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Annette McGivney, Guardian UK

McGivney writes: "Since January, San Carlos Apache tribal member Wendsler Nosie Sr has been sleeping in a teepee at a campground in south-eastern Arizona's Oak Flat, a sprawling high desert oasis filled with groves of ancient oaks and towering rock spires. It is a protest in defense of 'holy ground' where the Apache have prayed and performed ceremonies for centuries."

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Dear Joe Biden: are you kidding me?

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The president-elect has tapped a former DuPont consultant to join his Environmental Protection Agency transition board

For years, I've been trying to impart a simple concept that Superman is not coming.

Dare I say, I had hopes that this new administration would usher in the dawning of a new day. As picks for President-elect Joe Biden's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) transition team were announced, I felt concerned and disheartened about [a chemical industry insider being on the list](#). Are you kidding me?

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Michael McCabe, a former employee of Biden and a former deputy Environmental Protection Agency administrator, later jumped ship to work as a consultant on communication strategy for DuPont during a time when the chemical company was looking to fight regulations of their star chemical perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) also known as C8. The toxic manmade chemical is used in everything from waterproof clothes, stain-resistant textiles and food packaging to non-stick pans. The compound has been linked to lowered fertility, cancer and liver damage. The Guardian reported this week that Harvard school of public health professor Philippe Grandjean, who studies environmental health, warns that PFAS chemicals, of which PFOA is one, [might reduce the efficacy of a Covid-19 vaccine](#).

This smells of the dawn of the same old. To quote the Who: meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

It should go without saying that someone who advised DuPont on how to *avoid* regulations is *not* someone we want advising this new administration.

PFOA pollutes the blood of nearly every American and can pass from mother to unborn child in the womb. This toxic product of industry is a stable compound not easily broken down in the environment or in the human body, giving it the nickname "[forever chemical](#)". Scientists have [found it](#) in living beings across the globe – from animals living in the depths of the sea to birds on remote islands.

The Environmental Protection Agency has set no enforceable national drinking water limits for perfluorinated chemicals, including PFOA. Tens of thousands of community drinking water systems across the country have never even tested for these contaminants.

MCCabe started managing DuPont's communications with the EPA about the toxic chemical in 2003, according to an [article](#) in the Intercept. This was the time in which DuPont faced a barrage of litigation after the company dumped 7,100 tons of PFOA-filled waste in West Virginia, which made its way into the drinking water of 100,000 people. Countless members of the community

faced debilitating illnesses as a result. The legal battle with the company was turned into the film Dark Waters in 2019.

Mind you, DuPont suspected that their product was harmful since the 1960s – experiments they conducted in 1961 [showed that PFOS affected the livers of dogs and rabbits](#). McCabe's work inevitably contributed to staving off costly clean-up and additional regulation headaches for the company.

Are we the people supposed to trust a former DuPont man in a transition team tasked with reviewing the Chemical Safety Board? Is this how the newly elected leadership wants to start what is supposed to be a healing and unifying administration? Are we already falling back on the old and antiquated, hide-and-seek, conceal, dodge and deny leadership or are you going to come out and be the change and the hope needed when it comes to the environment?

I don't see how picking someone from industry is moving us toward that goal.

The science is in. Research has linked exposure to this chemical to the following illnesses: kidney and testicular cancer, ulcerative colitis, thyroid disease, pregnancy-induced hypertension and high cholesterol.

What will it take to get our leadership to work with the people?

This newly elected president says we need to listen to the science. Are you really listening to the science or are you listening to an industry insider, who is controlling the message?

With a lack of federal guidance on these dangerous chemicals, states have been left to create their own rules to enforce guidance and regulations. This chemical, and others like it, have been poisoning us for decades. Now is the time to act.

This is not about being rightwing or leftwing. It doesn't matter what side of the aisle you are on. We cannot keep making picks from this inside, leaving we the people, once again on the outside.

What will it take to get our leadership to work with the people?

Stop working against and separately from your communities. Put your transition team on the ground and make them talk with those affected by these chemicals. Go out and see for yourself, learn and hear from those who you represent about what the heck is happening to them on the ground – those living and breathing in the toxic mess we have created.

It is time to keep your promise and give the people a voice and a seat at the table in order to find a meaningful solution for the environment and for the people. Don't close the door on us again.

We are in this mess because we continue to do the same old thing.

Let us not forget where these chemicals came from and who is responsible for putting them in our environment. Let us not bring the fox back into the hen house. DuPont executives should have no place in the Environmental Protection Agency.

I call on [Joe Biden](#) to do the right thing.

- Erin Brockovich is an environmental advocate and author of the new book, [Superman's Not Coming: Our National Water Crisis and What We the People Can Do About It](#).

- Suzanne Boothby contributed research and reporting to this article.

[Biden-Harris campaign announces tribal nations plan](#)

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[White House Tribal Nations Conference to return](#)

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Joe Biden's Cabinet picks: The names being floated - Washington Post

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[CBS News](#)

- **[Reconsidering a Colorado mountain's controversial name](#)**

The U.S. Board of Geographic Names is considering changing the name of Mt. Evans, along with the names of other Colorado sites: Negro Creek, Chinaman Gulch and Squaw Mountain.



Northern pygmy owl

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my teeth
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my toenail
my whole leg
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my kidney
my vein
my artery
my spit
my blood
my navel
my drool
my sinew
my solid flesh (muscle)
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my back
my waist
my stomach
my butt
my hip
my dent in back of neck
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my bone
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Geraldine Garcia



These two little ones from an Alaskan village are so precious and check out the fresh salmon! Honoring Native American Heritage Month of November.

General Motors' parting shot at Trump bodes well for the Biden presidency **Opinion by Greg Sargent**

Excerpts:

“We believe the ambitious electrification goals of the President-elect, California, and General Motors are aligned to address climate change by drastically reducing automobile emissions,” she wrote. “We are confident that the Biden Administration, California, and the U.S. auto industry, which supports 10.3 million jobs, can collaboratively find the pathway that will deliver an all-electric future.”

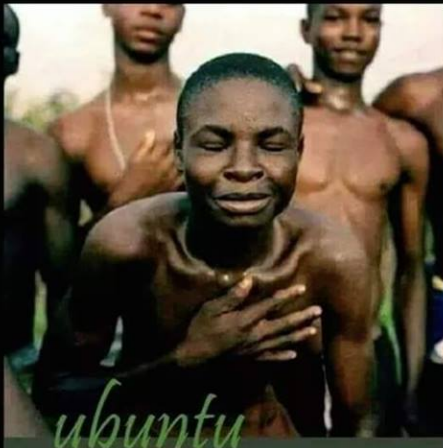
Under federal law, California has long enjoyed the latitude to develop its own environmental standards, separate from federal ones. Auto companies had long objected to having to navigate the differences, according to David Doniger, a senior analyst with the Natural Resources Defense Council. *(Remember tribes have the same right).*

Trump upended that arrangement. To make matters worse, his administration [sought to revoke California's right](#) to set its own emissions standards, something that is embroiled in a huge legal fight.

Doniger said this could also align the government with the technological and societal evolution that is already happening, rather than pitting the government against these trends for rigid ideological reasons (such as the insistence that climate change isn't a serious problem).

The 10,000-year-old tribe with a climate plan for the future

A native American tribe living on an island off the coast of Washington long ago recognized the threat of climate change. They implemented a climate action plan in 2010, melding traditional practices with science. Now, 50 other native tribes across the country have similar strategies, way ahead of U.S. communities. Read in The Washington Post: <https://apple.news/AEKNFH24JShG7J7eK5H54-Q>



In certain regions of South Africa, when someone does something wrong, he is taken to the center of the village and surrounded by his tribe for two days while they speak of all the good he has done. They believe each person is good, yet sometimes we make mistakes, which is really a cry for help. They unite in this ritual to encourage the person to reconnect with his true nature. The belief is that unity and affirmation have more power to change behavior than shame and punishment. This is known as Ubuntu - humanity towards others.

When I look around my classroom I couldn't tell you who crawled first, who walked before one or spoke in sentences by 15 months. I can't tell you if their parents breastfed or bottle fed. No clue if they still wear pull-ups at night, because I'm sure many do! I don't know if they potty trained at 18 months or 4 years old. I don't know if their mom ever left them to cry it out for a few minutes or if they strapped them to their bodies 24/7. You know what I can tell when I look at my kids? I can tell which families value kindness and manners in their homes. I can tell when a child feels loved and secure at home (and at school which sadly isn't always everyone's school experience!) I know who has pizza and movie Friday nights and which mom reads in different voices for bedtimes. I see how kids handle scary situations like thunderstorms. I can see who has a solid routine at home and who has chores and responsibilities. I can hear how you speak to your children by how they speak to others. When I look at my little friends I don't see their milestones, I see who they are: their heart, their actions, their inner voice, their struggles and triumphs, and I see you; and all the love you pour into them. We are always supposed to talk about testing and benchmarks and data during parent teacher conferences and I had a mom last time look at me and say "I don't worry about all the reading and math, she will get there. I want to know...how is she, as a person? Is she kind? Does she include others?"

That took my breath away and is something that will always stick with me!!!

Go easy on yourselves mamas, just love your little ones...it's all they need.



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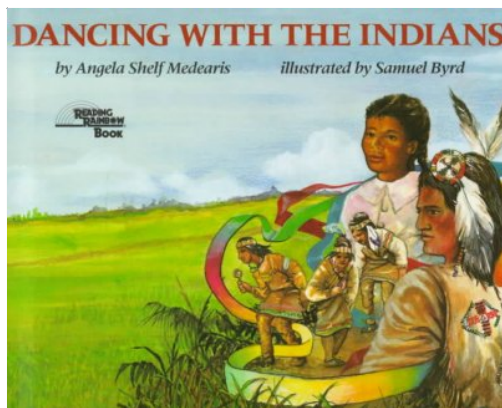
TLINGIT ARTIST CHOSEN TO CREATE STAMP FOR U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
SHI helping to plan release ceremony in 2021

The U.S. Postal Service has tapped a Tlingit artist based in Juneau to create a Northwest Coast art stamp for distribution in 2021.

The design of the stamp, titled “Raven Story” by Rico Worl, was unveiled this week by the Postal Service as part of its Forever Stamps series.

The Postal Service had planned to unveil the stamp with Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) at Celebration 2020, but the event was cancelled because of the pandemic. SHI is working with the agency to hold a release ceremony next year.

The Postal Service has featured Northwest Coast art stamps in the past; in 1996, it released a stamp featuring Worl’s clan uncle, Nathan Jackson, performing a Raven dance. However, this is thought to be the first time such a design has been illustrated by a Tlingit artist: <https://www.sealaskaheritage.org/node/1311>



November, designated as Native American Heritage Month, is a time to honor the history, culture, and traditions of American Indians.

Author **Angela Medearis** draws from the well of family history to share [*Dancing with the Indians*](#). Set in the 1930s, a young African American girl recalls the dances at the "pow wow" gatherings of the Seminole people. One of the Seminole communities in Oklahoma served as a haven for her grandfather after he escaped from slavery. In homage, his children and grandchildren returned each year to participate in the festive gathering. [Download the lesson plan](#)

Heidi Barlese

A Suquamish elder, Ellen George, said her grandmother was a small girl living at the mouth of the Duwamish River when “wild men” entered their home one night to steal fish. Her family caught one and kept him.

“He used to go hunting, and in a short time he would come back with a deer with its neck broken, (even though) he didn’t have any weapons. (The people) kept him for a while and then they let him go. After that, they would find a deer or two with broken necks lying in front of their door in the morning. Then they would hang dried fish outside and the wild man would take it at night. So (after that) they never had to worry about (the wild men) coming back to rob them.”



A Library thought: (easy to replicate)

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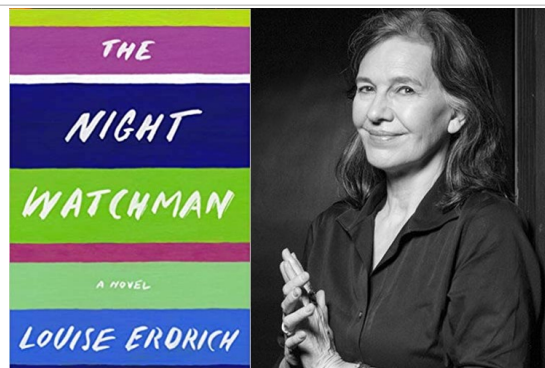
The Library is looking for teens like you to join a new program that will produce a magazine written and designed for younger kids! Through a combination of virtual group workshops and independent work over a five-month period, you will use your unique voice to help younger kids develop their own love of reading and books. Deadline for applications is Friday, December 11.

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Livestream Q&A with Louise Erdrich

Wednesday, December 2 | 7 PM

Tune in for a livestream Q&A with National Book Award winner Louise Erdrich about her latest novel, *The Night Watchman*, the November pick for our Get Lit book club with WNYC. *The Night Watchman* is based on the life of Erdrich's grandfather and the national fight he led against the dispossession of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and other Native American tribes. There's still time to download the book on our free e-reader app, SimplyE, and get started immediately—no holds or waiting. WNYC's Alison Stewart will moderate the conversation, take audience questions, and announce our December book club pick—so stay tuned!

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