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Phil McKenna, InsideClimate News

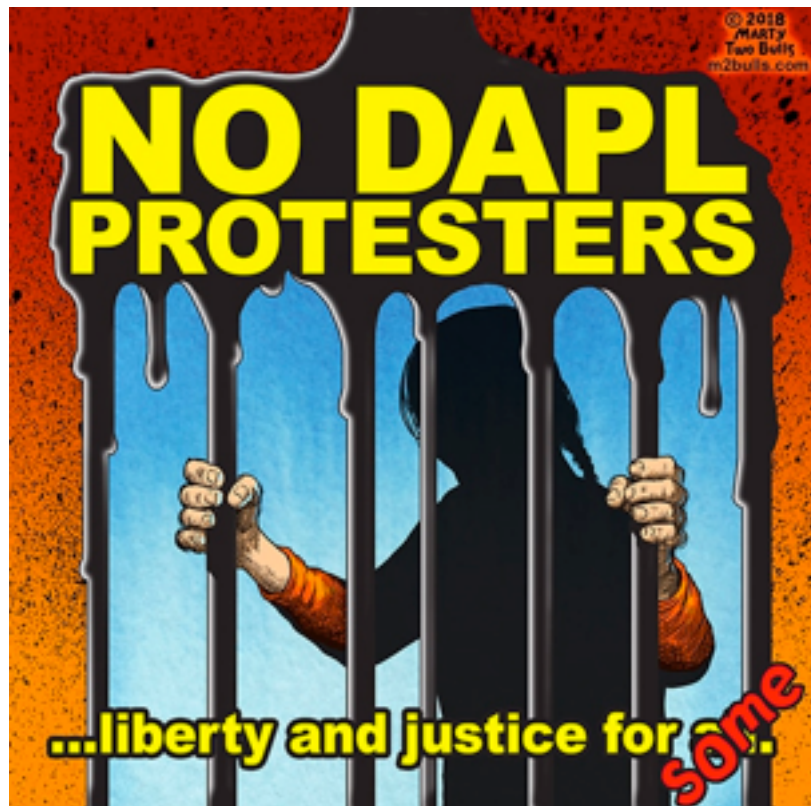
McKenna writes: "The company building the long-contested Keystone XL oil pipeline notified the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in a letter this week that it will start stockpiling equipment along the pipeline's route this month in preparation for construction."

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Injustice against Standing Rock protesters is egregious —and ongoing

Standing Rock protesters faced below-freezing conditions, water cannons, sponge rounds, bean bag rounds, stinger rounds, teargas grenades, pepper spray, Mace, Tasers, and even a sound weapon. Officers carried weapons openly and threatened protesters constantly, by many accounts. Hundreds of protesters were injured, and more than two dozen were hospitalized.

[As of November 2016](#), 76 local, county, and state agencies had deployed officers to Standing Rock. Between August 2016 and February 2017, authorities made 761 arrests. [One protester](#) was arrested and slammed to the ground during a prayer ceremony; another described being put in



“actual dog kennels” with “photos of the types of dogs on the walls and piss stains on the floor”



in lieu of jail. She wasn't told she was under arrest; she wasn't read her rights. Once detained, protesters were strip searched and denied medical care. Belongings and money were confiscated, the latter never returned.

Law enforcement officers razed the camp in February 2017. The protest may have ended, but aggression against protesters did not. Law enforcement and prosecutors' efforts to charge protesters with as serious a crime as possible have become battles to convict them and obtain the maximum sentence possible.

During a Oct. 27, 2016, roadblock protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline at Standing Rock, several fires were set. By whom, no one knew. [Prosecutors charged](#) Little Feather of the Chumash Nation, also known as Michael Giron, and Rattler of the Oglala Lakota, Michael Markus, with “use of fire to commit a felony” as well as civil disorder, anyway. The charging documents cite knowledge of “several fires ... set by unidentified protesters.”

Police tactics on Oct. 27, by the way, included the use of pepper spray and armored vehicles. Law enforcement and prosecutors only became more aggressive after President Trump assumed office, at his direction.

Both Little Feather and Rattler opted to plead guilty, not because there was adequate evidence against them but because the mandatory minimum sentence would be 10 years if they were convicted at trial. That was a risk not worth taking: [The Guardian has reported](#) that surveys found 84 to 94 percent of the jury pool has prejudged Standing Rock protesters. Little Feather was sentenced to three years in prison. Rattler is expected to receive the same or a similar sentence.

A third protester, [Red Fawn Fallis](#), pleaded guilty to charges of civil disorder and illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. She was accused of firing a gun during the protest, though she said she doesn't remember doing so. The gun in question was owned by an informant who allegedly seduced Fallis. Despite these obvious flaws, she and her attorneys opted not to risk trial, citing both anti-protester sentiment and [lacking disclosure](#) by the prosecution. She received a 57-month sentence.

The ongoing experiences of Standing Rock protesters are all the more horrifying in contrast with the recent pardon of Dwight and Steven Hammond. [Trump pardoned](#) the pair, who've long “clashed” with the federal government, at the behest of a “tycoon” friend of Vice President Mike Pence. Both had been convicted of setting fires on federal land for a 2001 fire, while only Steven

was convicted of a 2006 fire. When the mandatory minimum sentence for the pair—who originally benefited from pro-rancher bias—was imposed on appeal, it sparked an armed standoff



led by [another famous family of anti-government extremists, the Bundys](#).

The Dakota Access pipeline would carry 500,000 barrels of crude oil a day from North Dakota’s Bakken oil field, one of the world’s largest oil producers. Photo © Codi Kozacek / Circle of Blue
In context: [Slideshow: Water On The Prairie](#).

Gregg Deal at TedxBoulder: “Indigenous in Plain Sight” [Corinne Oestreich](#) July 12th, 2018 Blog

Gregg Deal spoke at TedxBoulder, giving a powerful talk on being Indigenous in Plain Sight. The points he makes in his talk gathered reactions from the audience that resulted in a standing ovation.

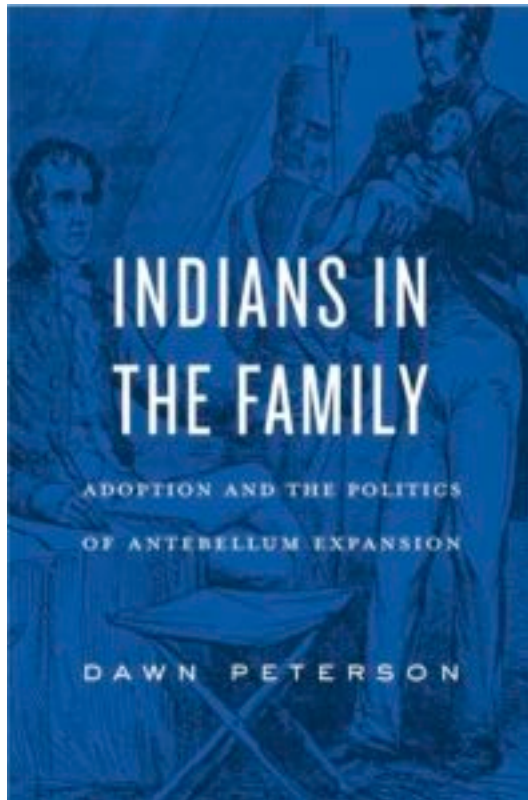
“The indigenous existence in Western and American culture is narrowly viewed and accepted with little to no input from actual Indigenous people.

[Indigenous In Plain Sight | Gregg Deal | TEDxBoulder](#) [Read More](#)

from CSS: Of possible interest, a book about white adoption of native children in the early years of the United States (including Andrew Jackson)

<http://common-place.org/book/vol-18-no-2-yarbrough/>

Dawn Peterson, *Indians in the Family: Adoption and the Politics of Antebellum Expansion*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2017



The presence of educated Native young men who pursued legal action in American courts, addressed American legislative bodies, and created written constitutions did not confirm the success of American acculturation efforts; rather, it threatened American efforts to seize Native land.

Also:

<http://boston1775.blogspot.com/2018/07/watching-native-northeast-portal-grow.html>

<http://nativenortheastportal.com/>

The Portal represents a scholarly critical edition of New England Native American primary source materials gathered presently from the partner institutions into one robust virtual collection, where the items are digitized, transcribed, annotated, and edited to the highest academic standards and then made freely available over the Internet, using open-source software.

Overeat with a purpose:

Luau Feast at Fin & Filet July 16, 2018 ThisIsReno

Reno's premier steak and seafood restaurant, Fin & Filet, is hosting an 'All You Can Feast Luau' on Sunday, July 29, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. to benefit Ho'ōla Nā Pua, a Hawaiian nonprofit founded in Reno.

"This is a perfect event for a warm summer night, filled with delicious food and specially crafted drinks, all while supporting an incredible non-profit organization. A portion of event proceeds will be donated to Ho'ōla Nā Pua to help them continue their important work," said Ken Long owner of Fin & Filet.

Ho'ōla Nā Pua works towards the renewal of trafficked girls through health, education, advocacy, and reintegration.

"We couldn't increase awareness about this issue and help as many children as we do without community support. Thank you to the Fin & Filet team and the community in Reno for helping us tackle this important issue. Together we can have incredible impact. Mahalo nui loa," said Aaron Schnobrich, co-founder.

Fin & Filet will be taking reservations prior to the event. Tickets are \$35 per person and include an all-you-can-feast spread of tasty and authentic options including a spread of five-way roasted pig, spare ribs, braised pork belly, roasted loin, sausages, teriyaki BBQ chicken, lobster macaroni, Hawaii style fresh catch, roasted potatoes, mashed potatoes potato salad, mixed fruit, cole slaw, baked beans, and much more. Alibi Ale Works will be there serving up some specially crafted beers, like their Coconut IPA and Watermelon Goose. To add to the fun, take part in tasting and judging a Mai Tai competition with local bartenders. Drinks sold separately for only \$5 per pint or \$5 per Mai Tai during the contest.

"We can't wait for the community to come out to not only enjoy the Fin & Filet, but also to support Ho'ōla Nā Pua. We are excited to showcase a special menu that highlights the beautiful styles and flavors of a Luau," said Long.

For more information about Fin & Filet or the All You Can Feast Luau, contact 775-686-6969 to join in the festivities. Fin & Filet is located on South Virginia Street in between Downtown and Midtown at 516 South Virginia St.

Ho'ōla Nā Pua is committed to the renewal of trafficked girls through health, education, advocacy, and reintegration. Our vision is to provide girls who are rescued or escape from the abuse of sex trafficking with a path to restoration and healing from their trauma, an increase sense of self-worth, and the confidence and ability to successfully reintegrate into their family and the community.



San Francisco start-up company uses 3D-printed homes as a way to provide affordable housing

[In The Know Creative](#)

This company could print your next home.

[Bixi Nibe](#)

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Traditional Indigenous Nations thru a national and then regional process. Rotation by region every new term.

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From Pnut: *(Don't say you weren't forewarned. What is/how procteted is your water supply? what is your tribal emergency plan for high heat? sdc)*

The Unbearable Heatness of Being : Texans are used to frying eggs on sidewalks in July, but Scandinavians? Their normal July temperature is in the 60s and 70s. This week [Scandinavia is scorching](#) . Temps have soared to more than 20 degrees above normal. Even thermometers at the Arctic Circle nearly hit 90 degrees. Quite different from a century earlier when Admiral Peary, covered in heavy furs, made it there.

This summer every continent has set new all-time heat records. In May, extreme heat killed dozens in Pakistan, and it's devastating the health and livelihoods of tens of millions more. Scientists and economists warn that if global greenhouse gas emissions continue as they are now, the heat and humidity level could become unbearable. Especially hard hit are the poor [In India's capital of Delhi](#) , outdoor workers can become so weak or so sick that they routinely miss days of work, and their daily wages. One official said: "Heat goes unreported and underreported. (The people) take it for granted. It's a silent killer." Another said: "These cities are going to become unlivable unless urban governments put in systems of dealing with this phenomenon and make people aware. It's a major public health challenge."

The world has changed—it's much hotter. And as a [recent analysis of climate trends](#) in several of South Asia's biggest cities found, if current warming trends continue, by the end of this century, people directly exposed to that level of heat and humidity for six hours or more won't survive.

3-D Color X-Rays Could Help Spot Deadly Disease Without Surgery

By EMILY BAUMGAERTNER

A new medical scanner, derived from technology used by particle physics researchers at CERN, "is like the upgrade from black-and-white film to color," one of its developers said. [Trump](#)

Administration Seeks Comments on New Anti-Abortion "Gag Rule"

Proposal

Savannah Crabtree, Facing South: Like Reagan before him, Trump introduced a "global gag rule" on abortion. Then he took it a step further by proposing to implement it domestically. If adopted, this rule would affect an estimated 4,000 US health care providers who rely on Title X funds to care for their 4 million patients -- and would disproportionately affect low-income women and women of color. [Read the Article](#)

The Nisenan tribe of the California Central Valley are fighting to regain recognition from the federal government.

All photos by Avery L. White

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POLITICS, HISTORY, AND SEMANTICS: THE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF INDIAN TRIBES

RENEE ANN CRAMER, † CASH, COLOR, AND COLONIALISM:

THE POLITICS OF TRIBAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

(UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA PRESS: NORMAN 2005)

MARK EDWIN MILLER,* FORGOTTEN TRIBES:

UNRECOGNIZED INDIANS AND THE FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS

(UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA PRESS: LINCOLN AND LONDON 2004)

COMMENTARY BY MATTHEW L.M. FLETCHER"

Once, in a story, I wrote that Indians are everywhere.

Goddamn right.'

- Simon J. Ortiz

Diane Camurat. **The American Indian in the Great War, Real and Imagined.** Part One, Chapter Two. <https://net.lib.byu.edu/estu/wwi/comment/Cmrts/Cmrt2.html>



Our Clients - GRAMMY-winning Native American group Black Eagle Singers - star in this visually stunning short film for [United Airlines](#) commemorating the 20th An... [See More](#)

Klamath Dam Shorts

[Here's How the Largest Dam Removal Project in the U.S. Would Work](#)

By Tara Lohan, News Deeply, 7/19/18

Four dams on the Klamath River may be simultaneously removed as early as 2021, after years of planning. It's being hailed as a crucial effort to save salmon, but it won't solve all the basin's water problems.

[Klamaths dams removal plan now available](#) By Danielle Jester, Siskiyou Daily News, 7/18/18 A copy of the plan proposed to remove four dams along the Klamath River is now available for the public to review at the Yreka Library.

[CalTrout calls Definite Plan 'key milestone' in dam removal](#)

By Siskiyou Daily News, 7/18/18

The Klamath River Renewal Corporation filed its "Definite Plan for the Lower Klamath Project" with the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission

[Tribes oppose irrigators' \\$50 million bond request](#)

By Stephen Floyd, Herald and News, 7/18/18

A federal lawsuit that could determine access to water in the Klamath Basin this summer has taken a new turn as parties argue whether the Klamath Tribes should post a \$50 million bond to protect irrigators.



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Miss Indian World
Taylor Susan
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 Seneca Nation - Salamanca, New York

Marvin "Joe" Curry
 Seneca Veteran's Pow wow
 Veteran's Park - Broad Street
 Salamanca, New York

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 Phone: 716.532.8333
www.SenecaPowwow.org

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 Head Veteran Female Dancer: **DANIELLE DECOYEAU**

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 Head Smoke Dance Judge: **JACKY SNYDER**
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 Smoke Arts (18+) Prize: \$1000

SMOKE DANCE CONTEST
 Teen (13 - 17) Prize: \$1000
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POST DANCE
 Dinner per session: \$10.00

SMOKE DANCE CONTEST
 Teen (13 - 17) Prize: \$1000
 Adult (18 - 49) Prize: \$2000
 Senior (50+) Prize: \$1000
 Smoke Arts (18+) Prize: \$1000

[Incredible 'Firenado' Captured On Video In California: SEE](#)
[By Renee Schiavone, Patch.com, 7/18/18](#)

A couple captured this incredible interaction between fire and water on the Colorado River in Blythe.