gone."*

— Eune Beyle (Navajo)

**Education**      <http://economicsandpeace.org/education/>

Education is an essential tool for building peace. We work with academics, researchers and students around the world.

The **Building Blocks of Peace** is a series of four teaching modules that offer teachers and students a fresh perspective on issues surrounding global peace. Download the free materials (PDF) below.

**Module 1: Understanding Peace**      [Explore the factors influencing a country's peacefulness and why peace is more than simply the absence of war](#)

**Module 2: Peace and Sustainability**      [Understand the impact of peace on global sustainability through a focus on water access and management.](#)

**Module 3: Education and Peace**      [Investigate the important role education plays in supporting and sustaining peace.](#)

**Module 4: Economics and Peace**      [Examine the benefits of peace to the economy and business through an exploration of tourism and retail industries.](#)

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*“Let my life be like the rainbow, whose colors teach us unity;  
Let me follow always the great circle, the roundness of power,  
One with the moon and the sun, and the ripple of waters...”*

- from a Guaymi dawn song, reprinted in Voices of Earth and Sky (Vinson Brown, Stackpole books. 1974)

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**Two-day blacksmithing classes for adults.** Learn how to forge iron into useful and decorative items.      Classes: July 11-12, July 18-19 (\$110 per person), limited to 10 students



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ALLIANCE OF NATIVE SEEDKEEPERS

We will be temporarily shutting down from June 1st through July 31st. Use Coupon Code: NTVSUMMER for 15% off your total purchase of heirloom seeds.

FREE SHIPPING ON \$100 + ORDERS

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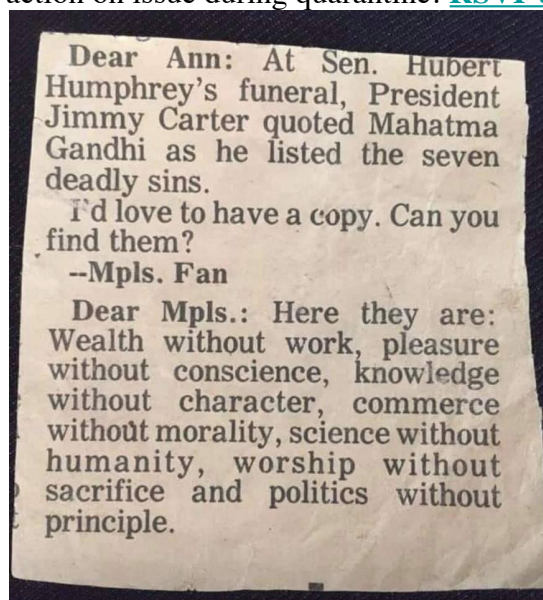
### Alliance of Native Seedkeepers

We are moving to our seed farm! As a result, we will be shutting down between the months of June and July. This will allow us time to transition in our move and add much needed updates to our website. Including the addition of Canadian shipping and complete descriptions. Use NTVSUMMER discount code for 15% off your entire order. Orders above \$100.00 receive free shipping. Thank you everyone, this has been a learning experience and we are excited to come back with an improved system! We're still shipping orders between 1-2 days! Some of the fastest shipping around.

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Register for this month's **Environmental Justice Webchat**, happening this **Thursday, May 28th at 5pm!** We have some great guests: Patricia Gallimore leads the Reno/Sparks NAACP Climate Program, **Vernon Rogers is a Yerington Paiute Tribe Member** and advocate for culture, and Ainslee Archibald is a Sunrise Movement leader and youth organizer.

Following these great guests, we will have an introduction training to OutVote, a new phone based tool we can use to take action on issue during quarantine! [RSVP at bit.ly/PLANenv](https://bit.ly/PLANenv)



## **ACLU Sues Betsy DeVos Over "Reprehensible" New Sexual Assault Rules**

ROGER SOLLENBERGER, SALON

The suit claims that new Title IX rules could mean far fewer campus reports of sexual harassment and assault. [Read the Article →](#)

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<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2020/5/14/1945117/-Native-American-communities-are-at-grave-risk-of-getting-COVID-19-Here-s-how-you-can-help>

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Q: I can be long, or I can be short. I can be grown, and I can be bought. I can be painted, or left bare. I can be round, or square. What am I?

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***“It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.”***  
***—Charles Darwin***

### **The Song of Hiawatha (excerpt)**

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

In the green and silent valley,  
By the pleasant water-courses,  
Dwelt the singer Nawadaha.  
In the green and silent valley.  
“There he sang of Hiawatha,  
Sang the Song of Hiawatha,  
Sang his wondrous birth and being,  
How he prayed and how he fasted,  
How he lived, and toiled, and suffered,  
That the tribes of men might prosper,  
That he might advance his people!”  
Ye who love the haunts of Nature,  
Love the sunshine of the meadow,  
Love the shadow of the forest,  
Love the wind among the branches,  
And the rain-shower and the snow-storm,  
And the rushing of great rivers  
Through their palisades of pine-trees,  
And the thunder in the mountains,  
Whose innumerable echoes  
Flap like eagles in their eyries;—  
Listen to these wild traditions,  
To this Song of Hiawatha!

"The Song of Hiawatha (excerpt)" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Public Domain.

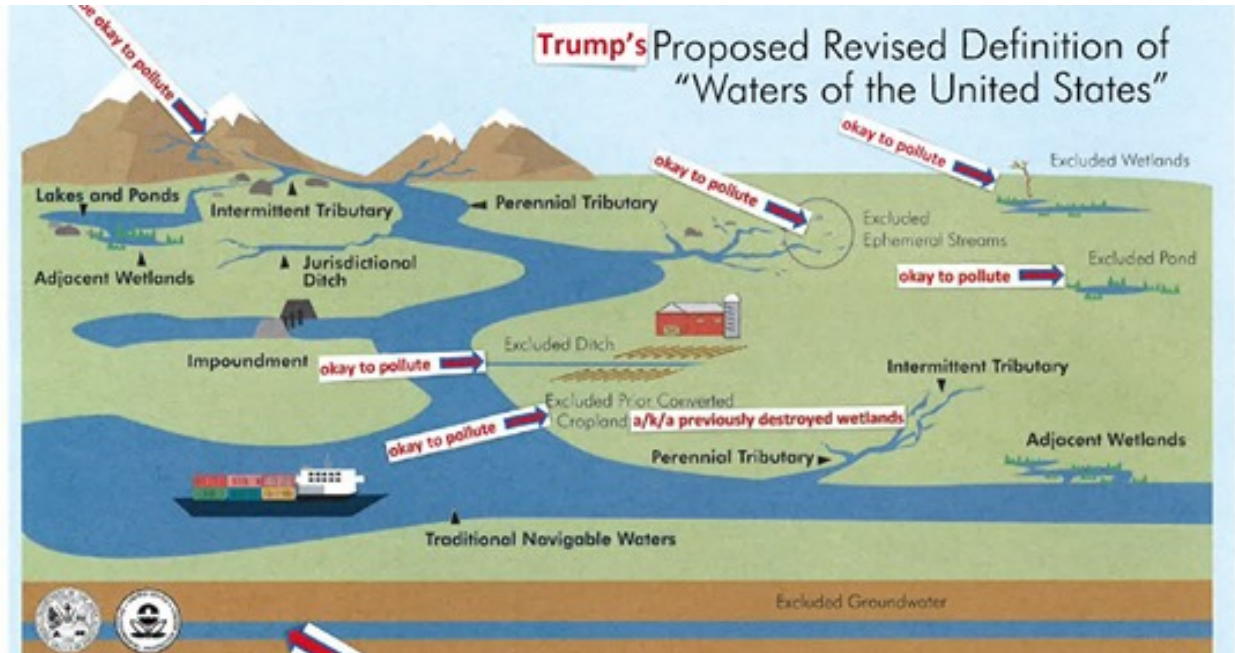


[Read about why "The Oregon Trail" computer game became so ubiquitous.](#)

## **A Proposed Mine in Alaska Will Endanger Brown Bears - and Much More**

*Oliver Milman, Guardian UK*

Excerpt: "The world's most productive salmon fishery and a stronghold for the state's bears are under threat from an open-pit gold and copper mine." [READ MORE](#)



## **[Trump's EPA Finalizes Its Gutting of Clean Water Rules](#)**

[earthjustice.org](#)

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## **[Federal judge sentences 2 more Crow Creek officials in \\$1M embezzlement ring of 6](#)**

[A federal judge in Pierre this week sentenced two more former officials of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe in a case in which six tribal officials have admitted embezzling about](#)

[capjournal.com](#)

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## **Monarch Butterflies Will Be Protected Under Historic Deal - EcoWatch**

<https://www.ecowatch.com/monarch-butterfly-protected-2646052111.html>



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### **Forget planting trees. This company is funding 4 far-out carbon removal projects**

"They're certainly the first ones essentially saying, 'We'll pay any price per ton, we want to move this whole field forward.' Get Outdoors Nevada

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**Thiem's Buckwheat:** Thiem's Buckwheat is a flower that only exists on a single hillside in the entire world near Tonopah, and the Rhyolite Ridge Mine poses an existential threat that would wipe it off the earth. PLAN has joined other organizations in signing on to a Center for Biological Diversity letter asking for the state to restart a process to protect this gem. [Learn more about Thiem's Buckwheat.](#)

### **Feds approve initial Little Colorado River dam permits; developer eyes third permit**

## [Did you know that the survival of the Mojave Desert ecosystem depends on Desert Tortoises?](#)

They are known as a keystone species, and if they are removed from the desert ecosystem, it could lead to collapse. In this week's Mojave Max Lesson, we discover just how important Desert Tortoises are and learn how their very existence supports a plethora of plant and animal life. From building burrows to support animal life, to dispersing seeds to increase biodiversity, Desert Tortoi...

[See More](#)



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[www.getoutdoorsnevada.org](http://www.getoutdoorsnevada.org)

Desert Tortoises: A Keystone Species

[Learn More](#)

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## **Friday Community Wellness Chat from PLAN**

We couldn't let May end without celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, so for this week's Wellness Webchat we are **celebrating Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) foods, languages, and culture**. We invite you to join us for Mukbang, which is an internet trend of watching a live stream of someone eating copious amounts of food. Bring your dinner and eat on camera with us as we learn about love in APIA languages. Join us on May 29th from 5pm-6pm. Register to join us at [bit.ly/PLANwellness](https://bit.ly/PLANwellness).

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## **Yo-Yo Ma on the importance of telling each other our stories - YouTube**

Short PBS/Newshour video.

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[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=rBLg\\_4XgnZ0](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=rBLg_4XgnZ0)