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[They're destroying wilderness prized by biologists to construct as many miles of border wall as possible — even though the incoming Biden administration is expected to cancel the barrier.](#)

Says the Mayor, "The wall has made us safer."

Says the same Mayor after seeing the destruction, "Oh, no. It's horrible to think that was believed to be the solution."

Maybe some critical thinking skills are needed

Scholarships with January 16-31 Deadlines

<u>Scholarship Title</u>	<u>Scholarship Title</u>	<u>Scholarship Title</u>
AAG's Do Something Good Grant	\$1,500	01/31/2021
Ability AT&T ERG Scholarship	\$1,500	01/31/2021
Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship	\$10,000	01/17/2021
Ambassador of Aloha Scholarships	\$5,000	01/31/2021
Annual Prayer Soup Scholarship	\$2,500	01/31/2021
APIASF General Scholarship Program	\$20,000	01/22/2021
ASA Minority Fellowship Program	\$18,000	01/31/2021
ASOR Harris Excavation Grant	\$5,000	01/31/2021
Association for Women in Mathematics Essay Contest	Varies	01/31/2021
Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarships	\$12,000	01/31/2021
Baer Reintegration Scholarship	Varies	01/31/2021
Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship & Excellence in Education Program	\$15,000	01/27/2021
BBB Student of Integrity Scholarship - Western VA	\$1,000	01/31/2021
Bemidji State Music Scholarships	Varies	01/31/2021
BMI Future Jazz Master Scholarship	\$5,000	01/22/2021
Boren Fellowships	\$24,000	01/27/2021
Cancer for College Carolinas Scholarship	\$5,000	01/31/2021
Cancer for College Pacific Northwest Scholarship	\$5,000	01/31/2021
Cancer for College Scholarship	\$5,000	01/31/2021
Carson-NewmanTarr Full-Tuition Music Scholarship Competition	Varies	01/25/2021
CAS Trust Scholarship Program	\$5,000	01/31/2021
CCIS Future Contractor Scholarship	\$750	01/31/2021
Cherry Hawk Scholarship	\$5,000	01/31/2021
Colorado Christian Scripture Memory Scholarships	Varies	01/24/2021
Courageous Persuaders Video Scholarship Competition	Varies	01/31/2021
DAAD Undergraduate Scholarships	Varies	01/31/2021
Dan X Wray "Big Dream" Scholarship	\$20,000	01/31/2021

Dear Jack Matt Cwiertny Music Education Scholarship	\$5,000	01/31/2021
Duke Award Scholarship	\$15,000	01/31/2021
Ellen M. Cherry-Delawder Memorial Scholarship	Varies	01/31/2021
EmPOWERED to Serve Scholars	\$10,000	01/31/2021
EPP Undergraduate Scholarship Program	\$45,000	01/31/2021
eQuality Scholarships	\$6,000	01/31/2021
Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship	\$9,500	01/31/2021
Florida Retired Educators Foundation Scholarship	\$4,000	01/20/2021
Garden Club of America Centennial Pollinator Fellowship	\$4,000	01/17/2021
George Foreman Tribute to Lyndon B. Johnson Scholarship	\$6,000	01/31/2021
Harlem YMCA bai Corporate Scholarship Award	\$10,000	01/31/2021
Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund Scholarship	\$20,000	01/31/2021
Hawai'i Community Foundation Scholarships	\$2,500	01/31/2021
Historically Underrepresented Groups Scholarship (HUGS)	Varies	01/29/2021
ICAFS Graduate Scholarship	\$1,500	01/31/2021
ICAFS High School Scholarship	\$500	01/31/2021
ICAFS Susan B. Martin Scholarship	\$2,000	01/31/2021
ICAFS Undergraduate Student Scholarship	\$1,500	01/31/2021
InspirASIAN Scholarship Program	Varies	01/31/2021
Intel Scholarship For Employees' And Retirees' Children	\$4,000	01/16/2021
Interpublic Group Scholarship and Internship	Varies	01/31/2021
IWEA Clean Water Scholarship	\$1,000	01/31/2021
IWEA Environmental Career Scholarship	\$500	01/31/2021
John Deere - \$2,000 Scholarship	\$2,000	01/22/2021
John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest	\$10,000	01/17/2021
Judy Corman Memorial Scholarship and Internship from Scholastic	\$10,000	01/26/2021
Larry Morris Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	01/31/2021
Leonard Family Business Scholarship	\$5,000	01/31/2021
LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Scholarship	Varies	01/31/2021
Lois Crowe Scholarship	\$10,000	01/24/2021
Lou and Carole Prato Sports Reporting Scholarship	\$1,000	01/18/2021
Louisiana Seafood Scholarship	Varies	01/31/2021

NCAI's "Economic Recovery Starts Within: COVID-19's Wake-Up Call for Indian Country" Breakout Session Now Available on YouTube

Held at NCAI's 77th Annual Convention, this session was designed to inform tribal nations' development of strategic plans to recover economically from the coronavirus and build more resilient, robust tribal economies over the long run. It focused on the critical importance of centering private sector development in tribal economic recovery strategies through the creation of tribal laws, policies, programs, and initiatives that drive: (1) the widespread establishment and methodical growth of on-reservation small businesses owned and operated by tribal citizens; and (2) a formal, nationwide mandate on the part of tribal government, tribal enterprises, and tribal citizens to do business with those businesses. Panelists included:

- Melinda Charlo, Indian Preference Coordinator, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes;
- Joseph P. Kalt, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development;
- Patrice Kunesh, Former Director, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis;
- Wizipan Little Elk, CEO, Rosebud Economic Development Corporation;
- Robert Miller, Professor of Law, Arizona State University; and
- Jessica Stago, Co-Founder, Change Labs

To watch the session video, please click [here](#).

To learn more about the importance of small business development in Indian Country, click [here](#).

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Statewide graduation rate dips for Class of 2020

By Jackie Valley

600-Year-Old Stolen Artifact Given Back to Nigeria from The Netherlands



By Victor Omondi A terracotta head that had been smuggled to the Netherlands through Ghana from Nigeria has been returned, said Nigeria's Information minister, Lai Mohammed. The artifact, which was stolen from the southwestern city of Ile-Ife, is believed to be at least 600 years old. Ife, also known as Ile-Ife, or the Kingdom of [...]\

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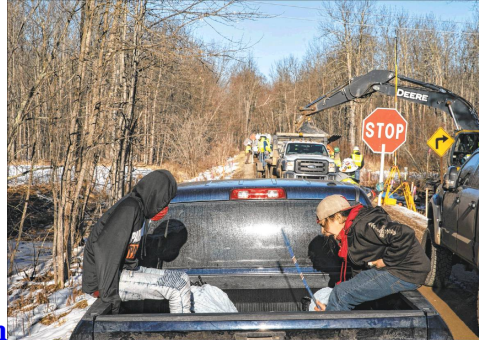
RAISING A VOICE OF PROTEST

Small group continues to display opposition to construction of Enbridge oil pipeline in Minnesota
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*WATER PROTECTORS Tania Aubid led a small group of protesters away from the Mississippi River after saying a prayer on the bank of the river in Aitkin County.***ALEX KORMANN •**



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Leroy Ross, left, and Joshua Roy drummed and prayed from the back of a truck in protest of Enbridge Line 3 construction Wednesday in Aitkin County.

PALISADE, MINN. — Drumming and singing rose from the snowy banks of the Mississippi River on Wednesday morning while heavy machinery beeped and revved in the distance. A dozen protesters prayed by the river as the state’s largest construction project, the \$2.6 billion Enbridge oil pipeline, continued its early stages in rural Aitkin County.

“I’ll be a great-grandmother soon, so that is what I’m standing for — for those generations that are coming,” said Tania Aubid, a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and a local resident who carried a bullhorn and chided pipeline workers for being there.

Aubid’s voice carried through the trees and under the power lines near where the pipeline — a replacement for Enbridge’s aging and corroding Line 3 — is being constructed as workers carried on, their vests and equipment spread out and visible to the horizon west of the river.

Not far from the road where self-described water protectors have been gathering daily, two protesters remained camped atop trees. They have been there since Friday trying to stay in the way of construction that started last week after Enbridge received the last permit it needed following six years of regulatory review.

Trees have been cleared all around the pair as preparations to lay the 340-mile pipeline continue across northern Minnesota.

“As a company, we recognize the rights of individuals and groups to express their views legally and peacefully. We expect our workers on Line 3 to do the same,” Enbridge said in a statement. “As part of their onboarding, each Line 3 worker goes through extensive training, including cultural awareness.”

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Already, about 2,000 workers are expected at job sites along the route this week. More than 4,000 are expected to be working by the end of the month, unions said.

While the specter of the massive Standing Rock protests hangs over the Line 3 project, the crowd along the river north of McGregor has remained small so far. Pipeline opponents are still hoping to stop construction through lawsuits.

A request to have the Minnesota Court of Appeals halt construction while permit challenges are ongoing is expected to be filed in the next week after state regulators declined to grant a stay.

In the meantime, protesters will continue putting their bodies in the way and raising their voices.

“People are doing what they can to prevent what’s going on,” Aubid said. “I do what I need to do in order to protect the waters.”

Keeping the peace

Walking around the construction site, Aitkin County Sheriff Dan Guida says hello to workers and protesters alike, calling them by name and making small talk.

“We try to be in the middle just to keep the peace,” he said. “We are not pro-pipeline or anti-pipeline. Enbridge has obtained all the proper permits for this project.”

The sheriff and his deputies have been acting as mediators between the protesters and the workers, ensuring that tensions don’t escalate and that people don’t trespass on private land.

One protester who locked himself to equipment was arrested, Guida said, and several have been warned not to occupy the pipeline right of way and instead hold their action along the side of the road.

While the protesters in the trees are trespassing, they will be allowed to remain so long as they remain safe.

“If they come down right now they would be arrested or issued a ticket, but it’s no longer a safety issue,” Guida said.

Enbridge said in its statement that “while we do support everyone’s right to speak out about important issues, we don’t tolerate illegal activities of any kind including trespassing, vandalism or other mischief, and Enbridge will seek to prosecute those individuals to the fullest extent of

the law.”

Shanai Matteson , who moved back to the area this summer and lives near the pipeline route, said those in the trees were up there because “that’s what they’re called to do.”

“One of the reasons that I’m here is that I don’t believe it has to be this way,” said Matteson, an activist, writer and artist. “We have gone along with these kinds of things for so long thinking those are the only kinds of jobs we can have.”

Standing in the way

After protesters were asked to move for a short time while machines kicked up brush Wednesday morning, a number of them drove to another job site along the route. Joshua Roy drummed and sang in the back of a pickup on a narrow dirt road while traffic was halted for equipment to be unloaded.

Indigenous groups and environmentalists have fiercely opposed the pipeline through regulatory battles and lawsuits, claiming the risk of oil spills and the contribution to climate change is too great and that the line is not needed.

Enbridge and its supporters have said the new pipeline “has passed every test” and would move oil more safely across the state than the 50-year-old Line 3 that will be decommissioned once the replacement is online. The company also has said its oil forecasts show the line is needed.

The Canadian energy company also said the tribal cultural resources survey led by the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa “identified important cultural and historic sites to be avoided and protected during construction.”

While the protests have remained peaceful, Enbridge now faces a major roadblock after a ceremonial lodge was constructed along the pipeline route near the Mississippi River, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ordered work to stop at that specific site on Saturday.

“A potential historic structure was encountered along one of the spreads adjacent the Mississippi River and in our permit area. Following the procedures outlined in the monitoring and inadvertent discoveries plan, the on-site monitor issued a stop work order and Enbridge ceased work at this location,” said Shannon L. Armitage Bauer, chief of public affairs for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District.

“We are engaging with the permittee, their consultants, Fond du Lac and other tribes as appropriate on a daily basis to discuss the discovery, answer questions, assess our level of involvement and determine the appropriate course of action.”

Work on the rest of the line, including right up to the edge of that site, continued on Wednesday.

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- Pretend to work
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- Say you're going to shop for Christmas presents
- Actually shop for Christmas presents
- Destroy your body with food and alcohol
- Prepare for the inevitable disappointment of New Year's eve / Realize you accomplished absolutely nothing this year

There's a link to sign up in the article.

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Race in America

The Power of Representation
Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.)
Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.)

Hosted by The Post's Karen Tumulty
on Friday, Dec. 11 at 11:00 a.m. ET



Rep. Sharice Davids
(D-Kan.)



Rep. Deb Haaland
(D-N.M.)

How Hudson Stuck's Ascent of Denali Boosted Recognition of Indigenous Alaskans **by Patrick Dean**

Hudson Stuck came to America from England in 1885 and lived a life that echoed the era's adventure books, with one important twist. He leveraged his fame from summiting North America's highest peak to advocate for the rights of native Alaskans, beginning with insisting that the mountain he climbed be known by its indigenous name, Denali.



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by Allison Robinson

A PhD candidate reflects on building a class around primary source research for digital history, finding it "encouraged students to experiment with unfamiliar methodologies and new sources, challenging their historical thinking"

Bill McKibben | Where We Stand on Climate

Bill McKibben, The New Yorker

McKibben writes: "This month marks the fifth anniversary of the Paris climate summit."

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They're Among the World's Oldest Living Things. The Climate Crisis Is Killing Them.

John Branch, The New York Times

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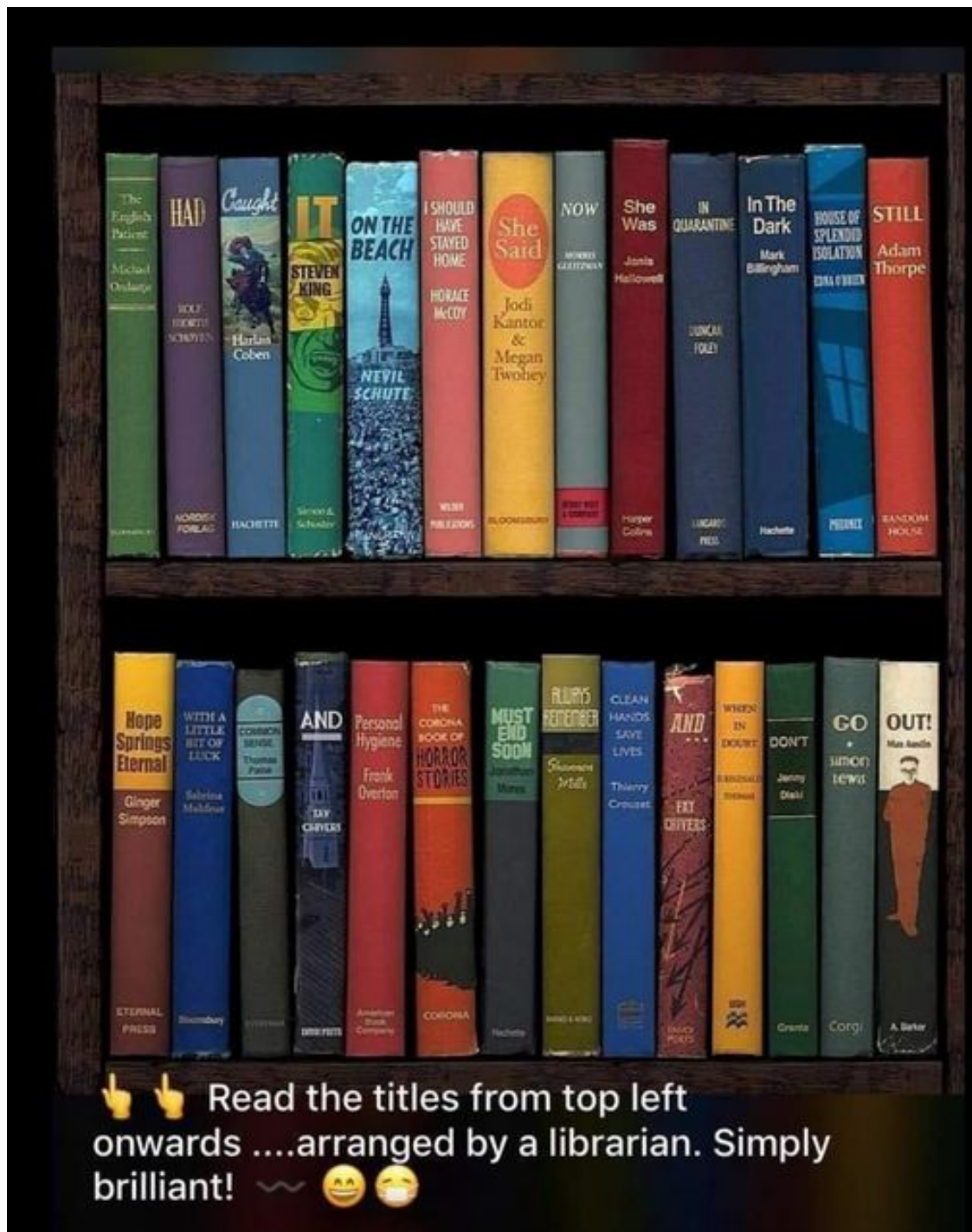
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