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*Teepees are lit with colored lights in this long exposure photograph as a Delta flight from Minneapolis flies overhead as it approaches Billings Logan International Airport at Swords Park in Billings on Saturday.*

MIKE CLARK, Billings Gazette

**Teepees erected on Rims to honor those who have died as well as provide beacon of hope** <https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/teepees-erected-on-rims-to-honor-those-who-have-died-as-well-as->

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## **FOCUS: Biden Pick, Native American Deb Haaland to Head Department That Once Vowed to "Civilize or Exterminate" Her People**

<https://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/66808-focus-biden-pick-native-american-deb-haaland-to-head-department-that-once-vowed-to-qcivilize-or-exterminateq-her-peoplecnn.com>

*"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."* — *Carl Sagan*

### Source

Poeh Cultural Center

Historic!! Our first Native American US Secretary of Interior, Deb Haaland from Laguna Pueblo. We are so proud of this strong, resilient Native woman. Blessing to her on this journey.  
#congratulations #nativewomen #resilient @repdebhaaland

*"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek"* . —*Barack Obama*

— ['I'll be fierce for all of us'](#)

— ['Happy tears': Indian Country cheers Interior pick](#)

[Archaeologists have uncovered a new section of a famous Aztec tower of skulls in Mexico City.](#)

Archaeologists discover over 100 skulls at Aztec site in

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[The New Yorker](#)

It's impossible to revisit the history of America's quest for racial purity without sometimes being reminded of the current public discourse.



abroadintheyard.com

[DNA links 5,500 year old remains of aboriginal woman found in Canada and her 200 x great-granddaughter who still lives nearby | Abroad in the Yard](#)

[Scientists have traced a genetic descent from the 5,500 year-old remains to a second set of 2,500 year-old female remains found nearby and, amazingly, to a woman still living close to both prehistoric sites in British Columbia.](#)

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It's the latest step from a sports team to address the use of Native American culture in their names and imagery



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[The Atlanta Braves want to help preserve the native](#)

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## [The Gifts of 2020: Fools Gold or 24 Carat?](#)

by Cynthia M. Adams



As 2020 continues to deliver one challenge after another, I keep trying to mine the hidden jewels amongst all this chaos. I'm a 40-year Alaskan. I tend to think in terminology that resonates with fellow Alaskans even though I now live in southwestern New Mexico. To help me make sense of it all, I have started to visualize panning for gold. By sorting through these bits and pieces of sparkling rock I have realized that many of the challenges that we're dealing with have resulted in stronger leaders and more resilient organizations.

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*It's human nature to stretch, to go, to see, to understand. Exploration is not a choice, really; it's an imperative."* — [Michael Collin](#)

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### [Dr. Evan Adams garners national award for work in indigenous health](#)

Actor Evan Adams is best known for his iconic role of Thomas Builds-The-Fire in the film *Smoke Signals* opposite Adam Beach.

His alter ego Dr. Evan Adams is B.C.'s deputy provincial health officer responsible for indigenous health. So how does one go from an actor to a doctor or a better question is why?

His family upbringing definitely had an influence over his decision to pursue post-secondary education. Adams says his siblings all have jobs where they help people so his sense of service springs from them.

"I really wanted a practical skill that wasn't related to being 'presentational'," he says, thinking he could pursue acting while going to med school. But the moment came when he was forced to choose being a doctor over being an actor.

Adams rationalized that he could postpone course to star in the lead role of a BBC production, but the Dean of Medicine had a different perspective.

"He said 'every lead role is a chance of a lifetime'," explains Adams. "'Being a doctor is a chance of a lifetime,' and he denied my request for leave. I was crushed...but in my heart, I knew he was right. If I didn't become a doctor, that would be a loss I would have to carry for the rest of my life."



Adams is a recipient of an Indspire Award that will be handed out March 21 in Winnipeg. The Sliammon First Nation member believes in a holistic approach to health care.

“There is an ongoing need for help with people’s bodies, minds and spirits,” he says, adding, “The legacy of colonization has left many of us in need of help.”

The need for reconciliation between the First Nations people of this land and Canadians is something close to his heart. His parents met in residential school.



Affectionately known as Dr. E, Adams’ commitment to his community is inspiring. It’s obvious that the 47-year-old is passionate about his work and cares beyond the typical doctor-patient relationship. Last fall, Adams co-emceed the Walk for Reconciliation in Vancouver, which drew 10,000 people. His co-host was Shelagh Rogers, from CBC’s *The Next Chapter*. She said it was pouring rain that day, the mood was sombre, but Adams was still able to illicit laughter from the crowd. “(It) was like hanging with a rock star,” says Rogers. “He has to be one of the most loved people on the planet.”

“I get to make a difference at a very important part of people’s lives, when they are suffering or in need. It’s a privilege mostly,” says Adams.

The actor turned doctor has not given up the entertainment spotlight all together though. In fact, he is combining his show business know-how with his medical training. Adams is hosting a pilot called *The Dr. E Show*.

“(It’s) about the art of health and wellness from an Indigenous perspective,” he explains. “It’s been fun reminding people about their health in a show format!”

Adams also imitates life in art on the CBC show *Arctic Air* with a cameo appearance. Adams

plays a doctor on the April 1st episode of the series. Executive producer Jon Cooksey said he has a gentle presence that really comes across on the screen.

Beach, the star of Arctic Air, explains what it was like to share some screen time with Adams again: "It was like meeting a lost brother."

"When we rehearsed the first scene it was a big laugh," says Beach. "He was reading from another scene and us actors were confused and thought he had done a re-write because he sounded really good and he is obviously the expert in that field," Beach laughs at the memory. "We didn't question him. Evan laughed and apologized."

"We all have to make time for things that are fun, constructive and somewhat fulfilling," he explains from his holidays in Hawaii. The thespian in Adams calls acting a harmless hobby.

It's that balance between the medical and acting worlds that help guide Adams to live the best life he can.

"It can be a long journey from the beginning of trying to do well to the end of your days and it's very easy to [lose] credibility in between."

The Indspire Award that will sit in his home or office will be a reminder to him of where he has been and where he is going. He calls it a 'thank you' and encouragement towards ongoing effort.  
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**Funding Deadlines from IMLS:**

**Jan. 15, 2021: Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (DHAG)** is designed to support digital infrastructures and initiatives in libraries and archives.

**Jan. 26, 2021: Save America's Treasures (SAT)** is designed to support the preservation of nationally significant historic properties and collections.

**Feb. 1, 2021: Museum Assessment Program (MAP)** is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses, and plan for the future.



As libraries and museums around the country begin to resume operations and reopen to the public, the need for clear information to support the handling of core museum, library, and archival materials has become increasingly urgent.

[OCLC](#), the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#), and [Battelle](#) are conducting research on how long the COVID-19 virus survives on materials that are prevalent in libraries, archives, and museums. The [project](#) will draw upon the research to produce authoritative, science-based information on how—or if— materials can be handled to mitigate exposure to staff and visitors.

The [results](#) from the sixth round of testing along with the latest [literature review](#) were made available on November 19. Sign up to receive [project updates](#).

REALM has also developed individual toolkits specific to [museums](#), [libraries](#), and [archives](#). You can also view a recording of the December 15 webinar [Museums and COVID: How to Use the Latest Research to Your Advantage](#).

**[VIEW ADDITIONAL COVID-19 INFORMATION](#)**

**[Museums, Data, and Stories: The Journey of Adopting an Evaluation Mindset](#)**

Deputy Director of Museum Services Paula Gangopadhyay shares the importance of becoming a practicing evaluator.

**[IMLS CARES Act State Library Spotlight: Devices, PPE, and Virtual Programming in Colorado](#)**

Colorado’s Assistant Commissioner and State Librarian shares how her state has helped libraries and communities with IMLS CARES Act funds.

**[Over 118 Million People Attended Library Programs AnnuallyThe Public Libraries](#)**

Survey report provides an annual snapshot of public library use, financial health, staffing, and resources.



[krtv.com](#)

**[Browning teacher creates Blackfoot-language Christmas video](#)**

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[By: Colter Anstaett Posted at 2:46 PM, Dec 17, 2020 and last updated 2020-12-17 21:17:08-05 GREAT FALLS — Robert Hall, a tea...](#)

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**Check out the Google face page today!** The Monday doodle honors the **Winter Solstice**, which takes place on Dec. 21 and marks the shortest day and longest night of the year. It also commemorates the **Great Conjunction**, an event during which the two largest planets in our solar system – Jupiter and Saturn – will nearly overlap to form a "double planet."



Some of the titles available at Heydey <https://shop.aer.ioeyday>  
 Holiday Sale includes 30% off with code "HeydeyHoliday" til 12.31



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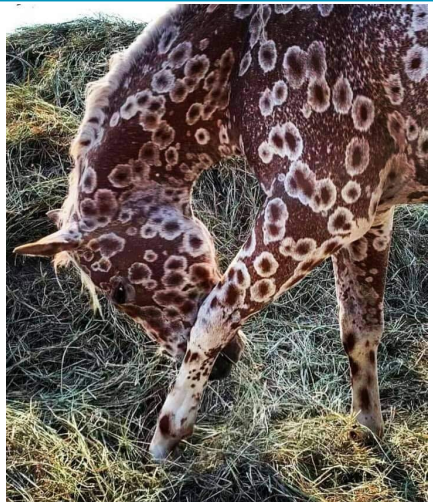
**[A three-year campaign convinced Congress to reject two military base expansions in Nevada — at least for now](#)**

By Daniel Rothberg

Congress rejected two controversial military proposals to expand training ranges onto hundreds of thousands of acres of public land across Nevada, including the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. [Daniel Rothberg looks at the decision](#), what it means for public lands and whether the **proposals could reemerge next year.**

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**[Amanda Jelena Radoman · This Beauty is a Sorrel peacock Leopard Appaloosa, owned by GWS Appaloosas. His ancestors were own by Nez Perce Indians.](#)**





Distinctly Montana



Pam Little: The Fine Art of Bending & Blending Reality

Funnily enough, I started the "After Humans" series in the fall of 2019, before 2020 dropped the hammer on us. I had photos of Lake Hotel in Yellowstone and The Stanley Hotel outside Rocky Mountain National Park where I wanted to add wildlife, which made

The singular, haunting art of Pam Little forces us to think about a fascinating question: what will the West look like if humans disappeared tomorrow? [distinctlymontana.com](http://distinctlymontana.com)

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**US: More must be done to protect Colorado River from drought**

The Associated Press, 12/18/20

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — A set of guidelines for managing the Colorado River helped several states through a dry spell, but it's not enough to keep key reservoirs in the American West from plummeting amid persistent drought and climate change, according to a U.S. report released Friday. Millions of people in seven states and Mexico rely on the river for drinking water and growing crops. The 2007 guidelines were meant to lessen the blow of any future cuts in the water supply for growing areas, giving states an idea of what to expect each year and ways to manage the risks.

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**Conservancy awards \$380K to Washoe Tribe for meadow ...**

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — The California Tahoe **Conservancy** Board has awarded a \$380,454 grant to the **Washoe Tribe** of Nevada and California for the Mayala Wata Restoration Project at Meeks Meadow.



**IN MEMORY OF  
AMANDA DAVIS AND EZRA  
AARON DAVIS**

(May 29, 1983-December 15, 2020)

**The Sorrow of an Empty Cradleboard**

Poem By Beverly J. Harry

**Dedicated to Amanda Davis and Ezra Aaron Davis**

We are outraged!  
And fiercely aroused by our anger!  
Our shock leads us here,  
Where are Amanda's soft footprints that lead to this house?  
That sheltered a native woman,  
Her kids and now buried-baby in-her-womb,  
What outrage we feel!  
No handsomely smoked buckskin to smell on his feet,  
No cradleboard to hold,  
For Grandma,  
No beaded buckskin dangles for baby to watch,

Happy baby bounded,  
And smiling too,  
What could be for the future is no more,  
Indian baby taken away,  
And mother, too.  
Lay shame where need be,  
Diseased by a colonial pox,  
Rid this from infected men,  
Push domination and patriarchy away,  
Find your own knees bent into the ground  
Find yourselves through a connection to the water, through the trails of your ancestors  
through prayer,  
Grab your medicine,  
And take your own calling to the lake,  
To pray to heal,  
And ask for guidance on this dark day,  
As outrage burns between our eyes and our womb.  
Let's listen to the waves,  
To bring the fury down to ripples,  
To calm our hearts and minds,  
And let us bring these words under frightful nights under the stars,  
Where birds stay quiet in respect for the night.  
Send request for blessings at the first glimpse of day,  
To baby Indian boy and our stolen sister,  
Whose relatives marched before with us,  
As advocates,  
To voice the outrage of,  
No More Stolen Sisters!

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#### [Carolyn Harry](#)

She is more than a statistic ,.. she is our niece, a staunch warrior, well spoken, articulate, intelligent, beautiful, the most tender of mothers, a lifeline for her brother, a coach, a daughter, cousin, auntie, sister, an athlete, even our PL Homecoming Queen,.... those kids have one of the strongest angels looking after them, ..it's takes a village... it takes a nation..

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#### [mynews4.com](http://mynews4.com)

[Hundreds gather in Nixon to honor murdered mother, spread domestic violence awareness](#)  
[Hundreds gathered in Nixon on Friday night to honor 37-year-old Amanda Davis who was stabbed to death by her boyfriend earlier this week. According to court documents, Davis and her unborn son Ezra were killed inside their home on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe on Dec. 15. The focus of Friday night's...](#)

*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Amanda Louise Davis Ezra Arron Davis*  
*May 29, 1983 - Dec 15, 2020 2020*

*Date: Wednesday 12/23/2020*

*9:00 AM - Motorcade*  
*875 W. 2nd St. Reno to Nixon*  
*along the lake*

*10:30 AM to 1:30 PM - Viewing*  
*At 644 W. Pyramid Rd. Nixon*

*2:00 PM - Grave Side Service/ Burial*  
*Wadsworth Cemetery*

