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*The Earth was created by the assistance of the Sun,
and it should be left as it was....*

*The country was made without lines of demarcation,
and it is no man's business to divide it.*

— Chief Joseph
Hin-man-too-yah-lat-keht

International Archives Week

It's [International Archives Week](#). This is a week to celebrate the work done by archives all around the world, and to recognize the remarkable worldwide professional community of archives and archivists.

As we use this opportunity to celebrate the importance of archives around the world, we are also focusing on the ways we provide and promote public access to historical government records. With more than 116 million digitized pages of records available online in the National Archives Catalog, anyone can access our nation's history -- and contribute to our mission -- from anywhere in the world.

Here are some newly available records in the the Catalog for your research and discovery:

Published Maps, 1947 - 2015, Records of the Central Intelligence Agency, 1894 - 2002

This [series consists of published maps](#) of most countries and world regions. Included are base and briefing base maps; maps depicting terrain, sociological, transportation, political, and economic features; maps depicting administrative, military, and treaty boundaries; maps of urban areas; and maps showing ethnic distributions or narcotics trade routes. Also included are thematic maps, charts, graphs, and organization charts relating to various topics of the Cold War, including the Soviet Union, China, Cuba, and the Vietnam War

Cemetery Relocation files, 1937-1985, from the Records of the Tennessee Valley Authority

These [records document the Tennessee Valley Authority's massive operation](#) to remove cemeteries from areas flooded for us...

Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Chicago, Illinois, 5/17/1918 - 11/30/1954

This [series consists of crew list forms](#) provided to the Immigration and Naturalization Service by shipmasters whose vessels had last departed from a foreign port, typically a Canadian port

Guide to Black History

In 1984, to support the growing demand for knowledge of African American history, Dr. Debra Newman Ham, with the help of several other colleagues, took on the responsibility of compiling a guide to black history records at the National Archives. With the publication of Black History: A Guide to Civilian Records in the National Archives, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) became recognized as one of the primary sources for African American historical documents. Here you will find an updated version, along with tools and other resources that can be used while conducting research relating to African American History at the National Archives.

Follow the [Rediscovering Black History blog](#) for highlights and insights relating to records of the African American experience at the National Archives

Interested in contributing as a Citizen Archivist? Check out our [Citizen Archivist dashboard](#) for new missions and new records to transcribe! We update our missions page regularly, so check back often to see what's new.

Transcription Challenge

Ready for another #ArchivesAtHome challenge? Help us transcribe this [1868 case](#) in which the will of Sylvia Ann Howland was contested by her niece, Hetty Robinson. Find a page without a blue tag and begin transcribing

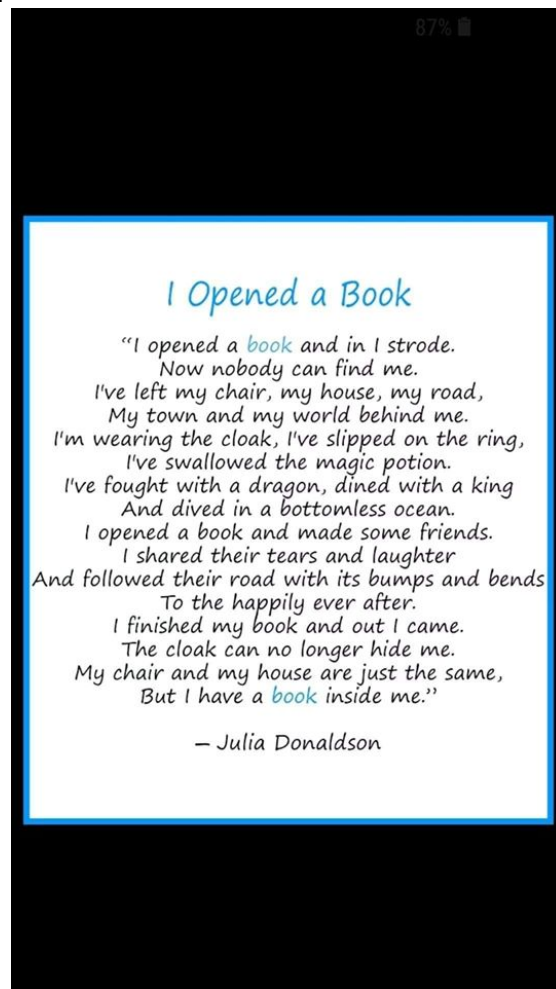
Help us [transcribe records relating to submarines](#) including patrol reports, reports of sinking enemy submarines, and more. Are you a submarine expert? Share any additional details you many know about the record in the comments field.

Thank you for helping improve access to historical records!

New to the citizen archivist program? [Learn how to register and get started.](#)

Have a question? [Find your answer on History Hub!](#)

Citizen Archivists, there's a group just for you! You can share tips and strategies, find new challenges, and get support for your work. Get started with our poll: What kinds of records do you like to transcribe.



Nevada Humanities CARES Relief Grants for Nevada Cultural Organizations

Applications for [Nevada Humanities CARES: Emergency Relief Grants for Nevada Cultural Organizations](#) are due by Monday, June 15 at 5 pm PST.

Apply today if your nonprofit humanities or cultural organization is facing financial hardship and duress resulting from the COVID-19 health emergency. This Nevada Humanities CARES grant program is intended to support general operating costs during these unprecedented times, not specific programs or projects.

Nevada Humanities CARES emergency relief grants seek to provide relief to humanities organizations that have experienced loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Such loss could include loss of revenue, inability to deliver programming, loss of staff, difficulty in paying rent/mortgage or operating costs, or risk of closure. Eligible applicant organizations must have an organizational mission that is humanities focused and/or demonstrate a commitment to public humanities programming and offer public humanities programs that are accessible to all Nevadans and open to the public.

Click [HERE](#) to find complete grant guidelines, application, and FAQs.

Nevada Humanities CARES grants are provided by Nevada Humanities and funded by the \$2 trillion federal CARES Act through the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The proportion of children in the United States who do not drink tap water was decreasing nationwide until the Flint water crisis, after which the proportion of children not drinking tap water started to rise. Researchers at Penn State University and Northwestern came to that conclusion after analyzing data from a federal health survey. Adult behavior was unchanged after the crisis, which peaked in 2014-15. In general, poor and minority residents distrust tap water and use more bottled water, a response that can signal underlying issues with tap water quality and access, the researchers argue. Children not drinking tap water do have lower levels of lead in their blood, but they exhibit other health problems, such as being overweight, having dental issues, and consuming more sugary beverages. [Water Resources Research](#)

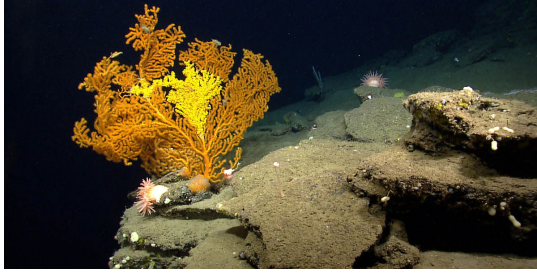
On this day (6.11) in 1967, the **St. Louis Gateway Arch** opened to the public. The nation's tallest man-made monument, which towers 630 feet tall and weighs more than 43,000 tons, was first envisioned 33 years earlier as a tribute to Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase and America's western expansion.

[Learn about the twisted history of the Arch, including why its construction was so controversial](#)



RJ Franklin

“Your assumptions are your windows to the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in 💡 ” Isaac Asimov



From the Revelator:

President Trump last week announced he's opening the 4,900-square-mile Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument to commercial fishing. The monument, established by President Obama in 2016, provides critical protection to several endangered species, including North Atlantic right whales and fragile deep-sea corals. [Conservation experts explain why this is a bad idea.](#)

This was just one of the many environmental regulations the Trump administration [slashed and burned over the past week](#) — while the nation dealt with the pandemic and protested racist violence.

New research reveals a creeping, permanent dryness expanding across the United States. It's much more than "drought," and researchers hope more accurate descriptions — [like "megadrought" and "aridification"](#) — will spur critical action.

The European Union just released its updated Biodiversity Strategy for the next 10 years. Our latest op-ed explores why this can help protect us from future pandemics and serve as a model for other nations — but only if it does more to address [wildlife trafficking](#).

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As marine biologist Ayana Elizabeth Johnson recently wrote in the *Washington Post*, ["racism derails our efforts to save the planet."](#) We interviewed her in 2018, when she discussed [how ocean conservation is an environmental justice issue](#).

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Here are five more stories we're watching this week.

1. Donald Trump, Jr.'s recent Mongolian hunting expedition, where he killed an endangered argali sheep, [cost taxpayers](#) at least \$77,000.
 2. A new study finds that recent technological advances mean it's economically feasible for the United States to receive [90% of its energy from renewables by 2035](#).
- [The Revelator <bioactivist@biologicaldiversity.org>](mailto:bioactivist@biologicaldiversity.org)

Birds make their nests

in circles

for theirs is the same religion

as ours.

—Chief Luther Standing Bear



Nevada Congressman Cliff Young shakes hands with President Dwight Eisenhower. (*He had been on Eisenhower's staff in the WWII European front*).

Extracted from "Time & Place," by historian Alicia Barber with KUNR
<https://kunr.drupal.publicbroadcasting.net/post/time-place-nevada-congress>

Attorney Cliff Young ran for Congress in 1952, when Nevada had just one Congressional seat. And that made sense, since at the time, the state's population was pretty small—just over 160,000 people. And those people were scattered across roughly 110,000 square miles, a pretty vast area.

In a 1999 interview, Young explained how candidates from the same party would team up in caravans to canvass the state in the years before television commercials.

A 1950's campaign flyer for Republican candidates.

"The Republican caravan would go to Lovelock and the Republican party would have a barbeque and we would be given a chance to speak. And we'd do the same thing in Winnemucca and Elko—and Reno and Vegas. If you got the Republican caravan coming through, it was a good opportunity to see what the horses looked like."

Young's main promotional tool was a supply of matchbooks with his name and picture printed on them. And he quickly found that when campaigning for state office, getting his name out there was more important than discussing his specific positions on the issues.

"When I started out campaigning, it might be up in Lovelock or Winnemucca, I'd go to all the bars and go down the stools, shake hands, and pass out my little match folder. More people smoked in those days and everybody liked matches. I'd meet people, introduce myself, and stay away from anything controversial in politics. And I think it was a good technique."

Apparently, it was. Young won that election and served in Congress for two terms, later serving as a state senator and a Nevada Supreme Court justice.

He also was the lone sponsor of the Indian Termination Act. I had two delightful interviews with him (on file at UNR Special Collections). He agreed to do a third about "The Act" but on-camera denied remembering anything about it...for more details, feel free to contact me... it is quite a story. sdc

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For a lot more: <https://www.facebook.com/neonnativez/videos/666898303865564/>

“The past is never dead, in fact it’s not even past.”

— William Faulkner

"As you enter positions of trust and power, dream a little before you think."

"The function, the very serious function of racism is distraction. It keeps you from doing your work. It keeps you explaining, over and over again, your reason for being. Somebody says you have no language and you spend twenty years proving that you do. Somebody says your head isn't shaped properly so you have scientists working on the fact that it is. Somebody says you have no art, so you dredge that up. Somebody says you have no kingdoms, so you dredge that up. None of this is necessary. There will always be one more thing."

—Toni Morrison



[Tom Born](#) *People need to realize there are Many places around The World that Mother Nature has proven you probably shouldn't be living in.*

Rebuild once and you hope for the best. Rebuild twice and your determination might not be welcomed once again by the natural laws of cause and effect. Sometimes we have to accommodate reality even if its against our will..

The Bighorn Fire moved into Pima Canyon, making a run toward Finger Rock. The fire has now burned 3,277 acres since it started on Friday, June 5th in the Pusch Ridge area of the Catalina Mountains north of Tucson, Arizona. [Patrick Cunningham](#)

The George Floyd protests have revived debate over the nation's Confederate memorials. Alta wrote not long ago about a historical site of contention in California: The roughly 500 cast-iron bells lining a fabled route from San Diego to Sonoma. **The mission bells** were added in the early 1900s as part of a tourism campaign designed to evoke romantic visions of Spanish California. **A century later, another campaign aims to remove them**, saying the bells serve as ongoing reminders of the destruction of native communities. [Alta](#)

As I will opine elsewhere, The conversation - or lack thereof - about symbols will rage on. Tearing down a statue, however, does not provide those ignorant of the precipitous history that generated the reason for the statue. If “out of sight” future generations will have no clue. My

personal preference is that brass plaques (or audio kiosks) with factual information be placed on them so that “the other side of the story” is also told. (Or in this one, a sign bearing individual names (readable from passing cars) of Mission Tribes or individuals that died there).

The USDA-Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) is hosting a Virtual USDA Speaker Series--Faces of Agriculture. It is a virtual presentation to an audience of high school and college students from across the country. Washington State Con, Roylene Comes-at-Night has been selected as one of the featured Speakers for this month's series (see attached). Can you all please help me get this information out to your Tribal community network, especially high schools and TCUs.

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