

**Journal #2755**

**from sdc**

**12.31.12**

*Idle No More Snippets*

*2012: Year of Indigenous Resistance in Mexico*

*Libraries See Opening as Bookstores Close*

*DEBATE Do We Still Need Libraries?*

*Ak-Chin Community Library and Education Center opens its doors (2009)*

*Nez Perce Tribe Works to Re-Introduce Coho Salmon to Idaho*

*Some interesting "haps" in 2012*

[Carolyn Harry](#)

**"We're phone bombing Harper's office today in support of Idle No More: 613-992-4211. They actually answer the phone and their annoyed tone is an absolute delight. Please Re-post Everyone should make a phone call. They are answering." Repost from a B.C. sis,..take a few minutes to call. Idle No More**

[Carolyn Harry](#) updated her status: "--A weakening Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, now into day 20 of her hunger strike, issued a "call to arms" Tomorrow's Monday..we need to inundate calls to the White House and Legislators. They need to pressure Prime Minister Harper..."

[Weakening Attawapiskat Chief Spence issues 'call to arms' | APTN National News aptn.ca](#)

By Jorge Barrera APTN National News OTTAWA--A weakening Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, now into day 20 of her hunger strike, issued a "call to arms" Sunday during a rare press conference outside her snow-covered teepee on Victoria Island.

[Idle No More: As Theresa Spence's hunger-strike continues, pressure mounts on Harper | Canadian Poli news.nationalpost.com](#)

If the PM doesn't meet with her and 'Chief Spence dies, he will be forever remembered as someone too proud to do the right thing. Worst, he would never forgive himself,' former Ontario Lieutenant-Governor James Bartleman said

[Idle No More - Aamjiwnaang Nation, Sarnia, Ontario](#)

Join my cause: Idle No More from Loika Kane on Facebook  
This is a cause I really believe in. Join me in supporting it.

Carolyn Harry

The World continues to watch Prime Minister Harper. We support Chief Spence, day 18, while remembering Wounded Knee. Video Footage from Dave N Larisa Jim,

[IDEO0006](#) Length: 1:19

[Misty Stump's photo](#)

**[Loika Kane](#)**

Pesa Yongona Good Evening! What an awesome day! I was so proud to sing and dance for the Canadian People. Everyone there was so happy to be a part of the movement. FYI Reno PD had no problem with us singing and dancing. Now why wasn't it that way at Meadowood Mall the other evening. Much to be proud of! Loved the Idle No More Song. Perhaps someone can post the words. It was most awesome! Thanks to all the drummers who came, thanks for the Great Basin Round Dance singers and special thanks to the one jingle dress dancer that came in her regalia (Ashley) and to all the rest of you. You were great! Summer Dressler, an RSIC youth, did an excellent job in speaking with the media and developing a petition that will be sent to President Obama regarding Chief Spence. As you must know, our words and actions are very powerful! Those who lived in the 70's had AIM to light the fire - to encourage our People to be proud of who they are, to respect the wisdom of the elders, to encourage all to keep their native languages and cultures alive. Today is our day and we have the Idle No More movement! It has ignited a fire among our people that is so powerful. It has unified our people to action. Our native people are very compassionate people. We care about others. We care what happens to our brothers and sisters to the north (and the south). We are doing what we can to show them that we support them in their efforts to build a better future for themselves and their people. I know they appreciate all the efforts being made throughout the US as well as the efforts going on around the world! Prayers for Chief Spence and the indigenous people of Canada! We love you! Now it's off to sleep I go. Pesa Uwe!

[Jan Gardipe](#) 5,000,000 Strong! Indigenous around the world Idle No More! Aho!

Bucky Harjo via Bev Sappier-Paul

Idle No More Wabanaki Nation

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

The voices of Aboriginal people have been the loudest against the changes introduced with Bill C--45 Canadian Parliament.. this is an issue that will impact ...

even in the middle of crisis, we still turn to humor!!!!!!!!!!

sacred run

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Tito participates in a sacred run.

[Daniel Yang's video](#)

[Dec 29, 2012 3:51pm](#)

[Carolyn Harry](#) shared [Betsy Turtle Bruyere's video](#) Women's Warrior Song IDLE NO MORE,...

[Women's Warrior Song IDLE NO MORE, Vancouver](#)

Myron Dewey

Alright Indian Country on FB, your task is to forward "Idle No More" information, videos and pictures to all the entertainers, actors and people throughout the world.

[www.digitalsmokesignals.com](http://www.digitalsmokesignals.com) supports "Idle No More"

Matt Remle Bro, you hear that Justin Bieber went on a rant supporting IdleNoMore and bashing Harper @ a 62000+ concert? Never heard the kids music before, but i can respect that. about an hour ago via mobile · Like · 1

Carolyn Harry

Across the nation, strength from awesome singers and songs. Nothing stronger or felt than Indian people singing songs meant and FOR Indian people.

### **Idle No More Flash Mob Round Dance - Missoula, Montana - Decem...**

Southgate Mall will never EVER be the same again after what happened there today. Before we started singing, I just handed my camera and whoever took the camera is who recorded. Thanks to my cameraman Bruce would bitched out me, I had to act fast whoever recorded this...thank you so much!

Originally it was supposed to be one song, but then the feeling was there and it became two. I am honored to say we took part in the Idle No More Flash Mobs in apart of this Round Dance Revolution. Sang hard for those who are in hunger strikes, and sang hard for our Canadian family. I think it's great how one thing can lead to a series of chain events. We're not trying to do out do each other at all, all we are is just singing and lending our support to our Canadian family who need it. I personally think after 2013 starts up, every city who took part in this should do another one. Big thank you to the people who showed to sing, dance, spectate, held signs, and the non-Natives weren't "scared" or "annoyed" by this. I even had a black guy say to me, "That was so f'n great. I wish we had a cultural identity to where we can stand up for rights the right way on." Like I posted earlier..."BEST DAY EVER!!!" Length: 10:52

### **Academics in Solidarity with Chief Spence and Idle No More** [academicsinsolidarity.wordpress.com](http://academicsinsolidarity.wordpress.com)

Supporting Decolonization and Indigenous Rights

### **Idle No More rail blockade affects thousands: Propane industry**

[www.torontosun.com](http://www.torontosun.com)The Canadian Propane Association is urging officials to stop a CN rail blockade at Aamjiwnaang First Nation that will threaten thousands of Canadians if it continues.

Carolyn Harry shared a link President Obama: Call Prime Minister...: "Please Sign and Share Thru email and Facebook. Our leaders need to answer to us and are just as responsible if anything happens to Chief Spence. They cannot ignore what's in the bill."

President Obama: Call Prime Minister Harper ask him to STOP Canadian Bill C-45 and meet with Chief S [signon.org](http://signon.org)

I just signed a petition to The Nevada State House, The Nevada State Senate, Governor Brian Sandoval, The United States House of Representatives, The United States Senate, and President Barack Obama: Mr. President Obama I ask that you personally call Prime Minister Stephen Harper and request him to ...

## 'Idle No More' Sweeps Canada and Beyond as Aboriginals Say Enough Is Enough

*David P. Ball, Indian Country Today*

Ball reports: "Indigenous activists used social media websites to organize round dances, highway blockades, protests and ceremonies from east to west of the country." [READ MORE](#)

\*\*\*\*\*

## 2012: Year of Indigenous Resistance in Mexico

Posted on: 27/12/2012 by [Kent Paterson](#)

Once again, the international press-and a good deal of the Mexican one-missed the real story coming out of the Mayan heartland. Zoomed in on the completion of the ancient Mayan calendar and the media-hyped, predicted end of the world December 21, the corporate show boys did not notice or grasp the significance of the silent mobilization that occurred on the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas.

In a almost step-by-step replay of their New Years' Day 1994 uprising, tens of thousands of masked and uniformed members of the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) marched in military formation into five Chiapas towns.

A big difference between this year's action and the one nearly 19 years ago is that the Mayan Zapatistas of 2012 did not carry guns or utter words. And according to Proceso magazine, their numbers this year- estimated between 30,000 and 50,000 people- were many-fold greater than the several thousand fighters who launched the 1994 revolt on the day that the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) went into effect.

The emblematic Zapatista spokesperson Subcomandante Marcos, who mysteriously vanished from the public limelight during the past four years, delivered a brief but ironic message issued by the EZLN's Clandestine Revolutionary Indigenous Committee-General Command that declared in part, "Did your hear? This is the sound of your world being torn down, and of ours resurging..."

In one swift move, the Zapatista's reappearance laid to rest widespread rumors of Marcos' and the movement's demise.

"Thousands of young men and women who represent the new cadres of the EZLN paraded," wrote Proceso writers Jose Gil Olmos and Isain Mandujano. "They were born or grew up after 1994 when the insurgent group burst on the political scene in the days that Carlos Salinas Gortari was announcing the entrance of Mexico to the First World..."

The Zapatistas' "Mayan Apocalypse" march also fell on the eve of another important date-the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Acteal massacre in Chiapas, when 45 Mayan men, women and children were slaughtered by paramilitaries originally organized and coordinated by the Mexican armed forces as part of a counterinsurgency plan.

The EZLN's public reemergence could be interpreted as a message to new President Enrique Peña Nieto and his PRI party to not attempt a repeat of an earlier PRI administration's counterinsurgency scheme, and to comply with the 1996 San Andres accords, an agreement recognizing the rights of Mexico's indigenous peoples which was reached between the government and Zapatistas but never respected by the former.

The Zapatista mobilization is far from the exception in 21<sup>st</sup> century Mexico. From north to south and from east to west, many of Mexico's estimated 15 million indigenous people have spent a milestone year immersed in a thousand battles to recover ancestral homelands, organize community-based security and justice systems, face down foreign mining and energy companies and, like the Zapatistas' Good Government Councils in Chiapas, carve out autonomous zones of political power.

In the process they're showing the world alternative paths in implementing community security and justice institutions, furthering grassroots participation in governance and striking the proper balance between economic development and environmental protection.

In the states of Michoacan and Guerrero, more and more indigenous communities are taking security matters into their hands. Besieged by organized crime, the Purepecha community of Urapicho, Michoacan, followed the lead this fall of their neighbors in Cheran by posting armed guards and erecting barricades at the entrance to the small town.

Similar actions were soon reported in neighboring Guerrero state, where indigenous communities in the municipality of Olinala reclaimed their security. The latest citizen uprisings dovetail in many ways with the community policing and justice movement that first arose in Guerrero in the mid-1990s following the Zapatista revolt to the south. .

Unlike law enforcement and justice systems devised in state capitals, Mexico City and foreign nations, the community police/justice model hails from the bottom up and is rooted in indigenous customs. Typically, the lightly-armed police officers are locals who are selected through community recommendation and consensus. Alternative justice is often meted out through community service and victim restitution as opposed to incarceration.

At last month's 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony for the Coordinating Council of Regional Authorities (CRAC), the leadership body of Guerrero's community police, at least 23 new communities announced they were enlisting in the movement.

The pledges bring to more than 100 indigenous communities in 13 municipalities of the Costa Chica and La Montana zones of Guerrero participating in community policing. Upwards of 1,200 community police officers joined with supporters from Cheran, Olinala and Mexican social movements like the Other Campaign at the gathering. Speakers linked the movement to fights for cultural survival, economic justice, self-determination and autonomy, and protection of Mother Earth from mining and other forms resource exploitation.

“For us, justice implies the possibility of having health, education and the strengthening of our cultures...,” Felicitas Martinez Solano, CRAC councilor, was quoted in La Jornada.

### **Defending communities and the earth**

Opposition to new mining operations by Canadian and other foreign capitalists is at the forefront of many indigenous struggles across Mexico. In November, for instance, 5,000 indigenous residents of Zautla, Puebla, demanded the closure of the Chinese-run JDC Minerals mine, contending the facility will contaminate springs, crops and soil, as well as harm human health. “No to the mine, yes to life!” chanted the protesters.

In northern Mexico’s Sierra Tarahumara country, the indigenous Raramuri people are increasingly active in defending their lands from illegal loggers, tourism developers and other encroachers.

Earlier this year, Raramuri litigants won a major victory in Mexico’s Supreme Court when the justices ruled that indigenous residents had a constitutional right to participate in the Copper Canyon Trust Fund, an organization spearheading tourism development in the Sierra Tarahumara of Chihuahua state.

The high court’s members also noted that relevant national law is similar to the International Labor Organization’s Convention No.169, which protects the rights of indigenous communities and tribal peoples. Mexico is among 22 nations that have ratified the international agreement. The United States is not one of them.

However, the issue of genuine indigenous participation in decisions affecting their homeland is far from resolved.

In a September letter to Chihuahua Governor Cesar Duarte, three Raramuri leaders from the communities of Huetosachi, Bacajipare and Mogotovo explained why they were boycotting a government-sponsored meeting. Maria Monarca Lazaro and the other Raramuri spokespersons asserted that recent tourism projects in the Copper Canyon region had brought land speculation, increased drug and alcohol abuse, marginalization of traditional crafts sellers, and water shortages, among other negative impacts.

The letter demanded a temporary halt to tourism, logging and resource extraction projects; the resolution or expedition of Raramuri land claims in the courts; and the release of pertinent information about development plans so Raramuri leaders could adequately discuss the issues with community members.

“We want the decisions we take to be respected,” the letter concluded. “Our way of life tells us that decisions can’t be made on their own; we have to take our people into account.”

### **Resistance in the NAFTA region**

The surge in Mexican indigenous activism comes at a time of mounting resistance by the aboriginal peoples of the other NAFTA member nations. In the U.S, indigenous communities are battling against the KeystoneXL Pipeline, proposed new uranium mines and coal-fired power

plants. In Canada, meanwhile, a national uprising called Idle No More, named after a poem by former American Indian Movement leader John Trudell, is taking hold against government attempts to curtail treaty concessions, exploit lands and assimilate First Nation's peoples into the melting pot of Canadian capitalism.

Like earlier periods in history, the lands of indigenous peoples in Mexico, Canada and throughout the hemisphere are the coveted prize of outsiders profiting from economic booms elsewhere. Only this time they are doing it under a free trade regime that allows capital to move much easier across borders.

In a statement that echoes sentiments of indigenous activists in Mexico and across the Americas, Idle No More calls on "all people to join a revolution which honors and fulfills Indigenous sovereignty, which protects the land and water." The new movement concludes:

"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 toward justice in action, and protect Mother Earth."

Demanding a serious hearing of long-standing grievances of Canadian First Nations, Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence declared a hunger strike this month in the national capital of Ottawa until a meeting was held with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, whose conservative government has promoted the recent spike in Canadian mining investment in Mexico and Latin America, an expansion which has often been accompanied by controversy and violence.

In Mexico, indigenous activists frequently continue to be the target of violence and repression. Among the latest suspected victims is Celodonio Monroy Prudencio, Nahua defender of the Manatlan Biosphere Reserve from illegal loggers in the borderlands of Jalisco and Colima states.

The director of indigenous affairs for the municipality of Cuatitlan in Jalisco, Monroy was taken away from his home last October 23 by a group of heavily-armed men dressed in military-style uniforms, according to his wife Blanca Estela, who reportedly witnessed the forced disappearance. "We don't know anything, (officials) don't know anything, and when I ask them they say they don't know..." she later told La Jornada's Jalisco edition.

Despite the ongoing and historic repression directed against them, Mexico's indigenous communities push forward in defense of their lands, their cultures and their ecosystems.

The year 2012 reminded the world of the relevance of the slogan that was popularized after that New Year's Day nearly two decades ago when the Zapatista National Liberation Army burst into history: "Never a Mexico without Us!"

**Kent Paterson** is a freelance journalist who covers the southwest of the United States, Mexico, and Latin America and a regular contributor to the CIP Americas Program at [www.cipamericas.org](http://www.cipamericas.org).

\*\*\*\*\*

## [Libraries See Opening as Bookstores Close](#)

By KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

As librarians struggle with the task of redefining their roles in a digital age, many are seeing an opportunity to fill the void created by the loss of traditional bookstores.

\*\*\*\*\*

ROOM FOR DEBATE [Do We Still Need Libraries?](#)

What are libraries for, and how should they evolve?

\*\*\*\*\*

### **Ak-Chin Community Library and Education Center opens its doors (2009)**

[View Related Photos](#)[Story by R. Miguel](#)

For many in attendance who grew up in the Ak-Chin Community in the late 60's to early 70's, the grand opening of the Ak-Chin Community Library and Education Center (O'ohon Neokculid c Mascama Vemdada Ki) was a reality that many thought they'd never see.

That sentiment was echoed by Vera Antone, who back in the 70's was Director of the Community Center, which housed the Ak-Chin Early Childhood Development Program Preschool. "I'm glad that I'm still alive to see that this building has finally opened" said Antone. "We needed this building a long time ago, because we always wanted a place for our kids to go and read books and to learn as much as they could. It's a beautiful building and I'm sure that our kids will come and learn all that they can."

A number of guests, dignitaries, guest speakers, community employees and community members gathered in the parking area as Joseph Enos blessed the building, prior to guest speakers giving comments.

Speakers included: Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Phil Entz of Urban Tech, HUD Representative Janis Calvin, Ak-Chin Capital Projects Manager Jayne Long, Chip Shay of SSPW Architect, Doyle Garrett and Jeff Lopez of Norquay Construction, Jana Narcia, Education Director, former Ak-Chin Chairperson Delia Carlyle, Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum Director Elaine Peters, Mary Villegas from the Arizona State Library and Library Director Melanie Toledo.

Each expressed their excitement of the opening "of a building that will give our community the opportunity to educate themselves" according to Peters. As the moment finally arrived for the ribbon cutting ceremony, the crowd made their way to the main entrance where Vera Antone, with the help of Vice-Chairman Lopez officially cut the ribbon and the opening of the doors.

Two separate ribbons were propped on the doors leading to the Library and Education building, cutting ribbons to open the Library were Little Mr. & Miss Ak-Chin, Angelo Luz and Sharon Carlyle and for the Education was Miss Ak-Chin Ashley Vincent.

People poured into both buildings in amazement of how wonderful each looked and the potential and hope it gave the community for a brighter future. After viewing the entire building, Vera Antone sat comfortably in the lobby and couldn't help but become somewhat emotional when



asked to think about how far the community has come from when the library was in a small setting in the old Community Center.

"I just wished that the people who I've worked with like Lena (Enos), Charlette (Enos) and Melissa (Romo) were here to see what they probably dreamed about," she said. "But I know they're probably looking down at us right now and are very happy."

\*\*\*\*\*

***Was trying to include a picture of the new Elko Colony Education bldg here but having a tempermental computer today. Congratulations, Elko!***

\*\*\*\*\*

*(This entry was blipped somewhere and just came back. sdc)*

**[Wesley Dick's photo.](#)**

Kwassuh let his attorney go and defended himself against the u.s. citations/trespass/driving off road/unauthorized area on the wildlife refuge in May 2011. Kwassuh wore 4 eagle tail feathers in his hair/a ribbon shirt/a medicine bag/eaglebone whistle/eagle staff/eagle wing fan/into the courtroom in November to face the u.s. charges. Kwassuh never sat down on his side of the courtroom and stood upright the entire time holding the eagle staff and medicine bag. When asked to approach the bench next to the judge, Kwassuh had his eagle fan, eagle staff, and medicine bag in hand with him. Kwassuh talked for 2 hours in Reno District Court. ALL U.S. CHARGES WERE DISMISSED.

\*\*\*\*\*

<http://earthfix.opb.org/water/article/coho-return-to-idaho-waters-thanks-to-extraordinar/>

**Video: Nez Perce Tribe Works to Re-Introduce Coho Salmon to Idaho**

**Dec. 27, 2012 | Boise State Public Radio/Idaho Public Television**

**CONTRIBUTED BY: [Aaron Kunz](#)**

## **Related Articles**

**[Bringing Back Idaho Salmon](#) by [Aaron Kunz](#)**

**[Restoring An Extinct Salmon Species](#) by [Aaron Kunz](#)**

**[National Rivers Initiative In The Northwest Puts Emphasis On Salmon Habitat](#)**

by [Aaron Kunz](#)

Aaron Penney is a Nez Perce tribal hatchery manager. He was one of the handful of tribal members who in 1995 smuggled lower Columbia River coho eggs into Idaho. | credit: Aaron Kunz | *rollover image for more*

Idaho's coho salmon were never listed as endangered before they went extinct in 1987. Very few people noticed when the fish were gone. The Nez Perce Tribe noticed. And thanks to the tribe's extraordinary efforts - including smuggled salmon eggs and armed guards - [coho are once again returning by the thousands to Idaho waters.](#)

\*\*\*\*\*

## Some interesting “haps” in 2012

**Feb 17th** - Approximately 70 ancient Olympic artifacts are stolen from the Archaeological Museum of Greece

**Feb 18th** - Kateri Tekakwitha canonized as the first native American saint

**Feb 28th** - Discovery of the largest prehistoric penguin, Kairuku grebneffi, at nearly 5ft tall

**Mar 13th** - Encyclopedia Britannica announces that it will no longer public printed versions of its encyclopedia

**Apr 12th** - Bodleian, Oxford University and Vatican libraries announce over 1.5 million pages of ancient texts will be made available across the internet

**May 7th** - Paeleoclimatological research claims dinosaur flatulence may have warmed the earth

**May 12th** - The discovery of a missing Mayan calender piece disproves 2012 Armageddon

**Jun 7th** - 16th century archaeology remains of the Curtain Theatre, where some of Shakespeare's plays were first performed, were found under a pub in London

\*\*\*\*\*