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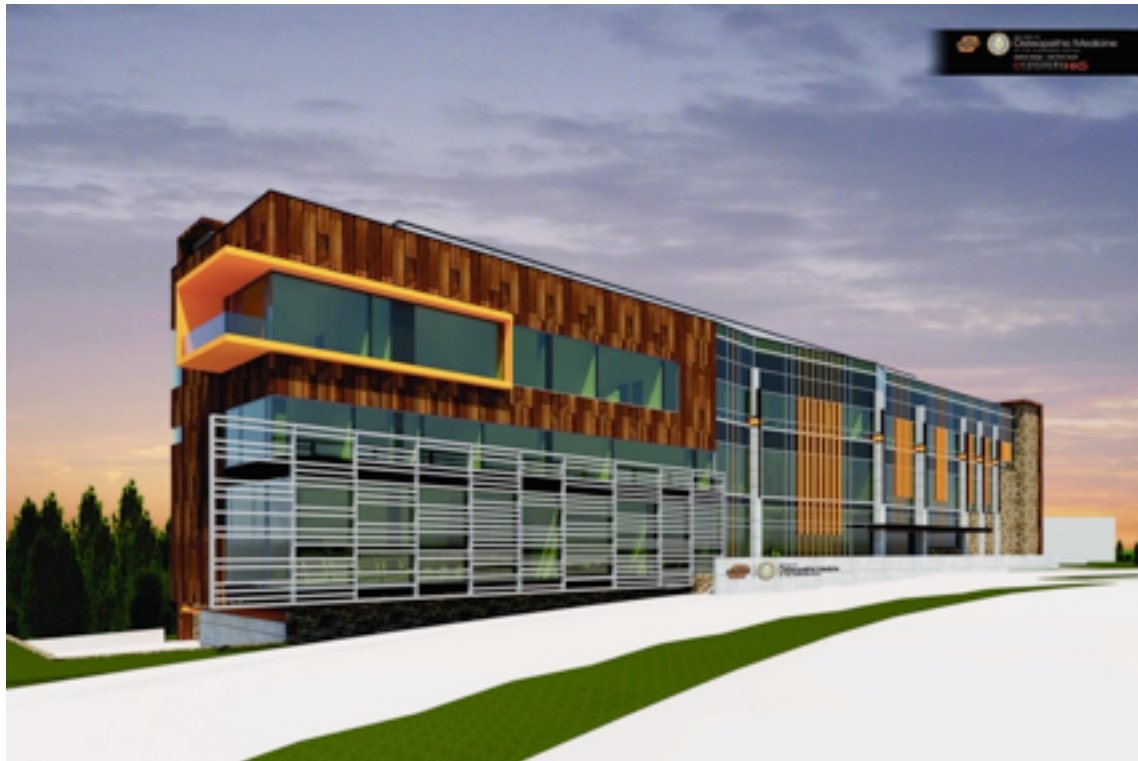
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The US Supreme Court on Monday sided with a Wyoming Native American tribe, ruling that a 19th-century treaty between the tribe and the state did not expire when Wyoming became a state.

Read in CNN Politics: <https://apple.news/AprEj0vNLTNiXeR87D9PE4Q>

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CNN.com

Why Gorsuch Keeps Joining the Liberals to Affirm Tribal Rights

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Supreme Court Sides With Native American Hunter As Neil Gorsuch Joins Liberal Justices

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Pay up: Live or work in Seattle, or simply have a hankering for justice? Thanks to Real Rent Duwamish, [you can pay reparations to the Duwamish Tribe](#), which once [controlled the land the city stands on](#) under a since-flouted treaty.



Water Shorts

“Our Interior-Environment funding bill totally rejects the pro-pollution, anti-public lands, anti-environmental protection budget proposal submitted to Congress by President Trump. Instead, Democrats are prioritizing investments that ensure our air is safe to breathe and our water is safe to drink. We are protecting public lands and continuing our federal trust and treaty responsibilities to tribal nations. To keep our families and communities safe and healthy, the bill restores adequate funding to the Environmental Protection Agency.” — Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN) in [a statement](#) about a fiscal year 2020 spending bill for the Interior Department and Environmental Protection Agency.

2.4 percent: Area of the United States categorized as being in drought. It’s the lowest drought coverage in 20 years. Why is the country temporarily soggy? The 12 months ending in April were the [wettest such period](#) in 124 years of record keeping. ([U.S. Drought Monitor](#))

7: Sites added to the national Superfund list. Each of the sites, including a landfill in Puerto Rico, a copper mine in California, and manufacturing facilities in Michigan and West Virginia, have contaminated groundwater or creeks. ([U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#))

5: Alternatives under consideration in an environmental analysis of long-term operations at 14 federal dams in the Columbia River watershed. It’s a big-deal assessment ordered by a federal judge that could remake the river’s built and natural environment. The assessment will evaluate options that would kill fewer fish in the watershed while maintaining authorized purposes of the dams such as hydropower, irrigation, navigation, and flood control. Needless to say, there are conflicts between these purposes. A draft environmental impact statement is scheduled to be published in February 2020. The webinar in the link outlines the five alternatives under consideration, including a controversial measure: breaching four dams on the Snake River. If that option is selected, congressional approval will be required. ([Army Corps of Engineers](#))

Water Infrastructure Increase in House Spending Bill

It’s the early stages of the budget process, but House Democrats signaled their intent to increase water infrastructure funding.

Budget subcommittee members included a 7.5 percent (\$672 million) increase in the EPA budget from the 2019 level, and a 12 percent increase (\$345 million) in the two state revolving funds for water. The increases are part of the [spending bill](#) for the Interior Department and EPA.

The bill will be heard by the full House Appropriations Committee on May 22.

Feinstein Weighs In On California Water

Sen. Dianne Feinstein offered support for two state-level actions on California water.

The state’s senior Democrat [praised](#) Gov. Gavin Newsom’s decision to downsize a proposed water supply project in the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta. Instead of two tunnels to move water southward, the governor wants a single pipe.

An advocate for desert habitat, Feinstein also [applauded](#) a state bill to require additional assessment of a controversial proposal to pump groundwater from the Mojave Desert for urban use. The bill has attracted [significant lobbying dollars](#) in Sacramento, the *Desert Sun* reports.

Water Bills In Congress

Action on PFAS chemicals, flood insurance, and more last week:

- Sens. Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) [introduced a bill](#) that requires the EPA to set a drinking water standard for total PFAS. The bill sets a two-year deadline for the agency to finalize a standard. A [similar bill](#) was introduced in the House in April. The EPA, on its own, is assessing whether a standard is necessary. Administrator Andrew Wheeler [indicated in February](#) that he thinks it is.



- Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) [introduced a bill](#) that would require utilities to monitor at least 30 PFAS chemicals in drinking water.
- Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) introduced an [infrastructure bill](#) that includes a \$500-million-a-year grant program to help utilities pay the capital cost of treatment systems to remove PFAS from drinking water.
- The House passed a [four-month extension](#) of the National Flood Insurance Program.

EPA Considers Relaxing Oilfield Wastewater Rules

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is considering ways to make it easier for oil and gas companies to dispose of their wastewater and how the salt- and chemical-laden water might be cleaned up and reused.

The agency's [draft study](#) addresses a real problem: the growing volumes of wastewater that are a byproduct of the nation's rising production of oil and natural gas.

Most of this “produced” water is reinjected deep underground. But industry groups and regulators in arid states are keen to explore additional options: reusing produced water for farm irrigation or industrial use, or treating and discharging it into streams, which is currently allowed only in areas west of the 98th meridian.

The EPA is accepting public comments on the draft through July 21. Submit them via oil-and-gas-study@epa.gov.

In context: [New Mexico Oil Production Is Soaring. Now What To Do With The Wastewater?](#)

Hard Rain

“It’s raining plastic.”

U.S. Geological Survey researchers offered that conclusion in [a study](#) of the composition of rain. The rain was collected at eight sites along Colorado’s Front Range.

In the samples they found plastics: miniscule shards, fibers, and fragments. The plastics were tiny, needing magnification of 20 to 40 times to be visible. But they were present in more than 90 percent of samples: predominantly in urban areas, but also in samples from a site at elevation 10,300 feet in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Rain-carried plastics are “ubiquitous and not just an urban condition,” they write.

Hurricane Florence Assessment

The National Hurricane Center released its [final report](#) on Hurricane Florence. The report covers the storm’s meteorology, physical characteristics, and economic impact. A category 1 at landfall, in September 2018, Florence resulted in an estimated \$24 billion in damages from wind and water.

Coming Soon: New Drinking Water Standard

The Office of Management and Budget is reviewing the first new contaminant to be regulated in drinking water in more than two decades.

The EPA [submitted](#) its perchlorate proposal for final review on April 16. The agency is under a court order to finalize a federal limit for the rocket fuel ingredient by May 28, 2019.

Congressional Hearings

On the schedule this week:

- On May 21, the Senate Agriculture Committee discusses [climate change and farming](#).
- On May 22, the House Appropriations Committee [will finalize](#) its fiscal year 2020 spending bill for Interior and Environment.
- On May 22, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee holds a [hearing on PFAS legislation](#).
- On May 23, the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis continues its fact-finding with a hearing on [building a “resilient America.”](#)

California Fire Outlook

Federal scientists will discuss the [summer fire outlook](#) for California and Nevada. The May 28 webinar is open to the public. Register at the above link.

Recent snow in the Sierra Nevada has dampened the risk of fire in the early season. But the [late summer forecast](#) for coastal and northern California is still above normal.

Lake Erie Algae

Because of heavy spring rains, NOAA expects a [larger harmful algal bloom than last year](#), though the forecast did decrease the top end of the expected range. This early in the season there is still much uncertainty in the forecast. The severity of the bloom is linked to the amount of



phosphorus that washes into the lake.

A white man and an elderly Native man became pretty good friends, so the white guy decided to ask him: “What do you think about Indian mascots?” The Native elder responded, “Here’s what you’ve got to understand. When you look at black people, you see ghosts of all the slavery and the rapes and the hangings and the chains. When you look at Jews, you see ghosts of all those bodies piled up in death camps. And those ghosts keep you trying to do the right thing. “But when you look at us you don’t see the ghosts of the little babies with their heads smashed in by rifle butts at the Big Hole, or the old folks dying by the side of the trail on the way to Oklahoma while their families cried and tried to make them comfortable, or the dead mothers at Wounded Knee or the little kids at Sand Creek who were shot for target practice. You don’t see any ghosts at all. “Instead you see casinos and drunks and junk cars and shacks. “Well, we see those ghosts. And they make our hearts sad and they hurt our little children. And when we try to say something, you tell us, ‘Get over it. This is America. Look at the American dream.’ But as long as you’re calling us Redskins and doing tomahawk chops, we can’t look at the American dream, because those things remind us that we are not real human beings to you. And when people aren’t humans, you can turn them into slaves or kill six million of them or shoot them down with Hotchkiss guns and throw them into mass graves at Wounded Knee. “No, we’re not looking at the American dream. And why should we? We still haven’t woken up from the American nightmare. ~source unknown

Groundwork USA Announces Call for Letters of Interest

Due by July 31, 2019

Groundwork USA, in partnership with the National Park Service and US Environmental Protection Agency, is now accepting Letters of Interest from communities wishing to begin the process of applying for Groundwork USA program funding and technical assistance and to join the Groundwork Network. Letters of Interest must be received by Groundwork USA by July 31, 2019. For complete details on the application and selection process, including eligibility requirements, submission details, and evaluation criteria, [download the Call for Letters of Interest](#).

A free informational webinar will be held June 4, 2019 to provide an overview of the application process with specific emphasis on the current phase of the process, a call for Letters of Interest. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar.

The selected community will be eligible for up to \$200,000 in funding and technical assistance from the National Park Service, US Environmental Protection Agency, and Groundwork USA to plan, establish, and build the capacity of a Groundwork Trust organization in their community. For more information about the program and the work of the Groundwork Network, please visit www.groundworkusa.org.

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Minnesota lawmakers strike deal on opioid response bill

The agreement could make Minnesota the first state in the nation to establish a separate state fund dedicated to opioid addiction prevention and treatment. <http://strib.mn/30uDRhK>

[Trump's Budget Proposals Highlight Priorities of Rich and Shameless](#)

WILLIAM RIVERS PITT, TRUTHOUT

At some point, the Trump administration will cough up its latest budgetary ode to deliberate misery. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Elizabeth Warren have already seeded the ground with a far superior crop of ideas, while Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the newly muscular House Democratic majority are sharpening their carving knives. I am loath to wax optimistic in such fearfully dreary times, but I will be watching this unfold with both eyes. [Read the Article →](#)

The Trump Administration Is Burying Evidence Its Coal Plan Will Kill Thousands

The E.P.A. has reportedly been ordered to “get thousands of deaths off the books” by altering the way it calculates the risks of air pollution.

Read in Vanity Fair: <https://apple.news/AnYASYoQxSDGUiMTKM4n2zg>

Hondurans Protest US-Backed Government as Thousands Flee

SANDRA CUFFE, TRUTHOUT

In

keeping with its longstanding tradition of backing undemocratic regimes in Central and South America, the US is continuing to support the government of Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández despite suspicions about election rigging, corruption scandals and his links to drug trafficking. Meanwhile, thousands continue to flee Honduras for Mexico and the US amid violence, unemployment, poverty and persecution brought on by the ongoing political turmoil.

[Read the Article and View the Photos →](#)

Police Are Using Private Security Firms to Target Anti-Pipeline Organizers

JESSICA CORBETT, COMMON DREAMS

Minnesota police have spent more than a year gearing up for a militarized standoff with those opposed to Enbridge's Line 3 tar sands pipeline. According to newly released documents, Minnesota police are borrowing from the playbook of North Dakota law enforcement, which launched a brutal response to the Indigenous-led demonstrations against the Dakota Access pipeline in 2016.

[Read the Article →](#)

Stacey Abrams: "We Have to Work Harder" Than Those Who Would Suppress the Vote

AMY GOODMAN, DEMOCRACY NOW!

Democrats have selected former Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams to deliver the response to President Trump's State of the Union address on Tuesday. Abrams will become the first person not in public office to give the Democratic response to the president, as well as the first Black woman to deliver the response. She recently launched Fair Fight Action, a voting rights advocacy group, after she narrowly lost Georgia's governor's race to Secretary of State Brian Kemp, who was widely accused of suppressing the vote.

[Watch the Video and Read the Transcript →](#)

Bolsonaro Government Plans Mega-Projects in the Brazilian Amazon

JAN ROCHA, MONGABAY

Last week, Bolsonaro administration Chief of Strategic Affairs Maynard Santa Rosa announced new Brazilian mega-infrastructure projects that include a dam on the Trombetas River, a bridge over the Amazon River and an extension of the BR-163 highway from the Amazon River through 300 miles of rainforest. These projects will imperil Indigenous communities and important conservation areas.

[Read the Article →](#)

UPDATE!! Notice of Funding Availability- Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Grant Program

On May 7, 2019, HUD published the **Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)** for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)-Competitive Grants Program. This NOFA announces the availability of \$198 million for competitive grants to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities eligible to receive IHBG funding under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.).

Locate and read the Dear Tribal Leader letter [here](#).

ONAP has scheduled **on-site and in-person trainings** on IHBG Competitive program NOFA eligibility and requirements. The trainings will take place at all six (6) Area ONAP Field Office locations, as follows:

**AONAP Office
City**

Alaska	Anchorage	AK	June 12-13, 2019
Northern Plains	Denver	CO	June 11-12, 2019
Southwest	Phoenix	AZ	June 19-20, 2019
Northwest	Seattle	WA	June 18-19, 2019
Southern Plains	Oklahoma City	OK	June 25-26, 2019
Eastern Woodlands	Chicago	IL	July 9-10, 2019

Your Area ONAP will be in touch soon with details such as registration, location and times. ONAP staff will provide the training, and cover NOFA requirements, including threshold requirements, technical rating factors, and post-award reporting requirements. There will be opportunities to ask questions.

Vacancy Announcements!! 2-Senior Loan Guarantee Specialist, GS-1101-14, Headquarters, Washington, DC

As a Senior Loan Guarantee Specialist, you will evaluate loan files for compliance with sound underwriting decisions, prudent loan origination/ servicing practices and compliance with loan guarantee program requirements, plan and conduct on-site reviews of financial institutions participating in the Section 184 and Title VI program to monitor and evaluate their performance assuring consistency with program policies and requirements, formulate guidelines and provide technical advice, guidance, and interpretation of complex policies and procedures regarding the Indian loan guarantee programs to Tribes, TDHEs, Headquarters, field offices, tribal groups, Native Hawaiian groups and the financial community, and develop and conduct, or participate in, training programs for ONAP staff, tribal officials, TDHE staff, Native Hawaiian staff and officials, and the financial community.

Open period: May 16, 2019 – May 29, 2019 APPLY HERE: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/533766800>

Anne Hathaway Pays Respect to Tongva People in Hollywood Star Speech

Posted By [Paul G](#) May 16th, 2019 Blog

Anne Hathaway was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame last week.

She began her speech by thanking the people that care for the land under the stars. She recognized the people the land belonged to the Tongva.

Oscar-winner [Anne Hathaway](#) received her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Thursday and used her acceptance speech to shine a light on the “indigenous people” of the area.

In thinking “more deeply” about this honor and what it means to her, [Hathaway](#) said she thought long and hard about the land underneath the stars on the Walk of Fame. [Read More](#)

Laura Grizzlypaws Sings and Dances at Indigenous Music Awards – Manito Ahbee Festival



Posted

By [Paul G](#) May18th, 2019 Blog

The Indigenous Music Awards took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba on May 17, 2019. The awards recognize singers, songwriters, and performers across Indian Country.

Laura Grizzlypaws wowed the crowd with her dancing and singing during the awards show. Videos of her dancing have gone viral in the past, and she didn't disappoint the live audience.

She also won for Best Hand Drum!

She brought her young daughter on the stage for the acceptance. In her speech, she talked about that she does what she does for the future generations. [Read More](#)

[To Have and To Hold: Nevada's Art Collection](#) - [Additional Dates](#)

Friday, May 24, 2019

Saturday, May 25, 2019

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

[John and Geraldine Lilley Museum of Art, University Arts Building, University of Nevada, Reno](#)
1335 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV [Directions](#) Price: Free

For the first time in the Department of Art's history, its impressive collection of more than 5,500

works of art has a permanent exhibition home in The John and Geraldine Lilley, University of Nevada, Reno's new museum of art. *To Have and To Hold* introduces Nevadans to the impressive array of art works held in stewardship by the University. From 5,000-year-old Neolithic pottery to photographs made just last year, the exhibition explores how humans across the globe and across time have explored what it means to be human.

Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday between noon and 4 p.m., Thursday and Fridays between noon and 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Sunday and Mondays.

Reach us on Instagram @thelilleymuseum or bakerprindle@unr.edu for an appointment outside those hours.

Contact Info (775) 784-6682

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