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Zabriskie Point in Death Valley National Park., <http://www.pvarneyphotography.com/death-valley-national-park-1/>

[Ancient Native American remains reburied on California isle](#) **By Associated Press**

After more than a decade of study, the bones of the so-called Tuqan Man were recently returned to San Miguel Island and buried by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians that had claimed him as their own.

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<http://www.americanindianreporter.com/AIR-CurrentIssue.pdf>

N7 Ambassadors

N7 ambassadors who are both athletes that reflect the Native American and Aboriginal community and influencers who choose to use their voice to inspire future generations and to celebrate the power of native youth.



[Alvina Begay](#)

Alvina Begay was raised on the Navajo Reservation and long distance running is in her blood. At an elevation of 6,000+ feet, Alvina grew up running on the almost endless, dusty dirt roads and trails of her hometown. [Full bio](#)

[Notah Begay III](#)

Notah Begay III, the only full-blooded Native American on the PGA Tour, was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Notah secured a scholarship to Stanford University where he earned a degree in Economics in addition to earning All-American Honors three times and leading the golf team to a National Championship in 1994. [Full bio](#)



[Sam Bradford](#)



Sam Bradford knows how to win. Born and raised in Oklahoma City, where he starred in not only football, but basketball and golf as well, Sam is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and listed on the tribe's rolls. [Full bio](#)

[Jacoby Ellsbury](#)

Jacoby Ellsbury was destined for great things. Born in Madras, Oregon, and a proud member of Colorado River Indian Tribe, Jacoby was a four-year letterman in both football and baseball at Madras High School. [Full bio](#)



Koda Glover

Koda Glover has always been locked in. From his earliest days family and friends recognized unique focus and resolve in the young Glover. This focus enabled him to rise swiftly to the Major Leagues (he was the #2 player from the 2015 MLB Amateur Draft to make his MLB debut), where he quickly garnered respect as one of the most electric late game relievers in baseball. [Full bio](#)



Temryss Lane

Temryss Lane is a woman of many talents. Professional soccer player and fitness model turned TV host, she's established herself as an on-air personality for the likes of beIN Sport, Fox Soccer, Fox Sports, and other media outlets. [Full bio](#)

Jordan Nolan

Jordan Nolan, although only 27 years old, has accomplished so much in his young and inspiring life. A 2-time Stanley Cup Champion with the LA Kings, Jordan is looked upon as an up and coming positive role model in First Nation communities across Canada. [Full bio](#)



Spencer O'Brien

Spencer O'Brien has spent the majority of her life in the mountains. From the Haida community, Spencer grew up on Vancouver Island in British Columbia; she was taught to snowboard and inspired by her dad and older sister. [Full bio](#)

Jude Schimmel

As a Native American girl growing up on the tiny Umatilla Indian Reservation in Mission, Oregon, Jude Schimmel never expected to be a role model to thousands of young Native Americans, but that's exactly what she's become. [Full bio](#)





[Taboo Nawasha](#)

The multi-talented and exceptionally stylish Jimmy Gomez, also known to his band mates and fans as “Taboo” is not just a member of the global chart topping sensation, The Black Eyed Peas, but also an accomplished dancer, actor, author, shoe designer, philanthropist and quickly becoming a global DJ sensation. [Full bio](#)

[Haina Thompson](#)

“I just hope people remember me as a lacrosse player, because lacrosse is pretty much everything to me,” says Jerome “Hiana” Thompson. Part of the first family of lacrosse, Thompson’s road to the professional ranks has taken dedication, patience and an unwavering belief in his destiny. [Full bio](#)



[Jeremy Thompson](#)

“Lacrosse is our way of life. It’s deep in our culture. In our cradle board, we are given a wooden lacrosse stick. We grew up playing since we’ve been walking.” — Jeremy Thompson. [Full bio](#)

[Lyle Thompson](#)

For Lyle Thompson, lacrosse is sacred—literally. Growing up on the Onondaga Nation’s reservation, he played the game with his brothers Jeremy, Miles and Jerome Jr., as Native Americans have done for centuries. [Full bio](#)





[Miles Thompson](#)

Miles Thompson’s childhood home in upstate New York didn’t have running water or electricity. But it did have lacrosse, the ancient game of his ancestors, and he had three brothers who were always eager to hone their skills. [Full bio](#)

[Chris Wondolowski](#)

There’s no wondering about Chris Wondolowski’s talent. He has been a force to be reckoned with ever since his days at De La Salle High School in Concord, California. On top of running track and playing baseball, Wondolowski excelled at soccer and earned All-Bay Valley Athletic League first team and all-East Bay first team honors in 2000 and 2001. [Full bio](#)



Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. –Barack Obama

[Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway Nears Completion, Gets New Name](#)

The final section of Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway from Lake Tahoe to Reno is being constructed in the Truckee Canyon, and the nonprofit behind the trail has changed its name to the Tahoe-Pyramid Trail. “Many walkers, runners, [...] [Read more](#)

Water Shorts:

[Nation and World: Clarity of Lake Tahoe sinks to all-time low in 2017](#)

The Associated Press

[EPA chief plans to roll back water and tailpipe rules](#)

By Coral Davenport, New York Times, 6/15/18

Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, is expected on Friday to send President Donald Trump a detailed legal proposal to dramatically scale back an Obama-era regulation on water pollution, according to a senior EPA official familiar with the plan. It is widely expected to be one of his agency’s most significant regulatory rollback efforts.

[As Colorado River Levels Drop, Pressure Grows on Arizona To Complete a Plan for Water Shortages](#)

By Gary Pitzer, Water Education Foundation 6/15/18A dispute over who speaks for Arizona has stalled work with California, Nevada on Drought Contingency Plan

[What will be the leading-edge water solutions of the 21st century?](#)

By Hong Li, IWA, 6/12/18

The technologies and science we apply today would be alien to our forebears, but scientists and engineers continue to respond to water challenges through the research and development of new water and wastewater treatment technologies....

9 - Number of U.S. environmental groups suing the Trump administration for weakening water protections. In 2015, the Obama administration enacted the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, which allowed the federal government to limit pollution in certain waterways. In 2017, the Trump administration put WOTUS on hold for 2 years while it works to rescind the rule all together--a move that environmental groups say will hurt water quality.

[Reuters](#)

We're closer than ever to stopping the Pebble Mine, the catastrophic gold and copper mega-mine that could destroy Alaska's Bristol Bay wilderness for decades to come.

As we reported a few weeks back, Canadian mining company First Quantum Minerals just walked away from its planned investment in the Pebble Mine, thanks to opposition from Bristol Bay leaders and hundreds of thousands of activists like you.

Northern Dynasty Minerals — the company behind the mega-mine — is now running low on cash and unable to prove the economic viability of its mine plan, yet it is barreling ahead with the permitting process.

So, now we must mobilize as much public pressure as possible on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to suspend — and ultimately reject — the project's permit, closing the door on this reckless scheme once and for all.

The Army Corps of Engineers is accepting public comments until June 29, so it's critical that they hear from you immediately.

[Tell the Army Corps that you oppose the Pebble Mine — and urge them to suspend and reject the permit for this disastrous mega-mine.](#)

The Pebble Mine could produce billions of tons of mining waste and completely devastate Alaska's Bristol Bay wilderness, its world-renowned salmon runs and wildlife, and its Native communities.

Despite the risks to the world's greatest wild salmon fishery, Northern Dynasty submitted an incomplete permit application that lacks either the scientific or economic support for its plans.

Worse, the company is now scheming to make the mine even *bigger* — without submitting any supporting documents to the Army Corps.

The agency is currently rushing to complete the permitting process in less time than any other large-scale development project in Alaska.

And to make matters worse, they're not giving potentially impacted communities and businesses the opportunity to voice their concerns at public hearings as part of the process.

The Pebble Mine is the largest and most contentious mine ever proposed in Alaska.

The Army Corps *must* take the time to properly assess the social, environmental, and economic impacts that this mega-mine could have on Alaskan communities and American businesses.

The Pebble Mine is opposed by 65 percent of Alaskans and 80 percent of people from Bristol Bay, including tribes, business leaders, commercial fishermen, and native village corporations.

And three of the largest mining companies in the world — Mitsubishi Corporation, Anglo American, and Rio Tinto — have already abandoned the project. Now First Quantum Minerals has joined that list.

So, it's time for the Army Corps to heed all of these voices — and reject the permit for the Pebble Mine.

Thank you for standing with us during this critical time.

Sincerely, Rhea Suh, President, NRDC

The mission of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is to safeguard the Earth: its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends.

Notes from HEYDEY

A new hardcover edition of **Wiyot artist Rick Bartow's** paintings, sketches, and sculptures is available now, just in time for the arrival of [his retrospective](#) at the Autry Museum in Los Angeles. His representations of humans, animals, hybrid creatures, and shadowy figures display such exquisite beauty or grotesque absurdity--sometimes both at once--that a viewer cannot help being pulled into the artist's world. The experience can be whimsical and troubling by turns, but it is always undeniably transformative. [More Info](#)

We have some exciting things coming up with the Berkeley Roundhouse! This July will mark the official release of **author/illustrator Lyn Risling's Coyote at the Big Time**, a delightful little counting book that follows up the beloved A Is for Acorn. Preorder your copy [here](#).

The production of the Summer 2018 issue of News from Native California magazine is underway and includes rich features focusing on voting, travel, the Esselen language, and a very special piece about the collective Indigenous Women Hike. This issue will also be released in July.

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Sustainable Earth - Playgrounds for this Planet

We believe the environment our children play in is as important as the playground, which is why we have championed environmental responsibility for nearly two decades. A proud pioneer in the use of recycled materials, since 1990 we've designed our playground equipment, recreation site amenities and safety surfacing with safety and sustainability in mind.

Our bright and colorful play structures have the highest amount of post-consumer recycled content available in the commercial playground market. Our use of post consumer HDPE (high-density polyethylene) recycled plastic lumber in our structures, decks and recreation site furnishings effectively utilizes millions of recycled milk containers each year that would otherwise end up in a landfill.

Our poured-in-place safety surfacing and other rubber surfacing options are made from 100% post-consumer content that we source from landfills. Our products count toward LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification because of the high level of recycled content in our playgrounds. In 2005, our company was recognized as the first playground manufacturer to meet the environmental standards set forth by California's Collaborative for High Performance (CHPS), a non-profit that promotes energy efficient quality school facilities and has set a new standard for sustainability in California and nationwide.

PDPlay playgrounds are safe for children and the environment. Our manufactured products do not, and have never, contained PVC or phthalates. A commitment to sustainability is present in every area of our business from the packaging to the playground. We make extensive use of recycled, renewable and non-toxic materials, conserve energy whenever possible, increase efficiencies and recycle nearly all of our manufacturing waste.

As a company, we constantly strive to operate our business and optimize our products to reduce our carbon footprint while maintaining our legacy of offering the highest possible play value. Our mission is to make safe, fun and durable playgrounds for children today with consideration for the environment they will inherit tomorrow. We hope you will join us in this mission.

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Standing Rock Water Protector Sentenced to Three Years in Prison HeadlineMay 31, 2018

In news from North Dakota, a water protector who took part in the protests at Standing Rock against the Dakota Access pipeline has been sentenced to 36 months in prison. Michael "Little Feather" Giron was arrested on October 27, 2016, while defending the Oceti Sakowin treaty camp. He has been held in jail for the past year. Little Feather's wife Leoyla Cowboy said on Wednesday, "The legacy of genocide



and broken treaties has shown us that when indigenous people stand up to protect the water and the land from the colonization of resources, we will always be met with repression and violence. This struggle continues.”



Hatred of 'the other' is deeply embedded in U.S. history.

South Dakota High Court Blocks Bid to Halt Keystone XL

Josh Lopez

The South Dakota Supreme Court disappointed an attempt by Native American tribes and state activists to block the [Keystone XL](#) pipeline on Wednesday, ruling that the lower court lacked jurisdiction to hear their appeal, [The Associated Press](#) reported.

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe and conservation and family agriculture group Dakota Rural Action had appealed a decision by a judge last year to uphold the Public Utilities Commission's decision to let the controversial pipeline cross the state.

Dakota Rural Action attorney Robin Martinez called the decision "disappointing" on Thursday but affirmed that "fight is not over," [The Associated Press reported](#) further.

Terry Cunha, the spokesperson for TransCanada Corp., the company behind the pipeline, told The Associated Press in an email that the company was pleased with the court's decision.

TransCanada was in the news just last week when one of its natural gas [pipelines exploded](#) in West Virginia.

Its Keystone XL pipeline would transport as many as 830,000 barrels of Canadian crude oil daily through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, where it would hook up with pipelines taking oil to refineries in the Gulf of Mexico.

Activists thought they had defeated the pipeline when former president Barack Obama [rejected it](#) in 2015, partly over concerns about its contribution to [climate change](#). But President [Donald Trump resurrected it](#) with an executive order days into his presidency. TransCanada now hopes to start construction in the beginning of 2019, according to The Associated Press.

The South Dakota appeal wasn't the only play made by pipeline opponents to block Trump's decision. Environmental groups [have sued](#) the administration over the decision to approve the pipeline, and Nebraska land owners have also sued over their state's Public Service Commission's decision to sign-off on the pipeline's proposed path, The Associated Press reported.

In an attempt to further frustrate the pipeline's progress, Nebraska land owners Art and Helen Tanderup signed over a 1.6 acre plot of their land to the Ponca Indian Tribe on Sunday, according to The Associated Press.

The piece of land both sits on the pipeline's route and has been used by the tribe to plant sacred corn for the last five years.

"What the impact will be, I don't know," Tanderup told The Associated Press. "But now, they'll have a voice in this issue. They will be a player at the table."

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska attorney Brad Jolly told The Associated Press he was not sure if deeding the land to the tribe would provide a legal avenue to stop the pipeline. He said he was still focused on the ongoing Nebraska suit against the pipeline's approval.

Does this policy sound familiar?

Separated at the Border From Their Parents: In Six Weeks, 1,995 Children By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

The Department of Homeland Security released the figures as President Trump sought to shift blame for practice that has become the signature policy of his immigration agenda.

Video Shows Border Patrol Vehicle Hitting Native American Man, Then Driving Away By SIMON ROMERO

The Border Patrol is investigating a video that appears to show an agent running into a man on the Tohono O'odham reservation, then driving away.

Farming as Resistance in Guatemala Trina Moyles, YES! Magazine

Moyles writes: "Threatened by a mining company, indigenous women in the remote highlands of Guatemala are marching, increasing productivity, and planting trees." [READ MORE](#)

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Hawaii [Governor David Ige](#) signs bill making the state the "first in the nation to join the Paris agreement." <http://abcn.ws/2sQBrZf>

