

Journal - Sunday Special

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Hope you've finished the Sunday papers because here's a whole lot on which to catch up! sdc



Another MUST READ:

William Boardman, Reader Supported News

Boardman writes: "This is the deeply pathological American entitlement that has no difficulty sharing blankets laced with smallpox, no difficulty wiping out men, women, and children at Sand Creek or Ludlow, Colorado, no difficulty slaughtering guards and prisoners at Attica, and no difficulty waging war crimes in countries sorely in need of disentanglement, at least in American eyes." [READ MORE](#) *And be sure to read the comments. sdc*

[At Standing Rock, a Sense of Purpose: "This Is How We Should Be Living"](#) Sarah van Gelder, **YES! Magazine:** Life at the water protectors' encampment at the Standing Rock Sioux reservation is much like life was for millions of years of human evolution -- close to the Earth, near a river, clustered in family and community camps. There's a rightness to these connections. [Read the Article](#)

[U.S. Army Corps of Engineers grants Special Use Permit to Standing Roc](#)

Today the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a Special Use Permit to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to use Federal lands managed by the Corps near Lake Oahe. Omaha District Commander, Col. nwo.usace.army.mil

GBRW supports the actions at Standing Rock, and we have dealt with similar issues here. Most recently our fight at Mt Tenabo to protect the culture area from the Barrick Gold corp's Cortez Hills Mine, which has now effectively obliterated the culture area.

Participate and help as you can this effort. Below is an action notice from Be the Change Project. Please forward widely. John Hadder

From: Kyle Chandler-Isacksen <kisacksen@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Standing Rock Solidarity Event and Send Off

Hey, everyone. Here's the email flyer about the **event on Tuesday**. Thanks!

On Thu, Sep 15, 2016 at 9:08 PM, Kyle Chandler-Isacksen <kisacksen@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi, all. This coming Tuesday the 20th from 5-6pm we are having Standing Rock Solidarity and Send-Off Event at the downtown plaza. We hope you all can make it and share with your networks.

Local native organizers and the Be the Change Project with the help of PLAN are putting together a small caravan to head to North Dakota on Wednesday morning. We're bringing thousands of articles of warm winter clothing, tents, tarps, and medical supplies to help the Water Protectors as cold weather sets in. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to cover the cost of the trip, to donate cash to the camp, and to buy and plant trees in Reno to offset the carbon footprint of the trip.

The tentative program on Tuesday night will be:

- Opening music and prayer
- Speakers - Debra Harry and Bucky Harjo (who will have both recently returned from Standing Rock) to give a report on the situation there, and me (Kyle Chandler-Isacksen) talking briefly about how Standing Rock relates to bigger climate and sustainability issues
- Fill the Truck - we'll have the truck on hand so folks can bring and load needed supplies (wish list [here](#))
- T-shirts for sale to benefit the trip, fact sheets, local action to take...
- Closing singing

Donations can be made on our Be the Change Project website [here](#). There is a link on the bottom right of the page.

We'll have flyers and digital flyers to share with you all tomorrow, too.

So far, in one day, we've raised \$1,060.

Hope you all can make it and thanks for any help you can give!

<http://www.ecowatch.com/dakota-access-pipeline-protest-2004697540.html>

Red Warrior Camp Spokesman Freed on Bond

Hall is charged with criminal trespass. indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com

UPDATE: There are multiple lockdowns at two Dakota Access Pipeline construction sites. All work has stopped. A surveillance plane and helicopter are circling overhead. Police have blocked all road access to both sites. Approx 100 riot police have arrived, to at least one site, armed with assault rifles and less-lethal weapons. Arrests underway, and Facebook is censoring our live video stream. ~ Unicorn Riots

Photos: Anti-pipeline protesters across America stand with Standing Rock

KATIE HERZOG

Miss Indian World Visits Sacred Stone Camp #NODAPL,

This past weekend the current reigning Miss Indian World 2016 – Danielle Ta'Sheena Finn went to Cannonball, North Dakota to protect her water! The cause is personal to Danielle because shes an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux!

Check out the video above to listen to Danielle's thoughts on what this movement means to her and her community!

You can find Danielle on Facebook: www.facebook.com/danielletasheenafinn or on Instagram: www.instagram.com/danielletasheenafinn [READ MORE](#)

Police Call In FBI To Stop Native Americans From Protesting Dakota Access Pipeline

Sacred Stone, North Dakota — While Keystone XL, perhaps one of the most newsworthy oil pipelines in recent memory, lies dead at Obama's feet, the...countercurrentnews.com

This week has been incredible. I'm so proud to be part of this big, beautiful movement with you -- here's just the latest reason why:

On Tuesday, more than 200 actions were organized in just a few short days to show our collective solidarity with the fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline. From banner-drops in California to main-street rallies in small Midwest towns, to actions as far afield as London and Hawaii -- this movement truly came together to #StandWithStandingRock.

This week's largest rally, in Washington, DC, had over 3,000 people calling on President Obama to stop the pipeline (along with featured speakers like Senator Bernie Sanders, Tara Houska, Van Jones, Chase Iron Eyes, Rev Yearwood, and Jasilyn Charger).

Last week, President Obama blocked the final federal permit needed to build the pipeline. Now, the Administration has opened the door to using a more thorough review process, one that takes climate and tribal consultation into account, like Keystone XL.

[You can still stand with the Standing Rock Sioux, who are leading this fight on the ground, by calling on President Obama to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline for good. Add your voice here.](#)

What's happening right now in Standing Rock -- and the simultaneous landowner opposition gathering steam in Iowa -- is a historic display of resistance. In fact, one reporter commented that "the oil industry has never been more scared."

This isn't the first pipeline we've fought together -- and it won't be the last -- but something special about the Dakota Access uprising has captured the country's imagination. The dedication, moral clarity, and brilliant organizing on the part of Native tribes and Indigenous-led organizations is that something special.

The actions this week have been a powerful show of solidarity, but this fight is definitely not over. Let's keep showing up and standing with the Standing Rock Sioux and everyone fighting this thing on the ground. Right now, the best way to do that is to add your voice:

[Sign the petition to President Obama here.](#)

There's plenty more to do: Join one of the upcoming actions targeting financial institutions that are funding the pipeline [here](#), contribute to efforts on the ground via the [Sacred Stone Camp supply fund](#), the [Sacred Stone Camp legal defense fund](#), or the [Red Warrior Camp legal defense fund](#), or contribute to farmer and landowner organizing efforts in Iowa [here](#).

Dakota Access hasn't seen the last of us. Together, we can stop this pipeline -- and every pipeline after it.

Thank you for everything you do, Emily for the rest of the [350.org](#) team

P.S. Check out some of the social media from this week's #StandWithStandingRock day of action [here](#), and see the best photos from actions around the country [here](#).

Audrey Thayer Please prayers. My son Charlie Thayer, has been arrested in Standing Rock today during the intrusion of law enforcement at the Dakota Access Site. I have tears of happy because I raised him to stand up to principles. I have tears of sad. I am a mama. My boy was arrested for all of us. Water Protector. Warrior.

What a difference a month can make!

<http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2016/08/new-american-mega-pipeline-youve-never-heard>

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/37339-standing-rock-sioux-chairman-dakota-access-pipeline-is-threatening-the-lives-of-my-tribe>

<http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/38733-a-tale-of-two-standoffs>

[ACLU of North Dakota Statement on First Amendment Violations at Dakota Access Pipeline Protests](#)

The curbing of peaceful protests at the site of the Dakota Access Pipeline...
aclund.org

Charles P. Pierce: This Is a Powerful Political Moment That Most Americans Are Missing [Read the Article at Esquire](#)

[Far From Over: Four Lessons Non-Natives Can Learn From #NoDAPL](#)

Benji Hart, Radical Faggot: A true revolution is in the works in North Dakota, and while it is being led by Native communities, it has radical implications for all oppressed people, as we continue to learn how to fight back against the interlocking bodies undoing our communities and denying us our most basic resources. [Read the Article](#)

[Seattle City Council Demands That North Dakota Drop All Charges Against Activists and Journalists at Standing Rock](#) [thestranger.com](#)

[Valley News Live](#)

A series of videos have surfaced on YouTube in the last week, posted by the international activist and hacker group Anonymous threatening harm against those inv...[See More](#)

[Online video threats target President, ND Governor and National Guard in pipeline protest](#)

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valleynewslive.comlBy KVLVY

[Crude awakening: At least 58 U.S. oil companies have gone bankrupt this year...](#)

salon.comlBy Angelo Young

[Twenty-three Water Protectors Being Denied Bail by Morton Co. Sheriff 'NO! DAPL'](#)

By Brenda Norrell Censored News CANNON BALL, North Dakota -- Morton...
bsnorrell.blogspot.com

[Why There's a Media Blackout on the Native American Oil Pipeline Blockade](#)

North Dakota — As the Lakota Sioux continue their peaceful blockade of the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access Pipeline, the story's absence from the national media narrative is palpable. Considering the corporate media's chronic quest for controversial stories on government versus public standoffs, you'd th... countercurrentnews.com

[Collage of Standing Rock protectors and posters](#)

Water protectors with Standing Rock. Posters of protectors [youtube.com](#)

<http://www.desmog.ca/2016/09/08/owner-acid-leaking-tulsequah-chief-mine-goes-receivership>

Trudeau Silent as B.C. First Nations Take Site C Dam Fight to Federal Court | DeSmog Canada

<http://www.desmog.ca/2016/09/13/trudeau-silent-bc-first-nations-take-site-c-dam-fight-federal-court> Aaron Carapella 9.16.16

For those of you wondering what the **Oceti Sakowin Camp** looks like at Standing Rock from the air, here you go! This is what action looks like

Hasta la vista Inuit and indigenous island, coastal dwellers & salmon. EN
<http://earthsky.org/earth/what-if-all-of-earths-icemelted>



John Horning Takes Direct Action To Keep It In The Ground

Just moments ago, WildEarth Guardians Executive Director John Horning was arrested in Washington, D.C. for blocking the lobby of the Department of the Interior.

He was joined by Indigenous, frontline, and environmental leaders from across the nation who were also arrested.

John took this action to send an unmistakable message. **To protect our climate, our future, and our public lands, President Obama must end the obsolete and controversial program of leasing our public lands and waters to dirty energy companies.** We've got to Keep It in the Ground!

Let's hope this message is heard loud and clear in the White House. If you haven't yet, [please send a letter](#) to President asking to end new fossil fuel leasing.

Your voice is helping the Keep It in the Ground message get louder than ever. Thank you.

As he was being hauled away, John remarked, **"With our future at stake, we have to be bold and take big risks."**

Not everybody can these risks, but we can all raise our voices. [Please speak out today](#) and help us build momentum.

And don't worry, John's okay. But wow, we've stepped it up in a big way and we're definitely not going back.

We are going to win this campaign. **We are going to Keep It in the Ground!**

For the wild,

Jeremy Nichols, Climate and Energy Program Director, WildEarth Guardians
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Delegation, governor call for federal law enforcement resources

WASHINGTON — Senators John Hoeven and Heidi Heitkamp, Congressman Kevin Cramer and Gov. Jack Dalrymple today called on the U.S. Justice Department to...
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- [North Dakota court clerk reprimanded for 'appalling' Facebook post about pipeline protesters](#)
- [All eyes on North Dakota — full story isn't being told](#)
- [Charge against reporter 'raises a red flag'](#)
- [Dakota Access Pipeline removes equipment from construction site](#)
- [Private security licensing board opens investigation into use of dogs](#)

Federal judge cancels restraining order

Wisconsin guard, tribal member Koenig joins pipeline protest

The Latest: Judge drops injunction against tribal leaders

Standing Rock tribal leaders represented by former U.S. attorney

Former North Dakota U.S. Attorney Tim Purdon will represent the Standing Rock Sioux tribal l...

MinnPost

Why the Dakota Access pipeline fight may be a turning point in U.S. environmental politics

In about two weeks' time, Indian-led opposition to the Dakota Access oil pipeline has grown in stature from a somewhat local, perhaps desperate struggle to what may well prove a watershed event in modern American history, marking significant shifts in environmental politics and pipeline policy.

Given the Obama administration's newfound willingness to give it more federal review, [announced last Friday](#), it seems at least possible that the 1,172-mile pipeline, said by its owners to be 60 percent complete already, may seriously falter and even fail.

It also appears probable that the unity of tribes across the U.S. in support of the Standing Rock Sioux will persist long beyond their ad hoc collaboration of the moment, regularly described as exceeding in size and power the alliance preceding the Battle of the Greasy Grass 140 years ago. (And we know how that one — aka the Battle of the Little Bighorn — turned out.)

But the fight over the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is also over issues beyond saving tribal burial grounds from the bulldozer or protecting reservation rights to clean water from the Missouri River. White farmers and other landowners also have opposed the project along its route from the Bakken formation in North Dakota through South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois, though with little success and less coverage so far.

There were [18 arrests on Saturday in Boone County](#), bringing the Iowa total to nearly 50, which doesn't rival the tally over many weeks at the Standing Rock protests but isn't trivial, either.

In addition to local environmental concerns, or simply wanting the pipeline routed away from their own properties, many in Iowa and elsewhere resent the four states' grants of eminent domain to the project, which enable Energy Transfer Partners to take by legal force any easements for its pipeline that it can't obtain by writing a check.

Eminent domain is typically reserved for the taking of private property for a public purpose, like highways and power lines. Speaking of power lines, we now come to perhaps the most far-reaching way in which the DAPL battle may change national policy — by focusing attention and ire on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision to authorize the pipeline without environmental review under its Nationwide Permit 12 program, aka NWP 12.

Normally a four-state pipeline built to carry petroleum products across the landscape, like every other project with significant potential impact on the surrounding environment, would require federal review under the National Environmental Policy Act. The requirement is obvious and until recently it was routinely met.

But in the last several years, in a shift most commentators trace to the Obama White House, several large pipeline projects have gotten federal signoff under NWP 12, which is administered by the Corps as part of its authority to protect the nation's surface waters and wetlands.

Fast track for pipeline permits

Designed for power lines, substations and similar public utility projects, this permit assumes minimal impact from, say, a tower or building whose surface disturbance would be less than a half-acre in size. By approving DAPL under NWP 12, the Corps

essentially decided to treat it as a series of small wetland crossings instead of a four-state infrastructure project that will transport perhaps a half-million gallons of petroleum products per day, with high risks for spills and a huge contribution to global warming.

(As some may remember, this is the authority under which President Obama announced with pride that his administration would fast-track a TransCanada pipeline that had been part of Keystone XL, before eventually deciding to reject the remainder. For a good discussion of this history, you could do worse than [Steve Horn's Desmog Blog post of last Thursday](#).)

And though many national environmental groups have opposed DAPL — with special emphasis on the NWP 12 issues — mainstream media attention has been fairly light across the country and perhaps especially so in the Twin Cities. As Bill Richardson, the former congressman, governor, ambassador and energy secretary from New Mexico, [wrote on Wednesday in The Hill](#):

As someone who regularly appears on television to discuss the day's top stories, I've been fielding calls lately to give my thoughts on Secretary Clinton's health, Donald Trump's health, Secretary Clinton's foundation, Donald Trump's foundation, and so on. Yet, I have not received a single call from the media asking about the most important and quintessentially American story that is playing out on the banks of the Missouri River in North Dakota right now.

Clashes at the protest site

Interest has grown dramatically, however, since a flurry of activity that began Sept. 3, when bulldozers flanked by private security guards began digging near the Standing Rock protesters' encampment, at a spot the tribe had just identified in a court filing as containing old burial sites.

Guards and protesters clashed. Pepper spray and guard dogs were deployed; reports indicate at least several protesters were bitten, at least one of them a child. In remarks that have echoed for many our southern civil rights struggles of the 1960s, local cops have consistently accused the protesters of starting all the trouble by throwing rocks, using flags as weapons and brandishing "pipe bombs" ([later corrected to "peace pipes."](#))

The authorities have not helped their worldwide image by [holding one protest organizer, arrested on a misdemeanor trespassing charge, without bail](#) and [issuing arrest warrants](#) for a nationally known broadcast journalist (Amy Goodman of "Democracy Now," accused of stepping onto private land) as well as presidential candidate (Jill Stein, who admits spray-painting a bulldozer with the tag, "I approve this message.")

To my mind, however, the best parallel here is not Selma but Pine Ridge and all the other places in the Dakotas where authorities fought the American Indian Movement in a series of skirmishes and sieges so well documented by Peter Matthiessen's "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse." How I wish he were still with us to add his perspective on what's unfolding there today.

And I think the sometimes embarrassing conduct of Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier and the officers he commands shouldn't shift all the focus away from the behavior of Energy Transfer Partners, which by most accounts has muscled its way through state-level project reviews and is suing protest leaders in a clear attempt at intimidating them into silence.

Meanwhile, the Standing Rock protest has set off like-minded demonstrations in Detroit, St. Louis, Toronto and, of course, [at the White House](#); according to The Nation, [more than 100 protests were planned worldwide](#) for Tuesday.

It has also inspired [a Michigan tribe to withdraw its approval](#) of a settlement between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Enbridge pipeline company over damage from the big spill at Kalamazoo in 2010. Echoing the Standing Rock Sioux, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa says its treaty rights to consultation on matters affecting the Straits of Mackinac, which are crossed by an Enbridge line, were ignored in drafting the deal.

Where do we go from here?

Most of the DAPL project can go forward despite the administration's decision to temporarily block construction on Corps-controlled land on or under the Missouri River at Lake Oahe until it resolves "important issues [of consultation] raised by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other tribal nations and their members regarding the Dakota Access pipeline specifically, and pipeline-related decision-making generally."

The announcement said the Corps will "move expeditiously" to reach this resolution and asked Energy Transfer Partners to voluntarily suspend DAPL work elsewhere until that's done; to nobody's surprise, the company declined.

At the same time, the Corps' NWP 12 is heading for expiration next May unless it is renewed; public comments on renewal were collected during the summer but no decision has been made. Given the level of controversy that has arisen from the DAPL example, it seems fair to wonder if there might not be significant changes, at the least, in store for the permit or the ways it is applied.

Especially given this paragraph from the announcement:

Furthermore, this case has highlighted the need for a serious discussion on whether there should be nationwide reform with respect to considering tribes' views on these types of infrastructure projects. Therefore, this fall, we will invite tribes to formal, government-to-government consultations on two questions: (1) within the existing statutory framework, what should the federal government do to better ensure meaningful tribal input into infrastructure-related reviews and decisions and the protection of tribal lands, resources, and treaty rights; and (2) should new legislation be proposed to Congress to alter that statutory framework and promote those goals.

[Click here to read more on our site](#)

owens valley paiute tribe at the sacred stone camp at Standing Rock ND

Owens Valley paiute tribe at the sacred stone camp in Cannonball on Standing Rock
indian reservation youtube.com

[From the Eagle Watch September 17, 2016](#)

Skirmish Lost in Psychological Warfare

We need to understand that, whether we like it or not, we are engaged in severe psychological warfare.

Last week Activists and the Alternative Media lost a skirmish when many people hurried to post that Obama did a good thing abt the pipeline. Few of us noticed the sentence abt asking the company to voluntarily stop which we knew they would not. The situation is in fact, escalating every day with the oligarchs using more and more potentially lethal force on the protectors.

Reading carefully is a part of the cyber warrior's skill set. Especially when you're going to turn around and repeat it. A lotta people are NOT reading carefully but reacting knee jerk and it is not helpful. Now damage control is necessary because of it.

The good news is that many dedicated people who are courageous and have great self discipline are taking risks chaining themselves to equipment and filming these actions. The problem is the mainstream media blackout and attempts to vilify these non violent tactics.

The below article is another aspect of the information warfare. Hiding, denying, modifying and destroying facts and then having to fight to get the truth out there.

Kittoh

Share with your Friends. Help to get the Word out there.

<http://countercurrentnews.com/2016/09/native-americans-document-hundreds-pipeline-leaks-oil-spills-kept-secret-north-dakota-government/#>

CSKT sending help to tribe protesting Dakota Access Pipeline

Supplies are on the way from the Flathead to North Dakota to help support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. <http://www.kpax.com> By Nicole Miller

Fallout:

Alabama, Georgia declare state of emergency after pipeline spill

[Declaration allows truck drivers to log extra hours to bring fuel to areas normally served by the pipeline.](#)

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State Laws - Preservation Law - Historic Preservation - State Historical Society of North Dakota

State Historic Preservation Office North Dakota Preservation Law State Laws

history.nd.gov

Governor candidates call for audit of North Dakota Oil and Gas...

BISMARCK – Two gubernatorial candidates from opposing parties called Thursday for an audit of North Dakota’s Oil and Gas Division, raising concerns that production numbers are not being verified and citing a tip that employees were ordered to destroy public records – a claim the agency’s spokeswoman...

inforum.com

Dunn County residents submit petition for grand jury to investigate...

WILLISTON, N.D. - Residents of Dunn County want a grand jury to decide if campaign contributions Gov. Jack Dalrymple accepted from the oil industry may be...

grandforksherald.com

Chevron vs. the Amazon

Abby Martin, teleSUR: This documentary features a deep investigation into Chevron Texaco's intentional spilling of 19 billion gallons of oil and waste in Ecuador's pristine Amazon rainforest -- and the 25-year-long legal battle that followed. [Watch the Video](#)

Land of Enfrackment – Def-i’s Powerful Song Takes on Oil Industry

As a teenager in the 90s, I listened to a lot of hip hop from groups like A Tribe Called Quest, De La Soul, Del The Funky Homosapien, etc. Some called it the golden era of hip hop, with a lot of the rhymes and subject matter being political or “conscious” in nature. I miss listening to stuff like this and wondered where it all went. I know, it’s probably still out there, I’m not digging like I used to, but I think a lot of the current Native rappers out there have picked up the torch. We’re constantly trying to bring awareness about clean water, no oil pipelines and other issues on the reservations and in Native communities and music is just one way we can get the message out there.

With that being said, you have to check out this new video from Christopher Mike-Bidtah, aka Def-i. I first saw him at Gathering of Nations performing with jazz group [Delbert Anderson Trio](#) and was blown away by the whole band. His solo stuff is just as amazing.

This song comes at just the right time, when all nations are joining together to fight the [Dakota Access Pipeline](#). [READ More](#)

Feds Still Restoring Santa Clara River After '90s Pipeline Breaks SCVNEWS.com

The communities surrounding the Santa Clara River in southern *California* are ... Oil spills can be detrimental to wildlife reliant on the dam

What Amy Goodman's Arrest Warrant Means for the Dakota Access Pipeline and Free Speech

The arrest warrant for Amy Goodman sets an alarming precedent that cannot be ignored.

Vogue

Pat Pruitt - Gonna be pretty when that thing fails...

DAPL capacity = 470,000 barrel per day (570,000 barrels max)

470,000 barrels = 19,740,000 gallons per day

19,740,000 gallons = 2,638,854 cubic feet per day



Now just imagine what would happen if the pipe were to fail catastrophically for just ONE hour...that's 109,952 cubic feet, or 822,498 gallons of oil...these are not meandering streams...

If you think this is just a Native issue...think again...

[#NoDAPL](#)

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