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Blood-Kainai Tribe Politics & News's photo.
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IN COWICHAN, B.C. - VANCOUVER ISLAND, FEB. 3rd/2013 - "Cowichan turns out in rain on Superbowl Sunday to say we are #Idlenomore and we want Harper GONE!" via Gloves Off on Twitter.

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Amy Goodman, Video Report: Sterling College in Vermont announced on Tuesday it will soon become the third college in the U.S. to divest its endowment from 200 fossil fuel companies identified by the environmental group, 350.org. Divestment campaigns are ongoing on more than 200 other campuses. **“I think it’s no surprise really that young people are starting to say we got to spend another sixty, seventy years on this planet, we better do something fast,”** says **Bill McKibben** of 350.org. McKibben is helping organize a Presidents Day rally against the Keystone XL pipeline later this month, one he predicts will be the “biggest climate rally probably ever” in the U.S. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#)

[Oklahoma Resident Locks Herself to Equipment to Protest Tar Sands Pipeline](#)

News Report: Early this morning, Norman, Oklahoma resident Elizabeth Leja locked her neck to equipment used in constructing the Keystone XL pipeline. Citing concerns for Oklahoma’s waterways and their importance for the health of future generations, her actions have halted construction at the site on Highway 62, just North of the North Canadian River, for the day. From Alberta to the U.S. Gulf Coast, tar sands industry

disproportionately affects indigenous and traditionally marginalized communities of color, poisoning the land base and water supply that rural communities rely on.

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Kevin Grandia, Video Report: A new video featuring four energy experts, outlines the issues surrounding the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, the Alberta tar sands and climate change. The video describes the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline as a “lynchpin enabling the climate intensive tar sands industry to grow unimpeded.” On February 17, tens of thousands of people are expected to turn out for the Forward on Climate Rally that will call on US President Barack Obama to “move forward on climate action.”

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Keystone XL Inspires Sierra Club to Push for Civil Disobedience

[Read the Article at Grist](#)

[On the News With Thom Hartmann: The Largest Nurses' Union in the US Has Joined the Fight Against Keystone XL, and More](#)

In today's **On the News** segment: The nation's largest nurses' union - National Nurses United - has joined the fight against the Keystone XL pipeline; the progressive caucus announced it will introduce legislation known as the "Balancing Act" to reduce the deficit and stimulate the economy; Republicans are promising to block the next nominee to head up the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB); and more.

[Watch the Video and Read the Transcript](#)

I wanted to let you know that **generationOn** is now seeking nominations for the Hasbro **Community Action Hero award**, which recognizes youth (ages 5-18) for completing outstanding community service. Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 5pm EST. If you know any young people who are making a difference in their local or global communities, please consider completing a nomination form by clicking here: <http://bit.ly/HCAHapp>.

You can find additional details below.

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Nevada & California Diabetes Association February 2013 News

The NDA Executive Offices have moved. As of February 11, 2013 our new Executive Office address is 18 Stewart Street, Reno, NV 89501.

Please join us in welcoming Lynn Wexler, our new Southern Nevada Director of Marketing and Development. Lynn has extensive experience including working as a Television Reporter, News Anchor, Producer and Writer in NYC and LA as well as a Contributing Writer and Columnist for various publications.

Most recently she served as the Executive Director of The Florence Melton Adult School of Pluralistic Jewish Education.

California Camp: Registration is now open for all of our Camps including our newest Camp.. [Cruise Camp](#).

California Camps include **San Jose Day Camp, Sacramento Lions Camp, Camp Buck, Teen Camp, Family Camp and Camp Vegas as well as our Injection Connections are all open to California Residence.** Remember Camps fill up quickly so be sure to make your reservations early.

For more information call. 775-856-3839 or 800-379-3839 or email camps@diabetesnv.org

[Click here](#) to register for our camp and injection connection programs.

"Until there is a cure, we are here to help" Nevada/California Diabetes Association

The following are events of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mashantucket, CT

For more information please visit <http://www.pequotmuseum.org/>

Title: The Importance of Water **Date: Saturdays, Feb. 9, 16, & 23, 2pm**

Native American elders believe water is sacred and has a spirit. It is a gift and not a resource to be plundered, contaminated, bought, or sold. Join us as we explore some of the conversations past and present in a thought provoking series of films about water, including:*

Title: *Thirst and One Water, One Air, One Earth* **Date: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2 pm**

A double feature about who owns water. *Thirst* (60 min.) *One Water, One Air, One Earth* (30 min.)

Title: *Together We Stand Firm* **Date: Saturday, Feb. 9, 2 pm**

Together We Stand Firm covers Cree and Inuit efforts to halt a hydroelectric project. (90 min.)

Title: *Keepers of the Water: Film & Documentary* **Date: Saturday, Feb. 16, 2 pm**

Film explores what mining and leach fields can do to pristine waters. (40 min.)
Documentary reveals the most environmentally polluting industrial project in the world. (4 min.)

Title: *Waterbusters* **Date: Saturday, Feb. 23, 2 pm**

The story of the self-sufficient community that was destroyed by the lake created by the Garrison dam. (57 min.)

*Free with Museum admission, free to Museum members.

Title: Capote Coat Workshop

Date: Saturday, Feb. 9, 9am - 5pm

In this all-day workshop participants create a traditional capote coat from their own Pendleton, Woolrich, Whitney, or Hudson Bay blanket. Bring a blanket (preferred size: 72" X 90") and a skein of acrylic yarn to match. \$40/30 Museum members. Register by Feb. 1: (800) 411-9671 or email seleazer@mptn-nsn.gov

Title: Reading Circle: *Tracks* by Louise Erdrich **Date:** Saturday, Feb. 16, 1-2:30

Join Professor Theodore Van Alst (Lakota), director of the Native American Cultural Center at Yale, as he brings his insights and enthusiasm to a discussion of *Tracks* by award-winning author Louise Erdrich (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa). Borrow a copy of the book from the Research Library or purchase one at the Museum store. Limited to 20, ages 16 and older. Register by Feb. 13: (860) 396-6897. **FREE**. Snow date is Saturday, Feb. 23.

Title: Monthly Beading Circle **Date:** Saturday, Feb. 16, 1-3 pm

Our beading group continues to meet through the winter months and on this master class day, Erin Hall (Mashantucket Pequot) teaches the tubular peyote stitch. Walk-ins are welcome but space is limited to 20, ages 11 and older. \$25 workshop fee includes supplies. Register by Feb. 13: (800) 411-9671 or email seleazer@mptn-nsn.gov.

Title: Tour, Tea, & Bannock Bread **Date:** Saturday, Feb. 16, 3-4 pm

Join a special guided tour of *Neetôpáwees: Dolls as Ambassadors of Native Culture*, followed by beverages and delicious bannock bread. Limited to 20, all ages. \$20/\$10 Museum members. Register by Feb. 2: (800) 411-9671 or email seleazer@mptn-nsn.gov.

Title: Ospreys with Marla Isaac **Date:** Wednesday & Thursday, Feb. 20 & 21, 11 am-2 pm

Marla Isaac, from New England Reptile & Raptors, introduces Oscar the osprey during short informal presentations at 11:30 am and 1:30 pm. Ask Marla about ospreys before and after her talks. Free with Museum admission, free to Museum members.

Title: Kaha:wi Dance Theater Presents *Medicine Bear*

Date: Friday, Feb. 22, 11:30 am; Saturday, Feb 23, 1 pm

Medicine Bear is an extraordinary multimedia dance theater performance for young audiences, weaving together two traditional Iroquoian stories. Choreographer Santee Smith (Mohawk) recalls the stories and is enthusiastic to share them with youth. "Providing the opportunity for traditional stories to find relevance within today's youth population is important to me, especially at this time of ecological crisis." Free with Museum admission, free to Museum members. School groups are invited to attend; call (860) 396-6839 or email kdavis@mptn-nsn.gov for information.

POWWOWS

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| <u>February 15th</u> | <i>Spirit of the Earth Education Expo</i> | Circle Pines, Minnesota |
| <u>February 16th-17th</u> | <i>4th Lima Honoring Our Native Heritage</i> | Lima, OH |
| | <i>5th Annual SA'HEH'WA'MISH DAYS</i> | Shelton, Washington |
| | <i>16th Annual United San Antonio Powwow</i> | San Antonio, Texas |
| <u>February 17th-19th</u> | <i>Thunder on the Beach Powwow</i> | Vero Beach, Florida |
| <u>February 23rd</u> | <i>18th Annual UT-Arlington Powwow</i> | Arlington, TX |
| | <i>Chemawa's Birthday Pow wow</i> | Salem, Oregon |
| <u>April 6th</u> | <i>29th Annual Circle of Nations Indigenous Association Powwow</i> | |
| | University of Minnesota, Morris - Physical Education (PE) Center | |
| | http://studentorgs.morris.umn.edu/cnia/ | |

California Gets Fracked **East Bay Express**

Big Oil is rushing to extract fossil fuel from the state's underground shale formation. But will it contaminate — and waste — portions of our water supply?

Inside a nondescript building in Sacramento, an auctioneer prepared to lease thousands of acres of public land that could ultimately reap billions of dollars in profits for the winning bidders. The December auction at the federal Bureau of Land Management building also was met with a formal protest lodged by the San Francisco-based Center for Biological Diversity. The environmental group contended that the bureau hadn't completed thorough environmental assessments prior to leasing the land. Protesters had gathered outside as well. One burst into the auction, yelling, "Mother Earth isn't for sale!" The outburst elicited a few chuckles from the group of assembled bidders; the auctioneer then moved on.

DWP seeks truce in water wars as L.A. Aqueduct nears 100

The attempt to end hostilities in the Owens Valley pleases residents, but has them wondering why it hasn't come earlier.

Louis Sahagun, Los Angeles Times

For a High Sierra stream whose name evokes mountain serenity, Pine Creek is nobody's idea of harmony with nature.

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta may become National Heritage Area

Central Valley Business Times

The embattled Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta might find some protection for its environment from its designation as a "National Heritage Area" – California's first.

[VIDEO: Warm Mushing Season](#)

It has been an unusually warm winter in Alaska, and that has caused trouble for mushers and their sled dogs.

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Internet age puts Nevada Legislature a click away

By [Ed Vogel](#) LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL CAPITAL BUREAU Feb. 3, 2013

CARSON CITY - Just because you live in Las Vegas, Caliente or even Jarbidge doesn't mean you can't keep in touch with nearly everything that happens at the 2013 Legislature.

In fact, if you become adroit in handling all the features of the legislative website - leg.state.nv.us - you will get a better view than those hanging around the Legislative Building - without the hassle of crowded committee hearings and the occasional blizzard that can make capital city travel impossible.

With high-speed Internet access, you could follow the Legislature from the comfort of your bed. Of course, you won't find out about the behind-the-scenes deals that are part of every session.

"It's what the public expects," said Legislative Counsel Bureau Director Rick Combs about the availability of all possible legislative information. "It is what the legislators expect. They want their constituents to have the ability to follow what is going on."

Combs noted that when he joined the legislative staff in 1994 it was the dawn of the Internet age. Now that technology has advanced, he said most states have taken the same steps as Nevada to allow their citizens to follow their respective legislatures, in part, "because we can."

For those who are not as computer savvy, there is the old way of staying in touch - by telephone - toll-free. Call 702-486-2626 from Southern Nevada. The operators will transfer you to the legislator of your choice.

On the website, click on "committee/view" and you can watch or listen to hearings on your computer. Every committee hearing and state Senate and Assembly floor voting session is broadcast over the Internet.

Click "Nelis," for Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System, and you can follow along by reading every report and handout given to legislators.

Click "legislator information," and you will find the office and home telephone numbers of all legislators, their email addresses and names of their secretaries. You also can type in your home address and find the name of your state senator and Assembly member in case you are not sure who represents you.

Click "personalized bill tracking" and sign up to be notified about what happens with the bills and budgets that interest you. There is no charge to track five or less bills, a \$50 charge to follow 25 or fewer bills and \$600 if you want to track every bill. Call 1-775-684-6835 for more information.

Click on "session inform" on the left side of the main legislative page and then on "bill information." You can read the contents of any bill, what happens to it in committee, in floor sessions and whether it fails or is signed into law. On "session inform" you even can find the names of lobbyists, the numbers and the companies they represent.

Or if you prefer to avoid computers, then head to the Sawyer Building in Las Vegas. From the Legislature's fourth-floor office, there are four rooms equipped with teleconference equipment that allow you to watch hearings from Carson City. Committee chairpersons decide whether their hearings should be teleconferenced to Las Vegas. Most are. People in attendance in Las Vegas also can testify or just make their opinions known.

For history buffs, you even can find information on the website on all bills going back to the 1985 session.

You also can find on the website a video of Gov. Brian Sandoval's State of the State address and his entire 3,440-page budget, along with the response to his speech by state Senate Majority Leader Mo Denis, D-Las Vegas.

While the technology today is light-years better than 1994, Combs isn't advising people to stay away from Carson City, its restaurants and the nearby ski slopes around Lake Tahoe.

"I still think it is better being here," he said.

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Energy Department Expands Technical Assistance for Tribal Energy Projects

January 30, 2013 News Media Contact (202) 586-4940

WASHINGTON – As part of the Obama Administration’s efforts to help Tribal communities across the country enhance their energy security and build a sustainable energy future, the Energy Department today announced the second round of the Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team (START) Program, which provides federally recognized Tribal governments with technical assistance to accelerate clean energy project deployment. Additionally, the Energy Department plans to seek information from Tribes interested in launching or expanding utility services in their own communities, which will help establish a new START Utility Program (START-UP).

“Building on our all-of-the-above strategy to deploy every available domestic energy resource, the new technical assistance opportunities announced today will strengthen our partnerships with Tribal communities, create good jobs and protect our planet,” said Office of Indian Energy Director Tracey LeBeau. “Working side-by-side with tribal energy leaders across the country, we are making sure Native American and Alaska Native Tribes have the tools and resources they need to foster economic competitiveness and promote tribal self-sufficiency.”

Launching START Second Round

Over the past year, the START program has helped nine Tribal communities advance their clean energy technology and infrastructure projects – from solar and wind to biofuels and energy efficiency. Through the current round of START projects, energy experts at the Department’s National Laboratories and at other federal agencies have worked side-by-side with tribal leaders to develop strategic community energy plans, conduct market research and identify financing mechanisms to support cost-effective renewable energy project development.

This second round of technical assistance awards will build upon the initial successes of the START program and further help Native American and Alaska Native communities increase local generation capacity, enhance energy efficiency measures and create local entrepreneurial and job opportunities. In the contiguous United States, Energy Department and National Laboratory experts will provide technical assistance on Tribes’ clean energy project development -- supporting community-scale renewable energy projects across the country. In Alaska, the Energy Department and the Denali Commission help rural Alaska Native communities conduct energy awareness and training programs and pursue new renewable energy and energy efficiency opportunities. The selected Alaska Native villages may also be eligible for grant funding that supports renewable energy or energy efficiency projects.

For more information and application requirements for the START program, please visit the Energy Department’s Office of Indian Energy [website](#). Applications are due by March 15, 2013.

New Program Focused on Tribal Utility Planning

As part of the Energy Department’s efforts to support affordable and reliable electrical service to Indian lands and Tribal communities, the Department is launching a new Tribal START Utility Program (START-UP). This new program expands on the current START program to help Tribes across the country develop their own utility services and increase ownership of local energy assets.

To ensure START-UP meets the needs of Indian Country, the Department plans to gather information and public comment from tribes interested in developing, acquiring or expanding utility services in their own communities. Additional details on this effort will be available on the Office of Indian Energy website in the coming weeks.

Find more information on the Energy Department’s broader efforts to support energy efficiency projects and energy development on Tribal lands at www.energy.gov/indianenergy.

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[New Tribal Nations Energy Initiatives](#)

[Energy Department Announces Technical Assistance Opportunity for Tribal Clean Energy Deployment](#)

[Energy Department Technical Assistance Bolsters Tribal Clean Energy Deployment](#)

[As Extremists Invaded, Timbuktu Hid Artifacts of a Golden Age](#)By LYDIA

POLGREEN NYT

Residents found ways to hide delicate artifacts from the Islamists who reigned over the city until last weekend, when fighters set fire to dozens of ancient manuscripts.

[Interactive Feature: Turmoil in the Sahara](#)

Obama Mixes Oil and Camping at the Interior

John M. Broder, The New York Times

Broder reports: "If confirmed, Ms. Jewell, a former oil company official and longtime advocate for conservation and outdoor recreation, will take over a department that has been embroiled in controversy." [READ MORE](#)

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William Boardman, Reader Supported News

Boardman writes: "In something of a stealth maneuver during the 2012 holiday season, the US Department of Energy set about to give every American a little more radiation exposure, and for some a lot." [READ MORE](#)

Studies Link Earthquakes to Fracking

Jessica Leber, MIT Technology Review

Leber reports: "Scientists presented the latest evidence tying the disposal of wastewater from shale gas hydrofracking to increased earthquakes." [READ MORE](#)

Yesterday was [Digital Learning Day](#), which encourages students, parents, and educators across the United States to promote the use of technology in schools. **Are you interested in a career supporting digital learning?** Check out the opportunities below.

- [Computers for Youth](#) lives up to its name, working across the country with hundreds of schools to implement digital learning in K-12 classrooms. They are currently hiring for [six jobs](#)—including an opening for an [Executive Director](#)—in both Los Angeles and New York.
- If you're looking for an internship with an educational organization, you must go to the Dagobah system...I mean, [The George Lucas Educational Foundation](#). One of their main tenets is [technology integration](#) and there are three [paid internships](#) available in San Rafael, California.
- If you're into great titles, apply for the [Fab Lab Development Guru](#) position at the [Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM](#) in Cleveland. You'll help scale an educational model developed at MIT into schools nationwide. If that sounds a little daunting, check out the [Computer Science Instructor](#) position posted by the [Level Playing Field Institute](#). It's just for the summer, and you'll get to help kids from across California.
- If you have no experience in the educational field but love computers, Idealist still has you covered. Check out the [Webmaster](#) position at [Health Resources in Action](#) in Boston, or the [Digital Action Campaign Manager](#) post from [World Post Media](#) in Portland. If you know what Drupal is, you're probably already qualified to apply for the [Drupal Developer](#) at the [Council on Foreign Relations](#). Then again, [if you write code for a living, why not work for us?](#)

So get out there, get hired, and start making a difference! There are thousands of [jobs](#) posted on Idealist at any given time, so search and see what's out there. Happy hunting!