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Jan Gardipe Creator was there with us and once we started singing security tried to come over and stop but we just sang loud with all our hearts for our people. We were all as one in mind body and spirit. Nothing could stop us once we started. Aho! To All Our Relations!

Robert Lowery That's crazy! If it were people who wanted to dance to Michael Jackson meadowood mall wouldn't put up a fight. Maybe it's because we just have more spirit. And I love that the women are leading the fight. Shows that some misogynistic men who claim to be spiritual just don't have the balls to rise to the occasion. I won't name names. I'll be good. Only for you, Carolyn

Carolyn Harry Gee thanks Robert hA. The mall even tried to turn up their Mall music to drown the singing. Didn't work.

Trudy Stump Thank you everyone from Nevada, Canada First Nation appreciate all your love and support right now

Bucky Harjo

The prayer was strong tonight, we went against their warnings, once the first drum sounded it was on, thank you women warriors for getting it started, when they saw the numbers of people the security retreated but into the 3rd song they raised the volume of the mall music up but it still did not drown us out! Thank you to all that came to show our support for Chief Spence and all of Canada First Nations, it shows when we stand together, WE ARE STRONG! It was snowing when we exited the building what a blessing tonight.....

Jan Gardipe **Idle No More flash mob Round Dance**

Thank you everyone who showed up in solidarity to support our indigenous First Nations people and Chief Spence. Security and police they tried to stop us with intimidation of our native people

there but they could not break our spirit. Once we started singing Security rushed over by Lois and I we didn't stop we only sang with our hearts louder. Once we started singing and everyone dancing we were as one...one heart, mind and spirit standing strong together in Unity and Solidarity for our First Nations people and Chief Spence. Creator was there watching over us. Pesa U! To All Our Relations! Aho!

Loika Kane Pesa'yu Mu to you and all of your drummers. Together we bought Meadowwood Mall down! Didn't know there were cop cars outside and K9's ready (for what I don't know). I'm just glad everything turned out so well. The security guards were sure trying to intimidate our People but everyone stood strong. Way to go Reno!

Found it. The video that shows the start of last night's IDLE NO MORE. Security tried to stop the ladies but they stood strong. Thank o0u Crystal Harjo-Doka for sharing.
(Carolyn Harry)

Dec 26, 2012 9:19pm

The ladies kicked off the festivities and the men drowned out the elevator music the mall turned up Length: 5:09

Bucky Harjo I say we do Wal Mart real soon!

Bucky Harjo

So excited, overwhelmed by all of what is happening, Idle No More is very powerful, it has been a dream for so long for all to untie as one and stand strong, my eye's are so welled up I am about to flood, so I am going to cry because I am so proud of you all! This is the bestest gift ever!

Jo-Ann Belanger We're going to be at Faneuil Hall in Boston on Monday

Idle No More Reno ,NV.

Idle No More calls on all people to join in a revolution which honors and fulfills Indigenous sovereignty which protects the land and water. Colonization continues through attacks to Indigenous rights and damage to the land and water. We must repair these violations, live the spirit and intent of the treaty relationship, work towards justice in action, and protect Mother Earth.

Idle No More Meadowood Mall Flash Round Dance Reno Nv. 12 26 12

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Loika Kane

I hear there's going to be another Flash Dance (Flash Mob Round Dance) at the arch in downtown Reno at 2pm on Saturday. What would be really awesome is if our Jingle Dress dancers can come to dance for Chief Spence and the Canadian Indians. Remember do not congregate in large groups. Flash mob is quick. When we hear the drums, we swing into action and begin the round dance. Whomever the drummers/singers are, they need to be strong as we will be waiting to hear the call of the drum so we can swing into action. This is not a one time

thing. Chief Spence is now entering the 18th day of her hunger strike. All she's asking for is one thing. A meeting with the Crown and various levels of government together with the indigenous leaders of Canada, to plan a better future. That's what we all want for our children. Let's strive for a peaceful demonstration as Reno PD will probably be there. Don't be afraid. Let's get out there, support our Canadian brothers and sisters and Chief Spence. IDLE NO MORE!

In Solidarity! Idle No More! Sacramento Represent! (Flashmob Round Dance)

Friday at 12:00pm

California State Capitol in Sacramento, California

#IdleNoMore Winnipeg - St.Vital round dance flashmob Dec 26/12

vimeo.com

A co-production: Crystal Greene and Doug Thomas.

<http://blog.thenewstribune.com/crime/2012/12/26/native-american-flash-mob-occupies-tacoma-mall-food->

blog.thenewstribune.com

UPDATE as of 4:20 p.m.

[daily-times.com](http://m.daily-times.com) : Flash mob rallies in Animas Valley Mall in support of Canadian movement

m.daily-times.com

AIM of Twin Cities & AIM Patrol of Minneapolis's photo

After more than 100 actions in Canada, over 30 events in the US, and solidarity rallies around the world, the Idle No More movement shows no signs of slowing down. Check out an updated, interactive map of events created by Tim Groves: <http://www.mediacoop.ca/story/idle-no-more-map-events-spreading-across-canada-an/15320>

IdleNoMore Rallies around the world: <http://bit.ly/ZWzvNA>

Comprehensive Report: [treaty 8 e-notes - Idle No More Momentum Continues Across Canada Changing Political Paradigm - No Going Back.pdf](#)

BREAKING NEWS _ PM Stephen Harper Is Selling Out On Canadians In Leaked Secret Foreign Policy Draft

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zqx_L5-_TYA

First Nations Under Surveillance: Harper government prepares for Native “unrest” | The Dominion

www.dominionpaper.ca

TORONTO—Internal documents from Indian Affairs and the RCMP show that shortly after being elected in January of 2006, Prime Minister Stephen Harper had the federal government intensify the gathering and sharing of intelligence on First Nations. This was done so that the government could anticipate a...

FOCUS: Awake, Hungry and Idle No More

By Naomi Klein, NaomiKlein.org 26 December 12

I woke up just past midnight with a bolt. My six-month-old son was crying. He has a cold - the second of his short life- and his blocked nose frightens him. I was about to get up when he started snoring again. I, on the other hand, was wide awake.

A single thought entered my head: Chief Theresa Spence is hungry. Actually it wasn't a thought. It was a feeling. The feeling of hunger. Lying in my dark room, I pictured the chief of the Attawapiskat First Nation lying on a pile of blankets in her teepee across from Parliament Hill, entering day 14 of her hunger strike.

I had of course been following Chief Spence's protest and her demand to meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to discuss the plight of her people and his demolition of treaty rights through omnibus legislation. I had worried about her. Supported her. Helped circulate the petitions. But now, before the distancing filters of light and reason had a chance to intervene, I felt her. The determination behind her hunger. The radicality of choosing this time of year, a time of so much stuffing -mouths, birds, stockings -to say: I am hungry. My people are hungry. So many people are hungry and homeless. Your new laws will only lead to more of this misery. Can we talk about it like human beings?

Lying there, I imagined another resolve too - Prime Minister Harper's. Telling himself: I will not meet with her. I will not cave in to her. I will not be forced to do anything.

Mr. Harper may relent, scared of the political fallout from letting this great leader die. I dearly hope he does. I want Chief Spence to eat. But I won't soon forget this clash between these two very different kinds of resolve, one so sealed off, closed in; the other cracked wide open, a conduit for the pain of the world.

But Chief Spence's hunger is not just speaking to Mr. Harper. It is also speaking to all of us, telling us that the time for bitching and moaning is over. Now is the time to act, to stand strong and unbending for the people, places and principles that we love.

This message is a potent gift. So is the Idle No More movement - its name at once a firm commitment to the future, while at the same time a gentle self-criticism of the past. We did sit idly by, but no more.

The greatest blessing of all, however, is indigenous sovereignty itself. It is the huge stretches of this country that have never been ceded by war or treaty. It is the treaties signed and still recognized by our courts. If Canadians have a chance of stopping Mr. Harper's planet-trashing plans, it will be because these legally binding rights -backed up by mass movements, court challenges, and direct action will stand in his way. All Canadians should offer our deepest thanks that our indigenous brothers and sisters have protected their land rights for all these generations,

refusing to turn them into one-off payments, no matter how badly they were needed. These are the rights Mr. Harper is trying to extinguish now.

During this season of light and magic, something truly magical is spreading. There are round dances by the dollar stores. There are drums drowning out muzak in shopping malls. There are eagle feathers upstaging the fake Santas. The people whose land our founders stole and whose culture they tried to stamp out are rising up, hungry for justice. Canada's roots are showing. And these roots will make us all stand stronger.

BLM APPROVES LAS VEGAS WATER PIPELINE PROJECT

The Bureau of Land Management has signed off on a massive pipeline project to carry water from rural counties along the Nevada-Utah line to Las Vegas.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz15532227>

(And that is what NE Nevada gets for not supporting the Shoshone Treaty.....sdc)

MAN WHO ROBBED NEVADA INDIAN GRAVES DIES IN OREGON PRISON

A former insurance agent and amateur archaeologist convicted of looting ancient Indian graves in the Northern Nevada desert and later offering \$10,000 in opals for a hit man to kill a former business partner has died in prison in Oregon.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz15534103>

The Liberty Tree Foundation has a new service called Frontlines. Several times a year, we will send out an appeal not for our ongoing work, but instead on behalf of partners who are on the frontline of the democracy movement in the U.S.A..

We begin our Frontlines service with an appeal to help the Keystone XL Tar Sands blockaders. Through Liberty Tree, [you can make a tax-deductible donation right now to support those on the frontlines](#) of the fight against the fossil fuel corporations, and for energy self-determination.

On September 24th, eight brave blockaders climbed into 80-foot trees and refused to come down until the tar sands pipeline was stopped for good. Today, the day after Christmas, they are still there.

Young and old have been putting their bodies on the line for 90 days straight to save the planet. [Will you help them right now?](#)

Keystone XL is dirty and dangerous. **Leading NASA climate scientist James Hansen has called the Keystone XL “game over” for the climate**, and Americans are already feeling the heat. The pipeline will make the TransCanada corporation rich while encroaching on ranch lands, poisoning Texas' working class communities, and destroying the environment.

[**Your support is urgently needed to support the Tar Sands campaigners!**](#)

Why are we at Liberty Tree asking our members and supporters to send money elsewhere? Isn't Liberty Tree in the midst of an end-of-year fundraising campaign (*yes we are*), and aren't we worried (*yes we are*) about keeping the lights on?

Frankly, we've started our Frontlines service because different people are on the frontlines of the democracy movement at different times. **And the people at the frontlines need support, not exploitation.**

At Liberty Tree, we remember when the big out-of-state money-making 527s and 501(c)4s began raising money off of the Wisconsin uprising. They raised tens of millions. Wisconsinites on the frontlines saw little of those dollars. Because of that experience, and many others, we've decided to help critical frontline campaigns when we can.

This vital Tar Sands campaign needs our support right now! Liberty Tree will make certain that your tax-deductible donation gets to the people behind the barricades.

Sincerely,
Ben Manski, Founder, Liberty Tree Foundation for the Democratic Revolution

TransCanada has been cutting down trees just 20 feet away from the blockaders.

"TransCanada not only has shown complete disregard for the health and safety of families living along the route of its toxic pipeline its also endangering the lives of our friends in the trees by operating heavy clear-cutting machinery dangerously close to the tree blockade. This corporation has proven time and again that they are willing to plow over anything, or anyone, who stands between them and their profits."

Police threatened to tear gas and send in police dogs to attack Glen for barricading himself inside a mile-long section of the KXL pipe:

"I'm barricading this pipe with Tar Sands Blockade today to say loud and clear to the extraction industry that our communities and the resources we depend on for survival are not collateral damage. This fight in East Texas against tar sands exploitation is one and the same as our fight in the hollers of West Virginia. Dirty energy extraction doesn't just threaten my home; it threatens the collective future of the planet."

The Sky's the Limit: The Demanding Gifts of 2012

Rebecca Solnit, TomDispatch: For millions of years, this world has been a great gift to nearly everything living on it. And that gift is now being destroyed for the benefit of a few members of a single species.

[Read the Article](#)

Myron Dewey Presents

Seventh Native American Generation Magazine "SNAG"

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This is a Native Youth written Magazine. One of Digital Smoke Signals many travels across Indian Country. Many thanks to Digital Smoke Signals film crew and ...

[Native Nike by: Digital Smoke Signals](#)

www.youtube.com

[Sponsored by: Digital Smoke Signals Edited by: Myron Dewey Crew: OOkah and Isabel Actor: Happy Frejo- Happy Soul Project](#)

[Produced by Digital Smoke Signals "Drug Free Zone"](#)

www.youtube.com

[In the summer of 2009 at the Tulalip Youth Services, Digital Smoke Signals trained a group of tribal youth for a period of 8 weeks on: story-boarding, script...](#)

Missouri water to Nevada?

By [Dennis Myers](#) dennism@newsreview.com [This article was published on 12.27.12.](#)

A U.S. Interior Department report issued Dec. 12 predicts the Colorado River Basin states will experience a supply/demand “imbalance” of 3.2 million acre-feet of water within 48 years. Nevada is one of the seven states in the Basin.

In a separate project, Interior also solicited suggestions for how to solve the impending Colorado River Basin water shortage. Many of them, such as moving an iceberg south, were not taken seriously, but U.S. Bureau of Reclamation officials said they would evaluate a proposal called the “Missouri River Reuse Project” which involves a pipeline to bring water from the Missouri River Basin to the West.

The study found that the 700-mile pipeline would be less expensive and would supply more water than other proposed alternatives that were examined. Its construction would cost nearly \$9 billion with yearly operating costs of \$1 billion.

The Interior Department said in a press release that the Dec. 12 report was “prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation and the seven Colorado River Basin states,” which led the Associated Press to issue a story headlined “Missouri River water sought by Western states.”

But the report itself never mentions Nevada’s state government, which appears not to have been a participant. The report did name the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), a county-level agency, as participating. SNWA is the agency that is seeking to take water from western Utah and eastern Nevada to supply the Las Vegas area with additional water, and its director, Patricia Mulroy, was quick to embrace the Missouri pipeline, too.

“Maybe it’s time for us to look at marrying the concepts of flood control and drought protection,” the Associated Press quoted Mulroy saying. “We’ve seen in the middle portion of the country some devastating flooding going on. Should we be talking about preserving those floodwaters somehow and not putting New Orleans at risk and some of the other communities at risk year after year?”

But Bob Fulkerson of the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada said, “It’s a 19th-century project that has no place in the 21st century. Nevada has a bitter history with such projects, as the first Bureau of Reclamation ... project in Nevada, the Newlands Project that diverted water from the Truckee River to the Lahontan Valley, caused the complete extinction of the Pyramid Lake Cutthroat Trout. It also killed Lake Winnemucca, where my grandfather told me of seeing so many ducks and geese that they ‘blotted out the sun.’ It’s not only gone, it’s totally forgotten. We will fight this ill-conceived boondoggle with allies in other states, and not just those in the conservation community. Our most powerful allies will be politically powerful economic interests along the Missouri River who stand much to lose under this proposal.”

The Missouri River begins in Montana and winds through seven states, which were terminally thrilled to hear of the pipeline plan. The Kansas City Star reported, “Almost to a person this week, interests along the Missouri River said the political, legal and practical problems associated with the pipeline made its construction highly problematic.”

A CBS station in St. Louis quoted Kansas agriculture official Burke Griggs: “If this gets any traction, people in the Missouri River Basin probably will scream.”

Even Interior Secretary Ken Salazar warned the Colorado River Basin states not to count on the Missouri pipeline and urged them to look elsewhere for solutions. “There’s no silver bullet to solve the imbalance between the demand for water and the supply in the Colorado River Basin over the next 50 years,” he said.

National Parks Traveler said the pipeline proposal “largely ignores national parks the river flows through. Aside from passing mention in a list of parks, wildlife refuges, tribes, and national recreation areas for which the river is the ‘lifeblood,’ the voluminous report fails to discuss the value of the river to those 11 national parks ... and seven wildlife refuges or outline how their water rights should be preserved.”

And federal regulators are not exactly friendly these days toward water transfers. Earlier this year, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission upheld its previous denial of permitting for a pipeline from the Green River in Wyoming to Colorado’s Front Range.

The full Colorado River Basin report can be read at usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/crbstudy.html.

Carving Pumpkin Hollow

By [Ashley Hennefer](mailto:ashleyh@newsreview.com) ashleyh@newsreview.com This article was published on [12.27.12](#).

In the midst of mining opposition in Storey County and the lack of regulation for mining throughout the U.S. (“In the dark,” News, Dec. 20), Nevada’s U.S. Sens. Harry Reid and Dean Heller introduced the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act of 2012. The act will “allow the city of Yerington to work with Nevada Copper to expand its mining operation and create jobs while also providing the city with new infrastructure, job creation and recreational opportunities,” according to a statement released from Reid’s office. The mining project is called the Pumpkin Hollow Project. Lyon County’s primary industries are mining and farming.

After the bill was stalled for some time over environmental negotiations, including conservation of the endangered sage grouse, the bill was revised last weekend to encompass protection of 48,000 acres of wilderness, in exchange for 12,500 acres to be mined by Nevada Copper. The wilderness will be named the Wovoka Wilderness, after the Northern Paiute spiritual leaders associated with starting the Ghost Dance.

[Wakan Waci Blindman's video](#)

[http://www.upworthy.com/i-wish-someone-had-told-me-this-when-i-was-a-mopey-teenager?
c=upw1](http://www.upworthy.com/i-wish-someone-had-told-me-this-when-i-was-a-mopey-teenager?c=upw1)

Kivalina: A Climate Change Story

archive.truthout.org

Climate change was already affecting life in Alaska Native villages. In December 2003, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) went on to report that most of Alaska's more than two hundred native villages were affected to some degree by flooding and erosion.

War looters threaten Syria's heritage - FT.com www.ft.com

[In the destructive chaos of the civil war, Syria's archaeological heritage is disappearing piece by piece across its borders as smuggling of looted antiquities accelerates. Unesco has raised the alarm at the damage wrought to the world heritage](#)

Heavy, but interesting:

Noam Chomsky | Work, Learning and Freedom

Noam Chomsky and Michael Kasenbacher, New Left Project

Excerpt: "The social system is taking on a form in which finding out what you want to do is less and less of an option because your life is too structured, organised, controlled and disciplined."

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Small Business Resources

Reno Startup Weekend - Feb 22-24

Startup Weekend, the grassroots business-launching event, is headed to Reno. Startup Weekend seeks to pair local entrepreneurs, potential business startup owners, developers and designers with mentors and other resources, and the event's goal is to collaborate on ideas, form teams and launch new businesses. [Read More Here](#)

Five Unanswered Questions about Crowdfunding

For all the hype around small businesses raising money by selling equity stakes to individuals online, no one knows what this type of crowdfunding will actually look like. Since Congress relaxed securities laws this spring to make it easier for entrepreneurs to fund their businesses, a slew of new middlemen are trying to position themselves to benefit. [Read More Here](#)

Project Vesto Deadline Extended to 12/31

Have an idea for a business venture? Would \$100,000 help? The idea is to give budding entrepreneurs a shot at \$100,000 to take their business concept from the drawing board to reality. [Read More Here](#) [Vesto website](#)

Need to update Language Holder List

Please help me to update the Language Holder list, first developed during the Five State Tribal Library Project. Send in (asap) the names and contact info of community members that are fluent in their heritage tongue and interested in preserving this heritage. Thanks!

Man pleads guilty to smuggling, will give up \$1 million dinosaur

Sapa-AP | 28 December, 2012 07:09

A Florida fossils dealer pleaded guilty to smuggling charges Thursday and agreed to give up a celebrated \$1 million dinosaur skeleton seized by the U.S. government earlier this year for its eventual return to Mongolia.

Eric Prokopi, 38, said he would surrender the 70 million-year-old Tyrannosaurus bataar skeleton known as "Ty" and give up any claims to six other dinosaurs and various other bones in a cooperation deal that might win him leniency from charges that carry a potential prison sentence of up to 17 years.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Martin S. Bell read a list of the dinosaurs to Magistrate Judge Ronald L. Ellis, saying a second substantially complete Tyrannosaurus skeleton was found at Prokopi's Gainesville, Florida, home while a third was believed to be in Great Britain.

Bell said the government will also get to keep a Chinese flying dinosaur that Prokopi illegally imported; a skeleton of a Saurolophus, a duckbilled, plant eating dinosaur from the late Cretaceous period; and two Oviraptor skeletons, one found at Prokopi's home and the other at another residential dwelling in Florida. The Oviraptors have parrot-like skulls.

"It's among the larger dinosaur shopping lists you'll see today," Bell told the magistrate judge.

In a release, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said: "Fossils and ancient skeletal remains are part of the fabric of a country's natural history and cultural heritage, and black marketers like Prokopi who illegally export and sell these wonders, steal a slice of that history. We are pleased that we can now begin the process of returning these prehistoric fossils to their countries of origin."

The government accused Prokopi of smuggling bones into the country illegally from Mongolia before assembling them into a skeleton that was sold by Dallas-based Heritage Auctions for \$1.05 million, a deal that was suspended pending the outcome of litigation. The government said the dinosaur skeleton was mislabeled as reptile bones from Great Britain.

Prokopi remains free on bail pending a sentencing scheduled for April 25. After his plea Thursday, he immediately went with prosecutors to their offices without commenting.

In a statement last spring, Prokopi defended his handling of the dinosaur, saying the value of the bones was labeled much lower than the eventual auction price because "it was loose, mostly

broken bones and rocks with embedded bones. It was not what you see today, a virtually complete, mounted skeleton."

Prokopi pleaded guilty to conspiracy for importing the Chinese flying dinosaur, entry by goods by means of false statements for importing Mongolian dinosaurs and one count of interstate and foreign transportation of goods converted and taken by fraud.

In describing his crimes, Prokopi said he wrote an email to a fossils dealer in China in 2010, instructing him to mislabel customs documents to make it appear that the bones of a Chinese flying dinosaur were worth less than they were.

He said that from 2010 to 2012, he arranged for shipments of fossils from Mongolia to be described in customs documents as if their country of origin were Great Britain.

The magistrate judge asked Prokopi if the country of origin on the documents was an important fact.

"Well, apparently," Prokopi said, prompting a brief discussion between the prosecutor and Prokopi's defense lawyer.

Afterwards, Prokopi said the labeling of the relics was purposefully "vague and misleading so that they didn't bring attention to the shipment."

The magistrate judge asked him what would have happened if he had labeled them accurately.

"Probably nothing," Prokopi said, pausing and then adding, "or it may not have been allowed to be imported."

Grants Available to Improve Lake Tahoe Water Quality KTVU 2 News

The Nevada Division of State Lands (NDL) announces available funding from the Lake Tahoe Water Quality and Erosion Control Grants Program to implement Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) projects on the Nevada side of the Lake Tahoe Basin. This includes water quality and stream environment zone (SEZ) restoration and enhancement projects. Non-state agency applicants must provide a minimum 25% matching funds.

from Dennis M:

Dec 28 **On this date** in **1899** fourteen cases of smallpox were reported at the Stewart Indian School south of Carson City