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Bills to counteract threats to Gold Butte National Monument come before the state legislature this week. (Friends of Gold Butte)
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Mike Ludwig, Truthout: The Portland City Council's decision to phase out corporations from its investment portfolio is a major victory for local divestment activists. Their campaign focused on fighting companies with questionable records on the environment and human rights, including ties to the Dakota Access pipeline, the private prison industry and the Israeli occupation of Palestine. [Read the Article](#)

Activists report that Oklahoma oil and gas injection wells threaten state's drinking water

http://m.dailykos.com/stories/2017/4/7/1651286/-Activists-report-that-Oklahoma-oil-and-gas-injection-wells-threaten-states-drinking-water?detail=email&link_id=13&can_id=565454_a1645b196232195afb36a99f71&source=email-former-snl-cast-member-confirms-what-we-all-suspected-about-trump-in-real-life&email_referrer=former-snl-cast-member-confirms-what-we-all-suspected-about-trump-in-real-life&email_subject=former-snl-cast-member-confirms-what-we-all-suspected-about-trump-in-real-life

Ethnic Studies Courses Break Down Barriers and Benefit Everyone -- So Why the Resistance?

J. Gabriel Ware, YES! Magazine: Everyone, regardless of race and ethnicity, benefits from learning ethnic studies because they deconstruct negative stereotypes and assumptions about people, thus strengthening relationships among different cultures. However, cities adopting ethnic studies curricula in their public schools are meeting resistance. [Read the Article](#)

Senate Bill 115, prohibiting concealed weapons in libraries without written permission, passed the full Senate on a 12-9 vote and is now in the Assembly.

A few of the bills facing a Friday deadline for action:

SB174: To rename McCarran Airport for Sen. Harry Reid.

SB236: To allow for public social clubs where people could smoke recreational marijuana.

SB261: To allow a physician to prescribe drugs to end a patient's life under certain circumstances.

SB288: To make not wearing a safety belt a primary traffic offense.

SB426: To require moped riders to wear helmets.

AB158: To legalize the use of fish to perform pedicures by nibbling dead skin.

AB237: To abolish the death penalty.

AB287: To ban expiration dates on gift cards.

AB334: To prohibit slower drivers from blocking the left lane of a highway.

AB443: To ban the use of dogs in bear hunts.

Reminder:

Nevada's every -other-year state legislature convened in Carson City in February. It's easy for anyone to comment on bills through the state NELIS website.

To comment on all state bills and resolutions go here:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/79th2017/A/>

From PLAN:.

Below are opportunities to take action in Washoe County and at the Nevada Legislature, click each event name for details and to commit to attend:

Friday April 14 - [Holland Project 10 Year Anniversary Weekend](#)

Saturday April 15 - [Tax Day Rally, Wingfield Park](#)

[March for Science peacekeeper training](#)

Monday April 17 - [Senator Dean Heller and Representative Mark Amodei town hall at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center](#)

[Senator Dean Heller speaks at the Nevada Legislature](#)

Friday April 21 - [Wells Fargo #NoDAPL divestment rally](#)

Saturday April 29 - [Our Center 1st Birthday](#)

Tuesday May 2 - [Nevada Conservation Lobby Day](#)

June 15-18 - [Great Basin Water Tour](#) (kick off from Clark and Washoe counties, traveling through rural Nevada)

And don't forget to [visit the legislative website to view the agenda](#) of the day and view bill hearings and floor sessions live online. [You can also click here to share your opinion on legislation like:](#)

AB175 and SB106 to raise Nevada's minimum wage

AB384 to enact fair hiring policies for government jobs to ensure all Nevadans have a fair chance at employment (also known as Ban the Box!)

SB231 to provide a public accounting of how much water the mining industry uses (also known as the Healthy Water Basins bill)



Herders move sheep to a grazing area near C Hill on Tuesday morning. Full story was in Wednesday's Appeal.

H&R Block Budget Challenge **Application Deadline : May 22, 2017**
<http://www.hrblockdollarsandsense.com/what-were-do...> **Amount: \$100,000**
Allison Ducote, One H&R Block Way, Kansas City , MO 64105
Scholarship Description

- The H&R Block Budget Challenge is a free teen financial literacy program in the form of an online game that simulates real life as an adult: paying bills, managing expenses, saving money, investing in retirement, paying taxes and more. Participants play classroom against classroom and students against students in this learning-by-doing simulation to win \$3 million in grants and scholarships. Awards include:
 - 60 opportunities for classroom grants up to \$5K
 - 132 opportunities for student scholarships of \$20K
 - Grand prize scholarship of \$100K
 - Student incentive during game play

Budget Challenge is limited to those students playing in a classroom registered by their teacher. Students and parents, be sure to tell teachers to enroll your class for the chance to win some big bucks to put towards your future.

Think of Budget Challenge as a road test to personal finance. Students are in the drivers' seat as they immerse into the financial life of a recent college graduate who has been working for about six months. Each student gets a regular paycheck, a checking account, a 401(k) savings account and bills to pay throughout the simulation. By maximizing 401(k) savings, paying bills on time and responding correctly to quiz questions while avoiding fees like late fees, overdraft fees and finance charges, students increase their individual score.

At the conclusion of each simulation period, the 22 students with the highest individual scores each win a \$20,000 student scholarship. Individual rankings are updated nightly and visible to the student through their unique login on the student's Budget Challenge homepage. A student is only eligible to win one \$20,000 scholarship over the course of the entire program period. Deadlines vary.

Southwest Airlines Education Travel Program **<http://www.hacu.net/hacu/lanzate.asp>**
Scholarship Committee development@hacu.net **Deadline: May 22, 2017**
Scholarship Description

- Through this national education initiative, Southwest Airlines will award round trip airline tickets to undergraduate and graduate students across the country who travel away from home to pursue a higher education and meet the eligibility criteria.

A selection committee consisting of national education advocates and community leaders will select the award recipients. Recipients may be awarded 1-4 roundtrip tickets for the student and/or parent to use when traveling to/from the college/university. The

complimentary airline ticket(s) can be used for travel to any of the Southwest Airlines destinations in the United States & Puerto Rico.

Eligibility:

- Student must be enrolled in a college at least 200 miles from their designated home
- Student must be in good academic standing as determined by his or her college
- Student must have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Applicants must be 18 years old or older at time of application
- Recipient must be a legal U.S. resident
- All federal government regulations related to air travel and Transportation Security Administration rules must be adhered to, including, but not limited to, producing a valid government issued photo ID for air travel
- Needed travel must be to/from Southwest Airlines destinations
- Student should specify extent of financial need or constraints when writing essay
- If selected, students will be required to submit and Enrollment Verification Form from his or her college/university
- Student must identify direct or parental ties to a specific country to determine Hispanic origin on the application

For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

Want to Avoid Feeding Your Kids Pesticides That Can Harm Their Brains?

http://www.ecowatch.com/epa-pruitt-chlorpyrifos-2345790249.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=fede17732c-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-fede17732c-85895669

Great Barrier Reef dead at 25 million | New York Post

http://nypost.com/2016/10/14/the-great-barrier-reef-is-dead-at-25-million-years-old/?utm_source=zergnet.com&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=zergnet_1557966

Gathering of Nations Information
North America's Largest Pow Wow
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Important Links for 2017 Gathering of Nations

- [Apply to be 2017 Miss Indian World](#)
- [Facebook Live Stream Event Page](#)
- [Enter to win a Pendleton Blanket](#)
- [Social Media Gallery](#)

- [How to Watch Live Webcasts on PowWows.com](#)
- [Stage 49 Performers](#)
- [Custom Gathering of Nations Guitar Raffle](#)
- [Miss Indian World Contestants](#)

Teachers and Students

- [Pow Wow Lesson Plan](#)

Learn more about the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow

- [5 Reasons to Visit the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow](#)
- [Saturday Night Best](#)
- [My 10 Favorites Moments from Gathering of Nations](#)
- [See What You Can Find at Indian Traders Market](#)
- [Tasty Treats – The Food of Gathering of Nations](#)

Head Staff

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| Head Man Dancer: | Jamon Paskemin - Sweetgrass, Saskatchewan |
| Head Lady Dancer: | Tonya Moore - Stillwater, OK |
| Head Young Man Dancer: | Sonny Little Head - Happy Flats, MT |
| Head Young Lady Dancer: | Tia Wood - Saddle Lake, Alberta |
| Head Northern Dance Judge: | Regina Topsy - (WI) Rocky Boy, MT |
| Head Southern Dance Judge: | Cree Hughes - Ft. Towson, OK |
| Head Northern Dance Judge: | Michael LaFrombois - Browning, MT |
| Head Southern Dance Judge: | Walter Ahhaity - Hacienda Hts., CA |
| Arena Directors: | Randy Medicine Bear - Loveland, CO George "Cricket" Shields - Shawnee, OK |

Announcers:

Dennis Bowen, Sr. - Salamanca, NY Vince Beyl - Bemidji, MN
 Ruben Little Head - Happy Flats, MT (Roving) Jason Whitehouse - Madison Hts, MI
 (Roving) Larry Yazzie - Tama, IA

Invited Drums:

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| Cozad - Hominy, OK | Northern Cree - Saddle Lake, Alberta |
| Show Time - Rapid City, SD | Poundmaker - Poundmaker, Saskatchewan |
| Southern Slam - Jemez Pueblo, NM | War Paint - Pembroke, NC |

Miss Indian World '16-'17: Danielle Ta'sheena Finn - Porcupine, ND

Record low Klamath salmon run spurs Tribal, commercial and sport ... Elk Grove News (registration) (blog)

"California and Oregon are facing an unprecedented crisis," said Oppenheim, in a ... Salmon, the West's original *water* users, are paying the highest price for this ...

A cultural tragedy': Karuk Tribe cuts salmon harvest to 200 fish

Eureka Times Standard

For the first time in its history, the Karuk Tribe will be limiting ceremonial salmon harvests for tribal members because of the record low forecast for returning Chinook salmon on the Klamath River

17 States Raise Hell Over Clean Power Plan - EcoWatch

http://www.ecowatch.com/states-challenge-clean-power-plan-2347483971.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=fede17732c-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-fede17732c-85895669



Desalination Breakthrough Turns Seawater Into Drinking Water - EcoWatch

http://www.ecowatch.com/desalination-seawater-drinking-water-2345907880.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=fede17732c-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-fede17732c-85895669

Annette Cavanaugh

Mountain View Reservoir facing south. (Owyhee)

Federal Water Tap: EPA Is Revising an Important Number

How strict should drinking water regulations be? Should a power plant install particulate filters? To analyze questions of the costs and benefits of pollution-reducing regulations, the EPA uses a figure known as the “value of a statistical life.” In essence, the figure refers to the money that

society is willing to pay, on average, to reduce one death in a group of thousands of people. It is the aggregation of individual preferences. For example, if a group is willing to pay an average of

\$US 100 per person to reduce the risk of death by one in 100,000, then in this case the value of a statistical life is \$US 10 million.

It's a consequential number. For drinking water standards, fewer deaths accounts for roughly 80 percent of the benefits of regulation, according to the EPA. In other words, the higher the value of a statistical life, the better the argument for tightening pollution rules.

EPA's current valuation is based on a number that was derived in 1992 and is adjusted for inflation and changes in income. In February 2016, the EPA [published a report](#) that outlined a new strategy for calculating the value, which stands today at \$US 9.7 million.

An independent science review committee [weighed in recently with comments](#) on the agency's approach. The main challenge, according to Madhu Khanna, the committee chair, is to produce a single national number from studies that analyze different demographic groups and ages: children and adults, men and women, workers and retirees.

On another question, the board thought there is too little data to support assigning a higher value to reducing deaths from certain diseases — the so-called “cancer premium.”

USGS Brackish Groundwater Report

Slightly salty groundwater supplies are most prevalent in a band of territory that bisects the continent, from the Dakotas to Louisiana and Texas, according to the [first national assessment of brackish groundwater](#) in more than a half century.

Roughly three to 30 times less salty than the ocean, brackish groundwater has attracted interest in recent years as a new source of water. Once the salt is removed, of course. The U.S. Geological Survey evaluated the availability of these supplies down to 3,000 feet. Every state has brackish groundwater except for New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

The report is a starting point for more detailed local analyses, according to Jennifer Stanton, the lead hydrologist.

A couple key graphics from the report: [minimum depth to brackish groundwater](#), which shows how far below ground brackish supplies begin, and [dissolved solids concentrations](#) at four depths. Basically, the deeper you go, the saltier the water gets.

National Water Quality Trends Map

The U.S. Geological Survey, always busy, published an [interactive online map of water quality trends](#) between 1972 and 2012. The data cover nutrients, pesticides, salinity, sediment, and other parameters.

Identifying trends, however, is not so easy. The [research report](#) that accompanies the data notes that drawing a signal from the noise means identifying the influence of annual fluctuation in river flows versus the influence of changes in land use or other human activities.

Hydropower Summit

The Department of Energy's Water Power Technologies Office will [hold a summit](#) to connect hydropower companies to federal research laboratories. The goal of the meeting is to align federal research and develop activities with industry needs in order to increase hydropower generation and reliability. The summit, open to the public, is May 4 in Washington, D.C

Keystone XL Jobs Are Not the Good Jobs Tribes Were Promised

Mark Trahant, Yes! Magazine

Trahant writes: "If jobs are no longer part of the equation, how does natural resource extraction benefit tribal communities?" [READ MORE](#)

Cuomo Denies Permit for Northern Access Pipeline

http://www.ecowatch.com/cuomo-denies-northern-access-permit-2353618298.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=3d64b53a63-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-3d64b53a63-85895669



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Bob Tregilus

The Sierra near Mono Lake, CA, (01/29/2015).

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Loving Memory of **Alvin Joe Pete** (1934-2017) Visitation was scheduled for Wed. Apr. 12 at 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the O'Brien, Rogers & Crosby Funeral Home. Address: 600 W. 2nd Street, Reno.

Burial will be April 19 at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley. It would be appropriate if Numu Tookwassu could attend. He was a Pyramid Lake elder.



Faustian Bargain: Harvard Removes Reference To “Pilgrims” In 181-Year-Old “Fair Harvard” Hymn As “Insufficiently Inclusive”

by jonathanturley



We [recently discussed](#) how Harvard dropped its long use of "House Masters" as racially insensitive. Now it is dropping the last line of its 181-year-old "Fair Harvard" hymn as "insufficiently inclusive." The line refers to "Till the stock of the Puritans die" and some feel the reference is problematic because it refers to white ancestors. As many on this blog know, I am an ardent traditionalist and oppose such revisionist moves whether it is the [removal of names](#) or [portraits](#) or [seals](#). The change at Harvard is the result of the work of the *Presidential Task Force for Inclusion and Belonging* created by University President Drew G. Faust. Frankly, it is a Faustian bargain for Harvard in further stripping away historical elements to satisfy contemporary attitudes. I do not believe such changes are nearly as beneficial as teaching students to use history with an understanding and perspective of institutional change.

