



The Go-Back Club

Newspaper of the Simple-Living Brigade: Back in Action

These are OUR stories: www.gobackclub.org

Our Motto: Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.

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Something New: Iona's Column



Iona posing in front of The World, hoping this newspaper will travel to all corners of Earth. (Mermaid earrings made by Linda in Idaho — see page 9—necklace with a stone from the island of Iona from Rainbow.)

I'm back, my friends, in better shape than ever. I learned a LOT during the past year and don't regret it. Mostly I learned that I never want to have a government job again, where I must conceal my honest, spontaneous personality.

Here are a few things I am wiser about:

1. I love doing this newspaper but had to squelch my inner activist to get and keep my job.
2. My open, friendly nature backfired. I wasn't free to be open and friendly.
3. I want to be home-based, wear jeans and jewelry, and be free to create my own schedule, my own life, in order to be available when my husband, family, and/or friends need me.
4. As long as I'm not hot and sweaty, I can wear the same clothes all week, unlike office work where everyone seems to think they need to show up in a different outfit every day.
4. Hopefully, I can survive on freelance work and helping friends who pay for my brain or body to assist them when they need help.
5. A woman I used to do Zumba with is open-

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Highlights of the Findings of the U.S. Global Change Research Program's Climate Science Special Report

Submitted by John Conner, Shade Gap PA

GlobalChange.gov (U.S. Global Change Research Group)

and NOAA website: November 3, 2017

November 3, 2017 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) Climate Science Special Report (CSSR), which serves as Volume I of the Fourth National Climate Assessment, describes current trends in the climate globally and for the U.S., and projects trends in temperature, precipitation, sea-level rise, and Arctic sea ice for the remainder of this century.

Findings include:

- Global and U.S. temperatures continue to rise.
- The annual average temperature for the globe and the contiguous U.S. has increased 1.8 degrees °F from 1901 to 2016.
- Sixteen of the warmest years on record for the globe occurred in the last 17 years; the last three years were the warmest.
- Variability in temperature and precipitation is increasing.
- Heavy precipitation has increased in intensity and frequency across most parts of the U.S. since 1901, though there are important regional differences.
- Heatwaves have become more frequent in the U.S. since the 1960s.
- Cold temperatures and cold waves have decreased since the early 1900s.
- Annual trends toward earlier Spring snowmelt and reduced snowpack are already affecting water resources in the western U.S.
- Ocean temperatures are warming.
- Global average sea level has risen by about 7-8 inches since 1900.
- Global average sea level is expected to rise by several inches in the next 15 years.
- Temperature increases in Alaska and across the Arctic are greater than the rest of the globe.
- Annual average, near-surface air temperature in Alaska and across the Arctic has in-

creased over the last 50 years at a rate more than twice as fast as the global average temperature.

- Since the early 1980s, Arctic sea ice extent has decreased between 3.5 percent and 4.1 percent per decade, has become thinner by between 4.3 and 7.5 feet, and on average the season of melting lasts 15 more days per year.

BACKGROUND

In June 2013, President Obama launched a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the U.S. Government to cut carbon pollution, provide climate preparedness tools and information, and lead international efforts to address climate change. The Plan invokes the critical role of USGCRP in developing sound science to manage climate change impacts.

Since 1990, USGCRP has been advancing Earth system science and growing the knowledge base needed to respond to a changing climate and a transforming world.

Report development was overseen by the Subcommittee on Global Change Research (SGCR) through a Federal Science Steering Committee (SSC), made up of representatives from USGCRP agencies and appointed by the SGCR. NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) serves as the administrative agency for CSSR (i.e., NOAA established the procedures for the report and released Federal Register Notices).

The SSC selected three Coordinating Lead Authors, all of whom were Federal employees, during the development of this report. Following a public call (via Federal Register Notice) for technical contributor nominations in March 2016, the SSC endorsed writing team selections, consisting of scientists representing Federal agencies, national laboratories, universities, and the private sector.

Contributing Authors were selected based on specific needs identified by the authors. Review Editors were chosen from the technical contributor pool and endorsed by SSC to ensure

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What on Earth is The Go-Back Club?

A Simple-Living Brigade

Our Motto: *Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without.*

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What is The Go-Back Club all about?

We want to change people's hearts. Our members live simply (or try to) so that our collective carbon footprint grows smaller and smaller every day. We are working toward a common goal of reducing our individual impacts on climate change to protect future generations and all life.

Who are we trying to attract?

We hope to reach people who are concerned about global warming and realize that they are

part of the problem but don't know what to do. We invite them to join our Club. Please tell your family and friends about us. They can go to www.gobackclub.org to learn more.

What are we trying to achieve?

Our members are part of the global movement of people who know that global warming is an immediate threat and who want to prevent further harm and even reverse the situation.

We look to others for inspiration.

People are "like a blind man walking randomly toward a cliff. The only thing that will save him is to go backwards." Michael Mann (GBC board member, climate scientist, member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), told us a few years ago, on a visit to Penn State, where Mann is director of the Earth Systems Science Center. He was referring to "tipping points."

"Our life is frittered away by detail. Simplify, simplify, simplify! Simplicity of life and elevation of purpose." Henry David Thoreau

Please send me your stories and photos. I rely on our members' contributions. I'm not looking for ugly; I'm not looking for dark; I'm not looking for hatred. I'm looking for the opposites to help raise our readers' spirits. There is enough ugly and dark and hateful in the world. This newspaper provides an antidote -- BEAUTY, LIGHT, LOVE. Thank you for sending me your material for consideration.

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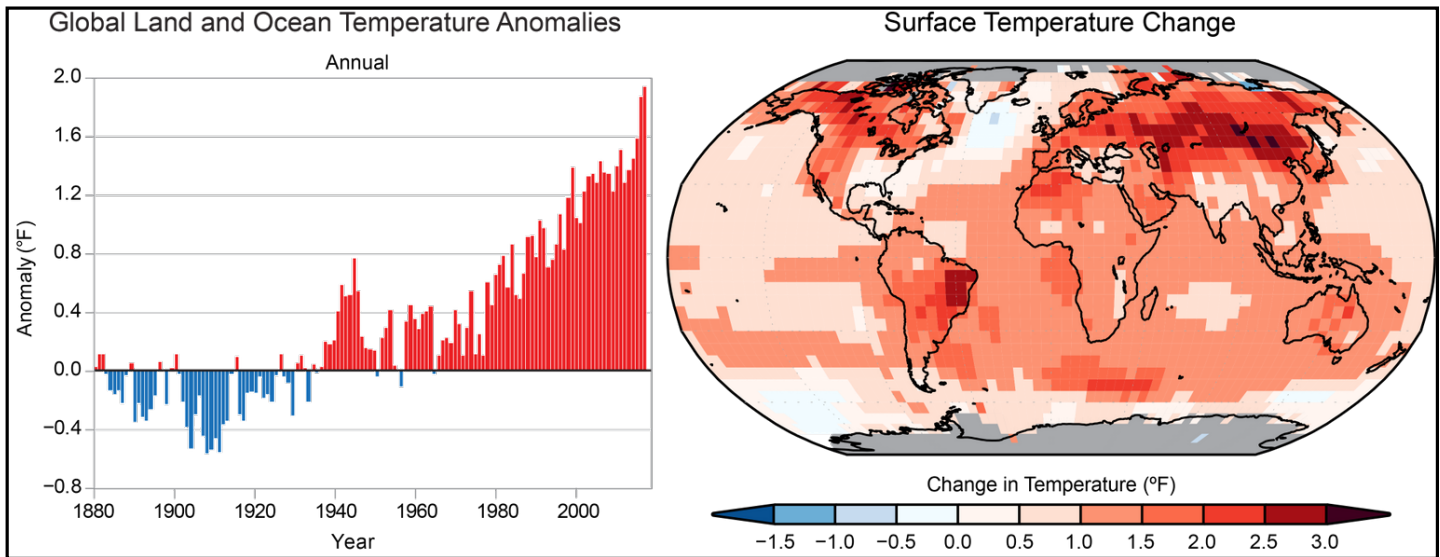
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(left) Global annual average temperature has increased by more than 1.2°F (0.7°C) for the period 1986–2016 relative to 1901–1960. Red bars show temperatures that were above the 1901–1960 average, and blue bars indicate temperatures below the average. (right) Surface temperature change (in °F) for the period 1986–2016 relative to 1901–1960. Gray indicates missing data. (From Figures 1.2, and 1.3 in Chapter 1 of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change “Climate Science Special Report: Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume I,” released November 3, 2017)

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that authors adequately responded to all comments received during the public and National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine review periods.

Planning for the report began in early 2015 with a prospectus developed in the Summer of that year. That was followed by the development of process guidance and the naming of author teams. Writing began in April 2016 and an initial draft was made available for public comment in December 2016. A series of technical expert reviews were conducted throughout the report’s development. SGCR was responsible for its final clearance and ultimately its public release.

The federal groups which participated in this report are:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- * Department of Defense
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of the Interior
- Department of State
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Transportation

- National Aeronautics & Space Administration
- National Science Foundation
- Smithsonian Institution
- U.S. Agency for International Development

Below are a few quotes from *The* (Manchester) *Guardian’s* article, “U.S. Report Finds Climate Change 90% Manmade, Contradicting Trump Officials.”

“A lot of what we’ve been learning over the last four years suggests the possibility that things may have been more serious than we think,” said Robert Kopp of Rutgers University, one of the dozens of scientists inside and outside the government who wrote the studies.”

“Despite fears by some scientists and environmental advocates, David Fahey of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and several authors said there was no political interference or censoring. It is the most comprehensive summary of climate science since 2013, showing a warming, worsening world.”

“This period is now the warmest in the history

of modern civilization,” said Katharine Hayhoe, co-author of Texas Tech. For the first time, scientists highlighted a dozen ‘tipping points’ of potential dangers that could happen from warming, things that she said ‘keep me up at night.’”

“They [tipping points] include the slowing down of the giant Atlantic Ocean circulation system that could dramatically warp weather worldwide, much stronger El Niños, major decreases in ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica, which would spike sea level rise, and massive release of methane and carbon dioxide from thawing permafrost that could turbo-charge warming.”

From the Editor: *Ever since my newspaper efforts started in 2008, global warming (climate change) has always been my main thrust. By forming The Go-Back Club, a Simple Living Brigade, I felt that collectively we could help set the clock back against climate chaos. I have chosen hundreds of articles since the start of my paper, covering many different ideas for both simple living and conservation of natural resources, hoping that someone somewhere would be inspired to action. I hope it works!!!*



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designed to counteract traditional newspapers.

(See page 2 for address.)

Climate Change—A Summary and Invitation to Action

By John Conner, Shade Gap, PA

In 1982, moved by a book on nuclear war, I left my job at the Housing Department in Baltimore, sold my house, and began to work full-time to reduce the hostility between the United States and the Soviet Union.

In 2006 I read my first book on Climate Change, was appalled, and decided to shift my efforts to Climate Change. We're working now with universities, churches, labor unions, and social justice organizations.

On the basis of what I know now, here is a very brief summary of the Climate Change situation today.

Three human activities are responsible for man-made Climate Change: 1) the burning of fossil fuels—coal, oil, and natural gas; 2) deforestation, and 3) certain agricultural practices. All of these are ongoing, and, as a result, we are now seeing ever-intensifying consequences: Category 5 hurricanes, extreme tornadoes, rising oceans, floods, dying coral reefs, acidic oceans killing the base of the marine food chain, extreme heat, famine, drought, wildfires, rivers drying up, mass migrations, diseases, wars, and melting glaciers and ice caps.

These conditions are constantly intensifying and moving inexorably toward extreme states. How close they will come to those extreme states in the coming decades depends on us. Even now, these are very

harmful to humanity and nature, and are only going to get worse quite soon—because time is running out.

We have ignored the warnings of the world's climate scientists and we now face the imminent prospect of the above-mentioned conditions entering into a self-propelled state which is irreversible, in the sense that our efforts to halt further change will become impotent. Scientists call the point at which we enter into this irreversible state a "tipping point." All that we will be able to do is watch and hope that the extreme states of those conditions will not, in the coming decades and centuries, eradicate all of life.

According to many climate scientists, one tipping point has already occurred—the melting of the West Antarctic ice sheet. And some others are likely to occur in 10 years!

The strong opposition to the actions needed to avert these consequences comes from 1) energy companies which reap obscene profits from the sale of fossil fuels and 2) most people who enjoy the lifestyle made possible by burning fossil fuels.

The only hope lies in enabling enough caring people to gain control of the federal government and bringing it to undertake a crash program, similar in magnitude to that during World War II. Such a program would be aimed at radically intensifying conservation of energy and the use of renewable sources of energy. Easy to say but

very difficult to do.

This is the current focus of the Grassroots Coalition and it comes under the heading of 'systemic change' or non-violent revolution, and requires the involvement of many millions of Americans. To find the (wo)manpower needed for this we are looking to five sectors of society: 1) universities, 2) labor unions, 3) churches, 4) social justice organizations, and 5) currently inactive Americans. These five constitute a majority of the population.

Michael Mann, distinguished professor of atmospheric science and the director of the Earth System Science Center at Penn State University: "Whether we're talking about unprecedented heat waves, increasingly destructive hurricanes, epic drought, and inundation of our coastal cities, the impacts of Climate Change are no longer subtle. They are upon us. That's the consensus of our best scientists."

Space does not permit an adequate description of our systemic change process. If you wish further information about it, please let me know. If you care about your children and grandchildren, respond to this invitation.

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"I think the world
is going to be
saved
by millions
of small things."

Pete Seeger



By Dylan Weiss

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Reflections on Years Past at 50th College Reunion

BLUEGILL ROUNDUP

By Bob Hendren, Ann Arbor, MI

50 years ago we splashed in Sugar Creek
Laughter modulated white water terror
Why, about fishin' there wasn't nothing to it
Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, rock
bass, sunfish, bluegill thick as a man's hand
Catfish by the yard in the muddy waters of
Spring
Berries and cherries and peace and quiet
His daddy started this little antique shop
His brother took it over, and then him

I pulled up a chair in the shade
Here in the loamy flatlands and shaded
hills of Indiana
You could see the dirt, darker in the valleys
near the creek
Paling on the plowed hills
Winter wheat thigh-high just shy of yellow-
ing heads
Forsythia blazing
The catalpa trees in full bloom
Heritage tulip trees with their shy blossoms
on the ground
Gnarly grandmother oaks, beheaded by
lightning and twisting wind

"How's the fishing?"
I remember the canoe trips
One watery brush with death
The creek was up
I was eagerly parading the creek to my
soon-to-be wife
A hot summer day
Shaded and cool in the valley
But the creek was up
Rounding an oxbow
A sycamore stretched to rest full across
Sugar Creek
But . . .

Just where the tip of the sycamore spasmed
A watery gap and I thrust the light craft
We almost made it
Just as the bow scratched the top of that
tree
We lost it
The kayak folded up like a jackknife
Under the tree went Carla
"The Creek was up," I said
By the hair I pulled her loose
Gasping together
We scabbled and swallowed our way
Underwater and out
Reaching the bank
Drying our clothes on the three-hour me-
ander to Crawfordsville gritty and dusty
Finding the Falcon



Heading to Indy
Dinner at diner
A hot bath together
She, like an otter sleek and slick in the
water

I asked, "How's the fishing in Sugar Creek?"
"Well," sez the other old vet as his eyes
Became darker, shadowed
Into the middle distance
Unfocused
A Marine cap on his head (both of us had
landed in Vietnam in 1968)
"The fish there was ain't," he says
If you look to the maps, the aerials
All around Sugar Creek
Squeezing and poisoning Sugar Creeks
everywhere.
"Fish? Nothing but carp and creek chubs
left"
His was the fourth generation here—pio-
neer stock
On June 1, 2017, my drive across the the
dirt roads of Indiana, thinking of Becky
James*
Odd structures, great vistas with long flat
shadows
As Old Sol slips away again

Dust, my gosh
Crushed limestone and clay roads
Great rolling clouds
Rolling up the windows
Farmers in John Deer comfort
Corn and soybean planters twice the width
of the county roads
20-bottom plows

\$200,000 tractors
Discs kicking up dust, tanning and brown-
ing before the wind
Drifting mists of biocides and herbicides
Ranch houses dotting the land
No longer farmers—just independent
contractors, renters of the fields, improv-
ing yields, laughing at the bars and
coughing in the mornings
These are no stewards, but unholy allies of
greed and poison
These fields were stolen from generations
of Hoosier farmers
Sucked up in the 80's
"Beans in the teens!"
"Buy bigger machines!"
Get some debt
4% loans grew to 20%
Just one pig a litter to service the debt grew
to four
Bankers slavered and leapt on the debt
Driving farmers from homes, cattle from
feedlots
Hogs by the dozens to slaughter for what?
Not for the people who tend the herds
Milk the cows
Soon they be robots
Losing nows
Losing hows
I pass hundreds of blocked-off acres along
Sugar Creek
Mono-cropping cash machines
Auguring the life from the soil and our
peoples

**A high school pal who is making her way as
a photographer*



Photo: News video posted on Anushka Azadi's Facebook site

"I don't like traveling eight hours through the m----f---ing night to take this s--- out of a stream where salmon should be spawning!"

Canadian Warriors Remove Anti-Salmon Spawning Nets

Submitted 11/7/17
by Allen Hengst, Wire Editor

SWIFT CREEK, Unceded, Unsundered Secwepemc Territory—Wild Salmon Warriors returned home yesterday after conducting a two-week observation and removal of Kinder Morgan's anti-salmon spawning mat that illegally disrupted four water ways in Secwepemc Territory.

The mats were installed without any knowledge or consent of the Nation, just as the Kinder Morgan pipeline is continuing without the free, prior, and informed consent of the Nation as well.

Upon learning the exact locations of four of the supposed seven installation sites, Wild Salmon Warriors, on the authority of the Secwepemc Nation, have removed all such mats in the area.

The Women of Nations across the pipeline route have been clear, they do not consent to Kinder Morgan or Justin Trudeau's dirty oil pipeline.

The warriors have been clear as well. This pipeline will not be built.



Photo: Trans Mountain blog

Anti-spawning fish net deployed by Trans Mountain along the route of its proposed pipeline expansion.

Stop the Kinder Morgan Pipeline. All Fish Farms Out of the Ocean. For more information on fish farm occupations, see Swanson Occupation and Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw Cleansing Our Waters pages. For more information on the Tiny House Warriors Project to stop Kinder Morgan see Tiny House Warriors.

Written by:

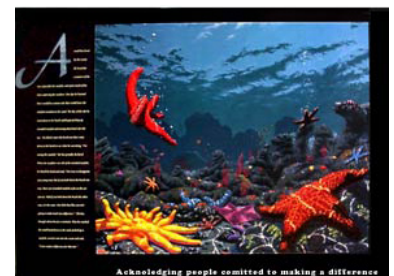
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<https://warriorpublications.wordpress.com/2017/11/03/warriors-remove-kinder-morgan-anti-salmon-spawning-nets/>

Acknowledging People Committed to Making a Difference



A small boy lived by the ocean. He loved the creatures of the sea, especially the starfish, and spent much of his time exploring the seashore. One day he learned there would be a minus tide that would leave the starfish stranded on the sand. The day of the tide, he went down to the beach and began picking up stranded starfish and tossing them back into the sea. An elderly man who lived next door came down to the beach to see what he was doing. "I'm saving the starfish," the boy proudly declared. When the neighbor saw all of the stranded starfish, he shook his head and said, "I'm sorry to disappoint you, young man, but if you look down the beach one way, there are stranded starfish as far as the eye can see. And if you look down the beach the other way, it's the same. One little boy like you isn't going to make much of a difference." The boy thought about this for a moment. Then he reached his small hand down to the sand, picked up a starfish, tossed it out into the ocean and said, "I sure made a difference for that one."

Note from the Editor: I love this image and story and had purchased a full-size poster many years ago. I found it rolled up in the loft and called Northern Sun to see if they could send me the image. Trentt Cramer sent it for us. If you'd like to buy a \$10 poster for yourself, just go to <http://www.northernsun.com/4137.html>. The image to the right is what the uncropped poster looks like.



Becoming Homo Universalis: A Planetary Call to Action

Submitted by Ella McElwee
New Enterprise, PA

Homo sapiens are giving birth to a new species: Homo Universalis. It is no accident that you are here!

Join visionary Barbara Marx Hubbard and Humanity's Team as we experience our "collective next beginning" as a species. We are currently experiencing a great wake-up call for human maturation.

We have entered the first phase of conscious evolution, the evolution of evolution from unconscious to conscious choice, when our species becomes aware of the whole evolutionary journey and becomes co-responsible for guiding the process on a planetary scale.

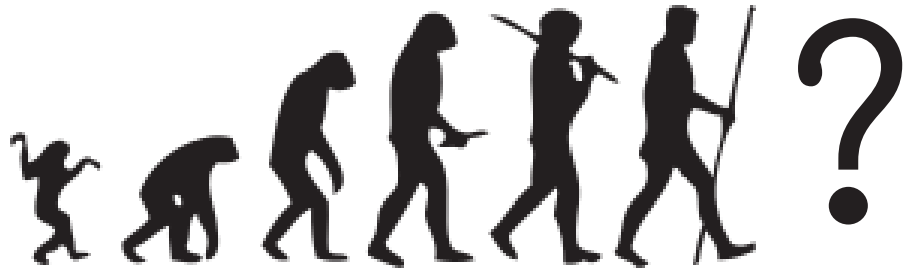
Dear Ella,

Do you believe we are at a pivotal moment in the Earth's evolution? Do you sense that you are perhaps to play a role?

Recently, Barbara Marx Hubbard and Humanity's Team felt [sic] into this.

We were astonished at what came through. We felt a planetary Call to Action, an immune system response to the crisis in the world.

"This is not the time to sit on the sideline. There is too much at stake. This is a planetary Call; it is an immune system response to a world that has lost its way. It is time for Homo sapiens to become Homo universalis. Homo universalis is in a sense the 'fire truck' that extinguishes the fire but does so much more than this. Homo universalis embodies the next evolutionary step for your Self and humanity. In Homo



Graphic: Wikipedia Commons

Where are we going? The March of Progress is a scientific illustration that presents 25 million years of human evolution. It depicts 15 human evolutionary forebears, lined up as if they were marching in a parade from left to right. The image has frequently been copied, modified, and parodied and has been the subject of controversy.

universalis, you will create a fulfilling, compassionate, and flourishing world. You will embody your Evolutionary Self, your Divinity, your Evolutionary Destiny. It is self-selection time. Who will self-select? Will you be one?"

Shortly after receiving this message, Humanity's Team and Barbara decided to create a year-round Intensive called "Awakening the New Species in You." Barbara Marx Hubbard will personally lead it each week.

It is a 52-week intensive that includes a 60-minute sharing followed by 30 minutes of intimate exchange. Barbara will share her process for embodying Homo universalis. She will provide the tools and techniques and share personal experiences that will assist all participants in becoming Homo universalis. Special guests will join some of the programs, and there will be a Homo universalis celebration event planned for all participants in Loveland, Colorado at Sunrise Ranch where Barbara now lives. The celebration will be in the Fall of 2018.

If you'd like to be part of the planetary tipping point and you aspire to step into

your generative self, your creative self in all your beauty, blessing, prosperity, and grace, this Intensive might be for you.

We recommend that you listen to the exchange between Barbara Marx Hubbard and Steve Farrell, the Humanity's Team Director. It will give you insight into our Call to Action and Intensive: <https://awakeningnewspecies.com/webinar-replay/>.

We're writing to you now because the train is leaving the station. The Intensive began on November 7th. You can participate for as little as \$97/month on a payment plan.

You might listen in and decide if you are to be part of the planetary Call. You can find details at <https://awakeningnewspecies.com>.

And, thank you for being part of the team!

In Oneness and with warm regards,
Everyone in Humanity's Team
and Barbara Marx Hubbard

ACCESS THE REPLAY: <https://awakeningnewspecies.com/webinar-replay>



(left) A sample of Linda's jewelry. The mermaid earrings are on top; some of the bracelet "beads" are made from rolled up strips of magazines. That set was \$25. The charm says, "Never Miss a Chance to Dance."



Riverkeeper Writes and Publishes Important Book

Email received November 10, 2017 from Maya K. van Rossum

Hi All!

I'm excited to say that my new book, *The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment*, was released a few days ago. Using real stories about real families to document how our environmental laws have failed us, I hope to inspire a new path for environmental protection—one that defends everybody's right to pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment in our state (Pennsylvania) and federal constitutions.

The book has received support from Mark Ruffalo who honored my book by writing a forward. And the book has received amazing endorsements from Richard Louv, Sandra Steingraber, Bill McKibben, Bradley Campbell, Tony Ingraffea, and more.

If you're interested in learning more or to order a copy, all the info you need can be found at <http://bit.ly/GreenAmendmentLearnMore> All proceeds are being donated to environmental protection work, so rest assured, this is not about me making money, it's purely about all of us working together to save the world.

Also, if you want to help boost the possibility of a #1 rating on Amazon, you can order a copy at: <http://bit.ly/TheGreenAmendment>.

With regards,
Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper
Author of *The Green Amendment, Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment*.

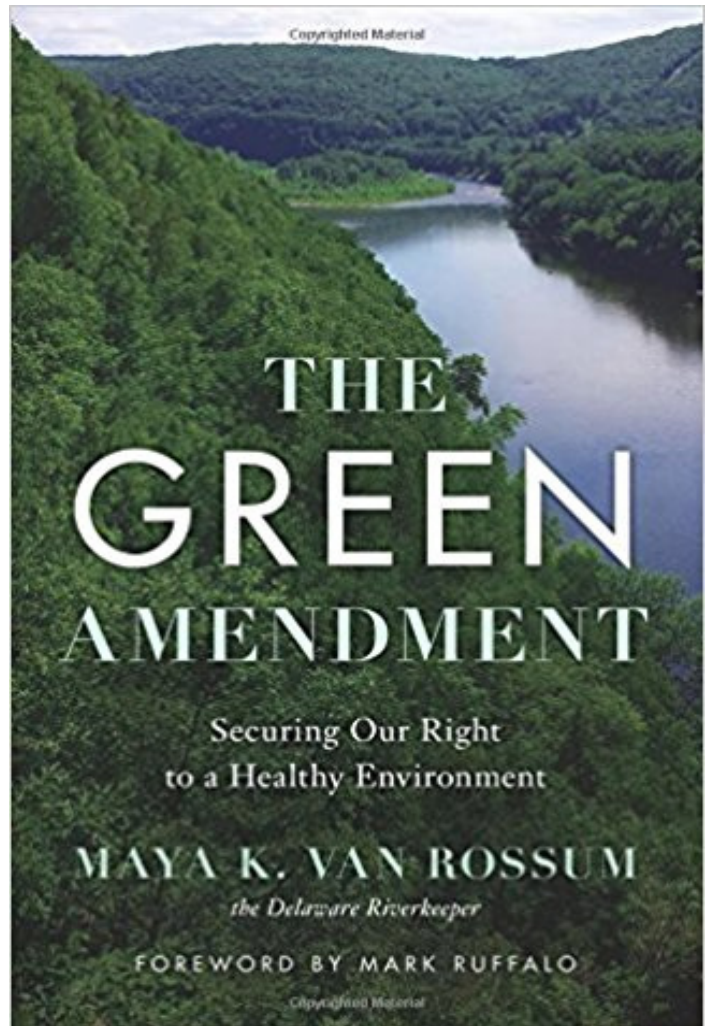
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Mementos of a Retreat to the Ocean

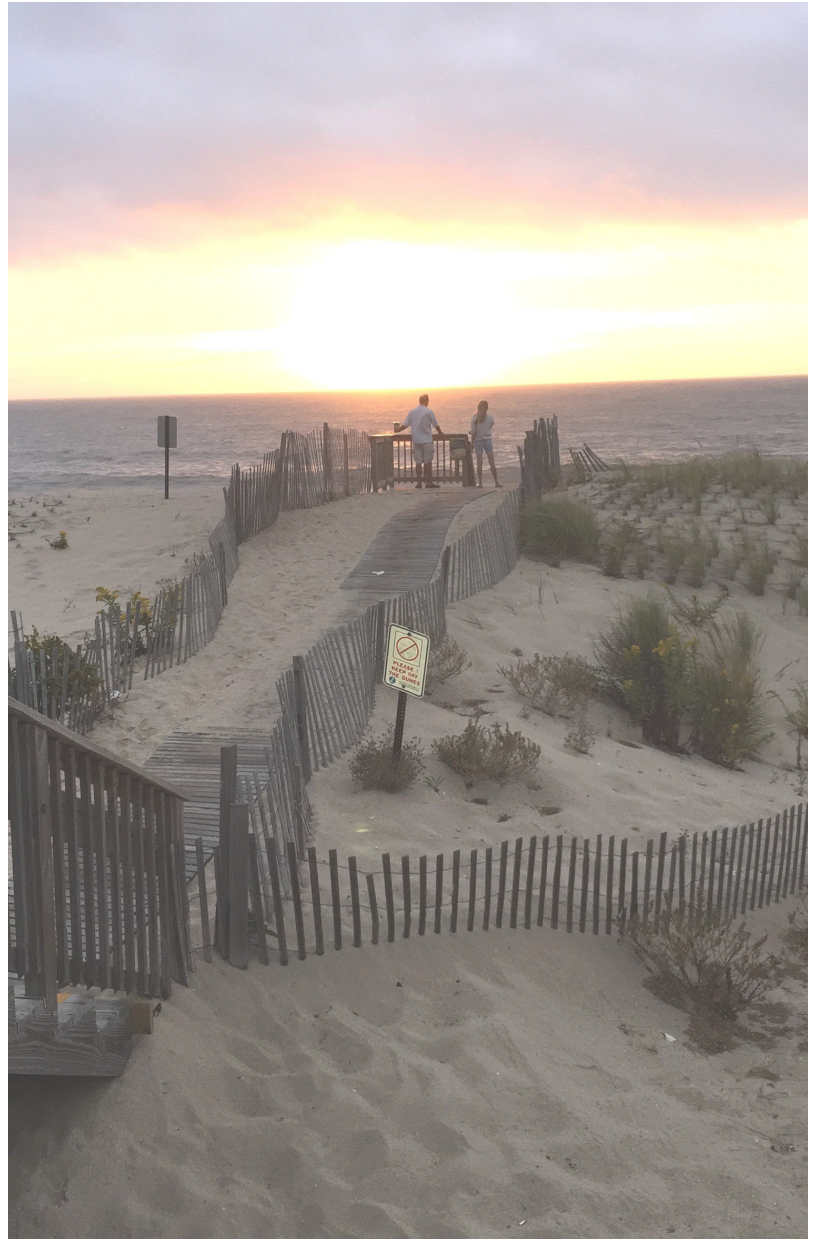


By Iona

After losing my job, my soul needed a trip to the ocean, so we planned three glorious days in the Rehoboth/Lewes area in Delaware, our favorite place to go.

I was thrilled to see the activist sign above giving residents and passers-by a direct phone number to call if chicken plant odors were bothering them. When I was an air pollution inspector in New Jersey long ago, there was a law that factories could stink up their own property but they were not allowed to stink up anyone else's. I loved that law and was able to enforce it then. I wrote 90 violations in 11 months for various infractions, and that was one of them.

The photo of the ocean on the right was really taken early in the morning at the Jersey Shore, where my family lives. I didn't get to the beach in Delaware in time to see the sun rise, so I'm substituting this picture to give you an idea of why it was important for me to get to the ocean. I have always loved the ocean and if I were placing this photo in a gallery, I would call it "Beach Love" or "Ocean Love."



Humility

I am done with great things and great institutions and big successes and I am for those tiny, invisible, molecular, moral forces that work from individual to individual, creeping through the crannies of the world like so many rootlets or like the capillary oozing water, yet which, if you give them time, will bend the hardest monuments of [human] pride.

-- William James --



Featuring The Center for Biological Diversity

Note from the Editor: *I have an idea of featuring one wonderful environmental group every month. My hopes are that our readers will decide to join them and also that each group will give the GBC a donation for presenting their work. Here is the first group I chose for this pilot project. After you read this, there is a survey for you. Please take a moment to answer accordingly and then email me your responses so I can see if this idea is working.*

The following is from The Center for Biological Diversity website.

We defend marine species and habitat from overfishing, offshore oil drilling, the impacts of climate change, ocean acidification, and a host of other threats—from the Sea of Cortez to the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic, the Hawaiian archipelago to Japan, and Antarctica north to the Arctic Circle.

ABOUT OUR OCEANS WORK

Ocean waters cover three-quarters of the globe and are vast, mostly undiscovered havens for mysterious and diverse life. But the open oceans are also a free-for-all, barely regulated or policed. International laws to protect them are drastically inadequate to address threats like large-scale commercial fishing, which sweeps life out of the seas at unprecedented rates—often only to discard the unusable “bycatch.” Tragically, that discarded bycatch includes thousands of severely injured or slain sea turtles, seabirds, and marine mammals annually. Meanwhile the oceans are rising, warming, and becoming more acidic because of our overreliance on fossil fuels. We’re working to tackle some of the biggest threats with strategic campaigns.

HOW WE DO IT

- Scientific analysis
- Petitions and litigation to list species

under federal law

- Litigation to establish critical habitat for species
- Fishing policy reform through advocacy and litigation
- Strategic litigation to protect habitat
- Communications and media outreach
- Public education

MILESTONES

The Center’s Oceans program:

- **Shut down the most destructive fisheries** in the Pacific for endangered species—among others, the set-gillnet fishery off central California, including Monterey Bay, which drowned sea otters, harbor porpoises, elephant seals, sea lions, and seabirds; the California-based swordfish longline fishery, which killed leatherback and loggerhead sea turtles; and a lobster fishery that was starving Hawaiian monk seals.

- **Achieved Endangered Species Act protections** for the southern resident killer whale, Southwest Alaska sea otter, Cook Inlet beluga whale, bearded seal, 22 species of corals, white abalone, and black abalone.

- **Secured critical habitat protection** of 120 million acres for polar bears; 685 miles of beaches and more than 300,000 square miles of ocean for loggerhead sea turtles; 7,000 square miles in Hawaii for Hawaiian monk seals; 2,500 square miles around Washington’s Puget Sound for southern resident killer whales; and 36,000 square miles of the Bering Sea for the world’s most endangered whales, North Pacific right whales.

- **Filed a lawsuit against the federal government** resulting in a moratorium on fracking off the California coast, as well as a suit helping force the disclosure of the environmental impacts of offshore fracking—meanwhile organizing grassroots resistance against dirty fossil fuel development in Southern California.

- Helped to build momentum for Presi-

dent Obama’s decision to permanently protect large swaths of the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans from offshore oil and gas leasing by opposing all new federal offshore oil and gas leases through a variety of tactics from direct-action protests to fierce legal advocacy.

- **Filed a groundbreaking petition** that required the EPA to address carbon dioxide impacts on the ocean under the Clean Water Act. Carbon dioxide is making ocean water acidic, posing huge threats to marine species and the ocean web of life.

- **Successfully sued the U.S. Navy** over its indiscriminate use of sonar and explosions in the Pacific Ocean that were injuring whales and other marine mammals, forcing the military to develop new studies and plans to govern future operations.

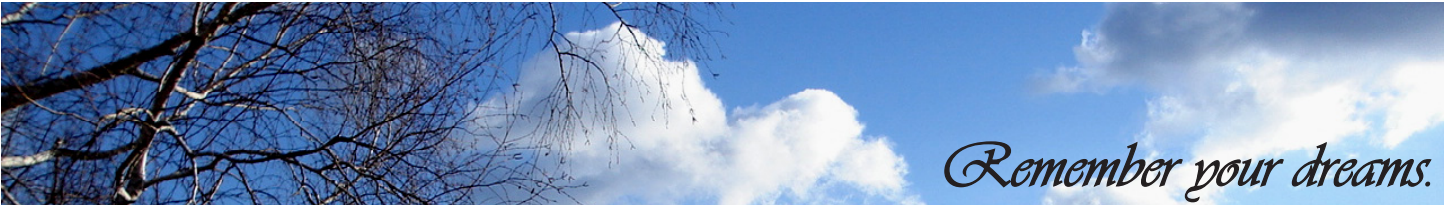
Sign up to learn more and receive emails from this wonderful group at <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/action/activist/>

Source: <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/oceans/>

Survey to Test New Idea

1. **Did you read this article?**
2. **Did you look at their website?**
3. **Did you get on their email list?**
4. **Did you take any action they recommended?**
5. **Did you post their campaign on social media and which one(s)?**
5. **Did you make a donation to them?**
6. **Do you have any comments about how to improve this new idea of mine?**

Please email results to Iona at gobackclub@pa.net. Thank you.



Remember your dreams.

Letters and Emails from our Members



Glad to see you're back!!!
Marty Hann, McConnellsburg PA

I hope you and John are doing well. To whom/what should the check be made out? Is it being done as part of a non-profit tax-exempt outfit? [Note from Editor: No]
Regards,
Tom McCarthy, Brookeville MD

You should have an entire issue dedicated to how badly the Trump administration is fucking our planet.
Derek Himes (Currently living in his car traveling the country, but normally resides in Altoona, PA)

Sorry you lost that job. I'm trying to make it researching and writing grants for non-profits. Will gladly contribute any suggested amount to Go-Back Club newspaper. I'm still trying to save Earth.
Bill Boteler, Washington, DC

I'm in! I'll send money soon. So excited about your new path. Will send you some information soon.
For the Earth,
Jeannette Bartelt, Frederick, MD

Wonderful news that you will be in full force once again! I will join and would like to post an ad and maybe an article about what is happening with my book(s) www.skunktalestrilogy.com. Let me know cost of

ad. Missed reading your newsletter! Much luck!
Warm regards,
"G" a.k.a. **Dylan Weiss**, Presto, PA

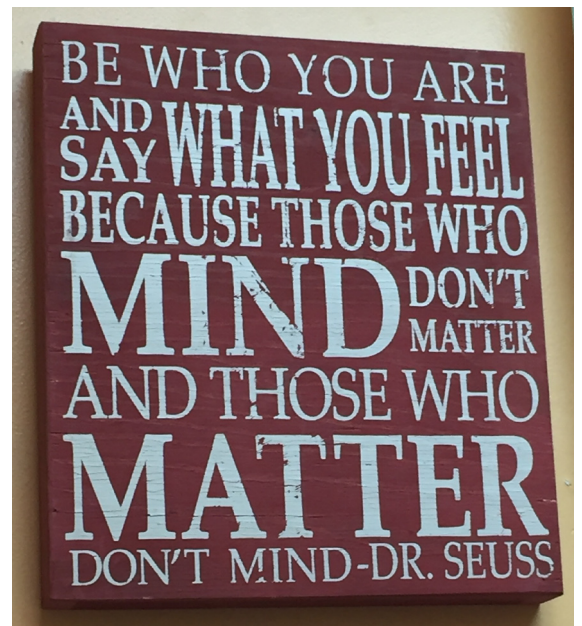
Glad to hear the newsletter is on its way back. The environment missed you. The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators' conference is in State College in March. Maybe you could get a boost by exhibiting or a workshop. I am not involved in the conference planning anymore, so check out www.pae.net. I am not sure what is posted yet. My check will be in the mail tomorrow.
Ruth Roperti, Beaver Falls, PA

Will gladly send you a subscription and donation!!! Happy to hear you are happy!!
(Re: *Homo Universalis* article)
Interestingly enough my dear, the subject title gets the creative juices to flowing and then you can write something that more of us ordinary people can not only understand but afford. As a result your readership flourishes!!!
Love,
Ella McElwee, Health by Choice New Enterprise, PA

So good to hear from you, Iona, and yes, will subscribe and donate to your publication and efforts.

Will spread the word at our weekly library meeting. Am sure you will find no dearth of subject matter! Good you are back. Look forward to your 'from the heart' work.
Marjorie Hudson, McConnellsburg, PA

Heck yes – we need you more than ever. Here in Flint the situation continues murderous. Can I buy an Ad? [Note from Editor: Yes] I'll send a check.
Robert Hernden, Ann Arbor, MI



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ing a dance studio right here in Shade Gap and I'd love to work part-time for her.

6. I love to tap dance (sort of—I wear tap shoes and make a lot of noise like a drummer as I whirl around in our loft over the garage). I need to have time to dance—it's a sign that my spirit is alive.

I'm hoping this newspaper will build a tight network of serious people helping each other. One example is creating an ad for my friend Linda, the jewelry maker in Idaho who recently retired. Please tell us how we, as a team, can help *you*. I'll either put your message on our Letters page or give you

more space, especially if you have photos to share or a lot to say.

That's enough; you get the idea. Now I'm trying to find freelance proofreading/editing/writing work to supplement our new \$10 annual subscription fee. If you know of anyone needing my skills, please be sure to tell them about me.

Last (but not least), I will accept ads for consideration to help me and The Go-Back Club get back on our feet now that I'm officially unemployed. A year's subscription might be a mighty fine gift for someone, too. I'm trying to be more creative in ways

our little newspaper can keep going this time around. A sincere thanks to everyone who responded to my first fundraising plea earlier—your support means a lot to me!

Thank you also for sharing my love of our Home Planet Earth, as we forge ahead with renewed strength, dedication, and determination to make a difference, each in our own unique way. I will love it if you would help me find content—interesting and positive news articles, photos, art work, poetry, anything which you feel is a reflection of this LOVE.