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Could not resist! (See "Neon in Nature" below)

No one seems to have caught or else y'all are too polite to mention.....we went from Journal 6199 to 7000. No, no....6200 comes after 6100! Obviously my "too much time-not enough time to do it' syndrome got the best of me and we had that little brain fart. Journals for now will be in the 6200 series and I will correct the first six in the archives. Thanks for reading,sdc

Reminder: Powwow at UC Davis: Indigenous Resistance: Honoring the Past, Stewarding the Future.
750 Orchard Rd, Davis, CA 95616, United States Save the Date!
Join us for the UC Davis 50th Annual Powwow on Saturday, April 4th, 2026 from 11AM–9PM
at the University Credit Union Center (U Center).

[Justice Department Clears Path for Resolution Copper Project in Arizona, Strengthening U.S. Resource Security](#)

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The Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) has delivered a major win for mineral development and national security. On March 13, the Division's Appellate Section secured a decision from the Ninth Circuit affirming the district court's denial of a preliminary injunction seeking to block the Resolution Copper project in Arizona. The decision allows the federal government to proceed with a congressionally mandated land exchange crucial to advancing development of one of the largest known copper deposits in the world.

Tonopah anticipates economic revival driven by resource development projects

The historic mining town of Tonopah, Nevada, is anticipating an economic revival driven by surging gold and silver prices and a 2025 executive order signed by President Trump to streamline mining projects for critical minerals. A wave of new resource development projects are coming to the area, including a lithium and boron mine, a geothermal power plant and a new gold mine set to open in 2028.

The town's median household income of around \$37,000 is well below the state average, and residents are hopeful that new mining jobs will help close that gap. However, the potential boom faces real obstacles, including a severe shortage of affordable housing, a lack of available contractors and permitting delays resulting from widespread federal workforce cuts.

Learn more from the latest report by WBUR's Peter O'Dowd.

[Learn more at kunr.org](#)

Klamath Tribes observe baby chinook above upper Klamath Lake for first time

“A just-hatched Chinook has been spotted in an Upper Klamath Lake tributary, the first time a young salmon has been observed there in over 100 years. It follows last year's return of adult Chinook here for the first time in over a century following the removal of four dams on the Klamath River in far northern California and southern Oregon. According to a press release from the Klamath Tribes, it's “a major milestone in post-dam-removal restoration and monitoring efforts in the Upper Klamath Basin.” “I see this as the Creator's will of the unwritten natural laws which are allowed to be part of us again,” said Chairman William E. Ray Jr. in the release. ...” [Read more from Northwest Sportsman.](#)

Revived Rare Earths Mine Anchors U.S. Bid to Bypass China Mar 24, 2026

Why This Matters

A shuttered rare earths mine in California that was bankrupt and partly underwater less than a decade ago is now at the center of U.S. efforts to reduce dependence on China for critical minerals. MP Materials' Mountain Pass mine and new magnet factories are being treated as strategic assets amid tariffs, trade friction, and rising concern about supply-chain security.

Rare earth elements are essential to modern life. They sit inside smartphones, electric vehicles, wind turbines, precision-guided weapons, and the motors that make phones buzz. When one country dominates the supply chain for these materials, it gains leverage not only over factories and jobs, but also over the military systems that rely on high-powered magnets.

China currently produces well over 90% of the world's rare earth magnets, according to officials cited in the 60 Minutes report. The U.S. push to revive domestic mining, refining, and magnet-making marks a broader shift back toward industrial policy and public-private partnerships, raising questions about costs, environmental impact, and how should go in backing far government specific companies.

Key Facts and Quotes

Geologists discovered rare earth deposits at Mountain Pass, California, in 1949. By the 1960s, it had become the world's primary rare-earth mine. But after environmental problems involving low-level radioactive water leaking into the Mojave Desert and rising competition from cheaper Chinese producers, the mine's then-owner, Molycorp, filed for bankruptcy in 2015, and operations stalled.

Investor James Litinsky, who learned more about rare earths from an earlier 60 Minutes segment, acquired the distressed mine and refinery and co-founded MP Materials with Michael Rosenthal. When they took over in 2017, the mine was flooded with about 30 million gallons of groundwater, and the business had been battered by low prices after China flooded the market. The operation had only eight employees; it now has more than 700 at Mountain Pass, according to the company.

Rare earths are a group of 17 elemental metals prized for their magnetic, conductive, and optical properties. "The thing that distinguishes rare earth elements is their fantastic magnetic, conductive, and optical properties," said Julie Klinger, an environmental studies professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She compared them to spices in cooking: small amounts can make magnets "both very small and very powerful." MP Materials says it reached 99.9% purity for neodymium and praseodymium in 2023 and has built a plant in Fort Worth, Texas, to convert its refined oxides into finished magnets, aiming for up to a million magnets a day. General Motors is set to be its first major automotive customer.

<https://www.cbsnews.com > 60 Minutes>

We deserve clean air: say NO to giving industry a pass to pollute

The Trump administration recently announced it is further weakening environmental safeguards and giving industry a free pass to pollute with a cancer-causing chemical at the expense of the health and clean air of millions of Americans.

In 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency implemented new protections for an extremely toxic gas called ethylene oxide (EtO), which is widely used to sterilize medical equipment, after concluding that this chemical was 60 times more carcinogenic than previously understood.

Cleaner, safer air was finally in reach for the millions of Americans who live in neighborhoods, send their children to schools and daycares, and attend places of worship near these facilities.

But now the Trump administration's EPA is taking official steps to roll back these federal safeguards that would lower elevated cancer risks caused by this carcinogenic chemical by up to 92%.

- Lymphoma
- Myeloma
- Leukemia
- Breast cancer

Children who are more susceptible to the effects of this toxic gas, and the rest of our communities, can't afford to lose these federal safeguards

As an environmental attorney representing faith and community groups across the South in challenging the Trump administration's illegal use of exemptions for 40 commercial sterilizers from complying with the 2024 standards, I know this: no one voted for dirty air and it will take us all to protect our health from cancer-causing pollution.

While EPA continues to cater to industry interests while undermining public health and clean air, [we need your help](#) making sure our lawmakers are speaking up to protect our communities.

Thanks for jumping in,

Irena Como,
Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center

- [Trump administration's \\$1B deal to stop offshore wind shows an evolution in its anti-wind strategy](#)

[California sues Trump to keep shut oil pipeline on Santa Barbara coast](#)

“A book, too, can be a star, explosive material, capable of stirring up fresh life endlessly a living fire to lighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe.”
—Madeline-L'Engle

Neon in Nature Series, Presented by Travel Nevada

Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas
Open through April 6

The Neon in Nature Series features artwork by light painting photographer and animator Darren Pearson (better known as DARIUSTWIN), whose work has been featured by National Geographic, Intel, Honda, and Apple. This exhibition invites you to experience Nevada in a new light, featuring stunning Nevada landscapes and DARIUSTWIN's signature light paintings inspired by our state's character.

Make sure to visit soon, as [Neon in Nature](#) closes next month!

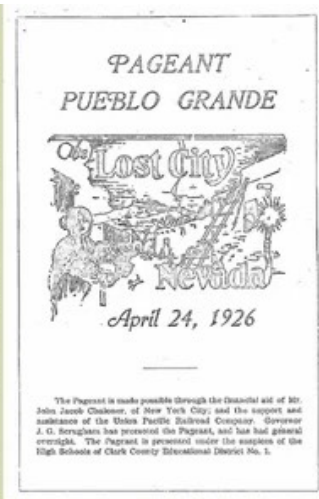
DARIUSTWIN captures Nevada's character through light.

A Century of Lost City

Lost City Museum

Celebrate 100 years of history at the Lost City Museum! [This new exhibit](#) explores the Lost City Pageants of 1925 and 1926, which captured public curiosity and drew attention to the archaeological discoveries unfolding in southern Nevada's Moapa Valley. These pageants helped inspire the creation of the Boulder Dam Park Museum—now the Lost City Museum—in 1935.

Through photos, artifacts, and stories from the pageants, A Century of Lost City reflects on the origins of the museum and traces how community engagement helped shape the preservation of the region's archaeological history. It also celebrates the museum's ongoing mission to protect the heritage of the



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Cocopah Tribe launches habitat restoration project along Colorado River

“The Cocopah Indian Tribe’s Environmental Protection Office successfully completed its first ecological restoration project, restoring 40 acres at the Cocopah North Reservation. Part of the project included a three-day workshop led by Fred Phillips of Fred Phillips Consulting. The workshop brought together more than 30 participants and volunteers, who contributed to hands-on fieldwork while learning planting and restoration techniques. Phillips has specialized in large-scale restoration and ecological landscaping projects for over two decades. During that time, he has worked on numerous initiatives, including tribal projects in the Yuma wetlands along the Colorado River. When the Cocopah Tribe selected him for this project, he worked closely with the tribe to design a plan aimed at improving both habitat conditions and the quality of water flowing into the Colorado River. ... ” [Read more from KAWC.](#)

Colorado lawmakers step in — again — to urge federal action on stalled tribal water access

“The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian tribes have been pushing for the federal government to uphold its water-related responsibilities for years. Now, Colorado legislators are jumping back into the fight. Lawmakers in the Colorado House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution advocating for tribal water access Friday, during Ute Day at the Capitol. The resolution — which lists a series of longheld tribal water priorities and urges federal agencies to respond — awaits consideration in the Senate. It calls on the feds to take action on everything from releasing frozen funding for tribal water projects to repair deteriorating federal water systems and improving access to reservoirs like Lake Nighthorse near Durango. ... ” [Read more from the Colorado Sun.](#)

New Mexico jury says Meta harms children’s mental health and safety, violating state law

Jurors sided with state prosecutors who argued that Meta prioritized profits over safety.

[**Read More**](#)

[**Doctor Faustroll \(Why/How\)**](#) [**Doctor Faustroll Writes The Wrongs**](#)

The Trail of Tears was far more than a Death March. It was also an opportunity for white men to rape red women along the way. Trace the route and you will find tens of thousands in the South who have Cherokee blood who hate non-whites, my mother’s family among them.

“The America I love still exists at the front desks of our Public libraries. — Kurt Vonnegut

15 Minute History is a history podcast designed for historians, enthusiasts, and newbies alike. This is a joint project of Hemispheres, the international outreach consortium at the University of Texas at Austin, and Not Even Past, a website with articles on a wide variety of historical issues, produced by the History Department at the University of Texas at Austin. This podcast series is devoted to short, accessible discussions of important topics in world history, United States history, and Texas history with the award winning faculty and graduate students at the University of Texas at Austin, and distinguished visitors to our campus. They are meant to be a resource for both teachers and students, and can be enjoyed by anyone with an interest in history. 15MinuteHistory.org

1. [**Episode 143: Glen Canyon and Water Infrastructure**](#) **Apr 25, 2024**
Hosts: Benjamin Wright Guests: Erika Bsumek
Climate change and population growth is creating a new appreciation — and anxiety — around water...
2. [**Episode 139: New Theory of American History**](#) **Dec 1, 2023**
Hosts: Alina Scott Guests: Ned Blackhawk
“How can a nation founded on the homelands of dispossessed Indigenous peoples be the world’s most...”
3. [**Episode 136: Afro-Indigenous Histories of the US**](#) **Feb 9, 2022**
Hosts: Alina Scott Guests: Kyle Mays
Afro-Indigenous histories are central to the history of the United States, tribal sovereignty, and civil rights....
4. [**Episode 114: Slavery in Indian Territory**](#) **Dec 17, 2018**
Many American Indian cultures, like the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, practiced a form of non-hereditary slavery...
5. [**Episode 125: Environmental Justice and Indigenous History**](#) **Mar 3, 2021**
Hosts: Alina Scott Guests: Dina Gilio-Whitaker
In the Spring of 2016, protests concerning the Dakota Access Pipeline dominated national headlines. For many...
6. [**Episode 130: Black Reconstruction in Indian Territory**](#) **Apr 14, 2021**
Hosts: Alina Scott Guests: Alaina E. Roberts
Nineteenth-Century Indian Territory (modern-day Oklahoma) was home to a wide array of groups including Native American...

“Learning is the key to Liberation” — Alice Waters



Scientists Sequenced the DNA of the ‘Last Neanderthal’ – and It Alters Human...

Remains of a Neanderthal who may have roamed the Earth 42,000 years ago offer insight into an isolated...

Popular Mechanics

Jury finds Instagram and YouTube liable in landmark social media

A jury found both Meta and YouTube liable in a first-of-its-kind lawsuit that aimed to hold social media platforms responsible for harm to children using their services.

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Former education minister Koen Becking points to "growing evidence" that *heavy social media* Dutch government recommends children under 15 stay off ...



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<https://www.kvk.nl> > [rules-and-laws](#) > [new-rules-and-reg...](#)

Why is Gen Z quitting social media?

The survey found that 39% of Gen Z reported seeing more "**low-quality, AI-generated content flooding their feeds**," which made the social media experience feel "less human." These factors are leading some Gen Zers to cut back on social media. Mar 12, 2026

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“ The story is truly **finished** and meaning is made....not when the author adds the **last period**, but when **rthe reader enters.**” — Celeste Ng

## Scholarships (N-Y) with April 30 Deadlines

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| <a href="#">National Federation of the Blind Merit Scholarship</a>           | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Nebraska High School Senior Scholarship</a>                      | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Outdoors Communicators of Kansas Harper Memorial Scholarship</a> | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Oxbow Animal Health Scholarships</a>                             | \$2,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Oxbow Animal Health Veterinary Medicine Scholarship</a>          | \$2,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">oxyGEN with AT&amp;T National Scholarship</a>                    | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Partner Colorado Foundation Scholarships</a>                     | \$6,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Passion to Succeed Student Scholarship</a>                       | \$6,500  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">PLS Foundation Scholarships</a>                                  | \$500    | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">PRSA Foundation Scholarships and Grants</a>                      | \$35,000 | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Public Relations Scholarship</a>                                 | \$2,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Purposeful Life Scholarship</a>                                  | Varies   | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Red Egg Marketing Scholarship</a>                                | \$2,500  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Regional Airline Association Scholarship</a>                     | \$4,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">ROB Foundation Scholarship</a>                                   | \$2,500  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Robert J. Meyer Organic Farming Scholarship</a>                  | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Robert W. Thunen Memorial Scholarship</a>                        | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Sage Michaela Lucas Timing is Everything Scholarship</a>         | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Sara Scholarship</a>                                             | \$2,500  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Scott Richards Memorial Scholarship</a>                          | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">SDFCU Scholarship Competition</a>                                | \$10,000 | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Shawn Carter Scholarship Foundation</a>                          | \$15,000 | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">SMA Foundation Student Scholarship</a>                           | \$500    | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">South Carolina Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships</a>           | \$3,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Spingarn Alumni Association Scholarship Program</a>              | \$1,500  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Supply Chain Scholarship Program</a>                             | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Support for Maine Students Scholarship</a>                       | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">SWR Foundation Scholarship</a>                                   | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Synchrony Tech Scholarship</a>                                   | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Synod of the Trinity Presbyterian Scholarship Fund</a>           | \$1,200  | April 30, 2026 |

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| <a href="#">Synchrony Tech Scholarship</a>                                  | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Synod of the Trinity Presbyterian Scholarship Fund</a>          | \$1,200  | April 30, 2026 |
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| <a href="#">Team See Possibilities Scholarship</a>                          | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">The Chicago Lighthouse Lader Family Scholarship Program</a>     | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">The Joseph Cesare Memorial Scholarship</a>                      | \$2,500  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">The Prochnow Foundation Scholarship</a>                         | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">The Restoration of Sight &amp; Health Scholarship</a>           | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">The Whetstone Family Foundation Scholarship</a>                 | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Tom Tolen Educational Scholarship</a>                           | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
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| <a href="#">Undergraduate Companion Animal Interest Scholarship</a>         | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Unitil Scholarship Fund</a>                                     | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Upakar Indian-American Scholarship Foundation</a>               | \$10,000 | April 30, 2026 |
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| <a href="#">Veterans United Foundation Scholarships</a>                     | \$20,000 | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Veterinary Technology Scholarships</a>                          | \$500    | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship</a>                     | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Virginia Mediation Network Andrew R. Pizzi Scholarship Link</a> | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
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| <a href="#">WCADC Visual Arts Scholarship</a>                               | \$5,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">WCU Sustainability and Badge of Honor Scholarships</a>          | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">William R. Blow Sr. Scholarship</a>                             | \$2,500  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">WMCCAI Scholarship Program</a>                                  | \$1,000  | April 30, 2026 |
| <a href="#">WPS Technical College Scholarship</a>                           | \$750    | April 30, 2026 |
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| <a href="#">You Can't Label People, But You Can Label Products</a>          |          |                |

**When the water stops: One rural community's crisis and the national problem behind it**

“Residents of Alderpoint recently received a letter in the mail that stopped many of them cold. The Alderpoint County Water District, the only source of water service for the rural community in southeast Humboldt County, warned customers that unless the district could pay a past-due

PG&E power bill of \$14,357.17, power to the water system could be shut off as soon as April 17, 2026. When power goes, the pumps stop. When the pumps stop, the water stops. And when water stops, county environmental health officials could begin red-tagging homes as uninhabitable — even for residents who have paid their water bills every single month. ... What’s happening in Alderpoint is not unique. Across California, hundreds of public water systems are currently designated as failing by the state — more than 79% of them serving disadvantaged communities. The vast majority are small systems just like this one, lacking the resources to keep pace with rising costs and aging infrastructure. ... ” [Read more from the Redheaded Blackbelt.](#)

### **Lessons from salt lakes for making a home in a changing world**

“When Mormon settlers descended upon the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, the land was an oasis. From the Wasatch Front, creeks and rivers flowed into the valley. Grasses were abundant. The soil was rich. It even featured both a freshwater and a saline lake—Utah Lake and the Great Salt Lake—just like Israel with the Sea of Galilee and Dead Sea. It was clear the area had been chosen for them by God. But as the population of the valley grew, the relationship to the Great Salt Lake changed. It was a waste of water, too saline for fish, and unable to be used for irrigation. So the water that replenished it was diverted, and the Great Salt Lake shrank to a fraction of what it once was. It is now verging on a complete collapse, threatening the ecosystem dependent on it and the city built on its shores. The story of the Great Salt Lake’s decline is the template for others around the world, writer and reporter Caroline Tracey writes in her debut book, “Salt Lakes: An Unnatural History.” ... ” [Read more from Inside Climate News.](#)

### **Man brings a cup of water to the Hoover Dam in Las Vegas. Is it true water refuses to go in?: ‘How does it work?’**

#### **Have you ever tried this?**

“The Hoover Dam is an incredible feat of engineering. Built between 1931 and 1936, the Hoover Dam sits on the Colorado River at the border of Nevada and Arizona. At the time of its construction, it was the tallest dam in the world. While there are now taller dams, that doesn’t mean that the Hoover Dam is not impressive. In fact, this dam alone produces approximately 4 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity annually, which is enough to supply power to over 1.3 million people in the area. Given the awe-inspiring nature of this construction, it’s no surprise that the landmark welcomes around 7 million visitors every year. While there, tourists may take a walk through the visitor center, snap a few pictures at one of its many lookout points, or try and fail to pour a glass of water down the side of it. Wait, what was that last part? ... ” [Read more from the Bro Bible.](#)

### **Questions mount as Interior’s wildfire agency takes shape**

“The Trump administration’s new wildfire agency is taking shape at the Interior Department, coalescing around a mission to prioritize swiftly putting out fires on public lands, even as some experts question that strategy. To some, the U.S. Wildland Fire Service offers an answer to the growing threat of large-scale wildfires by providing tighter coordination of the many federal agencies that respond to fires. But its sudden emergence this year, as a drought-stricken West faces a high-risk fire season, has raised questions about how it will operate and how many staff have been reassigned. Tracy Stone-Manning, who served as the Bureau of Land Management director under the Biden administration, last week raised concerns that the shift of thousands of firefighters to the new agency will needlessly separate agency land managers from fire experts. ... ” [Read more from E&E News.](#)