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Alleen Brown, The Intercept

Brown writes: "North Dakota's private security regulator said a trove of company documents showed TigerSwan's denials were 'willfully false and misleading.'"

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Honoring Native American Heritage Month: My cousin Jill (Lucille Sam) from Walker River Paiute, who was recognized during the Nevada Day celebration in October, 1953 as a Nevada Indian Queen with the initiation later of the Miss Indian Nevada Pageant.



Columbus Still Kills: Trump, Colonial Apologetics and Anti-Native Violence

by Thomas Lecaque

As a historian, I see recent attacks on indigenous Americans and intrusions on tribal lands as part of a lengthy tradition of violence. But this year has witnessed a surge in apologetics for colonial violence in history that give support to present-day harm.

" Preserving history is not sugarcoating it. Patriotism is not ignorance. Ignorance is not strength. Strength is not goodness." —ibid

Trump's Latest Executive Order is a Head Scratcher to Historians

by Jim Grossman "There is no shortage of contentious publications and conversations among professional historians about concepts like critical race theory or arguments like those advanced in the 1619 Project. But neither constitutes "child abuse," which is a serious crime."

Although Now Required by California Law, Ethnic Studies Courses Likely to be Met with Resistance

by Nolan L. Cabrera A scholar who studies racial dynamics on college campuses, argues the benefits of required ethnic studies courses outweigh their liabilities.

Director Tsanavi Spoonhunter On Documenting Food Insecurity On The Crow Indian Reservation Nov 13, 2020 05:56 pm

Tsanavi Spoonhunter is an award-winning film director. Her documentary Crow Country: Our Right To Food Sovereignty was recently awarded best documentary short by the American Indian Film Festival. The film profiles tribal members of the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana and their struggles to retain food security.

[Click here to read more](#)

"I am what time, circumstance, history, have made of me, certainly, but I am also, much more than that. So are we all." — James Baldwin

Setting "Booby Traps" For Biden (Daily Pnut)

President Trump may continue to publicly deny the election results, but his administration is pushing ahead to put into effect new regulations and policy changes that will likely leave a big mark on government, and be difficult to change once finalized. One policy analyst calls this midnight rulemaking akin to setting "booby traps" for the incoming Biden administration, adding "[He'll] have to find all of them and disarm them."

The White House's Office of Management and Budget is currently evaluating 145 rules, a key step in the formal rulemaking process for major regulations. One proposal from the Agriculture Department would allow poultry plants to increase their line speeds. The Obama administration had previously rejected the move for fear it would create unsafe working conditions. The poultry industry denied it was rushing to put new rules in place; it has, in fact, been pushing for line speed increases since the beginning of the Trump administration.

Other regulations are defined as having a significant impact on the economy, the environment, public health and safety, or state and local governments. They include policies that the incoming Biden administration would likely oppose, such as new caps on the length of foreign student visas; restrictions on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) use of scientific research; limits on the EPA's consideration of the benefits of regulating air pollutants; and a change that would make it easier for companies to treat workers as independent contractors, rather than as employees with more legal protections.

President-elect Biden has already vowed to reverse many of Trump's executive orders with executive orders of his own. But completed regulations are harder to change. Once a rule is officially published in the Federal Register, it usually requires either a court decision or the same laborious rulemaking process to reverse. Congress could potentially undo regulations faster by using the Congressional Review Act — as Republican legislators did to reverse many Obama-era rules at the beginning of Trump's term. That won't happen if Republicans retain control of Congress after Georgia's two run-off elections to be held on January 5th.

Besides advancing new regulations, the Trump administration has taken other actions that are difficult to reverse. In 2017, Congress authorized oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge — a long-standing goal for the GOP that Biden opposes. Now, the administration could issue a formal "call for nominations" as soon as Monday, kick-starting a final effort to help decide what tracts to auction inside the refuge's 1.56-million-acre coastal plain. And in the last five months, permitting activity on federal land in Texas and New Mexico has spiked by roughly 80 percent. Federal leases are contracts, and once issued, they are hard to rescind.



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Naomi Itta-Tomas

In the spring of 1942, the people of Barrow heard that the Japanese were coming to bomb the village.

"We hear seven Japanese planes are coming to bomb Barrow, but they freeze and have to turn back," Irene Itta* remembers. A total blackout was imposed upon the community. All windows had to be sealed off so that no light escaped outside. The famous Major "Muktuk" Marston came to town to help organize the Territorial Guard. A tower the height of a house was built from empty steel drums just outside of town. There, Guard members stood sentry, scanning the skies for Japanese planes.

Whaling season arrived. The men had no time to stand on a tower of barrels to watch for incoming Japanese airplanes.

They turned to the Barrow Mothers' Club for help. Irene's own husband, Miles, was stationed in Nome with the U.S. Army. Still, she did not hesitate when she was asked to volunteer for guard duty.

Irene had a tiny baby girl, Martina, who depended on her. Still, someone had to go watch for the Japanese, and that someone was Irene Itta. Early in the morning, she reported for duty. She wore her parka, and in it, tucked snugly onto her back, was baby Martina. A guardsman issued her a pistol, fully loaded and with extra bullets, and strapped it to her waist.

"He didn't even show me how to use it," Itta muses.

At 8:00 AM, Itta took her post atop the barrels. She had been instructed to bang upon the barrels at the first sight of anything in the sky.

So she stood there, a baby on her back and a pistol on her hip, atop a tower of steel drums, for 12 hours straight, in the cold, scanning the sky for incoming Japanese airplanes. Fortunately, baby Martina slept a lot. When she would awake, Irene would breast-feed her, there on the tower.

At 8:00 PM, Itta was off duty. She had spotted no Japanese.

"Today, they wouldn't do that," she states. "They'd probably want to get paid. I did it so the people can have a safe place to go. No one knows about it. It was never in the papers, not on the radio. I always tell my son, when I die, I want a special ceremony. I want a flag, I want a salute, with the guns, because I served my country in the territorial guard."

(I meant to share this with my immediate family and friends and did not expect for my original post to be shared and read as much as it had been. Here is the link to more amazing stories that I'm sure may interest people as it is the site where I got the content for my post:

[http://wasillaalaskaby300.squarespace.com/.../five... \)](http://wasillaalaskaby300.squarespace.com/.../five...)

Thank you all for your kind words, my aaka was an amazing woman with a humble spirit, she loved sharing the stories of the world she knew.



Vanne Mocilac Social Distance Powwow Looking for living relatives of a Paiute woman named Myra Whitney from Nixon, NV. Myra made these around 1968. Not for sale. PM me.

And you're complaining about covid hair and makeup?



CosmosUp · An ant's face seen through an electron microscope

University of Oregon College of Education

The College of Education Sapsik'wáá program will reach an important milestone this year: 100 graduates!

As a celebration of Native American Heritage Month, we are highlighting Sapsik'wáá alumni and our goal to inspire 100 donors to give in honor of 100 alumni. Gifts to the DuckFunder will support the crucial needs of our Sapsik'wáá students like scholarships, books, and fees.

Donations will also allow our Distinguished Elder Educator, Tuxámshish Dr. Virginia Beavert, to provide mentorship, guidance and training to students around how to effectively support Indigenous students, teach Indigenous languages, and integrate Native studies into curriculum.

<https://duckfunder.uoregon.edu/sapsikwala2020>



Allie Young led groups of voters, ranging in age from 18 to 30, 10 miles on horseback to reach polling stations in Kayenta, Ariz.

This Is The Most
Powerful Native



American Tribe



in History

The Comanche nation was once the most powerful in America—and one of the most effective fighting forces in history, hands down. They fought off numerous foes and were only defeated in the late 19th ce [VIEW STORY](#)

‘This Is a Really, Really Big Deal’: Michigan Gov. Moves to Shut Down Line 5 Pipeline to Protect Great Lakes

Environmental and Indigenous activists celebrated Friday after Democratic Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer took action to shut down the decades-old Enbridge Line 5 oil and natural gas pipelines that run under the Straits of Mackinac, narrow waterways that connect Lake Huron and Lake Michigan—two of the Great Lakes.

Enbridge has imposed on the people of Michigan an unacceptable risk of a catastrophic oil spill in the Great Lakes that could devastate our economy and way of life.

Citing the threat to the Great Lakes as well as “persistent and incurable violations” by Enbridge, Whitmer and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director Dan Eichinger informed the Canadian fossil fuel giant that a 1953 easement allowing it to operate the pipelines is being revoked and terminated.

The move, which Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel asked the Ingham County Circuit Court to validate, gives Enbridge until May 2021 to stop operating the twin pipelines, “allowing for an orderly transition that protects Michigan’s energy needs over the coming months,” [according to](#) a statement from the governor’s office.

This is a really, really big deal. (And for backstory, read this: <https://t.co/cYjdHLSbZ7>)
[#climatechange](#) [#humanityfirst](#) <https://t.co/95qTenr1Vj>

— Matt Villano (@mattvillano) [November 13, 2020](#)

The Great Lakes collectively contain about a fifth of the world's surface fresh water. As Whitmer explained Friday, "Here in Michigan, the Great Lakes define our borders, but they also define who we are as people."

"Enbridge has routinely refused to take action to protect our Great Lakes and the millions of Americans who depend on them for clean drinking water and good jobs," the governor said. "They have repeatedly violated the terms of the 1953 easement by ignoring structural problems that put our Great Lakes and our families at risk."

"Most importantly, Enbridge has imposed on the people of Michigan an unacceptable risk of a catastrophic oil spill in the Great Lakes that could devastate our economy and way of life," she added. "That's why we're taking action now, and why I will continue to hold accountable anyone who threatens our Great Lakes and fresh water."

MLive [noted](#) that the state attorney general's new filing "is in addition to [Nessel's lawsuit filed in 2019](#) seeking the shutdown of Line 5, which remains pending in the same court." Nessel said Friday that Whitmer and Eichinger "are making another clear statement that Line 5 poses a great risk to our state, and it must be removed from our public waterways."

The "bombshell news," as one Michigan reporter called it, elicited applause from environmentalists and Indigenous leaders within and beyond the state.

"This is a brave and just decision for the Great Lakes," Mike Shriberg, the National Wildlife Federation's regional executive director for the Great Lakes, told *MLive*. "It's going to benefit the Great Lakes by removing what is probably the single biggest threat to water quality in the region."

As the *Detroit Free Press* [detailed](#) Friday:

Enbridge was responsible for one of the largest inland oil spills in U.S. history—a major leak on one of its large oil transmission lines near Marshall in July 2010. That spill fouled more than 38 miles of the Kalamazoo River and took four years and more than \$1 billion to clean up. Enbridge in 2016 [agreed to a \\$177-million settlement](#) with the U.S. Justice Department and Environmental Protection Agency, including \$62 million in penalties, over the Marshall spill and a 2010 spill on another of its pipelines in Romeoville, Illinois.

A similar spill disaster on Line 5 in the Straits would devastate the Great Lakes shoreline communities and the Michigan economy, critics of the pipeline have long contended. Enbridge officials have countered that Line 5 is safe.

"Line 5 should have never been built in the first place," Shriberg told the *Free Press*. "Gov. Whitmer is now bravely, and correctly, standing up for the Great Lakes."

"This is a legacy-defining action by the governor," he added. "She is standing on the side not only of clean water, but clean energy and the jobs that go along with the transition to a renewable energy economy."

Dallas Goldtooth, Keep It In The Ground Campaign organizer for the Indigenous Environmental Network, welcomed the “huge news” in a series of tweets that acknowledged the years of campaigning by tribal nations against the Line 5:h

I give a TREMENDOUS AMOUNT of love to the tribal nations who have been fighting to protect the Great Lakes for years from [@Enbridge](#) Line 5!

— Dallas Goldtooth (@dallasgoldtooth) [November 13, 2020](#)
“We are thrilled and thankful for Gov. Whitmer’s decision to revoke the easement for Enbridge’s pipeline to run beneath the Straits,” Bryan Newland, president of the Bay Mills Indian Community, said in a statement from Earthjustice. “Enbridge has consistently shown that it only cares about its profits and not about the communities of the Great Lakes. This is a monumental first step in rectifying the harm that the company has already inflicted upon Bay Mills and other tribal nations for decades.”

The shutdown notice is “an enormous victory for the climate, and for incredible organizers who have fought for many years!” [declared](#) activist and author Bill McKibben, who co-founded 350.org. After thanking both Whitmer and “the indefatigable organizers,” he added that “it’s not often enough we Shut Stuff Down!”

Sen. Gary Peters (D-Mich.) also [welcomed](#) the development in a statement Friday. Peters, who [secured](#) a narrow reelection victory last week, is a member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, which oversees the federal agency responsible for pipeline safety.

“There’s no question an oil spill in the Straits of Mackinac would have catastrophic and long-term consequences to the economic and environmental health of Michigan and the Great Lakes,” Peters said. “Unfortunately here in Michigan, we already know from the Enbridge pipeline leak in the Kalamazoo River just how devastating and costly spills are to our state.”

“Given the structural integrity and age concerns around Line 5—particularly in recent years—and Enbridge’s failures and inability to be transparent with Michiganders, it’s clear that Line 5 poses too serious of a threat and must be removed in the coming months,” the congressman continued, vowing to work with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the State of Michigan “to swiftly evaluate alternatives to Line 5 while continuing to hold Enbridge accountable.”

Jessica Corbett

[Global treaty to tackle plastic pollution gains steam without US and UK](#) (Guardian)

[SpaceX successfully launches second crew to space on first operational mission](#)
(The Verge)



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9 Scenic Spots To Explore In The Valley Of Fire

When it comes to blazing colors and monumental shapes, there is a spot in Nevada that might just rival the spectacle of the Las Vegas Strip: the Valley of Fire State Park.

For your area:

<https://www.scenic.org/visual-pollution-issues/scenic-byways/scenic-byway-maps-by-state/?fbclid=IwAR2OeCsxxUsxeCICCsRrUjHrIpDABgo5jQy9WjMBVVZRQQ3Zd6JzFSbAVzU>

Senate Includes \$35 Million for Scenic Byways in Appropriations Bill

Posted November 11, 2020 by [Rebecca Aloisi](#)

Scenic America recently took an important step forward in its ongoing effort to secure funding for the National Scenic Byways Program. The Senate Appropriations Committee included \$35 million for scenic byways in its appropriations bill for Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development (THUD), and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. You can find the [appropriation here, on page 33, lines 7-9](#). The bill was released November 10, 2020.

The National Scenic Byways Program recognizes roadways with notable scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational, and archaeological qualities. Funds allocated to this program protect the unique characteristics of these roads and improve the visitor experience. Currently 150 roads hold this designation and more will be named before the end of 2020. The program was created in 1991 but has not been funded since 2012; this appropriations bill would represent the first dedicated funding for the program in nearly a decade.

This bill will go to a conference committee with the House THUD FY21 Appropriations bill. The current THUD appropriations continuing resolution expires on December 11, 2020, and Scenic America is hopeful that the matter will be resolved during the upcoming lame duck

session. **Because this money is for FY21, it would be available immediately, representing a huge win for scenic byways across the country, including state and tribal scenic byways.**

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