



GILARYA BEGAYE, a Navajo tribal member, holds a 5-gallon water jug she no longer needs. At her feet is daughter Mia Etsitty.

Water comes to epic slice of Arizona

L.A.-based nonprofit helps supply a corner of the Navajo Nation where the need is dire.

By TYRONE BEASON

DENNEHOTSO, Ariz. — Gilarya Begaye looks out across the brush-blanketed pastures, red-dirt plains and flat-topped mesas that surround her home in the Navajo Nation.

“Everywhere I’ve ever moved, it never felt like home,” says Begaye, 36. “My heart’s always been here.”

But for all the ways that living on the reservation feeds the soul, one basic necessity has been sorely lacking for Begaye, her six children and other Navajos: water.

The Navajos live in the same 1,400-mile-long Colorado River Basin that brings fresh water to millions in Southern California, yet about 30% of homes on the reservation were built without indoor plumbing.

With the absence of pipes connecting homes to a water source in this isolated corner of the reservation, many Navajos must spend hours each week driving to a community center in the tribal settlement of Dennehotso to refill portable tanks.

While California wrangles with other Western states over the drought-stricken Colorado River’s water supply, Navajo water rights advocates estimate that the 175,000 members who live on the reservation subsist on average on just 5 to 10 gallons a day per person. Compare that to the 76 to 100 gallons of water the Environmental Protection Agency says most Californians use daily.

Some see hope in a proposed landmark agreement that would settle all outstanding water rights disputes. [See Navajo, A10]

ANALYSIS

Young men’s support for Biden drops, poll shows

President Biden maintains a healthy lead over Donald Trump among young Americans, but the margin has shrunk from four years ago, primarily due to a big drop in support among men under 30.

At this point in the 2020 campaign, Biden led Trump among young men by 26 points; he now leads by 6, according to the Harvard Youth Poll, a twice-a-year survey that provides one of the most definitive looks at the shifting views of U.S. residents age 30 or less.

By contrast, the poll finds

The Democratic president maintains a lead among voters under 30, but a key Harvard survey shows a gender gap

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almost no change in Biden’s lead among young women: 33 points.

That difference reflects a widening gender gap among young Americans, one of the most striking findings of the poll, conducted a few weeks ago and released Thursday by the Institute of Politics at Harvard’s Kennedy School.

It comes at what may be an inflection point in the campaign: Biden has erased the small lead Trump has held for much of the last six months. Polling averages now show the [See Young voters, A7]

Influential L.A. rabbi confronts ‘a world on fire’



RABBI Sharon Brous at IKAR, the congregation she founded in 2004. She is too progressive for some, especially in a disorienting age of recrimination and outrage.

Sharon Brous has emerged as one of America’s leading Jewish voices

By JEFFREY FLEISHMAN

She was a clever girl, a daughter of retailers, who thought she had been born too late. The civil rights and antiwar movements of the 1960s inspired her. But Sharon Brous grew up in the age of Reagan, hedge funds and indifference. By the time she reached rabbinical school, Brous had many questions. All of them big and centering on how the Torah could mend a modern world of wars, poverty, racism and spiritual despair.

Brous wanted to draw sacred texts into immediate action to heal suffering. “The choice I had made to dwell in the past of ancient wisdom and my Jewish tradition,”

she said of her years at the Jewish Theological Seminary, “had actually made it so that I was complicit in whatever horrors were unfolding in the world because I wasn’t doing anything to stop it.”

That may have been a harsh judgment for someone then in her 20s, but Brous has emerged as one of America’s leading Jewish voices. Her sermons on human rights and social justice are at once a compassionate and fierce plea for a planet in disarray. The growing congregation she founded in Los Angeles in 2004, known as IKAR, is recasting Jewish life in a mission of shared purpose, whether helping a friend in a time of grief or [See Brous, A8]

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