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*Idle No More*

"...stepping over a dying chief to shake the white man's hands"..Sharon Venne - (Cree Nation)  
Lawyer and Activist

**IdleNoMore DC - Inauguration Day Round Dance**

January 21 at 9:00am in EST  
Washington, D.C.

"Idle No More" in the language of Powhatan  
by Ian Custlow...

**Calling All Jingle Dress Dancers for the World Day of Action Jan, 28, 2013**

As Jingle Dress Dancers it is part of our responsibility to dance for those who need healing, it is also our role as women to protect our waters. Our waterways are the life blood of Mother Earth, even the smallest creek helps to filter our water and keep it clean. With out fresh water life on thi...

**Tom BK Goldtooth**

- **Please share: As discussed last night, pressure the Queen too..this is her colony..we need to inundate that level as well: You can write to Her Majesty at the following address:  
Her Majesty The Queen  
Buckingham Palace  
London SW1A 1AA**

**If you wish to write a formal letter, you can open with 'Madam' and close the letter with the form 'I have the honour to be, Madam, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant'.**

**This traditional approach is by no means obligatory. You should feel free to write in whatever style you feel comfortable.**

**Pleas to Top Canadian Officials Urged on Chief Spence Behalf -  
NativeNewsNetwork**

**[www.nativenewsnetwork.com](http://www.nativenewsnetwork.com)VICTORIA ISLAND, OTTAWA, CANADA In what may be the beginning to a tragic end of life for Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, information coming from an unnamed source tells**

1.18.update:

- **“Chief Spence is physically not doing too well so we must united as First Nations people and keep the momentum of the movement going strong... Time is precious. We CANNOT let her die,”stated Angela Bercier, Ojibwe.**
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- **“Chief Theresa Spence is getting weaker every day and time is running out,”said Claudia Julien, Metis-Wabanaki Confederacy.**
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- **“Please take a moment to send a letter to the prime minister and governor general. This is the future of our children and grandchildren.”**
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- **Contact information for Prime Minister Stephen Harper is:**
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- **Stephen Harper**
- **Office of Prime Minister**
- **80 Wellington Street**
- **Ottawa, Ontario K1A OA2**
- **Fax 613.941.6900**
- **email [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)**

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- **Contact information for Governor General David Johnston is:**
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- **Governor General David Johnston**
- **Rideau Hall**
- **1 Sussex Drive**
- **Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A1**
- **email [info@gg.ca](mailto:info@gg.ca)**

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 A MUST READ THE POWER OF  
 PRAYER !!!

This photo has been circulating. Let me tell you the story behind it.  
 Raymond Robinson of Cross Lake has been fasting alongside Theresa Spence. He's 10 hours behind her without eating. During the Jan. 11 march to Parliament Hill, I was Theresa's eagle staff carrier and made sure to walk alongside him and Jean, the other faster.



During a stop to allow those behind to catch up, Raymond crouched. Wincing, he said he wasn't feeling well. He got up and walked when the rally proceeded, but stopped again. He said he was light-headed and had a pain in his abdomen. Police asked if he wanted a ride back to camp but he said no. He recovered a bit and marched on.

A block later, he stopped again. I thought for sure he wouldn't be able to go any further. The whole rally stopped, the organizer saying "We won't leave a warrior behind." Then the organizer called for women drummers to come up. Within a minute we were encircled by these women, singing for Raymond. I stood behind him and a woman asked me to move. She had her hand extended toward him. I'm praying for him, she said. Another woman smudged him with sage.

The song stopped. Raymond got up for a second but bent back down. It wasn't looking good. Then he stood up again. He looked behind and put his arm in the air, acknowledging the crowd and telling them he was OK.

He never showed weakness again during the march and proceeded with the rally with more energy than I had seen him, shouting "You can't stop me, Harper" and the like. He went on to deliver a speech at Parliament Hill.

It was amazing to see that, the power of the women and the drums. I'll never forget it.

By Lenny Carpenter

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151191048307447&set=a.10150238218407447.319132.500712446&type=1&theater>

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**Indigenous Women Take the Lead in Idle No More**  
*Kristin Moe, YES! Magazine*

Moe reports: "Motivated by ancient traditions of female leadership as well as their need for improved legal rights, First Nations women are stepping to the forefront of the Idle No More movement." [READ MORE](#)

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## **Actions across Canada protest gov't attacks on Aboriginal rights**

**BY ANNETTE KOURI AND KATY LEROUGETEL**

CORNWALL, Ontario—Some 500 people blocked the International Bridge here linking Canada and the U.S. through Akwesasne First Nation territory Jan. 5.

The action was one of many across Canada to protest recently adopted federal Bill C-45 and other laws, which give Ottawa increased powers to dispose of Native reserve land, and weaken environmental protection for thousands of waterways.

Half of Canada's 1.2 million Aboriginal population—who identify themselves as North American Indian, Métis or Inuit—live in rural areas.

Protesters voiced support for Northern Ontario First Nation Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, who has been on a hunger strike since Dec. 11, demanding that Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. David Johnston meet with her to discuss Aboriginal demands.

Marchers included Mohawk ironworkers and youth, and the president of the Cornwall and District Labour Council.

"Canada now has seven different laws [in preparation] that attack our rights," Akwesasne resident Dana Leigh told the marchers. "This is only the beginning."

Since early December actions for Aboriginal rights under the banner "Idle No More" have been organized across Canada, including a 13-day blockade of a rail line in southwestern Ontario.

Harper and Johnston each met with a delegation of Aboriginal leaders Jan. 11. In an attempt to undermine support for indigenous peoples' mobilizations, Ottawa Jan. 7 released results of a federally commissioned audit of the Attawapiskat nation's finances, reporting inadequate accounting for the spending of millions of dollars of federal funding. Bad housing conditions brought Attawapiskat to national attention in 2011.

Brad West, communications staffer for United Steelworkers District 3, told the *Militant* about affirmative action programs the union participates in in Western Canada. "So far over 400 Aboriginals have been hired in the mines through this program, coming from 150 different First Nations. One-third are women," he said.

Mike Myers (FB)

**Had a great day of suspending Canadian treaty right of passage through Treaty 3 territory. Trans Canada was shut down for 3 hours. From now on it is not about protesting, it is about enforcing the treaty rights we extended to the settlers. Now we go on the offensive and quit reacting and begging for their attention.**

Powerful videos regarding the Idle No More teach in at UNR may be found on Carolyn Harry's FB page:

Tonight's Idle No More teach In Opening (My nephew Cody Harry)

[Echo Sky opening the Idle No More Teach In here in Reno, Nv tonight](#)

[Carolyn Harry](#)

A powerful, powerful sister. Powerfully felt passion of a kaiser, a mom, a caregiver, a clan leader, a native woman

Honored our visiting speakers by offering their Women's Warrior song that we learned...

**KOLO covered tonight  
Idle No More Teach  
In...Brandie caught the  
interview...spectacular job  
tonight...all of you.! (My  
nephew Cody)**



**[Jan 17, 2013 11:15pm](#)**

Catch the rest of my cousin Cody's interview tonight at 11 on Channel 8. Length: 0:16

“We’re not Indians and we’re not Native Americans. We’re older than both concepts. We’re the people, we’re the human beings.” -John Trudell

Here's HOW --> <http://ow.ly/gRvi3> **WOMEN IN THE FOREFRONT FOR MOTHER EARTH** - As the Idle No More movement shows, women are, and can be, the main drivers in protecting the planet. Artist Aaron Paquette honors this vision in his work - <http://www.facebook.com/AaronPaquetteArt> - Aaron has painted a number of the Idle No More artwork

**[Why Idle No More matters to us all](#)** [www.nowtoronto.com](http://www.nowtoronto.com)

[As the country awaits Stephen Harper's meeting on Friday, January 11, with the Assembly of First Nations, and Attawapiskat chief Theresa Spence continues her hunger strike, there is no end to the blockades and round dances, expressions of an upsurge many believe will end by totally re-wiring First N...](#)

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# CENSORED NEWS

Indigenous Peoples, Resistance and Human Rights

Friday, January 18, 2013

## Leonard Peltier's statement on 'Idle No More'



### Leonard Peltier 'Idle No More'

By Leonard Peltier

[Censored News](#)

Greetings, my Relatives and Friends!

It has come to my attention in the last week or so that a lot of our young people and women especially are standing up in support of our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters in Canada. It

really does my heart good to see the activism and concern of the different generations of People coming together. There is great potential for educating those who don't know about the perils that face our environment.

With personal knowledge I totally understand the difficulties of getting people to take action to bring about change. The direction that the world corporations have taken historically and today have largely been at the expense of the Indigenous People around the world. I encourage anyone who reads these words to become involved as much as possible to stem this tide of environmental destruction taking place.

The health of our environment transcends across all walks of life. If we don't have healthy water, healthy air, healthy food, and healthy children we will not have a healthy future. That is the law. I can't say enough how important it is that we communicate and join hands with our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters all over the world. We need to join together to bring about the change of these corporations who trample on our environmental rights.

I encourage you again to seek out the organizations that are already involved in this endeavor, and remain united with one another. I will encourage all the People that I work with and have worked with to do their part in this struggle. I'll close for now, but in the Spirit of Chief Teresa Spence keep on keeping on, and Idle no more!

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse  
Leonard Peltier

Posted by [brendanorrell@gmail.com](mailto:brendanorrell@gmail.com) at 3:41 PM

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## Head of Nevada Indian Commission on national tourism panel

Written by [Associated Press](#)

A Nevada woman has landed a spot on a national board that helps American Indians develop tribal, culture-based tourism opportunities.



Nevada Indian Commission executive director Sherry Rupert recently was elected vice president of the board of directors of the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association.

She will represent the Southwest region of the United States as one of 14 members of

the board.

Rupert said she intends to give all of Nevada's unique tribes a voice at the national level. She says surveys show interest from Americans and international visitors alike in American Indian culture.

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## **IMLS Update and Information**

### **Call for Existing Research on Arts Programs**

IMLS joins Arts Education Partnership to expand body of evidence on the role of Arts Education Programs in America's museums and libraries. [Read More](#)

### **Registration Opens for WebWise 2013**

Registration is now open for the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) WebWise Conference, which will take place March 6-8 at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace in Baltimore, MD. [Read More](#)

### **IMLS Awards \$250,000 to the Northeast Document Conservation Center for a System to Digitize Audio Recordings from Obsolete Formats**

A grant of \$250,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) will help them provide for first time a much needed service to museums, libraries, and archives around the country. They will use new technologies to convert audio recordings from obsolete formats, such as wax cylinders and records, to new digital formats. [Read More](#)

### **Maura Marx Selected as IMLS Deputy Director for the Office of Library Services**

IMLS hires digital library expert to fill leadership position. Marx will begin in May 2013. [Read More](#)

### **IMLS Awards \$249,999 to the Chicago Public Library Foundation to Create a Maker Space**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced a grant in the amount of \$249,999 to the Chicago Public Library Foundation to develop a Maker space. [Read More](#)

### **WebWise 2013: And Now for Something Completely Different**

WebWise 2013 unveils a new interactive format that gives everyone more opportunities to learn and collaborate. [Read More](#)

### **Makers on the Move in Libraries and Museums**

Maker spaces are part of a growing movement of hands-on, mentor-led environments that encourage entrepreneurship and unleash the inner inventor in all of us, particularly children.

[Read More](#)

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### Seed All About It!

The new [2013 NS/S Seedlisting](#) is hot off the presses! Page after page of vibrant heirlooms await you in this lush, full-color catalog featuring the incredible diversity of our seed collection. More seeds, more stories, more delicious food!

Pick up a copy at our Retail Store or [download it as a PDF](#). Happy growing!

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### [Fractured Land trailer](#)

NEW trailer with new footage, important interviews and an evolving story...

Featuring Naomi Klein, MP Thomas Mulcair, Josh Fox, Maude Barlow, Wade Davis, Lillian Moyer, Terri Brown, Oscar Dennis and other powerful voices!

Fractured Land tells the story of one man's journey to find balance between the modern world and that which we hold most sacred – water, land, tradition, each other.

Join Caleb Behn and a powerful new wave of leaders challenging a system that threatens to destroy us - seeking sustainable solutions to our voracious energy needs while blazing a new way forward to heal this fractured land.

Directed by Damien Gillis and Fiona Rayher

Score by Edo Van Breemen

Edited by Jocelyne Chaput, Fiona Rayher and Damien Gillis

Length: 3:14

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**From:** [Bluebird Taylor](#)

**Subject:** **IRWMP Survey--Tribal Water Challenges**

Dear Tribal Community Leader,

My name is Bluebird Taylor and I am an Intern at the Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples and the Environment Institute at UC Irvine. I am writing on behalf of the Sacred Places Institute to let you know about the upcoming Southern California Water Dialogue *Tribal Water Challenges: Roadblocks and Opportunities*, on Wednesday January 23, 2013, and to request your assistance in making sure that your water related issues are properly addressed at the upcoming event.

This event will address some of the geographic, cultural, and institutional challenges faced by Tribes regarding water supply quality and quantity as they relate to the Integrated Regional Water Management system in California. Please see the attached flier for more information about date, time, venue, and speakers.

The goal of the Southern California Water Dialogue is to provide information on the policy issues and projects that are the core priorities for Southern California. The Southern California Water Dialogue's Mission is to explore water-related issues of vital interest to our region. The Water



Dialogue serves as a clearinghouse and advocate for projects, activities, and processes that will improve the quality and reliability of Southern California's water supply.

We wanted to reach out to local Tribal Community members and Tribal leaders to inquire about your experiences with IRWMP (Integrated Regional Water Management Plan) in preparation for the talk next week.

We have attached a Meeting Flyer and short list of survey questions related to the IRWMP process and Tribal Communities in Southern California. We would be grateful if you could take a few moments of your time to respond to this survey. Please submit replies no later than Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013 by email to [a.mooneydarcy@gmail.com](mailto:a.mooneydarcy@gmail.com)

Thank you for your input and please feel free to contact Angela Mooney D'Arcy at the email address above or by phone at [\(310\) 678-1747](tel:3106781747) regarding any questions about the upcoming event and attached survey.

Sincerely,  
Bluebird Taylor  
Intern  
Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples

Angela Mooney D'Arcy  
Executive Director

**Survey Questions--Southern California Tribal Nations and IRWMP**  
January 2013

1. Are you familiar with the Integrated Regional Water Resource Management program in California?
2. If so, what is your understanding of the IRWMP process and how involvement in these processes could benefit Tribal communities?
3. Do you know of any IRWM projects in your area? If so were you or any other Tribal leaders contacted about how you could be involved?
4. What water issues are important in your community?
5. Are there particular Tribal cultural values that your community holds regarding water?
6. Would you and your community like assistance with development of projects to address public health and other community needs through IRWMP? If so, what kind of assistance is needed and/or would be appropriate?
7. Would you like to be contacted in the future about other opportunities regarding IRWMP and Tribal Communities in Southern California?
8. Are there individuals in your Tribal Communities with water-related expertise that might be interested in IRWMP consulting work for proposals within your traditional homelands?

**Attachments:** [SCWD flier jan.23.pdf](#) [SCWDsurveyquestions.docx](#)

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**[Religion, Science and Spirit: A Sacred Story for Our Time](#)**

**David Korten, Op-Ed:** “For people, generally, their story of the universe and the human role in the universe is their primary source of intelligibility and value,” Thomas Berry wrote in *The Dream of the Earth*. “The deepest crises experienced by any society are those moments of change when the story becomes inadequate for meeting the survival demands of a present situation.” We live at such a moment. Humanity’s current behavior threatens Earth’s capacity to support life and relegates more than a billion people to lives of destitution.

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### **[New Analysis Shows Simple Math: Keystone XL Pipeline = Tar Sands Expansion = Accelerated Climate Change](#)**

**Susan Casey-Lefkowitz, News Report:** New research confirms what we have heard time and again from the industry itself: the proposed Keystone XL tar sands pipeline will be a direct cause of an increase in tar sands oil development. More tar sands oil taken out of the ground means more dangerous pollution that hurts our climate and health. And, this new research also shows that tar sands will cause even more climate pollution than we previously thought due to the impacts of the high carbon byproduct petroleum coke. This is especially important in a time where our communities are feeling the damage of climate change in violent storms, wildfires, droughts and floods.

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### **[Taming the Arctic Oil Rush](#)**

**Arne Jernelov, Op-Ed:** The rapid shrinkage of Arctic ice cover is one of the most dramatic changes in nature currently occurring anywhere on the planet, with profound environmental and economic implications. On one hand, we stand to lose one of the Earth’s largest and most significant ecosystems. On the other hand, the once fabled northeast and northwest passages will reduce shipping times and costs by as much as half, bringing China and Japan much closer to Europe and North America’s east coast.

[READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#) **[As Shell's Arctic Drilling Hopes Hit Snags, Its](#)**

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### **[Rivals Watch](#)**

By CLIFFORD KRAUSS and JOHN M. BRODER

Shell's drilling program, the subject of two federal inquiries, has had problems environmentalists say highlight the dangers of prospecting for oil in the severe Arctic environment.

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### **[AP IMPACT: Deficient levees found across America](#)**

JOHN FLESHER and CAIN BURDEAU, Associated Press

Inspectors taking the first-ever inventory of flood control systems overseen by the federal government have found hundreds of structures at risk of failing and endangering people and property in 37 states.

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The **Zinn Education Project** promotes and supports teaching a people’s history. Access free teaching activities: <http://www.zinnedproject.org/> Coordinated by Rethinking Schools ([rethinkingschools.org](http://rethinkingschools.org)) and Teaching for Change ([teachingforchange.org](http://teachingforchange.org)).

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Go to <http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.net/>

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from Dennis M: **Noam Chomsky**: “[*The U.S. still names] military helicopter gunships after victims of genocide. Nobody bats an eyelash about that: Blackhawk. Apache. And Comanche. If the Luftwaffe named its military helicopters Jew and Gypsy, I suppose people would notice.*”

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**Public comment sought on gold mine expansion**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Posted: Jan. 20, 2013 | 2:01 a.m.

ELKO - Federal land managers are seeking public comment concerning a proposal to expand a gold mine about 45 miles northwest of Elko.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has released the draft environmental impact statement for Barrick-Dee Mining Venture's Arturo Mine Project proposal to expand the Dee Gold Mine.

The proposed project would be located at the previously approved Dee Gold Mine site.

It would disturb about 2,774 acres of public land and provide an estimated 240 jobs. Plans call for about 10 years of mining and ore processing, followed by three years of site closure and reclamation.

The BLM's Elko District Office is accepting written comments through March 4.

A public meeting will be held Feb. 6 at the office.

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**Sourdough Slim Comes to Sparks**

Sunday, January 20, 2013 at 3:00 pm

Get ready for a hoot and hollering good time with the last Vaudeville Cowboy at the **Sparks Museum & Cultural Center** located on the corner of Pyramid Way and Victorian Avenue.

This savvy performer with a gift for connecting with audiences transports us to a whimsical world where vaudevillian camp intermingles with cowboy lore, producing grins galore. Since 1988 he has gained national recognition performing across the country including: National Cowboy Gathering in Elko, Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and Carnegie Hall and The Lincoln Center in New York. His fast-paced stage show combines cowboy singing, award winning yodeling, timeless humor, accompaniment on accordion, guitar, ukulele and harmonica and a keen knowledge of the traditional Western repertoire.

**TICKETS - \$15 Per Person**

Tickets are available at the door or *in advance* by calling (775) 355 1144 – Seating is limited.

Doors Open at 2 :00 pm. Includes admission to the Museum.

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