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Inspired by the Idle No More uprising? Touched to see friends at today's circle in downtown Reno? Want to find out more? Come to the Teach-In this Thursday, 6 pm, at the UNR Student Union Theater. This movement for our Earth needs allies.

[Idle No More - Teach In](http://www.scribd.com) www.scribd.com



[Mike Villeneuve's photo](#) My brother Dave Villeneuve's friend Steve Gerecke, a well-known Ottawa-based photographer, took this shot today; this woman, a FN Chief, was part of today's procession and she was banging on these doors attempting to get access, or draw attention somehow, and then she just stopped and began to sob. Captures some of the day (and the pain behind it) so deeply. Credit and thanks to Steve Gerecke for the great photograph.



Attaboy Johnny! Idle No More! This makes Mr. Depp so much more sexy..

(Ed note: LaDonna still knows how to pick 'em. sdc)

[Idle No More](#) marches in Ottawa on Friday, part of a global day of action. This movement has serious momentum!

http://abcnews.go.com/ABC_Univision/idle-native-american-protest-canada-gains-latino-support/story?id=18192154





[IDLE NO MORE RENO NEVADA 1 12 13](https://www.youtube.com)
www.youtube.com
Some video clips of IDLE NO MORE in Reno, Nevada

Carolyn Harry

Great Basin tribes stand strong in solidarity and in bringing awareness to the devastating Canadian Bill 45.. Strong message now that we know Harper will not rescind the bill...Zidle No More ! Proud of all who sang and ddnced and thanks [Kailauni Nani H](#), great signs!

Loika Kane



Sorry FB Fam and Friends. FB won't let me load my album of today's Idle No More event in downtown Reno so I'll try again tomorrow. The pictures came out aw-ite! Not the best I've ever taken but gives you an insight on the event. Wish me luck for tomorrow! By the way, it was great standing with each and every one of you for Chief Spence and the indigenous people of Canada. I wanted to thank the Pomo gentleman for coming and singing his Women's Blessing song. It was beautiful! And to all the brothers and sisters that offered songs or sang with us today, you did great! With more upcoming Idle events, we can only become stronger warriors for the people. Be sure to put on your calendar the Idle No More Teach In happening on the UNR campus on Thurs, Jan 17, 6pm, Joe Crowley Student Union Theatre. Thanks to Deb Harry for organizing that. We all need to get educated on the treaties and govt bills that have brought us to this point.

[#IDLENOMORE J-11 2013 EARTH REVOLUTION by TA'KAIYA BLANEY](#)

www.youtube.com

[January 11th at City Hall. :\) Video by: Damien Bouchard](#)



Spain Idle No More - Warning Canada against Political Prisons and supporting our Tribes against Canada Tyranny!



[Native News Network's photo](#)



More meetings, but no changes, they've "constitutionally met they're (their) obligation...."

Harper promises future meetings with First Nations leadership www.canada.com

OTTAWA – They'll meet again. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and aboriginal leaders didn't see eye to eye on everything at their talks on Friday but they have agreed he'll meet again with the national chief of the Assembly of First [...]

Breaking News: Harper has finally agreed to modernize and implement the ancient treaties that were

always supposed to bring peace and prosperity to First Nations. Read Story- Watch Meeting Photos Here ==>> <http://bit.ly/>

Harper-gives-illusion-of-consultation-with-First-Nations-Activist

AFN releases 8 items of consensus they presented to PM Harper at today's meeting. <http://www.ammsa.com/publications/windspeaker/afn-releases-8-items-consensus-presented-pm-harper>

Shelli A Yellowbird Exactly which is why only 20 Chiefs across

Canada met with him yesterday, the others some 300 or so boycotted...He had no intention to come in and put our people's needs on the table...My father in law called it..he said, "nothing will come out of this meeting"...and nothing did...Guess we get ready for Round 2...

Monique Graham as time goes the cause grows stronger they need to figure out no one is going away.

Feel free to share and use this image :)

Idle No More protests go on, gearing up for larger events - Canada - CBC News www.cbc.ca

A day after First Nations chiefs held what was described as a working meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa, Idle No More protests are

continuing in communities across Canada.

White Wolf: Harper gives illusion of consultation with First Nations: Activist



Poverty can strip you of pride and hope.
Infirmity can deprive you of basic dignity.
Heartbreak can empty out your soul.
Loss can leave you broken.

These are the way stations of life. The stopping points that absolutely demand our attention. If we fail to notice, or to give our full presence, we can be gripped by the emotions, the dull ache of these things and they can become our lives, our children's lives and theirs.

Or we can stop grinding it out and listen.

Your spirit is speaking. The world whispers. The wind softly breathes and all life speaks in quiet tones.

Quiet and firm.

Enough.

Enough suffering, you've got the lesson. Maybe things won't or can't change, but you can. You've got the lesson, now transform.

Transform your vision, transform your heart. Transform your perception of the world around you and it will change. It must change.

Rise.

Rise now, at last.

Wipe your tears. Remember your strength. Recover your smile and let laughter fly.

Rise.

Raise your head for you are noble.

Give of yourself for you are abundant.

Lift others for you are strong. A strength that grows with responsibility shouldered.

Share your joy for you are immersed in the bubbling glee of the beautiful universe.

Too long have you walked in shadow and sorrow, in hopelessness, uselessness, and pain.

Accept it all!

And put everything in its proper place.

Be. Here. Now.

And Rise.

You have a purpose. You have a reason.

Find it.

It will change.

And you must find it again. Every day.

Every day is new and unknown and untold and amazing.

Just like you.

Speak your life into being and jump to action.

Serve, Serve, Serve.

Happiness is found in love and patience.

Learn. It's the delight of the mind. And the mind wants to dance.

Into the wild! Away from screens and signals and noise and bustle!

Into the wild and renew, reconnect, and remember.

And Rise.
You have been Idle too long. Idle no more.
Hope was never naiveté, just as cynicism never was wisdom.
Your time, no matter your age, education, ability or circumstance...is Right. Now.
My prayer for you is that you stand.
And sometimes you'll stand alone. But never truly alone.
If you are honest, true, humble, loving, respectful, courageous and wise...all things will work to guide you.
So Rise. Rise at last.
It's your time.
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Words & Art: Aaron Paquette

I was asked to make reproductions available, so here they are:

If you want a t-shirt, poster, sticker, whatever...

<http://www.redbubble.com/people/halfbreed/works/9825836-rise-idle-no-more-by-aaron-paquette>

[Idlenomore: Okanagan Nation.](#)

Jan 11, 2013 9:26am Thousands march in Ottawa #IdleNoMore!!! Length: 1:02

Carolyn Harry via Tom BK Goldtooth

Great point. Looking at more complex answers to "why?" She makes a great point - stand strong with knowledge, we can't get lost with the experiences that always follow, racism, personal attacks..etc. Those reactions are easy to get caught up in..this video was made by her of her uncles interview to help keep us all educated...

Breaking Down the Indian Act with Russell Diabo www.youtube.com

-Follow Russell Diabo at <http://twitter.com/russdiabo> -First Nations Strategic Bulletin http://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/201/300/first_nations_strategic_bulletin...

[Pro Media Marginalization of First Nations, hate and racism](#) tobtr.com

This past week several mainstream media showed their true hearts and colors when they viciously attacked Chief Theresa Spence. Tried to fan flames to get peaceful protests to escalate, made snotty commentary of no value other than stroking their own egos and trying to underhandily incite hate agai...

[Millennials Occupy TransCanada Offices Across the US](#)

Candice Bernd, Campus Progress: On Monday, Tar Sands Blockade activists stormed a Texas TransCanada company office. Solidarity actions took place in other states, including actions at banks known to have investments in the Alberta tar sands.

[Read the Article](#)



Like if you smile :)

[Diane Jones](#) shared [Proud Single Moms's photo](#).

Moms, did you enter to get your \$10K Yet? Spend it on tuition, books, bills, rent and other expenses during school. Free registration ends Jan 15th: Click this link –

www.proudsinglemoms.com/freescholarship/

Nevada Women's Fund grant applications are open.

Non-profits looking for resources should apply

[Grants & Scholarships](#) www.nevadawomensfund.org

[The Nevada Women's Fund 2013 grant application is now available. Funding Guidelines: The Nevada Women's Fund provides grant funding for existing projects and/or start-up grants for new and emerging organizations and projects that demonstrate promise for success and sustainability. The NWF does not g...](#)

Seeking a Camera Operator with own equipment for a low-budget music video shoot here in Reno. Goal is to produce for and IN this town! FB/message me IF you have experience. There is pay.

Cutt Films; Upcoming music video, looking for females, 'James Bond' types. There is pay. Contact Toni Suttie at Integrity Casting (323.1515). Casino Shoot 01/18/2013

Is Genetically Modified Salmon Safe to Eat?

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/martha-rosenberg/genetically-modified-salmon_b_2257018.html

Many are hoping that [AquAdvantage salmon \(AAS\)](#), often referred to as a "Frankenfish," is not approved by the FDA. The genetically modified salmon, created by Boston-based AquaBounty Technologies, is created to grow twice as fast as wild Atlantic salmon -- reaching its full size in [18 months](#) instead of three years. It was created by inserting genetic material from Chinook salmon and ocean pout into wild Atlantic salmon. No wonder it's called a Frankenfish.

Ninety-five to 99 percent of AAS are sterile, said AquaBounty at [FDA hearings in 2010](#), so they are unlikely to breed and threaten wild salmon stocks if they escape. (If they did breed, though, it could be Jurassic Park-like since AAS eat five times more food than wild salmon and have less

fear of predators, according to background materials.) Nor is 1 to 5 percent a small amount considering the 15 million eggs AquaBounty plans to grow: that could amount to 750,000 fertile fish.

To prevent such risks, AquaBounty told an FDA advisory committee it plans to grow the eggs at a facility on Prince Edward Island in Canada, where escapees could not survive. "Water from the facility, including effluent from all floor drains, fish tanks and egg incubators, eventually discharges" into a tidal river that flows into the Gulf of Lawrence, says the AquaAdvantage [FDA briefing package](#). Because water temperatures in the winter months are very low and the water has a high salinity, "it is highly unlikely that early life stages of any Atlantic salmon at the facility would be able to survive if they were able to escape."

But escapes into the Gulf of Lawrence is not the only risk. AquaBounty also has safety plans for the adult salmon, which it plans to grow out and slaughter in the country of Panama because that environment is also hostile to survival. "In the lower reaches of the watershed, the water temperature is in the range of 26 to 28 degrees Celsius, near the upper incipient lethal level for Atlantic salmon," says the FDA report. "As a result, it is extremely unlikely that AquaAdvantage Salmon would ever be able to survive and migrate to the Pacific Ocean."

In the FDA briefing report, AquaAdvantage salmon were also found to have high incidences of "jaw erosion" and "focal inflammation" (infection), though the defects are said to be "of low magnitude and not likely to be debilitating to fish in a production setting." What about the people who eat them? The report also identified low glucose levels and a possible "increase in the level of IGF-1 [insulin-like growth factor-1] in the AquaAdvantage salmon compared to sponsor control fish."

Perhaps most troubling at the FDA hearings was AquaBounty's policy for handling dead fish in Panama. In its [Environmental Assessment report](#), it says,

As dead fish are deposited, they will be covered with caustic lime, followed by another layer of dead fish and caustic lime, and so on, until the burial pit is ~0.5 meters deep, at which point it will [be] sealed with plastic and covered with soil. Successive pits will be located at a minimum distance of 0.5-1.0 meters from those used previously; the aggregate collection of such pits will be located on high ground that is not within the 100-year flood plain... In the event that disposal capacity at the site is inadequate to handle the immediate or aggregate waste volume, alternative means of disposal will be sought.

Why are so many fish expected to die? Why would people want to eat such unhealthy fish? Why is the health of the environment, humans and fish overlooked when considering GMOs like the AquaAdvantage salmon?

The complete story of the AquaAdvantage salmon is found in Martha Rosenberg's acclaimed expose, [Born With a Junk Food Deficiency: How Flaks, Quacks and Hacks Pimp The Public Health](#) (Prometheus Books, 2012).

"Canadian water fish in Northern Manitoba not too far away manitoba hydro generating station...even killed a caribou and it had a growth in it now this is why we need to protect our waters and land "



Robert F. Kennedy Jr. | Mercury Poisoning Is a Growing Menace

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Marc A. Yaggi, Guardian UK

Kennedy and Yaggi write: "Next week, diplomats from around the world will gather in Geneva to negotiate a treaty on global emissions of mercury." [READ MORE](#)

GMO Soy Repeatedly Linked to Sterility, Infant Mortality, Birth Defects

Lisa Garber, News Analysis: The genetically modified crop soybean grown on 91 percent of U.S. soybean fields is repeatedly attributed to devastating reproductive and birth defects in animal studies. Nevertheless, the powers that be—in both the private and public spheres—continue to allow Americans to shovel GMO soy onto their dinner tables. GMO studies with troubling results are cropping up worldwide.

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Top Selling Weed Killer: Monsanto’s Roundup Linked to Infertility

Lisa Garber, News Report: Monsanto has made a pretty penny over the last several decades thanks to its top-selling herbicide, Roundup, and cash crops genetically modified to withstand heavy doses of the chemical, such as Roundup Ready corn, soy, and cotton. Meanwhile, Roundup’s key ingredient glyphosate has ravaged the earth, our food chain, and our bodies, and is even causing infertility among the masses. Its effects haven’t gone unnoticed. Purdue University professor emeritus Dr. Don Huber addressed the dangers of glyphosate to American and European officials in 2011.

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[How the Food Industry is Enabling the United States' Obesity Epidemic](#)

Danielle Moodie-Mills, News Report: Obesity has long been framed as an issue of personal responsibility. The prevailing notion has been that if people simply stop eating junk food and start eating healthy fruits and vegetables, they will maintain a healthy weight. And even though most Americans agree that obesity is a critical public health issue facing the nation—83 percent of Democrats, 71 percent of Independents and 65 percent of Republicans rank it as a “serious issue”—opinions about how personal responsibility factors into the epidemic are somewhat divided along party lines.

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Farmers Rally at White House to Protest Monsanto's GMO Empire

[Read the Article at Common Dreams](#)

Published on Friday, January 11, 2013 by [Common Dreams](#) - Jon Queally, staff writer

As court hears pivotal case for small farmers and organic seed growers, opponents to industrial agriculture speak out

Hundreds of small farmers and advocates for organic seed growers gathered outside the White House Thursday, calling on President Obama and other lawmakers to come to their aid as they continue their fight against Monsanto, one of the world's largest, most powerful—and to them sinister—industrial agriculture corporations.

(Image: Ecowatch.org) The farmers and citizens assembled demanded the end of Monsanto's "campaign of intimidation against America's family farmers" and their relentless push for GMO (or genetically engineered-GE) crops. The rally followed a court hearing earlier in the day in the ongoing and landmark [Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association et al. v. Monsanto](#) case, in which OSGATA and other plaintiffs sued the biotech firm for its continual and aggressive harassment of organic farmers and independent seed growers.

"Family farmers need and deserve the right to farm. We have a right to grow good food and good seed for our families and our communities without the threat of trespass and intimidation," Jim Gerritsen, an organic potato farmer from Maine and President of [OSGATA](#), the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit, told the enthusiastic crowd.

Since 1997, Monsanto has sued, or brought to court, more than 844 family farms over "patent infringement" after their GMO seeds spread to nearby farms. The legal battles are more than most small farmers can battle, and Monsanto's size and financial muscle make it nearly impossible for individual farmers to fight back. Many are forced to settle and submit to Monsanto sanctions.

"We need Court protection so that our families will be able to carry on our farming tradition and help keep America strong," said Gerritsen.

Those that gathered called for President Obama to fulfill his promise to support the labeling of all GMO products, and also halt pending approval of GE salmon until independent long-term safety tests can be conducted.

"America's farmers deserve to be protected from unwanted contamination of their crops and the continued harassment by biotech seed giant Monsanto," said Dave Murphy, founder and executive director of [Food Democracy Now!](#), a grassroots farmer advocacy group and plaintiff in the case.

Additionally, he said, "our current regulatory structure here in the U.S. has failed America's farmers and consumers. The Obama administration needs to do the right thing to protect our farmers and make sure that new GE crops go through rigorous safety tests," said Murphy. "It's time that President Obama live up to his campaign promise to Iowa farmers in 2007 and label genetically engineered foods. It's the least that he could do."

And the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* [reports](#):

The protest suggested an uptick in efforts to demand labeling, which was defeated in a California ballot initiative in November. Creve Coeur-based Monsanto spent at least \$8 million in an industry-wide effort to sink the California proposition.

Vermont state Sen. David Zuckerman said at the rally that he is leading an effort in his state seeking legislation requiring labeling of genetically modified food.

Organic farmers, who are pressing a lawsuit against Monsanto, often complain that their products are threatened by wind-blown pollen from genetically altered crops.

"We want and demand the right of clean seed not contaminated by a massive biotech company that's in it for the profit," Carol Koury, who operates Sow True Seeds in Asheville, N.C., said at the rally.

Complete background on the *OSGATA et al v. Monsanto* lawsuit is available [here](#).
