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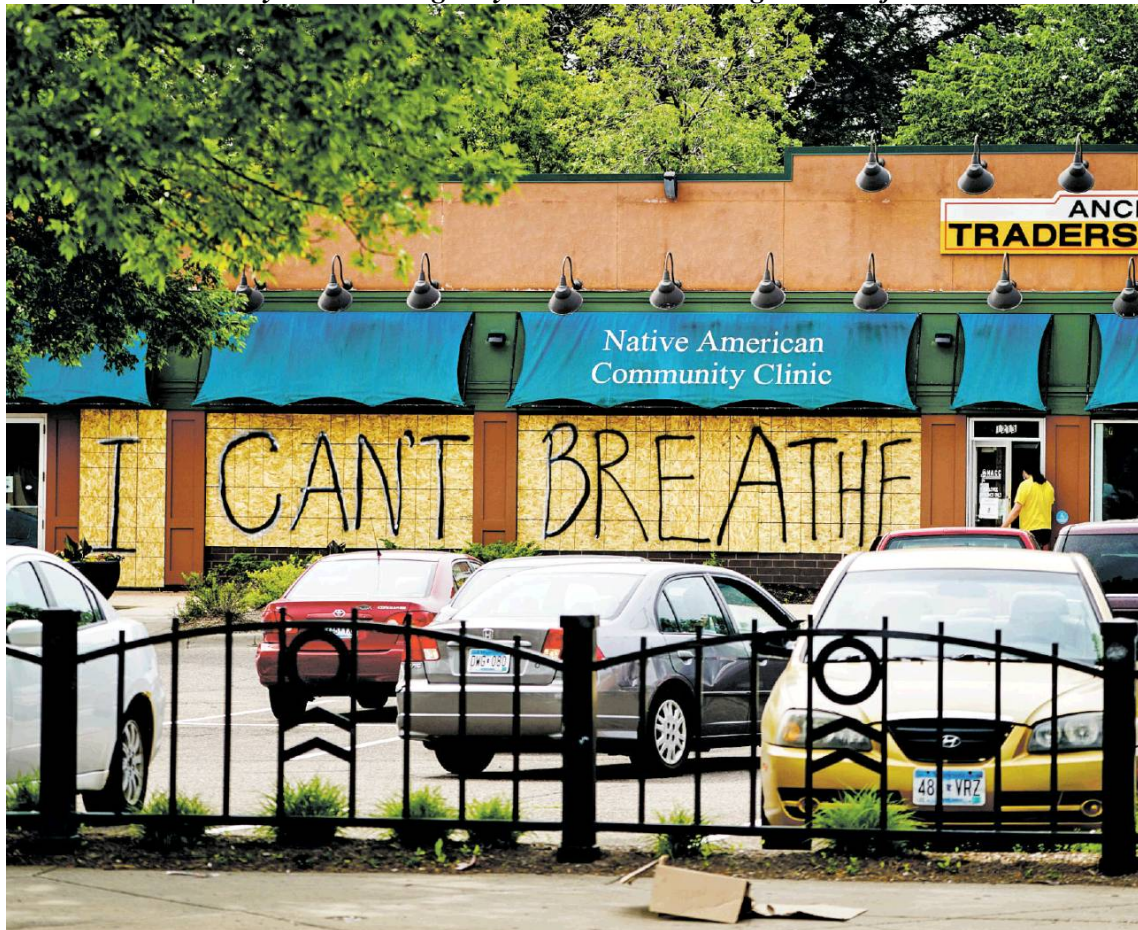
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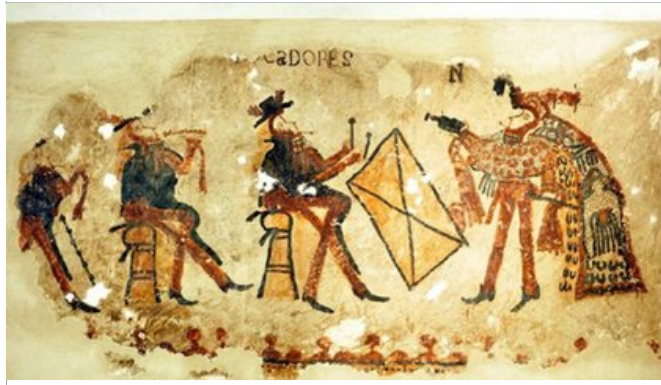
## Quality Control

Another milestone reached . Issue #4700! Which means about 517,000 pages in one research site ([www.shaynedel.com](http://www.shaynedel.com)) (with forever gratitude to Ernie Salgado and Gary Ballard of the American Indian Reporter).

And thanks to those of you who forward articles to share, especial EN and MM.

Long term readers know that an 00 issue means time for "quality control". It is really important to me to have YOUR feedback on content, subject areas etc. This is also a time to "clean" the mailing list, so if you want off let me know. If you know of others that should be included, also let me know.

And here is a chance to say thank you for putting up with little boo-boos when I'm going too fast or adjusting to software upgrades. sdc



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The technology used in this project could "revolutionize" archaeological studies of ancient urban sites

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## **America's Banks Are Financing Destructive Oil Projects in the Amazon**

*Maurício Angelo, Mongabay*

Angelo writes: "Five of the biggest financial institutions in the world invested a combined \$6 billion in oil extraction projects in the western Amazon between 2017 and 2019, according to a study recently published by the NGO Amazon Watch." **READ MORE**

## **Bill McKibben | Making a Planet Worth Saving** *Bill McKibben, The New Yorker*

McKibben writes: "Most weeks, we talk about how to save the world, which seems the only accurate way to put it, given that we've just lived through the hottest May in recorded history and that the carbon-dioxide levels in our atmosphere just hit a new high, unmatched in the past three million years. **READ MORE**

**OK. ALL these programs "disappeared" during the Trump administration. If this doesn't bother YOU, maybe you need to re-evaluate your vision of the future. Most of these cuts were done quietly, while we were distracted by other atrocities, hoping no one would notice. (Number 7. Really?)**

1. The National Environmental Policy Act
2. The Endangered Species Act
3. The Clean Water Act
4. The National Historic Preservation Act
5. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act
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7. The Clean Air Act
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12. The Noise Control Act
13. The Solid Waste Disposal Act
14. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
15. The Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act
16. The Antiquities Act
17. The Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act
18. The Farmland Protection Policy Act
19. The Coastal Zone Management Act
20. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act
21. The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act
22. The National Fish and Wildlife Act
23. The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
24. The Administrative Procedure Act
25. The River and Harbors Act
26. The Eagle Protection Act
27. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
28. The American Indian Religious Freedom Act



## Continued assault on public right to know PUBLIC MEETINGS

Our panel explores how public access to and participation in government meetings changed amid the coronavirus pandemic, as some provisions of open-meetings laws in California were loosened. FAC Litigation Director Glen Smith, Berkeley's Emilie Raguso, SPJ NorCal Vice President Joe Fitzgerald Rodriguez, and League of Women Voters California's Gloria Chun Hoo discuss what the public gained and lost as meetings went virtual.

## THE FUTURE OF COURT ACCESS

### Live From the Internet: It's SCOTUS

The pandemic forced courts around the county, including the U.S. Supreme Court, to adopt new ways to make their proceedings public. What can be learned from this time of experimentation, including trials by Zoom? What might the future of electronic court access look like post pandemic? Featuring U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel (ret.), executive director of the Berkeley Judicial Institute, in conversation with FAC's David Snyder.

[Watch the video](#)

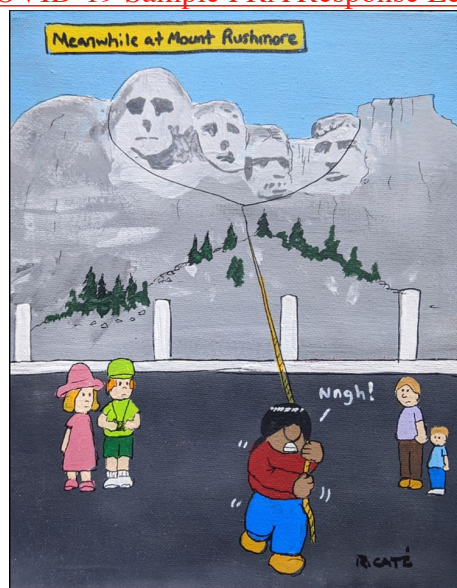
[Read news coverage of the discussion](#)

## FIGHTING FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

This program focuses on how governments responded to their obligations under the California Public Records Act amid the pandemic. Panelists provide tips for overcoming barriers to accessing public information. The discussion features media lawyers and reporters who published accountability journalism using public records amid the pandemic. [Watch the webinar](#)

### Sample Letter

Some government entities in California have made accessing public records more difficult amid the pandemic by improperly using the public health crisis to delay responding to requests made under the California Public Records Act. The following is a sample letter you can use as a template for responding to agencies that assert the coronavirus pandemic as a basis for failing to respond, or to delay their responses. *Courtesy of FAC and the Freedom of Information Committee of SPJ NorCal.* [Use the COVID-19 Sample PRA Response Letter](#)



## **American Indian patrol in Minneapolis credited with saving buildings during violence**

By [Jean Hopfensperger](#) Star Tribune

June 11, 2020 — 10:03pm

Pow Wow Grounds is well known for its wild rice soup and Indian tacos.

But now it's also known as the hub of an impressive community effort that saved Franklin Avenue businesses and nonprofits during the violence that erupted after the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

It started with three Indian leaders who saw the destruction unfolding on Lake Street and rushed to protect businesses at the heart of the Indian cultural corridor along Franklin Avenue.

Michael Goze, CEO of the American Indian Community Development Corporation, and Frank Paro, president of the American Indian Movement (AIM), sent out a call for volunteers as violence erupted in the streets.

Bob Rice, owner of Pow Wow Grounds coffee shop, opened his property as the staging area for AIM street patrols and offered other logistical support. Each night, 50 to several hundred community volunteers gathered in the Pow Wow Grounds parking lot for a meal, prayer and assignments from AIM to protect the area.

As the street patrols wound down last weekend, neighbors showed their appreciation. Librarians at the Franklin Library had a mural of the AIM flag painted on its boarded doors. The Native American Community Clinic had scrawled "Thank you AIM" on its window boards that were coming down.

"This could have been Lake Street," Goze said. "Now we can build up rather than rebuild."

"I'm in awe of what they did," added Will Delaney, co-chairman of the Franklin Area Business Association. "All of us were dealing with a lot of challenges at that time. To pull the patrol together and keep watch on Franklin Avenue ... I'm really appreciative."

This week the organizers walked down Franklin, pointing out unharmed buildings and properties with glass windows intact. Buildings included the Minneapolis American Indian Center, All Nations Indian Church, the Mashkiki Waakaaigan Pharmacy, the Woodlands National Bank, the Dollar Store and Maria's Cafe.

The AIM patrols also were in the Lake Street area, they said, guarding the Division of Indian Work and Migizi Communications, the one building they were not able to save.

The men said they were relieved that the heart of the Twin Cities Indian community was spared and grateful that so many people offered to protect the area.

Rice gestured to a building of connected storefronts, noting that "if one of these buildings had gone up in fire, we'd have lost the whole place."

Paro said he was named president of AIM, the national American Indian civil rights group, succeeding Clyde Bellecourt just two days before the violence erupted. After hearing about looting and fires, he said he knew that law enforcement would not make Franklin Avenue a priority.

So he resurrected the citizen patrols launched by AIM when it was created in 1968 in this very neighborhood, to document and protect residents from police brutality. The recent patrols included children and grandchildren of that first group.

“My wife showed me a map of places in Minneapolis that were looted and burned,” Paro said. “Around here, there were just two or three dots.”

“We had a lot of people involved,” he added. “Men. Women. People from age 16 to the 70s.”

Last Friday, about 50 people gathered outside Pow Wow Grounds for ribs, donated by Famous Dave’s restaurant, and grilled walleye. With curfew ending, it would be the last night on the streets.

Lisa Bellanger, executive director of national AIM, sat at a table with a paper grid showing the properties that needed protection. Volunteers signed up with their names and contact information. They guarded specific buildings but also kept an eye open for trouble anywhere.

“There were people on the rooftop here,” said Goze, gesturing to the Minneapolis American Indian Center. “We had walkie-talkies. We used an app on phones. We texted.”

Goze said some patrollers who had permits carried guns.

Their methods weren’t always conventional. When they discovered four teenage boys trying to break into a neighborhood liquor store, patrol members apprehended them — and called their parents. A provision for release was that a parent in their hometown of Eau Claire, Wis., drive to Minneapolis and retrieve the boys.

The nightly send-off for the patrols included a traditional Indian ceremony and traditional medicine for protection on the streets.

While the group received city permission to patrol early on, there was some confusion after the Minnesota National Guard entered the scene. Just as neighborhood block clubs stood watch past curfews, so did the AIM patrols. This led to a clash with law enforcement at the Little Earth housing complex, when projectiles were fired, said Bellanger.

But night after night, the volunteers arrived, staying at their posts until 6 a.m.

Aldi store manager Amanda Jerde recalled pulling up to her store to find several vehicles blocking the driveway entrance, protecting her business.

“It is truly amazing what they did,” Jerde said. “I’d come to work at 5:30 or 6 in the morning, and they’d be camped out in the parking lot. And I don’t have connections to the community. I just work here.”

Across the street at the Franklin Library, the orange, yellow and black AIM flag is painted on the plywood covering the door, which has been closed since March because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We know how much AIM has protected our buildings and our communities,” said librarian Becky Wolf, at a community gathering there last weekend. “The library staff wanted to do something to thank them.”

Alex Buehler, branch manager of Woodlands National Bank, was handling customer requests that day, grateful for a patrol that earlier had stopped two young men who had threatened to torch the bank.

But when the AIM patrols packed up about 6 a.m., others bent on destruction had been watching for a chance to move in.

"They broke in about 6:30," Buehler said. "They trashed the lobby."

This week, life was getting back to normal. The Pow Wow Grounds parking lot now holds a tent where people can register for free groceries and supplies available next to the coffee shop. Goze had turned his attention back to developing affordable housing in the area.

But given the success of the AIM patrol, Paro said he'd like to help it continue, albeit as a smaller patrol. He is organizing a meeting this week to explore that.

Said Paro: "I think we did a heck of a job."

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## **Christopher Columbus Statues Beheaded, Pulled Down Across America**

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### **NCAI Statement on the Removal of Christopher Columbus Statues**

WASHINGTON, DC | The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country, does not acknowledge Christopher Columbus as a hero. To Indigenous peoples, he was the opposite:

[O]ut of timbers for the *Santa Maria*, . . . Columbus built a fort [on Hispaniola], the first European military base in the Western Hemisphere. . . . He took . . . Indian prisoners and put them aboard his two remaining ships. . . . [H]e got into a fight with Indians who refused to trade as many bows and arrows as he and his men wanted. Two were run through with swords and bled to death. Then the *Nina* and the *Pinta* set sail. . . . When the weather turned cold, the Indian prisoners began to die. . . .

In the year 1495, they went on a great slave raid, rounded up fifteen hundred Arawak men, women, and children, put them in pens guarded by Spaniards and dogs, then picked the five hundred best specimens to load onto ships. Of those five hundred, two hundred died en route. The rest arrived alive in Spain and were put up for sale. . . .

Howard Zinn, *A People's History of the United States*, 3-4 (1980 Ed.).

"This growing movement across the country to rid our shared spaces of symbols that represent hate, genocide, and bigotry illustrates that it is past time for all cities to stand on the right side of history moving forward," said NCAI President Fawn Sharp.

NCAI also strongly supports the recent actions taken by United States citizens and the international community calling for proper law enforcement reforms and the recognition of basic human rights for the African American community and all communities of color. We are

humbled that these voices are including Indian Country's perspectives. NCAI encourages local governments and their citizens to seek mutual understandings of their diverse perspectives and to develop peaceful solutions that are mindful of all human beings and our rich distinct and shared histories. Together we can build the tomorrow our children deserve to lead.

MESSAGE FROM THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE'S  
SPIRITUAL LEADERS ABOUT COVID-19

Rosebud Sioux Tribe had a ceremonial gathering with all their spiritual leaders last night.

They had ceremony about the virus, tunkasila said that the sickness will be here until the grass turns green. That every house should make 33 red tobacco ties and place them above the main door to their home.

Cedar is the main thing you should be burning, at least three times a day.

Keep in prayer and keep your elders and those with underlying conditions away from groups of people or those who pose a potential health risk to the safety and well-being of those considered vulnerable.



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**Mining politics stall money for Minn. tribe's water treatment project**

By [Mary Lynn Smith](#) Star Tribune June 11, 2020 — 11:44pm

Divisive politics over mining issues in northern Minnesota has entangled an Indian band's request for money to build a water treatment system.

Members of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB), an advisory group for the Eveleth-based economic development agency, argued this week against giving money generated by taconite revenue to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, which has legally challenged mining operations.

Minnesota Sen. Tom Bakk, DFL-Cook, who sits on the board, called the band's actions "anti-mining" and said he couldn't support a \$250,000 grant for it. "I'm pretty uncomfortable with this request," he said during a Wednesday board meeting.

Earlier this year, Bakk moved a large annual DFL fundraising golf tournament from the Wilderness at Fortune Bay, which is owned by the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, to Giants



Ridge in Biwabik. It was part of a backlash against the band, which wrote a letter in January supporting U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum's proposal to ban copper mining on 234,000 acres of federally owned wilderness near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

On Wednesday, Bakk reminded the board of the Fond du Lac band's challenge to a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency permit issued to U.S. Steel's Minntac Mountain Iron operation for a basin that holds mining waste. The legal challenge, he said, puts Minntac's operation "at risk."

The band, in its legal challenge, argued that contaminants were harming natural resources.

Board member and state Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, said he wants to do what he can to support Indian communities. But like Bakk and fellow board member state Sen. David Tomassoni, DFL-Chisholm, he said can't support giving taconite money to a group that he says has opposed mining.

"This is at cross-purposes," he said. The board has turned other down requests that don't make sense and this one doesn't, he said.

Bakk and others also questioned the band's eligibility for the money because its tribal office in Carlton County is outside the taconite relief area. The band has tribal lands in and outside the relief area.

Board staff member Chris Ismil assured members that the tribe's project met the criteria for the grant and in fact scored above other projects in the competition.

The water for the two communities, which are in the taconite relief areas, is not drinkable, Ismil said during the meeting. It's contaminated and people could get sick, he told board members. The grant would help finance a \$1.3 million project — the first phase in building a new water system that will be owned and operated by the tribe.

A day after the board unanimously tabled the proposal, Bakk said he and others on the board don't oppose the project but merely want to give the money directly to communities that would be served by the water treatment system or to St. Louis County.

In a written statement, the band said it is not anti-mining. "We are anti-pollution," the statement said. "Mining, the way it currently operates and is regulated in Minnesota, has destroyed wild rice, worsened the mercury in fish problem, and fundamentally destroyed and degraded thousands of acres of important natural and cultural resources in the 1854 Ceded Territory over the past century."

Although she said she doesn't speak for the tribe, Paula Maccabee, an attorney for WaterLegacy, a Minnesota nonprofit focused on water quality, called the IRRRB's actions political posturing.

"The project is necessary for drinkable water," she said. "You can't bully people who seek to exercise their First Amendment rights. Using the courts is part of democracy."

"Just because you're asking people to do a better job doesn't mean you want to shut them down," Maccabee said.

Noting that the board's decision is merely advisory, Maccabee said she hopes that Mark Phillips, commissioner of the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, who works for the governor, will approve the grant.

"I hope they stand up and say ... Minnesota serves all communities," Maccabee said. "The government in Minnesota puts clean water above politics."



In many Native American traditions, one member of the tribe will assume the role of "Faithkeeper". The role of the Faithkeeper is to remain peaceful and calm, w... [See More](#)

### **What We Know After Months Of Distance Learning In Washoe By Natalie Van Hoozer**

- [https://kunr.drupal.publicbroadcasting.net/post/what-we-know-after-months-distance-learning-washoe?utm\\_source=KUNR&utm\\_campaign=4ac688b1d0-KUNR+Weekday+News+Update&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_124b67a55d-4ac688b1d0-376827045](https://kunr.drupal.publicbroadcasting.net/post/what-we-know-after-months-distance-learning-washoe?utm_source=KUNR&utm_campaign=4ac688b1d0-KUNR+Weekday+News+Update&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_124b67a55d-4ac688b1d0-376827045)

### **NV Superintendent: Schools May Look Drastically Different In The Fall 6.08.2020**

Like many aspects of life, the COVID-19 pandemic brought the 2019-2020 school year in Nevada to a screeching halt. Since then, schools have remained silent with teachers and students relying on distance learning to complete the semester. But what about next year? Will schools be ready to reopen in the fall? KUNR's Paul Boger spoke with Nevada's Superintendent of Public Instruction Jhone Ebert to get her take on the coronavirus' impact on schools across the state. [Click here to read more](#)

**Today (6.24) is [Flag Day](#)** here in the United States. Two hundred forty years ago, on this day in 1777, the government officially adopted the Stars and Stripes as our national flag. The 50 stars on today's flag represent the nation's 50 states and the 13 stripes represent the 13 original states. The color red signifies hardiness and valor; white, purity and innocence; and blue, vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

The first time the American flag was flown on a foreign fort was in Libya in 1805; in 1909, Robert Peary placed a flag at the North Pole; in 1963, Barry Bishop placed the flag on top of Mount Everest; and in 1969, Neil Armstrong stuck a flag in the surface of the moon.

In 1914, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane gave a Flag Day speech in which he repeated the words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."



### **Bill McKibben | A Guy Named Craig May Soon Control a Large Swath of Utah**

*Bill McKibben, The New Yorker*

McKibben writes: "It's what we think about when we think about 'the West,' a truly mythic place."

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