

Greetings!

A Summer of Heat and Fire



There probably isn't anyone of us who hasn't been affected by the extreme heat this summer. Here in New Mexico temperatures have been 8-10 degrees above normal. All over the world many have suffered from huge wildfires and extreme heat. The effects are emotional and physical. I've read a number of articles offering different perspectives on where we're at in this world of climate change. All are worth reading.

[In this article](#) Project Drawdown posts Key Takeaways:

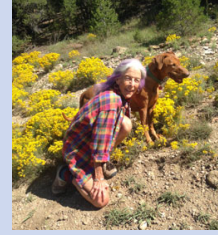
Climate change is driving unprecedented extreme weather around the world, from catastrophic floods and prolonged droughts to blistering heat waves and raging wildfires.

While these events are unprecedented, they were not unpredicted, and largely align with what scientists have been warning about for decades.

Climate science tells us that things will get worse as long as humans keep emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. But the science also shows us that a better future is still within reach.

In her article [What Story Will we Tell About This Heat?](#) Rev. Cameron Trimble looks at the big picture of how we got here, where we are heading and what we can change.

Rebecca Solnit talks about our ["war on nature."](#) **The climate movement is a peace movement.**



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*Justice is what love looks  
like in public.*

Cornell West

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*We will and must resist  
and protest as long as it  
takes to get our  
democracy back*

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The scoop on data centers

[The Optimist Daily](#) gives a good summary of what data centers are all about. It explains: what a data center actually is; what keeps it running; what does it mean when one moves next door; what environmental impacts it has; why communities are saying NO.

"Data centers aren't going anywhere. The digital economy genuinely needs them. But the costs of building them out don't land on everyone equally. They land on the people whose electricity bills go up, whose water gets drawn down, whose neighborhood gets three years of construction noise. These are factors that we all need to be aware of in order to make the best and fairest choices for all communities going forward."



EVERY VOICE COUNTS

So does every vote

The more people we can encourage and help vote in the midterm elections the better our chances are of taking back the House and Senate from Trump loyalists who will not stand up for democracy, for human rights, for justice. Here's a list of some of the top organizations working to REGISTER AND GET OUT THE VOTE! THE TIME TO GET ACTIVE IS NOW!

thecivicscenter.org : Mobilizing the youth vote in America.

vote.org: Everything you need to know to vote.

guides.vote: Non-partisan guide to how candidates stand on issues.

votefwd.org: Write letters to encourage folks to vote.

[Postcards to Swing States](#): Write postcards to help get out the vote.

[Blue Wave Postcards](#): An easy and straightforward way to reach voters.

[VoteRiders](#): will tell you what you need to know in order to ensure you can vote.

rockthevote.org: Find everything you need to vote.

All Kinds of Good News



Bubble Barrier

Rivers are how plastic gets to the ocean. Stop it there, and you stop it for good. The Great Bubble Barrier, a Dutch company, built a technology to do exactly that. The barrier does more than pull plastic from rivers. Every deployment generates data: what types of plastic appear most frequently, where, and



Bezos Earth Fund

To put it mildly, I was surprised!

While reading about DiCaprio's environmental projects I discovered that Jeff Bezos, the Amazon tycoon and billionaire, has created the Bezos Earth Fund! According to the Good News Network Bezos has already given away over a billion dollars in grants to environmental groups. [Read here.](#)

when. That information feeds back into policy upstream.

“All this data that we’re gathering is also a way to make new policy to prevent it from happening in the first place,” a spokesman says. [Read more here.](#)



Saving Species

In 2021, Leonardo DiCaprio, the Bezos Earth Fund, and nine other conservation philanthropies launched the Protecting Our Planet Challenge, focused on protecting at least 30% of the most important land, freshwater, and marine area on the planet.

The effort begins with a \$200 million commitment to provide unprecedented support to the recovery of 100 species facing imminent extinction—including mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, fish, plants, and invertebrates from 30 countries. [Read here.](#)



About limitations

I want to do something unusual here.

This is not a "good news" story which I normally do. But I was struck by the thoughtful article by Rev. Cameron Trimble that has to do with how we think about power and our use of it. It's about limitations, personal and cultural. It reminds me of an important book published in 1972 called *Limits to Growth*.

She introduces the subject with a story about an airplane crash. "Every aircraft has what pilots call a flight envelope: the range of speed, altitude, weight, load and maneuver within which that particular airplane can safely fly. Knowing the envelope doesn't diminish the freedom of flight. It makes flight possible. I wonder what our flight envelope is, not only as a species, although we urgently need to ask that question. I mean yours." Read ["Too Much Thrust"](#) here.

Wisdom for Our Time



“The Great Work now, as we move into a new millennium, is to carry out the transition from a period of human devastation of the Earth to a period when humans would be present to the planet in a mutually beneficial manner.” —Thomas Berry (1914-2009): an American Catholic priest, cultural historian, scholar and ecologist.

Dancing with dogs



Time to shout!
Time to be loud!
Time to act!

I've been enjoying Britain's Got Talent and America's Got Talent. In this short [YouTube video](#) Anastasia and Salsa perform a captivating dance. It made judges want to get a dog!

Happy September

Happy Fall

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Time to soak up a long list of good news and stories put together by [Fix the News.](#)

And here's [Extra! Extra!](#) for more good news.

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