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### **The Fight against DAPL is not over – only transitioning!**

Posted By [Corinne Oestreich](#) February  
24th, 2017 Blog

There are all kinds of emotions we as Native peoples are feeling right now. These emotions range from despair to rage, with all variations of motivation and shades of “what do I do now?” in between.

When our 45th president signed Executive Action to reinstate the plans for the Keystone and Dakota Access Pipelines on Jan 24th, some felt shock and anger. I went through all of these emotions. I had times where I would need to step out of my classroom at work as I watched my friends and relatives on live feed videos get shot at (with less than lethal bean bag rounds) and maced by brutal police. I felt embarrassed that these officers were defiling the name of officers everywhere who actually serve and



protect, like my own father. Then, from the creeping feelings of despair and defeat, I felt the burning embers of motivation. Like coals under my feet, I found I could not stand still.

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I learned that my newly elected Congressman Ro Khanna, was planning a town hall on Feb 22nd at Ohlone College in Fremont CA. I sat down and wrote out a traditional introduction in Lakota. Then I wrote a 2-page statement on the situation the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Sioux faced against the DAPL, and planned to ask Mr. Khanna how he planned to assist cities in divesting their funds from banks that support the pipeline.

I wore my ribbon skirt, my feathers, and the beaded necklace I made for my son. His medallion is of a bear paw, and I needed every ounce of bravery I could muster. I carried a bear claw and a small amount of tobacco in my pocket and waited outside the town hall to get in.

I shivered, partly because of the cold, but also partly because those coals of motivation burned hotter beneath my feet. When this feeling happens inside me, I know it's my Creator telling me I have to do something because He makes it impossible to ignore.

The RSVP to the Town Hall read 120 would show...over 1,000 people came. There were so many people they needed 4 overflow rooms. I saw Mr. Khanna walk by and he stopped to shake



my hand. I held his hand with both of mine and asked him if he would give me time to ask him a very important question. He looked me in the eyes and said "Yes. Absolutely." I made it into the last room and sat in a seat beside two of my friends who came with me. We waited 2 hours because Mr. Khanna took great care to visit every room and give time and attention to the people who came. We had about 150 people in our room. After a few people were called on to speak, I could see Mr. Khanna look at me and I raised my hand. He called on me and I stood to speak. I was so glad I chose to write down what I wanted to say because I was so nervous.

Mr. Khanna stood very still, and respectfully listened to every word I read. I began with a traditional Lakota

introduction, followed by acknowledging that I was speaking on Muwekma Ohlone land, and I gave thanks to the Ohlone for the space to speak on a Lakota issue on their land. There were no tribal members present, but I felt it was important to honor the tribe. I gave a brief overview of the final easement that was granted by the Army Corps of Engineers and ended my statement by asking Mr. Khanna how he planned to assist the cities within his district with divesting their

funds from banks who support the DAPL. He responded very candidly, and with real emotion. He was horrified at the continued construction of the pipeline and the blatant disregard for the need of an Environmental Impact Report. He had planned to visit Standing Rock and the surrounding camps, and committed to visiting with city councils to urge them to divest their funds and to again state his disapproval with the DAPL. I believe he means to do this. I did not get the “politician” feeling from Mr. Khanna when he spoke to me. You could tell that specific issues weighed very heavy on him, including the travel ban on Muslims, and issues surrounding global warming.

To anyone reading this wondering “*What can I do? What do we do now?*” the answer is this...

You do whatever you can. Step out of your comfort zone.

Find out when your city council meets, mine meets weekly and has open minutes for city residents to address the council. I plan on attending every week until they agree to divest funds from their banks who support the pipeline.

**I may be one person, but what this Town Hall meeting showed me is that even as one person, I can make a difference. I can reach out and touch the emotions of another and urge them to hear me. Be the difference.**

***“UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” - Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax***



***From Congressman John Lewis:***

I've been marching for 52 years.  
From Selma to Montgomery to Washington, D.C. — they've brutally beaten me, they've imprisoned me ... but they cannot stop me.



Because the remarkable progress we have made is worth fighting for. The rights of every human being are worth fighting for.

So, we march. And we march again ... and again ... and again.

We are living in a time of great consequence, and it requires each of us to act. We must be willing to go out of our comfort zones ... educate ourselves on the issues ... speak out against injustice ... and turn our beliefs into action.

Those of us who believe in liberty and justice for all must gear up for what lies ahead. It's not going to be easy, but united, we the people have more power than the people in power. We are stronger than this president — remember that, and use it to energize yourself for the next battle.

The future is not certain. Our destiny is not preordained. But we have the ability to shape our path, and I'm proud to stand right alongside you, and everyone at the Human Rights Campaign, as we march forward.

We have a moral obligation to make this world a better place — and with persistence, we can do it. Thank you, Congressman John Lewis

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**\$34.8 million Amount of assets Norwegian investment manager Storebrand divested this week from three companies that are involved in the Dakota Access oil pipeline** in North Dakota, which has been strongly opposed due to concerns about water. *Guardian*

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**Champion** By [Jeri Chadwell-Singley](#) published on [03.02.17](#). Reno News&Review  
*Xóchitl Papalotl Ramírez is a member of the Northern Nevada American Indian Movement who helped organize the upcoming Stolen Sisters Memorial event to take place under the Reno Arch from 12 to 3 p.m. on March 5.*

### **Tell me about the Stolen Sisters Memorial.**

So, the Stolen Indigenous Folks Memorial is ... a celebration to folks that have gone missing, have been murdered or denied all throughout Turtle Island—so that stretches from north to south of this continent. What we're trying to do is reach out to folks that have family that have experienced any of the three—and reach out to in international solidarity. ... The international movement is missing and

murdered indigenous women. We have chosen to make it missing, murdered and denied indigenous folks. So we



include two-spirited folks. ... I'll give you a little bit of background about the three. One of them is the murdered piece, right? It's essentially celebrating the lives of those that have been taken from us unjustly through murder, genocide, assassination, etcetera. ... From our ancestors to current day, we're still surviving genocide. ... We're welcoming any family locally that has lost any relative to any sort of symptom of the capitalist system. And then the missing part essentially is to cover those that have gone missing up in so-called Klanada. There's a Highway of Tears. ... Women get picked up hitchhiking, and then they disappear. But it's also to bring awareness to the missing indigenous women in Juarez, which not a lot of folks are aware of either. ... And then the denied part goes for the indigenous folks that might not be federally recognized. So any tribe out there that is not federally recognized, this is our shout out in solidarity to you.

**You actually moved the date, right?**

Yes. So we have chosen to move the date of our event due to some, essentially, racism that still continues today in this city. We had planned to host this event March 4 for months. And a week ago, a member of this community—I'll keep their name anonymous—but they decided to host a pro-Trump rally in call of so-called—quote unquote—unity. Of course we rejected the offer to collaborate with any of those people because we believe that—first of all—the purposes of our events are completely different and—second of all—we will not unite under hate.

**Were you asked to combine the events?**

Yes. So in a way, to us, that is silencing, again, indigenous folks. I just really would like to stress the fact that we are peaceful people and, therefore, we decided to move our event, because we have suffered in this community acts of racist terrorism, like the one that happened on Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day.

**The event is just a few days after trial starts for Nicholas Mahaffey, who drove through the crowd.**

And we're also hosting a Justice for Kitty demonstration March 1. ... So, essentially, we decided as a community to move our event to avoid any sort of confrontation because, again, we are peaceful people, and we don't want to give any of these people any sort of reason to even think they can harm us, because they can't.

**Kitty [Colbert] is the woman who was severely injured in the October incident, right? Is she OK?**

I wouldn't want to speak for Kitty. But I would say that, from my own personal outlook, her life has been transformed by this incident. And we love her and support her, and we continue to pray for her healing.

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**[Sen. Franken Wants FBI Explanation Why Its Investigating DAPL Protesters](#)**

Published March 1, 2017 WASHINGTON – In a letter dated, March 1, 2017, to FBI Director James Comey, U.S. Senator Al Franken (D-Minnesota), a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs,...

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**[Bucky Harjo](#)**

[Kitty Colbert](#) shared some good words yesterday at a rally in downtown Reno Justice for Kitty Colbert. She was run over on October 10, 2016 at an A rally to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day and protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline. To see Kitty rise once again on her two legs and able to walk again she is an amazing person. An inspiration to all to see how she has overcome so much in a few months since that evening. Last week she sponsored a gathering honoring Water Protectors. Had she not suffered such injuries she would have gone and protected the Water in person at Oceti Sakowin. Thank you kitty for your strength, encouragement, generosity and support and your musical talent. AleYs an honor to STAND with you. Love you Kitty!

Another way to lose a few hours: <http://cpr.org/Museum/index.html>

[PDF][Eureka Memories: Oral History Project, 1993 - Yucca Mountain.org](http://www.yuccamountain.org/pdf/eureka-memories.pdf)

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*EUREKA MEMORIES*. A Series of Interviews with Fourteen Individuals and Families in Eureka, Nevada. 1993. Oral histories conducted and edited by Robert D.

## Put your innovation project in the spotlight!

The GLAMi Awards recognize and celebrate the most innovative projects in the cultural heritage sector of the past year. Any museum, gallery, library or archive (GLAM) institution may submit their 2016 projects for an award. Agencies and media producers may submit their work in collaboration with their client institutions. Projects must have been released to the public during the 2016 calendar year.



**Submit your innovation projects for a GLAMi Award by March 10.**

> [Complete the online submission form here.](#)

> How do the awards work? [Find out more about the GLAMi Awards.](#)

The GLAMies were previously known as the **Best of the Web (BOW)** Awards, introduced in 1997 at the first Museums and the Web conference, when the word “Web” in a museum was almost synonymous with “innovation.” See an archive of

previous winners of the [BOW Awards on Wikipedia](#).

Today, the MW conferences have come to represent innovation in the cultural sector at large, much of which happens beyond the web. In 2016, we relaunched BOW as the GLAMies - recognizing the most innovative work in Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums worldwide, and this year's program includes a special [showcase session for finalists](#) on Thursday before the [awards ceremony](#) on the Friday of the MW17 conference.

**> Be part of the GLAMour of MW17: [Register to attend](#) and [book your MW17 hotel room at a discounted rate!](#)**

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### **Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation: Community Partners Grants**

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers throughout the United States. The Foundation's Community Partners Grants support nonprofit organizations and local municipalities undertaking high-need projects such as building renovations and upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades, and safety improvements. Grants range from \$2,000 to \$100,000. Applications for the spring cycle may be submitted from March 20 through May 12, 2017. Visit the company's website to download the Giving Guidelines.

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### **Poll: Nevadans Want to Keep Methane Waste Rule**

February 28, 2017 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV) [Play Audio in Browser Window](#)

The U.S. Senate is poised to vote on repealing the Bureau of Land Management's Methane Waste Rule that limits flaring of excess gas, but polls show large majorities of voters support it. (Environmental Defense Fund)

CARSON CITY, Nev. – A new poll shows 79 percent of Nevadans support limiting methane waste from oil and gas facilities.

The survey conducted by Colorado College comes as the U.S. Senate is expected to vote soon on whether to eliminate the Bureau of Land Management's [Methane Waste Rule](#). The rule requires oil and gas companies to install methane capture equipment to cull excess gas, which then can be brought to market instead of polluting the atmosphere.

David Jenkins, president of the advocacy group Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship, says the idea of saving taxpayers money has bipartisan appeal.

"These assets that the BLM manages, of natural gas, if it's flared and not responsibly collected, you know, we don't get royalties on that," he explained. "So taxpayer assets are just being wasted and put up into the air."

A second poll, by Adrian Gray Consulting, shows that nationally almost 70 percent of both Democratic and Republican voters support keeping the Methane Waste Rule. Yet the U.S. House of Representatives voted to repeal it on February third - with only three Democrats on board and minus 11 Republicans who support the rule.





Jenkins says the way opponents of the Methane Waste Rule are going about the repeal is particularly harmful because it would require another act of Congress to reinstate the rule.

"If Congress succeeds at rolling back a regulation using the Congressional Review Act, that agency can never promulgate a similar type regulation," he said.

Jenkins says the oil and gas industry is spending millions to influence legislators to vote to repeal the rule. Democratic Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto has said she supports the methane waste rule while Republican Senator Dean Heller has not publicly announced his position.

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### **"Calling BullS\*\*t" College Course** by [Susan Dutca](#)

Two University of Washington professors are calling out "fake news" and "alternative facts" in defense of the scientific community with their new course ["Calling Bullshit In The Age of Big Data."](#) Students, as well as the general public will have the opportunity to learn how to "detect and defuse" bullshit.

Biologist Carl Bergstrom, and his partner Jevin West, an assistant professor in UW's Information School, concocted the idea after much griping about the misinformation and misinterpretation of scientific data, algorithms and research seen in popular press, grant applications and scientific papers. After reviewing scientific articles for years, they decided to "help people of all political perspectives resist bullshit, because we are confident that together all of us can make better collective decisions if we know how to evaluate the information that comes our way." The apolitical course also gives insight to the unease felt by scholars who are devoted to the empirical scientific method, which is not as embraced as frequently as are the "outright scams."

The professors will examine case studies, or what they refer to as "bullshit in the wild" - to show how scientific data is "manipulated to mislead the public." Students will learn key skills for judging information, such as how to "remain vigilant for bullshit contaminating your information diet" or "recognize said bullshit whenever and wherever you encounter it."



While the course will be held on UW's campus, with a max of 160 students, the materials are available [online](#) to the general public for free. Other institutions, high schools, and middle schools have requested to borrow their material to create their own similar course and the two professors have eagerly agreed; "No copyright. No trademark. Use it. Run with it," West stated.

West and Bergstrom are also set on the term "bullshit" as they claim "there are few synonyms that can match the thump it has." University officials have strongly supported this, and it even appears in the school's new course catalog.

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## **Watch This! Ultimate Dance Off in New A Tribe Called Red Video**

A Tribe Called Red is back with a new video for their song "Indian City". Folks in street clothes, pow wow regalia all meet up in the park and an epic dance battle erupts. Check it out!

If you want to show off your dance moves, make sure you check out A Tribe Called Red on their upcoming tour!

You can get your tickets here: <http://atribecalledred.com/tour/>

March 08 – Tallahassee, Fl | Club Downunder

March 09 – Orlando, Fl | The Social

March 10 – Savannah, Ga | Club One

March 15 – Washington, Dc | U Street Music Hall

March 16 – Philadelphia, Pa | The Foundry At The Fillmore Philadelphia

March 17 – New York, Ny | Highline Ballroom

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## **Here's What Pope Francis Wants You to Give Up for Lent This Year**

No need to throw out the chocolate, booze, and carbs. Pope Francis has a different idea for fasting this year. [time.com](#)

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## **40 Years. 40 Films. 40 Weeks.**

Vision Maker Media continues its 40th anniversary celebration with four films streaming in March as part of its collection of 40 films available for free streaming through Aug. 7, 2017.

Each week a different film will be available:

[visionmakermedia.org](http://visionmakermedia.org) and [americanarchive.org](http://americanarchive.org).

### **Titles for March"**

March 7 ..... *Apache 8*

March 14 ..... *Rocks with Wings*

March 21 ..... *Kinaalda: Navajo Rite of Passage*

March 28 ..... *Seasoned with Spirit: Food Upon the Water*

### **APACHE 8**

This film tells the story of an all-women wildland firefighter crew from the White Mountain Apache Tribe who have been fighting fires for more than 30 years. The film delves into the challenging lives of these Native firefighters, while four extraordinary women from different

generations of the Apache 8 crew share their personal narratives with humor and tenderness. They speak of hardship and loss, family and community, and pride in being a firefighter from Fort Apache. *Apache 8* weaves a compelling tale of these remarkable firefighters, revealed for the first time.

*Producers:* [Heather Rae](#) (Cherokee), [Sande Zeig](#), [Dolly Hall](#), and [Victoria Westover](#)

### **ROCKS WITH WINGS**

In 1980, Jerry Richardson, a 24-year-old black man from East Texas who had just finished college in Louisiana, took a job coaching basketball in Shiprock, New Mexico, a depressed Navajo community. He takes on the girls' varsity team that seemingly has no chance of ever winning. Their work pays off, and by 1987, the Lady Chieftains are state contenders. With real game footage and current and candid interviews, this is an inspirational look at winning and losing, and everything in between. *Producers:* Rick Derby and David Davis

### **KINAALDA: NAVAJO RITE OF PASSAGE**

A Navajo filmmaker turns the camera on herself and her family as she documents her niece's kinaaldá, or coming-of-age ceremony. Telling her own personal story, the filmmaker provides a rare insider's look at Navajo culture and the complexities of growing up Navajo in contemporary times.

*Producers:* Lena Carr (Navajo) and Aaron Carr

### **SEASONED WITH SPIRIT: FOOD UPON THE WATER**

Loretta Barrett Oden, a renowned Native American chef of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, travels around the country to immerse herself in the lives and traditions of numerous Native American tribes. She blends her passion for delectable food and engaging storytelling to create a fascinating series for viewers of all backgrounds. This episode shows how wild rice, or manoomin, is still harvested the traditional way by the Anishanabe, or Ojibwe people of the Great Lakes Region. Oden participates in a rice harvest and demonstrates some recipes along the way.

*Producers:* Matt Cohen and Renard Cohen

### **About 40 Years. 40 Films. 40 Weeks.**

The same year our nation celebrated its bicentennial and President Ford proclaimed a week in October as "Native American Awareness Week," six Native producers in public television met to charter the Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium (NAPBC), later known as Native American Public Telecommunications (NAPT) and now Vision Maker Media.

In these 40 years, our organization has created more than 500 films, awarded \$11 million to independent producers and held hundreds of film-screening events across the nation. In celebration of Vision Maker Media's 40th anniversary, a collection of 40 films will be available for free streaming through Aug. 7, 2017. Each week a different film will be available on [visionmakermedia.org](http://visionmakermedia.org) and [americanarchive.org](http://americanarchive.org).

### **About Vision Maker Media**

Vision Maker Media is celebrating 40 years as your premier source for quality American Indian and Alaska Native educational and home videos. All aspects of our programs encourage the involvement of young people to learn more about careers in the media--to be the next generation of storytellers. Vision Maker Media envisions a world changed and healed by understanding Native stories and the public conversations they generate.

With funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), Vision Maker Media's Public Media Content Fund awards support to projects with a Native American theme and significant Native involvement that ultimately benefits the entire public media community. Vision Maker

Media, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) empowers and engages Native People to tell stories. For more information, [www.visionmakermedia.org](http://www.visionmakermedia.org)

### **About The American Archive of Public Broadcasting**

The American Archive of Public Broadcasting seeks to preserve and make accessible significant historical content created by public media, and to coordinate a national effort to save at-risk public media before its content is lost to posterity. [americanarchive.org](http://americanarchive.org)

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## **Temple Grandin Surprises Middle School Students With Guest Appearance**

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### **COURT RULES HAGE FAMILY MUST PAY \$587K FOR GRAZING CATTLE ON FEDERAL LAND IN NEVADA**

A U.S. District Court judge has ordered a Nevada ranching family engaged in a long-running dispute with federal agencies to pay \$587,000 for grazing cattle on BLM and Forest Service lands without permission.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz31792880>

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### **HARRY REID, JOHN BOEHNER TO CO-CHAIR NEW UNLV PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE**

The dean of UNLV's College of Urban Affairs said his school has scored a national coup by bringing together former congressional archrivals Harry Reid and John Boehner to co-chair a new public policy institute.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz31792882>

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**Ordering federal agencies to [repeal the Clean Water Rule](#) may be a conflict of interest for U.S. President Donald Trump** because it could ease expenses for golf courses owned by the Trump Organization. The rule, unpopular with farmers and developers, made clear the federal government's jurisdiction over small wetlands and streams, rather than limiting federal protections to "navigable" waters. *Bloomberg*

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**Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service on Congress' Hot Seat - Indian Country Media Network** The Government Accountability Office blasted leadership at the Bureau of Indian... [indiancountrymedianetwork.com](http://indiancountrymedianetwork.com)

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**Miss Native American USA, Ashley Nilianh Susan Shows Solidarity at Oak Flat March - Indian Country Media Network** [indiancountrymedianetwork.com](http://indiancountrymedianetwork.com)

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## **Jenna Cavelle**

URGENT: To all my Paiute and Native family in the OV-- I am coming to Owens Valley this weekend to audition Native talent for the roles of Indian Joe (35-50) an...

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