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### **Nov 15 #NoDAPL Day of Action**

Be part of a national day of action against the Dakota Access Pipeline on Tuesday, November 15!

Find an action at an Army Corps of Engineer office near you, or sign up to host an action in your city: [actionnetwork.org](http://actionnetwork.org)

### **National Day of Action at Army Corps of Engineers**

On Tuesday, November 15th, join a massive day of action across the country to demand that this administration and the next reject this pipeline. Join an acti...

[youtube.com](http://youtube.com)



### **Obama set to green-light disputed Dakota Access pipeline**

The decision would let the pipeline be built across the Missouri River near the Standing Rock Sioux's reservation in North Dakota. [politi.co](http://politi.co)

The company behind the Dakota Access oil pipeline indicated this week that it will [continue with preparations to complete the line](#), despite strong opposition from Native American and environmental groups. The pipeline still must cross under Lake Oahe in North Dakota, where opponents are concerned a future rupture could contaminate water supplies. *Reuters*

**\$1.4 billion** Amount of [financing that will become available to complete the Dakota Access oil pipeline](#) in North Dakota if the U.S. government approves an easement to allow the pipeline to cross underneath Lake Oahe. *Reuters*

### **[Administration denies green light coming for Dakota Access](#)**

[The decision would let the pipeline be built across the Missouri River near the Standing Rock Sioux's reservation in North Dakota.](#) [politi.co](#)

### **[Is your bank funding the Dakota Access Pipeline? Here's how to find a new bank](#)**

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### **Norway's Biggest Bank Is 'Reconsidering Its Participation' in Funding the Dakota Access Pipeline**

[http://www.ecowatch.com/dnb-funding-dakota-access-pipeline-2084838825.html?utm\\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\\_campaign=41b9a9149f-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_49c7d43dc9-41b9a9149f-85895669](http://www.ecowatch.com/dnb-funding-dakota-access-pipeline-2084838825.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=41b9a9149f-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-41b9a9149f-85895669)

### **North Dakota's Public Bank Is Funding Police Repression at Standing Rock** [Read the Article at Cowboys on the Commons](#)

### **[Why Understanding the Native American Perspective Is Essential for Resolving the Dakota Access Pipeline Crisis](#)**

**Rosalyn R. LaPier, The Conversation:** Historians, anthropologists and religious thinkers continue to learn and write about Native American religious ideas of place. However, despite their contributions to the academic interpretation of religion, these understandings do not often translate into protection of Native American places for their religious significance. [Read the Article](#)

### **Dakota Access: Company Under Scrutiny Over Sacred Artifacts in Oil Pipeline's Path** [Read the Article at the Guardian US](#)

### **Trump's Personal Investments Ride on Completion of Dakota Access Pipeline** [Read the Article at EcoWatch](#)

### **[BREAKING: Trump To Go Ahead With Keystone Pipeline, Owns Stock In Company Building It](#)**

Donald Trump will be moving forward with the Keystone pipeline project once he's president that was put to a halt by President Obama, calling it a "priority of his..." [news.groopspeak.com](#)

### **First Nations Chief: "20 Standing Rocks" if Canada Ignores Indigenous Consent** [Read the Article at teleSUR](#)

## **A Veteran's Day Dispatch From Standing Rock**

By Four Arrows, Speakout | Op-Ed

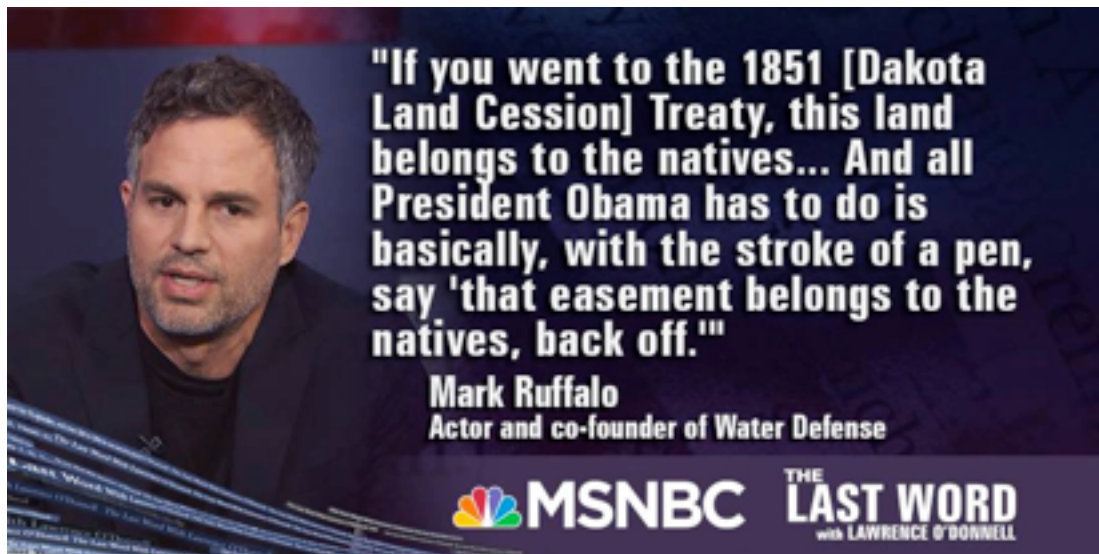
Yesterday, November 10, was the birthday of the US Marine Corps. Today is Veteran's Day. These back-to-back days are filling me with mixed emotions. On the one hand, there is a sense of pride and a continuing sense of loyalty to the Corps. On the other hand, there is the knowledge that the Marine Corps mostly works for the corporations and always has, just like the National Guard is now working for Energy Transfer Partners here at Standing Rock. General Smedley Butler, the late Marine Corps Commandant and two-time congressional medal of honor winner, documents this in his book *War is a Racket*. [Read more...](#)

## **Obama's Statement Is a False Victory for Pipeline Protesters**

By

Nicholas Tippins, Speakout | Op-Ed

This is the second time the president has spoken about the Dakota Access pipeline, and it is good news to the protesters at Standing Rock, especially after the violence that made news last week. Many see it as a beacon of hope in an otherwise dark sky. When the president speaks about the issue you've been fighting for, it's hard not to feel hopeful. However, President Obama's statement may be a false victory for protesters. It is clear that the president did not commit to any course of action. Taken in context, his statement is decidedly noncommittal. [Read more...](#)



## **Actor Mark Ruffalo Returns From Standing Rock To Call Out Obama's Refusal To Stop Native American Land Theft**

Protests escalated in North Dakota as police moved in with armed vehicles and rubber bullets. Standing Rock youth also tried to deliver a letter to Hillary Clinton's headquarters. Actor and activist Mark Ruffalo, who just returned from North Dakota, where he and Native Renewables founder Wahleah Joh... [countercurrentnews.com](http://countercurrentnews.com)



**Iktcé Wičháša Oyáte added**

**November 9 at 5:37pm** · DAPL employees and law enforcement, in an act of dispicable behavior, urinated on a majority of the personal possessions of those in our North Camp after it was raided and bulldozed before they returned it to us.

We gathered it all at the river, prayed over it, and burnt it.

**Glenn Anthony Guerrier** *Can you see the Spirit Dancer in the flames with the Buffalo headdress. His arms open wide to gather the offering of your Patience. Look really look and see.*

### **The Standing Rock Victory You Didn't Hear About**

**Desiree Kane, YES! Magazine:** Last Thursday, the world watched in horror as a massive militarized police force attacked prayerful Indigenous Water Protectors. However, the media missed an important moment of victory: the story of how 40 to 50 Native people stood against more than 250 police on a bridge on County Road 134 in rural North Dakota. [Read the Article](#)

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### **Oil Company Lied About Safety Of DAPL – Report Exposes Thousands of Spills in Last 6 Years Alone**

Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) has demonstrated to the world how U.S. oil interests and government co-conspirators will let nothing stand in their...

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### **Drinking Water on Indigenous Land: More Violations, Less EPA**

**Brian Bienkowski, Environmental Health News:** Tribal drinking water utilities and wastewater treatment plants are far less likely to be federally inspected or receive enforcement despite more violations than non-tribal facilities, according to a new analysis of federal water laws done by Texas A&M University researchers. [Read the Article](#)

Bacteria, not hydraulic fracturing, were [likely responsible for the contamination of groundwater wells in Pavillion, Wyoming](#), according to an investigation completed by the state. The findings represent a reversal from an earlier study that was reported, but never finalized, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2011. *Associated Press*

Capital spending on updated water and sewage infrastructure remains low in the United States, according to a report released by Fitch Ratings. As a result, the credit ratings agency said it expects costly water main breaks and other [infrastructure failures to increase in number and severity](#). *Fitch Ratings*

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## **Carolyn Harry      [Reno Gazette-Journal](#)**

·For a reporter to fabricate a detail on assumption and no research and then, go to print is wrong. It was very maddening to read that Sam "failed to appear and had a warrant.." Here is the CORRECTED version.

Appreciative of retraction and changes. I no longer believe any RGJ reports or any televised police statements after witnessing firsthand blatant untruths. Sigh.

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## **One View: Western Shoshone invisible to BLM**

We are the original Nevadans, but yet we are invisible in our own homeland.      [rgj.com](#)

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*Not an act to follow Sally Jewell:*

## **BREAKING: Trump Considering Sarah Palin For Top Cabinet Position**

According to aides within Donald Trump's transition team, Sarah Palin is being considered for a top cabinet position. More specifically, it's been revealed that she...      [news.groopspeak.com](#)

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## **Competing protests      By [Brendan Trainor](#)**

On Oct. 27 the brothers Bundy—Ammon and Ryan—and five co-defendants were acquitted in Oregon federal court of all charges stemming from their protest occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge.

In what appears to be jury nullification, the jurors felt the federal government had simply not proven their charges of conspiracy to intimidate federal workers to prevent them from performing their duties with weapons brought onto federal property. The Bundy party did occupy the refuge, and they did have weapons. The reason the jury acquitted was the arrogance of the federal government in overcharging them. If the government had presented the jury with a simple trespass charge, punishable by up to a year in prison, the jury probably would have convicted.

The federal prosecutors stated during trial that the Bundys had a perfect right to protest federal policies, but then labeled that protest a criminal conspiracy. The reason, jurors felt, was to increase the penalty for convictions from a misdemeanor trespass of up to a year in prison to a felony conspiracy carrying up to six years. That, the jury—to their credit—would not go along with.

It was a stunning defeat for the feds, who rarely lose a high-profile trial in federal court, and can usually pin a conspiracy charge on Mother Teresa and the Pope and win.

During this illegal commandeering of a Keurig coffee machine in the maintenance shack on the wildlife preserve, the Bundys invited other ranchers to join. At the trial, it was revealed that at least 15 of those who came to “help” were federal informants.

For the crime of protesting while armed, 54-year-old Arizona rancher La Voy Finicum was shot dead on a snowy Oregon roadside. The protesters regularly left the wildlife refuge to talk to the locals to discuss their cause. On Jan. 26, 2016 Oregon State Police and the FBI broke an informal agreement with Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer and decided to stop and arrest them. Separate videos confirm Finicum's vehicle, which also contained Ryan Bundy and two female supporters, was forced off the road.



Finicum was upset and shouted he was leaving the vehicle, was going to see the sheriff, and if they wanted to shoot him they could just go ahead. He stepped out of the vehicle and was soon killed by police gunfire. The police said he reached for a gun, and the videos show he reached for something, but after he was shot. A terrified Ryan and the two women somehow survived by lying flat on the back seat floor of the SUV as more shots were fired at their vehicle.

Next, the Bundys face charges in Nevada relating to the original standoff over the BLM's attempt to seize their cattle for unpaid grazing fees. There was an argument in court over whether those acquitted should be allowed to return home, and a Bundy defense attorney was tasered. A perfect right to protest, indeed!

Meanwhile, in Cannonball, North Dakota, the Lakota Standing Rock Tribe is protesting an oil pipeline through land claimed by treaty. If only the left and right local rural power protesters could become allies! Most of the animus comes from the progressives who dislike the Bundys and the Western public lands movement. Constitutional conservatives want energy development but generally support the Native Americans in their disputes over federal encroachment. Getting the two sides together to focus on their common causes is like getting Donald Trump to stay focused on the issues instead of personal slights. The enemy of my enemy should be my friend.

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**George Crum** by [Gaius Chamberlain](#) [previous](#)

**George Crum was born as George Speck in 1822** in Saratoga Lake, New York, the son of a Huron Native-American mother and an African-American father who worked as a jockey. He worked for a while as a mountain guide and trapper in the Adirondack Mountains in New York.

In 1853 he became the head chef at the Cary Moon's Lake House in Lake Saratoga, New York and on one evening set out preparing the evening dinner for the guests. He intended to make french fries but a guest complained that they were too thick. Annoyed, he prepared another batch and sliced the potatoes extremely thin. After deep frying them in oil he found them very thin and very crisp and after adding salt found that the guests loved them. George began preparing the potatoes this way and they would soon become known as potato chips.

In 1860 George decided to open his own restaurant on Malta Avenue in Saratoga Lake. He featured potato chips as appetizers on each table. The restaurant was very successful and operated for 30 years, closing in 1890. Unfortunately, he never patented the potato chip, nor sought to market them outside of his restaurant. A few years after he retired, however, potato chips were mass marketed by others and would eventually become a six billion dollar a year industry.

George Crum died in 1904 at the age of 92 and left behind the legacy of creating the greatest snack food of all time.

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## **Native American veterans receive recognition in Washington**

Fifty Native American veterans from Northern Nevada and California were honored in the nation's capital on Friday. A massive crowd at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial...  
mynews4.com/By Ryan Kern



### **Report: Sage Grouse Protections Benefit Many Species**

**Suzanne Potter**, Public News Service (NV) [Play Audio in Browser Window](#)(Twildlife/iStockphoto)

CARSON CITY, Nev. - Protections for sage grouse have directly benefited multiple species that share the same habitat, according to a [new report](#).

The study examined three songbirds whose populations have declined in the vast sagebrush sea that stretches across much of Nevada and 10 other Western states. Clare Bastable, senior director of public lands for the National Wildlife Federation, said the brewer sparrow, sagebrush sparrow and sage thrasher all thrive alongside the sage grouse in their territory, known as a lek.

"It found that songbirds are 13 to 19 percent more abundant near large leks," she said, "and the large leks support half of all known sage-grouse population."

The research was funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Intermountain West Joint Venture and the Sage Grouse Initiative. Nevada is home to almost 14 percent of the known male population of sage grouse, and slightly more than 21 percent of existing sage-grouse habitat in the West.

Bastable noted that 350 other species also depend on sagebrush habitat.

"One of the things that we've been saying for a long time is, 'What's good for the bird is good for

the herd,'" she said, "because so many other big-game species - such as mule deer, elk and pronghorn - depend as well on healthy sagebrush land."

In 2015, the feds decided not to list the greater sage grouse as an endangered species, and conservation groups, state agencies and other stakeholders in the western states banded together to write the Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Plan to keep the birds off that list. Sage grouse face a number of threats in the West, including invasive species and energy development, which fragments their environment.

The report is online at [sagegrouseinitiative.com](http://sagegrouseinitiative.com).

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**World Learning** - the nonprofit parent organization of [SIT](#) - also offers high school, undergraduate, and professional programs. [The Experiment](#)'s summer programs help high school students experience another culture abroad. [SIT Study Abroad](#) provides undergraduates with accredited semester and summer study abroad programs in more than 30 countries. World Learning's [Global Development and Exchange](#) programs include training for professionals and US exchange programs for young people from 35 countries. Founded in 1932 as The Experiment in International Living, the organization that later became World Learning was inspired by Dr. Donald



**World Learning**  
Experiment in International Living | SIT Study Abroad  
SIT Graduate Institute | International Honors Program  
Global Development and Exchange

Watt's simple idea to improve understanding across cultures and nations by sending US students abroad to expand their worldviews.

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## **A Museum Becomes a Battlefield Over Poland's History**

By RACHEL DONADIO      Poised to open in January, the Museum of the Second World War in Gdansk has become a political and cultural battlefield, pitting historians against a conservative government.

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**What can Resilience VISTAS do for you?:** The BIA Climate Office and AIHEC are partnering to identify Tribes and Tribal organizations wishing to host a VISTA volunteer to work on community climate resilience projects. VISTA volunteers can be recruited to:

- Assist with climate change strategic planning and vulnerability assessments
- Provide opportunities for concerned community members to become meaningfully engaged in outreach, education, research, and planning activities
- Facilitate sustained interaction among Tribal communities facing similar issues and with the larger climate change response community, in particular U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Climate Hubs and U.S. Dept. of Interior (DOI) Climate Science Centers.



VISTAs can serve as a resource to help provide capacity for community-driven projects that address pressing local climate change concerns. Following VISTA guidelines, your project can focus on one or more of these programming priorities: economic development, healthy futures, or environmental stewardship (with an economic development or healthy futures component). In addition, projects are required to incorporate all four core VISTA principles: Capacity Building, Community Empowerment, Anti-Poverty Focus, and Sustainable Solutions (all of which should be relatively easy to include in a climate resilience project).

**Background:** AmeriCorps VISTA is willing to provide VISTAs to Tribal organizations through the Tribal Resiliency initiative, covering the cost of the VISTA stipend and other benefits VISTAs receive. AIHEC and the BIA Climate Office have identified several cost-share options that minimize cost to the host Tribal organization, particularly for those that are in a position to collaborate with a Tribal College. See an [example of a current announcement](#) for a Resilient VISTA volunteer to help the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in collaboration the Fond du Lac Band from a previous opportunity announcement. contact Al Kuslikis:

[akuslikis@aihec.org](mailto:akuslikis@aihec.org)

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**What would happen to federal lands if the Bundys got their way?** KATIE HERZOG

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**from the Sierra Club:**

Trump's transition team just released their "plan." You need to read it. It's the only way to understand what we're up against:

*Rather than continuing the current path to undermine and block America's fossil fuel producers, the Trump Administration will encourage the production of these resources by opening onshore and offshore leasing on federal lands and waters. We will streamline the permitting process for all energy projects, including the billions of dollars in projects held up by President Obama, and rescind the job-destroying executive actions under his Administration. We will end the war on coal, and rescind the coal mining lease moratorium, the excessive Interior Department stream rule, and conduct a top-down review of all anti-coal regulations issued by the Obama Administration. We will eliminate the highly invasive "Waters of the US" rule, and scrap the \$5 trillion dollar Obama-Clinton Climate Action Plan and the Clean Power Plan and prevent these unilateral plans from increasing monthly electric bills by double-digits without any measurable effect on Earth's climate.*

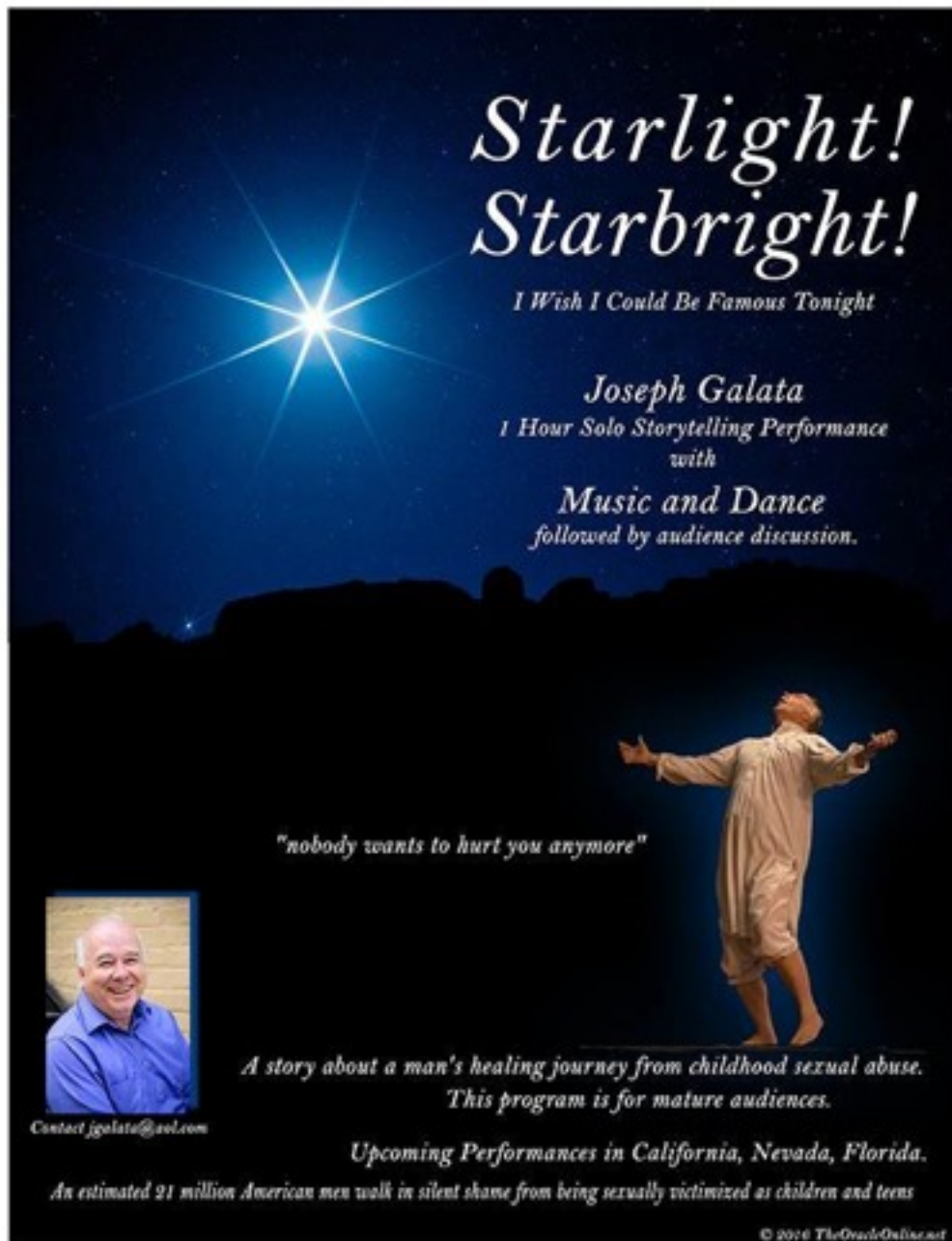
In the past eight years, 46% of all dirty coal plants have closed or are scheduled to retire. We've ended arctic offshore drilling. We've helped protect more than four million acres.

This is a plan that sends us back to the dark ages, decimating clean energy jobs, destroying habitats, and leading to almost unfathomable consequences for human health and planet.

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**Climate Disruption's Legacy: Megadroughts, Extinctions, Obituaries for Reefs**

**Dahr Jamail, Truthout:** Earth is now warmer than it has been for 115,000 years. As the planet continues to warm thanks to climate change, studies show that global wildlife numbers have fallen by 58 percent since just 1970. We are, indeed, witnessing the alarming destruction of the Earth's biosphere. [Read the Article](#)



Joseph will be performing this 60 minute musical storytelling production in Reno on **Friday November 18 at NOON** at the new [OUR CENTER](#) on Wells Avenue. Bring your lunch. The performance is FREE. Additional performances at OUR CENTER are **Saturday November 19 at 2pm and 6pm.**

Then December performances at UNR and then Florida. It would be so wonderful to have foster parents, therapists, social workers attend, especially at the FREE noon performance on the 18th at OUR CENTER



[John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove & Valley Forge Audubon Society's photo.](#)

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## **Calendar**

### [Redhawk Ranch Pow Wow/ Cultural Festival 2016](#)

**December 2 - December 4, 2016  
Wimauma, FL**

Rick Bird and Bird Chopper Drum  
with Family Singers & Dancers "  
Honoring Our Veterans " Raffle  
Sat. Dec. 3rd Drawing 3 P.M.  
Tickets \$20 Native Auction 1 P.M.  
Saturday 50/50 Each Day  
Competition Dance Sat. Dec. 3rd

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### [12th Annual Pow wow, Choctaw Casino & Resort](#)

**December 3 - December 4, 2016 Durant, OK For more information call 800-522-4700**

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### [16th Annual New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow](#)

[December 31 Muskogee, OK](#)

HEAD STAFF Master of Ceramones: Sam Howell Head Gourd Singer: Ryan Roan Horse  
Head Singer: Leonard Cozad Jr. Head Man Dancer: Josiah Hair Head Lady Dancer: Dawn  
Buffalohead Head Gourd Dancer: Clifford Springwater Color Guard: Muscogee Creek Nation  
Color Guard AD: Larry Tsosie Host Northern Drum: Red Land Singers

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### [Honoring Traditions An Eastern Woodland Native American Celebration](#)

**January 14 - January 15, 2017 Lancaster, OH**

PUBLIC WELCOME!!!! Come enjoy your first Native American celebration of the year with traditional Native American drumming, singing, dancing, and regalia. Enjoy crafts and artwork from Native American artists from around the country, along with delicious food and drinks. There will be face painting, kids crafts, and a candy dance each day for the kids. Douglas Bluefeather, award winning Native American flutist, will also be performing through out the weekend. Dates: Saturday January 14th 10am-7pm & Sunday January 15th...

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