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filmmaker is  
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**PRISON for simply documenting pipeline!    Is this what has become of America and the  
First Amendment? Help SPREAD THE WORD!    [#NoDAPL](#)**

**[Filmmaker Faces Felony Charges, 45 Years In Prison For Documentary On Pipeline  
Shutdown](#)**

It was not enough to militarize the police, allow peaceful protesters to be attacked by dogs, mass  
arrest protesters, and call in the National Guard.      bients.com

## **Seattle Takes Steps to Divest \$3 Billion From Wells Fargo Over Standing Rock**

**Ari Paul, YES! Magazine:** Seattle City Council member Kshama Sawant introduced legislation that would end the city's contract with Wells Fargo, which handles \$3 billion worth of city government business, including employee payroll. It was unanimously approved to go to a full vote in January. Will other cities follow suit? [Read the Article](#)

*Ed note: There has been some suggestion that everyone with a Wells Fargo account close it. You may want to think about it in another ways. Most of our accounts are like fleas on a dog's tail and will never equate that of Seattle which should be commended for using its fiscal strength with moral courage.*

*There have been many clever sayings about the power of fleas, but each of you has that power. The next time you are in a branch, ask the manager if he/she has received any internal memoes about Standing Rock. There have been several.....which detail the amount of business and lending/financing of tribal projects throughout the country. By asking - and insisting on seeing the memos, you will alert bottom line management you are aware and watching.*

*I previously included some information about the Equatorial Principles, an international agreement between 21 banks of process through which they must go before financing a project that may have cultural or environmental concerns. In January, each of these banks must submit a report to the Equatorial Principle Management Institute; it will be "interesting" to see what Wells Fargo submits.*

*There were 17 banks that financed DAPL; three have already pulled out (2 Norwegian and one Swedish). Wells Fargo funding was/is 4% so there other institutions to examine and challenge.*

*My question to WF management, still unanswered, goes like this:*

*"The project (DAPL) was conceived, designed, engineered, and financed based on the original route around Bismarck. The "good" people of Bismarck objected, afraid their water source would be compromised. So the Army Corps changed the route, now admitting they did it illegally and against protocol.*

*The essential questions here are 1) Did the Army Corps or Energy Transfer ever notify the funders that the route had been changed? (and provide some challenges to the Equitorial Principles?). And if they did, AT WHAT DATE?*

*There is great potential that Wells Fargo was also duped. Stay tuned.*

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### **Standing Rock Rising's photo.**

*Merry Christmas to all the Water Protectors worldwide!*

*All I want for Christmas is a dead Black Snake!-Redhawk*

[The Free Thought Project #NoDAPL in a nutshell. Learn more: http://bit.ly/2fqWs8U](#)

[Quote via Claire Bernish](#)

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### **2016 BIGGEST TRENDS**

**The Year in Water: Rising Costs, Powerful Civic Opposition, New Investment Pressure, and Stranded Assets**

In 2016 Circle of Blue found that water stresses activated big confrontations over policy, resource supply, and economic stability around the nation and the world.

Dakota Access pipeline and Flint

The two biggest water stories of the year in the United States in 2016 -- the Dakota Access pipeline protests and the lead contamination scandal in Flint -- were quests for justice. Citizens in Flint and North Dakota felt disrespected by political decisions that threatened their health and their land yet did not take their concerns into account.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe drew a line on the North Dakota prairie to stop a big oil pipeline from crossing the Missouri River. Aided by the largest gathering of Native American tribes in history – a gathering that summoned a public resistance that not even the White House could ignore – work on the crossing stopped in December pending completion of a study to assess alternatives to the pipeline route.

The Standing Rock confrontation illustrated how risks to water supply and quality give rise to powerful civic campaigns against polluters. The Dakota Access pipeline blockade also introduced new online organizing tools to galvanize broad support.

### [At Standing Rock – Water, History, and Finance Converge As Sioux Nation Mounts Storied Battle Over Dakota Access Pipeline](#)

Flint's lead crisis, meanwhile, exposed government failure at every level. The city's jaw-dropping spike in lead in drinking water and the authorities' delayed response also revealed inadequacy

in government policy. Flint refocused the public debate about how to address a relic of American infrastructure: the more than 7 million lead lines that deliver water to homes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will weigh in with a lead rule revision that is due in summer 2017.

[Strength of New EPA Lead Rule Depends on Accountability](#)

[After Flint Failure, EPA Refocuses Federal Drinking Water Role](#)

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*From Day 11 of the  
Oomaka Tokatakiya  
posted by **Ken***



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### **Water Infrastructure**

Several other significant developments attracted Circle of Blue's attention in 2016: the cost of repairing U.S. water infrastructure, financing for big industrial projects, and the grave threat to activists who oppose mining and power plant developments.

The price of water is rising in the United States at rates that outpace inflation. [The average price of water climbed 48 percent since 2010](#). The condition of water infrastructure is deteriorating, prompting engineers to project the cost of repairs at \$US 1 trillion or more. A new American social movement has gained influence to deal with both challenges. The nation also contends with water scarcity and contamination that has put groundwater supplies in jeopardy.

[Water Affordability is a New Civil Rights Movement in the United States](#)

[Broken Water Systems Reflect Midwest Election Revolt](#)

[Mississippi's Claim that Tennessee Is Stealing Groundwater Is a Supreme Court First](#)



[Lake Mead Drops But Hoover Dam Powers On](#)

[Water Pricing Dashboard](#)

Assassinations of Activists

In South Africa and elsewhere, we encountered the ultimate cost that environmental and human rights leaders were paying for opposing big projects supported by national governments.

[A Murder on South Africa Wild Coast Escalates Conflict Over](#)

[Water, Land, Mining](#)

[Murders of Activists  
Defending Safe Water and  
Environment Rise Sharply](#)

[Sacred Stone Camp](#)

**Today (12.26) we remember  
the Dakota 38, people who  
were not convicted of crimes  
but of indigeneity. They were  
murdered by the US  
government for being Dakota**



and for standing up for our people and our land. <http://m.startribune.com/dec-26-1862-38-dakota-men-execu.../.../>

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## **Trump vs. Nevada His policies and people loom**

By [Dennis Myers](#) [dennism@newsreview.com](mailto:dennism@newsreview.com) This article was published on [12.22.16](#).

Presidential electors in Carson City took photos of themselves, while (photo below) outside the building, protestors objected to the appointment of Donald Trump by the electors. Trump's presidency is likely to cause some political problems in Nevada.

The departure of President Obama and Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid from D.C. will likely create some uncomfortable situations for Nevada politicians—particularly Republicans.

At a panel discussion in a D.C. hotel last week, nuclear power lobbyist Scott Segal said, “I do think this [Trump] administration is going to be very helpful to the nuclear sector, and I think [will help with] some of the challenges in nuclear, including coming up with a solution for waste, revisiting Yucca, and other issues as well.”

There's a lot of that kind of talk going around, that programs aided or blocked by Obama or Reid, will now be handled differently.

U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina—best known for shouting “you lie” at Obama during a 2009 speech to a joint session of Congress—is now claiming that with Obama and Reid gone, the construction of a dump for high level nuclear wastes at Nevada's Yucca Mountain in Nye County can go ahead. His state has the Summer, Robinson and Oconee nuclear power stations. In addition, he is pushing for completion of a facility for converting weapons plutonium into fuel for nuclear reactors.

Last week, the Albuquerque Journal editorialized, “Nothing is what American taxpayers have received for their \$15 billion spent to date—nothing, that is, except less-secure storage of nuclear waste. And congressional leaders and the incoming administration should change that.”

The quest for a dump site was originally a scientific competition among sites in Texas, Nevada and Washington. But it became a political quest in 1987 when Congress let Washington (then home state of the U.S. House speaker) and Texas (then home state of the U.S. vice president) off the hook and targeted solely Nevada.

The impression that the dump site is ready to use has been promoted by supporters of nuclear power, though it is actually years or even decades away from being ready—the actual dump must still be built, and so must the rail line to bring waste to the site. The work done at the site so far is suitability work, to determine if it is the place to build the dump.

Post-election headlines have included references to Trump's Las Vegas holdings, as with “A nuke waste train to Yucca could pass near Trump's L.V. hotel” (Las Vegas Sun).



In addition, while the Yucca site has been effectively shut down for six years by President Obama, science has marched forward and research and development have continued. Matters that were once settled by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must now be reopened and scrutinized, including the nature of the waste and changes to the storage casks.

In addition, once the project shut down, its crew scattered to the four corners of the globe and new work. Scientists and engineers, skilled laborers and builders are now at work elsewhere. The whole project would have to be reassembled with new people.

Trump himself was non-committal during the campaign, telling Nevadans he would get back to them after he thought through the issues. He never did.

“You have to worry about safety,” Trump told Las Vegas television station KSNR in October. “And it’s a little bit close to a very major population base, so I’m going to take a very strong look at it, and I will come very strongly one way or the other. I will have an opinion.”

Even with Reid gone, Nevada will have an anti-Yucca U.S. senator, governor, legislature, and three out of four U.S. House members.

Over time, the U.S. Energy Department—once enthusiastic for the Yucca project—has evolved, and a few days ago issued a position paper giving reasons why Trump might not want to fund the project.

### **Prohibition**

Other problem areas could include legal marijuana and medical marijuana. During the Obama administration, the Justice Department mostly kept hands-off states that repealed state anti-marijuana laws.

On the day Trump lost the election but won a majority of presidential electors, eight more states approved pro-marijuana laws. Mild concern about Trump from marijuana marketers turned into major panic after he nominated Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions to be attorney general. Sessions was once quoted saying he approved of the Ku Klux Klan until he learned that its members smoked pot.

If Sessions is approved to head the Justice Department—he was previously rejected by the Senate for a U.S. attorney post because of racist comments—it would put a dedicated prohibitionist into the job, which raised the possibility that the Trump administration will put aside the Obama state’s rights policy and begin cracking down. That would pit Nevada’s Republican and highly partisan state attorney general, Adam Laxalt—who must defend Nevada state laws—against Sessions and the Trump administration.

While the Department of Energy may have softened on Yucca Mountain, the Drug Enforcement Administration seems not to have softened on marijuana. Just last week, on Dec. 7, the DEA filed a new regulation, “Establishment of a New Drug Code for Marihuana Extract,” which puts new obstacles between cannabidiol hemp oil (CBD) and children, whose epilepsy can sometimes be treated by the stuff. Some families have actually moved to Colorado to have access to a supply of it.

On Dec. 17, the Denver Post editorialized its concern about Sessions: “Colorado’s current haul helps fuel national estimated sales of \$7.4 billion in 2016. Now that California voters have followed our lead, it’s possible that another \$6.5 billion could be added to national tallies from the Golden State alone by 2020. The legal cannabis industry is the fastest-growing sector in Colorado, and it employed more than 18,000 direct and related full-time workers in 2015. For a president-elect looking to create and keep good jobs in the United States, a crackdown on this burgeoning industry would seem a poor move indeed.”

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[Bucky Harjo](#) [GuruShots.com](#)

One of my photo's got selected! #3 made it!



### [22 Eye-Popping Cultural Images from Around the world](#)

We are all very different, and yet, we are all human with the same goals and desires in life. Take a moment to view, and reflect, on how your fellow earthlings live. Together, let's ponder on our commonalities as well as the beauty of our differences. [gurushots.com](#)

### [Evening to Morning at Standing Rock Oceti Sakowin by Bucky Harjo - PhotoBlog](#)

We Are In This Together! The American Indian is of the soil, whether it be the region of forests, plains, pueblos, or mesas. He fits into the landscape, for the... [photoblog.com](#)

### [ALEC's Little Brother, ACCE, Has Big Plans for 2017](#)

**Steve Arnold, PR Watch:** The American City County Exchange -- "ALEC's little brother" -- was created to spread a strict free market agenda to the most local levels of government. Like ALEC, the group produces model bills by and for corporate sponsors that prey on the public.

[Read the Article](#)

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### [Arctic Waters Have Been Rescued From Drilling, but What About the Land?](#)



**Brennan Lagasse, YES!**

**Magazine:** The oil industry has tried to drill in the Arctic Refuge since its inception, but, fight after fight, environment and community have won. The reason? The relentless work of the Gwich'in people in a struggle to survive.

[Read the Article](#)

[History isn't a 'useless' major. It teaches critical thinking, something America needs plenty more of](#)

Since the beginning of the Great Recession in 2007, the history major has lost...

latimes.com | By James Grossman

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## Calendar

**January 11 Deadline** - White House 2017-2018 White House Fellows Program. Selected individuals typically spend a year working as a full-time paid Fellow to senior White House Staff, Cabinet Secretaries and other top-ranking government officials. For more information click [here](#).

**January 31 Deadline** - Cherokee Nation Foundation Scholarships. A wide range of scholarships to help reverse the trend of rising student debt. Different eligibility requirements. For information click [here](#).

**February 13 Deadline** - National Environmental Health Association Internship Program. Students will be exposed to career opportunities, benefits, and the challenges with working with environmental public health agencies throughout the US. For more information click [here](#).

**February 15 Deadline** -STEP-UP - Short Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons for 11th and 12th grade high school students that want to explore possibilities in science and research experiences in biomedical, clinical and social sciences. Highlights 8-10 weeks research experience, summer stipend, work with experienced science mentors. All expense paid trip to the National Institute of Health to present your research project early August. Call (702) 895-4003 or email [Noe](#).

## Resources

**Tribal Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Best Practices Guide 2016** - Guide offers recommended strategies to increase seat belt use, increase child safety seat use, and reduce alcohol-impaired driving in Indian Country. For information click [here](#).

**4 Directions Development Program - Partnership with Native Americans** - 6 month program, cohort meets in Phoenix, four times in six months. All expenses are covered. Cohort is a mix of participants from different reservations throughout Arizona. Each participant is given an Advisor/Key to provide



individualized support throughout the program. Presenters are Native professionals whom are experts in their fields. For information contact Kayleen at (602) 340-8050 or email [her.](#)

**Double Up Food Bucks** - For more information about this innovative program click [here.](#) This program provides double the value of SNAP and food stamp benefits used at farmers markets and grocery stores around the Valley, helping people bring home more healthy fruits and vegetables while supporting local farmers.

**\$3.00 Phoenix Zoo Opportunity for Low Income Families who use EBT Card** - For information click [here.](#)

**Maricopa County Food Systems Coalition** - For information click [here.](#)

**Art talent? Do you like to paint/draw?** - If so, please help depict the Phoenix Indian School experience. The artwork will be installed in early 2017 around Steele Indian School Park. Join PHX Renews, 4221 N. Central Avenue on 12/6, 12/8, 12/12, 12/14, 12/20, or 12/22 from 8:00 a.m. -noon. For more information call Rodale at (602) 264-6768.

**Dental Health Therapists in Tribal Communities** - For information click [here.](#)



**January 7 TECUMSEH LODGE ~ MID-WINTER POW WOW SATURDAY**  
**Danville, IN** HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS (EXPOSITION HALL) 1900  
EAST US 36 (CORNER OF US 36 & COUNTY ROAD 200 E) DANVILLE, INDIANA HEAD  
DANCERS HEAD MAN: SAM MURPHY – NASHVILLE, IN HEAD LADY: MARIEA FOX

HOEFLING – NASHVILLE, IN DRUMS    MASTER OF CEREMONIES STRONG HEART  
SINGERS    CHRIS STOLTMAN–CHICAGO, IL KINGFISHER... [Find More Information »](#)

**January 14 - January 15, 2017 [Honoring Traditions An Eastern Woodland](#)  
[Native American Celebration](#)    [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...  
[Find More Information »](#)

**January 14 [Morning Star Pow Wow](#)**    Bel Air, MD  
American Indian PowWow Morning Star Celebration 17th Annual Benefit for St. Labré Indian School All are Welcome to Celebrate American Indian Culture Music, Dance, Food, Art and Crafts Saturday, January 14, 2017 John Carroll School in Bel Air, Maryland Doors Open at 10 a.m Master of Ceremonies ~ Dennis Zotigh 1 p.m.~Grand Entry~1 p.m. Suggested Donation for Admission is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. Proceeds benefit St. Labré Indian School in Ashland, Montana. Schedule 11:15  
[Find More Information »](#)

**February 04 - February 04 [BAY AREA AMERICAN INDIAN TWO SPIRITS POW WOW](#)**  
[2 Marina Boulevard, San Francisco, CA - 94115](#)

**February 04 - February 18 [THUNDERBIRD AMERICAN INDIAN DANCERS CONCERT AND POWWOW](#)**    155 First Avenue , New York, NY - 10003

**February 17 - February 19 [THE BOIS FORTE MIDWINTER POWWOW 2017](#)**  
[5344 Lakeshore Drive , Nett Lake, MN - 55772](#)

**February 25 - February 26 [Flagler County Native American Festival](#)**  
[2500 Princess Place Road, Palm Coast, FL - 32137](#)

**February 10 - February 12 [2017 Seminole Tribal Fair and Pow Wow](#)**  
[1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, FL - 33021](#)

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**[Teaching kids philosophy makes them smarter in math and English](#)**

Disadvantaged students made the biggest academic gains.  
qz.comlBy Jenny Anderson

In Loving Memory of Our  
Peatse'e, Hoots'e, Moo'atse & Hube'etse'e

*Bernita Winnemucca Teton*



June 4, 1925 - December 17, 2016

Traditional Wake will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2016  
at the Teton Residence - 726 Basin Road, Nixon, Nevada  
*Please dress warmly as the Traditional Wake will be held outside. Food  
Donations are appreciated.*

Funeral services to be held on  
Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 11am  
at the Nixon Gymnasium

Burial will be at the Nixon Cemetery  
**Food donations will be greatly appreciated**