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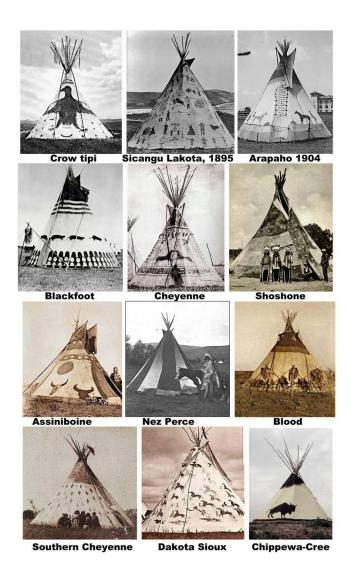
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An entomologist once bet a museum trustee that he could find a new species of insect in her backyard in Los Angeles. He did, and a new project was born to investigate the fantastic biodiversity of America's second-largest city. Since the BioSCAN project began in 2012, scientists have identified more than 800 insect species, 47 of which are new to science. The team has been sharing images of their fabulous finds under high magnification. Atlas Obscura I WIRED

See a few of the images below, and more at the digital exhibition called "Spiky, Hairy, Shiny: Insects of L.A." NHM.org



Soldier fly, Euparyphus cinctus. Lisa Gonzalez/BioSCAN/Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County



Eucharitid wasp, Pseudochalcura gibbosa. Lisa Gonzalez/BioSCAN/Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County



Acorn weevil, Curculio occidentis. Lisa Gonzalez/BioSCAN/Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Webinar: EPA Community-Port Collaboration Resources to Address Diesel Pollution

Join this webinar to learn about EPA resources to support collaboration between communities and ports to address diesel emissions. Available resources include tools, training materials, lessons learned from real-world experiences, and Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants funding for communities (available through May 7).

Webinar details:

<u>Date:</u> Friday, April 9, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST

Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-community-port-collaboration-resources-to-address-diesel-pollution-tickets-147187065475

If you would like Spanish interpretation during the webinar, please contact talkaboutports@epa.gov by April 2.

Attend this webinar to learn more about—

- The <u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Community-Port</u>

 <u>Collaboration Toolkit</u> and related training materials to help communities and port operators develop collaboration skills and enhance understanding of stakeholder priorities and challenges associated with port-related activities.
- Lessons learned from **successful community-port collaboration** in <u>Savannah</u>, <u>Seattle</u>, Los Angeles, and Long Beach.
- **Funding available to support communities** living near port and rail facilities through EPA's EJ Small Grants program.
- <u>EPA's Ports Initiative program</u> to accelerate adoption of cleaner technologies, planning practices such as conducting emissions inventories, and productive community engagement at ports across the country.

Near-port communities that bear the brunt of air pollution from diesel engines are often comprised of low-income populations and people of color. EPA's Environmental Justice and Ports Initiative programs have partnered to support effective and meaningful engagement between communities, the port industry, and other port stakeholders to improve air quality and health outcomes for disadvantaged communities.

Questions?

For questions about this webinar or EPA's Ports Initiative, please contact <u>talkaboutports@epa.gov</u> or Rob Schweinfurth at <u>schweinfurth.rob@epa.gov</u>.

• "Natural capital" accounting method might give nature an economic voice

(ArsTechnica)

• Calendar

Friday, April 2nd. 2021. ● 11:30am to 12:30pm. Northern Arizona University (NAU), Native America Cultural Center, "Indigenous Psychology Speaker Series." Guest Speaker: Dr. Angela Enno (Turtle Mountain Chippewa Nation), Psychologist and Multicultural Specialist, NAU Counseling Services. Additional Date, April 16th. CONTACT: Dr. Sara Kien, Sara.Kien@nau.edu, or PSYInfoCenter@nau.edu, (928) 523-3063. https://nau.edu/psychological-sciences/indigneous-psychology-speaker-series-spring-2021 ZOOM: https://nau.zoom.us/j/87506022862
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Friday, April 2nd. 2021. ● AISES Leadership Summit. https://summit.aises.org/website/19798/home/ Addition date April 9th. LOCATION: Online. American Indian Science and Engineering Society https://www.aises.org CONTACT: (505) 765-1052, info@aises.org FEES: \$45 - \$75.

Every Friday, April 2nd, 2021. • 2pm (PST). #ShareHealing, Association on American Indian Affairs. https://www.indian-affairs.org Opportunity for everyone to send thoughts of healing and health during this uneasy time. Allow yourself time to pray, meditate, or share healing thoughts on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/AssociationAmericanIndianAffairs/, Twitter https://twitter.com/IndianAffairs, Instagram https://www.instagram.com/associndianaffairs/

Every Sunday! Sunday, April 4th, 2021. • 4pm. Pacific Time. Association on American Indian Affairs, "RED HOOP TALK, Native News and Talk: Culture and Survival." https://www.indian-affairs.org/red-hoop-talk.html
Hear from co-hosts, Shannon O'Loughlin (Choctaw) and special guests. Every Sunday Live, and streaming on Facebook & YouTube. It's about news, culture, education, and brings on special guests to talk about what it means to be Indian to support, inspire, and education. Association on American Indian Affairs, https://www.indian-affairs.org/ All live streams and archives are FREE on YouTUBE. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/
AssociationAmericanIndianAffairs/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/IndianAffairs LinkedIn

April 6th – 8th, 2021. • Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, "Reclaiming Land & Body Sovereignty Gathering." https://www.csvanw.org LOCATION: Online Event. CONTACT: Cheyenne Antonio, cantonio@csvanw.org, (505) 243-9199. https://www.csvanw.org/pec-events/save-the-date-reclaiming-land-body-sovereignty-gathering

Wednesday, April 7th, 2021. • 10 am. Pacific Time. Native Know How. Success In Both Worlds. Virtual Native American Youth Conference. LOCATION: Online. ZOOM Link: Native Know-How: Success in Both Worlds Conference Registration (google.com) REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2021.

Wednesday, April 7th, 2021. ● 12 noon to 1pm, Pacific Time. *Kyle Haskin Tribal Judge and Assistant AG*, *Muskogee Nation*. LOCATION: Online/ZOOM. Register: https://ucdavislaw.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArcuGurjwrGdUp2k DI4zaNcDCv ZVxAOH CONTACT: tribaljusticeseminar@law.ucdavis.edu, (530) 400-2754. https://law.ucdavis.edu/centers.critical-race/tribal-justice/events.html

Thursday, April 8th, 2021. • 4:30pm to 6pm (PST). *University of Redlands Native Student Programs.* "Grandmother Mona Polacca, The Indigenous Grandmother's Council." LOCATION: Online/ZOOM. RSVP: nativestudentprograms@redlands.edu. CONTACT: (909) 748-8344.

April 8th-9th, 2021. • Virtual Indian Law Conference, "Resilience: From Trying Times to a Brighter Future." LOCATION: Online. Register: www.fedbar.org/event/indianlaw21/ FEE\$. CONTACT: (571) 481-9100, fba@fedbar.org.

Friday, April 9th. 2021. • AISES Leadership Summit. https://summit.aises.org/website/19798/home/ LOCATION: Online. American Indian Science and Engineering Society https://www.aises.org CONTACT: (505) 765-1052, info@aises.org FEES: \$45 - \$75.

April 10th, 2021. ● 10am. Eastern Time. "Redefining Our Native Resilience." AISES Region 7 Conference. American Indian Science and Engineering Society https://www.aises.org LOCATION: Online. CONTACT: (505) 765-1052, info@aises.org

April 11th – 14th, 2021. • The 39th Annual Protecting Our Children, "Connectedness, Resilience, and Persistence" Virtual Conference. NICWA, https://www.nicwa.org/conference CONTACT: (503) 222-4044, infor@nicwa.org FEES: \$225 - \$450. Summary - 39th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference (cvent.com)

!! April 12th – 17th, 2021. ● Northeastern State University, 48th Annual Symposium on the American Indian, "Visionaries of Indian Country." Keynote Speakers; Mark Trahant (Shoshone-Bannock), Adrienne Keene (Cherokee), Bryson Kainoa (Native Hawaiian). https://offices.nsuok.edu/centerfortribalstudies/NSUSymposium/default.aspx This is a FREE Event, Registration Required. LOCATION: Virtual/Online. CONTACT: (918) 444-4350, tribalstudies@nsuok.edu, Alisa Douglas, douglasa@nsuok.edu. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ NSUSymposium/posts/359306622402647

Wednesday, April 14th, 2021. ● 12 noon to 1pm, pacific time. Richard Osburn, "Implementing New Statutes and Programs and Enforcing Tribal Court Orders in a Public Law 280 State." Tribal Justice Seminar Series. LOCATION: Online/ZOOM. Register: https://ucdavislaw.zoom.us/meeting/register/tj/law.ucdavis.edu/, (530) 400-2754. https://law.ucdavis.edu/centers.critical-race/tribal-justice/events.html

Wednesday, April 14th, 2021. ● 4pm (PDT). Autry Museum, Native Voices Presents: The New Adventures of Super Indian by Arigon Starr (Kickapoo Nation). FREE Online. Additional episodes on April 21 & 28 @ 4pm.

Register: bit.ly/2M2NDT2 The New Adventures of Super Indian | Autry Museum of the American West (theautry.org)

April 14th – 16th, 2021. • NICWA Training Institute, "Positive Indian Parenting Understanding ICWA." https://www.nicwa.org/training-institutes/ LOCATION: Seattle, Washington.

Friday, April 16th. 2021. ● 11:30am to 12:30pm. Northern Arizona University (NAU), Native America Cultural Center, "Indigenous Psychology Speaker Series." Guest Speaker: Dr. Alberta Arviso (Diné Nation), Learning Specialist and Clinical Psychologist, University of Arizona. CONTACT: Dr. Sara Kien, Sara.Kien@nau.edu, or PSYInfoCenter@nau.edu, (928) 523-3063. https://nau.edu/psychological-sciences/indigneous-psychology-speaker-series-spring-2021 ZOOM: https://nau.zoom.us/i/87506022862 Password: IP

April 16th-17th, 2021. • "Bridging the Generations." AISES Region 3 Conference. American Indian Science and Engineering Society https://www.aises.org LOCATION: Online. CONTACT: (505) 765-1052, info@aises.org

Saturday, April 17th, 2021. • 10 am pacific time. *Native American Veterans Association (NAVA), Talking Circle ZOOM Meeting.* https://www.navavets.org NAVA ZOOM Meetings take place the second Saturday of each month. CONTACT: navavets@gmail.com, info@navavets.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NativeAmericanVeteransAssociation/

Saturday, April 17th, 2021. ● 1 pm – 4 pm. Pacific Time. *CCIE's Community Gathering*. Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire, https://www.cherokeecommunityie.org Special Guest: Lorene Sisquoc. Monthly meetings, third Saturday of each month. Both in-person and online meeting. **LOCATION**: Pathways Christian Church (downstairs) 6755 Victoria Ave., Riverside CA 92506. **CONTACT**: (951) 322-6768, ccie@cherokeecommunityie.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/cherokeecommunityie

April 19th-22nd, 2021. • NICWA, "Positive Indian Parenting." https://www.nicwa.org/training-institutes/LOCATION: Online/ZOOM. CONTACT: (503) 222-4044, info@nicwa.org

April 20th, 2021. ● 1pm to 2pm Eastern Time. "Weaving Calm: A Strength-Based Approach to Addressing Stress Among Urban Native Youth During COVID-19." Presenter: Dr. Mary Cwik. CONTACT: (202) 544-0344. https://www.ncuih.org/ Presenter: Dr. Mary Cwik. CONTACT: (202) 544-0344. https://www.ncuih.org/ Presenter: Dr. Mary Cwik. CONTACT: (202) 544-0344. https://www.ncuih.org/videos Facebook: https://www.ncuih.org/videos Facebook: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxagrokRFUBz xRof5picsw

Tuesday, April 20th, 2021. • 5:30pm. Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Meeting. https://lanaic.lacounty.gov/ Online meeting. CONTACT: (213) 738-3241. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AlCommission

Wednesday, April 21st, 2021. ● 9:30am to 12:30pm. *American Chamber of Commerce of California* (AICCCal), Tribal Business Empowerment Journey Training. WEBINAR, presented by AICEF-PTAC. LOCATION: Online. CONTACT: events@aicccal.org, (213) 440-3232.

Wednesday, April 21st, 2021. ● 12 noon to 1pm, pacific time. Paul David Terry, "Journeying with Social Justice and Health Education to Promote Equity in the Tribal Justice System." Tribal Justice Seminar Series. LOCATION: Online/ZOOM. Register: https://ucdavislaw.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArcuGurjwrGdUp2k_Dl4zaNcDCv_ZVxAOH_CONTACT: tribal-justiceseminar@law.ucdavis.edu, (530) 400-2754. https://law.ucdavis.edu/centers.critical-race/tribal-justice/events.html

Thursday, April 22nd, 2021. ● 3:30pm – 4:30pm (PST). American Indian Counseling Center (AICC), "Our Path, Our Journey." Monthly wellness workshops are free and open to the AI/AN community. Microsoft Online. Presenters: Cierra Parker, Luis Revelo. Additional workshop dates, Feb. 25, March 25, April 22. CONTACT: Cierra or Luis, (562) 402-0677.

April 24th, 2021. • 3:30pm – 4:30pm (PST) AISES Region 1 Conference. https://www.aises.org/news/events/regional-conferences LOCATION: Online. American Indian Science and Engineering Society https://www.aises.org/ CONTACT: Lisa Paz, Lpaz@aises.org, (505) 765-1052, info@aises.org

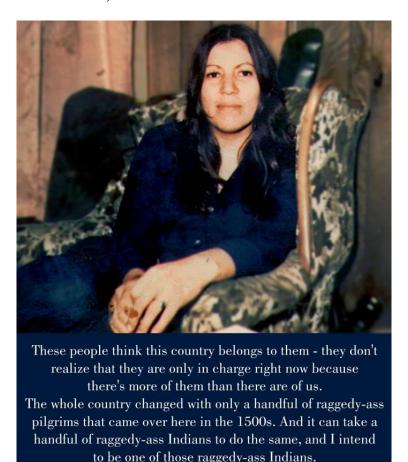
April 27th & 28th, 2021. • Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. 7th Annual Tribal Leaders Summit, "Planting Seeds of Change." https://www.csvanw.org, (505) 243-9199. https://www.csvanw.org/pec-events/7th-annual-tribal-leader-summit-2

Wednesday, April 28th, 2021. ● 12 noon to 1pm, pacific time. Christine Williams, "P.L. 280 Tribal Court Jurisdiction." Tribal Justice Seminar Series. LOCATION: Online/ZOOM. Register: https://ucdavislaw.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArcuGurjwrGdUp2k Dl4zaNcDCv ZVxAOH CONTACT: tribaljusticeseminar@law.ucdavis.edu, (530) 400-2754. https://law.ucdavis.edu/centers.critical-race/tribal-justice/events.html

Remember copying this into my Kenya journal in 1969:

"'The best thing for being sad,' replied Merlin, beginning to puff and blow, 'is to learn something. That's the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honour trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then — to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust, and never dream of regretting. Learning is the only thing for you. Look what a lot of things there are to learn.'" — T. H. White, 'The Once And Future King', (Illustration • Alan Lee)

Someone in The Kalahari Collected Crystals a Whopping 105,000 Years Ago (ScienceAlert)



~ Annie Mae Pictou Aquash ~

Denise Pictou Maloney:

TRUTH TIME- Many of you know me as a strong advocate for #MMIWG who campaigned for decades for justice for my mother **Annie Mae Pictou Aquash** who was viciously betrayed, kidnapped, interrogated, beaten, raped, shot and dumped in the South Dakota Badlands by AIM members acting on AIM leadership orders. For decades AIM members Madonna Thunderhawk et al who facilitated her execution stood in silence blaming the FBI for her murder for 28 years until individuals who could no longer keep their silence spoke the truth. Four trials with 23 eyewitness accounts that resulted in 2 convictions, a guilty plea and an acquittal confirmed that AIM members executed one of their own women and lied about it for decades.

Our family spent 20 years petitioning organizations and governments for answers and were told it was "not their jurisdiction" or that our case was " too controversial", (which meant they were already supporting her murderers (AFN and Amnesty)) and could not support our family, yet they could hypocritically support #MMIWG. Regardless we persevered with out advocacy, with out supports while national campaigns were launched for #MMIWG. The devastating realization

that no one was going to come to our aid because we spoke the uncomfortable truth about the internal toxic patriarchy and misogyny in our own back yards was forgotten for but a minute with the promise of a National Inquiry. An opportunity to speak our truth unconditionally as family and survivors of incredible lateral violence and betrayal by institutions mandated to end violence against Indigenous women .

I will be the first to acknowledge as many of us Indigenous women know that there are consequences for speaking the unconditional truth, that there is risk in outing violent offenders amongst us, that there is exclusion with efforts to call out the lateral violence and hold accountable those mandated to advocate for justice for our women . Justice does not exist so freely in our circles anymore when our women can't choose what is just for their existence but are trapped choosing between what is less risky and survival .

I know the betrayal my mother felt from her own AIM sisters, I know the dismissal from Organizations and advocacy groups because I would not allow them to appropriate my mother with out speaking her truth, I know some who are reading this will comfort their cognitive dissonance that I am damaged and trapped in my trauma to defend their complacency , apathy and lack of accountability. But this is not about me anymore . My mother was one of thousands of MMIWG in this country who slipped through the cracks , who did not fall in favour to be supported by advocates , who faced every form of institutional abuse and yet miraculously survived to tell their truth .

Today 46 years later, after decades of campaigning and calling out this Windigo I came face to face with Madonna Thunderhawk, the AIM woman who interrogated and beat the living shit out of my mother mere hours before she was executed ironically at a international summit addressing violence against Indigenous women hosted by an Indigenous Women's Organization. Days after my mother's 76th heavenly Birthday.

If I tried I could not make this shit up, and if Satan busted through my door right now asking for a dance I would not think that one bit odd. I am tired, no actually exhausted. I have spent most of my adult life campaigning for justice in a system that enables violence and to sit there today and witness that violent woman representing a law firm that was legal council for my mother's murderer speaking at a summit about violence against Indigenous women in my own country?......Daaaammmnnn......THIS is what happens when you don't engage with grassroots families.

I won't hold my breath for acknowledgment or excuses. Yes I know "You can't know what you don't know ". So NOW you know, for the love of our missing and murdered loved ones, for all that we hold sacred, IF you are going to come to the table to do #MMIWG work, PLEASE, know who you bring to the table and ensure they are morally and ethically invested in ending violence and aren't actually contributing to the violence. It is all we ask as survivors....do not continue that cycle of abuse and take the time to educate yourselves. https://www.istamr.org/doc/ In the spirit of my mother Annie Mae #StayRaggedyAssed

Learned about some badass women with this article, including Ruth Orta, an Oaklander with 37 great-great-grandchildren, among other accomplishments!

Ruth Orta is an elder who has been involved with the Ohlone Gathering at East Bay Regional Park District for the last 24 years. Her living family spans five generations: She is a mother of seven, grandmother of 17, great grandmother of 37 and and great, great grandmother of sevens. Her message: "we are still here."



and a great video of Ruth talking about the importance of Oak trees! https://youtu.be/6C5tJuGI8vk



YOUTUBE.COM

The Oak Tree: Ruth Orta and Family on Oak Trees and California Natives

<u>nativenewsonline.net</u>

<u>University of Houston, Led by Lumbee Head Coach, Heads to Final Four HOUSTON, Texas — The University of Houston Men's Basketball Team is heading to the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Final Four for the first time in 37 years. While it's definitely exciting for the Houston Cougars, it's also a milestone for head coach Kelvin Sampson. It's his second Final Fo...</u>

Scholarships (A/B) with May 1-15 Deadlines

| AAUW Mt. Lakes Area Branch Scholarship for Women | \$4,000 | 05/01/2021 |
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| AAUW Scholarship for Women Enrolled in WA Public Colleges | \$11,000 | 05/01/2021 |
| Actuarial Diversity Scholarship | \$4,000 | 05/02/2021 |
| AFCEA Washington, DC Chapter Scholarship | \$12,000 | 05/01/2021 |
| AFE Scholarships in Floriculture and Horticulture | \$4,000 | 05/01/2021 |
| AFWM Ford Emerging Voices Scholarship | \$3,000 | 05/08/2021 |
| Alexx Flores Opportunity Scholarship | \$1,500 | 05/02/2021 |
| Alice L. Haltom Educational Fund | \$2,000 | 05/01/2021 |
| AMBUCS Scholars- Scholarships for Therapists | \$6,000 | 05/05/2021 |
| American Florists' Exchange Scholarship | \$4,000 | 05/01/2021 |
| Angus Foundation Undergraduate Student Scholarship | \$5,000 | 05/01/2021 |
| Annie's Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship | Varies | 05/15/2021 |
| Antonia Brancia Maxon, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship | \$1,500 | 05/01/2021 |
| ASA NORTHEAST Scholarship Program | \$3,000 | 05/15/2021 |
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| Ball Horticultural Company Scholarship | \$4,000 | 05/01/2021 |
| BBB Accredited Business Scholarship - Northern Illinois | \$2,500 | 05/01/2021 |
| BBB Educational Foundation College Scholarship Program | \$2,500 | 05/01/2021 |
| BBB Embody Integrity Video Scholarship | \$2,500 | 05/01/2021 |
| BBB Trust Award Scholarship | Varies | 05/01/2021 |
| Beaty Martinez Foundation Scholarship | \$10,000 | 05/01/2021 |
| Bethesda Auxiliary Scholarships | \$3,000 | 05/15/2021 |
| Bethesda Lutheran Communities Lutheran Student Scholastic & Service Scholarship | \$3,000 | 05/15/2021 |
| BIA Cares High School Scholarship | Varies | 05/01/2021 |
| Bill Cowden Memorial Aviation Scholarship | \$1,500 | 05/15/2021 |
| BioWorks IPM/Sustainable Practices Scholarship | Varies | 05/01/2021 |
| BoardVitals Medical School Scholarship | \$2,500 | 05/01/2021 |
| Bob & Renee Stein Notre Vue Art Fund | \$2,000 | 05/15/2021 |
| Brower Youth Award | \$3,000 | 05/01/2021 |
| Bruce and Marjorie Sundlun Scholarship | \$2,000 | 05/04/2021 |
| BVIN Agent of Change Scholarship | \$3,000 | 05/15/2021 |
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Plumbing The Depths Of Legal Water Contamination

A nine-month investigation by the Guardian and Consumer Reports (CR) found alarming levels of forever chemicals, arsenic, and lead in samples of tap water taken across the US. 118 out of 120 samples tested for arsenic, lead, PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), and other contaminants had concerning levels of PFAS or arsenic above CR's recommended maximum, or detectable amounts of lead.

The samples came from water systems that together serve more than 19 million people. Almost every sample tested had measurable levels of PFAS, a group of compounds found in hundreds of household products. These chemicals are linked to learning delays in children, cancer, and other health problems. More than 35% of the samples exceeded a safety threshold that CR scientists and other health experts believe should be the maximum.

The Environmental Protection Agency says 93% of the population supplied by community water systems gets water that meets "all health-based standards all of the time." But millions of people continue to face serious water quality problems due to contamination, deteriorating infrastructure, and inadequate treatment at water plants. (Guardian)

Narwhal Tusks Tell a Troubling Tale (Wired)

Baby Boomer Alert!

According to the "72-Year Rule," the National Archives releases census records to the general public 72 years after Census Day. As a result, the 1930 census records were released **April 1**, **2002**, and the 1940 records were released **April 2**, **2012**. The 1950 census records will be released in **April 2**, **2022**.]

It is Friday; I couldn't resist.....



