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Rolling Stone has gotten wind of Idle No More, and a story posted on February 4 explains in concise terms what the movement and the controversy Read Story Here ==>>
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The Journey of Nishiyuu. 'Ms. Tuckatuck', the only Inuk young woman on the trek. Idle No More.

(Photo: John Kawapit.)

Caravan to the Glaciers

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[Secwepemc and other Indigenous Peoples and supporters Caravan to the Ruddock Creek illegal mine site. Our Land is not for Sale.](#)

Idle No More alive and well, University of Alberta forum hears

www.edmontonjournal.com

[The Idle No More Movement is not dead, dying, or dormant. That was the message at a University of Alberta forum Friday that attracted more than 300 participants and nine speakers, including Chief Theresa Spence of Attawapiskat in northern Ontario.](#)

Indian Country Today Media Network

"I am poor and naked but I am the chief of a nation. We do not want riches but we do want to train our children right. Riches would do us no good. We could not take them with us to the other world. We do not want riches. We want peace and love."

Good Morning Everyone and Everything!

Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/quotes>

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They were blood-thirsty savages - superstitious, dirty animals. They were thieves and killers who burned houses to the ground and kidnapped women and children. They were protectors of a Nation -- guerrilla fighters serving...

Lovina Tootoosis - Miss World Canada 2013 Delegate

Measure to Protect Women Stuck on Tribal Land Issue

By JONATHAN WEISMAN NYT 2.11.13

Some House Republicans object to allowing Native American police and courts to pursue non-Indians who attack women on tribal land.

Please join us...(at UC Davis)

NAS 161 (CA Indian Environmental Policy) and the Environmental Justice Project of JMIE will be featuring two distinguished speakers, presenting

"Indigenous Fire, Land, Water, Art, and Education"

Ron W. Goode (Tribal Chairman, North Fork Mono Tribe) and Prof. Jared Aldern (Faculty, Prescott College) (bios below)

Wednesday, February 13 10am, Risling Room (3201 Hart Hall)

The Honorable Ron W. Goode is the Tribal Chairman of the North Fork Mono Tribe and has served in that capacity since 1983. He is a Life Member of the Sierra Mono Museum. He is a veteran of the United States Army, where he served at the rank of E-5 Sargent. Ron attended Cabrillo College, Fresno State University and National University, and holds a Life Credential in Ethnic Studies. He is a retired Fresno Unified School District Outreach Consultant in the Dropout Prevention Program. He is also retired from the State Community College School District where he taught American Indian Studies for fifteen years at Fresno City College and Oakhurst Educational Center, as well as the martial art of Judo. Ron continues to teach Judo with his wife Myra at the Clovis Judo Club. He is a Godan (5th degree) and Myra is a Rokudan (6th degree) Black Belt. Daughter Elena is a 1st degree Brown Belt and 4 ½ year old granddaughter Sydney is a beginner. Mr. Goode is a published author, an ethnobotany book on native plants and resources: Cultural Traditions Endangered, 1992. A second book on cultural resources is in the works. Ron owns his own archaeological consulting business, Eagle Eye Enterprises, since 1978. He has been conducting ethnographical research for over fifty years on the Mono culture and has several articles published. Ron and his family own a Fallow Deer Ranch in Clovis, where they raise deer for the venison market to restaurants as well as the general public. Ron is an accomplished artist in soapstone carving and abalone necklaces which he has sold worldwide. He is also a storyteller in the tribe and is recognized statewide as a native American storyteller. The Hon. Ron Goode is currently co-developing a State-wide K-12 curriculum called, Lessons of Our California Land Tenure, along with native American historical DVD interviews and tribal maps. Mr. Goode is also on the Native American Advisory Committee for the Department of Water Resources for the 2013 California Water Plan Update. In April of 2013 a second historic Water Summit will take place in Sacramento with over 170 tribes and tribal organizations and some 30 State and Federal water agencies. Ron is the lead fundraiser for the Summit and on the Design Team for the Summit Agenda. Mr. Goode volunteers his time with five collaboratives and tribal forums enhancing the ecological environments, watersheds, and cultural resources of the forests, parks and tribal lands. Ron's work with Stanford University regarding fire regimes and cross cultural collaborations with the Martu of Australia recently allowed for his visit to Australia as a guest speaker for two symposiums with the National Australian Universities. Ron and his tribal members have been restoring seven cultural resource sites including meadow restorations on Forest Lands over the past twelve years.

Jared Dahl Aldern is an ecological restorationist, educator, and historian who draws on archival research, linguistic anthropology, literary theory, and oral interviews to learn about how Native American nations construct historical knowledge and sustain their land and water tenure. He also writes K-12 school curriculum about Native American land and he has served on the organizing committee for the California Tribal Water Summit. Aldern is a Prescott College faculty member based in central California and a Visiting Scholar of the West with the Comparative Wests Project at the Bill Lane Center for the American West, Stanford University.

[Indian residential school deaths found by Ontario coroner - - CBC News
www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca)

[An intensive review of Ontario records has so far turned up more than 100 possible cases of previously unidentified child and youth deaths linked to Indian residential schools, the province's chief coroner said Thursday.](#)

Native America

So after seeing Ram Trucks' "Farmer" commercial I start thinking us Native Americans needs something like that. So I took some images from my "Native America" photo albums and paired them with an iconic Native voice that many will recognize from childhood. Enjoy and share...

Like my page at <http://www.facebook.com/singsinthetimber.photography> Length: 2:38

Kerry Promises Keystone XL Decision in 'Near Term'

ABC News

Excerpt: "Secretary of State John Kerry on Friday promised a 'fair and transparent' review of a Canadian company's plan to pipe oil from western Canada to refineries in Texas."

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The Presidential Decision That Could Change the World: The Strategic Importance of Keystone XL Michael T. Klare, TomDispatch:

It's a rare opportunity when one person has the power to stop an international extraction project and usher in the possible demise of the tar sands industry. [Read the Article](#)

Two-year pumping test ends

By [Henry Brean](#) LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL Feb. 8, 2013

The Southern Nevada Water Authority has completed two years of test pumping designed to show whether an area that is home to an endangered fish can withstand the strain of large-scale groundwater development nearby.

Now it's up to the state's top water regulator to analyze results of the test and decide whether the authority and others should be allowed to pump even more water from beneath Coyote Springs Valley, about 70 miles north of Las Vegas.

The authority spent \$36 million to build a treatment plant and a pipeline from its Coyote Springs Valley well to the Moapa Valley Water District's system, 16 miles to the east.

The test began in November 2010 and wrapped up last December after the authority had pumped almost 8,000 acre-feet of groundwater, enough to supply 16,000 Las Vegas homes for one year.

None of the water went to the stalled Coyote Springs development nearby, though the developer pumped about 2,400 acre-feet of water for its own use during the test period.

The authority delivered its groundwater to the water system serving the towns of Moapa, Logandale and Overton. The Moapa Valley Water District then released an equal amount of

water into the Muddy River to flow downstream to Lake Mead, where the authority got to bank it for future use.

Measurements were taken at 81 locations to track potential impacts from the test. Water authority spokesman J.C. Davis said the water level dropped roughly 9 feet at the production well and about 2 feet at a well roughly 100 yards away, but "all of the measurements stayed within acceptable levels."

"It kind of demonstrates that you can manage a groundwater basin and protect the surrounding habitat, even a habitat as fragile as the one at Coyote Springs," Davis said.

Environmentalists have warned that the authority's plans to tap groundwater in the area could deplete or even dry up springs that feed the Muddy River and provide a home for the Moapa dace, a finger-length fish that has been under federal protection for more than 40 years.

Similar concerns have been raised about the authority's more audacious plans to tap billions of gallons of groundwater a year across a 300-mile swath of eastern Nevada.

State Engineer Jason King, who heads the division of water resources, will decide how much more water, if any, can be safely pumped from Coyote Springs Valley.

He has given the authority and other participating parties until June 28 to file reports on the test pumping for his consideration.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, lead agency in the effort to save the Moapa dace, is still compiling data from the test.

"It's too early to say anything for sure," said Dan Balduini, spokesman for the service.

Davis said preliminary evidence shows some reduction in the flow from the upper stream that feeds the dace's habitat but no measurable change in the main spring and stream system.

The dace's entire habitat is confined to the 116-acre Moapa National Wildlife Refuge, some adjacent private land and the Warm Springs Natural Area, a 1,218-acre tract the water authority bought in 2007 for \$69 million.

The wholesale water supplier for the Las Vegas Valley agreed to help protect the fish under a 2006 federal agreement allowing the authority to tap groundwater in the area.

The authority has been approved to pump up to 9,000 acre-feet a year from Coyote Springs Valley, but it has filed for another 13,775 acre-feet in water rights there.

The Moapa Valley Water District and the developer of Coyote Springs also want state permission to pump more from the aquifer.

To some, the two-year test at Coyote Springs provides a preview of what could happen if the water authority pushes ahead with its larger, multibillion-dollar water development scheme.

Davis didn't object to the comparison.

"We thought the project was successful," he said of the pump test.

The authority is still pulling about 3,500 gallons a minute from its well in Coyote Springs, though Davis said officials are discussing whether it makes sense to keep the pumps running when there is no immediate need for the water.

"It's not that hard to shut it off and turn it back on again later," he said.

This marks the first time the water authority has moved groundwater from one basin to another. If the agency has its way, it certainly won't be the last.

Contact reporter Henry Brean at hbrean@reviewjournal.com or 702-383-0350.

Conferences

Title: 34th Annual Minority Health Conference and broadcast of the 15th Annual William T. Small, Jr. Keynote Lecture

Conference theme: "Constructing the Foundation for Health Equity"

Date: Friday, February 22nd, 8:00am-4:30pm (broadcast at 2:00-3:30pm EST)

Location: UNC William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education, Chapel Hill, NC and (Keynote only) on the web

Racial and ethnic health inequities persist from the cradle to the grave, in the form of higher rates of infant mortality, disease and disability, and premature mortality for many communities of color relative to national averages. These inequities contribute to higher health care costs, but also carry a heavy economic burden for the nation, estimated to be as much as \$1.24 trillion in direct health care costs and indirect costs associated with reduced productivity and lost wages and tax revenue. The causes of these inequities are complex, but are associated with differences in socioeconomic status, environmental risks and exposures, occupational exposures, health behaviors, and access to health care. At their core, many of these factors can be traced to historic and contemporary discrimination and differences in neighborhood and work environments that are the result of residential segregation and other structural inequities. This presentation explores how neighborhood and community contexts directly and indirectly shape health and contribute to health inequities as a result of racial and ethnic residential segregation. The presentation will also feature a discussion of policy strategies that de-concentrate poverty, reduce the geographic concentration of health risks, and increase investments in health-enhancing resources in communities that suffer from disinvestment.

Register today at: www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/2013/register/ *(In order to receive a lunch ticket, you must register by Friday, February 8th.)*

If you are unable to attend in person, you can view the free, interactive broadcast of Dr. Smedley's lecture.

Learn more about the Broadcast at www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/2013/broadcast/Read

the Lecture abstract: www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/2013/keynoteabstract.cfm Register for the Broadcast at: www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/2013/register/

Title: NAFOA's 31st Annual Conference

Dates: April 18-19, 2013

Location: Opryland Resort & Convention Center, 2800 Opryland Dr. Nashville, TN 37214

The two day conference held at the [Opryland Resort & Convention Center](#) will feature 28 sessions and exciting keynotes focused on investing in Indian country, policy affecting tribes, accounting updates and economic development opportunities. Hear from leading industry experts and tribal leaders on strategies for financial success. Sessions support professional growth of attendees. Earn up to 14 continuing education credits (CPE). Let us entertain you Thursday April 18 for a one-of-kind networking event at the famous [Wildhorse Saloon](#) in downtown Nashville, TN. Connect with peers and recharge business opportunities. Friday evening after the conference, NAFOA invites attendees to join us for "A Night at the Opry" ([Grand Ole Opry](#)). Conferences should be both educational and informative. And occasionally sport a guitar and line dancing. NAFOA invites you to experience what makes Nashville special during the spring months. It's a city that resonates with life and vibrates to the beat of every kind of song. Come join us and together we will keep the music playing!

Top Five Reasons to Attend:

1. **Get Direct Access:**

If you're looking for feedback on an economic development opportunity, need help evaluating tribal project choices, or want direct access to tribal policy makers, there's no better way to get face time with industry experts than at NAFOA's Annual Conference.

2. **Meet the Experts:**

NAFOA amasses experts from all sectors of the tribal finance industry under the roof of one conference. Attend sessions featuring leaders in banking, investing, gaming, accounting, policy making and more. Ask your toughest questions and get answers from our roster of specialist presenters.

3. **Learn What's New:**

This event will focus on bringing the latest GASB information, tribal investment committee best practices, case studies of restructuring debt, budgeting ideas, and policy affecting tribes.

4. **Network with peers:**

Start and end your day making connections and exploring business opportunities. Network with other tribes to discuss revenue generating ideas and learn which strategies your peers recommend. Evening networking events will be held at the famous Grand Ole Opry and Wildhorse Saloon.

5. **Earn CPE Credits:**

Unplug from email and conference calls and earn up to 14 CPE credits while you build your skill sets and fine-tune your strategies.

The **first 200 registrants** will be entered into a drawing for a Nashville Backstage Pass valued at \$1,200.00. The pass gives access to all the popular Nashville attractions including

the Country Music Hall of Fame, Ryman Auditorium, The Parthenon, Nashville Zoo as well as discounts for many of Nashville's popular bars and restaurants.

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Title: 2013 SAIGE YOUTH PROGRAM at 10th Annual National Training Program

Dates: June 3-7, 2013 **Location:** Spokane, WA **Application Deadline:** April 1, 2013

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is a national non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native Government employees. SAIGE will host their 10th annual National Training Program, Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions, June 3-7, 2013 in Spokane, Washington, at the Northern Quest Resort & Casino, owned by the Kalispel Tribe. As part of the Training Program, SAIGE will also host the annual Native Youth Program. This program is designed to provide Native American students an opportunity to learn about careers within the federal government, to participate in professional and personal development workshops and leadership training, and to network with Native American professionals. SAIGE encourages Native American youth to realize their potential to become leaders in their communities and schools, continue their educations by obtaining a college degree, and ultimately, to seek a career in the government sector in one of the multitude of civil service professions. Federal agency representatives attending the conference will have the opportunity to participate as Exhibitors, meet students, and promote career opportunities within their respective agencies.

SAIGE is offering a limited number of scholarships for Native students to attend the 2013 Training Conference June 3-7, 2013 in Spokane, Washington. The scholarships will include conference fee, airfare, hotel accommodations and meals.

Qualifications: The Youth Program is open to Native Students between the ages of 18 and 25 who can demonstrate they are currently enrolled in good standing at an accredited high school, college or university. Students must be interested in gaining a professional degree and in the possibility of pursuing a career with the federal government. SAIGE invites American Indian/Alaska Native students to submit their application form, letter of reference, proof of school enrollment, and completed emergency medical information form for consideration to attend the conference. A short essay about their interest in government careers and information about themselves is also required. Completed application packets must be postmarked or electronic copies sent no later than **April 1, 2013**.

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Website and Application: www.saige.org under Youth Program

Title: 31st Annual Protecting our Children: National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect **Dates:** April 7-10, 2013 **Location:** Tulsa, Oklahoma

-To highlight successful strategies for developing effective services

- To reveal the latest and most innovative child and family service delivery practices
- To highlight tactics and strategies for financing and sustaining services that impact children
- To showcase strategies for involving youth and families in developing services and policies that lead to systems change
- To create peer-to-peer networks that will assist each other in the work toward permanency for all American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) families
- To share the latest research on the well-being of AI/AN children and effective child welfare and children's mental health services, practices, and policies.

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Title: 41st annual We Are All Ethnic Studies: Building Communities, Challenging Racism, Sexism & Heteronormativities in the 21st Century

Date: April 12-13, 2013

Location: Fort Collins, Colorado

The field of Ethnic Studies is at a pivotal time for institutional growth and proliferation in urban and rural settings. The barriers we face are many including the banning of curricula in Arizona, text book revisions in Texas, and impeding issues of academic/intellectual freedom and self-determination to develop the fields of knowledge. In direct response we move to mobilize under the umbrella theme for the 2013 NAES conference to grow our disciplines from research one and college settings, to k-12 schools and community settings.

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Obama Admin Releases Fed Agency Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans

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Obama Administration Releases Federal Agency Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans

For the first time, Agency Plans to include strategies for climate change preparedness

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Continuing the Obama Administration's commitment to lead by example and cut waste, pollution, and costs in Federal operations, Federal agencies today released their 2012 Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans. President Obama signed [Executive Order 13514](#) on Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance in October 2009, setting aggressive targets for reducing waste and pollution in Federal operations by 2020. The Sustainability Plans build on three years of progress under the Executive Order and provide an overview of how agencies are saving taxpayer dollars, reducing carbon emissions, cutting waste, and saving energy.

This year, agency Sustainability Plans for the first time ever include Climate Change Adaptation Plans, outlining initiatives to reduce the vulnerability of Federal programs, assets, and investments to the impacts of climate change, such as sea level rise or more frequent or severe extreme weather. Agency adaptation plans highlight actions to plan for and address these impacts in their programs and operations, and protect taxpayer investments.

The adaptation plans, which the President called for in his 2009 Executive Order, will be available for 60 days of public comment and will be updated by agencies as needed. The agency adaptation plans build on the Administration's commitment to promoting climate change preparedness and resilience, including through launching the Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force in 2009 to coordinate measures across the Federal Government and support local and regional adaptation efforts.

"The Federal Government is seeing the results of three years of effort in the form of reduced utility bills, more efficient operations, and less waste and pollution," said Nancy Sutley, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. "Agencies are demonstrating significant progress on sustainability initiatives that are good for American taxpayers and good for American communities."

Executive Order 13514 requires Federal agencies to submit their plans to the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Agencies annually update Sustainability Plans, prioritizing activities that help to meet energy, water, and waste reduction goals based on a positive return on investment for the American taxpayer. In addition to the Climate Change Adaptation Plans, this year's Sustainability Plans include two other new components, Fleet Management Plans and Bio-based Purchasing Strategies.

Agency Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans are available now at <http://sustainability.performance.gov>.

For more information on Executive Order 13514 on Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance, please visit: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/sustainability>.

Interior Department to Try On Non-Politico Secretary

Mark Scheerer, Public News Service-NV

<http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/30760-1>

(02/11/13) LAS VEGAS, Nev. - The CEO of REI, the prominent outdoor clothing and gear retail company, has been nominated for Secretary of the Interior by President Obama. Sally Jewell's previous career experience is in the banking and oil industries. If confirmed, Jewell will be the first Secretary not from the political sphere in years.

REI, headquartered in Kent, Wash., is a member of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition. Its executive director, Joanna Grist, said Jewell knows how to balance sustainability and profitability.

"She brings a fresh perspective and new ideas," Grist explained. "She's a problem-solver by nature. Having the added perspective of a business leader is going to be, I hope, very helpful in forging partnerships through the D.C. politics."

Jewell is a hiker and kayaker. During her time at REI, the outdoor retailer has doubled its sales, and in 2011, it launched an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, energy use and waste sent to landfills.

The Interior Department is steward to hundreds of millions of acres of public lands. Its agencies are responsible for overseeing oil, gas and mining industries that sometimes pollute these lands, as well as for managing the lands for their wildlife and recreation values. Grist commended Jewell for having the right mix of experience.

"She was a key stakeholder in 'America's Great Outdoors' initiative discussions," Grist said. "That was a community-driven agenda about conservation and outdoor recreation, so she has been active on these issues on the federal level in the past. We're very encouraged and pleased to have her in this role."

Outgoing Interior Secretary Ken Salazar predicted Jewell will have an easy time being confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Belo Monte, Belo Monte, BRAZIL (AMAZON RAINFOREST) - Amazonian peoples block heavy machinery being used to construct the Belo Monte hydroelectric dam project, in protest against the violation of their rights, in Vitoria do Xingu near Altamira. Between 20,000 and 40,000 could be displaced from their traditional homes. The giant dam's project on rio Xingu (tributary of the Amazon river), will flood large areas of forests and place also the natural biodiversity of the river in danger. "Some 150 people opposed to the dam and its ecological impact and displacement of local villages paralyzed the construction during the night, forcing workers to leave their posts" -###

