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WCSD reversed a decision and will allow 2017 grads to wear eagle feather on cap



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Centers for Disease Control Recommends Approaches for Community Activity

The [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control](#) has developed the website <https://www.thecommunityguide.org>. This website offers tools, publications, and resources on many topics. One set of resources focuses on Combined Built Environment Features Help Communities Get Active recommends using street connectivity, sidewalk and trail infrastructure, bicycle infrastructure, public transit infrastructure and access, mixed land use environments that increase the diversity and proximity of local destinations where people live, work, and spend their recreation and leisure time, and access to parks, and other public or private recreational facilities to produce improved health outcomes. Find recommendations and references for a healthy built environment [here](#).

America's Health Rankings Senior Report 2017

URL: http://assets.americashealthrankings.org/app/uploads/ahr2017_seniorreport.pdf

Provides a national and state-by-state overview of population health for older adults across 34 measures. National findings include data for rural, urban, and suburban areas for physical activity, obesity, tobacco and alcohol use, dental visits, and pain management.

Sponsoring organization: United Health Foundation. Date: 2017

Interior Suspends Advisory Committees

Saying that it needs to review their purpose in light of President Trump's executive orders to roll back the size of the federal government, t

The Interior Department suspended through September the work of advisory committees that consult with the agency on natural resources policy.

“The review process is meant to identify committees that merit improvement in order to fully support their mission, serve the local communities, and ensure the department was getting local feedback to the maximum extent possible,” Heather Swift, Interior spokeswoman, wrote to Circle of Blue in an email.

A [federal government database](#) lists 102 Interior Department advisory committees that handle tasks as varied as invasive species, salinity in the Colorado River Basin, and mapping satellite data. A good many of the committees are regional councils that give community members a voice on land use decisions. The committees, depending on their purpose, comprise scientific experts, industry representatives, local leaders, and government officials.

Swift did not respond when asked via email how many of the committees are affected by the suspension. She wrote that certain committees were exempted, but she did not identify them.

One committee that is not exempted is the Advisory Committee on Water Information, which includes the National Water Quality Monitoring Council and focuses on water data. In an email on May 19 to the council’s list serve, Candice Hopkins of the U.S. Geological Survey wrote that all “meetings, teleconferences, webinars, newsletters, and other activities will be suspended at least until September 2017.”

Wanda George-Quasula

UPDATE..... Shawn, aka Prolific the Rapper is free. He was proven innocent..... The State did not have sufficient evidence. 📺 📺 📺 📺 📺 📺 📺 📺 📺 📺 📺 📺

Keeping Prolific the Rapper in your prayers. He's a Water Protector during Standing Rock. He's in court right now for rioting and using his drone, but So far it's looking good, but still not out of the woods. Keep all the Water Protectors in your prayers. [Myron Dewey](#) will be going to court July 12th. Keep him in your prayers also.



It's time to acknowledge the genocide of California's Indians

The California Indian catastrophe fits the legal definition of genocide. latimes.com

Lakota People's Law Project

Standing Rock was more than a protest, it was an international spiritual monument of resistance to Big Oil.

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Hello – please find attached a copy of the **March-May 2017** Veterans Newsletter from VA's Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR). If you have any veterans-related information you'd like disseminated to our contacts in VA and Indian Country, please contact me and I'll include it in the next issue. Also, if you know of anyone who might benefit from regularly receiving this newsletter, let me know and I'll add them to the list. Lastly, please feel free to send this far and wide to all of your own contacts.

[American Indian Veteran Newsletter - March -April - May 2017.pdf](#)

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[How to Kill an Indian With a Piece of Paper; Blood Quantum Laws and Contemporary American Indian...](#)

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from Powows.com:

Prison Pow Wow Provides Hope for Inmates

Families enjoyed a brief reunion over the weekend as 400 people attended a pow wow held at the Mike Durfee State Prison located in Springfield, South Dakota. As reported by [The Daily Republic](#), the cost to throw the pow wow is about \$3,500 and is paid for by the Lakota Council of Tribes (LCT), a group made up of inmates at the Springfield prison. Sylvester Pacheco, president of LCT, says along with tribal donations, inmates also pay \$3.50 per guest.

“Pretty much every tribe contributes something, whether it be firewood, rocks, botanical sweet grass, sage, whatever,” Pacheco said.

As you can imagine, the pow wow is something the inmates look forward to and provides them with a bit of hope and positivity. **[READ MORE](#)**

Dancing Towards the Light – Amazing Documentary on Nunavut Youth

There's not much else I can say about this documentary, you really just have to see the video and experience the interactive story and photos for yourself.

The documentary is by Kitra Cahana and Ed Ou, Canadian journalists and visual storytellers whose work has appeared in the New York Times, National Geographic and on the CBC. They have won numerous awards and grants, including World Press Photo Awards, a Pulitzer Center Catalyst Grant and multiple grants from the Canada Council for the Arts. They are both TED Senior Fellows.

Over the past few years, Ou and Cahana have made several trips to Arviat, Nunavut, located on the shores of the Hudson Bay. There, they have filmed the Sila Rainbow Dance Competition, an annual event that highlights the talents of Arviat youth.

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Northern Cree – Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to Northern Cree!

Last night at the 2017 Indigenous Music Awards the drum group was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Northern Cree has been and continues to be an outstanding ambassador for the Cree tribe and Native culture. They have been singing together for more than 20 years with 37 albums!

In 1982 the Northern Cree Singers were founded by Steve Wood, and his brothers Randy and Earl Wood. The group originates from the Saddle Lake Cree Nation but is made up of members from the Treaty 6 area, most notably the Frog Lake Cree Nation, Onion Lake Cree Nation, Samson Cree Nation, Louis Bull Cree Nation, and the Poundmaker Cree Nation. [READ MORE](#)

Indigenous Music Awards Brought Out the Stars

The Indigenous Music Awards which is part of Manitoba Festival in Winnipeg, MB were held at the Club Regent Event Centre on May 20, 2017, after a one-year hiatus. Fourteen awards were presented to the winners in their respected categories.

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The Indigenous stars of the music circle were in attendance from all over Canada and United States including New Zealand. The sold out show was treated to some of the best musical performances by Folk Singer Crista Couture, and hosts Kimberly Dawn and Jerry Sereda also performed a country number. [READ MORE](#)

Manito Ahbee Photos

Check out our photos from the 2017 Manito Ahbee Pow Wow and the Indigenous Music Awards!

Manito Ahbee May 19-21, 2017 Winnipeg, Manitoba

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[Alaska Natives Ask Nevadans to Help Protect Their Homeland](#)

May 22, 2017 -

Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

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The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is home to the the Gwich'in Tribe, whose members are touring Nevada this week to drum up opposition to drilling. (Micah Baird/Sierra Club)
RENO, Nev. -- A group of Alaska Natives are in Nevada this week as part of a tour of the Southwest. They're stoking opposition to a bill that would authorize oil and gas drilling in their homeland, including parts of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Two women from the Gwich'in Tribe spoke in Las Vegas Sunday and in Reno Tuesday at a showing of a short film about their battle to save their ancestral lands and the caribou herd that has sustained them. Bernadette Demientieff, executive director of the Gwich'in Steering Committee, said the herd is a central part of their heritage - which is why her tribe has taken a firm stand against development for decades.

"Just like the Native Americans with the buffalo, they have that spiritual and cultural connection, that's that same connection that we have to the Porcupine caribou herd," Demientieff said. "The Gwich'in Nation used to migrate with the caribou herd for over 20,000 years. What befalls the caribou, befalls the Gwich'in."

Supporters of the tribe want to block oil and gas drilling by giving wilderness protection to 1.5 million acres of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. They have introduced [House Resolution 1889](#), the Udall-Eisenhower Arctic Wilderness Act.

But Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski has sponsored [Senate Bill 49](#), to permit drilling on 2,000 acres of the refuge.

Fawn Douglas, a member of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, said the Gwich'in Tribe's struggle is very similar to Nevadans' fight to protect Gold Butte.

"They're trying to protect their homelands from any development. And we did do that here when it came to Gold Butte," Douglas said. "And to think about any part of that being desecrated or ruined by any mining or development is just absurd. And they're going through the same battle, the same fight."

The Gwich'in Tribe says the caribou herd's migration and calving areas would be disturbed if

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Congress approved drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. They're hoping Nevadans will write their representatives to urge protections for the area.

International Diplomacy Opportunities

Armenian Refugee Resettlement Officials (Dinner Hospitality)

Five delegates from Armenia will visit Reno to learn about refuge resettlement. They would like to be hosted for a Memorial Day bbq on Monday, May 29.

Alternative Energy Delegation from India (Dinner Hospitality)

Four alternative energy experts will visit Reno May 31-June 6. They would like to be hosted for dinner June 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5th.

Young African Leaders Initiative Mandela Washington Fellows (Dinner Hospitality)

25 young African leaders will visit Reno for a six-week business and entrepreneurship program. We seek six homes who can host the same four fellows on the following Thursdays: June 29, July 20, July 27. There will also be an opening dinner June 22 for all the home hosts and all the fellows.

The Annual Fulbright Drive-By Dinner on August 30 (Dinner Hospitality)

Host two, three or more Fulbright scholars from around the world on Wednesday August 30. Hosts pick up their mystery Fulbrighters at the Renaissance (formerly the Siena) and take them to their home and return them later in the evening.

Algerian High School Students (Overnight Hospitality)

25 Algerian high school students plus three adult chaperones will visit Reno August 7-19 and would like to be hosted in an American home. Home hosts need to provide a bed, daily breakfasts and some dinners. They also need to pass a background check, a home visit as well as participate in a host orientation.

Contact Carina Black at cblack@unr.edu if you are interested in hosting!

Take a Load Off. The Robots That Fold Laundry Are Coming.

By ALLEN SALKIN

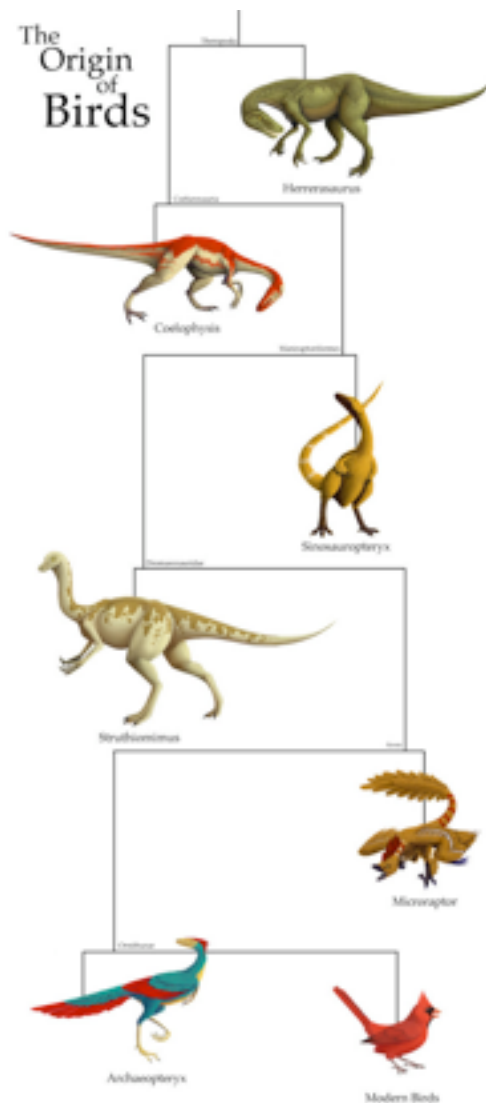
The robots Laundroid and FoldiMate will fold a load of laundry on their own - albeit rather slowly. They are coming to market soon, their makers say.

Today's selection -- from *Birdology* by Sy Montgomery. Birds, which are more different from us than any other class of creatures we commonly see, can see polarized and ultraviolet light, experience colors we can never know, sense the earth's magnetic field, and navigate using subtle changes in odor and barometric pressure:

"Birds are the only wild animals most people see every day. No matter where we live, birds live with us. Too many of us take them for granted. We don't appreciate how very strange they are, how different. We don't realize what otherworldly creatures birds are. Their hearts look like those of crocodiles. Birds are covered with modified scales -- we call them feathers. Their bones are hollow, permeated with extensive air sacs. They have no hands. They give birth to eggs.

"No other scientific classification of living creature we commonly see is so different from us as is the class Aves. We don't even think of birds as 'ani-mals' (although they are -- as are humans, of course). We consider 'animals' to be our fellow mammals, with whom our kinship is obvious. ... We shared a common ancestor with even the most distant of our fellow placental mammals as recently as 100 million years ago. The last ancestor we shared with the birds, however, traces back 325 to 350 million years ago.

"A bird is as distant from us as a dinosaur. But unlike the extinct monsters of the Jurassic and Cretaceous, birds today are everywhere among us -- on our sidewalks, at our bird feeders, on our dinner plates. Yet despite our disparate evolutionary paths, scientists are now beginning to reveal the extent to which birds' emotional and intellectual abilities are remarkably like ours. ...



"[T]he first thing you need to know about birds is that Birds Are Individuals. ... Although a flock of hens is all about community, each chicken is quite distinctive, and the personality of each individual is extremely important to the flock dynamic. People who don't know chickens are always astonished to learn this, but when you are in the company of birds, you must be prepared to be surprised.

"A second fundamental truth of birds is that Birds Are Dinosaurs. That may be difficult to see when you're watching a fluffy chickadee at the feeder, but it is abundantly clear when you are crashing through the rain forest of Queensland, Australia, pursuing a 150-pound cassowary, a bird as tall as a man, crowned with a helmet of bone on its head and a killer claw on each foot. ... The dinosaurian lineage that became the birds left the earth for the skies. And in doing this, they utterly reshaped their bodies inside and out. ... Their bones are hollow; their feathers weigh more than the skeleton. Their bodies are full of air sacs; their feathers, also hollow shafted, are sculpted to capture and move air. Birds are essentially feather-fringed bubbles. ...

"Birds are able to apprehend the world in ways that we cannot. They can see polarized and ultraviolet light. They experience colors we can never know. They sense the earth's magnetic field, navigate using subtle changes in odor and barometric pressure. They imbibe realities of this world that we cannot fathom and use them to circumnavigate

the globe. We are only now starting to understand how birds accomplish these extraordinary feats, by way of one of our most ordinary and unappreciated birds, the pigeon. ...

"Though gifted with instincts and senses that we lack, birds' intellectual capacities are shockingly similar to our own. Some birds appreciate human art to the extent that they can learn to tell the difference between the paint-ings of Monet and those of Manet. Some birds love to dance. ... Birds' capacity for song is of course so legendary that many cultures tell us the birds taught music to humans. There are birds who can even speak to us meaning-fully in our own language -- something that, many scientists believe, even our close hominid cousins, the Neanderthals, probably could not do."

Birdology: Adventures with Hip Hop Parrots, Cantankerous Cassowaries, Crabby Crows, Peripatetic Pigeons, Hens, Hawks, and Hummingbirds

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from Circle of Blue: "I've been going there since 1991 and remember having to choose carefully how to climb up onto the glacier. It was 20 to 30 feet high at the edge. Now it comes only up to your shins." –Daniel Fagre, a research ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, commenting on the decline of the popular Grinnell glacier in Montana's Glacier National Park. This graphic [maps changes in the park's glaciers over the past 50 years](#). (*The New York Times*)

\$25 billion Amount the National Flood Insurance Program owes the U.S. Treasury after paying for damages caused by Hurricane Sandy and other coastal disasters. With many coastal communities still highly vulnerable to floods, [sea level rise is set to put even more financial pressure on the program](#). *Yale Environment* 360

654 legal cases Number filed in the United States to force officials to take action on climate change, the most of any country in the world. A new study, however, found that [climate change cases are increasing globally](#). *Guardiance*, Studies, and Reports

Trees [lose much less water than lawns](#) during summer heat and drought, making them a better bet for conserving urban water resources, according to a study by researchers at the University of Utah. Their study found that lawns in Los Angeles accounted for 70 percent of the water lost through evapotranspiration, compared to 30 percent lost from trees. *National Science Foundation*

ALERT from Great Basin Water Network:

AB 298 died in Senate Natural Resources, but there is a move afoot to revive its language and attach it to another bill. We don't know all the details yet – the bill, the new language, etc...but we DO know that almost every section of every version of AB 298 upended key pieces of Nevada water law. The last version had inadequate definitions of terms; was retroactive to the beginning of Nevada water law; and forced 3M (monitoring, management and mitigation) plans on senior water right holders without sufficient details or safeguards.

Many organizations, local and tribal governments, and members of the public provided thorough and detailed testimony on the many concerns with AB 298.

It's time to stop any "zombie" AB 298 language from moving forward. Time is of the essence. Please help us by calling the following legislators who need to understand what's at stake for the State. This late in the session, we ask that you call now and leave a message:

"Please oppose any effort to add AB 298 language to any bill being considered. The amended bill died in Committee due to a range of concerns from a broad group of interested parties; please keep it that way."

Senator Heidi Gansert 775/684-1419
Senator Ben Kieckhefer 775/684-1450
Senator James Settelmeyer 775/684-1470

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Assemblywoman Heidi Swank 775/684-8595

You can also email; see leg.state.nv.us

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*This is the sprint to the finish, grueling and hard core. With rules suspended, anything can and does happen. If you think your opinion, call or email is not important, it is. I don't know why the alert only mentions members of the Natural Resources committees because any last minute maneuvers will have to be voted on full floors, so all Legislative members should be cautioned. And, of course, if you have nothing to do, keep your computers tuned into hearings and floor sessions to be part of an alert system. And kudos to the many who testified and/or became part of the process. Sometimes one wins the battle but loses the war; this is one of those times where it is important to win the battle so one can preclude the war. sdc*

