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Metuktire, **Brazil's legendary indigenous chief, seeks to raise €1 million to better protect the Amazon's Xingu reserve** – home to many of the country's tribal peoples – from loggers, farmers and fire. – EPA pic, May 13, 2019.

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## Water Shorts

### New Drinking Water Standard

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a [long-awaited draft standard for perchlorate in drinking water](#).

The standard — 56 parts per billion — was immediately criticized by health groups as being too lenient. They pointed to lower state standards (Massachusetts at 2 ppb) and the agency's own non-binding health advisory from 2009, which was set at 15 ppb.

The proposal took years to develop and required a court order. The agency said in 2011 that perchlorate, an ingredient in rocket fuel, munitions, and fireworks, ought to be regulated. The agency estimated at that point that up to 16 million people could be exposed to the chemical at levels that could be a health risk. Perchlorate principally interferes with the thyroid.

### House Committee Advances Budget Bills

The House Appropriations Committee approved a [fiscal year 2020 spending bill](#) that includes a 7.5 percent (\$672 million) increase in the EPA budget and a 12 percent increase (\$345 million) in the two state revolving funds for water infrastructure.

### Water Bills in Congress

Two pieces of notable legislation were introduced last week:

- Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) [sponsored a bill](#) that allows states to transfer more money between the two state revolving funds. One fund is designated for drinking water projects; the other for sewage and storm water. Increasing the cap on transfers allows states to target their greatest needs, Booker argues. The funds are topped up every year via congressional appropriation and allocated by formula to the states, which administer them.
- Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) introduced the [CLEARRR Drinking Water Act](#). The clumsy acronym reflects the bill's requirement for more reporting and monitoring of drinking water quality. It requires the EPA administrator to issue regulations that outline additional inspections that must take place after a water quality violation. The bill also increases the spending limit for a program that aids disadvantaged communities, from \$60 million per year to \$300 million per year.

### Mining Lease Renewal

The Bureau of Land Management [renewed mineral leases](#) in northern Minnesota for a company that is seeking to develop a copper and nickel mine near Boundary Waters Canoe Area, a federally designated wilderness, the *Associated Press* reports.

Because of concerns about water pollution in the wilderness area, the Obama administration had blocked development of the leases, which are located in Superior National Forest. That decision was [reversed](#) under President Trump.

### Swimming Water Guidelines for Cyanotoxins

The EPA released [water quality standards for two cyanotoxins](#). The standards, which are not legally binding, apply to rivers, lakes, bays and other natural water bodies where people swim.

The standards for microcystin and cylindrospermopsin, which are produced by blue-green algae, are meant to protect swimmers who might ingest some of the toxins. They are based on a child's exposure.

### **Florida Cyanotoxins Study**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is [recruiting fishing guides](#) who work on Florida's Lake Okeechobee for a study of the health effects of inhaling cyanotoxins, *Florida Today* reports.

Cyanobacteria, also called blue-green algae, have flourished in the lake. The study will likely begin next year.

### **Lead and Copper Rule Revision**

Perchlorate: check.

Next: Lead and Copper Rule.

The next big drinking water action for the EPA is publishing draft revisions to rules that govern lead and copper in drinking water. The draft has been delayed for years, but the agency says that it should be made public by July.

The timeline was published in the agency's [regulatory agenda](#), which federal departments are required to do twice a year.

Other actions given a timeline include:

- A decision whether to begin drafting a rule to define PFAS chemicals as hazardous substances under the federal Superfund law. (October 2019)
- A decision whether to start drafting a drinking water standard for PFOA and PFOS. (December 2019)
- Revised definition of the Waters of the United States rule, which outlines the waters protected by the Clean Water Act. (December 2019)
- Possible revision of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, which would prevent states from blocking fossil fuel pipelines based on water pollution concerns. (May 2020)

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From Star Tribune: **Treaty rights case shows that for tribes, Trump improved on Scalia with Gorsuch.** In treaty cases, he is tipping the scale in ways the late Justice Scalia didn't. <http://strib.mn/2QyjoEm>

### **[How Eminent Domain Is Putting Farmers in the Path of Gas Pipelines](#)**

*Michael Sainato, Guardian UK*

Excerpt: "Compulsory purchase - or the threat of it - of property on the route of a pipeline for fracked natural gas has left a slew of grievances and lawsuits in West Virginia and Virginia."

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**'It will poison everything.' Native Americans protest Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste site rgj.com**

To the Western Shoshone Nation, this land is sacred. To store nuclear waste here is to press a doomsday button.



**Continuing the book conversation - (What are your Favorites?)**

[Kangaroo](#)

I would add *The Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexsie, sort of memoir of a Spokane Tribe member who fled a substandard school on the Rez for a good one in town and made a lot of new white friends and his former friends in the tribe hated him for doing it.

[cawfeemug](#) [Kangaroo](#)

Sherman Alexsie is a national treasure, thanks for this.

[estamm](#)

When I was a kid (mid to late 60's), I remember reading a series of biographies of famous American Indians like Sitting Bull, Geronimo, Crazy Horse, and a few others. They were well written, sympathetic to the subject, and fascinating to an 8ish boy like me. Wonder if any of those are still published.

[capelza](#)

*On the Back of a Turtle*

*A Narrative of the Huron-Wyandot People*

Lloyd Divine is tribal historian for the Wyandotte-Nation of Oklahoma. It's just about the only book written by a tribal member about the Wyandottes. (Wendat Confederacy from Oklahoma to Wendake in Quebec)

[Astronut](#)

I'm sure it's not enough but many years ago I read "Black Elk Speaks", a very old book about a Sioux shaman. Black Elk witnessed the massacre of the Sioux at Wounded Knee. He also described his shamanistic visions in Indian terms. One thing that really stuck in my memory: He described going to a mountaintop at the center of the world — then noted that every mountaintop is the center of the world. That struck me as a brilliant observation.

[TrueBlueMajority](#)

Thanks for this great diary! I am looking for some non-fiction to read right now.

While ordering a copy of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* I noticed a 2016 book by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz called "***All the Real Indians Died Off***" and ***20 Other Myths about Native Americans***. Do you know anything about that book, MB?

[TrueBlueMajority](#) [TrueBlueMajority](#)

I forgot the co-author's name: **Dina Gilio-Whitaker** (Colville Confederated Tribes)

[TrueBlueMajority](#) [TrueBlueMajority](#)

and it turns out that Dina Gilio-Whitaker has a book that just came out this month: ***As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock***

[Madame Lizzard](#)

Curious about anything on Baja, Mexico, Central American indigenous. I have felt like I am on a tightrope my adult life. Spanish are hated by the indigenous of both America and these other countries. I am both, as are many other descendants of the southwest.

[Meteor Blades](#) [Madame Lizzard](#)

The best stuff I've seen about Mexico and Central American indigenous is in Spanish, and it's been since the '80s that I've read any of that.

[thr0ng](#)

I'm beginning to wonder if the American Experiment only lasted as long as it did because we had Native Americans and immigrants to vent our Imperial angst upon. Maybe what we're witnessing today is the natural evolution of a violent and self-righteous culture whose war-dogs have run out of innocents to chew on.

[Mother Mags](#)

Wonderful list, MB! Thanks. Here in AZ, I usually include Tucson's Silko and Momaday in the curriculum. Fan of Linda Hogan too. Have you read Robin Kimmerer's *Braided Sweetgrass*? We've had her here, beautiful!

[Jimnp72](#)

The Custer Museum sent me a worn out buffalo nickel as an incentive for my contribution. I replied that I would never contribute to anything this repulsive fucking butcher had any part of.

#### [Mom to Miss M](#)

Wow, thanks for this list!! I have a couple more that I'm not seeing here that others might find interesting.

#### [Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past](#)

I can't recall where I heard about this book and I read it a while ago now but it's the author's account of finding her Dakota roots and I found it very interesting.

[Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask](#) is by Anton Treuer. I saw him on The Daily Show talking about this book. This is the type of book that you don't read cover to cover. I mean, you could. But I picked out several topics from the table of contents and read those. Very educational.

#### [AnnikaQED](#)

I found Peter Farb's **Man's Rise to Civilization: The Cultural Ascent of the Indians of North America** one of the most illuminating reads of my lifetime, giving an anthropological overview of the diversity of native american tribes.

#### [family farmer](#)

I'd like to recommend **Unquiet Grave: The FBI and the Struggle for Control of Indian Country** (about Pine Ridge) as well as **Killers of the Flower Moon** (history of murder and swindling oil wealth in Oklahoma).

#### [Meteor Blades](#) [family farmer](#)

Both are quite disturbing books, and worth the read.

#### [Down in the Nations](#)

Meteor, I see that you have recommended *Empire of the Summer Moon*. Are you familiar with *Comanche Empire*, by Pekka Hämäläinen? It's about the same subject, but as the cover blurb from Larry McMurtry says, it's "Cutting-edge revisionist western history." It was a winner of the Bancroft prize in American history. If you know it, what is your opinion?

#### [geodemographics](#)

How much would it cost to purchase these books in bulk and place them in selected libraries (both on and off reservation) in coordination with other literacy initiatives for children and adults? It seems to me that with all of the fundraising tools available online, this could open up some new thought horizons for a new generation of Native American leaders.

#### [skralyx](#)

OK, I've literally been staring at the wall for about 45 minutes after reading this, just talking to myself. The last couple of times I was at the library, I think I fell into the trap of looking for that hypothetical pan-Native book you talked about at the beginning, and not really with any success. What do I read? It's been gnawing at me for a good while now that as Americans, we just



haven't embraced Native culture enough, not as some exhibit at a museum but as a living, breathing part of what it means to be American. Even those of us who want to maybe don't quite know how.

There was a post here not long ago that really resonated with me, and that was a group of Native Americans at the airport greeting a returning U.S. soldier from their family with traditional dress, instruments, and songs. I thought, what could possibly be more American than that? Why don't we celebrate this more — a lot more — as our national identity?

So ... I am going to start with

***The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present***

because of this: The story of Native America isn't over, he writes; Indians have not vanished, and, despite all the well-known problems, there is a thriving vitality among indigenous Americans in the 21st century.

I like this attitude.

[mosesfreeman](#)

A few more for young readers are [Jingle Dancer](#), [How I Became A Ghost](#), and [Moonshot](#), a comics anthology.

[ceebee7](#)

Thanks MB for this. Seems like America is officially determined to continue to ignore the histories of our brothers and sisters we Europeans committed virtual and actual genocide against as we took their homes during the "Manifest Destiny" outrage, which continues...

I loved my first Erdrich novel, *The Painted Drum*, which makes other appearances here and there in some of Erdrich's other writings, which turned me on to all of her other works available in the local library. Also fun to visit Erdrich's Birchbark Book Store in Minneapolis, [birchbarkbooks.com/...](http://birchbarkbooks.com/)

Here's a list of noted Native American writers I came across, for anyone desiring additional exposure. [en.wikipedia.org/...](http://en.wikipedia.org/)

[Fractal Gas](#) [ceebee7](#)

Try Erdrich's "Love Medicine" ... it's a sort of Rosetta Stone to her other novels.

[Mrmuni12](#)

"**Skull wars**" belongs on this list. It's about NA, not by them but does a wonderful job of portraying the illicit role of anthropologists in the 19th century, and the ongoing fight over NA rights to NA fossils.

[cawfeemug](#)

I am so happy you mentioned Frank Waters. In the late 60's and early 70's I used to give his book "Book of The Hopi" away as a gift. In the spring of 1995 I was living in Chino Valley AZ and called Mr. Waters down in Tucson. His nurse answered and said he was having a pretty good

day and gave me 5 minutes. He was kind and humble but his voice was thin, to me a gushing white man fan. Truly a highlight of my life.

### [ABAB](#)

Here's a newer one: ***CRAZY HORSE: THE LAKOTA WARRIOR'S LIFE AND LEGACY***

Author William Matson and Crazy Horse grandson Floyd Clown Sr. on book signing tour now.; Ohio and eastward bound. It is what the title suggests. Oral history of the authentic Crazy Horse family, who came out of hiding in the 90's as told to author. Must read.

### [wynative](#)

Thanks so much for this list and I would add a few of my favorites: Creek Mary's Blood by Dee Brown (required reading in western lit classes), Children of Grace — Nez Perce War of 1877 by Bruce Hampton, Little Big Man by Thomas Berger, Ten Little Indians by Sherman Alexi, Crow Killer by Thorpe and Bunker. I have added many of the suggestions to my list. Just finished Killers of the Flower Moon and I was furious as were the other commenters here. Fantastic book! Will be checking for the Indians 101 list tomorrow.

### [Fractal Gas](#)

I'm in the middle of David Treuer's "Heartbeat" and it's a bracing read from a masterful storyteller. If it grabs you, check out Treuer's novels. They deserve to be read by readers who value excellent writing.

### [Jbush](#)

I loved [Leslie Marmon Silko's Almanac of the Dead](#). It's fiction. To me it felt like a Victor Hugo novel. All the characters are intertwined together. I had to put it down and come back and restart. It was too much for me the 1st time (all the characters, all the plot lines, and they touch on each other). Second time around I grasp on who was how and found the book absolutely amazing.

### [Glaisne](#)

Not written by a Native author but very informative and well worth reading. Excellent books that I recommend highly:

1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus — Charles C. Mann

1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created — Charles C. Mann

### [Penelope Carter](#)

I am surprised this list does not include Son of Old Man Hat by Walter Dyk. This book is a classic about the Navajo and is still in print via Nebraska Press. There is a new edition in print recently. I would say this is better geared for adults.

[Meteor Blades Penelope Carter](#) [The list does not include him because I only included books written by Native writers.](#)

# First Flavors of the East Bay

## Café Ohlone Offers Indigenous Foods for All to Share

By Anna Mindess | Photos by Cynthia Matzger

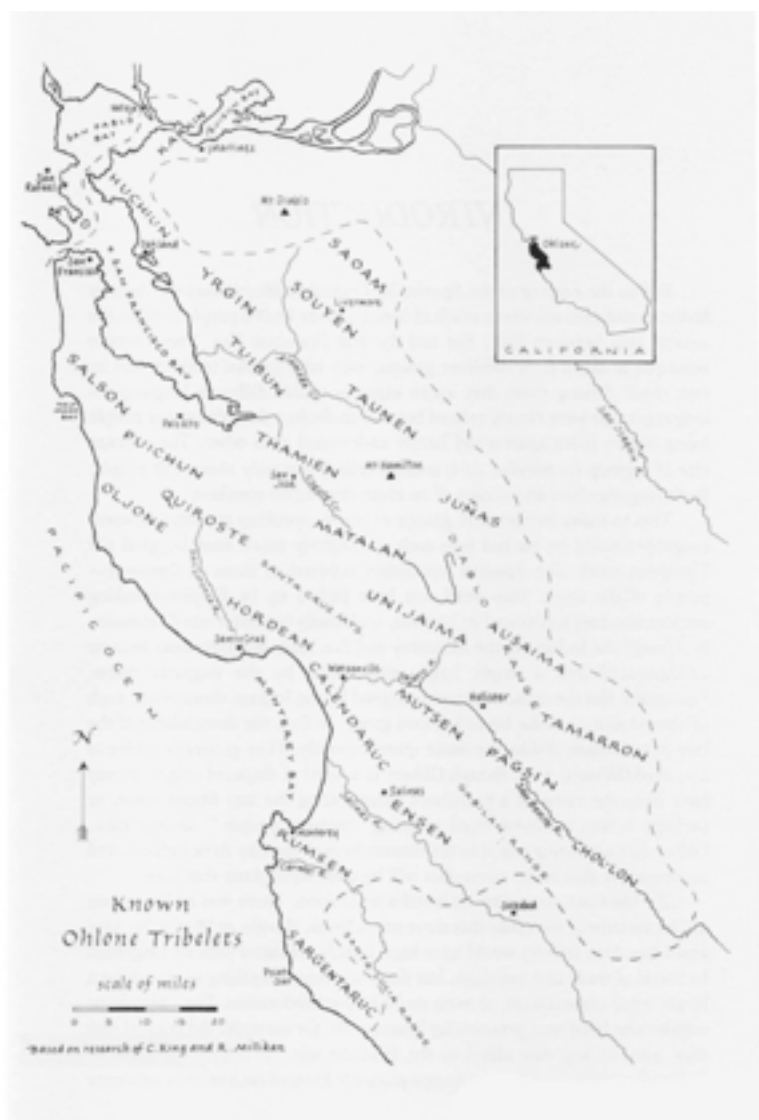
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*This is a great article and deserves to read to the end. sdc*

*“Wait, I thought you were all extinct ....”*

It’s a frequent comment from first-time diners at Café Ohlone, but a welcome opener nonetheless at Berkeley’s first Indigenous supper club. Since September of 2018, when Vincent Medina and his partner Louis Trevino began serving pre-contact Indigenous foods on the back patio of University Press Books, the two have been feeding their patrons’ curiosity while satisfying their appetites. Education is always on the menu.

Medina patiently explains that despite organized slavery in the Mission era, government-sponsored attempts at genocide during the Gold Rush, and boarding schools that attempted to strip away all vestiges of Indigenous language and culture, thousands of Native



Californians are very much still here. “We are proud to stand with our community as we work to bring back the things that were taken from us,” he says.

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[Dennis Banks, American Indian Civil Rights Leader, Dies at 80](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/30/obituaries/dennis-banks-dead.html?fbclid=IwAR1EOuEzFk32nSriV_W7eoJ7ilmdJGQ17DVLtne_JeJ9K9gqLMivezOu1vMw)

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Mr. Banks, a Chippewa, led often-violent insurrections to protest the...

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