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**Return to Medicine. Return to Spirit. Return to healing. Glowing stones that danced with fire. A mysterious dancing of shadow and faded light. Come here humble, come here open and come here without ego. Creator and Mother Earth will embrace you and take you on journeys of healing and Medicine. Let the heat rise gently, let Medicine bless us. For here is Sacred**

## House Hearing

The House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on May 27 to [discuss the heavier impacts of Covid-19 on communities of color](#).

## IN THE NEVADA CURRENT

**Bombs away.** Rep. Mark Amodei has introduced one of those sprawling public lands bills that western congresscritters introduce on occasion and not everything in it is horrible. But the not horrible parts are mixed with parts that environmental groups and tribal communities and other folks think are very horrible, not least being a giant and presumanly wholly needless expansion of a Navy bombing range. Jeniffer Solis reports. [Critics blast Amodei bombing range bill as 'public lands giveaway'](#)



**The Feds Gave a Former White House Official \$3 Million to Supply Masks to Navajo Hospitals. Some May Not Work.**

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**Alberta Energy Minister Calls Pandemic 'a Great Time' to Build Pipelines Due to Protest Restrictions**

*Olivia Rosane, EcoWatch*

Rosane writes: "Anti-pipeline protests work. That's the implication behind comments made by Alberta Energy Minister Sonya Savage Friday on how coronavirus social distancing requirements could ease the construction of Canada's controversial Trans Mountain Expansion project."

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- **The Great War**

Aired July 3, 2018 | 5 hrs 42 min Discover how WWI transformed America through the stories of those whose participation in the war to “make the world safe for democracy” has been largely forgotten.

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**We Shall Remain**

Aired May 11, 2009 | 6 hrs 18 min From the award-winning PBS series American Experience comes *We Shall Remain*, a provocative multi-media project that establishes Native history as an essential part of American history.

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**Buffalo Bill**

- Aired February 25, 2008 William "Buffalo Bill" Cody's legendary exploits helped create the myth of the American West that still endures today.

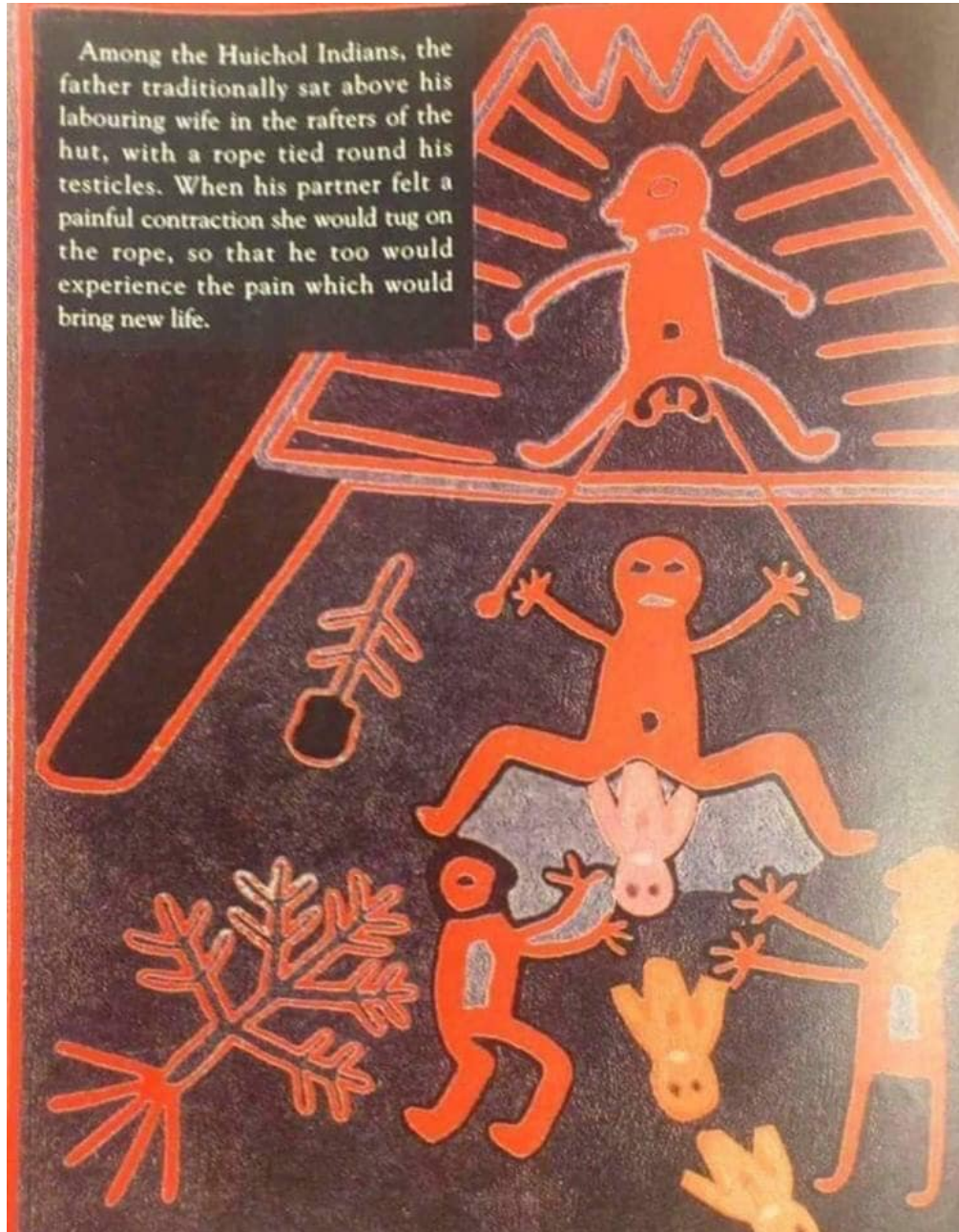
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**A brief history of Minnesota's Mesabi Iron Range**

<https://www.minnpost.com/mnopedia/2020/05/a-brief-history-of-minnesotas-mesabi-iron-range/>





Among the Huichol Indians, the father traditionally sat above his labouring wife in the rafters of the hut, with a rope tied round his testicles. When his partner felt a painful contraction she would tug on the rope, so that he too would experience the pain which would bring new life.

**It's the birthday** of detective novelist [Tony Hillerman](#) ([books by this author](#)), born in Sacred Heart, Oklahoma (1925). His parents were farmers and owned a general store. He grew up around Pottawatomie Indians, and he and some of the other farm boys went to St. Mary's Academy, a boarding school for American Indian girls. He wrote his first novel, *The Blessing Way* (1970), featuring Navajo detective Joe Leaphorn. Hillerman went on to write 17 more books featuring Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn, and they were all best-sellers.



### **Building a just and renewable future on the Navajo Nation**

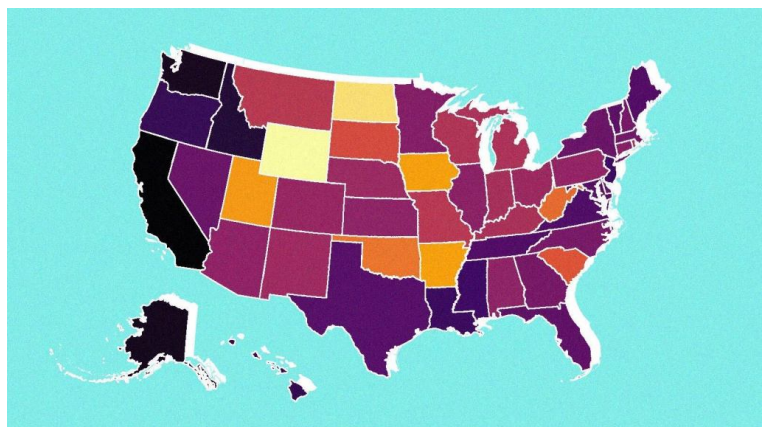
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“The economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our nation is profound. However, our nation is ripe for investment in public works projects that will put people back to work and stimulate our economy, as was done with the New Deal.” — Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) [speaking in the Senate](#) about the benefits of infrastructure investment by the federal government.

*Note to tribal planners, et al.....time to dust off all those old CDBG and EDA projects that never got submitted/funded, or remodel plans for same, to say nothing of the ideas rumbling around that have yet to be committed to paper (or disc). When the funding hits, be prepared! Have a whole drawer (or electronic file) of ready projects, with basic budgets, mapping, clearances and EIS outlines done so that all that is needed is a properly noticed public hearing. sdc*

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### **Here's how coronavirus affected carbon emissions in every state**



## **Trump's executive order seeks controversial overhaul of seafood industry**

Offshore aquaculture, which has long divided environmentalists and commercial fishing interests, now has a pathway to approval



**On this day (5.24) in 1626, Peter Minuit bought the island of Manhattan from the Lenape Indians.** He paid them in useful goods like cloth, kettles, axe heads, and drilling awls — not trinkets, as the legend goes — worth 60 silver Dutch guilders. Was it the deal of a lifetime? It depends on how you calculate the value of a guilder by today's standards. In the 19th century, a historian reckoned the purchase price to be about \$24, and that's the story that school kids still receive. If you calculate according to the actual weight of the silver, it worked out to around \$72 in 1992 dollars. According to the Institute for Social History of Amsterdam, 60 guilders in 1626 was equivalent to about \$1,000 today. Given the price of New York real estate nowadays, that's about a 17-billion-percent increase.

The book *New York City: a Short History* (George Lankevich, 1998) maintains that Minuit bought the island from the Canarsie, not the Lenape, Indians. Like millions today, the Canarsies didn't live in Manhattan; they just worked there, commuting from their Long Island home. Because they sold territory that wasn't really theirs to sell, the island had to be purchased again later from its rightful owners.

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## **Alaska Native Women's Long Road to Suffrage**

In 1913, the Alaska territorial legislature granted suffrage to women in the very first bill passed at its inaugural session. John F. A. Strong, then the governor of the Territory, proclaimed that “[t]he women of Alaska were given the right to vote without asking for it,”<sup>1</sup> but Strong overlooked that Alaska’s bill excluded Native women. For Alaska Natives, the path to the franchise was much longer. Uncertainty about their citizenship, “civility assessments,” and literacy tests prevented some Alaska Native women—and some Alaska Native men—from voting for several more decades.

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**This Artwork Recognizes the Sacrifices Made by Native American Soldiers in Vietnam**



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**The rise of New France:** Hundreds of years ago, French fur traders and brides-to-be sought their fortunes in America—stoking tension with indigenous people. Though the French colony only existed between 1608 and 1763, it produced a distinct language, culture, and history that still reverberates in modern-day Canada, **Erin Blakemore** writes for Nat Geo. The intertwined lives of the people of 1690s New France have been depicted in **Annie Proulx**’s best-selling novel *Barkskins* and the National Geographic limited TV series of the same name, which begins tonight. The key to the colony’s survival was occasional peace with indigenous groups and the importation of women, known as *filles du roi*, or daughters of the king (*shown in Eleanor Fortescue-Brickdale’s painting, above*). These women went from poverty in France to greater independence—and a recognized role as the founding mothers of a new nation.

**Watch:** *Barkskins* premieres on National Geographic TV at 9 p.m. eastern (8 p.m. central) on Monday.

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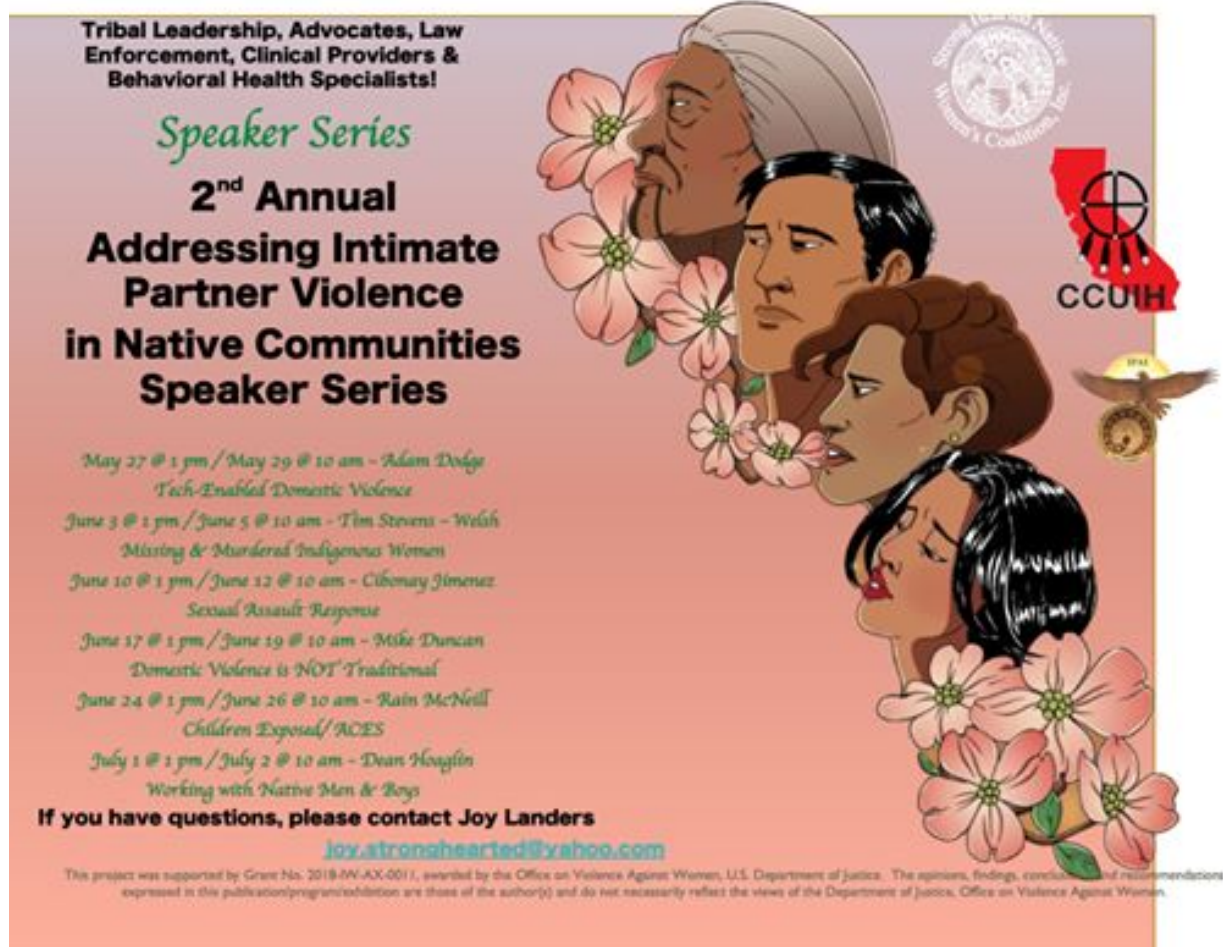
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## Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc.

Our first speaker, May 26, 2020 at 1 pm, and May 28 at 10 am is Adam R. Dodge. He will speak on Tech Enabled Domestic Violence. Each date will be 1.5 hours approximately. Bio below: As the founder of EndTAB.org (Ending Technology-Enabled Abuse), Adam's work is characterized by his dedication to addressing the existing and future threats posed by technology to victims of crime and gender-based violence. He has written extensively on technology-enabled abuse, non-consensual p... [See More](#)

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## Water Shorts from Federal Water Tap

### Wheeler Testimony to Senate Committee

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will not be able to meet a deadline proposed in Congress for setting a national drinking water standard for two PFAS chemicals.

Andrew Wheeler, the EPA administrator, made that comment during [testimony before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee](#) on May 20.

"I don't believe that the agency can set an MCL on their own following the Safe Drinking Water Act within a year," Wheeler said, using the technical abbreviation for drinking water standards.



Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) asked Wheeler about the agency's stance on groundwater regulation, given the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in the *Maui* case. Wheeler said that the agency is reviewing the case to see whether it will issue new guidance or rules.

"We were hoping for more clear-cut direction, quite frankly," Wheeler said about the court's decision that provides a new test for determining when groundwater pollution requires a federal permit.

In response to a question about states not being on track to meet Chesapeake Bay cleanup targets, Wheeler called a potential lawsuit against the EPA "frivolous." The Chesapeake Bay Foundation and partners in Maryland and Virginia notified the agency earlier this month that they planned to sue over slow progress in New York and Pennsylvania.

### **Covid-19 Executive Order Aims at Federal Regulations**

President Trump directed federal agencies to consider rescinding regulations to help the country's economy recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

The [executive order](#) states that: "Agencies should address this economic emergency by rescinding, modifying, waiving, or providing exemptions from regulations and other requirements that may inhibit economic recovery, consistent with applicable law and with protection of the public health and safety, with national and homeland security, and with budgetary priorities and operational feasibility."

### **Senate Democrats Press EPA for PFAS Details**

Democrats on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works are asking the EPA for more information about PFAS contamination it has identified at [180 Superfund sites](#).

Democrats want to know which chemicals are present and in what concentrations.

### **Nutrient Pollution in Lakes and Reservoirs**

The EPA published [draft guidelines](#) for nutrient concentrations in lakes and reservoirs.

States and tribes can use the guidelines when revising their nutrient criteria, but they are not required to do so.

**Public comments are being accepted through July 21, 2020. Submit them via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) using docket number EPA-HQ-OW-2019-0675.**

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### **Grand Canyon West in Arizona to reopen June 1**

The Hualapai Tribe is preparing to open its tourist attractions west of Grand Canyon National Park on June 1.

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**Covid-19: Is GeoPark Contaminating Amazon Communities?** [News@amazonwatch.org](mailto:News@amazonwatch.org)

Wampis Nation, one of the most organized indigenous peoples in the Peruvian Amazon, is calling out Chile-based oil company GeoPark for **putting their communities at risk of the COVID-19 contagion**.

GeoPark appears to be **violating Peru's national quarantine** by continuing to visit communities as part of a divide-and-conquer strategy to fraudulently manufacture consent for oil operations.

Alarmingly, the leadership of the Wampis Nation believes that there are **at least two positive COVID-19 cases** who were most likely infected by Geopark workers.

**These cases could set the path for the Wampis Nation's worst fears.** As they noted, "the impact of COVID-19 on the Wampis could be large-scale deaths, given the factors of inequality and the health gap that exists in our communities



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**If bees were paid the minimum wage, a jar of honey would cost about \$350,000** 🐝

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Extract: **As 'Normal' Crumbles, Young People Are Turning Their Grief Into Action**  
*Margaret Klein Salamon, Grist*

\*An American Psychological Association [report](#) found that “one of the best ways to characterize the impacts of climate change on perceptions is the sense of loss.” As a clinical psychologist, I know that when confronted with devastating losses, grief is the only healthy way to respond. As the saying goes, “The only way out is through.” You can’t get “over” grief; you also can’t get around it or away from it. The only way out of grief is *through* it. Grief allows us to process the reality of our losses, and adapt to a new reality. Grief ensures we don’t get stuck in the paralysis of denial, living in the past, or in fantasy versions of the present and future.

Young people are leading the way, showing us how to turn grief into action. They understand that we have two choices at this point: transform or collapse. Many are attempting to speed up the transformation of society, while also preparing for collapse. They are simultaneously adapting to a future they don’t want and fighting to take their future back.

<https://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/63121-as-normal-crumbles-young-people-are-turning-their-grief-into-act>