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The Pointing rock in Little Finland, Clark County, Nevada, United States.

Indigenous Lives Matter -

I REMEMBER well. None of us who were there could forget. I was almost eighteen that summer. Never before or since that time did my people gather in such great numbers. Our camp on the Greasy Grass [Little Bighorn] stretched four miles along the river -- six great camp circles, each a half mile across, with thousands of Lakota fighting men and their families.

In that long-ago time none of my people knew more than a thousand numbers. We believed no honest man needed to know more than that many. There was my own tribe, the Miniconjou. There were our cousins, the Hunkpapa, the Sans Arc, the Two Kettles, the Sihasapa [Blackfoot Sioux], the Brulé, and the Oglala -- all our Seven Council Fires. There were many of our eastern relatives, too -- the Yankton and the Santee. And our kinsmen from the north were there -- the Yanktonai and the Assiniboin. Our friends and allies the Cheyenne were there in force, and with them were smaller bands of Arapaho and Gros Ventre. It was a great village and we had great leaders.

Hump, Fast Bull, and High Backbone led my tribe. Crazy Horse headed the Oglala. Inkpaduta [Scarlet Tip] led the Santee. Lame White Man and Ice Bear led the Cheyenne. But the greatest leader of all was the chief of the Hunkpapa -- Sitting Bull. As long as we were all camped together, we looked on him as head chief. We all rallied around him because he stood for our old way of life and the freedom we had always known. We were not there to make war, but, if need be, we were ready to fight for our sacred rights. Since the white man's government had promised our leaders that we could wander and hunt in our old territory as long as the grass should grow, we did not believe the white soldiers had any business in our hunting grounds. Yet they came to attack us anyway.

I slept late the morning of the fight. The day before, I had been hunting buffalo and I had to ride far to find the herds because there were so many people in the valley. I came back with meat, but I was very tired. So when I got up, the camp women were already starting out to dig for wild turnips. Two of my uncles had left early for another buffalo hunt. Only my grandmother and a third uncle were in the tepee, and the sun was high overhead and hot. I walked to the river to take a cool swim, then got hungry and returned to the tepee at dinner time [noon].

"When you finish eating," my uncle said, "go to our horses. Something might happen today. I feel it in the air."

I hurried to Muskrat Creek and joined my younger brother, who was herding the family horses. By the time I reached the herd, I heard shouting in the village. People were yelling that white soldiers were riding toward the camp.

Iron Hail climbed Black Butte for a look around the country. I saw a long column of soldiers coming and a large party of Hunkpapa warriors, led by Sitting Bull's nephew, One Bull, riding out to meet them. I could see One Bull's hand raised in the peace sign to show the soldiers that our leaders only wanted to talk them into going away and leaving us alone. But all at once the soldiers spread out for attack and began to fire, and the fight was on. I caught my favorite war pony, a small buckskin mustang I called Sung Zi Ciscila [Little Yellow Horse] and raced him back to camp to get ready for battle.

I had no time to paint Zi Ciscila properly for making war, just a minute or so to braid his tail and to dab a few white hail spots of paint on my own forehead for protection before I galloped out on the little buckskin to help defend the camp. I met four other Lakotas riding fast. Three were veteran fighters, armed with rifles; the other was young like me and carried a bow and arrows as I did. One of the veterans went down. I saw my chance to act bravely and filled the gap. We all turned when we heard shooting at the far side of the village nearest the Miniconjou camp circle and rode fast to meet this new danger. I could see swirls of dust and hear shooting on the hills and bluffs across the river. Hundreds of other warriors joined us as we splashed across the ford near our camp and raced up the hills to charge into the thickest of the fighting.

This new battle was a turmoil of dust and warriors and soldiers, with bullets whining and arrows hissing all around. Sometimes a bugle would sound and the shooting would get louder. Some of the soldiers were firing pistols at close range. Our knives and war clubs flashed in the sun. I could hear bullets whiz past my ears. But I kept going and shouting, "It's a good day to die!" so that everyone who heard would know I was not afraid of being killed in battle.

Then a Lakota named Spotted Rabbit rode unarmed among us, calling out a challenge to all the warriors to join him. He shouted, "Let's take their leader alive!" I had no thought of what we would do with this leader once we caught him; it was a daring feat that required more courage and much more skill than killing him. I dug my heels into my pony's flanks to urge him on faster to take part in the capture.

A tall white man in buckskins kept shouting; at the soldiers and looked to be their leader.

Following Spotted Rabbit, I charged toward this leader in buckskins. We were almost on top of him when Spotted Rabbit's pony was shot from under him. Zi Ciscila shied to one side, and it was too late.

Miniconjou named Charging Hawk rushed in and shot the leader at close range. In a little while all the soldiers were dead. The battle was over.

The soldier chief we had tried to capture lay on the ground with the reins of his horse's bridle tied to his wrist. It was a fine animal, a blaze-faced sorrel with four white stockings. A Santee named Walks-Under-the-Ground took that [Custer's] horse. Then he told everyone that the leader lying there dead was Long Hair; so that was the first I knew who we had been fighting. I thought it was a strange name for a soldier chief who had his hair cut short. [Note: Lazy White Bull said the Santee who got Custer's horse was named Sound the Ground as He Walks which is also sometimes translated as Noisy Walking.]

Our attempt to save Long Hair's life had failed. But we all felt good about our victory over the soldiers and celebrated with a big scalp dance. But our triumph was hollow. A winter or so later more soldiers came to round us up on reservations. There were too many of them to fight now. We were split up into bands and no longer felt strong. At last we were ready for peace and believed we would have no more trouble. Putinhin aka WasuMaza. Dewey Beard.

**WRRC 2022 Annual Conference
July 12-14**

Join us for the WRRC 2022 Annual Conference, *Arizona's Agricultural Outlook: Water, Climate, and Sustainability*, on July 12-14! This year we're offering a hybrid format, with **FREE** online registration for the livestream of the in-person programming on [July 12](#) and virtual sessions on [July 13-14](#). If you want to [attend in person](#), standard registration is closing TOMORROW, Thursday, June 30! The standard rate is \$60 and there is a discounted rate of \$25 for students. Late registration is available online starting July 1 for \$85. You may also register in person at the event.

[Register to Attend In Person on July 12](#)

(\$60 standard, \$25 students, \$85 after June 30)

[Register for the Livestream on July 12 \(FREE\)](#)

[Register for the Virtual Sessions on July 13-14 \(FREE\)](#)

EPA Awards Florence Fang Community Farm in San Francisco's Bayview \$75,000 Environmental Justice Grant to Increase Food Access

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a \$75,000 environmental justice grant to the AsianWeek Foundation (Florence Fang Community Farm) to address air quality and food insecurity issues in San Francisco's Bayview community. The grant will support work to develop a sustainable community food system to grow and distribute locally grown food in the Bayview district.

The **Bayview Food Sovereignty and Environmental Justice Project** will develop partnerships with neighborhood farmers, markets, restaurants, and food access programs to implement a "soil-to-soil" food distribution supply chain and train community members to grow and maintain their own sustainable food gardens. These actions will mitigate food access issues and reduce air pollution, an important goal as poor air quality has increased the negative impacts of COVID-19 on the vulnerable community. In addition, this project will aim to educate community members in recognizing the role of local food production in increasing environmental sustainability and improving local air quality.

"We are thankful to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Congress and the Biden-Harris Administration for empowering our Black and Asian farmers," **said Ted Fang, Executive Director of the Florence Fang Community Farm**. "Keeping the local community strong and healthy is our goal and your support enables us to do the work of growing fresh vegetables for our neighborhood families."

The funds for this grant come from the 2021 American Rescue Plan and are being awarded under EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grant program. Awards made with the American

Rescue Plan funding support competitive grants from the EPA focusing directly on the disproportionate impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had on communities of color, low-income communities, and other vulnerable populations.

“Now, more than ever, healthy soils and local food supplies are critical to ensuring community resiliency and equitable access to healthy food, ” **said EPA Pacific Southwest Regional Administrator Martha Guzman.** “Florence Fang Community Farm’s visionary project, made possible through American Rescue Plan funding, will make important progress toward these goals while reducing air pollution and encouraging investment in these often-overlooked communities.”

Nationwide, projects supported by American Rescue Plan funding have included training, development of citizen-science tools, pollution monitoring, and educational campaigns to enable environmental justice advocates, scientists, and decision-makers to address pollution and create thriving communities. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It provides funds to address health outcome disparities from pollution and the COVID–19 pandemic.

“The American Rescue Plan funding has enabled EPA to make positive impacts by supporting work making a difference in communities,” **said Office of Environmental Justice Director Matthew Tejada.** “Increasing access to food and providing education for public health improvement within the community will have tangible effects to reduce existing burdens which have been placed on the Bayview community.”

To learn more about the American Rescue Plan, visit: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>

Learn more about EPA’s [Pacific Southwest Region](#) and [environmental justice](#). Connect with us on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).

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### **[Public Comments Meeting for the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Salton Sea Management Program 10-Year Plan](#)**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has prepared the Draft Environmental Assessment to analyze and disclose effects of implementing the Salton Sea Management Program.

Start: Thu 7 Jul 2022, 1:00 PM

End: Thu 7 Jul 2022, 3:00 PM

**California wants to impose a flat-rate tax on lithium produced in the Salton Sea region, but executives say it would stifle the nascent industry before it even begins.** Demand for the lithium needed to power electric cars has set off what's been called a "white gold rush" in places like the Salton Sea, which researchers say could yield 600,000 tons of the chemical element a year. The tax proposal would impose a fee of up to \$800 per ton. "We're willing to pay and contribute to the local community, but it has to be a rational tax," said Eric Spomer, of EnergySource Minerals LLC. [Reuters](#)

[Dee Numa](#)



Minnie Pearl Piute Indian Woman  
worked for Annie Miller in Bodie

[Jacquie Cooper](#)

Dee, I've been meaning to ask, why the change of the spelling of Paiute? Who did it and which one is correct? Just curious.

[Dee Numa](#): Pah or Bah means Water- However, we know Paiute is a Compound word. Pah = Water + Yooo Too = This Way Became the word Paiute. Meaning " Water This Way. " I think it was when Fremont met Winnemucca at the Pyramid, so yes " Water this way " ( since PL is saline, makes sense Winnemucca said Drinkable water is this way. Pah Yooo Too becomes the word Paiute. My Version lol

[Toronto Raptors](#)

Today is Indigenous Peoples Day (6.21 in Canada) and to celebrate we want to hold space for Mi'kmaw and Ojibwe Artist & Dancer, Welcome Toronto's First Indigenous Creator, and the **first Pow wow dancer to perform at a Raptors game - Kyana Kingbird.**



: [https://youtu.be/1x-5Zv\\_eaUE](https://youtu.be/1x-5Zv_eaUE)

**USDA Hiring: State Community Development Specialists (GA, KY, MS, & NM)**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is hiring State Community Developments

Specialists in Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and New Mexico. These Specialists will serve as key members of the State Director's staff to assist in enhancing the overall impact of rural development investments and facilitate information sharing among public and private sectors to increase awareness of loan and grant programs and incentives for business development in rural areas.

**Applications are due July 8, 2022 for ALL positions.**

To learn more about responsibilities and how to apply, please visit:

- Georgia: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/662051000>
- Kentucky: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/662050000>
- Mississippi: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/662051800>
- New Mexico: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/662050600>

If selected, most work will be remote, however you must reside or be willing to relocate in the state you are selected, in order to engage with rural communities on a consistent basis. You may qualify for reimbursement of relocation expenses in accordance with USDA policy.

If you applied under a previous announcement, please REAPPLY to a new job announcement to be considered.

Once you determined that you are qualified for a job and want to apply for the position, the *How to Apply* section of each job announcement will help you understand next steps and will carefully guide you through each step of the application process. This section may state deadlines and will list required supporting documents, such as a formal application and resume.

Here are some videos to help you get started with [USAJobs](#):

- [Applying for a Federal Job](#)
- [Resume Writing Tips](#)
- [5 Tips on Communicating your Qualifications](#)
- [What to Include in your Federal Resume](#)

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> **Analysis of wolf genomes** from samples reaching back 100,000 years reveals modern dogs are derived from two separate ancient wolf populations ([More](#))

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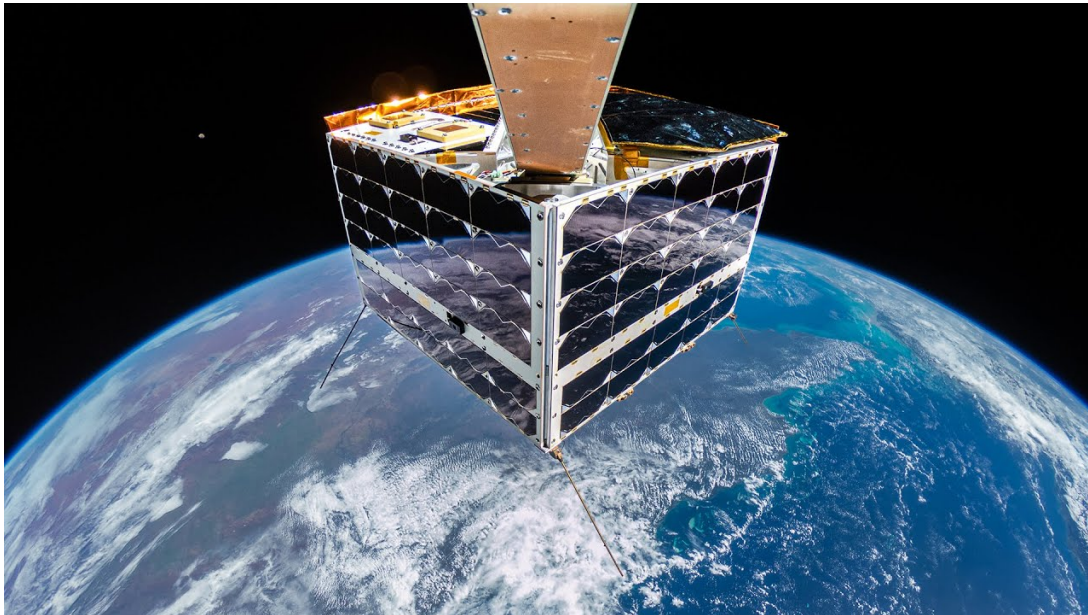
**Indigenous tribes push back on calls to open abortion clinics on federal lands**

<https://www.axios.com/2022/06/30/abortion-clinics-indigenous-tribes>

[Nonprofit behind Klamath River dam removal offers plan for allocating water to fight wildfires in region](#)

By Oregon Public Broadcasting, 6/29/22. Four dams in the Klamath River along the Oregon and California border are in the process of being removed. But that means reservoirs previously used as a water source for firefighting will ultimately be gone too. The Klamath River Renewal Corporation is overseeing the removal of the dams. We learn more from Mark Bransom, CEO of the organization, about what's being done to balance dam removal and firefighting in the region.

**GoPro captures mesmerizing [shot of Earth from space](#).**



*(click on pic)*

[NanoAvionics](#)

With the very first selfie of our MP42 satellite, we wanted to highlight the vulnerability of our planet's ecosystems and the importance of Earth observation by satellites, especially for monitoring the environment and climate change.

**State upholds Thacker pass permit, conservation group warns of toxic slurry in the making June 30, 2022**

- [Gold miner in Canada finds mummified 35,000-year-old baby woolly mammoth](#) (Guardian)

**We could fill Lake Powell in less than a year with an aqueduct from Mississippi River**

Such a project would be less difficult than other aqueducts and pipelines already built.



## Supreme Court Strips Federal Government of Crucial Tool to Control Pollution

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2022/06/30/us/supreme-court-epa/epa-carbon-emissions-scotus>

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### **Climate Justice Alliance Condemns the Increased Politicization of the Supreme Court, Demands Regulation of Polluting Industries to Safeguard Frontline Communities**

On the heels of the devastating decision from the US Supreme Court (SCOTUS) to abandon people's right to bodily self-determination last week by overturning Roe v. Wade, today they further diminish the rights of Indigenous Peoples, Black, Latinx, Asian Pacific Islander, poor white communities, and other frontline communities most affected by the climate crisis, a further assault on our bodies and rights.

Effectively, the West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency ruling limits the established powers of the EPA to regulate greenhouse gasses (though a 2007 ruling stated they could be regulated by the Clean Air Act) from power plants that are overwhelmingly located in disenfranchised communities. The dissenting justices in the vote stated "Today, the Court strips the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the power Congress gave it to respond to the most pressing environmental challenge of our time. The Court appoints itself — instead of Congress or the expert agency—the decisionmaker on climate policy. I cannot think of many things more frightening." Neither can we - as this ruling clearly undermines the broad powers of the EPA to regulate pollution, which is needed to address the deepening climate crisis and frontline communities most impacted by inaction.

CJA Co-Executive Director Bineshi Albert pointed out, "*The Environmental Protection Agency, at minimum, should be able to regulate emissions, however now even that is being called into question with this ruling by the largely Republican-influenced Supreme Court. Those on the frontlines of the climate crisis fought hard to enact the Clean Air Act and other environmental justice protections, and we can't afford for these to be eroded. Instead of subordinating the US Government to the needs and profits of the oil, coal and gas industries and the politicians in their pockets, the Supreme Court should ensure that people's health and well-being be safeguarded and protected.*"

Make no mistake - those who will be most harmed by this decision are Indigenous Peoples, Black, Latinx, Asian Pacific Islander, poor white communities, women of color, and other frontline communities who continue to bear the brunt of the burden of our interlinked economic, racial, social and climate crises. In a system supposedly constructed with integrated checks and balances, the SCOTUS has taken it upon themselves to overturn long-held precedents, with no regard for justice.

For generations, we have battled to secure self-determination and equal protection under the law for our communities, but in less than a year we've seen the courts take away bodily autonomy and the right to choose, limit the ability to enforce Miranda rights, protect police liability, compromise the authority of states to protect their constituents by overturning state-based gun reform laws, and block residents of Puerto Rico from receiving federal benefits. All of these protect the police state, keep people in poverty, protect corporations at the expense of the people and the environment. These rulings further de-legitimize SCOTUS ability to uphold justice.

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"Our government can't protect our children and communities from guns, our government can't protect people from forced pregnancies, and now it can't protect our lungs from toxic pollution," says Maria Lopez-Nunez, Deputy Director, Ironbound Community Corporation and CJA Board Members. "The Supreme Court is really calling into question the purpose of the government with this ruling. After fighting for decades against environmental racism it's hard to find faith in our government but not in our communities. At the end of the day only the people will save the people. We must keep fighting."

Enough is enough. "[We] are sick and tired of being sick and tired," as Fannie Lou Hamer named in 1964 at a rally with Malcolm X, "For three hundred years, we've given them time. We want a change. We want a change in this society in America because, you see, we can no longer ignore the facts." We have the facts and we have little time. We know that the right is pulling out all the stops to maintain control and "protect white life". The Biden Administration and Congress must take bold, visionary, and decisive steps NOW to:

- Hold the Supreme Court accountable to uphold justice immediately, including exploring options like expanding the court.
- Ensure consistent, immediate, and strong regulation by the EPA to stop climate crisis impacts in frontline communities - protections that will also address the historic harm of pollution to our rights and our bodies.
- Ensure Justice40 investments go directly to EJ communities, cause no harm to EJ communities, and ensure robust community input on its applications and enforcement across all agencies to address the deepening climate crisis.
- Use President Biden's executive powers (for which [CJA issued a letter along with 1,4000 organizations](#)) to immediately 1) ban all new oil and gas contracts on federal areas, 2) stop approving fossil fuel projects, and 3) declare a climate emergency under the National Emergencies Act that will unlock special powers to fast track renewable projects that will benefit us all.

### **Reader comment:**

*Re: White Buffalo Calf*

*Chronologically it's very interesting that she appeared as the white nation last, which is the most critically dangerous group. Einstein notwithstanding, basically equals atomic warfare which the Manhattan project took off running with; interesting that group of intellectuals was named after a Lenape Indian tribe. Irony abounds.*

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Re: NASA Solein screams Old Testament manna, about which Immanuel Velikovsky goes into in great detail regarding the Exodus 40 year sustenance, basically generated electrically out of 'thin air,' just as NASA is describing. What goes around comes around... equal and opposite... Newton's third law of motion.

if you haven't read Velikovsky, you simply must. Worlds in Collision got him drummed out of the Academic corps for being so utterly radical in the '50s. However, 60 to 70 years later he is been vindicated on many issues. It's also very interesting historically about our solar system planetary number, including Venus. They're just now scrambling to figure out why Mars has a huge scar across its surface and has lost its atmosphere and water. Venus clipped it back in the day...

At any rate, stellar electrodynamics are hugely prolific in the solar system. That's why we have a magnetic field protecting the earth...

There's a lot of action out there that's very dangerous for frail humanity.


I have thought for at least 50 years that we have a huge magnetic field full of energy surrounding our planet. We just need to know how to safely tap into it...

It is Friday!



They've started to keep score.





In Loving Memory of
Joseph A. Cortez

Proud Member of the
Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, Elko Band



October 2, 1972 - June 21, 2022

*Celebration of Life to be held
July 30, 2022 @ 1-3 pm
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Gymnasium*

A pot luck to follow.
Food donations are greatly appreciated.