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Daryl Hannah being awesome

Keystone XL: A Presidential Decision That Could Change the World

Michael T. Klare, TomDispatch

Klare writes: "Presidential decisions often turn out to be far less significant than imagined, but every now and then what a president decides actually determines how the world turns. Such

is the case with the Keystone XL pipeline."

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Inspiring Video: Stand Together to Move Forward on Climate

Video Feature: Forward On Climate Rally, the **largest climate rally in American history, is on Sunday, Feb. 17.** Moms Clean Air Force, Climate Parents and thousands of Americans will head to Washington, D.C. to make Forward on Climate a huge historic event. Watch this inspiring video telling President Obama it's time to fire up a clean energy future and provide us with a plan for climate change. President Obama's legacy will rest squarely on his response, resolve and leadership in solving the climate crisis.

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350.org Organizes Largest Climate Rally to Take Place in Washington

Ashley Curtin, News Report: Thousands of Americans will take to the streets of Washington, DC to demonstrate their opposition of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline on Feb. 17. In coordination with grassroots organizations, 350.org, Sierra Club and Hip Hop Caucus, the rally, Forward on Climate, is scheduled to begin at noon outside the Washington Monument and will complete its march at the White House in an effort for climate activists to openly support climate solutions and hold President Obama accountable for making climate changes during his second term.

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Here's **NASA's time lapsed video of global warming.** You may want to pause it every few years to appreciate the changes over time.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=NnjTnUm9t-0

Native Americans protest Nevada bear hunts

By MATT WOOLBRIGHT Associated Press 2.12.13

Native Americans sing and dance in unity in front of the Legislature building on Monday to support Senate Bill 82, which would prohibit bear hunting in Nevada. Jim Grant / Nevada Appeal

Native Americans from across the state sang and danced in opposition to bear hunts in Nevada as the aroma of burning sage filled the air outside the Nevada Legislature building Monday.

About 50 supporters of a bill to block bear hunting in the state converged on the building to protect "bear nation." Many Native Americans view the bear as a sacred animal and vehemently disapprove of the state allowing hunters to kill their "relative," said Raquel Arthur, representing the Pyramid Lake Paiute tribe.

“The bear is our elder,” Arthur said. “We consider it a very sacred animal for spiritual belief and ceremonial purposes.”

She added those ceremonies are thousands of years old. “We must stand up for bear nation because they have no voice,” Arthur said to the group of about 50 supporters.

The demonstration fell on Tribal Day at the 2013 Nevada Legislature, and comes two years after the first black bear the state in 2011. State have said the state's growing at a rate of annually and can



hunts were allowed in wildlife biologists bear population is about 16 percent support a limited hunt.

“There is no respect willing to sell bear economic state we're Lorayn Walser told care about the

for wildlife in a state tags because of the in,” demonstrator reporters. “They don't animals.”

According to the Wildlife, 25 bears

Department of have been killed in

Nevada since the first bear hunt two years ago. The law allows for up to 30 of the estimated 300 to 400 bears in western Nevada to be killed per season.

But even one killing would be too much for Ray Greywolf, who traveled to Carson City from Fresno, Calif., for the protest.

“It represents strength and wisdom, and it's a very important spirit animal in Native American culture,” Greywolf said. He added he drove about six hours Monday morning to join the demonstration because bears should never be hunted anywhere.

Sen. Aaron D. Ford, D-Las Vegas, chairs the Senate committee responsible for the initial evaluation of the bill, SB 82. He said there is no hearing scheduled for the measure yet, but the committee plans to discuss it soon.

“I look forward to hearing the issue from all sides to see what's out there and then deliberating,” Ford said.

Government to Government between tribes and USDA

<http://www.nativenewsnetwork.com/government-to-government-now-in-place-between-tribes-and-usda.html>

On a similar note, how many tribes have investigated “638-ing” Post Office functions to keep the network alive? sdc

Greater Nevada Credit Union Scholarship

Who needs a little help with tuition? Scholarship applications are available for the 2013/2014 school year. We're giving away 15 \$1,000 scholarships to members or their immediate family (child, spouse, parent). Check it out.

<http://www.gncu.org/about-us/community-involvement/gncu-college-scholarships.html>

EPA just released this last week-showing an additional 19 streams, lakes, rivers added to the methyl mercury fish warning list, thanks to NV mines dumping tons of the stuff here. Ruby Lake, Owyhee River, Wildhorse, South Fork-breaks my heart to see this. And it motivates me to kick Nevada Mining Association's ass harder than ever.

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/tmdl/303d-pdf/nv-2008-2010-303d-papd-epa-enclos-final.pdf>

[Bob Fulkerson](#) This shows that only 10 fisheries in NV haven't been polluted with mercury (thanks to Nevada mines) to warrant a limit to the number of fish you can eat from them. Really sad to see only 4 rainbows a month can be eaten from my beloved Tonkin Reservoir. We used to eat that many per day. These god damned mines need to pay. <http://ndow.org/fish/health/index.shtm>

[NDOW - Fishing - Mercury in the Environment ndow.org](#)

Nevada Department of Wildlife is the state agency responsible for the restoratio...See More [Brian Bahouth](#) let's not forget the legacy of Virginia City mining and the mercury in the Carson River 150 years later ...

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The Maori of New Zealand by Ira Jacknis, Research Anthropologist

Maori feather cloak. Collected by Mrs. Peter J. Crosby, Jr., before 1949. PAHMA 11-3334, (h)60 x (w)90cm.

Although the Maori collection at the Hearst Museum--numbering about 200 items--is one of the smaller ones, it is an excellent representation of the culture of this Polynesian people. The Maori, who settled in New Zealand some time before 1300, are renowned for their elaborate and decorative woodcarving, stonework, and textiles.

In fact, the Maori collections at Berkeley go back to the very beginnings of the university. Around 1873, Francis L. A. Pioche, a wealthy San Francisco banker, donated a large natural history collection, which included a carved Maori staff. Transferred to the UC Anthropology Museum in 1904, it

was the first Maori object to be cataloged. The second Maori item was a stone adz donated by Phoebe Hearst in 1901.

By far, however, the core of the Maori collection are the 102 items obtained from the Otago University Museum in Dunedin, New Zealand, in 1929. These were sent on exchange for a sample of Greek and Roman antiquities. Henry Devenish Skinner, the museum's curator, had selected the Classical items in the fall of 1927, while he was in Berkeley taking graduate courses in anthropology. Skinner, who was much influenced by American anthropologists such as Clark Wissler and Alfred Kroeber, continued to work with Edward Gifford on their mutual interest in Pacific studies.

Maori wall slab for a meeting house; detail of top half. Collected on exchange from the Otago University Museum. PAHMA 11-2251, (h)180 x (w)60cm.

The Otago collection is quite diverse, consisting mostly of stone adzes, bone fish hooks, and fine wood carving. By far the most spectacular and important items are a pair of carved panels for a meeting house. These flat posts supported the rafters of a Maori meeting house. They were carved around 1870 with steel tools by the Ngati Porou tribe (iwi), who live in the northeast corner of the North Island, and are noted for their woodcarving. Skinner was proud of his contribution: "It is a good all-round collection, and the two carved slabs or pillars are exceptionally fine, worth far more than all the carving of the Maori house in the Field Museum put together."

Throughout the rest of the 20th century, the museum continued to fill out its Maori collection. Between 1960 and 1990, the museum acquired some finely-woven baskets made by leading Maori weavers.

Maori "kitsch", collected by Arnold Rubin. From l-r: oil lamp, PAHMA 11-43234 (h)24.7 cm; salt shaker PAHMA 11-43233, (h)8.7 cm; and coffee mug PAHMA11-43232, (h)10 cm.

Included with the museum's well-known focus on tourist art, fostered by anthropology professor Nelson Graburn, in 1984 the museum accepted five items of what was called "ethnic kitsch." UCLA professor of art history Arnold Rubin collected a coffee mug, salt shaker, oil lamp, and plastic pendant, all made in Japan, invoking distinctive Maori decorative styles. So,

whether beautiful or ugly, the Maori collections are important documents of cultural practices and representations.

Study: Diet Soda Increases the Risk of Diabetes. Why Do We Still Drink This Stuff?

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Yet another study confirms what people have been saying for ages: Stop drinking diet soda. Like, right now. **Drinking just one 12-ounce can of an artificially sweetened fizzy drink per week can increase your risk of Type 2 diabetes by 33 percent.**

US Fed Employment Opportunities

Employer: Forest Service Jobs **Location:** Various, Please search descriptions

Positions: Forestry Technician, Assistant Fire Engine Operator, Fire Management Officer, NEPA Planner, Resource Assistant, Work Programs Officer, Biological Science Technician, Wildlife Technician, Range Technician, Hand Crew Supervisor, Human Resources Specialist, Rangeland Management Specialist, Biological Scientist, Nurse Instructor, Pharmacy Instructor, Purchasing Agent, Range/Minerals Specialist, Forester, Archaeology Technician, Archeologist, This Biological Science Aid, Budget Analyst, Regional Budget Officer, Director Acquisition Management, Dispatcher, Fisheries Technician, Fisheries Biologist, Visitor Services Information Assistant, Geologist, Patrol Captain, Law Enforcement Officer, Personnel Security Assistant, Park Ranger, Timber Sale Administrator, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Technician, Visitor Service Information Assistant, Timber Management Assistant, Training Specialist, Visitor Information Services, Safety Officer, Recreation Assistant, Natural Resource Specialist, Range Management Specialist, Information Receptionist, Human Resources Assistant, Zone Hydrologist, Logistics Dispatcher, Fire Dispatcher, Helitack, Monitoring Crew, Weed Management Technicians, Seasonal Biological Science Tech. Plants, Fuels Crew Member, Forestry AID Maintenance Worker, Social Services Assistant, Recreation Special Uses Permit Administrator, Support Services Supervisor, Material Handler, Forest Transportation Manager, Civil Engineer, Ranger, Engineering Technician, Tribal Relations Program Manager, Clerk, Administrative Support Assistant, Deputy Ranger, Fire Ecologist, Purchasing Agent, Spatial Database Specialist, Grants Management Specialist, Guidance Counselor, NEPA Coordinator, Psychologist, Hotshot Crew Member, Maintenance Worker, Pilot, Smokejumper,

For more information on any jobs listed above, visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/index.shtml> OR <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Employer: National Institutes of Health **Title:** Tenure-Eligible PI **Deadline:** Feb 15, 2013

Job Description:

The Molecular Imaging Program (MIP), Center for Cancer Research (CCR), National Cancer Institute (NCI), invites applications to fill a tenure-eligible Principal Investigator position. The Center for Cancer Research (CCR) is an intramural research component of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). CCR's enabling infrastructure facilitates clinical studies at the NIH Clinical Center, the world's largest dedicated clinical research complex; provides extensive opportunities for collaboration; and allows scientists and clinicians to undertake high-risk, high-impact laboratory- and clinic-based investigations. Investigators are supported by a wide array of intellectual and technological and research resources. For an overview of CCR, please visit <http://ccr.cancer.gov/>.

The MIP is dedicated to accelerating the discovery of new treatments for cancer using advanced imaging methods. The MIP's current research includes: activatable optical imaging, photo immunotherapy, and the development of novel radionuclide and MR imaging agents. Candidates must have a Ph.D., or M.D. degree or equivalent doctoral degree in a relevant field with post-doctoral experience and an extensive background in pre-clinical imaging including MR and optical imaging, photochemistry and molecular biology. Applicants with interest in these or any complimentary areas, and who have a proven ability to conduct innovative research, are encouraged to apply.

The incumbent will receive research support for developing a state-of-the art laboratory that includes sufficient space, equipment, and a supply budget to sustain a research program. Salary is commensurate with research experience and accomplishments. This position is not restricted to U.S. citizens. Interested applicants should submit a CV and bibliography, a brief statement of research interests (no more than two pages) to Murali Cherukuri, Ph.D., Search Chair, c/o Mirna Martinez, Building 10, Room B3B69, Bethesda, MD 20892. Also at the following link: <http://irp-positions.nih.gov/job/MIP-PI>. The search will remain open until a qualified applicant is found.

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**Title:** Director, Clinical Research Program

**Deadline:** February 28, 2013

**Job Description:**

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of the National Institutes of Health is searching for a senior investigator qualified for tenure-eligible appointment to direct its Clinical Research Program, which includes an on-site Clinical Research Unit in Research Triangle Park and components at the Clinical Research Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The primary duty station is Research Triangle Park, NC, with 2-3 days per month (typically day trips) spent in Bethesda, MD. NIEHS supports and conducts research that contributes to the basic understanding of biological and chemical processes, the contributions of environmental agents to human disease and dysfunction, and the underlying mechanisms of environmentally associated diseases. The Director, Clinical Research Program, is responsible for the development, administration, coordination and oversight of investigator-initiated clinical research; provides general advice to the Director and Scientific Director, NIEHS, on matters relating to human and clinical studies; supervises the Office of Research Compliance; and develops policies and programs for the execution of clinical research at NIEHS. The Clinical Director is responsible for creating and maintaining a research environment in which clinical findings influence the direction of laboratory studies and laboratory findings are applied back to the clinical and clinical research communities. The incumbent will facilitate intramural clinical research by identifying opportunities for translating basic science into clinical studies. The Clinical Director will ensure that Institute research reflects the highest standards of scientific excellence and ethical conduct for the protection of human subjects. The incumbent will review matters pertaining to the provision of patient care in research protocols and oversee resource allocation, scientific review, and recruitment of staff. The Clinical Director will provide advice and training on the conduct of clinical studies, facilitate clinical research collaborations between intramural and extramural investigators, and develop long-range clinical research goals and objectives relevant to the mission of NIEHS.

**To apply,** submit a cover letter with plans for directing and conducting a clinical and translational research program, Curriculum Vitae and bibliography and the names and addresses (including e-mail addresses and phone numbers) of three references to [dir-appls@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:dir-appls@niehs.nih.gov) or the below mailing address **by February 28, 2013**. Salary is commensurate with level of experience.

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Title: Staff Scientist

Deadline: Open-ended

Job Description:

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) conducts and supports a global program of research to better understand, treat, and ultimately prevent infectious, immunologic, and allergic diseases. In the NIAID Laboratory of Allergic Diseases, the Mast Cell Biology Section (MCBS) has an opening for a staff scientist with expertise in mast cell biology and techniques applicable to understanding the control of mast-cell function.

The overall research mission of the Laboratory of Allergic Diseases is to better understand the pathogenesis of allergic diseases and to work toward diagnosis and therapy, integrating both basic and clinical research programs. The focus of the MCBS is on understanding the control of human mast cell function in disorders of mast cell proliferation and activation by examining how the mast cell signalosome under epigenetic control modulates mast-cell behavior. The ultimate goal is to develop novel approaches to the treatment of allergic diseases.

The successful applicant will implement and contribute to a research program focused on signal transduction pathways and their control in mast cell proliferation and activation. This position requires a Ph.D. in cell biology, molecular biology, or immunology and five to ten years of experience in immune/mast cell signal transduction. An understanding of expression and sequencing platforms and associated bioinformatics, a strong publication record, a proven ability to direct research and coordinate collaborative projects, and a demonstrated ability to conduct translational research are musts. For more information about the MCBS, visit the Laboratory of Allergic Diseases website: <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/labsandresources/labs/aboutlabs/lad>. To apply, send curriculum vitae, bibliography, three letters of recommendation, and a short statement about your skill set and research interests (no more than two pages) to Dr. Dean D. Metcalfe, Chief, Laboratory of Allergic Diseases, at dmetcalfe@mail.nih.gov or 10 Center Drive MSC 1881, Building 10, Room 11C207, Bethesda, MD 20892. HHS, NIH, and NIAID are equal opportunity employers.

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**Title:** Chief      **Deadline:** Open-ended

**Job Description:**

The NEI seeks to develop a new program in computational analysis that fully employs human genomic, transcriptomic, proteomic, metabolomic, neurophysiological and clinical data sets to reconstruct biological networks characteristic of normal and disease states. The magnitude, diversity, rich information content, and hierarchical connectivity of these data sets require the utilization and development of novel quantitative tools. The goal is to understand human disease at a molecular level in order to develop mechanism-based therapeutic interventions. We invite applications for head of a new laboratory of Computational Medicine within the NEI Intramural Research Program. This initiative seeks to integrate and translate knowledge from genetics and biology to a wide range of disease processes using systems, network, statistical and bioinformatics approaches. The NEI/NIH provides an exceptional environment of dedicated scientists as well as a wide range of resources. We currently envision that this program will be located in the newly constructed Porter Neuroscience complex that houses a diverse set of investigators from many different Institutes. The successful candidate will be expected to recruit tenure-track faculty in areas that may include computational medicine or neuroscience, network biology, genetic or molecular epidemiology, cell and molecular biology, statistical genetics, bioinformatics, and biostatistics into the new Laboratory of Computational Medicine. Applicants should have a MD, MD/PhD or PhD and an outstanding record of accomplishments in genetics, epidemiology, neuroscience, cell and molecular biology, biostatistics, or a related quantitative discipline. Senior scientists would have the opportunity to maintain their participation in existing collaborative research in non-eye diseases if desired.

This position will remain open until filled. Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, bibliography, copies of their five most significant publications, a summary of research accomplishments, names of three references, and a detailed experimental plan for the development of this program. These materials should be sent to: The Office of the Scientific Director, National Eye Institute, Attention: Ms. Mica Gordon ([gordonmi@nei.nih.gov](mailto:gordonmi@nei.nih.gov)), NIH Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Room 6A22, Bethesda, MD, 20892. The National Eye Institute does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor. DHHS and NIH are Equal Opportunity Employers.

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Title: Tenure-Track Investigator Position

Deadline: Open-ended

Job Description: The Division of Intramural Research, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), located in Bethesda, MD, is seeking a tenure-track scientist to establish an independent research program in hearing and balance. We welcome applications from candidates with clinical or basic research interests in hearing and balance or disorders of

these processes. Preference will be given to candidates whose experimental approaches complement those of our existing strong programs in the genetics, development and cell biology of hearing and balance. The successful candidate will join a dynamic group of scientists in a growing intramural program at the forefront of research on communication disorders. Research space is located in a newly constructed, inter-Institute neuroscience research center (<http://orf.od.nih.gov/Construction/CurrentProjects/PorterNeuroscience.htm>) which includes state-of-the-art NIDCD core facilities. Visit www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/jobs for more information.

The NIDCD offers an exceptional working environment including well-equipped research laboratories, the NIH Clinical Research Center, and numerous opportunities for collaboration. This position includes a generous start-up allowance, an ongoing commitment of research space, laboratory resources, and positions for personnel and trainees. Candidates must possess a Ph.D. and/or M.D., post-doctoral experience, and an outstanding publication record. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

Please submit a curriculum vitae including bibliography, three reprints of recent relevant publications, statement of research interests, an outline of your proposed research, and the names and addresses of three references to: Ms. Linda de Iberri, Office of the Scientific Director, NIDCD, 5 Research Court, Room 2B28, Rockville, MD 20892 (deiberril@nidcd.nih.gov). Applications will be reviewed starting March 1, 2013 and accepted until the position is filled. DHHS and NIH are Equal Opportunity Employers and encourage applications from women and minorities.

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**The NIH Intramural Research Program**

<http://irp.nih.gov/>  
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<http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/gme.html>

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**Archives:** <http://videocast.nih.gov/PastEvents.asp?c=27>

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From the Eagle Watch #308

February 4, 2013

**Fighting the Nuclear Madness**

AIMer John Trudell stated over 40 years ago that nuclear war is now being waged against us. Never mind the threat from nuclear bombs. All the nuclear waste is an attack on humanity. Nuclear reactors are

made to produce weaponable materials for perpetual wars of depopulation.

Here's the link to Brenda Norrell's web site featuring videos of a protest in Toronto against GE Hitachi's nuclear plant. (Hey, that's the neighbourhood where i grew up!) It was poison 50 years ago and getting worse now. "Big Up" to all the People who stood out in the cold to expose Nuclear Madness.

VIDEO First Nation Nuclear Rail Blockade Feb 3, 2013  
<http://bsnorrell.blogspot.ca/2013/02/video-first-nation-nuclear-rail.html>

Google and other media elitists are blocking this information. It is important. Please circulate!

We wrote about the goings on at GE Hitachi in an Eagle Watch October, 2009 article, "Stop the Expansion of Peterborough Nukes: No More Nuclear Madness":

"GEHitachi also have facilities in downtown Toronto on Lansdowne Avenue where they have been testing and manufacturing nuclear products for over 50 years and in Arnprior. Hitachi, a Japanese firm and GE General Electric merged their nuclear departments in 2007 to consolidate their global nuclear reactor business. Another Japanese firm, Toshiba recently bought Westinghouse who also make reactors. It's some kind of feeding frenzy."

Details of the Toronto operation are included in our work, "A Calamity Threatens Your Happiness" self published in 2010. Chapter Two deals with the nuclear topic.

Kittoh From: [kittoh@storm.ca](mailto:kittoh@storm.ca) [  
=====DISCUSSION PAPER AVAILABLE in Print Format Only!=====  
"A Calamity Threatens Your Happiness" by J. "Kittoh" Stanley, 2010, self-published, 260p., perfect bound.  
Copies are still available.

This work, distributed by trade or gift, promises to be important and controversial. It came about as a result of the phoney police-led anti uranium mining protests at Sharbot Lake in 2007. It covers related incidents in nearby Ongwehonweh and Nishnaabe communities. There's loads of info on the nuclear industry, Canadian militarization, water diversion and much more. If you would like to receive a copy, send an email including your mailing address. <[kittoh@storm.ca](mailto:kittoh@storm.ca)>

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*My grandmother said, "Where is your health? It's right at the end of your arms", meaning we help ourselves.*  
~ Cherely A Kennedy, Grande Ronde Tribal Council

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## [Harvesting Justice: Transforming the Global Food Supply Chain - Food Sovereignty](#)

**Tory Field and Beverly Bell, Other Worlds:** From community gardens to just global policy, a national and global movement is growing to reclaim food, land, and agricultural systems from agribusiness and put them back in the hands of citizens. A common thread links innovations and successes happening simultaneously around the globe.

[Read the Article](#)

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### [A New Manhattan Project](#)

**Thom Hartmann, The Daily Take:** In Australia, a new study has found that unsubsidized renewable energy is now cheaper than fossil fuels like coal and gas; in fact, it's a lot cheaper. It's time for a Manhattan Project for renewable energy right here in America.

[Read the Article](#)

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### **Nevada Museum of Art: February 9-June 9**

Frohawk Two Feathers is the artistic alter-ego of Los Angeles-based artist Umar Rashid, a performer, writer and artist whose work is filled with real and imagined colonial histories and often takes the form of mixed media paintings that resemble Native American ledger paintings

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## [In Australia, Wind Power is Already Cheaper Than Fossil Fuels and Solar is Right Behind](#)

**Jeff Spross, News Report:** According to the latest research from Bloomberg New Energy Finance, electricity from wind power can now be supplied more cheaply in Australia than power from either coal or natural gas—and solar and other forms of renewable energy aren't far behind. Older coal-fired power plants from the 70s and 80s still compete at lower prices than renewables—but only because their construction costs have depreciated. For the deployment of any new power generation in Australia, renewables now appear to be the way to go. Australia currently charges polluters \$23 (Australian dollars) per metric ton of carbon they emit, but the recent study concluded that wind power would still undercut fossil fuels even without that correction of the market's failure to properly build in the costs of carbon pollution.

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### **Abandoned Mine Clean Up**

The Department of Interior is proposing [new rules for states and tribes that wish to spend federal funds to clean up abandoned mines](#). The department will extend limited liability protection for non-coal mine restoration projects to the 25 states and three Indian tribes certified by the federal government for mine reclamation programs.

The current law provides limited liability only to projects that target coal mines. Without the liability protection, states and tribes potentially expose themselves to lawsuits under the Clean Water Act, according to Congressional testimony from an abandoned mine program manager for the Navajo Nation.