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This March 20 photo from the National Park Service shows a California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*), found in the Santa Monica Mountains near Los Angeles. The discovery involving the rare frog has researchers hopping for joy. The NPS says egg masses from the frog were found last week in a stream in the mountains adjacent to the Los Angeles metropolitan area. It's evidence that the threatened species is reproducing. (National Park Service via AP)

<http://www.oregister.com/articles/population-747303-park-frog.html>

*It is Friday.....sdc*

***Bixi Nibe***

Black Snake coming thru.....prayers for the darkness ahead. Jesus would have said "forgive as they do not know what they are doing". But these people have Bibles, Constitutions, Conventions, Declarations, Protocols and Accords worth less than toilet paper.

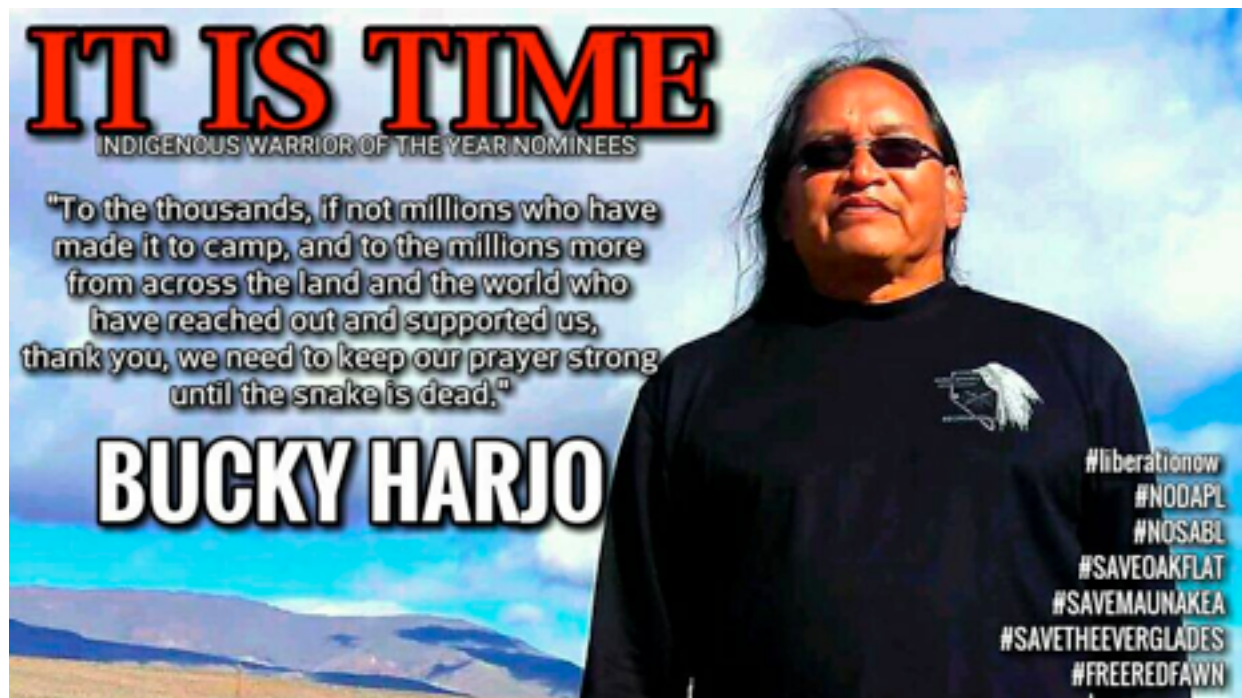
## **Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Remains Committed to Court Fight After D.C. Circuit Denial of Injunction**

**Eagle Butte, SD** — March 20, 2017 On Saturday, March 18, 2017, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals denied the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe's emergency motion for injunction pending appeal to stop the flow of oil in the Dakota Access Pipeline under Lake Oahe while the appeals court considers the Tribe's challenge pursuant to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act ("RFRA"). The case in the D.C. Circuit is an appeal from the district court's March 7, 2017 Order denying the Tribe's motion for preliminary injunction under RFRA.

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Chairman Harold Frazier stated: *"The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of course is disappointed in the outcome of this motion. The flow of oil under Lake Oahe will devastate the practice of our religion. The shameful truth is that America can't understand the holiness of our Grandmother Earth and her importance to our existence. But that is why we Lakota people were put on this earth—to fight for Unci Maka when the of rest world has forgotten her. We are not just doing this for us. We're doing it for all of you."*

Dakota Access, LLC has stated in court filings that oil could flow as soon as Monday, March 20, 2017. The Lakota people of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe believe that the presence of this crude oil pipeline—the Black Snake—under the sacred waters of Lake Oahe will render the waters ritually impure for use in essential Lakota religious sacraments. The Court's order affects only the motion for injunction pending appeal. The Court will not decide the merits of the appeal until it has been fully briefed and argued by the parties. The Court has yet to schedule either briefing or argument.

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**DAPL oil company offers to reimburse ND \$38M**, which ND seeks from the Feds & which is the result of an unwarranted emergency declaration from a Governor with di...[See More](#)

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The Associated Press is reporting that The Trump administration will approve the Keystone XL pipeline by Monday. The approval comes just 16 months after the Obama administration denied the permit. [#NoKXL](#) [https://lrinspire.com/.../state-department-set-to-approve-p.../...](https://lrinspire.com/.../state-department-set-to-approve-p.../)

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***We are preparing for Yucca Mountain licensing and are hosting an event , the Native American Forum on Nuclear Issues 2017 on April 22-23 at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Please distribute and invite friends and supporters. Our event begins at 1 pm but we will march with our banner NEVADA IS NOT A WASTELAND in the Scientists March beginning at 10 am. Mr. Ian Zabarte***

Native Community Action Council      P.O. Box 46301 Las Vegas, NV 89114

### **A Native American Yucca Mountain Experience      By Ian Zabarte**

By the year 2001, the Environmental Protection Agency set the radiation protection standards for Yucca Mountain without considering the comments of the Native Community Action Council challenging the Environmental Protection Agency standard for not being protective of Native Americans. The Environmental Protection Agency set the radiation protection standard based upon a individual living 11 miles from Yucca Mountain getting water from a well and farming, in what is known as, the “reasonably maximally exposed individual.” No consideration was given to the comments of potential impact to Native Americans and the Department of Energy adopted the Environmental Protection Agency standards denying any arguments that do not support licensing of Yucca Mountain. This amounts to environmental racism, a violation of President Bill Clinton’s Executive Order 12898, Federal Action to Address Environmental Justice in Low Income and Minority Communities.

As the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission loomed in 2008 the Native Community Action Council began preparing for the licensing and in December of 2008 intervened in the Atomic Safety Licensing Board Panel of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Two contentions of the NCAC deal with ownership of land and water rights. Specifically, the NCAC relied upon the same federal statute that created Nevada, as the foundation for the ownership interests that accrue to the Shoshone people. The 1861 Nevada Organic Act states:

*“Provided, further, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to impair the*

*rights of person or property now pertaining to the Indians in said Territory, so long as such rights shall remain unextinguished by treaty between the United States and such Indians, or to include any territory which, by treaty with any Indian tribe, is not, without the consent of said tribe, to be included within the territorial limits or jurisdiction of any State or Territory.”*

In December of 2014, the NRC Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards published long awaited Safety Evaluation Report Requirements NUREG-1949, Volume 4:

*“The NRC staff finds that DOE has not met the requirements 10 CFR 63.121(a) and 10 CFR 63.121(d)(1) regarding ownership of land and water rights, respectively.”*

The Native Community Action Council, representing the Shoshone and Paiute people intervened in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing of Yucca Mountain. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission proceedings are regarded as the most complicated and lengthy legal proceeding ever contemplated in human history. The Native Community Action Council achieved *“party with standing”* in the proceedings before the Atomic Safety Licensing Board Panel without any financial support bringing three contentions--one contention related to the National Environmental Policy Act and two legal contentions related to ownership of land and water rights. The Native Community Action Council is the only non-federally funded party to the licensing proceedings, whereas the Department of Energy together with other parties including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Nevada and have spent approximately \$15 billion.

The Shoshone and Paiute peoples began questioning impact to the people and land from radioactive fallout released by the United States and United Kingdom testing of weapons of mass destruction. Between 1986 and 1990 the Shoshone and Paiute participated in the creation of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990 with former United States Secretary of the Interior Steward Udall and local Las Vegas lawyers Larry Johns to provide payment to downwinders--up to \$50K, \$75K for on-site participants; and uranium miners up to \$100k for cancer illness for 15 primary cancers.

Citizen Alert, then Nevada’s only state-wide grassroots environmental organization, collaborated with the Shoshone and Paiute people to create the Nuclear Risk Management for Native Communities Project. Research conducted by the Native Community Action Council reviewed the Department of Energy Off-Site Radiation Exposure Review Profile and found that the Department of Energy did not replicate Native American lifestyle as they exist and instead substituted a sheep herder lifestyle for analysis. The Native Community Action Council research found significant increased exposure to Native Americans based on lifestyle differences that include: 1) diet--what Shoshone and Paiute people ate and how their food was prepared; 2) mobility—where they went and what they did there; 3) shelter—where they lived and what their houses were made from.

Citizen Alert no longer exists but, today the Native Community Action Council proudly bears the banner, "*Nevada is Not a Wasteland*" to protect the people and land of the Great Basin. Twenty-five years ago, the Shoshone and Paiute people organized the first Healing Global Wounds event, the first Native American conference and pow-wow ever held at UNLV on the anniversary of 500 years since European "*discovery*" of North America. The Native Community Action Council is preparing to meet the continuing licensing of Yucca Mountain by hosting the 2017 Native American Forum on Nuclear Issues at the University of Nevada Las Vegas on Earth Day, April 22, 2017. The Las Vegas community is invited to participate. Further information can be found at: [www.nativecommunityactioncouncil.org](http://www.nativecommunityactioncouncil.org)

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## **Calendar**

### **April 2017**

**April 1 Agave Harvest, Part 1**, Malki Museum, 11795 Malki Rd., Morongo Reservation, Banning, CA United States

The Agave Harvest and Roast is an annual event held on two consecutive Saturdays in April, when the agave plants were traditionally gathered. The agave, or amul, was a basic food staple for the Cahuilla and Kumeyaay Indians of Southern California. \$10 donation appreciated. For more info, visit [www.malkimuseum.org](http://www.malkimuseum.org) or call (951) 849-7289. [Find out more »](#)

**April 1 [News from Native California's 30th Anniversary Magazine Release Celebration](#)**

@ 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM The Autry Museum of the American West, 4700 Western Heritage Way Los Angeles, CA 90027 United States [Find out more »](#)

News from Native California's 30th Anniversary Magazine Release Celebration, The Autry Museum of the American West, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027. 2 to 5p.m.

**April 4-6. 2017 Needs Assessment & Community Engagement Training Sacramento, CA**

Trainers: [Barbara Roloff/ Noorie Brantmeier](#) (HUD Training)

Registration and Event Information: <https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventId=1956951>

**April 4 - June 18 [Great Basin Painters](#)** CN Gorman Museum, 1316 Hart Hall, UC Davis Davis, CA United States

Great Basin Painters, CN Gorman Museum, University of California, Davis. In association with the Great Basin Native Artists, the exhibition will feature works by Melissa Melero-Moose, Karma Henry, Topaz Jones, and Jaune Quick-To-See-Smith. For more info, visit [gormanmuseum.ucdavis.edu](http://gormanmuseum.ucdavis.edu). [Find out more »](#)

**April 8 [Agave Harvest, Part 2](#)** Malki Museum, 11795 Malki Rd. Morongo Reservation Banning, CA United States Agave Harvest, Part 2, Malki Museum, 11795 Malki Rd., Morongo Reservation, Banning. \$10 donation appreciated. For more info, visit [www.malkimuseum.org](http://www.malkimuseum.org) or call (951) 849-7289. [Find out more »](#)

**April 8 - April 9 [Chumash Day Powwow and Intertribal Celebration](#)** Malibu Bluffs Park, 24250 Pacific Coast Highway Malibu, CA United States



Chumash Day Powwow and Intertribal Celebration, Malibu Bluffs Park, Malibu. Traditional arena dancing, singing, and drums; Native American craft vendors, food, Chumash storytelling, and children's crafts. For more info, call (310) 317-1364. [Find out more »](#)

**April 14 - April 15 45th Annual UC Davis Powwow** UC Davis, East and West Quad, 1 Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616 [Find out more »](#)

Powwow celebrates the traditions and contributions of Indigenous people and cultures and creates a space on the UC Davis campus for Native American music, dance, voices, art, and culture to be vibrantly visible. For more info, visit [ucdavis.edu/nativeamerican.html](http://ucdavis.edu/nativeamerican.html).

**April 15 Sherman Indian High School Powwow**, 9010 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, CA 92503 Intertribal dancers from Southern California will participate in the grand entries, intertribals, and contests. For more info, visit [www.shermanindian.org](http://www.shermanindian.org) or call (951) 276-6325. [Find out more »](#)

**April 15 @ 6:30 - 9:00 PM News from Native California's 30th Anniversary Celebration** Maidu Museum & Historic Site, 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive Roseville, CA 95661 Light refreshments will be available. Free. [Find out more »](#)

**April 22-23 Native American Forum on Nuclear Issues** We are preparing for Yucca Mountain licensing and are hosting an event, the Native American Forum on Nuclear Issues 2017 the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Please distribute and invite friends and supporters. Our event begins at 1 pm but we will march with our banner NEVADA IS NOT A WASTELAND in the Scientists March beginning at 10 am. [www.nativecommunityactioncouncil.org](http://www.nativecommunityactioncouncil.org)

## **April 28-29 2017 Gathering of Nations Pow Wow Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**April 29 Yomen: 13th Annual Spring Celebration and Community Event** @ 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Maidu Museum & Historic Site, 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive Roseville, CA 95661 Yomen: 13th Experience California Indian culture with an opening blessing followed by California Indian dancers, skill demonstrations, tours through the historic site, old ways craft demonstrations, children's activities, storytelling, and a Native craft fair throughout the day. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. [Find out more »](#)

## **May 2017**

**May 5 Richard M. Milanovich Legacy Hike**, Indian Canyons, 38520 S. Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Springs, CA [Find out more »](#)  
Hike and 5K run; proceeds benefit the Richard M. Milanovich Educational Fellowship at George Washington University in Washington D.C. For more info, visit [www.acbci.com/charityhike](http://www.acbci.com/charityhike).

**May 6 - May 7 Annual Cupa Days** [Cupa Cultural Center, 35008 Pala-Temecula Rd. Pala, CA United States](#) [Find out more »](#)

Dancing, bird singing, peon tournaments, native arts and crafts, booths, cultural exhibits, and plenty of Indian tacos. For more info, visit [www.palatribe.com](http://www.palatribe.com).

**May 12 - May 14**     **Stanford Powwow**, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford, CA 94305  
Stanford Powwow, Eucalyptus Grove at Galvez and Campus Dr., Palo Alto. Intertribal dancing, art, and food vendors. For more info, visit [powwow.stanford.edu](http://powwow.stanford.edu).     [Find out more »](#)

**May 13**     **[36th Annual Medicine Ways Conference](#)** UC Riverside, 900 University Ave. Riverside, CA 92521     For over three decades, the Annual Medicine Ways Conference has been hosted by the Native American Student Association and Native American Student Programs at UCR. Featured guests from across the nation are invited to partake in this unique event.  
[Find out more »](#)

**May 16-18 INDIAN HOUSING MANAGEMENT (NAIHC)**     Tampa, FL  
For more info., agenda, and to register, visit [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net)

**[May 18 FY17 Indian Community Development Block Grant \(ICDBG\) Deadline](#)**  
Published March 8, 2017, the Notice of Funding Availability Native ICDBG program available [here](#).

**May 26 - May 27**     **36th Annual UCR Powwow**     UC Riverside, 900 University Ave. Riverside, CA 92521     [Find out more »](#)  
36th Annual UCR Powwow, Riverside Sports Complex, 1000 W. Blaine St., Riverside. An intertribal social gathering celebrating Native American culture and traditions through singing, drumming, and dancing. For more info, visit [nasp.ucr.edu/events/ucrpowwow.html](http://nasp.ucr.edu/events/ucrpowwow.html).

**May 27**     **53rd Annual Kéwet**     Malki Museum, 11795 Malki Rd. Morongo Reservation Banning, CA     [Find out more »](#)  
Dancers and singers representing several tribes from Southern California, and many of the vendors in the Ramada booths are Native Americans from all over the southwestern states.  
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from Grist:

**[The EPA is still cleaning up brownfields. So that's something.](#)**

NIKHIL SWAMINATHAN

**[Burning coal for electricity continues its steep slide into history.](#)**

NATHANAEL JOHNSON

**[The world feels pretty broken right now. Meet the fixers.](#)**

SCOTT DODD



## **Surprise: This Republican governor now wants his state to ban fracking.**

LISA HYMAS

## **How Trump's Supreme Court pick keeps environmental cases out of court**

REBECCA LEBER

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### **Lummi Nation Stands Up to Coal – “Not for Any Price”**

In case you're not familiar with the issue, this documentary does a great job of catching you up. SSA Marine was eyeing Cherry Point, Washington as a new sight for the largest coal terminal in North America. This was right near the Lummi Nation and they argued that this coal port would disrupt their treaty fishing rights. [READ MORE](#)

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### **FREE 7 WEEK SERIES PLANNING WORKSHOPS**

Wednesdays, March 29 - May 10, 2017

10:30 AM to noon OR 1:00 to 2:30 PM

Sierra View Library (Reno Town Mall) 4001 S. Virginia St., Reno

Kurt Mische, KNPB President & CEO, series facilitator

Week 1: March 29 -- Quiz and Planning Guide

Week 2: April 5 -- Fundamentals of Estate Planning

Week 3: April 12 -- Wills, Probate, and Trusts

Week 4: April 19 -- Responsibilities of Fiduciaries, Executors, and Successor Trustees

Week 5: April 26 -- Advanced Estate Planning

Week 6: May 3 -- Power of Attorney, Health Care Directives, DNRs, and Ethical Wills

Week 7: May 10 -- Overview of Medicaid and Health Insurance, Wills Planning Guide

**For reservations or questions call Community Foundation of Western Nevada**

**775-333-5499 or visit [nevadafund.org](http://nevadafund.org) .**

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### **Black West: U.S Deputy Marshal Grant Johnson**

*By: M. Swift*

Born in the northern reaches of Texas, Grant Johnson was a Deputy U.S Marshal in what was known as Indian Territory—pretty much Oklahoma by this time. Little is known about his early life other than his father was a Black Chickasaw Freedman and his mother a Black Creek Freedman.

### **Grant Johnson's Career**

His career began in the early 1870s working under Judge Isaac Parker—known as “The



Hanging Judge.” If that name sounds familiar, it should as he deputized legendary Black lawman Bass Reeves, known as the greatest lawman of the west and one of the finest gunslingers.

As for Johnson’s own legend, he became a U.S Deputy Marshal in 1887. He was known to be extremely familiar with the Muskogee Creek nation and how to navigate customs and politics for his work. In many cases, he would work closely with Bass Reeves forming a fearsome team for outlaws.

Some of his best-known collars include the murder Bill Davis and the train robber Wade Camberlee. As law enforcement changed towards the end of the century, he was moved to Muskogee, OK but continued catching outlaws. It was here that he also founded a team of Black and Freedman crimefighters. While his record didn’t match Bass Reeve’s 3,000, it was still in the hundreds in Indian Territory. Considering it was where outlaws could navigate easily, men like Johnson and Reeves were in high demand.

Grant Johnson retired in 1906 as a patrolling police officer in Creek Nation where he passed on April 9, 1929. Source: [Chronicles of Harriet](#)

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**Toilet to Tap: Brewery Creates Beer from Recycled Wastewater** Live Science

A Southern *California* brewery has put sustainability on tap with a new brew made ... which was made using recycled *water* from San Diego's

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**[Storage, domestic wells topics at Carson City water forum | NevadaAppeal.com](#)**

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**[LA Water Commissioner Cuts Check for Pipeline Repairs](#)**

U.S. News & World Report

A city *water* commissioner was so concerned about a broken pipeline at a *California* Indian reservation that she decided to pay for ...

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**from the Stream:**

**\$82 billion** Additional amount governments across the United States need to invest each year for the next 10 years to meet water infrastructure needs, according to a report released by the Value of Water Campaign. This level of investment would [generate more than \\$220 billion](#) in economic activity each year, the report found. *The Value of Water*

*In context: Learn why water experts say [America’s water infrastructure requires a new mindset](#).*

Sea ice in the Arctic covered just 14.4 million square kilometers at its peak this winter, [setting a new record low for the third consecutive year](#), and data also show it was thinner than previous years. Air temperatures over the Arctic Ocean were 2.5 degrees Celsius above average, according to researchers at the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center. *Guardian*

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With our library we are perpetuating the...  
[indianpueblo.org](http://indianpueblo.org)

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[Pocahontas Death Day Celebrations in England - Indian Country Media Network](#)

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**This is the year for visual artists to apply for the Nevada Arts Council Artist Fellowships.**  
Online application deadline is April 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. PST.

[Nevada Arts Council](#)

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April 6, 2017 at 5 p.m. PST

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who dwells in the  
skies above, who  
gives all things  
useful to men,  
who is the source  
and ruler of health  
and life.

~Iroquois Constitution

