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\$120 million Amount Dutch banking group ING [divested from a loan that financed the Dakota Access oil pipeline](#). It was the latest move by the financial company to withdraw support for the project, which has been widely opposed due to water quality concerns. *Guardian*

From Green America:

[Tell Banks to Stop Funding DAPL](#)

The Dakota Access Pipeline would destroy drinking water for thousands, ruin sacred sites, and wrongfully take traditional land from Indigenous people. The administration has approved the pipeline, so we must stop it at its source: the bank fundi

from CSS: ***A couple articles about Dakota access***

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-north-dakota-pipeline-banks-idUKKBN16S2UF>

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/north-dakota-pipeline-idUKL3N1GY4EG>

And an article describing the coming oversupply of oil based on the massive amount of recent projects. I suspect when this occurs there will be more industry pressure to export which is of course contradictory to the industry claims that we needed more domestic oil production for "energy security"
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<http://uk.reuters.com/article/us-crude-goldman-idUKKBN16S26L>

“Wastewater itself is a valuable resource, even the term wastewater is an oxymoron. We need to stop seeing it as a burden to be dealt with. It’s not a waste and should not be a waste, especially in this world of water scarcity.” –Richard Connor, editor-in-chief of the United Nations’ 2017 World Water Development Report, [released to mark World Water Day today](#). The report notes that more than 80 percent of the world’s wastewater is untreated, threatening human and environmental health. High costs for treatment plants, as well as the “yuck factor”, are the primary barriers preventing more beneficial use of wastewater, it said. (Reuters)

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Nevada Ready 21 transforms K-12 education by engaging all students in a personalized, learner-centered education. By purposefully infusing technology into students' daily experience, Nevada Ready 21 teachers provide students with a 21Century education that builds a vibrant, diverse economy. This plan provides a blueprint for implementing one-to-one student computing

in Nevada schools and was approved by the Nevada Commission on Educational Technology in September 2014. Nevada Ready 21 is a multi-year plan for implementing one-to-one student computing whereby middle schools will be the initial focus and high schools will follow.

State General fund of \$20 million has been allocated to implement the Nevada Ready 21 Technology Grant Program. Funding is distributed via the Commission on Educational Technology in order to build whole-school capacity for instructional technology. The Commission's Nevada Ready 21 plan calls for every student to have access to the two most important educational opportunities available: (1) skilled educators who value connected, personalized, student-centered learning, and (2) continuous access to a personal, portable device that is connected wirelessly to the Internet. There is also funding of \$2 million for Wide Area Network incentives and staffing to manage the program.

[www.doe.nv.gov/Legislative/Nevada Ready 21/](http://www.doe.nv.gov/Legislative/Nevada_Ready_21/)

"We did what had to be done. They're gentle. They know us. We know them. You just thought, 'Wow, I am sorry.'"

MARK KALTENBACH, a rancher in Kansas who had to put down many of his cattle after devastating wildfires on the Plains.

Burying Their Cattle, Ranchers Call Wildfires 'Our Hurricane Katrina'

By JACK HEALY

An existential threat to a way of life that has sustained cattle-raising families since homesteading days.

After an Unsure Start, Gabby Williams Soars at UConn By JÉRÉ LONGMAN

Williams has overcome a severe knee injury and self doubts to become a star for the Huskies and one of the most complete players in college basketball.

Germany Converts Coal Mine Into Giant Battery Storage for Surplus Solar and Wind Power

from EBN: This concept is much more interesting than tar sands oil pipelines. And they already exist in the United States And not on tribal land. Additionally, the same unemployed coal-workers could be recruited for lifetime positions. Have I missed anything?

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Today's selection -- from *Cannibalism: A Perfectly Natural History* by Bill

Schutt. Cannibalism in the animal kingdom is not rare:

"Cannibalism has been recorded in at least 14 species of car-nivores. In pumas (*Puma concolor*), lynx (*Lynx lynx*), leopards (*Panthera pardus*), and sea lions (*Phocarcos hookeri*), it appears to occur for many of the usual reasons, including stress (due to lack of food), elimination of rivals, and increased mating opportunities.

"Heterocannibalism, in this case, eating the cubs that another male sired, is clearly a reproductive strategy in male lions (*Panthera leo*) after taking over a pride. Through the practice of infanticide, the incoming males terminate the maternal investment in unre-lated cubs. A lioness with cubs will not come into heat for a year and a half after giving birth, but similar to what has been observed in other mammals, a lioness that loses her cubs becomes sexually receptive almost immediately. ...

"According to wildlife biologist Mitchell Taylor, 'Polar bears will readily eat other polar bears when they can do so without excessive risk of injury.' In fact, males of most North American bear species will kill and eat conspecific cubs pretty much whenever they can get their paws on them. Researchers believe that infanticide during the breeding season may provide males with 'a reproductive opportunity as well as a nutritional reward' since like the previously described lionesses, female polar bears will come into estrus more quickly if their offspring have been killed. Because of this, cannibalism has been, and continues to be, one of the greatest contributors to bear cub mortality, especially just after leaving the maternity den. The threat from adult males is one of the key reasons that mother bears are so protective of their cubs and also explains why females give males such a wide berth when selecting maternity den sites. ...

"[In] 2006 [there were] three [reported] incidents of cannibalism by polar bears in the southern Beaufort Sea, which occurred during a two-and-a-half-month period. Two of the incidents involved the death and partial consumption of adult female bears. In one, the female's body was found inside a maternity den that collapsed during an attack by a predatory male bear. In the second case, the female polar bear was killed on the sea ice, presumably not long after emerging from its den with a cub. In the third case, a one-year-old male was killed and partially consumed by an adult male.

" [There were associated reports that the cause of this cannibalism] was global warming [which] had reduced the Arctic sea ice, thus resulting in shorter hunting seasons for the bears and fewer seal kills. As a consequence, the stressed-out bears were starving and resorting to cannibalism in order to survive. The problem with most of these stories was that the authors left out a rather important fact -- and it was one that researchers have known for decades ... that cannibalism in polar bears was already known to be a naturally occurring event, with the first published report surfacing in 1897."

Cannibalism: A Perfectly Natural History

Author: [Bill Schutt](#) Publisher: [Algonquin Books](#) Copyright 2017 by Bill Schutt Pages 63-68

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"All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does, and that is his."

— Oscar Wilde, The Importance of Being Earnest

Here is related information about When the Shadbush Blooms. We won several awards for the book, and it is listed as a resource in Oyate and other sites. Background information, reviews and awards are on our website.

When the Shadbush Blooms is designed to be read and seen by the children, it is good for young children, geared for learning to read and ESL pupils and it has parent/teacher pages with Lenape words, meanings and pronunciation guide. In addition, we have children's page links at lenapeprograms.info. This full color book based on the cycle of the seasons depicts the both traditional and modern Lenape family life. There is an activity page to go along with our children's book, *When the Shadbush Blooms* which is available through lenapeprograms.info.

This video story is read by Allan "Mr. History" Messinger. The book was scanned and animated by Nick Cellucci, as an intern project at The Children's Museum in Bloomsburg, PA. **Please Note - The forward, activity page and other background pages are not included with the video.** The video will be available through our website, when I can get the app to work, meanwhile please use the Vimeo site.

I worked with the Bloomsburg Children's Museum for their new exhibit room "Pennsylvania Indians: We Travel Their Paths" and presented programs for the opening exhibitions (2014). And I appeared in both Macmillan/McGraw-Hill & Scott Foresman Pennsylvania textbooks. See my resume online.

A limited quantity of *When the Shadbush Blooms* are available as a signed and dedicated copy through lenapeprograms.info.

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[Ultraviolet light to be used to kill Tahoe weeds](#) [Kathryn Reed, Lake Tahoe News](#)

Killing aquatic invasive weeds in Lake Tahoe with ultraviolet C light will be tried for the first time this summer.

Printing the Ancient Way Keeps Buddhist Texts Alive in Tibet

By EDWARD WONG A press that uses wooden blocks and dates to 1729 is the embodiment of a hallowed tradition and is one site where the Tibetan language is being preserved

The secret of Wisconsin's NCAA shocker: burning cedar

Wisconsin's Bronson Koenig and Nigel Hayes knock off No. 1 Villanova in the NCAA Tournament. sandiegouniontribune.com

Native Athletes to Watch in March Madness & Post Season Games!

It's one of the most wonderful times of the year for college basketball fanatics. March Madness is here and folks are gearing up for some phenomenal games. And since basketball is such a popular sport on the rez, you know a bunch of us Native fans will be watching. There will even be some Native athletes on the court too!

NDNSports.com has a break down of players to root for as you watch the NCAA basketball tournament. [READ MORE](#)



From start to finish: First Nation students learn to build tiny homes

There's a new class in Yorkton for First Nation students that's laying a good foundation for their future. globalnews.ca

Rc'd after comment dates, etc., but interesting to know.....



Owens River Water Trail Project

Inyo County Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 21

LA Standing Committee Meeting February 22
9 am
111 N. Hope St. Los Angeles

Ask the LADWP Board of Directors to approve the Site Access Agreement for the Water Trail. Inyo County has a grant of \$500,000 for a Water Trail on

City of LA lands in the Owens Valley. The 6.3 mile Water Trail is designed for all-ability access. Paddlers will float through rich riparian habitat viewing birds, tule elk and more.

There is widespread support for the Water Trail in the Owens Valley and Los Angeles. Inyo County must have a Site Access Agreement with LADWP before time runs out on the State funding - the clock is ticking. Leaders in Los Angeles and decision makers in LADWP must help make the Water Trail happen and give thanks for the grant brought forward by Inyo County.

Comments are due by February 22nd. Please make comments reasoned, calm in tone, and have a sense of collaboration. Send them to:

Mel Levine Chair of DWP Commissioner Mel.levine@ladwp.com
Christina Noonan DWP Commissioner Christina.Noonan@am.jll.com
Michael Fleming DWP Commissioner Michael@bohnet.com
Mayor Eric Garcetti mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

Address letters to:
LADWP Water Commissioners
111 N. Hope St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Owens Valley Committee is renting a 15 passenger van for those in the Owens Valley who want to attend the LA meeting. For more information or to reserve a seat [email](#) Yaney MacIver, check their [website](#), or call (541) 829-9788.

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First Nation's Focus plans to concentrate on local & state tribal news, as well as tribal news in the world around us. Publishing monthly, First Nation's Focus will have FREE distribution of 25,000 copies, which will be inserted into the following news publications: Nevada Appeal, Record Courier and Lahontan Valley News, plus key distribution points in the Northern Nevada area and throughout Nevada's Indian Reservations and Eastern Sierra CA Reservations.

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Native Americans are preparing to meet the renewed threat of the proposed Yucca Mountain High Level Nuclear Waste Repository by educating themselves about cancer risks by hosting the Native American Forum on Nuclear Issues 2017 (NAFNI 2016) at the UNLV Barrick Museum Auditorium. Joe Kennedy of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe in Death Valley stated, "our effort is focused on cancer prevention by understanding exposure pathways then conducting risk mitigation in Native American communities." Since 1951 the US and UK have conducted nuclear testing within Western Shoshone homelands causing a wide variety of adverse health consequences know to be plausible from exposure to radiation in fallout. The proposed Yucca Mountain high level nuclear waste repository, if licensed, will add significant risk factors to the lives of the Shoshone and Paiute people. According to Ian Zabarte, Secretary of the Native Community Action Council, "Yucca Mountain is within the Shoshone treaty boundary and therefore cannot meet the licensing requirement of ownership since the treaty is in full force and effect. This is our primary contention at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety Licensing Board." The NAFNI 2017 will have presenters speaking about protecting the Grand Canyon including Professor Michael Lerma of Northern Arizona University, Author of Indigenous Sovereignty in the 21st Century; Tribal Council Member, Carletta Tillousi, Havasupai Tribe; Klee Benally, Dine' (Navajo); Leona Morgan, Dine' No Nukes; Joe Kennedy of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe; the Native Community Action Council board members representing Shoshone and Paiute people.

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Research for Drought-Resistant Crops Gets Boost From US

Umberto Bacchi, Thomson Reuters Foundation

Bacchi writes: "Scientists' efforts to develop new crops able to resist climate change, droughts and other shocks have been boosted by the United States joining an international seeds treaty, a research group said on Tuesday." [READ MORE](#)

Native American Pow Wow Lesson Plan

Every weekend somewhere in North America, Native Americans are gathering for a Pow Wow. It's not very often that students get a chance to see Native American culture up close and personal. Yes, we have the history books and the museums – yet rarely do we get an opportunity to learn and explore the celebration, life, and history of Native American culture live.

Bring Native American culture and history to life through our Pow Wow lesson plans.

Watching a Pow Wow allows you to experience an authentic piece of Native American culture. Most Pow Wows are held on weekends making it difficult for schools to visit. PowWows.com's archive of streams allows you to watch online anytime. [READ MORE](#)

SCIA Staff Director Anthony Walters to Lead National American Indian Housing Council

The staff director and chief counsel to Senator Jon Tester for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) has been appointed to lead the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC). The NAIHC supports Native communities in their self-determined goals to provide culturally relevant and quality, affordable housing for their people.

Anthony (Tony) Walters, a member of the Cherokee Nation, will begin his new role as NAIHC executive director on April 3, 2017. After four years with the SCIA, Walters brings with him a strong background in advocacy and Indian law and policy, including the development of legislative strategies. From Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Walters earned his Bachelor of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Juris Doctor from the Oklahoma University College of Law. [READ MORE](#)

Communities across the United States are threatened by proposed natural gas pipelines.

These communities are fighting natural gas pipelines that would irreversibly destroy homes, land, and drinking water. Take action now to join these communities in fighting back against corporate greed.

Call your senators today through the Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121 to tell them you don't want any more pipelines!

Natural gas pipeline approvals are "regulated" by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which uses its power to support the interests of the fossil fuel industry instead of regulating it. As a result, FERC has **only rejected one pipeline in 30 years**.

FERC regularly ignores legitimate concerns of communities, landowners, farmers, small businesses, and scientists about the impacts of proposed pipelines. Its constant greenlighting of pipelines is paving the way for decades of fracked gas and destroyed land and water in the US.

We need Congress to expose FERC and its abuses.

Right now, we are in a rare moment. FERC is down to two commissioners and can't approve any pipelines until at least one new FERC Commissioner is approved by the Senate.

That's why we need you to contact your senators today at (202) 224-3121 and tell them to block any FERC commissioners until the agency's abuses stop.

Congress needs to take legislative action to change FERC into an agency that listens to and supports communities, instead of the fossil fuel industry, and an agency that supports a transition to the renewable energy economy that we need.

Call your senators today through the Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121 and tell them to put a halt to FERC's abuses and to support a renewable energy future.

Tell them you want them to:

- Oppose Any New FERC Commissioners chosen by the Trump Administration
- Demand Congressional Hearings regarding FERC's abuses against communities and the agency's bias towards industry
- Identify reforms that will result in an agency dedicated to a just transition to clean energy that serves the people and the planet

Thank you for all you do to create a greener world, Todd Larsen, Executive Co-Director, Consumer and Corporate Engagement, Green America