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[Wells Fargo shoots down Indigenous People's Policy at shareholder meeting, will continue funding DAPL](#)

On Tuesday, April 25th, Wells Fargo convened its annual meeting of stockholders at the Sawgrass Marriot in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Wells Fargo shareholders voted against a proposed Indigenous Peoples Policy, which aimed "to develop and adopt a global policy

regarding the rights of indigenous peo... lastrealindians.com
(*Tribes with substantial portfolios should purchase WF stock to have standing.*)

Authorities drop 33 cases against Dakota Access protesters

More than 30 cases against Dakota Access protesters were dropped, after a judge repeatedly ruled police didn't give enough warning. nbcnews.com|By [NBC News](#)

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[Theo Van Alst](#) shared a [link](#).

Posting again, because this is the gd story. Two things are happening here. The first is obvious. The Trumpkins pulled the legal memo, but that's to be expected: "The 35-page legal analysis of the pipeline's potential environmental risks and its impact on treaty rights of the Standing Rock Sioux and other indigenous tribes was authored in December by then-Interior Department Solicitor Hilary C. Tompkins, an Obama appointee who was -- at the time -- the top lawyer in the depar... See More

### **Trump administration withdrew memo that found 'ample legal justification' to halt Dakota Access pipeline**

The legal opinion was withdrawn two days before an easement was approved.  
abcnews.go.com

### **Company Behind Dakota Access Pipeline Spills Over 2 Million Gallons of Drilling Fluids Into Ohio Wetlands**

Natasha Geiling, *ThinkProgress*

Geiling writes: "Energy Transfer Partners - the company behind the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline - has spilled drilling fluid into two pristine Ohio wetlands this month, according to information reported to the Ohio EPA." [READ MORE](#)

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**Trump's newest funding cuts are a nightmare for national security and public health.**

On that note: In the event of a flood, do you prefer your town with or without toilet water flowing down the streets?

President Trump's [proposed cuts](#), issued on March 16, would roll back or eliminate programs that deal with environmental security concerns, the Intercept [reports](#). These concerns include pandemics, extreme weather, and, yes, floods of sewage.

In March, Trump signed an [executive order](#) signaling that national security agencies no longer need to take climate change into consideration.

One minor problem: Virtually [every major federal security document ever compiled on climate change](#) names it as a significant threat to national safety. Both within the U.S. and around the

world, we can expect rising seas, extreme weather, dramatic flooding, intense wildfires, and prolonged drought to increase [migration, conflict](#), and [health risks](#).

Trump has attempted to cultivate a tough reputation on national security with proposed [increases in military spending](#), [vague threats against North Korea](#), or yelling about [That Wall all the time](#). But it looks like he's ignoring a pretty enormous [weak spot](#). Kate Yoder

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## **Walmart just pledged to eliminate a billion tons of greenhouse gas.**

NATHANAEL JOHNSON

*(Ed note: I don't patronize Walmart because it is a business started on a lie (All American) which is maintained, because it has devastated rural economies, and for political considerations, but this action may remove some of the demerits.)*

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## **How Green Infrastructure in Parks Can Lead to Community Empowerment** **By Rich Dolesh**

Green infrastructure stormwater management has become a preferred alternative to traditional approaches to controlling stormwater in many urban communities. The many environmental and economic benefits such projects achieve are proving the value of green over gray. Four exemplary communities in Atlanta, Baltimore, Denver, and Pittsburgh are proving how green stormwater management in parks can go well beyond just the functional benefits of treating stormwater and into an entirely new realm of engaging and empowering underserved communities.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is working collaboratively with the American Planning Association (APA) on an initiative called the Great Urban Parks Campaign to demonstrate how such social equity and community empowerment goals can be achieved.

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## **Sustainable Cities Require Urban Agriculture**

By Marielle Dubbeling

Cities are where we find large concentrations of consumers for the end-product of our food systems and it is the responsibility of cities to ensure that all their inhabitants are food-secure.

This is increasingly recognized by cities themselves, as shown by city adherence to food-networks as well as international city agendas on food. Examples include the 138 cities which have signed the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact in 2015, the 12 Dutch cities and 3 National Ministries which have signed the Dutch City deal Food on the Urban Agenda in January 2017, the cities linked to the C40 food systems network, and those having joined the ICLEI-RUAF CITYFOOD network.

The New Urban Agenda, adopted in Quito in October 2016, will guide implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals for the coming years, and through these, food security and nutrition are now at the centre of urban and territorial sustainability. [Continue Reading](#)

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## Water Shorts

**Ancient groundwater may not be as clean as once thought:** “Most of the groundwater that is accessible by deep wells is old, but still vulnerable to modern contamination, reports a study published today in [Nature Geoscience](#) by researchers from University of Calgary, Stanford, and other institutions. The world’s groundwater provides drinking water and irrigation for billions of people around the world. Some of this groundwater is young and easily affected by pollution and changes in climate. But much more is old groundwater that has been stored beneath the Earth’s surface for thousands of years. Old groundwater is more difficult to sustainably harvest, but it is largely protected from climate variability and—it had been widely assumed—immune to contamination from human activity. ... ” Read more from Stanford University here: [Ancient groundwater may not be as clean as once thought](#)

**Research suggests climate change likely to cause significant shift in Colorado River vegetation:** “Decreases in river flows and frequency of flooding with future climate warming will likely shift vegetation along the Colorado River in Grand Canyon to species with more drought-tolerant traits, according to papers recently published in Ecology and Evolution and Wetlands. What this means for Colorado River recreationists is that plants with traits that confer drought tolerance —mesquite, tamarisk and desert grasses—may replace water-loving plants such as native willows, rushes and cattails. ... ” Read more from Northern Arizona University News here: [Research suggests climate change likely to cause significant shift in Colorado River vegetation](#)

**Mystery of the missing mercury at the Great Salt Lake:** “Around 2010, the deep waters of Utah’s Great Salt Lake contained high levels of toxic methylmercury. Mercury measurements in waterfowl surrounding the lake led to a rare human consumption advisory for ducks. But by 2015, 90 percent of the deep mercury was gone. The disappearance of the mercury was not due to aggressive environmental policies or a wide-ranging cleanup effort. Instead, it’s part of a story involving a large-scale unplanned chemistry experiment, a sometimes-stinky lake, and ducks — in which the mercury did not disappear. The story is told in a paper published in Environmental Science & Technology. ... ” Read more from Science Daily here: [Mystery of the missing mercury at the Great Salt Lake](#)

**Rising water temperatures endanger health of coastal ecosystems, study finds:** “Increasing water temperatures are responsible for the accumulation of a chemical called nitrite in marine environments throughout the world, a symptom of broader changes in normal ocean biochemical pathways that could ultimately disrupt ocean food webs, according to new research from the University of Georgia. Nitrite is produced when microorganisms consume ammonium in waste products from fertilizers, treated sewage and animal waste. Too much nitrite can alter the kinds and amounts of single-celled plants living in marine environments, potentially affecting the animals that feed on them, said James Hollibaugh, co-author of the study published recently in Environmental Science and Technology. It also could lead to toxic algal blooms and create dead zones where no fish or animals can live. ... ” Read more from Science Daily here: [Rising water temperatures endanger health of coastal ecosystems, study finds](#)

**Trillions of plastic bits, swept up by the current, are littering arctic waters:** “The world’s oceans are littered with trillions of pieces of plastic — bottles, bags, toys, fishing nets and more,

mostly in tiny particles — and now this seaborne junk is making its way into the Arctic. In [a study](#) published Wednesday in Science Advances, a group of researchers from the University of Cádiz in Spain and several other institutions show that a major ocean current is carrying bits of plastic, mainly from the North Atlantic, to the Greenland and Barents seas, and leaving them there — in surface waters, in sea ice and possibly on the ocean floor. ... ” Read more from the NY Times here: [Trillions of plastic bits, swept up by the current, are littering arctic waters](#)

## **GrantStation**

### *National Funding*

#### **Support for Veteran Housing Initiatives**

##### **Home Depot Foundation: Veteran Housing Grants Program**

The Home Depot Foundation’s Veteran Housing Grants Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States for the development and repair of multi-unit veteran housing facilities. Awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000 support new construction and rehabilitation/repair of single-family or multifamily housing, permanent supportive housing, or transitional housing. Although projects in rural areas will be considered, high priority is placed on large metropolitan areas that have a dense veteran population. Nonprofit organizations with a current operating budget of at least \$300,000 are eligible to apply. The upcoming application deadline is June 23, 2017. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the funding guidelines and take the online eligibility quiz.

#### **Social Activism Programs Funded**

##### **David Bohnett Foundation**

The mission of the David Bohnett Foundation is to improve society through social activism. The Foundation supports innovative nonprofit organizations that address the following areas: The LGBT Community category focuses on national and Southern California organizations that provide equal rights and protections for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community. The CyberCenters category promotes the development of computer labs at LGBT community centers. The Gun Violence Prevention category strives to reduce gun violence through research, advocacy, and community empowerment. The Leadership Initiatives category supports the development of the next generation of municipal leaders. The Animal Language category focuses on scientific and academic animal language research. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is June 30, 2017; invited applications will be due July 31, 2017. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the application process.

#### **Grants to Adopt Gynecologic Cancer Support Model**

##### **Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance: Woman to Woman**

Woman to Woman, a program of the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance (OCRFA), seeks to improve the quality of care for gynecologic cancer patients by strengthening coping capacities through a patient-to-patient support model. Woman to Woman trains mentors, themselves survivors of gynecologic cancers, to provide one-on-one emotional support and mentoring through all phases of treatment, recurrence, and recovery. Another key component of Woman to Woman is a patient fund, which provides modest financial assistance to women undergoing treatment and their families. OCRFA has already funded 29 hospital- and community-based Woman to Woman sites across the United States and plans to fund six new programs in the



current funding cycle. Each grant recipient will receive a one-year grant of either \$50,000 for a hospital-based program or \$25,000 for a community-based organization. The grant is intended to cover the cost of a part-time Program Coordinator's salary and to start the patient fund. Hospitals and community-based, nonprofit organizations that serve women with gynecologic cancers are eligible to apply. The application deadline is May 29, 2017. Visit the OCRFA website to download the application guidelines.

### **K-12 Programs Improving U.S./Japan Understanding Supported** **United States-Japan Foundation: Pre-College Education Grants**

The United States-Japan Foundation supports innovative education projects that help young Americans and Japanese learn about each other's society, culture, and country as well as learn to work together on issues of common concern. The Foundation's Pre-College Education Grants support K-12 teacher professional development projects that train U.S. educators to teach about Japan and Japanese educators to teach about the United States. In addition, the Foundation funds projects that work directly with students, develop top quality curriculum materials on America or Japan for educational audiences in the other country, connect schools and classrooms in the U.S. and Japan, and develop and improve instruction in the Japanese language. For the fall 2017 funding cycle, letters of inquiry should be submitted by July 15; invited proposals are due August 31. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

### ***Regional Funding***

### **Funds for Employment Initiatives Targeting Floridians with Disabilities** **The Able Trust**

The Able Trust is a key leader in providing Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment. Grants are awarded for a wide range of projects, including on-the-job coaching, supported employment, job skills training, job development, employer outreach, ADA facility compliance, skills evaluation, and programs leading to employment. The Trust offers the following grant opportunities: The General Support for Employment Placement Programs category assists new and existing programs that facilitate employment placement for participating individuals with disabilities. Awards in this category range up to \$65,000 for a one-year grant period. The upcoming application deadline is July 5, 2017. The Strategic Employment Placement Initiatives category helps nonprofit organizations create employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Awards in this category range up to \$250,000 and cover a three-year grant period. The application deadline is November 10, 2017. Visit The Able Trust's website to learn more about the application procedure for both programs.

### **Grants Promote Oral Health for Wisconsin Residents** **Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation**

The Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation is committed to improving the oral health of Wisconsin residents by providing grants to community-based, nonprofit oral health promotion programs throughout the state. The Foundation's Annual Grant Program offers support to initiatives that provide dental care to the underserved and philanthropic endeavors related to dentistry in Wisconsin. Grants of up to \$5,000 are considered for dental supplies and equipment for low-income dental clinics, dental health education programs, and other nonprofit dentistry

programs. Proposals must be submitted via email by July 31, 2017. (A letter of endorsement from an officer of the local component dental society is required.) Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines.

### **Support for Youth Music and Dance Programs in Oregon and Washington**

#### **Jubilation Foundation: Grants for Organizations**

The Jubilation Foundation, a fund of the Tides Foundation, supports nonprofit organizations in Oregon and Washington with an exceptional talent for helping young people feel fully alive through rhythm, as expressed in music and dance. Grants generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Letters of intent must be submitted by July 15, 2017; invited full proposals are due September 15, 2017. (The Foundation also provides grants to organizations for Special Projects, as well as Fellowships for individuals, nationwide. These programs have a separate application process.) Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Grants for Organizations funding priorities.

### **New York Hospitals Implementing OpenNotes Program Funded**

#### **New York State Health Foundation: Spreading OpenNotes in New York State**

The New York State Health Foundation is dedicated to improving the health of all New Yorkers, especially the most vulnerable. Through its [Empowering Health Care Consumers](#) priority area, the Foundation is specifically focused on work that increases and enhances consumers' and patients' choice and control. One such model, [OpenNotes](#), is a national movement to give patients access to their own visit notes written by their doctors, nurses, or other clinicians. The Foundation is currently offering the Spreading OpenNotes in New York State Request for Proposals to foster the reach of OpenNotes to more New York State hospitals and patients. The Foundation will award grants of up to \$100,000 to up to ten hospitals in New York State interested in implementing OpenNotes at their facilities. The application deadline is June 8, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to download the RFP.

### ***Federal Funding***

### **Great Lakes Education Supported**

#### **Department of Commerce**

The Great Lakes Bay Watershed Education and Training Program (B-WET) supports existing, high quality environmental education programs; fosters the growth of new, innovative programs; and encourages capacity building and partnership development for environmental education programs throughout the entire Great Lakes watershed. The application deadline is June 2, 2017.

### **Program Funds Digital Humanities Projects**

#### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

The Digital Humanities Advancement Grants program supports digital methods or techniques that contribute to the humanities, scholarship about digital culture, and efforts to revitalize or recover existing digital projects. The application deadline is June 6, 2017.

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#### **National Indian Education Association**

New @TheAtlantic article on barriers in classrooms, [#NativeStudents](#) need [#NativeTeachers](#) [#Culture](#) for success! <http://tinyurl.com/m8ryuqd>

## [How Does Race Affect a Student's Math Education?](#)

A new paper examines the ways “whiteness” reproduces racial advantages and disadvantages.  
theatlantic.com

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## [A Native, Pre-Med, Dean's List, Canadian Silver Medalist Wrestler: Meet Waylon DeCoteau](#)

There are a lot of reasons to keep an eye out for Waylon DeCoteau (Crow/Sioux/Chippewa) who is currently wrestling at First Nations University / University of Regina in Canada. Selected by the university due to his success as a high school state wrestling champion, DeCoteau has earned his keep at his school, having recently won a national silver medal in Canada at the Canadian University National Championships.

Waylon DeCoteau hasn't stopped there, as this champion who hails from the Turtle Mountain Community High School in Belcourt, North Dakota is also on the Dean's List in his pre-medicine program. And if his silver medal and Dean's List status still wasn't enough, he was also awarded 'Most Valuable Player' on his university wrestling team, which he received earlier this month. [READ MORE](#)

## **Native Model Named Playmate of the Year – Celebrate or Hate?**

Playboy magazine recently named Brook Power their Playmate of the Year for 2017. According to press releases, she is the magazine's first Native American to win the title.

Here's what she had to say about her heritage and background:

When not modeling, Brook loves putting her talents into artistic creations. She's often run into various roadblocks, but uses her Native American heritage (she's part Chippewa) to motivate her. "Sacagawea, my role model, broke through the strict gender restrictions of North American culture," says Brook. "Before her, Native American women weren't viewed as equals. As a female artist, it's more difficult for me to achieve credibility, but I'm not bitter. I'll take the added challenge, because gender equality has never been forced. Women don't need the booster seat of affirmative action to be as successful as men. We can kick ass just fine on our own without a social movement taking credit for our successes."

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## **American Indian Library Association (AILA)'s post.**

·[Such an asset to any tribal community.](#)

[Zora J. Sampson](#) I read grants for IMLS for year's and what impresses me is that the current trend in the

most praised public libraries is "community engagement" that offers "added value" to the community they serve, offering spaces for trainings, technology, interviews, etc. All the tribal libraries were always doing this over a decade ago while also serving as governmental libraries.





Klee Benally with Ian Zabarte at Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. ·  
It was humbling to journey to the top of sacred [#yuccamountain](#).



Since 1982 the U.S. government & nuclear industry has been threatening to turn this [#sacredsites](#) into a massive toxic waste dump. So far more than \$15 billion has been spent on the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository Project. If the Yucca Mountain project is allowed to proceed, it will

also mean transport of highly radioactive waste from throughout the country's nuclear power plants to this site. There are currently more than 77,000 tons of nuclear waste temporarily being stored throughout the country (mainly at the nuke plants where it's produced).

Western Shoshone, Paiute, & anti-nuke supporters have fiercely resisted this obscene desecration & extremely deadly toxic threat.

Recently Trump proposed \$120 million to re-initiate the licensing process for the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository.

This Wednesday the House energy committee will hold a hearing in DC to initiate the legislative process to restart the Yucca repository project.

For more info and action: [www.nativecommunityactioncouncil.org](http://www.nativecommunityactioncouncil.org)

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**UNR Extension is holding a Nevada Indian Summit from May 9-11, 2017** at the Sparks Nugget. Scholarships are available to cover your room and registration. Some agenda issues: climate change, water management, hoop houses, economic development, estate planning for Nevada Indian Reservations, preparing soils for your farms, marketing beef cattle as well as a tour to the Pyramid Lake Fisheries and Museum. If interested in attending please call either Crystal Sassar at 945-3444 or Randy Emm at 773-2217. Please share with those that might be interested.



## USDA Invites Tribal Applications for Rural Business Development Grant

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### Lucy Hite

Yokut Indian who married John Hite, Lucy Hite showed John Hite (the white miner) Hites Cove and the Gold. John Hite became rich and said "Now I can marry a rich white woman in San Francisco." Lucy Hite was the first Indian woman to sue for divorce.

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### NERDS Community Gathering

Wednesday May 3, 2017  
Argonaut HS (Jackson CA)  
Multipurpose room  
5:30-7:30pm Doors Open at 5:00pm  
**Join NERDS – Native Education Raising Dedicated Students & learn to Speak the Miwok Language!**

Carlos Geisdorff of the Tuolumne Band of Me- Wuk Language Program will be our instructor for the evening.

Carlos has dedicated countless hours to language revitalization and preservation. Through games, hands-on lessons, cultural activities, and comedy Carlos is a great teacher for all ages.

All Ages are welcome at our NERDS community gatherings, which will be the 1st Wednesday of every month from 5:30-7:30 @ Argonaut HS multipurpose room.

We ask you to help us plan by RSVP'ing early! Please email response to [Native.NERDS1@gmail.com](mailto:Native.NERDS1@gmail.com) include: Name, # of attendees and ages of students & school they attend. Also, check us out on Facebook & share the online event 

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***Go to your bosom: Knock there, and ask your heart what it doth know. William Shakespeare***

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## **Trump Signs Executive Order to Expand Drilling off America's Coasts: 'We're Opening It Up.'**

*Juliet Eilperin, The Washington Post*

Eilperin writes: "President Trump signed an executive order Friday that aims to expand offshore drilling in the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, as well as assess whether energy exploration can take place in marine sanctuaries in the Pacific and Atlantic." [READ MORE](#)

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***With realization of one's own potential and self-confidence in one's ability, one can build a better world. Dalai Lama***

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***From DennisM:*** Ap 28 in **1942** two weeks after Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox chose Lake Tahoe as the site of a wartime naval training facility, U.S. Senator Patrick McCarran (whose dearest wish was to break up the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation) convinced Admiral Benjamin Morrell to study Pyramid Lake as the site.

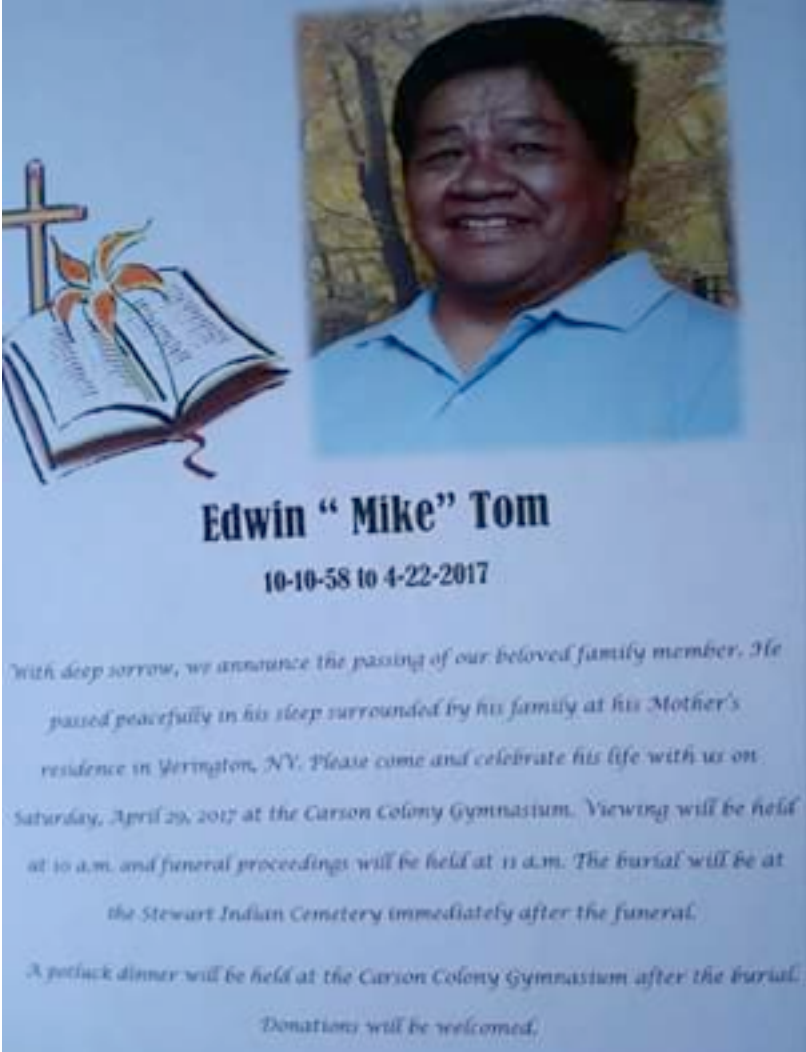
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## **The Real History of the Law Behind President Trump's Executive Order on National Monuments**

TIME

The law was signed by Teddy Roosevelt in 1906 [Read the full story](#)

***R'cd after the fact***



A funeral notice for Edwin "Mike" Tom. The notice features a portrait of a smiling man in a light blue shirt. To the left of the portrait is a graphic of an open book with a cross and a flower. The text of the notice is as follows:

**Edwin "Mike" Tom**  
**10-10-58 to 4-22-2017**

*With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved family member. He passed peacefully in his sleep surrounded by his family at his Mother's residence in Verington, NY. Please come and celebrate his life with us on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Carson Colony Gymnasium. Viewing will be held at 10 a.m. and funeral proceedings will be held at 11 a.m. The burial will be at the Stewart Indian Cemetery immediately after the funeral.*

*A potluck dinner will be held at the Carson Colony Gymnasium after the burial.*

*Donations will be welcomed.*