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Via: [#baldeagle](https://twitter.com/baldeagle)(bit.ly/2Lt2F6p)

A “must watch”

<https://grist.org/article/watch-john-oliver-explain-the-green-new-deal-like-only-he-can/>

A Green New Deal Must Prioritize Regenerative Agriculture CURT RIES, TRUTHOUT

As we stand on the brink of mass extinction brought on by the climate catastrophe, we have an opportunity to achieve net-zero greenhouse emissions in our agricultural practices through the Green New Deal. Regenerative farming can help draw down massive amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere while at the same time addressing urgent environmental, public health and social justice issues embedded in our corporate food system. [Read the Article →](#)



Norm Cavanaugh

Dr. Vance, Dept. Chair Culture, History & Politics, College Western Idaho, his Dad and I visited the Bear River Massacre site near Preston, Idaho. Chief Bear Hunter's band of Northwestern Shoshoni encampment was attacked by Col. Connors' and his glory seeking Ca. Volunteers. One of the largest Massacres in Am. History that is seldom told, definitely not included in Am. History books. Approximately 250 Northwestern Shoshoni families including women, children and Elders were killed at this site, due to Mormon settlers wanting to claim Cache Valley for Homesteading. There was actually a site near the river called the Killing ground of captured Shoshoni that were executed! Such treachery of innocent Shoshoni in the midst of Winter on Jan. 29th, 1863. Tree with bandana ties and other items are called prayer ties for the Spirits that may still dwell at this site. This area sure

has a eerie heavy feeling, makes one feel like if you listen hard enough by the river you will hear babies crying. I gave tobacco as an offering at the site. May the Creator continue to bless these innocent souls that were so brutally Massacred at this place.

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At one time the NEWE (Shoshoni) peoples original boundaries extended from the South Pass east of Boise Valley(ID.) and Carson Valley(NV.) on the west. Within this region of the Great Basin & Snake River plains lived 7 major NEWE (Shoshoni bands/groups): Eastern Shoshoni under Chief Washakie; Fort Hall Shoshoni and close neighbors, the Bannock; Lemhi Shoshoni; the Boise & Bruneau Shoshoni bands;Northwestern Shoshoni; the Gosiute(Aibiipaa)Shoshoni and finally the Western Shoshoni of Nevada. The NEWE of this large area was a proud Nation and they still are but many of their descendants now live on Reservations,(far out of sight, out of mind geographical places), Colonies,(used to be outside of City limits now that cities have grown, some are encompassed and may will be in midst of a city), Urban areas due to the Indian Relocation Act of 1958. There you have it, a tidbit of NEWE (Shoshoni) history as I know it, if anyone has additional NEWE history they may want to add for education informational purposes, please feel free to add to what I have shared. Oise maiko,(okay then) Have a great day, Blessings to all:)

Theodore Torcque

woman, mother, warrior

*"If wealth was the inevitable result of hard work and enterprise, every woman in Africa would be a millionaire"* — George Monbiot

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**Water Shorts**

*“Our constituents have a right to clean drinking water. The more we learn about these chemicals, the clearer the danger becomes which is why the American people deserve to know where these toxins are used. In communities across the country, PFAS chemicals have poisoned the drinking water of countless Americans and we must act swiftly to stop the spread of these dangerous chemicals and hold those responsible for this crisis accountable.”* — Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) discussing, in a statement, the need for more disclosure of chemical flows. Fitzpatrick co-sponsored a bill that requires companies to report the quantity of PFAS chemicals they release to land, water, and air.



**PFAS Proposals In Congress**

Call it PFAS Week.

Representatives from both parties joined to release a half dozen bills in response to PFAS contamination. The bills aim for greater transparency in reporting chemical flows, more dollars for communities confronted with the cost of treating contaminated water, and more prohibitions on products with PFAS compounds. Those bills are:

- The [PFAS Right-to-Know Act](#) adds PFAS chemicals to the Toxics Release Inventory, a move that would require companies to disclose annually the quantity of PFAS compounds they release to air, land, and water.
- The [PFAS Federal Facility Accountability Act](#), introduced by a bipartisan group of Michigan representatives, requires federal departments to follow state rules for PFAS cleanup. The unwillingness of the Air Force to adhere to Michigan’s groundwater standards is an ongoing issue in that state.
- The [PFAS Waste Incineration Ban Act](#) requires the EPA to prohibit the burning of firefighting foam with PFAS chemicals as a means of disposal. A [related bill](#) directs the agency to issue guidelines for reducing use of such foams.

- The [PFAS User Fee Act](#) from Rep. Harley Rouda (D-CA) requires PFAS manufacturers to pay into a trust fund, from which grants will be given to affected communities to pay for water treatment costs.
- The [PFAS Drinking Water Act](#) from Rep. Frank Pallone offers an alternative for helping communities with the cost of treating contaminated water. The bill authorizes \$500 million per year over five years for grants to utilities under a program administered by the EPA.

*In context: [As PFAS Lawsuits Proliferate, Legal Tactics Emerge](#)*

**\$19.1 billion:** Disaster aid package that the House passed last week. ([House of Representatives](#))

**294 percent:** Increase in Hepatitis A cases in the United States in 2016 through 2018, compared with the previous three-year period. ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#))

### **Disaster Aid**

Despite opposition from the White House, the House passed a [\\$19.1 billion disaster aid bill](#) to cover damages from hurricanes Florence and Michael, wildfires, and flooding in the Midwest.

Some \$2.7 billion is directed to the Army Corps to repair levees damaged in the Missouri River basin and respond to coastal flooding.

More than \$3 billion will compensate farmers for crop damage.

Before the vote, President Trump called the legislation a “BAD DEMOCRAT” bill.

### **Potential House Investigation Into Arizona Housing Development**

Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), the chairman of the House Natural Resource Committee, said that he [will investigate](#) a whistleblower’s claims of wrongdoing related to federal approval of a large housing development in southern Arizona that could affect water and wildlife.

Steve Spangle, a former U.S. Fish and Wildlife official, told the *Arizona Daily Star* that he was pressured into reversing a decision that more detailed study of the environmental impact of a proposed 28,000-home development was necessary.

### **Great Lakes Farm Pollution Bill**

Representatives from Michigan and Ohio [introduced a bipartisan bill](#) that establishes a federal grant program for reducing polluted farm runoff in the Great Lakes basin.

The bill authorizes \$30 million over four years.

### **Flood Insurance Program Extension Introduced**

Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) [introduced a short-term extension](#) of the National Flood Insurance Program: four months, until the end of September 2019. Flooding is the most expensive natural hazard in the United States.

### **Rising Number of Hepatitis A Cases**

There was “an alarming increase” in the number of Hepatitis A cases in the country in the last five years, according to a [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report](#).

The number of cases soared to more than 15,000 nationwide in 2016 through 2018, up from 4,410 in the previous three-year period. The rise is attributable in large part to drug use and homelessness.

“Vaccination is the most powerful tool we have to stop these outbreaks now and prevent similar ones in the future,” Monique Foster, a CDC epidemiologist, told Circle of Blue. “CDC is encouraging health departments in affected areas to vaccinate people who report substance use and people experiencing homelessness.”

*In context: [California Hepatitis A Outbreak Has Killed 19 People](#)*

### **Lake Erie Algae Forecast**

NOAA researchers published their [first Lake Erie algae forecast](#) of the year. Because of heavy rains in April, they expect the lake’s annual algal bloom to be more severe than last year.

The bloom usually peaks in August and September. This initial forecast, scientists warn, has substantial uncertainties that will be clearer within the next two months.

### **Drought Research**

NASA scientists [contributed to a paper](#) that assessed the causes of “flash” droughts — those that develop rapidly and with little warning. They found that evaporation rates play a role, but the greater contributor is a prolonged rainfall deficit.

### **Water Reuse Plan Webinar**

The WaterReuse Association [holds a webinar](#) on May 21 to discuss the EPA’s development of a national plan for water reuse. Participating on the call will be Jeff Lape, deputy director of the EPA Office of Science and Technology, and Sharon Nappier, a senior microbiologist in the Office of Water. Registration is free.

The EPA announced in February that it would [develop a reuse plan](#). The agency, with state and industry backing, is already looking into [options for reusing wastewater](#) from oil and gas drilling.  
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### **Five Ways Storytime Helps Kids Get Ready for School**

Early learning | 3-minute read

By *Tracie Popma (Sacramento Library)*     *January 29, 2019*

Did you know that storytime at the Library can get your kid up, dressed with their teeth brushed and out the door on time?

We didn’t either — because that’s not how storytime gets your kid ready for school.

Instead, our storytimes lay the groundwork for young children to become everything they have the potential to be.

By the time a child is 5 years old — the point where we often think education begins — a child’s brain has grown to 90% of the size of an adult’s brain.

Use your full-size brain to ponder that for a moment ... amazing, isn't it? That's why we're so excited to be able to help parents be their child's first teacher.

Early learning — that's for kids 0-5 — is our top priority at the Library. These crucial years make a difference as they are a vital time for developing a growing bank of words that your child understands.

**Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.** These five activities help build a child's vocabulary and get them ready for school, while creating opportunities for them to practice language and build a full word bank.

There is no greater place to get started than at your local storytime. It's like blending cauliflower into your child's mac and cheese. They love it, and are none the wiser that it's good for them. Here's insight into how that works:

### **TALK**

Talking with children helps them learn vocabulary. Talking about what is happening on the pages of a book is a great way to share language, and giving children a chance to talk helps them use different parts of their brains.

### **SING**

Singing slows down language so that children can hear the smaller sounds in words. Storytime songs also help introduce new words and concepts in a fun, engaging way.

### **READ**

Hearing stories read out loud is a great way to learn new words. Picture books can contain up to 40% more rare words — words that aren't typically used in everyday conversations.

### **WRITE**

Children need to develop the muscles and coordination needed to learn to write. To help them do that, we move our hands while singing "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and often provide toys and art activities after storytime to help them practice their motor skills.

### **PLAY**

Most of all, storytime is fun! And play is the most natural way that young children learn. So while storytime is jam packed with early learning activities, children will think of it as the place they get to play with shakers, move and wiggle, or giggle at a silly story. There are also age-appropriate toys and play spaces in every library to continue the learning and exploration after storytime is over.

So what do you do now? Hop onto Ticketmaster and get your tickets for the next storytime.

We kid, we kid.

Everything at the Library is free — quality, free programming that gives your child the head start that they need to be ready for school. Getting their teeth brushed is up to you.

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**[After Standing Rock, protesting pipelines can get you a decade in prison and \\$100K in fines](#)**

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**A Tale of Two Cities: City Slickers vs. Country Bumpkins:** Once upon a time there was a slim healthy rural cousin and a sluggish overweight city cousin. Now a new paper in the journal Nature has turned that preconceived old notion on its ear. The scientific community has been assuming that the three-decades-long rise in obesity levels around the world has been the result of more people moving to cities and adopting the sedentary, gluttonous lifestyle of urban dwellers. But they've been wrong. In the most comprehensive analysis of urban/rural weight gain to date, more than 1,000 researchers representing the Non-Communicable Disease Coalition analyzed 2,009 studies of more than 112 million adults from 200 countries. They assessed changes in body mass index, a measure of body fat based on height and weight, between 1985 and 2017. They learned [everybody's getting fatter, but rural residents are getting fatter faster](#). Turns out the bane of all dietary existence — highly processed junk food — is available everywhere. (NPR)

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**From the Sierra Club:**

April showers bring May flowers. And a flurry of happenings around the region gives you numerous opportunities to explore, enjoy and protect our corner of the planet. Here's a roundup of some of what's happening:

**Legislative Update**

What a difference an election can make. Nevada's environmental champions have been hard at work moving strong environmental policies through the Legislature. Governor Steve Sisolak signed SB358 on Earth Day (April 22), which will provide Nevadans (and eastern Sierra communities that receive power from NV Energy) electricity that comes from 50% renewable sources, with a goal of 100% by 2050.

But there's a lot more. The Toiyabe Chapter is tracking dozens of bills that will affect our state's policies on renewable energy, transportation, water, and public lands. Your engagement will help pass bold environmental bills.

[Click here to read more and take action.](#) 20 days left in the legislative session.

**In California,**

the Sierra Club is also tracking numerous bills that need your democratic voice.

[Click here to learn more and take action.](#)

**Oil & Gas in the Rubies and Beyond**

On May 7, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest [issued a final decision confirming](#) their denial of proposals to explore for oil & gas in Nevada's beloved Ruby Mountains.

To make this decision permanent, Senator Cortez Masto introduced S.258, [the Ruby Mountains Protection Act](#), which will be considered by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (SENR) on May 14.

Show your support for Senator Cortez Masto and fossil fuel-free Ruby Mountains by signing this petition of support below. It will demonstrate to SENR members and other leaders that We the People want to protect our precious places.

[Click here to support the Ruby Mountains Protection Act.](#)

Despite this progress, the BLM is moving forward to lease hundreds of thousands of acres elsewhere in Nevada, some of which are directly adjacent to parcels in the Rubies denied by the Forest Service.

Sierra Club and partners are working to stop these senseless oil & gas leasing projects, especially in Nevada, where there isn't much commercially available oil, and which is actively moving away from fossil fuels toward renewable energy. You can help!

[Click here to oppose Nevada's oil & gas leasing](#)

### Snake Valley Festival

Maybe you've heard about the Las Vegas Water Grab? Here's your opportunity to visit the place and meet the people who would be most impacted by Southern Nevada Water Authority's attempts to suck rural Nevada dry to sate the thirst of Southern Nevada.

They're great folks, it's beautiful country, and Great Basin National Park is right next door.

Don't you agree it's time for a road trip? The weekend of **June 7-9**, head out to Eastern Nevada and have fun! [Click for more information.](#)

**Snake Valley Festival**  
**June 6-9, 2019**  
**Baker, Nevada**

**11th Annual Fundraiser and Fun-Raiser**  
*Support Snake Valley in the Legal Battle to Keep Water Local*

**Thursday, June 6th**  
5 - 8pm  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL and BINGO  
Community Center

**Friday, June 7th**  
6 - 9pm  
BEER TASTING and SILENT AUCTION  
Whispering Elms

**Saturday, June 8th** 7am - 10pm  
7-10am: 🌊 Pancake Breakfast at Kerouac's  
10am: 🌊 Water-Themed Parade  
8am-3pm: 🌊 Craft Fair 🌊 Silent Auction 🌊 50:25:25 Raffle  
🌊 Bake Sale - Book Sale - Yard Sale 🌊 Music  
🌊 3pm Massive Water Fight  
🌊 5:30pm BBQ Dinner  
7:30pm Snake Valley Revue at the Border Inn 🌊

**Sunday, June 9th**  
Noon  
SOFTBALL FOR ALL  
Bring a picnic and play a friendly game of softball on the newly renovated field in South Baker

For more information visit [www.protectsnakevalley.org](http://www.protectsnakevalley.org)

### Join the Toiyabe Chapter ExCom

The quarterly meeting of the Toiyabe Chapter's Executive Committee will be held at the Sierra Club's historic Claire Tappaan Lodge in Norden, CA on June 22, 2019. All Chapter members are

welcome to attend for all or part of the all-day meeting. The meeting will begin at 9 am and finish by 5 pm. For more information, email [Chapter Chair Anne Macquarie](#).

### **Support the Reno Climate Action Plan**

For more than a year, Reno staff and hundreds of volunteers have worked to draft a Sustainability & Climate Action Plan (CAP) to make Reno more sustainable and climate resilient.

For months now, however, the draft CAP has been stuck in internal review at the city. Reno is on the verge of taking bold climate action. Your support can help shake it loose.

[\*\*Click here to urge the Reno City Council to bring the CAP to a vote.\*\*](#)

### **Southern Nevada Group Open House    May 22, 6pm**

Join the Sierra Club Southern Nevada Group to learn more about who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved to make a difference for our environment and communities. Members and nonmembers alike are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

**3828 Meadows Ln. Las Vegas, NV 89107** [\*\*Click here to learn more and RSVP.\*\*](#)

### **Memorial Day Outings**

**May 24-27.**

Goshute Canyon Wilderness Stewardship Project. Join the legendary Vicky Hoover and other members of the Sierra Club's CA/NV Wilderness Committee for a weekend of wilderness restoration in the Goshute Canyon Wilderness, north of Ely (about 5-6 hours north of Las Vegas).

[\*\*Click here to learn more and RSVP.\*\*](#)

**May 27. Hike to Big Falls on Mt. Charleston.** This 100-foot-tall waterfall is one of the treasures of the Spring Mountains. Join geologist Nick Saines for a strenuous hike hike up to see it and other mountain wonders. [\*\*Click here for more info and to RSVP.\*\*](#)

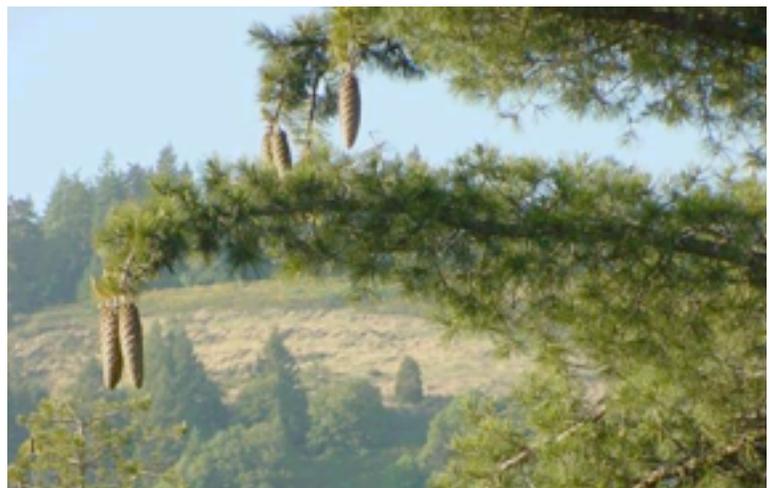
### **Sugar Pine Planting Project**

On Monday, May 27, Sierra Club is teaming up with the Sugar Pine Foundation to plant year-old sugar pine seedlings in the Tahoe National Forest, about 30 minutes north of Truckee, CA.

Feel good, give back to the forest, and maybe make some friends while you're at it. [\*\*RSVP today.\*\*](#)

### **Activist Training**

In honor of World Environment Day, June 5, Christian Gerlach, southern Nevada's Our Wild America organizer,



will explain how to influence decision-makers at all levels, and he'll introduce different skills you can use to change the world.

Join Christian from 6pm to 7:30pm at the [Happy Earth Market, 900 Karen Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89109](#) [Click here to RSVP.](#)

### **Climate Change Impacts on Mammoth Lakes**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is wrapping up its [Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment](#) and Draft Safety Element updates to the General Plan. The Vulnerability Assessment explains how climate change will impact the TOML and what the town could do to become more resilient in the face of it.

The Draft Safety Element lists actions the town plans to take to be better prepared for wildfires, drought, and floods that will result from climate change.

### **Event: The High Sierra responds to a changing climate**

Join the Mono Basin's climate action group, 350 MONO, for an afternoon of education on high elevation climate issues in the Eastern Sierra. Talks will cover an array of topics — Mono Lake, desert pupfish survival, tree adaptations in Devils Postpile, and the long-term GLORIA project, which monitors changes in alpine vegetation over time.

Electric vehicles will present, with an outside display and a session from the Electric Auto Association of California. We hope attendees will be inspired to take action in their own lives and communities to encourage climate progress.

No charge and open to all. Thursday, June 13, 1:00pm–5:00pm

[Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center auditorium](#)

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*If Tuesday's "cover pic" disturbed you, here's the antidote:*

### **[Monsanto Must Pay Couple \\$2 Billion in Largest Verdict Yet Over Cancer Claims](#)**

*Sam Levin, Guardian UK*

Levin writes: "A California jury has ordered Monsanto to pay more than \$2bn to a couple that got cancer after using its weedkiller, marking the third and largest verdict against the company over Roundup." [READ MORE](#)

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### **[California AG Xavier Becerra, environmental groups sue to stop Shasta Dam raise](#)**

By Damon Arthur, Record Searchlight, 5/14/19

Citing the state's Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, California attorney general and several environmental groups have sued to stop plans to raise the height of Shasta Dam. The lawsuit against the Fresno-based Westlands Water District was filed in Shasta County Superior Court on Monday. State officials have for years maintained that raising the height of the dam would violate the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act because a higher dam would further inundate the McCloud River, in violation of state law.

# 11th Annual Sacred Visions

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"Bringing the People Home"

# POW

June 28-30, 2019

# WOW

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### Powwow Committee:

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**GRAND ENTRY**  
**FRIDAY 7 PM**  
**SATURDAY—12 PM & 7PM**  
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### **SPECIAL EVENTS—SATURDAY**

- ◆ Traditional Paiute Buckskin Contest
- ◆ Diabetes Healing Circle
- ◆ Handgame Tourney
- ◆ Fun Run—8 AM
- ◆ Parade—10 AM
- ◆ Traditional Dinner—TBA