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I hope y'all got to see the celebration of life for John R. Lewis....so many words by articulate speakers with messages for all. If nothing else, look up the eulogy by President Obama - and recommit to that which so many of you all do. sdc

https://www.nbcnews.com/video/president-obama-eulogizes-john-lewis-at-ebenezer-baptist-church-in-atlanta-89078341809?cid=sm_npd_ms_fb_ma&fbclid=IwAR0I6-b_0nfL4Co8Bscasr-Gnlby_Pl4XHpU8IBCHOSQ70gOKBm-VPmKhhw

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<https://www.rawstory.com/2020/07/listen-morgan-freeman-narrates-the-op-ed-john-lewis-wrote-to-be-published-on-the-day-of-his-funeral/>

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***"Our nation was born in genocide when it embraced the doctrine that the original American, the Indian, was an inferior race. Even before there were large numbers of Negroes on our shore, the scar of racial hatred had already disfigured colonial society. From the sixteenth century forward, blood flowed in battles over racial supremacy.***

*We are perhaps the only nation which tried as a matter of national policy to wipe out its indigenous population. Moreover, we elevated that tragic experience into a noble crusade. Indeed, even today we have not permitted ourselves to reject or feel remorse for this shameful episode.*

*Our literature, our films, our drama, our folklore all exalt it. Our children are still taught to respect the violence which reduced a red-skinned people of an earlier culture into a few fragmented groups herded into impoverished reservations."*



— Martin Luther King

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Question: Made of ten but two we make, When assembled others quake, Five apart and we are weak, Five together havoc wreak. What are we?



International Indigenous Youth Council

Help us spread the word!  

For the first time, Vision Maker Media will be hosting an **online, five-week-long celebration of American Indian, Alaska Native and worldwide Indigenous films** from August 31 - October 5, 2020. Sign up for updates on films, Q&A's, prizes and more! <http://ow.ly/ZqFD50AvlJi>

[4,000-Year-Old Fossilized Poop Among Oldest Traces of Humans in North America](#)

Learn More: The **shortest river in the U.S.** doesn't even cover the full length of a football field. Located near Great Falls, Montana, the 201-foot-long Roe River links the headwaters of the Giant Springs to the mouth of the Missouri River. For a time, the Roe was even considered the world's shortest river, with Guinness World Records awarding the title in 1987 over former record-holder D River in Lincoln City, Oregon, at 440 feet long. However, the claim has since been disputed by other world rivers, such as Indonesia's Tamborasi River or Norway's Kovasselve River, both around 70 feet, and Guinness has since dropped the category altogether.

[https://www.traveltrivia.com/10-of-the-strangest-statues-in-the-world/XuEFOhvq0AAHw9We?](https://www.traveltrivia.com/10-of-the-strangest-statues-in-the-world/XuEFOhvq0AAHw9We?utm_source=missed%20question&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=1129047018)

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From the **Nevada Independent**:

Military expansions in a veto message: Two proposals to expand military bases in Nevada are not quite dead, despite opposition among state leaders and little appetite in Congress to push them through. The Air Force, in recent years, has sought to expand a training range in Southern Nevada, a move that would give the military more control over the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, the largest refuge in the lower 48 states. In northern Nevada, the Navy has sought to expand its training range in and around Fallon by about 600,000 acres. Congress, with the [recent intervention of the Nevada delegation](#), did not authorize either expansion in its annual military defense bill. Now the White House is stepping in. [In a veto message released this week](#), the White House said it was concerned that the bill left out the expansion language.

A push to reform oil and gas leasing: Montana Democrat Sen. Jon Tester introduced a bill last week that [would end noncompetitive oil and gas leasing](#) on federal public land, a practice that allows oil speculators, including in Nevada, to pick up below-market leases. I wrote about this issue for [The Nevada Independent](#) last year. Conservation groups worry that the practice encourages speculative leasing and ties up federal public land that could otherwise be used for conservation or recreation. "Of the 2.5 million acres offered for lease since 2017 in Nevada, less than 10 percent of the acreage offered has been sold at competitive auction," Pam Harrington, a field staffer for Trout Unlimited, said in a statement. "Anonymous entities nominate thousands of acres and the agencies must act on this." In January, Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto [proposed banning oil and gas leasing](#) on public land with little to no geological potential for development.

A big solar project: Vernon Robison, [managing editor for the Moapa Valley Progress](#), wrote a story about the Battle Born Solar Project, a proposal by Arevia Power to build what would be the country's largest solar array over roughly 9,000 acres. The same firm is developing the Gemini solar project, spanning about 7,000 acres and currently [the largest approved project in the U.S.](#)

Sisolak, the article said, sent a letter earlier this year to designate the Battle Born project as a [FAST-41 project](#), with the goal of speeding up the permitting process. “The Battle Born project will bring robust economic benefits to the State of Nevada as well as contribute significantly to the supply of clean, renewable energy in the western United States,” Sisolak wrote in a letter.

‘The river basin is more than a plumbing system:’ Excellent story by Judy Fahys, [writing for InsideClimateNews](#), about what’s at stake as water managers along the Colorado River begin to look at how to balance a shrinking water supply. The article, published this month, looks at the issues through the lens of endangered humpback chub “alien abductions.” From the article: “Now, nearly a century after the original Colorado River Compact was forged, river stakeholders also find themselves in alien terrain as they try to reconcile an old management scheme with new realities, such as tribal rights, environmental protection and, especially, climate change.”

Rosen pushes back on Pendley appointment: Democratic Sen. Jacky Rosen called Acting Bureau of Land Director William Perry Pendley “unfit” to permanently lead the agency during a press call on Tuesday. The Trump administration is seeking [to permanently nominate Pendley](#) for the position. The agency is charged with managing about 67 percent of the land within the state, balancing conservation, recreation and development. “It is clear to me that Mr. Pendley does not respect this balance,” Rosen said. “When it comes to our public lands, Mr. Pendley has a long and documented history of working to destroy and eliminate them.” The [Montana Free Press’ Chris Aadland wrote](#) more about the press call and the brewing nomination fight.

My Top 5 Favorite Native American Actors by Paul Gowans PowWows.com

<https://www.powwows.com/my-top-6-favorite-native-american-actors/>

West Studi

Tribe: Cherokee

- **Some Featured Films:** Dances with Wolves, The Last of The Mohicans and A Dog's Way Home

West Studi was born in 1947 in Nofire Hollow, Oklahoma, and an internationally acclaimed actor and musician. He has been in numerous films, delivering powerful character portrayals that have helped Hollywood change the prolonged stereotypes. He has been in over 80 movies and TV productions and currently lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with his wife, two sons, and daughter.

Zahn McClaron

Tribe: Hunkpapa Lakota

- **Some Featured Films:** Silent Fall, Resolution, and Togo

Zahn was born in 1966 in Denver, Colorado, and has a Native American and Irish descent. He began his acting career in high school and has been in countless movies and TV productions, including Westworld and Timeless. In 2017, Zahn took a fall that caused a brain injury that required hospitalization, which stopped Westworld production for a bit. However, he got back up and is still going strong.

Adam Beach

Tribe: Anishinaabe member of the Saulteaux tribe

- **Some Featured Films:** Windtalkers, Cowboy & Aliens, and Smoke Signals

Adam was born in 1972 in Ashern, Manitoba, and is best known for his role as Victor in Smoke Signals and Tommy in Walker, Texas Ranger. Growing up, he spent his days on the Lake Manitoba/Dog Creek First Nation Reserve at Lake Manitoba. He started his career by attending drama class at Gordon Bell High School, which inspired him to perform at the local theatre, and then dropping out of school to pursue his acting career in full force. Today, he has been married three times, has three children.

Irene Bedard

Tribe: Inuit and Cree ancestry

- **Some Featured Films:** Smoke Signals, Pocahontas (voice), and The Harbinger

Born in 1967, Irene grew up in Anchorage, Alaska, and is a well-known Native American actress. She has played a variety of characters in memorable films, and what shaped her title was her voice-over role in the 1995 animated film, Pocahontas. Her first role was in the movie Mary Crow Dog in 1994 and went on to make a strong name for herself since. Though Irene has been divorced since 2012, she is the mother of one son named Quinn Wilson.



Reader comment:

Thank you very much for including article on Ivanka Trump's sudden interest In Minnesota's native American women. Her misogynistic greedy father just noticed this in this election year? The response was exactly what she needs to see.

May I suggest the Michael Lewis book "The Fifth Risk", an alarming analysis on how the federal government really works, and how the Trump administration has willfully destroyed all the facilities that actually help people.

For Indigenous Protesters, Defending the Environment Can Be Fatal

<https://www.ecowatch.com/environmental-activist-violence-2646168966.html>

This is Why We Dance:

Honoring Native American Pow Wow Culture

Wednesday, Aug. 19 — 6 p.m.

FREE Zoom Webinar

Registration required,
click [here](#).



Perry Thompson, Dine
Shawna Tom, Te-Moak Shoshone/Dine



Above:
Delina Trottier and
Elijah Williams

Right: Ruben
Little Head



The Nevada Indian Commission, along with Native artist-entrepreneurs Teresa Melendez and Tsanavi Spoonhunter to present "This is Why We Dance."

Pre-recorded demonstrations with:

- Steven Nighthawk, illustrator/painter
- Delina Trottier, beader/singer
- Elijah Williams, singer

Live demonstrations by:

- Shawna Tom, Perry Thompson, dancers
- Ruben Little Head, Master of Ceremonies
- Bucky Harjo, photographer



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[A Champion in Accessible Design, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum Opens in Colorado Springs](#)**[NASA Talk: Mars 2020](#)**

[Join NASA aerospace engineer Lauren Abbott for a closer look at the Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover, which is set to land in the red planet's Jezero Crater on February 18, 2021.](#)

You'll learn about the technologies that enable Perseverance to make the roughly seven-month journey to Mars, from its launch on an Atlas V-541 rocket to the heat shield that will keep it safe during entry into Mars' atmosphere. **When:** Friday, July 31, 8 p.m.

How to join: Via [Facebook Live](#)

Price: Free

21 Places of the Future: Where the Future of Work Will Happen Next

On August 19, 2020, at 10am PDT, Meeting of the Minds will convene a free, live webinar featuring Desmond Dickerson and Robert H. Brown of Cognizant Center for the Future of Work.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution was already reshaping global economics prior to COVID-19 and requiring new talents, skills and attitudes, as well as new ways of working and living in service of creating and innovating new businesses of the future. Like the assembly line a century ago, new technologies, especially, are already fueling the workforce of tomorrow in cities and regions all over the globe.

Building on the success of the 21 Jobs of the Future report series, Cognizant's Center for the Future of Work has analyzed over 100 places around the world and identified 21 where the future will be emerging in a post-contagion world. 21 Places of the Future is an important study that will help guide policy makers, entrepreneurs, and ordinary workers to where their future lays – and provide advice and guidance on how to create it. While some of the places in the report are well-known to nearly everybody, some are less so, and some may come as a complete surprise to all but the most wired. This session will also debut a short, sneak preview of our forthcoming, companion documentary film, featuring the work of a diverse and talented cadre of young, up-and-coming cinematographers that helped. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6607268145437152270> click box below

How a tiny fish is helping Utah and the West tackle big questions about the Colorado River's future

By Salt Lake Tribune, 7/29/20

Charismatic is hardly the best word to describe the humpback chub, a fish with a frowny eel face jammed onto a sport fish body in a way that suggests evolution has a sense of humor. Nor did tastiness build a fan base for this “trash fish” across its natural habitat throughout the Colorado River Basin. But, in 1973, the humpback chub became famous by winning federal protection under the Endangered Species Act.

On this day (7.30) 55 years ago, Lyndon Johnson signed the [Social Security Act of 1965](#). This law created Medicare and Medicaid, public health insurance for elderly people and for low-income families. It was controversial, but the controversy was nothing new — by the time LBJ signed the bill on this day in 1965, the national health care debate had been going on for well over half a century, since the early 1900s.

Suggestions for dealing with adolescent reactions to Covid.

Limit screen time. Many girls are spending more time talking to friends on social media, while boys are turning to video games. Both can deepen loneliness. Vivek Murthy, the former U.S. surgeon general, [suggests phone or video calls instead](#).

Seek help. The pandemic has made it harder for many adolescents to receive mental health treatment. [Online services](#) can fill the gap.

A listening recommendation: On the “Teenager Therapy” podcast, five California high schoolers [talk mental health, family and regaining a semblance of normalcy](#) during lockdown

Extract:

Besides the interaction in Yosemite that you mentioned Muir had with Native Americans, what were some of his other interactions with them, and how did those change his views?

Most of John Muir’s knowledge about Native Americans came later in his life. He knew a few Indians in a remnant population in Yosemite Valley. But when Muir began taking longer trips up to Alaska, he met a lot of Natives, from the panhandle all the way up to the Bering Strait. There he saw the effects of white immigration and the diseases that came along, wiping out whole populations; the presence of alcohol and its effects; trade relations that were not good for the Indians. He wrote a diatribe against the white invasion. He said this is something the government should be up here doing: taking care of and protecting these people from being exploited, from being hurt and dying from all this.

For full article: <https://www.californiasun.co/stories/john-muir-and-race-a-biographer-argues-for-nuanced-view-of-the-environmentalist/>

Big-Money Investors Gear Up for a Trillion-Dollar Bet on Farm Land Dan Charles, NPR Charles writes: "For a glimpse of what could happen to a trillion dollars worth of American farmland, meet Ray Williams." [READ MORE](#)

Susan Chandler

Hi all, I'm going to be teaching the "Mass Incarceration, Race and Justice" course at the UNR this fall. I couldn't stay retired in the midst of this historic moment! The class, SW498/698: Special Problems, is open to all students, graduate and undergraduate, and will be held Wednesdays, 4:00-6:45, by zoom. If you have student friends who might be interested, can you let them know? Great reading, great guest speakers.

Here's a description:

SW 498/698: Special Problems Mass Incarceration, Race and Justice 3 credits

Wednesdays, 4:00-6:45pm (zoom)

Instructor: Susan Chandler, MSW, PhD

SW 498/698, Mass Incarceration, Race and Justice, is a 3-credit elective offered to BSW and MSW students and to UNR students, graduate and undergraduate, generally. The course opens with a study, theoretical and substantive, of the present crisis of mass incarceration, including its impact on African-American and Latino communities, Native Americans, immigrants, and poor people. Close attention is paid to the roots of US incarceration in slavery and the Native American genocide. We continue with an examination of the lived-experience of incarcerated men and women through their writing, art, and music.

James Baldwin once said:

Well, if one really wishes to know how justice is administered in a country, one does not question the policemen, the lawyers, the judges, or the protected members of the middle class. One goes to the unprotected—those, precisely, who need the law's protection most! —and listens to their testimony. Ask...the wretched how they fare in the halls of justice, and then you will know, not whether or not the country is just, but whether or not it has any love for justice....

Formerly incarcerated speakers visit the classroom, via zoom, always a highlight of the course. Next, the course addresses particular issues related to incarceration including police violence, the criminalization of immigration, the death penalty, and the imprisonment of women. Finally, we raise the question of what is to be done. We explore successful community-based programs, Nevada legislative initiatives, reforms (both those that have failed and those that have provided genuine relief), and movements to defund the police and abolish prisons. Social work policy, advocacy, ethics and practice are foci throughout. (The instructor, Susan Chandler, Associate Professor Emeritus, has taught at a NV state prison for the past seven years.)

FIND THE COURSE UNDER SOCIAL WORK, SPECIAL PROBLEMS: 498/698

What's being built in Indian Country: For a complete list of allocations and project descriptions, [please click here](#).

Holding Space: A national conversation series with libraries ...

www.ala.org > [Advocacy](#)

The American Library Association's nationwide virtual tour highlights the ... Holding Space (pictured: map of United States with stops across the country).

The Atlantic

We Need to Talk About Ventilation

How is it that six months into a respiratory pandemic, we are still doing so little to mitigate airborne transmission?

Zeynep Tufekci

July 30, 2020

<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/07/why-arent-we-talking-more-about-airborne-transmission/614737/>

"There are two key mitigation strategies for countering poor ventilation and virus-laden aerosols indoors: We can dilute viral particles' presence by exchanging air in the room with air from outside (and thus lowering the dose, which matters for the possibility and the severity of infection) or we can remove viral particles from the air with filters.

"When windows cannot be opened, classrooms could run portable HEPA filters, which are capable of trapping viruses this small, and which sell for as little as a few hundred dollars. Marr advises schools to measure airflow rates in each classroom, upgrade filters in the HVAC system to MERV 13 or higher (these are air filter grades), and aspire to meet or exceed ASHRAE (the professional society that provides HVAC guidance and standards) standards. Jimenez told me that many building-wide air-conditioning systems have a setting for how much air they take in from outside, and that it is usually minimized to be energy-efficient. During a pandemic, saving lives is more important than saving energy, so schools could, when the setting exists, crank it up to dilute the air (Jimenez persuaded his university to do that).

"Jimenez also wondered why the National Guard hadn't been deployed to set up tent schools (not sealed, but letting air in like an outdoor wedding canopy) around the country, and why the U.S. hadn't set up the mass production of HEPA filters for every classroom and essential indoor space. Instead, one air-quality expert reported, teachers who wanted to buy portable HEPA filters were being told that they weren't allowed to, because the CDC wasn't recommending them. It is still difficult to get Clorox wipes in my supermarket, but I went online to check, and there is no shortage of portable HEPA filters. There is no run on them."

Lana Crutcher

[Paiutie' Language 101 Words/laughter/Community events/Information](#)

Please Keep

[Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone](#)

Tribe in your prayers 40 positive cases in small community. Elders hospitalized along with new born Babies. Any known resources Please Contact Ft McDermitt Covid Volunteers.



Mountain Photography by Jack Brauer
is with

[Brice Harris](#)

I ventured up to 13,000 feet last night above Ouray, Colorado to photograph Comet NEOWISE over the Sneffels Range.