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### Celebrating the Sonoran Desert Tortoise

In Arizona, the Sonoran Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus morafkai*), is found south and east of the Colorado River. Most tortoises are vegetarians and eat primarily foliage, flowers and fruit. The Sonoran Desert Tortoise eats a variety of grasses and Southwestern native wildflowers such as Globemallow, Desert Marigold, Parry's and Palmer's Penstemon and Desert Lupine. They enjoy grazing on the leaves, stems and flowers of these plants. Prickly Pear fruit is a special summer treat!

The Desert Tortoise hibernates in the cooler months from October to March and will emerge only on the warmest days in winter. They can live to be 80-100 years old but are experiencing a decline in population due to loss of habitat.



### Desert Tortoise Seed Mix



### Turtle - Canvas Print



**Tortuga Lidded Basket - Tohono O'Odham**



**Tortoise Lidded Seed Pot**

**Tortoise Figure**



**Polished Seed Pot with Tortoise Shaped Opening on Top**



**Seed Pot with Brown and White Turtle Motif**



**Round Seed Pot - Tortoise**

### **IDEA OF THE DAY: LIBRARIES FOR DEMOCRACY**

The sociologist Eric Klinenberg published a book in 2018 called [“Palaces for the People,”](#) about the importance of shared public spaces in American life. Libraries, child care centers, churches and parks had all been crucial to the country’s historical success, he wrote, and he argued that they remained crucial to helping the country function better and overcome its deep divisions today.

In [a Times Op-Ed](#), Klinenberg builds on that idea with a suggestion for the 2020 election: Public libraries, which have long served as polling places, should play an even larger role than they had in past elections. In the midst of a pandemic, they should provide secure ballot boxes where voters can drop off early and absentee ballots, reducing the burden on the Postal Service while allowing people to vote safely. (In Massachusetts — the subject of our item above — [at least two libraries did so](#) in this week's primary.)

“Even in today’s fractured digital age, libraries rank among the most popular and well-visited places in our cultural landscape,” Klinenberg, a New York University professor, writes. “They are open to everyone. They are nonpartisan. They are free.”

**For more:** Klinenberg explained his larger idea of [“social infrastructure”](#) on the “99% Invisible” podcast.



**Indigenous film is going digital!** 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. Accompanying the films, our festival will host a collective of inspiring filmmakers in engaging digital conversations, creating a space for both healing and learning.

The Vision Maker Film Festival is FREE. Every attendee will have access to individual film pages, which will have more information about the films such as the trailers and Q&A session information. VMM also has plans to hold filmmaker panels for aspiring filmmakers in our audience.

More information can be found at <https://visionmakermedia.org/online-filmfest>

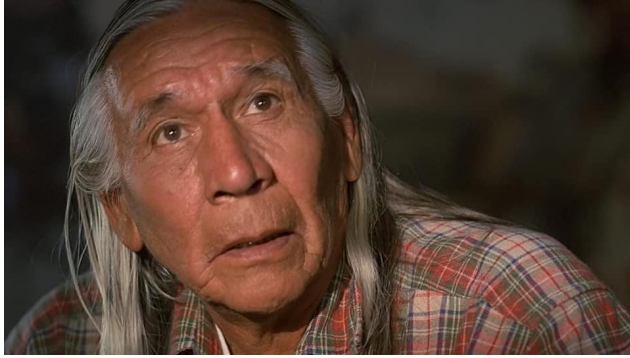
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## **[Severe Cyclones May Have Played a Role in the Maya Collapse](#)**

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[Rosie Westerman](#)

“We were told that we would see America come and go.  
In a sense America is dying, from within, because they forgot the instructions of how to live on earth.

Its the Hopi belief, its our belief, that if you are not spiritually connected to the earth, and understand the spiritual reality of how to live on earth, its likely that you will not make it.

Everything is spiritual, everything has a spirit, everything was brought here by the creator, the one creator. Some people call him God, some people call him Buddha, some people call him Allah, some people call him other names. We call him Tunkaschila... Grandfather.

We are here on earth only a few winters, then we go to the spirit world. The spirit world is more real then most of us believe. The spirit world is everything.

Over 95% of our body is water. In order to stay healthy you've got to drink good water. ... Water is sacred, air is sacred. Our DNA is made out of the same DNA as the tree, the tree breaths what we exhale, we need what the tree exhales. So we have a common destiny with the tree. We are all from the earth, and when earth, the water, the atmosphere is corrupted then it will create its own reaction. The mother is reacting.

In the Hopi prophecy they say the storms and floods will become greater.

To me its not a negative thing to know that there will be great changes.

Its not negative, its evolution. When you look at it as evolution, it's time, nothing stays the same.

You should learn how to plant something. That is the first connection.

You should treat all things as spirit, realize that we are one family.

Its never something like the end.

Its like life, there is no end to life”

-Floyd Red Crow Westerman



## [Can a mining corporation ever truly be a good neighbor? \(Guardian\)](#)

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### **Trump Seeks to Fast-Track Dozens of Fossil Fuel Projects During Pandemic**

*Emily Holden, Guardian UK*

Holden writes: "The Trump administration has identified dozens of major fossil fuel, energy and water projects that could be fast-tracked by expediting environmental reviews amid the pandemic, according to internal government documents." [READ MORE](#)

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## ["This President continues a pattern of disrespect for Native people and our sacred lands."](#) [- Deb Haaland](#)

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**Make sure to tune in to KUNR, weekdays at 5:45 a.m. or 4:44 p.m. to listen to our newly added Marketplace Tech segment with Host Molly Wood. The show helps listeners understand the business behind the technology that's rewiring our lives.**



**The ridiculously cute Humboldt marten has been granted threatened species status.** The cat-sized, weasel-like animal was pushed to the brink of extinction after decades of trapping and forest clearing. In more recent years, it's faced [a new threat](#): toxic pesticides used in illegal marijuana growing along the redwood coast. [North Coast Journal](#)

Now that we know Big Basin's redwoods [will be OK](#), **a reporter checked in on another natural wonder in the Santa Cruz Mountains: the California banana slug.** A biologist reassured her that the slugs were likely slumbering underground when a wildfire roared past. She also shared some fun banana slug facts: They can impregnate themselves, and they will sometimes chew off one another's penises. [SFGate.com](#)

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## **Thought to Be Extinct for 50 Years, New Guinea's Singing Dogs Found Alive in the Wild** *Alex Fox, Smithsonian Magazine*

Fox writes: "The New Guinea singing dog was thought to be extinct in the wild, but new genetic research suggests their distinctive howl still echoes in the highlands of the Oceanic islands."

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## **Roanoke's 'Lost Colony' Was Never Lost, New Book Says**

Historians Malinda Maynor Lowery and Lauren McMillan discuss the evidence behind a new book's claim that the "lost" inhabitants of the Roanoke colony were absorbed by the Croatoan indigenous people of the area.

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**It was on this day (9.4) in 1886 that Geronimo, the last major Native American warrior, surrendered after 30 years of fighting in Arizona.** The Apaches had largely been defeated by American troops. Their chief, Cochise, was dead, and the U.S. government forced them to live on a barren reservation in San Carlos, Arizona. But Geronimo organized a group of warriors to fight one last war of resistance. He fought for five years, and many military historians believe he was one of the most brilliant guerilla warfare strategists in history. He started out with a group of about 700 men, women, and children. He surrendered his forces twice, but each time he managed to escape.

For the last five months of the campaign, Geronimo led a band of only 37 warriors, pursued by 5,000 U.S. soldiers for five months without being captured. But Geronimo and his men finally got tired of living in the mountains, and so they surrendered on this day in 1886 in a place called Skeleton Canyon. He was essentially a prisoner of war for the rest of his life, but he was allowed to travel around the country, and he made a living by selling the buttons off his jacket and autographed photos of himself. He appeared at an exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, but he never saw Arizona again.

## **Gibellini Vanadium Mine.**

As a reminder, please submit any comments or questions you have through one of the four formal channels before Sept. 15. For your convenience, I have listed them again below.

To submit a formal comment, you can:

1. Submit comments on-line via <https://go.usa.gov/xf2GR>.
2. Email it to [sdistel@blm.gov](mailto:sdistel@blm.gov) with subject "Gibellini Project"
3. Fax it to (775) 635-4034 with subject "Gibellini Project"
4. Mail it in at: Attn: Gibellini Project, BLM Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road  
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

As always, we truly appreciate your participation in the public scoping process.  
Respectfully,

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50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820      Work: 775.635.4054

## **Coming home to the Klamath**

Hakai Magazine, 9/4/20

Four aging dams on the Klamath River are coming down. Their completion between 1921 and 1964 brought hydroelectric power to Northern California. It also blocked hundreds of kilometers of fish habitat, causing chinook salmon to effectively disappear from the upper river basin.



## **First You Clean the Dinosaur's Teeth. Then You Open the Museum.**

By Melena Ryzik and Amy Lombard

The American Museum of Natural History is going for an intimate experience — allowing hundreds, not thousands, of visitors in per hour — when it reopens on Sept. 9

## **How Libraries Can Save the 2020 Election     By Eric Klinenberg**

They are among our last trusted institutions. Expanding early voting at local branches may be our best hope for a trusted outcome.



Action Alert: Join us for a webinar on the Future of Nevada's Water!

We are hosting a zoom webinar with the Nevada Environmental Justice Coalition about the current state of water resources in NV, the issues surrounding sprawl and water conservation, and other complexities of our water reality in Nevada! Kyle Roerink from the Great Basin Water Network will be speaking and sharing his insights, and there will be plenty of time to answer any of your questions!

It will be **Friday, September 11th, at 10AM!**

**Register for the webinar with the following link! :**

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**Stan Binns**

*The thought just occurred to me that what if all thought big giant heads that they found in Mexico were just the Olmec having their Burning Man?*

## **‘Fixing the Damage We’ve Done’: Rewilding Jaguars in Argentina**

**Ernesto Londoño and Victor Moriyama**

**By**

**Bringing back**

the top predator to Argentina’s wetlands could restore the health of an entire ecosystem. But inducing five felines with troubled pasts to hunt, and mate, is not easy.

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**\*Government Execution Rejects Navajo Nation Protest**<https://themilitant.com/2020/09/05/govt-execution-rejects-navajo-nation-protest/>

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## **Dead Chicks, Delayed Prescriptions: Trump's Mail Slowdown Leaves Rural America Disconnected**

***Phil McCausland, NBC News***

**McCausland writes: "When Jacob Gray opened the box of chicks he ordered, he saw that about 300 of them had been mashed to a pulp. The 100 or so birds that survived tread on their dead fellows and nibbled on what remained of them." [READ MORE](#)**

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## **WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES**

**by Mary Oliver**

When I am among the trees,  
especially the willows and the honey locust,  
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,  
they give off such hints of gladness.  
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.  
I am so distant from the hope of myself,  
in which I have goodness, and discernment,  
and never hurry through the world  
but walk slowly, and bow often.  
Around me the trees stir in their leaves  
and call out, “Stay awhile.”  
The light flows from their branches.  
And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,  
“and you too have come  
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled  
with light, and to shine.”

## In honor of Labor Day:

Though [Simone] Weil understood that people need work to live, she argued that labor fulfills other equally essential functions. One is the opportunity it offers to become more [fully focused](#) and present in living. To multitask is to live superficially, but those who are completely present with another can give fully of themselves. She called attention “the rarest and purest form of [generosity](#).”

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