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Long ago in the year 1971, **John Fire Lane Deer, a prominent and influential Sicangu Lakota made a damming prophecy of the future to come.** He spoke of our current generation and the complete lack of respect for our Lakota ceremonies that will come and how that will cause great division amongst our people.

“I see a day coming when there will be separation. Our wicasa wakan will fight each other just like you see in the Church, they say my bible is real and my way is the only way. They will stand on top of each other saying I am the only one I am the real one. There will be many diseases when this happens because not one man has the medicine to cure it all.

I see the younger ones who will try to become medicine men for the wrong reasons, to get women or make money, and some who want the power to hurt others. I will tell you this if you want to hurt someone you can do it without power; there are many ways to hurt someone on a physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual level so the ones who want it to hurt others don't need to become a wicasa wakan to do this.

A wicasa wakan loves his people, he will die for his people and will defend them with his own life. When I was a boy the Spirit chose me I didn't want this way of life, I wanted to drink and womanize and so for many years, that's what I did. The dreams they never left me and if I prayed for someone who was sick they were cured, so it was something inside of me that made me who I am.

I encourage every young man to look for their life path, I tell them go up on the hill to find your vision. I also tell them if your not chosen to be a medicine man don't look for it because if you're not meant to be one, Wakan Tanka has chosen you for something else, for something greater.

I ran from my calling in life for a long time and was unhappy, I can tell you I was lost. "When the people need you the most don't walk away from them," these were the words spoken to me by John Strike and they changed me because I walked towards it and not away from it.

In my ceremony last night, the spirits told me hard times are coming for our Lakota People; they say human beings will forget their purpose, they will come to a point where they no longer know why they exist. They won't use their brains and will forget the secret knowledge of their bodies, their senses, and dreams. They won't use the knowledge the spirit has put into every one of them and will stumble along blindly on the road to nowhere. They will walk a road full of hurt and I have seen this road in my vision, to think of it makes me cry.

So it is, I am a medicine man because I was commanded to help my people in these times. The old holy men Chest, Strike, Thunderhawk, Chips, and Good Lance reminded me what I was and helped me to become what I was chosen to be.

When somebody dies even if I don't know them, I feel it deeply and offer my prayers for them. I will load my Pipe or go into Sweat to talk to the Great Spirit for them.

We have to walk the road Wakan Tanka has set before us, we have to stay close to one another and help each other out. This is the only way we will make it!”

John Fire Lane Deer c1971 Repost

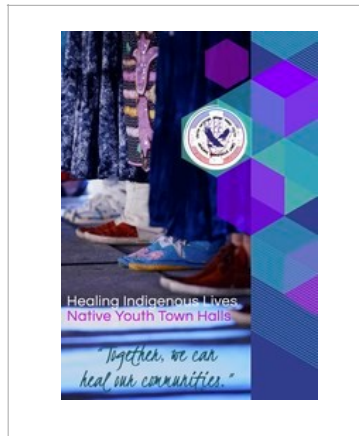
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Flight over the Earth...

The Native Youth Town Halls Report is Now Available

The **Healing Indigenous Lives: Native Youth Town Halls** report is available online. The report highlights juvenile justice and public safety concerns and recommendations from Tribal youth ages 14–24. You can read more [here](#).



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[An ancient language has defied translation for 100 years. Can AI crack the code?](#)

[Scholars have spent a century trying to decipher ancient Indus script. Machine learning may finally help make sense of it all.](#)

Get Your Applications In Soon

Next Tuesday, February 15, is the deadline for applications to the #AAM2022 Community Journalists and the Annual Meeting Scholarship programs. Both programs include complimentary registration to the AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo and a few additional great perks. Apply today!

[Community Journalists »](#)

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The Thacker Pass Lithium Mine (TPLM) is being developed by Canadian-based Lithium Americas in Humboldt County, Nevada, about 25 miles from the Nevada-Oregon border. The proposed mine covers nine square miles of public land, contains what is possibly the largest amount of lithium deposits in the U.S., and is expected to fuel batteries for American electric vehicles (EVs) for the next 46 years. [Opponents of the mining project](#) include environmental groups, Indigenous people, and a rancher. They all say a series of Trump administration executive orders streamlining environmental regulations and expediting reviews rushed through projects like the one in northern Nevada, and “swept under the rug the mine’s serious environmental impacts.”

TPLM's approval was given January 15, 2021, just days before President Biden was sworn in, and environmental activists Max Wilbert and Will Falk immediately set up a [protest encampment](#). The mine’s [first legal challenge](#) came in February from rancher Edward Bartell, who filed suit against the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Lithium Americas. Bartell claimed the BLM skirted the law in rushing a “one sided, deeply flawed, and incomplete” environmental impact statement downplaying the extent of likely toxic effects on groundwater, streams, and a threatened species of trout. [More lawsuits](#) followed.

Wilbert and Falk are members of the Deep Green Resistance (DGR), which self-describes as a “radical environmental” group whose goal is to “dismantle industrial civilization to save the planet.” The men formed alliances with other mining opponents, and Attorney Falk began representing TPLM's challengers, who were apparently unaware of DGR's controversial background. Beyond its environmental agenda, DGR identifies as a “radical feminist organization,” which they claim means, for example, that members oppose opening up women-only spaces like bathrooms to transgender women. DGR's position on transgender people has turned off fellow activists in the past, and put the group in direct opposition to mainstream environmental nonprofits, which have increasingly focused on promoting inclusivity within their ranks alongside their environmental work.

When DGR's anti-transgender views came to light, it [blew up grassroots alliances that had stood together](#) against the TPLM. People of Red Mountain (PRM) said DGR's positions on transgender and nonbinary people are discriminatory, and they would no longer associate with Falk. A PRM spokesperson said Falk and Wilbert put the group “between a rock and a hard place” by not disclosing their connections to DGR before forming a partnership with them in the lawsuit. DGR's views on gender identity have not only left one group of Indigenous activists without a voice in the legal battle, but are also stifling potential donations from people who would like to help oppose the mine, but who worry about being associated with the group. (Reno Gazette Journal, Sierra Nevada Ally, The Nation, Politico)

Book, Line, And Sinker

- Former Secretary of Defense Mark Esper wrote a memoir, coming in May, about his tumultuous tenure in the Trump administration. But when Esper sent the manuscript to his old department for “prepublication and security policy review,” the Pentagon redacted over 50 pages of material ostensibly because they were “classified.”
- Mark Zaid, Esper's lawyer who filed suit on behalf of the former official, said the redactions “absolutely gutted content and important story lines.” The redactions included accounts of some of Esper’s interactions with Trump and his views on actions taken by other countries, much of which had already been widely reported, often by the DOD itself.
- Zaid announced on Friday that Esper's lawsuit had been [dropped](#) after the Pentagon reversed its decision over an “overwhelming majority” of the portions of the book it had said earlier were classified. Zaid said the review process was broken because of the

time and money required to challenge the decisions in court, and because ultimately, the department reversed itself. (NYT)

Again, please check and preserve any interactions with these former Secretaries. Sdc

[New Jersey History: Native Americans](#)

<https://www.newjerseyalmanac.com> > [native-americans](#)

The principal *Native American* tribe was the Lenni Lenape, translated either as "original people" or "true men" and considered to be part of the larger Algonquin ...

[New Jersey Indian Tribes and Languages](#)

<http://www.native-languages.org> > ... > [What's new](#)

Information on the *Native American* tribes of *New Jersey*, with maps, reservation addresses, classroom activities and recommended history books.

[New Jersey Commission on American Indian Affairs - N.J.gov](#)

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The public members, who are recommended by their *tribes* and organizations and appointed by the Governor, consist of two members from each of the following: ...



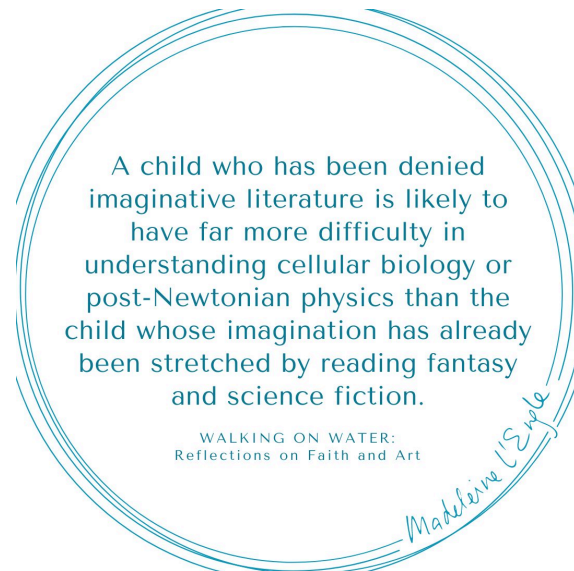
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[Arts & Culture #Artists, #Ledger art Keeping Accounts: Ledger Artists Celebrate the Blackfeet in Montana](#) By [Lance Nixon](#) | December 18, 2018 [They are two artists whose work focuses on the Blackfeet people in Montana, but there's one story from Blackfeet history that neither of them has painted...](#)

Senators unveil compromise Violence Against Women Act

A bipartisan group of senators unveiled the latest proposal to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act on Wednesday. Sens. Richard J. Durbin, Dianne Feinstein, Joni Ernst and Lisa Murkowski introduced the measure at a news conference alongside actor Angelina Jolie and other advocates. [Read more...](#)



The Manatees Are Starving

Benji Jones, Vox

Jones writes: "Florida's beloved 'sea cows' shouldn't have to eat lettuce. Yet here we are."

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Iceland whaling: Fisheries minister signals end from 2024 (BBC)

FOCUS: Juan Cole | Biden's Moonshot: Announces Green Race With China for Electric Vehicle Dominance as MSM Misses Story

Juan Cole, Informed Comment

Cole writes: "The president of the United States announced a Green Race with Beijing for dominance of the electric vehicle manufacturing sector, in which the US is way behind."

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California condors can reproduce without having sex. Researchers at the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance made the unexpected finding while analyzing the DNA of two chicks, which had not a single gene from a father. They were, in a sense, virgin births, raising the possibility that fatherless childbearing may occur in other species undetected. Dr. Oliver Ryder, co-author of a newly published study on the discovery, said it gives him goosebumps to this day. WIRED | [The Atlantic A New Database Reveals How Much Humans Are Messing With Evolution](#) (Wired) 10.29.21

The Biden Administration Is Spending Billions to Clean Up Toxic Abandoned Coal Mines

Julia Kane, Grist

Kane writes: "Abandoned coal mines leave toxic pollution and other hazards in their wake. This year, communities in 22 states and the Navajo Nation will get million to clean up the sites."

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Question: How many questions do you think children ask every day? 🧒

In 2013, online British retailer Littlewoods conducted a [report](#) that looked at a typical day in a British home with kids. 1000 mothers with children aged between 2-10 took part.

The study found that from breakfast at 7.19am to dinner-time at 7.59pm, the average mom found herself facing twelve and a half hours of daily questioning. It worked out at one question every two minutes 36 seconds, so nearly 300 per day.

Meal-times, shopping trips and story-time proved to be the activities that resulted in the most questions. The report also found that 82 per cent of children go to their mom if they have a question.

These are the five most difficult questions that parents agreed were tricky to answer:

- ? "Why is water wet?"
- ? "Where does the sky end?"
- ? "What are shadows made of?"
- ? "Why is the sky blue?"
- ? "How do fish breathe underwater?"

EPA Announces \$3.8 Million in Grants to Train Environmental Workers for Jobs Created by Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding

The EPA has announced the selection of 19 organizations to receive a total of \$3,797,102 in grants for job training programs across the country. Job training and workforce development are an important part of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to advance economic opportunities and deliver environmental justice to underserved communities to build a better America.

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a better America and that means new, good-paying jobs. The Brownfields Job Training grants announced today will prepare over 1,000 individuals for new environmental jobs like those," said

EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. “This program will directly impact people’s lives, boosting the environmental workforce while helping to transform communities that need it the most.”

Funded through the Agency’s Brownfields Job Training Program, these grants provide funding to organizations that are working to create a skilled workforce in communities where assessment, cleanup, and preparation of brownfield sites for reuse activities are taking place. Individuals completing a job training program funded by EPA often overcome a variety of barriers to employment. Many of these individuals are from historically underserved neighborhoods and reside in the areas affected by environmental justice issues.

Each selected grantee will be receiving approximately \$200,000. Today’s selected grantees are:

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| • Alaska Forum, Inc. | Anchorage, Alaska |
| • City of Pittsburg | Pittsburg, California |
| • City of Richmond | Richmond, California |
| • Los Angeles Conservation Corporation | Los Angeles, California |
| • Hunters Point Family | San Francisco, California |
| • Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation | Port St. Joe, Florida |
| • OAI, Inc. | Chicago, Illinois |
| • Workforce, Inc. dba Recycle Force | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| • Civics Works, Inc. | Baltimore, Maryland |
| • City of Springfield | Springfield, Missouri |
| • Heartland Conservation Alliance | Kansas City, Missouri |
| • St. Louis Community College | St. Louis, Missouri |
| • Pathstone Corporation | Rochester, New York |
| • City of Rochester | Rochester, New York |
| • Laborer’s Local 17 Training and Educational Fund | Newburgh, New York |
| • Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes | Concho, Oklahoma |
| • Auberle | McKeesport, Pennsylvania |
| • Coalfield Development Corporation | Wayne, West Virginia |
| • Great Lakes Community Conservation Corp, Inc. | Milwaukee, Wisconsin |

Rather than filling local jobs with contractors from distant cities, these organizations provide training and offer residents of communities historically affected by environmental pollution, economic disinvestment, and brownfields an opportunity to gain the skills and certifications needed to secure local environmental work in their communities. Individuals typically graduate with a variety of certifications that improve their marketability and help ensure that employment opportunities are not just temporary contractual work, but long-term careers. This includes certifications in:

- Lead and asbestos abatement,
- Hazardous waste operations and emergency response,
- Mold remediation,
- Environmental sampling and analysis, and
- Other environmental health and safety training.

President Biden’s leadership and bipartisan congressional action have delivered the single-largest investment in national brownfields infrastructure ever. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) invests more than \$1.5 billion through EPA’s brownfields program. Of that investment, \$30

million will be invested into future Brownfields Job Training grants. During the next five years, communities, states, and tribes will have the opportunity to apply for larger grants to include and enhance the environmental curriculum in existing job training programs. This investment will help trained individuals access jobs created through brownfields revitalization activities within their communities. EPA anticipates awarding as many as 50 additional grants to job training entities with BIL funding, beginning in fiscal year 2023. Application guidelines will be available in Spring/Summer 2022.

Since this program began in 1998, the Brownfields Job Training Program has awarded more than 352 grants. More than 19,456 individuals have completed training, and of those, more than 14,560 individuals have been placed in full-time employment in careers related to remediation and environmental health and safety. The average starting wage for these individuals is over \$14 an hour.

Scientists Find 'Chemical Fingerprint' of Comet Airburst That May Have Ignited the Decline of Hopewell Culture

Many Indigenous groups documented the cosmic event with oral histories and other records, including earthworks

Read in Smithsonian Magazine: <https://apple.news/AncceE8VP0SUSFuoxGW0Fxyw>



Curly was a young and handsome 17-year-old during the Battle of Little Bighorn, where he witnessed firsthand the fall of Custer. He was a scout for Custer, which meant that he didn't actually engage in the fighting, but he was always in close proximity to it. Word quickly spread that Curly was the "only survivor" of the battle, and he became famous, with his photograph garnering high demand. This photograph is one of the earliest of Curly, taken shortly after the battle in 1876 by D.F. Barry in Bismarck, Dakota Territory

Polar Bears Move Into Abandoned Arctic Weather Station - Photo Essay

Dmitry Kokh, Guardian UK

Excerpt: "Photographer Dmitry Kokh discovered polar bears living in an abandoned weather station in Kolyuchin, in the Chukotka Autonomous Okrug of the Russian Federation, while on a trip to Wrangel Island, a Unesco-recognised nature reserve that serves as a refuge to the animals."

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Reminder

Native American, Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants Available Available Now

Application Deadline is April 1, 2022



For informational purposes only:

Nevada: From the "Silver State" to the "Lithium State" (Investor Alert)

Nevada has long been known as a mining mecca. But now, the "Silver State" is poised to have a different silvery metal take over as the dominant mining product.

Lithium is essential to create batteries for electric vehicles, energy storage systems, and all our electronic devices. With the shift to renewable energy, the market for lithium-ion batteries is projected to hit \$129 billion by 2027.

Gov. Steve Sisolak recently predicted that Nevada, with its unique geologic lithium deposits, could be "what Wall Street is to finance, or what Silicon Valley is to technology."

[Read this stunning report about Nevada lithium today — and see how to benefit](#)

https://investingtrends.com/SCVFF/challenge-accepted-us-finally-starting-to-fight-back-against-chinas-lithium-domination/?utm_campaign=SCVFF_SPG&utm_source=18101&utm_medium=email&utm_content=silver

In Loving Memory



Victor Troy O'Neil

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