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Meet Eddie! **Manitoba RCMP's very first Police Service Eagle**, trained to spot rogue drones & perform mid-air takedowns near secure airspace.

According to his handler, Cst Mack, Eddie is a natural drone fighter with the ability to spot targets over a mile away, and to reach speeds over 150 mph when diving for drones. While the program is still in an experimental phase, she's impressed with the results so far and believes Eddie will soon be able to report for duty.

Annisia Williams-Martin

Great Spirit of us all you have made my body strong. Please fill me with your wisdom, so I'll
know right from wrong.

*Let me see myself as others also see me, so I'll know if my character agrees with how you say
it should be.*

*Let me be slow to anger yet so quickly to forgive. Grant me patience oh Great Spirit, so
happier my life I can live.*

*Teach me fairness so honor I can bring to you, with fairness you will judge my life when my
days are finally through.*

When war must be waged give us the strength and courage of the bear.

The cunning and endurance of the Wolf, so we can push our enemies back to their lair.



Photo: Morris Planetarium/

Facebook

Join the Morrison Planetarium at the California Academy of Sciences for a quick glimpse of the current night sky. What planets are visible? What phase is the moon in? What stars can you see, and how does the sky change through the night?

This will be an opportunity to learn more about the night sky and ask stargazing questions.

When: Thursday, September 3, 1:30 p.m.

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

Price: Free



The Farrell Lab: Yale North American West Initiative (YNAWI) supports learning and research about the cultural, economic, and ecological life of this distinctive and diverse region. Through immersive field courses, field research, and students fellowships, YNAWI draws together a wide range of social scientists, natural scientists, and practitioners engaged in work on the many issues unique to western North America. Recognizing Yale's historical commitment to Western frontiers, it applies innovative and interdisciplinary science to solve problems of local, regional, and national importance.

A selection of recent projects:

The Ogallala Aquifer: Perspectives on Use and Conservation

A Profile of Mexican Immigration in the West

Changing Snowpacks in Western Wyoming

Indivisible Bond of People and Land: Articulations of Indigeneity in the Debate Surrounding Bears Ears National Monument

Social and Environmental Impacts of Skiing in the North American West

Evolving Watershed Governance in Lake Tahoe

Women of the West: Reflections on Independence and Dependence

Demographic and Environmental Issues on the Wind River Reservation

Crude By Rail: Exploring Distributional Impacts in Washington State

Non-Mormons at BYU

The Modern Sagebrush Rebellion: Utah HB148B, The History, and the Stories Told

Paradise Leased, But Not Lost: Can Environmentalists Redefine Energy Development?

Beyond Sportsmen: Completing the Story of Conservation

Economic Profile of Teton Valley, Idaho

Homes, Farms, and Gas Wells: Conflict Over Competing and Complementary Land Use in Colorado

Communes and the American West

Jackson Hole Social and Environmental Report

Cowboy Conservationists

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Analysis of Rugged Individualism

Whitebark Pine: Cultural Symbol of the American Mountain West

A Recent History of Pinedale, Wyoming

Hope on the Range? A Story of Grassfed Beef & the Green Cowboys

Photo Ethnography on Indigenous Lands

Mountain Biking and the Rider's Land Ethic

High-Mountain Trailer Parks: Place, Culture, and Affordability in Colorado Ski Country

Colorado River Stories: How Our Connections to Place Shape Conflict

A New England Family's Perspective on The American West

Protestors vs. Protectors: #NoDAPL in the News

The American Prairie Reserve: Understanding the Moral Order and Controversy of Prairie Conservation

Narratives of Conquest at Bear Lodge

Understanding Trends in PADD Actions in the American West

Sustainable Wood Supply Chain in Eastern Oregon

Yosemite: A Look Beyond the Beauty

Perceptions of the Role of U.S. National Parks: How Tourists and the NPS Talk about Yellowstone National Park

The Cowboy, the Scholar: Deep Springs College

Building Coalitions and Framing Narratives in Trump's North American West: Unlikely Alliances in the Fight for Environmental Justice

Mourning the Gorge: Locating Blame in the Eagle Creek Fire

People, Natural Gas, and Wildlife in Sublette County, Wyoming

Blame the Litigators! Finger-Pointing in Montana's Wildfire Management

The Badger-Two Medicine: Permanent Protection and the Future of a Sacred Landscape

Religion, Commodities, and Symbols: Using Bison and Elephants to Understand Human-Animal Relationships

Some Incredible Indigenous Clothing Brands to Support and Follow

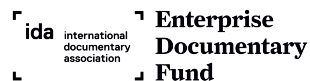
Beautiful dresses, jackets, jewelry, and more. Colonization has had devastating effects on Indigenous people, and that same concept of taking something that isn't yours, unfortunately, regularly pops up in the fashion industry all the time. Instead of falling into the trap of buying something cheap and fake, take a minute to educate yourself and reflect on how that purchase might negatively affect others. There are countless ways to support Indigenous people, one of which is through

Read in Cosmopolitan: https://apple.news/ABkBBMDsITQi_EqlfRdmSpA

NARF Calling All Law Students

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We are now accepting applications for our 2021 summer law clerkships. **Deadline September 18**

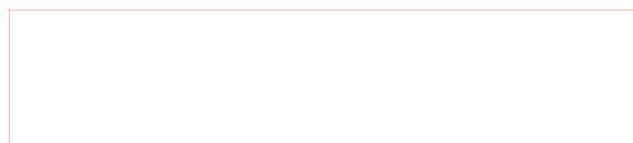


IDA's 2020 round of funding continues! Our **[Enterprise Documentary Fund](#)** development grant supports documentaries that take on in-depth explorations of original, contemporary stories while integrating journalistic practice into the filmmaking process. **Shorts, features, series, podcasts, VR and other emerging media formats are all eligible for the fund.**

In addition to funds, grantees may also receive additional resources depending on the needs of the project. Previous recipients have received pro bono legal support, research and fact-checking support, and consultations with experts and craftspeople.

To get started, **[read the guidelines and proposal checklist carefully](#)**, making sure that you have entered all required items correctly. For questions, please **[review the FAQ page](#)**. Contact **grants@documentary.org** with any questions not covered there or pertaining to your project's eligibility.

The application deadline is Monday, October 26, 2020
click on following boxes for "start application" and "previous recipients"





The Evolving Designs of US Voting Ballots

In her new book, Alicia Cheng explores the history of the physical and material act of voting. Before paper ballots, people used the viva voce system, rooted in ancient Greece, where voters announced their candidate to a clerk. In some US colonies, voters would use objects, like corn and beans, to vote yea or nay; and in other states, people would line up on opposite sides of a road to signal how they were voting. Read more [here](#)

The CEO who gave everyone a \$70K minimum salary in 2015 has a message for the doubters

Five years ago, Dan Price upended the status quo of the corporate world—one in which executives reap many times what employees sow—by taking a radical stance on salaries at his credit card processing company, Gravity Payments. First, he cut his own salary from more than \$1 million to \$70,000. Then he created a minimum salary of \$70,000 for every employee at his company.

These moves made waves. People debated whether it was brilliance or silly idealism on Price's part.

As they say, the proof is in the pudding. And after five years, Price has receipts. [Read the Story](#)

Water Shorts

Microplastics – They're everywhere!

“Stemming from the requirements outlined in California Senate Bill 1422, on June 16, 2020, the California State Water Resources Control Board (“Board”) adopted this groundbreaking definition of microplastics in drinking water ... While this is the first time microplastics in drinking water has been defined (not only in the United States but also internationally), it's not a micro issue. A recent review of over 50 studies on plastic ingestion found that on average (globally) we could be ingesting approximately 5 grams of microplastic every week—the equivalent weight of a credit card—from the food we eat, air we breathe and water we drink. ...” Read more from Brownstein Hyatt here: [Microplastics – They're everywhere!](#)

Microplastics in farm soils: A growing concern

“Mary Beth Kirkham hadn't studied microplastics when she was invited to co-edit a new book about microplastics in the environment—but something stood out to her about the existing research. “I had read in the literature that...cadmium and other toxic trace elements [are] increased when we have these particulate plastics in the soil. So, that was of concern to me,” Kirkham, a plant physiologist and distinguished professor of agronomy at Kansas State University, told EHN. Kirkham's expertise is in water and plant relations and heavy metal

uptake, so she decided to conduct her own research in which she cultivated wheat plants exposed to microplastics, cadmium, and both microplastics and cadmium. Then she compared these plants to those grown without either additive. She chose cadmium because it's poisonous, carcinogenic, and ubiquitous in the environment due to human activity—it's shed from batteries and car tires, and is naturally found in the phosphate rock used to make [agricultural fertilizers](#). ... ” Read more from the Environmental Health Network here: [Microplastics in farm soils: A growing concern](#)

Tahoe Summit goes on virtually for 24th annual event

“This year, the 24th annual Lake Tahoe Summit—hosted by the Lake Tahoe Fund and the office of Nevada’s Senior U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto—was conducted by Zoom as a result of social distancing and recent health concerns in relation to the coronavirus, which is still raging throughout northern Nevada and California and has made the major gathering of public leaders, environmentalists and the public impossible to do in person. The virtual presentation was made on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020. ... ” Read more from This is Reno here: [Tahoe Summit goes on virtually for 24th annual event](#)

Nevada: Coyote Springs developer sues state for ‘unconstitutional taking’ of water rights

“A developer is suing Nevada’s Division of Water Resources after the state again denied plans to construct new homes at Coyote Springs, the latest setback in a decades-long effort to build a sprawling master-planned community about 50 miles north of Las Vegas. Coyote Springs Investment, the company behind the proposed Coyote Springs master-planned community, alleges that state officials made a series of decisions that amount to an “unconstitutional taking” of the water rights it owns and planned to use. ... ” Read more from the Nevada Independent here: [Coyote Springs developer sues state for ‘unconstitutional taking’ of water rights](#)

Collaboration drives water stewardship forward in the food sector

“By 2025, around 1.8 billion people will live in countries or regions with absolute water scarcity. Because the agricultural sector accounts for around 70 percent of all freshwater use, it must play a significant part in protecting and preserving water quality and quantity. Promoting water stewardship is a heavy lift that requires shifting the way agriculture has traditionally been run, but some food companies are building partnerships and setting goals to ensure there is enough water for both their operations and the communities they serve. ... ” Read more from Triple Pundit here: [Collaboration drives water stewardship forward in the food sector](#)

Tribes, green groups sue over Trump rollback of water rights

“The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is being sued for the second time in a week over a rule that limits states’ ability to fight big projects like pipelines, with tribes and environmental groups who fear damage to nearby waters taking the latest action in court. The new suit, filed Tuesday on behalf of three different tribal groups and the Sierra Club, argues states and tribes have a right to place conditions on federal projects that could degrade waters within their borders or to reject them altogether. ... ” Read more from The Hill here: [Tribes, green groups sue over Trump rollback of water rights](#)

PFAS liability: “sovereign immunity” means companies may foot the bill

“Environmental watch groups, legislators, the media, and litigators have all squarely focused on PFAS contamination in one primary source – water. More specifically, drinking water. Environmental groups test local water supplies and report PFAS counts, politicians introduce bills at the state and federal levels to regulate the amount of PFAS permitted in drinking water, the media gives citizens daily news updates on PFAS in drinking water, and lawsuits are increasingly filed for both personal injury and remediation costs. Yet, often lost in the discussion and thus far largely flying under the radar is one party that has unquestionably contributed to the issues that exist today with respect to PFAS in water systems – the United States military. Involving the military in lawsuits or enforcement actions, though, often leads to a dead end due to the doctrine of sovereign immunity. It is that same protection afforded to the government, though, that will ultimately result in significantly increased costs to property owners, manufacturer, and water treatment facilities alike. ...” Read more from the National Law Review here: [PFAS liability: “sovereign immunity” means companies may foot the bill](https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2020/aug/25/the-tyranny-of-chairs?cmpid=email-hist-inside-history-2020-0826-08262020&om_rid=9a01a9f6b5fe3e9c050c44f92ee87498dda5547dfdc058bd2b80d77133b21df5)

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A wonderful 20 minutes: (Click on pic)



Image: Exploratorium/[Facebook](#)

Over at the Exploratorium, tune in to an [event](#) about uncertainty. How can we incorporate an understanding of uncertainty into our decision-making, and how can uncertainty be effectively communicated by those constructing polls and data analysis?

In September, as the nation prepares for a majorelection, After Dark is taking a month-long look at some key factors that influence personal and collective decision making and the effect these influences have on the democratic process.

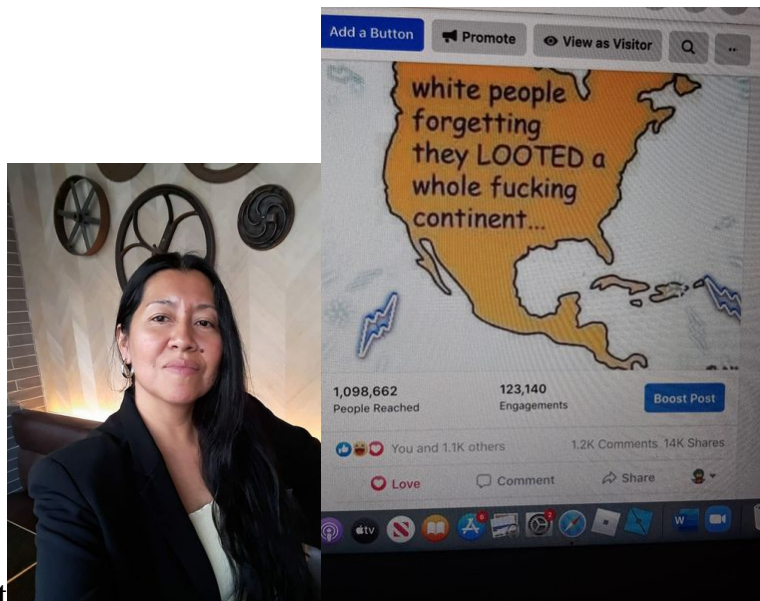
When: Thursday, September 3, 7 p.m.

How to join: Via [YouTube](#)

Price: Free

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· [New York, NY](#) ·

I reached 2 Million views on my post today! Grateful to share some TRUTH!! This may be normal to some but for the most FB blocks and hides my info. Still if I reach a single person my job is done! 2 Million is a whole town!!!

How to Save the Sea: Lessons From an Italian Fishing Community

Agnostino Petroni, *YES! Magazine*

Petroni writes: "When Cosimo Di Biasi, 66, decides it's the right day to fish, he begins at 5 p.m. He drives 4 miles to the port of Torre Santa Sabina, boards Nonno Ugo, his 21-foot fiberglass boat, and navigates south for a half-hour to reach a marine reserve in Puglia, in southern Italy."

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How an Indigenous community in Brazil used tech to contain the coronavirus.

(Slate). A mobile app steps in when the government wouldn't.

Plus you can't burn it and turn on a light bulb. Gold "gets dug out of the ground in Africa, or someplace. Then we melt it down, dig another hole, bury it again and pay people to stand around guarding it. It has no utility. Anyone watching from Mars would be scratching their head," Warren Buffett once said. That was then. This is now, and Buffett just bought a bunch of Barrick stock. [Market Watch](#)



Ami Kohn

[Beautiful places in the world](#)

Sunset at the second Wave Coyote Buttes North, Paria Vermilion Cliffs, Wilderness Arizona.

Orpha "Orva" Hooper Snooks George

Provided Photo

In Loving Memory Orpha "Orva" Hooper Snooks George **December 27, 1921 – August 26, 2020**

Orpha Hooper Snooks George was born in Round Mountain, NV to Art and Alice Kawich Hooper, the eldest of 13 children. She was a loving daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great and great-great grandmother, caregiver and friend. She was a homemaker and resided in Fallon over 50 years. She was a member of the Yomba Shoshone Tribe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, three sisters, son/twin Norman Gene Snooks, daughters Rose Marie Snooks and Marcella Yvonne George.

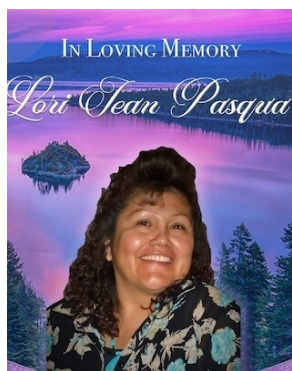
Orpha is survived by her children, Norma Harp (Jon) of Ione, Jacquelyn Snooks of Fallon, Ronald Snooks Sr., of Reese River, Wilma Mansfield, Janice George and Letitia Snooks-Viljoen (Ben) of Fallon, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and 18 great-great grandchildren, her brother Reverend Ernest Hooper, sisters Verna Brady, Laura Saunders and Darlene Dewey and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at The Gardens Funeral Home, 2949 Austin Highway, Fallon, NV Friday, September 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at the Austin Indian Cemetery, Austin, NV at 2:00 p.m.

Orpha was loved and will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Rest in peace our beloved Orpha.

Masks will be required.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Highland Manor for caring for Orpha over the past several years.



The world lost a shining presence on August 23, 2020, when **Lori Jean Pasqua** of Gardnerville, NV died at the age of 58 after a courageous few months battle against cancer. She is preceded in death by her brother Kevin Bigpond and sister Alida "Kathy" Bigpond. She is survived by her Father Eugene Pasqua of Susanville, CA; Mother Elizabeth Lana Hicks of Fallon, NV; Daughter Fawn Hunter of Wadsworth, NV; Son Serrell Smokey of Gardnerville, NV; and grandson Tyger Hunter. She is also is survived by her numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was an enrolled member of the Washoe Tribe, descendent of Pyramid Lake Paiute, and Pit River Paiute Tribe. She graduated in 1980 from Carson City High School and went on to continue her education at Haskell Jr. College in Lawrence, Kansas to get a certificate in Social Work in 1982. In 2009, she received an Associate of Arts degree from Western Nevada College. She continued her higher education endeavors at University of Nevada Reno, to major in Sociology with a minor in Addiction Treatment Services.

Lori dedicated over 30 years of service to the Washoe Tribe education program. She was recognized for her outstanding contributions in the field of Indian Education by Senator Harry Reid in 2009 and 2010. Lori was named "Role Model of the Year" for her work with American Indian Youth Services and Nevada Indian Commission. She was also awarded "Employee of the Year" in 2010 by the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Authority and The Record-Courier. She has served as a board member of the Nevada Indian Commission since November of 2018.

The viewing is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd from 1:30pm-3:30pm at Walton's Funeral Chapel of the Valley, 1281 N. Roop Street in Carson City, Nevada. Flowers may be sent to Walton's Funeral Chapel of the Valley. Graveside services will take place at Wadsworth Cemetery on Friday, September 4, 2020 at 10:00 am in Wadsworth, Nevada. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing.

To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).