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# Squaw Valley Ski Resort Discussing Name Change With Indigenous Leaders

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In the weeks since the police killing of George Floyd, a Black man in Minneapolis, there's been a broad reckoning with various kinds of racism in the U.S. This cultural shift has led some government, businesses and community members across the county to take down or rename landmarks with ties to various kinds of racism.

## **Water Shorts**

**\$5 billion:** Loan assistance that will be available in the fiscal year 2020 round of the WIFIA program, a water and sewer infrastructure loan program. WIFIA provides low-interest federal loans that can cover up to 49 percent of project costs. ([EPA](#))

## **Substantial Changes to Environmental Review**

The Trump administration [finalized the most comprehensive overhaul to federal environmental review policy](#) in more than four decades.

The revisions change the definition of major terms in the National Environmental Policy Act, in effect limiting the number of projects that require an analysis of their consequences to land, water, air, cultural resources, and people.

The revisions set a time limit and a page limit on the reviews. They eliminate a distinction between direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, instead centering analysis on the “affected environment.”

The administration argues that the environmental review process is needlessly complex and protracted, but opponents worry that less thorough analysis is a gateway to more pollution.

The changes go into effect on September 14.

## **Clean Water Act Permitting**

The EPA [finalized its rule](#) that restricts state review of projects under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The rule limits the scope of state reviews, requiring them to look at direct water pollution discharges from the project. They are not to take into account things like climate effects and water withdrawals. In justifying the rule, Andrew Wheeler, the head of the EPA, said that states had “abused” their authority when they used Section 401 reviews to reject natural gas pipeline and export terminals in New York and Oregon, respectively.

The rule, which also prohibits reviews from taking more than one year, goes into effect on September 11.

## Hiccup in Klamath Dam Removal

Federal hydropower regulators [made an unexpected move](#) last week that could interfere with the removal of four dams on the Klamath River.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is requiring PacifiCorp, the owner of the dams, to remain a co-licensee with the nonprofit group that will oversee the demolition. PacifiCorp had anticipated transferring the license, paying \$200 million from customer surcharges to assist with removal, and then walking away from the aging dams.

Partners in the project, which would be the largest dam removal in U.S. history, said they will reconvene and [discuss next steps](#), the *Associated Press* reports.

## House Water Resources Development Act

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee [advanced a water infrastructure bill](#) that funds Army Corps of Engineers projects, including dam safety, flood protection, navigation, and ecosystem restoration.

A related bill in the Senate has moved out of committee but has not received a full vote.

The House expects to vote on the bill the week of July 27

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## News from SBA

The SBA is hiring temporary employees to assist with disaster relief efforts during these unprecedented times. The positions include:

- Call Center Customer Service Representative
- Document Preparation/Legal Review/Loan Closings
- Loan Processing/Credit Analysis/Mortgage Underwriting
- Program Support

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## Virtual Mentoring and Training

Offices around the country may be closed to the Coronavirus pandemic, but SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, and Veterans Business Outreach Centers and other resource partners are providing free business mentoring and training by phone, email, and video. [Find an SBA resource partner near you](#)

## Getting on the GSA Schedule: What you Need to Know!

Join this webinar on July 23 to learn what a GSA Schedule is and to understand the process for getting on it. [Register today](#)

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**It was on this day (7.20) 145 years ago, in 1875, that the largest recorded swarm of locusts in American history descended upon the Great Plains.** It was a swarm about 1,800 miles long and 110 miles wide, from Canada down to Texas.

Swarms would occur once every seven to 12 years, emerging from river valleys in the Rockies and sweeping east across the country. The size of the swarms tended to grow when there was less rain — and the West had been going through a drought since 1873. Farmers just east of the Rockies began to see a cloud approaching from the west. It was glinting around the edges where the locust wings caught the light of the sun.

People said the locusts descended like a driving snow in winter. They covered everything in their path. They sounded like thunder or a train and blanketed the ground, nearly a foot deep. Trees bent over with the weight of them. They ate nearly every living piece of vegetation in their path. They ate harnesses off horses and the bark of trees, curtains, clothing that was hung out on laundry lines. They chewed on the handles of farm tools and fence posts and railings. Some farmers tried to scare away the locusts by running into the swarm, and they had their clothes eaten right off their bodies.

Similar swarms occurred in the following years. The farmers became desperate. But by the mid-1880s, the rains had returned, and the swarms died down. Within a few decades, the Rocky Mountain locusts were believed to be extinct.

**It's the birthday (7.20)** of novelist [Cormac McCarthy](#) ([books by this author](#)), born in Providence, Rhode Island (1933). He had no interest in literature until he was in the Air Force, stationed in Alaska, and had nothing to do but read. Soon after, he began to write. He said: “I never had any doubts about my abilities. I knew I could write. I just had to figure out how to eat while doing this.” For years he lived in poverty, often unable to pay rent. When he finished his first novel, *The Orchard Keeper* (1965), he sent it to Random House because it was the only publisher he had ever heard of. Albert Erskine, who had edited Faulkner, liked the manuscript and agreed to publish it. McCarthy barely sold any books, but he won awards and grants, which gave him money to keep going. He turned down regular jobs and even speaking invitations. He moved to Texas. He said: “**I ended up in the Southwest because I knew that nobody had ever written about it. Besides Coca-Cola, the other thing that is universally known is cowboys and Indians. You can go to a mountain village in Mongolia and they’ll know about cowboys. But nobody had taken it seriously, not in 200 years. I thought, here’s a good subject.**” He wrote a few more novels, but they continued to sell poorly. He mostly lived in run-down motels, which were so dimly lit that he carried around a good lightbulb so that he could see better to read and write.

Then Erskine retired, and McCarthy switched publishers. His new editor arranged to have 30 pages of McCarthy’s new manuscript published in *Esquire*, and suddenly everyone wanted to read it. *All the Pretty Horses* (1992) won the National Book Award and was a best-seller. His other novels include *Blood Meridian* (1985), *The Crossing* (1994), *No Country for Old Men* (2005), and *The Road* (2006).

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**'Resounding' Win for Public Health and Climate as Judge Blocks ...**

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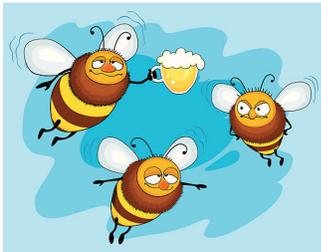
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In Los Angeles County, **the coronavirus is infecting Pacific Islanders at a greater rate than any other racial or ethnic group — by far.** Among the reasons, experts said, is a cultural stigma surrounding positive diagnoses that may be facilitating the spread. “The shame factor of it is real,” said Dr. Raynald Samoa, an endocrinologist who battled Covid-19 himself. [L.A. Times](http://www.latimes.com)

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**Bees in Australia get drunk on fermented flowers** when it's too hot, and are not allowed back into the hive until they sober up 



[istockphoto.com](https://www.istockphoto.com) When the weather is really hot in Australia, the nectar in some flowers will ferment and turn into alcohol, making the bees drunk.

This tends to make them a bit wobbly! If they try to get back into the hive while drunk, the guards will turn them away until they've sobered up a bit.

The drunk bees are kept out of the hive to stop the honey from fermenting inside, which could hurt the whole colony.

## Be an Indy Intern

**Are you looking for a great journalism internship in 2020?** Upcoming application dates are as follows:

### Fall 2020 applications accepted through July 31

Internships will be available for both Las Vegas and Reno-Sparks to assist with daily reporting and special event coverage.

#### Requirements:

- Junior or senior status or at least one reference from a prior internship for a news organization
- Ability to work 30 hours per week
- Internet access and the willingness to work weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (or until your planned story is filed) as well as some weekends (as required by events)
- A reliable vehicle and the ability to cover events when not in class
- Strong writing skills (a writing test may be administered)
- Strong Internet research and information-gathering skills
- Experience with table-building or working in Excel
- Willingness to do some data entry
- Ability to multitask or change directions from day to day without getting flustered
- Ability to self-manage and work independently
- Ability to generate story ideas

#### Desired:

- Data journalism and/or info-mapping skills
- Experience in one or more data graphics platforms (like Google Fusion, Tableau, Infogram, etc.)
- Spanish language skills a big plus

#### Pay and benefits:

- Indy interns are considered independent contractors (a W-9 will be required, a 1099 will be issued)
- \$10 per hour (detailed weekly invoice required)

#### To apply:

Please send a resume, cover letter and writing samples to [internships@thenvindy.com](mailto:internships@thenvindy.com).

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Fun fact: Camels originated in North America millions of years ago before moving to Europe and Asia. **Paleontologists just discovered the remains of a camel, along with the teeth of an early horse, at a freeway construction project in Otay Mesa.** “The finds suggest that we have a whole new chapter of our history that we get to explore,” a paleontologist said. [S.D. Union-Tribune](#) | [KGTU](#)



[Want to win? Consider 3 Native women for vice president  
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**Job Opportunity: Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator**

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But she added, “I also don’t believe in repudiating people who had large impacts on the struggle for freedom and justice just because they were imperfect people. Judging people in the distant past by modern standards lifts them out of the context of their times and sometimes lacks nuance and reinforces the ‘cancel culture,’ which I oppose.”

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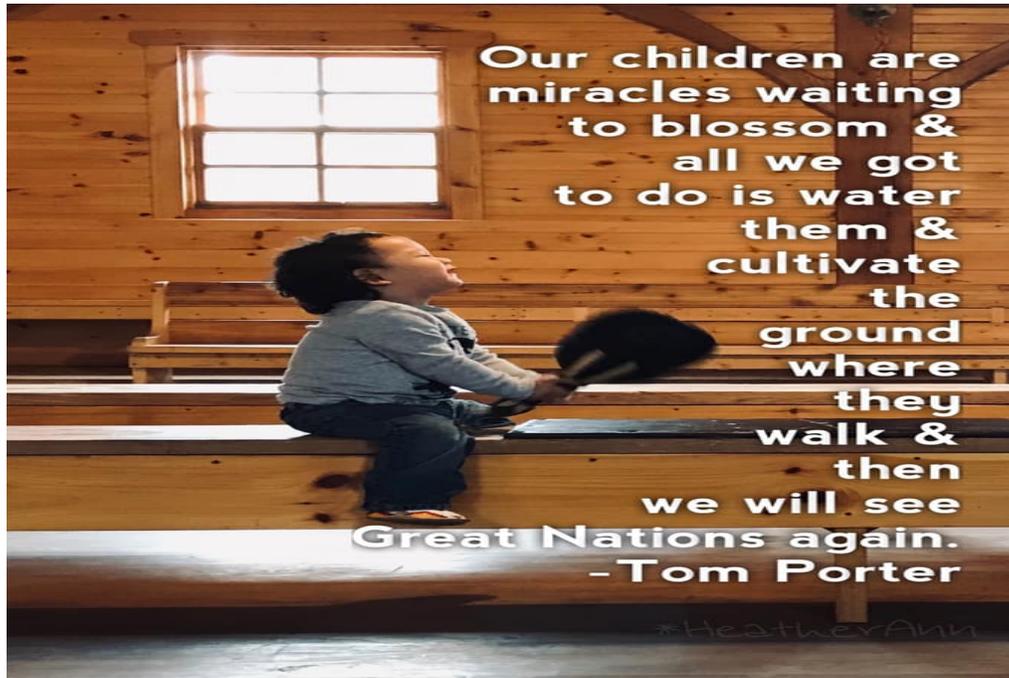
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**Archival Workers Emergency Fund**

Created in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 by SAA, the Archival Workers Emergency Fund was established to provide financial assistance for archival workers experiencing acute, unanticipated financial hardship due to the crisis. As of July 9th, 139 archival workers have been supported with funds from this program.

All U.S.-based archival workers affected by the COVID-19 crisis are eligible to apply to the fund. Recipients will receive grants of up to \$1,000 as well as a complimentary year-long membership in SAA.

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## Census 2020

Extract:

"Update leave, which was supposed to finish in March, has also impacted the number of responses from Native Americans living on some reservations in the state. The White Earth reservation, the largest in the state, currently has about 31% of households responding. Red Lake has the smallest response rate out of all tribal areas at about 5%."

"The Tribal Hub, a Complete Count Committee made up of 11 tribes throughout Minnesota, has been working since May 2019 to change the historic undercount of Native Americans in the census.

Shelly Diaz, a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and coordinator of the Tribal Hub, said keeping census outreach a priority during the pandemic has been difficult. Tribal governments have been hit hard financially since leaders decided to [close down casinos](#), a key source of revenue for some tribes, out of health concerns.

"We're back in survival mode. We have to figure out how we're going to keep our communities safe, how we're going to feed our families," Diaz said.

Like her counterparts across the state, Diaz had big plans for getting people excited about the census. Prior to the pandemic, she'd be prepping for March 21, which the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council had declared the "2020 Census Powwow Day."

She said committee members have since pivoted to virtual community meetings, social media updates and sending out fliers. Once school starts again, Diaz will try to connect with parents there.

"I'm trying to keep up the enthusiasm. I'm not a quitter. And so, you know, I'm going to push until October 31, even if I have to go knock on doors myself or pick up that phone myself."

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## **Analysis Spotlights Risk Of Census Undercount In Communities Of Color**

By [Noah Glick](#)

The U.S. Census is underway, and many communities of color across the nation are vulnerable to being undercounted this year.

According to a new [analysis](#) from Headwaters Economics, more than 700,000 people of color are at risk of being undercounted in the Mountain West alone.

"We all want fair representation, fair political representation, and since political representation is determined by the Census, it's just a huge step backwards to not have communities of color be accurately represented in the census," said Patricia Hernandez Gude, associate director at the nonprofit research group based in Montana.

The analysis includes interactive maps that show census response rates in communities of color across the country. New Mexico had the highest non-response rate in those communities as of July 16.

People are more likely to be missed if they live in dense urban or remote rural environments, are experiencing homelessness, or distrust the government, according to the analysis. And that can be even more challenging during a pandemic, which has caused the U.S. Census Bureau to delay field operations.

"Historically, predominantly white states (such as Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa) have completed the census at higher rates than states with more people of color (such as Alaska, New Mexico, and Texas)," the analysis states.

**In 2010, American Indians and Alaska Natives living on reservations were undercounted by 4.9%, making them the most undercounted group in the census.**

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump signed an [order](#) earlier this week aiming to exclude undocumented immigrants from being counted for Congressional districts, a move that is being [challenged](#) in the courts.

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Mariposa county health officials began testing untreated wastewater from Yosemite Valley and suspects hundreds of visitors to Yosemite national park may have had Covid-19.

**[HotSpots H2O: Water Outages Return to Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon as Covid-19 Cases Surge](#)**— Nearly 2,000 people on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in central Oregon have been ordered to boil their water for the last several weeks due to a broken pipe that decreased water pressure for a substantial portion of the reservation.



Monday night from Hurricane Ridge (Washington)