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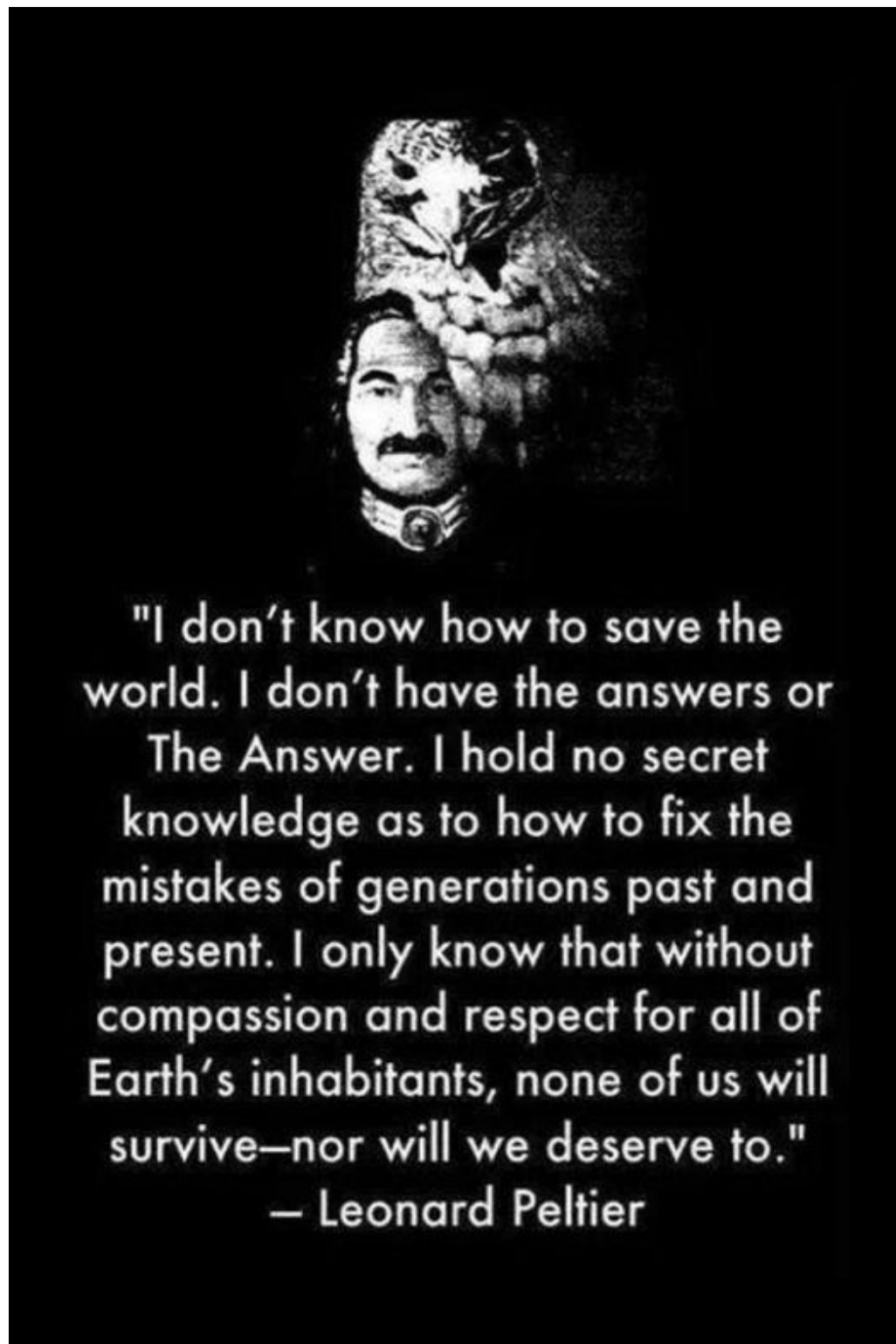
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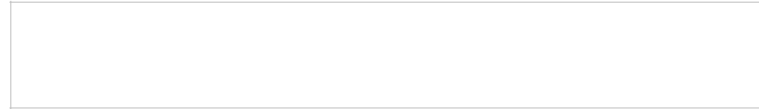
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### NCAI 2021 Mid-Year Conference

June 20 - 24, 2021

Early Bird Registration Deadline: May 31, 2021

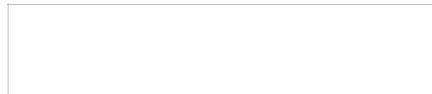
Register online today by clicking below, or [download the form](#) (box below) and mail your form of payment.



NCAI's advocacy is guided by the [resolutions process](#). Check out NCAI's resolutions process [flowchart](#) and our [site](#) for more information. The resolutions **deadline** for the 2021 Mid-Year Conference is **May 28, 2021**. Click [here](#) to submit. For further information about resolutions, contact [Suzanne Gould](#)

### Agenda

View the draft agenda-in-brief which features an outline of our meeting activities.



#### HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DECOMPOSE ?

PAPER TOWEL - 2-4 WEEKS

BANANA PEEL - 3-4 WEEKS

PAPER BAG - 1 MONTH

NEWSPAPER - 1.5 MONTHS

APPLE CORE - 2 MONTHS

CARDBOARD - 2 MONTHS

COTTON GLOVE - 3 MONTHS

ORANGE PEELS - 6 MONTHS

PLYWOOD - 1-3 YEARS

WOOL SOCK - 1-5 YEARS

MILK CARTONS - 5 YEARS

CIGARETTE BUTTS - 10-12 YEARS

LEATHER SHOES - 25-40 YEARS

TINNED STEEL CAN - 50 YEARS

FOAMED PLASTIC CUPS - 50 YEARS

RUBBER-BOOT SOLE - 50-80 YEARS

PLASTIC CONTAINERS - 50-80 YEARS

ALUMINUM CAN - 200-500 YEARS

PLASTIC BOTTLES - 450 YEARS

DISPOSABLE DIAPERS - 550 YEARS

MONOFILAMENT FISHING LINE - 600 YEARS

PLASTIC BAGS - 200-1000 YEARS.

WE REQUEST YOU, PLEASE SHARE THIS PIECE OF INFORMATION IN YOUR NETWORK AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

THIS WILL CREATE AWARENESS AMONGST PEOPLE THAT PLASTIC IS ONE OF THE MAJOR REASONS RELATED TO THE GLOBAL GREEN HOUSE EFFECT.

\*PLEASE SUPPORT A GREEN ENVIRONMENT\*.



### [Nestlé Doesn't Have Valid Rights to Water It's Been Bottling, California Officials Say](#)

Ian James and Janet Wilson, The Palm Springs Desert Sun

26 April 2021

## Rest in Power, María Taant

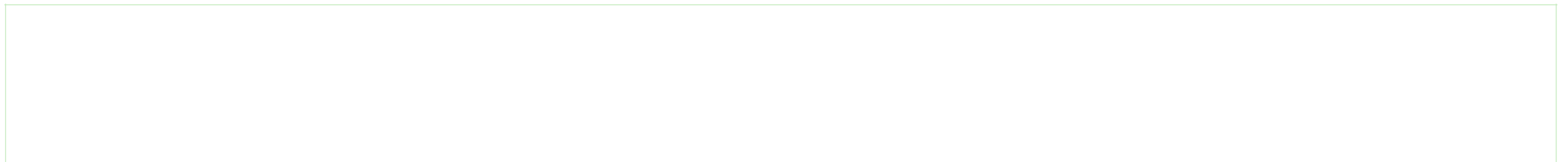


*In a moving tribute to their departed sister in struggle, Noemí Gualinga and Patricia Gualinga write*

In our Indigenous worldviews, our grandmothers and grandfathers have taught us that **when our people die, they return to the jungle...** in other spirits, in other beings.

In each encounter with María Taant, a Shuar leader from the Ecuadorian Amazon, she mentioned a boa that protected us. **We heard what turned out to be her last song** during our gathering last month on International Womens' Day. In recognition of all Amazonian women, she sang to us in Shuar: ***Kinkia Pangui nuachitjai***, which means, "I am a boa woman."

People say that **our loved ones transcend worlds and do not go away completely if we keep them present**. For this reason, we remember Maria's voice, her laugh, and her songs, which always stood out when we got together. Click below:



Things Grandpa taught me: (1) Life is simpler when you plough around the stump. 2) A yellow jacket is faster than a John Deere tractor. 3) Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled. 4) Meanness don't happen overnight. 5) Don't sell your mule to buy a plow. 6) Don't corner something meaner than you. 7) The best sermons are lived, not preached. 8) Most of the stuff people worry about never happens. 9) Don't squat with your spurs on. 10) Don't judge people by their relatives. 11) Don't interfere with something that ain't botherin' you none. 12) Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in. 13) You can't tell how good a man or a watermelon is 'till they get thumped. 14) Always drink upstream from the herd. 15) Never miss a good chance to shut up.

## Climate Crisis Pushing Polar Bears to Mate With Grizzlies, Producing Hybrid 'Pizzly' Bears

*Harry Cockburn, The Independent*

Cockburn writes: "Back in 2006, a strange polar bear was seen in the Northwest Territories of the Canadian Arctic. It had patches of brown on its otherwise white fur and an unusual face shape." [READ MORE](#)



## This Ant Can Shrink and Regrow Its Brain

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/ant-can-shrink-and-regrow-its-brain-180977522/?](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/ant-can-shrink-and-regrow-its-brain-180977522/?utm_source=smithsonianmag&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20210416-daily-responsive&spMailingID=44816782&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=1983238509&spReportId=MTk4MzIzODUwOQS2)

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A drop of water on a tree leaf. 12 ants have gathered to drink ... what's amazing is that the ants have divided themselves into four groups. This is to maintain the balance of the water drop from tilting and then falling to the ground. It is a science of ants to cooperate and divide the share of water equally among them and give everyone his right.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has launched a training webinar series to build the capacity of environmental justice practitioners working at the state level. The fourth webinar on "Application of Environmental Justice to State Environmental Impact Assessment" is now open for registration.

### **Application of Environmental Justice to State Environmental Impact Assessment**

- When: July 23, 2019 (2:00 - 3:30 PM EDT)
- Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/application-of-environmental-justice-to-state-environmental-impact-assessment-tickets-63346825059>
- About: This webinar will provide a basic primer on environmental justice (EJ) methodologies, which can be used by state practitioners during National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review and other environmental impact assessments. It will also build on this foundation with presentations regarding the State of Alaska's efforts to address health issues in environmental impact assessment and the State of Kentucky's efforts to address transportation-related community impacts.

#### **Speakers:**

- Kelly Poole, Environmental Scientist, Multi-Media Programs Office, Region 5, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Sarah Yoder, Deputy Environmental Public Health Program Manager, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
- Stuart Goodpastor, Transportation Engineer formerly with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- David Whitworth, Engineering & Operations Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration-Kentucky Division, U.S. Department of Transportation

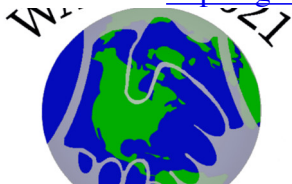
Registration is required. Registered participants will receive details on how to access the webinar when you register. Please share this information with your colleagues and networks.

The first three webinars in this series focused on:

- Identifying and Prioritizing Environmentally Impacted and Vulnerable Communities (April 16, 2019). Recording available at: <https://youtu.be/1gsI4oIEb0U>.
- Enhancing Community Involvement in the Regulatory Process (May 15, 2019). Recording available at: <https://youtu.be/iz3sc9xSoPg>.
- Using Comprehensive Area-Wide Planning to Promote Equitable Development (June 18, 2019)

The next webinar topic in the 2019 series will be Environmental Justice Considerations for Rural Water Infrastructure.

Registration is now open for the 2021 WAGIN Virtual Conference. Calling all middle and high school youth who are passionate about global issues! <https://globalissuesnetwork.org/wagin2021/>



[indiancountrytoday.com](http://indiancountrytoday.com)

## **Interior makes land into trust 'easier'**

The federal agency announced new processes to “untangle” and advance the process of putting land into trust

### EPA Seeks Nominations for the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee

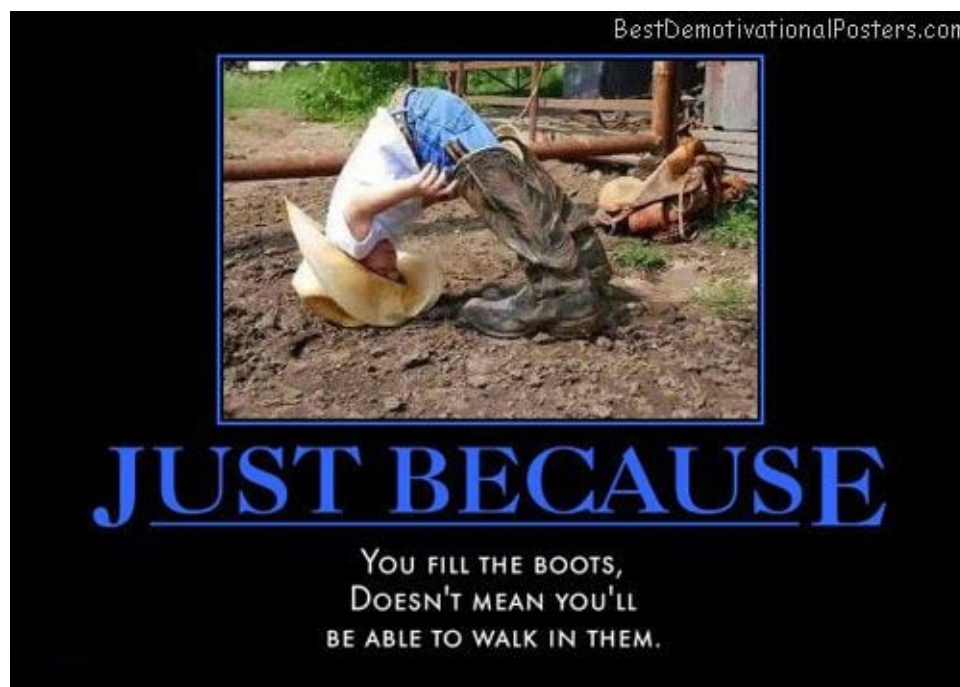
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC). Formal nominations are due April 30, 2021.

The Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) is a senior-level policy committee established in 1990 to advise the U.S. EPA on issues related to implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The CAAAC provides advice to the Agency on critical air quality policy issues during face-to-face meetings and through specific workgroup reports.

The Agency is seeking nominees who have a strong background in air issues. Based on current vacancies, CAAAC is in greatest need of representatives from environmental backgrounds, public interest groups, and academia. Additional spots are also available for state, local or tribal governments.

Vacancies are anticipated to be filled in late summer 2021, so please provide nominees as soon as possible, formal nominations are due **April 30, 2021**.

In the event you have nominees or questions, please contact the Designated Federal Officer, Shanika Whitehurst at [whitehurst.swhitehurst@epa.gov](mailto:whitehurst.swhitehurst@epa.gov) at (202) 564-8235. This committee is managed by the Office of Air Policy, Program Support within the Office of Air and Radiation. The website for the CAAAC is at <https://www.epa.gov/caaac>.



### Citizen Archivists: Get involved on History Hub

[https://historyhub.history.gov/welcome?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=historyhub-april2021](https://historyhub.history.gov/welcome?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=historyhub-april2021)

Are you stuck in your historical research? Have you hit a wall in your genealogy quest? [Find your answer on History Hub!](#)

We invite you to explore History Hub, our pioneering crowdsourced history and genealogy research community.

Free and open to anyone, you can ask questions and get answers from multiple sources including National Archives staff, other archives, libraries, museums, and a community of genealogists, history enthusiasts, and citizen experts like you.

Make [History Hub](#) your first stop! You can ask—or answer—questions on History Hub, or see if your question has already been answered.

If none of these suggestions answers your question, you can ask a new one. See section below: “Asking a Question on History Hub”

### What do other users ask about on History Hub?

History Hub questions run the gamut from genealogy to military records to Native American history, and beyond! Think of it as a one-stop-shop for researching American history.

Questions about military awards and decorations are very popular, such as a [Bronze Star inquiry](#).

[Another user](#) is trying to [trace their Native Cherokee heritage](#)

[Another user](#) is researching the [history of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp](#)

[This user](#) would like to know the [history of the government's use of the enigmatic "Glomar Denial,"](#) aka “We can neither confirm nor deny...”

Experts from the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and other archives and museums will respond to these questions, followed by a community of dedicated citizen experts, providing guidance and their valuable experience.

Here a National Archives staff expert responds to a user's [inquiry about Colonial-era maps of New York City](#), including links to multiple digitized records in the [National Archives Catalog](#), as well as resources at other institutions.

### Communities

You can also browse topical communities within History Hub, like those for Military Records or African American history, to help hone an inquiry,

[Genealogy](#): including two new sub-communities dedicated to [Census Records](#)★ and [Immigration and Naturalization Records](#)★

[Military Records](#): with three new sub-communities for [Army and Air Force Records](#)★, [Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Records](#)★, and [Military and Civilian Personnel Records](#)★

[Court Records](#)★: one of our new communities, this covers Federal court records, including Supreme Court decisions, criminal proceedings, and more.

[Foreign Affairs Records](#)★: a new community, Foreign Affairs Records covers the history of foreign policy and diplomacy of the United States, including records from the Department of State and related foreign affairs agencies.

[African American Records](#)

[Native American Records](#)

[Women's Rights and Suffrage](#)

[Land Records](#)

[...and more!](#)

### **Citizen Archivists**

There's even a [community for Citizen Archivists](#)! Meet other members; share favorite records; exchange tips and suggestions! Past topics in the Citizen Archivists community include:

- [How to Transcribe Forms?](#)
- [Tagging Multi-page documents](#)
- [What activities can Citizen Archivists participate in](#)

Once you've signed up, check out our poll:

[What kinds of records do you like to transcribe?](#) →

Looking to connect with other Citizen Archivists offline? Be sure to see: [How to Contact Another User on History Hub](#)

Asking a Question on History HubOnce your History Hub account has been created, you're ready to ask a question!

You can enter your question in the "Ask" field on the History Hub homepage, or ask it within a specific community.

### Question Tips

Include as many details as you can about your topic. Are you researching an individual such as a relative or ancestor? Names, significant dates, and places they might have lived are all critical clues.

Where have you searched? Reference any records, websites, and other sources that you've already checked.

All questions on History Hub are public. Do not include personally identifiable information ("PII") such as social security numbers, phone numbers, or email addresses.

All questions are reviewed and moderated in the order they are received. Questions are moderated and answered only on weekdays during regular business hours, typically Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET.

See [How to Post a Question on History Hub](#) for more

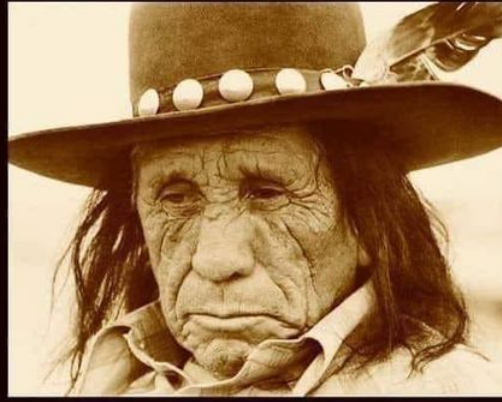
### National Archives Releases Catalog, 1940 Datasets

The public is now able to download [full datasets of the National Archives Catalog](#) archival descriptions and authority records, as well as [the entirety of the 1940 census](#), for the first time. This free service will provide researchers access through the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Registry of Open Data. In addition to the Registry of Open Data entries for these datasets, NARA published detailed documentation ([Catalog](#); [1940 Census](#)) to guide users on how to access both the full datasets and specific subsets of the data.

The release of these datasets supports NARA's commitment to its strategic goals to [Make Access Happen](#) and [Maximize NARA's Value to the Nation](#). With the release of this data, NARA's records will reach segments of the public beyond our traditional researchers. Universities, private industry, and other agencies are interested in accessing the data in this format and mining it to support new kinds of research and reuse on their own platforms.

Read more about the dataset release in [the AOTUS Blog post](#)





“Before our white brothers came to civilize us we had no jails. Therefore we had no criminals. We had no locks or keys, and so we had no thieves. If a man was so poor that he had no horse, tipi or blanket, someone gave him these things. We were too uncivilized to set much value on personal belongings. We wanted to have things only in order to give them away. We had no money, and therefore a man’s worth couldn’t be measured by it.”

### Kids Encouraged To Soil Their Underwear At School

- A healthy soil microbiome is the lifeblood of plants; it can accelerate growth and even bolster resistance to disease. Experts believe it can even affect the nutritional content of food.
- So, would you like to know just how healthy your dirt is before planting that garden or plowing up that field? You could collect some soil samples and send them off to a lab somewhere. Or, you could just buy some white cotton underwear -- for men or women, size immaterial -- bury them randomly around your plot of earth, wait about eight weeks, then dig them up. The more unrecognizable the underwear, the healthier your dirt.
- That's the ingenuity behind the [Soil Your Undies Challenge](#), a citizen science project that began in the US before spreading overseas and now gaining momentum in Australia. And hundreds of people -- from farmers to school kids, Ottawa to Adelaide -- have accepted the challenge.
- Here's how it works. Cotton is made of a sugar called cellulose, making it a tasty snack for microbes and earthworms and the army of other tiny decomposers that live in the soil. The condition of the underwear when it's retrieved will indicate the health of the microbiome. If there isn't much left of the cloth --- say, just the waistband --- then the soil is healthy and teeming with activity. If there's enough left that you could wash it and still wear it, you've got a lot more work to do to improve the situation.
- Oliver Knox, a senior lecturer at the School of Environmental and Rural Science at the University of New England in New South Wales, and Sally Dickinson, a regional extension officer with CottonInfo, first got the idea in 2018. They asked 50 farmers if they would be willing to bury their underwear for science.
- Farmers whose briefs indicated poor soil health began exploring ways to regenerate their land, like changing their crop rotation or leaving more stubble on the ground. "It got them all thinking about soil and we realized it was a beautiful, accessible way to make a soil assessment available to the public," Knox said. "That’s what I love about the project."
- School kids who tried Soil Your Undies might also have been really interested in the science behind the experiment. Then again, maybe they just couldn't resist the name. (Al Jazeera)



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## [World will lose 10% of glacier ice even if it hits climate targets \(Guardian\)](#)

### [Living with Fire hosts second virtual session May 13 \(sponsored\)](#)

[SPONSORED: The second session of Living with Fire's Virtual Series is "Wildfire Evacuation Preparedness," scheduled for May 13 on Zoom. \[Read on »\]\(#\)](#)

**Some parent groups have been pushing back against California's new [ethnic studies framework](#) for high schoolers**, which they contend vilifies white people. Defenders of the curriculum say critics have been misled about coursework that aims to tell a frank story about the struggles of marginalized groups. When a student spoke in favor of the curriculum at a school board meeting in Orange County on April 13, [he said in part](#), "Racism still exists. White privilege is a real thing." Several attendees laughed and jeered. [L.A. Times](#) | [Voice of OC](#)



[Heather Wakinyanhoton-Ska](#)

We are redoing all of crayons, I can't wait for our kids to see this ❤️  
Teaching our language to our kids is important to us at CCCC Head Start

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[nativenewsonline.net](#)

[Sec. Deb Haaland Announces Funding for Six Tribal Youth Environmental and Economic Empowerment Projects](#)

[WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced Wednesday the approval of \\$927,000 for the Tribal Youth Coastal Restoration Program, which will fund six projects estimated to restore up to 1,000 acres of wildlife habitat on tribal lands along the Gulf Coast. The program will fund hand...](#)



"In the statement, the BLM announced a \$10,000 reward for "information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for the vandalism" and urged those with tips to call 800-722-3998."



[moabsunnews.com](http://moabsunnews.com)

**1,000-year-old petroglyphs marred by racist graffiti; BLM announces \$10K reward for culprits**

**Vandals defaced petroglyphs on a boulder known as Birthing Rock along Kane Creek road outside Moab overnight, scratching "White Power" and obscenities over the 1,000-year-old carvings.**



[rgj.com](http://rgj.com)

### **New beaded art exhibit features Native American artists from Great Basin**

The exhibit features artwork from Native American artists from the Great Basin area. It includes a beaded goblet and portrait of Pyramid Lake. View at the Stewart Indian School Museum, M-F, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

<https://www.rgj.com/story/life/2021/04/29/native-american-artists-great-basin-featured-new-art-exhibit/4882286001/>

### **From the Friends of Nevada Wilderness Newsletter**

[https://www.nevadawilderness.org/east\\_humboldt\\_wilderness\\_summary?](https://www.nevadawilderness.org/east_humboldt_wilderness_summary?utm_campaign=april_ews_2021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=nevadawilderness)

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### **East Humboldt Wilderness**

This area's rich cultural prehistory is documented by prehistoric bighorn sheep hunting blinds on high elevation ridges, as well as by hunting camps and temporarily occupied caves. The East Humboldt Range, from the name of the mountain to the names of the geographic features, commemorates only the Anglo American history of the region. The highest point of the range is called Hole-in-the-Mountain Peak today. This unusual feature suggests an older and perhaps more culturally appropriate name for the range and Wilderness: Taindandoi or Tainyandoya, the Shoshone name for the mountain, which references the unusual rock-window outcrop along the skyline, just south of the peak. This could be an important step in recognizing the deep historical connection, dating back to perhaps 14,000 years ago, of the Native Americans in this region.

### **History**

Mine structures and Basque tree carvings record the recent history of East Humboldt Wilderness. Before the name of the East Humboldt Range was officially linked with the Humboldt River and Fremont's 1848 map, the range was referred to as the "Clover Range" because it was adjacent to Clover Valley. (See the Additional Resources Tab for more details about the naming of the East Humboldt Range.



For the past 7 years, Indigenous communities and allies across the Midwest have been working to shut down Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline because it violates treaties and spells destruction for the land, water, and climate.

Now Indigenous-led water protectors and allies are taking action everyday on the pipeline route — confronting bulldozers, decision-makers, and politicians of all stripes — in frigid temperatures to #StopLine3.

The fight is ramping up and we must follow suit where we are by going after the most important thing Enbridge needs the most: funding. If we can urgently push the banks to stop funding Line 3 — we can stop the pipeline.

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As part of a Global Day of Action May 7th — we'll be **mobilizing in San Francisco's Financial District to send a clear message to the banks and investors: #DefundLine3.**

[Join us and Stop The Money Pipeline at 9am at the corner of Sansome and Market for a day of nonviolent direct action. We'll take to the streets and make sure all the banks involved in Line 3 hear us loud and clear.](#)

Pipelines take billions of dollars to build - and banks like JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citibank, Bank of America, TD Ameritrade, Union Bank - as well as insurers like Liberty Mutual - are key to enabling the pipeline construction.

That means the financial sector is funding, insuring, and investing in the climate crisis. But if we are loud enough, we can take away Enbridge's piggy bank, #StopLine3, and stop any more destruction of our climate.

[Join the Global #DefundLine3 day of action on May7th in San Francisco now.](#)

We'll have plenty of art and signs for people to carry, but feel free to bring any signage that reflects the message of the day: Defund Line 3!

Community safety is always a priority and we ask everyone in attendance to adhere to public health guidelines:

- Wear a mask at all times
- Practice social distancing
- Use & bring hand sanitizer
- Stay home if you feel sick, or if you have been exposed to anyone with COVID or that is quarantining

Thanks and see you soon! In Solidarity, Mt. Diablo Rising Tide

## Have a great weekend!

