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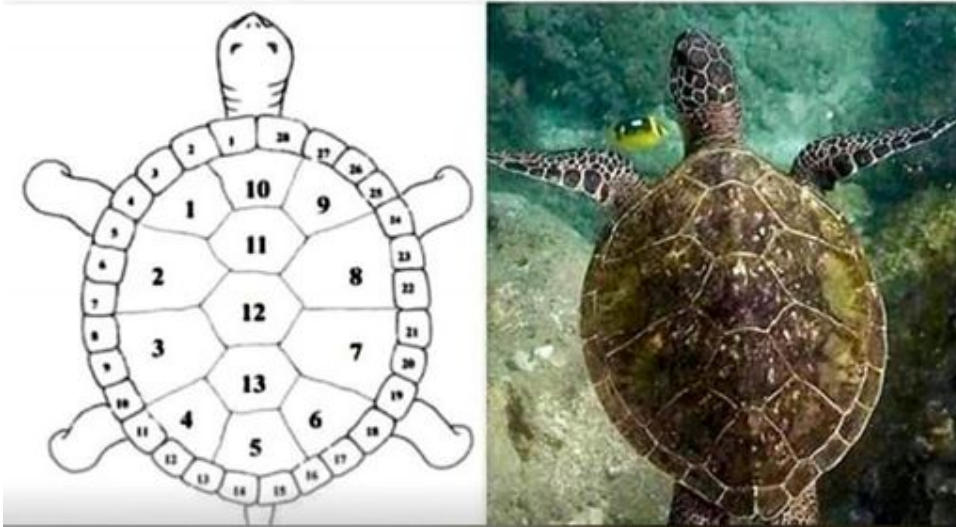
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13 moons & 28 days on all turtle shells. This equals 364 days, plus one day of rest. All indigenous people around the world knew the wisdom of the turtle and followed a 13 month calendar; after all, there are 13 moon cycles in a year & 27-29 days per cycle.

It's almost as if white man subtracted one month in order sever the connection between the people and the sun, moon & stars, which are themselves a giant clock.



House Drinking Water Hearing

On July 28, the House Energy and Commerce Committee hosts a virtual hearing on [reforming the nation's drinking water standards](#).

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COVID-19 Related Funding

Social Science Research Council: Just Tech COVID-19 Rapid-Response Grants

The Social Science Research Council, as part of its Just Tech program, seeks proposals from across the social sciences and related fields that address the risks, opportunities, and challenges posed by public health surveillance stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Michelson Spark Grants

The Michelson Spark Grant program was created to introduce an innovative grantmaking process to fill urgent needs for education organizations.

The Alaska Community Foundation: Coronavirus Nonprofit Relief Fund

The State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has partnered with The Alaska Community Foundation to establish the Coronavirus Nonprofit Relief Fund to support nonprofit organizations in Alaska adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

National Opportunities

U.S. Communities Working to Advance Better Health Honored

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Culture of Health Prize elevates the compelling stories of places throughout the country where residents are working together to transform education, jobs, transportation, housing, and more so better health flourishes for all.

Support for Native-Led Organizations Promoting Social Action

Native Voices Rising, a project of Common Counsel Foundation and Native Americans in Philanthropy, is designed to support organizing, advocacy, and civic engagement in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities.

Access to Justice Efforts Funded

The Opportunity Grant Program, an initiative of the American Bar Endowment, supports new, boots-on-the-ground, innovative projects that serve the immediate and critical legal needs of the public and are of importance to the legal profession and its concerns for access to justice.

Grants Benefit Adult Literacy Programs Nationwide

The primary focus of the Wish You Well Foundation is to support nonprofit organizations in the United States that teach adults the literacy skills they need to communicate, grow, and thrive within their communities.

Regional Opportunities

Community Organizing Groups in Colorado Supported

Chinook Fund supports community organizations working on issues of social and economic justice in the state of Colorado.

Funds for Environmental Organizations in Alabama and South Florida

The Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation primarily provides support for the conservation of natural resources in North America and the Caribbean Basin, with emphasis on the United States.

Grants Enhance Dental Health Programs in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA) Foundation is committed to improving the oral health of Wisconsin residents by providing grants to community-based, nonprofit oral health promotion programs throughout the state.

Support for Initiatives Addressing Poverty in South Carolina

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina partners with nonprofit and faith-based organizations throughout the state that are working to serve people experiencing poverty.

Federal Opportunities

Funds Available to Help Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers

The Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers program assists with the owning and operating of farms and ranches and in participating equitably in agricultural, forestry, and related programs offered by USDA.

Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Supported

The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants program supports the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that focus on directing resources to address three core goals: housing, people, and neighborhoods.

D'Addario Foundation

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The D'Addario Foundation identifies the most impactful instrument instruction programs in communities of need in the U.S. and provides support to assist their growth. The focus is on programs that bring music back into communities and schools and get kids playing as early and as frequently as possible. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process



Bernick Family Foundation

The Bernick Family Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, schools, and government entities based in Alexandria, Bemidji, Brainerd, Duluth, St. Cloud, and Willmar, MN, and Dresser, WI. The Foundation's two key areas of interest are 1) Youth and Education and 2) Health and Fitness. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process



[TD Ready Challenge](#)

The TD Ready Challenge, an initiative of the TD Bank Group, is an annual North American initiative that supports organizations in Canada and the United States that are developing innovative solutions for a changing world. The 2020 Challenge is focused on addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.



[Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development](#)

The Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development, based in the Netherlands, seeks to create opportunities for connection and exchange and stimulate cultural expression, primarily in Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. The Fund has issued a call for proposals titled "[Cultural and Artistic Responses to Environmental Change](#)" to support cultural and artistic initiatives tackling pressing environmental issues around the world. Review the [GrantStation profile](#) to learn more about the Prince Claus Fund, and visit the [Fund's website](#) to access the call for proposals

*HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs is pleased to announce the **HHP Tribal NOFA** has been published. Application Due Date is Aug. 24, 2020.*

Please share this information with your colleagues in Indian Country.

More information is available at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=328357>

[Our Generation BlackHills- He Sapa Wicouncage Okolakiciye](#)

[Alan Pretre](#) [South Dakota History pre-1910](#)

"His principal object in life was to try to make others happy around him".

Oglala Lakota Chief Blue Horse (1822-1908), Sunka Wakan To, was the second son of Old ... [See More](#)



Hero Award----

"Trespass? Who the hell gave them the land anyway?"- Mary Dann asked as she mended a fence on a windswept desert morning. "When I trespass, its when I wander into Paiute territory." Her sister Carrie said: "I was indigenous and in one single evening they made me indigent. If you think the Indian wars are over, then think again."

"Our stories, our songs, our poetry, and our language are all connected to the land," she says. "We aren't above or below what the land provides, we are equal and have to find that balance to live this life."- Mary Dann

The Dann Sisters, Mary Dann (1923–2005) and Carrie Dann (born c. 1932), are Western Shoshone elders who are spiritual leaders, by ranchers, and cultural, spiritual rights and land rights activists. Mary Dann died in 2005. They challenged the federal government over uses of their Nation's traditional land, in a case that reached the United States Supreme Court as *US v. Dann*.

Carrie and Mary Dann endured five terrifying livestock roundups by armed federal marshals in which more than a thousand of their horses and cattle were confiscated -- for grazing their livestock on the open range outside their private ranch.

That range is part of 60 million acres recognized as Western Shoshone land by the United States in the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley, but in 1974 the U.S. sued the Dann sisters for trespassing on that land, without a permit. That set off a dispute between the Dann sisters and the U. S. government that swept to the United States Supreme Court and eventually to the Organization of American States and the United Nations.

The documentary called "AMERICAN OUTRAGE" asks why the United States government has spent millions persecuting and prosecuting two elderly women grazing a few hundred horses and cows in a desolate desert? The United States Bureau of Land Management insists the sisters are degrading the land. The Dann sisters said the real reason is the resources hidden below this seemingly barren land, their Mother Earth. Western Shoshone land is the second largest gold producing area in the world.



The battle went on for over 30 years, and the Danns did not give up, even though the government seized hundreds of their cattle, sold the animals at auction, charged the sisters nearly \$50,000 in fees and fined them \$3 million for willful trespass.

Established in 1985, [The Montana History Foundation](#) seeks to preserve the legacy of Montana’s past. With an eye on the future, the Foundation’s central goal is to generate public support to save the rich cultural heritage and historic resources of Montana.

The Foundation’s approach is both creative and personal—offering donors the opportunity to connect with and support unique projects of special interest to them and of historical importance to Montana. The Montana History Foundation gives supporters the chance to truly make a difference, and in the process become a part of history.

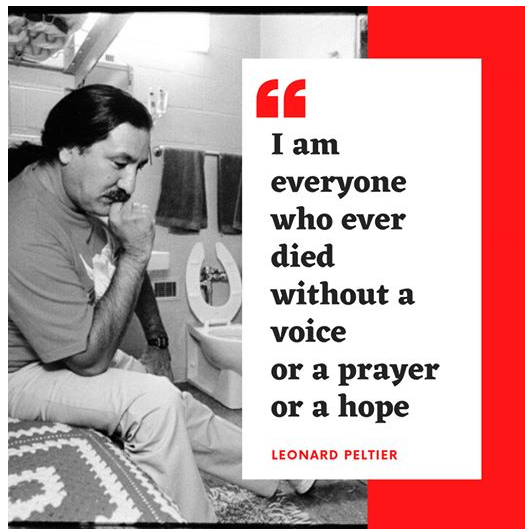
And the **NASA Mars 2020 rover**, Perseverance, is scheduled to launch from Cape Canaveral on **Thursday**.



[The Reynolds School @RSJNevada](#)

Here is a [#paid #virtual](#) internship with [@TheNVIndy](#) as a reporting intern in either Reno or Las Vegas for fall 2020. Be sure to submit your application by July 31. [#rsjinternships](#) Apply here: <https://bit.ly/3eW2TMX>

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Geoff Ellis

***How in the hell dose the Department of the Interior allow this to happen?
It isn't in the best interest of tribes to compete against commercialism.
You can thank trump and his administration for this type of unacceptable behavior.***

BLM ACCEPTING BIDS FOR COMMERCIAL PINE NUT HARVEST

ELY, Nev. – The Bureau of Land Management is accepting sealed, written bids for the commercial harvesting of pine nut units in the BLM Battle Mountain, Elko and Ely districts. The deadline to submit a bid is 9:30 a.m. PDT, Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Mail bids to the BLM Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, NV 89301 Attn: Alex Stenvers. A separate certified check, bank draft, cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$300 payable to the Bureau of Land Management, USDI, must accompany the bid for each sale area. The \$300 bid deposit will be applied toward the purchase price, refunded or retained for application toward payment of damages, if necessary.

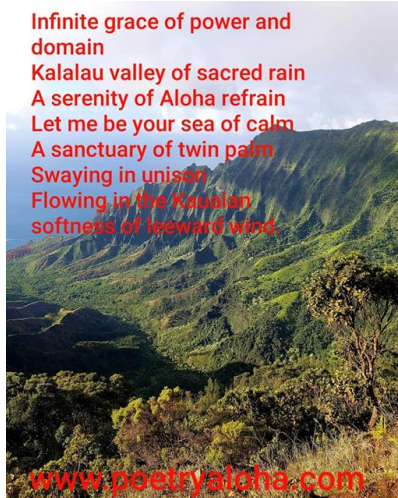
A virtual auction is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. PDT, Tuesday, Aug. 11, using the Zoom application. Contact BLM Ely District Forester Alex Stenvers by no later than 4:30 p.m. PDT, Tuesday, Aug. 4, for information on how to login and participate.

A written bid and security deposit are required to participate in the online auction. The prospectus, advertisement, bid forms, maps and sample contract are available at the BLM Ely District Office or by contacting Alex Stenvers at (775) 289-1894 or mstenvers@blm.gov.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.

RELEASE DATE Thursday, July 23, 2020
ORGANIZATION Bureau of Land Management OFFICE Ely District Office
CONTACTS Chris Hanefeld E: chanefel@blm.gov Phone: 775-289-1842

We travel together, passengers on a little space ship, dependent on its vulnerable reserves of air and soil; all committed for our safety to its security and peace; preserved from annihilation only by the care, the work, and, I will say, the love we give our fragile craft. We cannot maintain it half fortunate, half miserable, half confident, half despairing, half slave—to the ancient enemies of man—half free in a liberation of resources undreamed of until this day. No craft, no crew can travel safely with such vast contradictions. On their resolution depends the survival of us all.” — Adlai Stevenson



Marlene Sekaquaptewa, Hopi Tribal Leader and Quiltmaker, Dies at 79

She played a major role in Hopi Tribal government for decades while raising a large family. She was governor of the village of Bacavi when she died after testing positive for Covid-19.

Marlene Sekaquaptewa was a Hopi Tribal leader, expert quiltmaker and cultural ambassador for her people. Credit...Ethan Elkind

By [Simon Romero](#) [July 24, 2020](#)

This obituary is part of a series about people who have died in the coronavirus pandemic. Read about others [here](#). Ed note: this is a wonderful way to pay tribute to some that we have lost about whom no one will know unless YOU send something to the NYT.

Marlene Sekaquaptewa was the matriarch of a large distinguished family, a master quiltmaker and a political leader who played a major role in the Hopi Tribal government for decades.

“She was a cultural ambassador, very involved in public life,” said her niece, Patricia Sekaquaptewa, 53, a justice on the Hopi Appellate Court and a professor specializing in tribal criminal justice at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. “I was always amazed at how she could do so many things at once.”

As the coronavirus began taking its toll in the soaring high-desert mesas where the Hopi live in northeastern Arizona, it claimed Ms. Sekaquaptewa, who was the governor of the Hopi village of Bacavi. She died on June 24 in Mesa, Ariz., of Covid-19. She was 79.

Ms. Sekaquaptewa (pronounced roughly see-KIA-cwop-tee-wah) was born on July 10, 1940, into a prominent Hopi family. Her mother, Helen, was a homemaker who described her own life story on and off the reservation in the 1969 [book](#) “Me and Mine.” Her father, Emory, was a farmer and tribal judge.

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One of Ms. Sekaquaptewa's brothers, Emory Jr., was an anthropologist at the University of Arizona who compiled the first comprehensive Hopi dictionary; another, Abbott, was a longtime Hopi Tribal chairman.

Ms. Sekaquaptewa's family was from Oraibi, a village that is one of the oldest continuously inhabited places in the United States. Some of her great-uncles were among the 19 Hopi men [imprisoned](#) on California's Alcatraz Island in the 1890s when they resisted sending their children to assimilationist boarding schools.

While growing up in Arizona, and later as an adult, Ms. Sekaquaptewa moved between different worlds. She graduated from Central High School in Phoenix while her parents lived away from the reservation.

Ms. Sekaquaptewa lived briefly in Los Angeles during the [relocation](#) era, when United States authorities contentiously tried in the 1950s and 1960s to disband tribes and assimilate Native Americans in cities.

Back in Arizona, Ms. Sekaquaptewa started a family, graduated from the tribal development program at Scottsdale Community College and got into politics. Her husband, Leroy Kewanimptewa Sr., and two of her five children, Kenneth and Paul, died before her. She is survived by a daughter, Dianna Shebala, two sons, Leroy Kewanimptewa Jr. and Emory Kewanimptewa, 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She served multiple times as governor of the village of Bacavi and was a key figure in drafting the Hopi Tribal Constitution in 2012. She recently helped create an assisted living facility for Hopi elders.

Ms. Sekaquaptewa was also a renowned quiltmaker whose creations have been displayed in museums around the country. Scholars often consulted her about Hopi culture and traditions.

In 2018, Ms. Sekaquaptewa [narrated](#) in Hopi a brief description of the tribe's creation epic for PBS. "We lived beneath the earth and it came time for us to emerge," she said, recounting how the Hopi people received guidance from the earth's ancient caretaker, Maasaw.

"So, we made a covenant to walk to the earth's farthest corners," Ms. Sekaquaptewa said, "to learn the Earth with our feet and to become one with this new world."

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[Remembering Coronavirus Victims: Tell Us About People You Knew. 4.1.20 NYT](#)

*Ed note: This is a repeat but an excellent way for tribal communities to share their reality and heritage with the American public. sdc*

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## Big Sur tribe regains land 250 years after being removed

*“Nearly 250 years ago, when Spanish soldiers built a military outpost in Monterey and Franciscan padres founded the Carmel, Soledad, and San Antonio missions nearby, the Esselen tribe — who had lived in the area for 8,000 years — was decimated. Brought to the missions to be baptized and converted to Catholicism, Esselen families were broken up. They were stripped of their culture, their language and their lands by the late 1700s. On Monday, for the first time, their descendants finally got some of the land back. ...”* Read more from the Santa Cruz Sentinel here: [Big Sur tribe regains land 250 years after being removed](#)

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The Esselen Tribe of Monterey County **has purchased** 1,199 acres in Big Sur, marking the first time that tribe has regained any of its former territory more than 300 years after Spanish missionaries upended the tribe’s society.

“We talk about “our” sovereignty, but instead of a human concept “our” must be inclusive of all creation’s sovereignty. Sovereignty is not a right and responsibility reserved to all human beings. Sovereignty is an integral component with the rest of creation and belongs to all components of that creation. We can not forget that”. —Indgrid Washinawatok

Baby platypus. Just because I knew you needed to see this.



If you're shocked by Portland it's because you weren't paying attention to North Dakota.

Pebble Mine Clears Hurdle

The Army Corps of Engineers released the [environmental impact statement](#) for the highly contested Pebble Mine, a proposed open-pit copper, gold, and molybdenum mine in southwest Alaska.

The Corps claims that the project would not cause a “population-level decrease” in fish or wildlife, the main point of contention for opponents of the mine. The review does acknowledge impacts to specific sites.

The mine has more hurdles before it can begin construction. Besides the inevitable legal actions, mine developers [need to secure permits](#) from the Coast Guard and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, the Anchorage Daily News reports. That’s in addition to a state permitting process that is expected to take three years.

The other permits are required for the infrastructure that would be built to support the mine: a 270-megawatt natural gas power plant, a natural gas pipeline, a port, and access roads.

The project was vetoed by the Obama administration due to concerns that it would harm a thriving wild salmon fishery in Bristol Bay. The mine would be located in the headwaters of the bay. Rejecting those worries, the Trump administration revived the project.



Morro Bay