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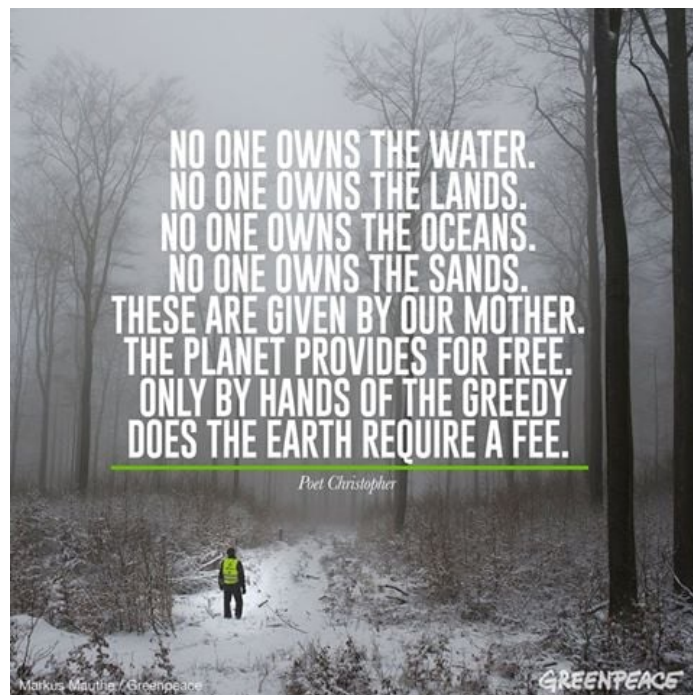
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Ecocide: How a Fast-Growing Movement Plans to Put Environmental Destruction on a Par With War Crimes

Sam Meredith, CNBC

Meredith writes: "A campaign to criminalize acts of widespread environmental destruction is quickly gathering pace." [READ MORE](#)

Susanville, a town of 8,000 people in California's rural northeast corner, was once a lumber town. When the mills started closing in the 1950s, its economy was rescued by the opening of a state prison. **Then in April, officials said the prison would be closed, a casualty of the state's shrinking inmate population.** Dozens of "for sale" signs appeared on lawns. "Nobody was asked our opinions about it or what the impact could be," said Misty Arteaga. "It's just like — our town is starting to die." [L.A. Times](#)

File cleaning: thought this worthy of revisit....don't have a video of 2021 yet.



Child tax credit cash for Nevada families starts in July

Most parents should not have to do anything to begin receiving their monthly checks, according to the Internal Revenue Service. [Read on »](#)

Bills heard in D.C. to protect Ruby Mountains, Desert National Wildlife Refuge.

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Elizabeth Kolbert | The Deep Sea Is Filled With Treasure, but It Comes at a Price

Elizabeth Kolbert, *The New Yorker*

Kolbert writes: "We've barely explored the darkest realm of the ocean. With rare-metal mining

on the rise, we're already destroying it."

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[Will The Bureau of Land Management's New HQ Stay In The West? Jun 23, 2021](#)

The new Bureau of Land Management headquarters is in a sprawling four-story brick and glass building near the airport in Grand Junction, Colo. The agency isn't the only tenant, but it's likely the most controversial. Under the Trump administration, BLM's acting director William Perry Pendley moved the headquarters away from Washington, D.C., touting the relocation as good for public lands, the agency's budget and employees' quality of life. "We want them closer to the lands they manage and the people they work with rather than two and even four time zones away in Washington," he said. About 97% of BLM employees already lived out West, though, and critics of the move argued the agency's headquarters and senior positions should remain in D.C. where the funding and power is. The agency also had nearly 300 staffers either retire, quit or transfer over the headquarters move. And only three D.C. staffers officially moved to Grand Junction out of a proposed 41 (though some transferred there

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The Lucy Telles Basket Yosemite Mono Lake Paiute (Rare) Compliments of Dee Numa



"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." -- [Albert Einstein](#)

Best Buy to spend \$1.2 billion supporting businesses owned by people of color
<http://strib.mn/2UA9Fn1>

Counterpoint: Small group of activists commandeers Minnesota Historical Society <http://strib.mn/3jp78GL>

WATCHING THE DROUGHT

Yes, the drought is that bad: Heather Hansman [writes about it in *Outside Magazine*](#).

The drought is affecting hydroelectric power supplies, including at Lake Mead, Katherine Blunt and Jim Carlton [write for *The Wall Street Journal*](#).

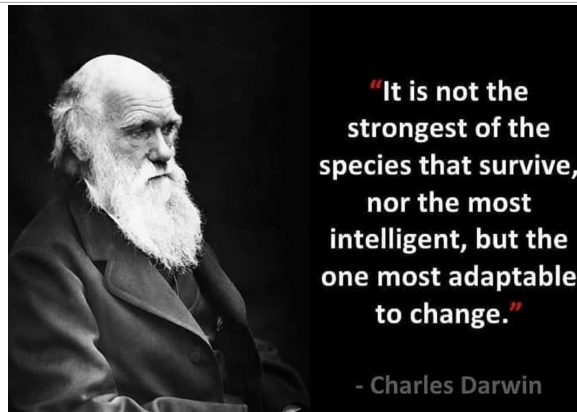
Nevadan nominated to lead water agency: President Biden picked Camille Touton, a UNLV graduate and Nevadan, to lead the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The agency operates water infrastructure across the West and will play a major role in Colorado River negotiations. ([AP](#))

PUBLIC LAND

Growth and a limited water supply: Reporter Sam Metz, with *The Associated Press*, [writes about the Clark County Lands Bill](#), which would allow for more development on public land.

RECREATION

Outdoor recreation agency head testifies: “Colin Robertson, head of the state’s Division of Outdoor Recreation, called for more federal funding for land management along with investment in rural communities to help better manage resources stressed by the pandemic, which drove more campers to remote areas even as jobs decreased in outdoor recreation,” [my colleague Humberto Sanchez reported last week](#).



An analysis of satellite data found that the Southern California Sonoran desert has lost 37% of its plants since 1984. The scale of the die-off stunned scientists, who had hoped that hardy desert plants could survive the warming temperatures and meager rainfall. "They are not somehow super adapted to be able to withstand the effects of climate change," said James Randerson, a biogeochemist. [Desert Sun](#) | [UC Irvine](#)

After a major wildfire last summer, state biologists hatched a plan to save threatened rainbow trout by transferring hundreds of them from the burn area to the Arroyo Seco, a creek 30 miles away. The problem is the city of Pasadena gets about 35% of its water from the Arroyo Seco, an allotment granted in part because there were no fish in the creek. **That's led to one of California's most unusual water wars.** [L.A. Times](#)

Extract fro Annie E. Casey Foundation Report:

New data show Nevada cut its teen birth rate almost in half between 2010 and 2019. However, key indicators on poverty and education got worse. (Wordley Calvo Stock/Adobe Stock)

Using data from 2019, the report ranked Nevada 41st in the United States for children's economic well-being and 46th in education. It found 60% of fourth graders are reading below grade level and 74% of eighth graders are not proficient in math. But those stats represent incremental improvement from the numbers in 2010. Nevada's teen birth rate and number of teens in school improved as well.

The report also had some good news, finding that the U.S. economy started to recover in March. Leslie Boissiere, vice president for external affairs for the Casey Foundation, said child poverty should dip significantly in July - once the money starts flowing from the expanded Child Tax Credit under the American Rescue Plan.

"For families with children under the age of 6, it's \$300 a month that those families will be receiving," she said. "So, at a time when families are concerned with being able to pay their mortgage, or to pay their rent or to provide food for their families, it's a significant amount."

The Child Tax Credit expires in December; President Joe Biden has called for it to be extended for five years. The report recommended that Congress make the income supports permanent for low-income families.

What companies need now to drive a circular economy for plastics

https://brand-studio.fortune.com/dow/what-companies-need-to-drive-circular-economy-plastics/?prx_t=mcEGAAAAAAoPEQA&fbclid=IwAR11qYXz7JDE-osTHgKZ3iGXjOX_K-C9H28mtsm3DC2zy78NvWTIRiwSmiQ

Amidst a paradigm shift on sustainability, corporations across the globe are stepping up efforts to drive circular recycling practices.

Environmental Justice for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-tribes-and-indigenous-peoples#webinars>



The six women who embroidered the names of the People who served in World War II on a tapestry in background. (l-r) Daisy Plummer, Edna Jones, Lena Murphy, Irene Johnson, Ina Sharp, Mary Greeley. (courtesy Edna Jones Collection)

Plastic Waste Can Be Transformed Into Vanilla Flavorin

In a Remote Amazon Region, Study Shows Indigenous Peoples Have Practiced Forest Conservation for Millennia

Ensuring Safe Drinking Water for California's Native American Communities

By PPIC, 62221

<https://www.ppic.org/blog/ensuring-safe-drinking-water-for-californias-native-american-communities/>

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California is home to 109 federally recognized tribes—more than any other state—and several more are petitioning for federal recognition. The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is responsible for regulating water quality on tribal lands, while the State Water Board regulates water quality for other water systems. According to USEPA's ECHO database, 88 tribal water systems in California serve more than 160,000 people.

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How can I learn more?

Explore 3D objects from across museums and collections and learn more about the 3D digitization process by visiting the **Smithsonian Digitization Program Office**. Recent additions include scans of early hominin fossils and prehistoric tools and sculptures.

Thanks to the magic of augmented reality, you can also **use Instagram to interact with a selection of scanned objects!** Try on Amelia Earhart's flight suit, play Charlie Parker's alto saxophone, or invite a woolly mammoth over for the afternoon.

Nevada awarded \$4M federal grant to develop job-training program

Nevada is getting nearly \$4 million from the U.S. Department of Labor as part of a nationwide workforce development initiative.

More arrests along Enbridge Line 3

By Mary Annette Pember.

Three people were arrested Monday at a prayer lodge along the Mississippi River near an Enbridge construction site as questions persist that the pipeline work is worsening water shortages in northern Minnesota ... continue reading

Vaccinated, ready to travel

It's summertime! Sherry L. Rupert gives us a look into the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association. Plus Carina Dominguez and special correspondent Meghan Sullivan take us to the 2021 Tribeca Film Festival in New York City ... continue reading

Former NRA Head Tricked Into Giving Grad Speech to Chairs Symbolizing Gun

Deaths<https://truthout.org/articles/former-nra-head-tricked-into-giving-grad-speech-to-chairs-symbolizing-gun-deaths/?fbclid=IwAR33W5Vw2zu38S5YHjy37-cJ6Pv4-XGsz2s1lyCrJC7ZXcjFmRvKnPkF1a4>

The Forgotten French Scientist Who Courted Thomas Jefferson—and Got Pulled Into Scandal

By Shaun Assael

A decade before Lewis and Clark, André Michaux wanted to explore the American continent. Spying for France gave him that chance. (What happens in Vegas.....)

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/andre-michaux-scandal-thomas-jefferson-180977946/>

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IMLS NEWS:

\$2.2 Million in Grants to Strengthen Native American, Native Hawaiian Museum Services

Announcing 26 grants to support Indian tribes and organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians

New 'Museums for Digital Learning' Site for K-12 Educators Launches

IMLS joins its partners in announcing the launch of the Museums for Digital Learning website allowing museums to make curriculum resources available to K-12 educators and their students

President's FY 2022 Budget Request Includes \$265 Million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The President's FY 2022 budget request includes \$265 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services and recognizes IMLS's critical programs and services

June 28: IMLS American Rescue Plan Grants

The IMLS American Rescue Plan grants program supports museum and library services in addressing community needs created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and in assisting with recovery

FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund Program to Provide \$7.17 Billion to Close Homework Gap

From June 29 to August 13, eligible schools and libraries can apply for financial support to purchase connected devices like laptops and tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and broadband connectivity for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons during the COVID-19 emergency period. During this application filing window, eligible schools and libraries, in addition to school/library consortia and Tribal libraries eligible for IMLS support, can submit requests for funding to purchase eligible equipment and services between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022.

More information about the program is available at emergencyconnectivityfund.org, including information about how to apply. Schools and libraries can [sign up](#) to receive program updates and information about future training sessions. Help with program questions is also available by calling 800- 234-9781 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.

The \$7.17 billion [Emergency Connectivity Fund](#) was established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will serve as the program's administrator with FCC oversight.

June 26: ALA: Realms of Possibility - A live conversation with ALA President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., and IMLS Director Crosby Kemper.

June 28: Knight Libraries Funder Panel - IMLS Director Crosby Kemper.

July 15: Visitor Studies Conference (virtual) - Supervisory Grants Management Specialist, Helen Wechsler and Director of Grants Policy and Management, Connie Bodner will present a Q&A session on IMLS evaluation requirements and performance measures

Sept 17-26: National Book Festival

The Library of Congress has announced the 2021 National Book Festival, which promises an exciting experience throughout the extended 10-day virtual festival

Klamath Spring Chinook Receive New State Protections

By North Coast Journal, 6/20/2021

A decades-long effort to protect spring Chinook took a major step forward last week when the California Fish and Game Commission unanimously approved listing the fish as threatened under the state's Endangered Species Act.

The Pupil-Centered Funding Plan — which was created during the 2019 Legislature and is being implemented for the upcoming biennium — essentially does away with categorical grants by consolidating them and sending the money to school districts through different methods.

Jackie Valley explains how it all will work, now.

Biden Administration Backs Trump-Era Approval of Controversial Line 3 Pipeline

Rachel Frazin, The Hill

Frazin writes: "The Biden administration is backing the Trump administration's approval of a controversial pipeline project in Minnesota in a new legal filing."

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Boom in Native American oil complicates Biden climate push

On oil well pads carved from the wheat fields around Lake Sakakawea, hundreds of pump jacks slowly bob to extract 100 million barrels of crude annually from a reservation shared by three Native American tribes.

<http://strib.mn/3daBvfS>

Associated Press

Biden administration passes up chance to block oil pipeline

The Biden administration signaled in a court filing this week that it does not plan to cancel federal permits for Enbridge's Energy's Line 3 oil pipeline project, despite pleas by Native Americans and environmental groups for the president to intervene. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers used the filing to defend its decision in November to grant Enbridge a water permit for the project, the last major approval the Calgary, Alberta-based company needed. Wednesday's filing by the Corps and its attorneys at the Department of Justice marks the first time President Joe Biden's administration has taken a public position on Enbridge's plan to replace its aging Line 3, which carries oil from western Canada to Enbridge's terminal in Superior, Wisconsin, the Star Tribune of Minneapolis reported.

PROTECT THACKER PASS

PRAYER RELAY RUN

June 25th - June 27th, 2021

Steen Mountains, Oregon to Thacker Pass, Nevada

Approximately 143 Miles, Relay Style Prayer Run at a beginning elevation of 4,200 feet -
4,900 feet on pavement and gravel roads.

Friday, June 25, 2021

Check-In

Page Springs Campground

Additional Check-In Station on Hwy. 78 and Hwy. 205 - Grange Hall

BBQ Style Dinner

Drumming, Singing and Story Telling on rich history of the Steen Mountains and
Northern Paiutes

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Sunrise Prayer

Breakfast

Youth Runners will start after prayer

We will run all day and night to Thacker Pass

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Arrive at Thacker Pass

Approximate Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) 4:00 p.m.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR NIGHT RUN

Flashlights, Head Lamps and Reflective Outwear

INFORMATION AND DIRECTION BOOTH

will be set up for travelers in Burns, Oregon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for Cooking, Clean-up and Set up

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ANIMAL OF THE DAY - Little Burgandy Madagascan Owl



YAY Friday!