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by **Zach Behrens** **February 14, 2013**

It was officially a centennial ceremony, but to call it a celebration would have been taking it too far.

The group of protestors who attended the ceremony at the Eastern California Museum in Independence were primarily from a local Paiute tribe, said Klusmire. | Photo: Jon Klusmire/Eastern California Museum/County of Inyo

100 years ago yesterday, the intake for the Los

Angeles Aqueduct opened. It's the piece of infrastructure where the natural flowing Owens River, filled by melting snow of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, is diverted into the artificial engineering marvel that sends water over 200 miles to the city.

Without the aqueduct, L.A. wouldn't be what it is today (while it delivers less than half of the water supply today, it once brought 80 to 90 percent); with it, the Owens Valley has suffered a century of major environmental change. That fact was not lost upon Los Angeles officials Friday at an early celebration of the intake centennial in [Independence](#). "It would be wrong not to recognize the controversy," said Department of Water and Power General Manager Ron Nichols, [according to a report filed by Jon Klusmire](#), who heads up the [Eastern California Museum](#) for Inyo County, in the local newspaper.

Nonetheless, hard feelings felt by many locals were peacefully put on display by about 30 protestors at the ceremony. Klusmire snapped some photos and shared them with KCET:  
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Rebecca Iahtail, left, and Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, right, stand at the diamond ice road blockade on Friday night. The blockade of the De Beers Mine is now into its seventh day. The diamond mine giant has obtained a court injunction to force the blockade's end.

[\*\*Cree woman dying of cancer last one standing on Attawapiskat diamond mine blockade | APTN National\*\*](#)  
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[\(Rebecca Iahtail \(left\) and Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence \(right\) at the diamond mine ice road blockade on Friday night. APTN/photo\)](#)  
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### **XL-Sized Myths, Debunked**

*Jill Fitzsimmons, Media Matters for America*

Fitzsimmons reports: "As the State Department nears a decision on whether or not to approve the Keystone XL pipeline, the media is exaggerating its economic benefits and downplaying environmental risks to advocate for the project." [READ MORE](#)

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### **Thousands at Climate Rally in Washington Call on Obama to Reject Keystone Pipeline**

**Zach Roberts, Truthout:** A reported 50,000 people attended the 350/Sierra Club rally yesterday in Washington DC - making it the largest environmental march in decades. Zach Roberts documented the demonstration in these photos.

[View the Photo Essay](#)

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### **CHANCELLOR FEELS ANGER OF RURAL COLLEGE SUPPORTERS OVER NEW FUNDING FORMULA**

The Nevada System of Higher Education's chancellor found himself Friday inside a hornet's nest of angry legislators who expressed

disgust over the lack of state funds their local colleges and universities would receive under a new formula.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz16030026>

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**[The Master Debaters](http://www.youtube.com)** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Vernon Big Chief and Sheldon Five Bulls debate for a spot in elected government. They square off against issues of per cap, health care, enrollment, blood qu...

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*All children are born Geniuses; 9,999 of 10,000 are swiftly inadvertently degeniusized by grownups.* *Buckmaster Fuller*

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**TAKING NOTE**

**[Unsolicited Advice for Sally Jewell](#)**

By ROBERT B. SEMPLE JR.

President Obama's surprise nominee to run the Interior Department should realize that conservation does not loom large at the White House.

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**[THE LUNDIN TIMES](http://thelundintimes.blogspot.com)** [thelundintimes.blogspot.com](http://thelundintimes.blogspot.com)

[I have officially arrived in La Sierra Nevada! Research and initial writing of my new book, presenting the spiritual and environmental message of the Elders \(the Mamos\) of the four indigenous peoples of La Sierra - the Kogi, Arhuacos, Cankuamo, and Wiwa - is officially underway. After spending four...](#)

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**NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

The Dr. Scholl Foundation welcomes grant applications from 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations committed to improving our world. Applications for grants of \$5,000 to \$25,000 are considered in the following areas: Education, Social Service, Healthcare, Environmental, and Civic and Cultural. The application deadline is March 1. For an application and more information, click [here](#).

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*Again, the tribes/native organizations will have a wonderful opportunity to create meaningful child raising models, if only returning to traditional community practice. sdc*

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary February 14, 2013

### **President Obama's Plan for Early Education for all Americans**

“In states that make it a priority to educate our youngest children...studies show students grow up more likely to read and do math at grade level, graduate high school, hold a job, form more stable families of their own. We know this works. So let's do what works and make sure none of our children start the race of life already behind.”

President Barack Obama  
State of the Union, February 12, 2013

The beginning years of a child's life are critical for building the early foundation needed for success later in school and in life. Leading economists agree that high-quality early learning programs can help level the playing field for children from lower-income families on vocabulary, social and emotional development, while helping students to stay on track and stay engaged in the early elementary grades. Children who attend these programs are more likely to do well in school, find good jobs, and succeed in their careers than those who don't. And research has shown that taxpayers receive a high average return on investments in high-quality early childhood education, with savings in areas like improved educational outcomes, increased labor productivity, and a reduction in crime.

In his State of the Union address, President Obama called on Congress to expand access to high-quality preschool to every child in America. As part of that effort, the President will propose a series of new investments that will establish a continuum of high-quality early learning for a child – beginning at birth and continuing to age 5. By doing so, the President would invest critical resources where we know the return on our dollar is the highest: in our youngest children.

- **Providing High-Quality Preschool for Every Child:** The President is proposing a new federal-state partnership to provide all low- and moderate-income four-year old children with high-quality preschool, while also expanding these programs to reach additional children from middle class families and incentivizing full-day kindergarten policies. This investment – financed through a cost-sharing model with states – will help close America's school readiness gap and ensure that children have the chance to enter kindergarten ready for success.
- **Growing the Supply of Effective Early Learning Opportunities for Young Children:** To expand high-quality early learning opportunities in the years before preschool, the President will call for a significant investment in a new Early Head Start-Child Care partnership. Competitive grants will support communities that expand the availability of Early Head Start and child care providers that can meet the highest standards of quality for infants and toddlers, serving children from birth through age 3.

- **Extending and Expanding Evidence-Based, Voluntary Home Visiting:** Voluntary home visiting programs enable nurses, social workers, and other professionals to connect families to services and educational support that will improve a child's health, development, and ability to learn. President Obama has already committed \$1.5 billion to expand home visitation to hundreds of thousands of America's most vulnerable children and families across all 50 states. The President will pursue substantial investments to expand these important programs to reach additional families in need.

### **The President's Commitment to Early Education**

A zip code should never predetermine the quality of any child's educational opportunities. Yet studies show that children from low-income families are less likely to have access to high-quality early education, and less likely to enter school prepared for success. By third grade, children from low-income families who are not reading at grade level are six times less likely to graduate from high school than students who are proficient. Often, the high costs of private preschool and lack of public programs also narrow options for middle-class families.

High-quality early childhood education provides the foundation for all children's success in school and helps to reduce achievement gaps. Despite the individual and economic benefits of early education, our nation has lagged in its commitment to ensuring the provision of high quality public preschool in our children's earliest years. The Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) estimates that the United States ranks 28<sup>th</sup> out of 38 countries for the share of four-year olds enrolled in early childhood education. And fewer than 3 in 10 four-year olds are enrolled in high-quality programs.

### ***Preschool for All***

- **The President's proposal will improve quality and expand access to preschool,** through a cost sharing partnership with all 50 states, to extend federal funds to expand high-quality public preschool to reach all low- and moderate-income four-year olds from families at or below 200% of poverty. The U.S. Department of Education will allocate dollars to states based their share of four-year olds from low- and moderate-income families and funds would be distributed to local school districts and other partner providers to implement the program. The proposal would include an incentive for states to broaden participation in their public preschool program for additional middle-class families, which states may choose to reach and serve in a variety of ways, such as a sliding-scale arrangement.
- **Funds will support states as they ensure that children are enrolled in high-quality programs.** In order to access federal funding, states would be required to meet quality benchmarks that are linked to better outcomes for children, which include:
  - State-level standards for early learning;
  - Qualified teachers for all preschool classrooms; and
  - A plan to implement comprehensive data and assessment systems.

Preschool programs across the states would meet common and consistent standards for quality across all programs, including:

- Well-trained teachers, who are paid comparably to K-12 staff;
- Small class sizes and low adult to child ratios;
- A rigorous curriculum;
- Comprehensive health and related services; and
- Effective evaluation and review of programs.

· **The proposal also encourages states to expand the availability of full-day kindergarten.** Only 6 out of 10 of America's kindergarten students have access to a full day of learning. In order to ensure that our kindergartners spend the time they need in school to reach rigorous benchmarks and standards, funds under this program may also be used to expand full-day kindergarten once states have provided preschool education to low- and moderate-income four year-olds.

· **Under the President's proposal, investment in the federal Head Start program will continue to grow.** The President's plan will maintain and build on current Head Start investments, to support a greater share of infants, toddlers, and three-year olds in America's Head Start centers, while state preschool settings will serve a greater share of four-year olds.

### *Quality Early Learning for Our Youngest Children*

- **The President will also launch a new Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership program,** to support states and communities that expand the availability of Early Head Start and child care providers that can meet the highest standards of quality for infants and toddlers, serving children from birth through age 3. Funds will be awarded through Early Head Start on a competitive basis to enhance and support early learning settings; provide new, full-day, comprehensive services that meet the needs of working families; and prepare children for the transition into preschool. This strategy – combined with an expansion of publicly funded preschool education for four-year olds – will ensure a cohesive and well-aligned system of early learning for children from birth to age five.
- **The President is proposing to expand the Administration's evidence-based home visiting initiative,** through which states are implementing voluntary programs that provide nurses, social workers, and other professionals to meet with at-risk families in their homes and connect them to assistance that impacts a child's health, development, and ability to learn. These programs have been critical in improving maternal and child health outcomes in the early years, leaving long-lasting, positive impacts on parenting skills; children's cognitive, language, and social-emotional development; and school readiness. This will help ensure that our most vulnerable Americans are on track from birth, and that later educational investments rest upon a strong foundation.

### **Building on Success**

President Obama has committed to a comprehensive early learning agenda for America's children that begins at birth and provides the support and services needed to set them on a path of success in school and in life:

- **Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge:** The Early Learning Challenge has rewarded 14 states that have agreed to raise the bar on the quality of their early childhood education programs, establish higher standards across programs and provide critical links with health, nutrition, mental health, and family support for our neediest children.
- **Head Start and Early Head Start:** President Obama has made historic investments in the Head Start and Early Head Start programs to reach an additional 61,000 children. Under the President’s leadership, enrollment in Early Head Start in particular has nearly doubled. The Obama Administration has also implemented needed reform in the Head Start program by identifying lower-performing grantees and ensuring that those failing to meet new, rigorous benchmarks face new competition for continued federal funding.
- **Supporting our Federal Child Care System:** The President has proposed new investments to expand access and quality in the Child Care and Development Block Grant.

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**Valley of the Sun Resources:**

**Valley of the Sun Cherokees** - The Valley of the Sun Cherokees meets monthly and is a community dedicated to history, culture, heritage, tradition, fellowship and service. For information about the group and meetings email the group or check the website.

**Youth Golf Group** - The First Tee of Phoenix is a nonprofit group that provides affordable access to golf for youth and will begin programming at an additional five golf courses. This group is geared for 7-17 year olds. For more details check the website.

**My Team Triumph - Wings of Phoenix** - Nonprofit athletic ride-along program created for children, teens, adults, and veterans with disabilities that would normally not be able to experience endurance events such as triathlons or road races. For information call Tracey at (480) 412-3306.

**The Kohl's Fit online virtual community at Phoenix Children's Hospital** can help both parents and their children set a New Year's resolution for healthy living. The online program is a fun engaging way to get kids and families active and eating healthy! You start one step at a time, achieving realistic goals in increasing activity and learning nutrition tips along the way. Get moving! At home, today, set some family goals like: \*We will have 60 minutes of active play each and every day. \*We will limit screen time, including computer, TV, and smart phones to two hours or less every day. \*We will add more fruits and vegetables to our plates at every meal. Visit the website or call Victoria Howe at Phoenix Children's Hospital at (602) 933-3364 for more information and tips to get rockin' to health, one step at a time.

**Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP)** exists to lessen the lack of equality in cancer healthcare and prevention education in the Flagstaff community. The top three diagnosed cancers in the southwest for Native men are prostate, colorectal, and kidney cancers and for Native women, breast, colorectal, and uterine cancers. Cancer may be prevented by taking charge of your health and making small changes in your life, from eating healthy and being active to scheduling regular cancer screenings or health checks. For more information call them at (928) 523-8588.

Phoenix Indian Center is seeking parents to participate in the **Urban American Indian Parenting**

**Project.** Participation will provide a needed service to the Urban American Indian community. Eligible parents will receive up to \$150.00 for participating. Workshops will be held at different locations throughout Maricopa County. Call (602) 264-6768 x 2302.

**AZ Tribal Health Listserv**, University of Arizona, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. Call Agnes at (520) 626-4727 or email her to sign up for the Listserv.

**Mentor U @ ASU** - The mission of Mentor U@ASU is to support American Indian/Alaska Native student success by engaging professionals, community leaders, and organizations through mentoring, networking, and service. Mentor U@ASU consists of two components: 1) A career-focused mentoring program which matches students and professionals for an 8 week mentoring experience; 2) Networking Mixers for students, professionals, and the greater community.

**University of Arizona - Native American Student Affairs (NASA)** - Find out what the UA Native American Student Affairs Office is doing. Call (520) 621-3835.

### **Additional Resources**

**Native Generations Website** - Urban Indian Health Institute worldwide release of Native Generations Campaign that includes video, webpage and resources. Addresses high rate of infant mortality, causes of infant death, and maternal and child health needs among American Indian and Alaska Natives. Click here to view the video. Resources are also available for families for new and expectant parents and child caregivers..

Funds Available to Push Policy - **The Rapid Response to Obesity Fund** is accepting proposals to assist Native groups and others in addressing the issue of obesity. If you belong to an organization that is trying to make a policy change to impact the issue of obesity please contact The Rapid Response to Obesity Fund. This Fund is available to add the extra support for policy changes in complete streets, shared playgrounds, increased choices in fresh and healthy food options, etc. They are interested in supporting proposals from Native organizations and communities. For information email Aaron Doeppers or call (608) 886-2988.

**Soldier's Best Friend** - For Veterans struggling with PTSD or TBI and might benefit by having a therapeutic assistance dog. No cost to Veteran. Apply online.

**WERNATIVE** - is a health text messaging service for American Indian and Alaska Native teens and young adults. Text NATIVE to 24587 for weekly health tips, contests, and life advice. Sponsored by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. Funded by the National I.H.S. HIV Program.

**White House Webpage dedicated to Native Americans** - The White House webpage is meant to serve as another tool to help Indian Country navigate the federal government and learn how the President's Agenda is helping to win the future for Native Americans. There is a new fact sheet on how the American Jobs Act will benefit Native Americans and the economy. There are also three blog posts on the Administration's ongoing work in Indian Country.

**Center for Native American Youth - Champions for Change** - Bringing greater national attention to the issues facing Native youth through communication, policy development, and advocacy. Champions include individuals who initiate programs, events, or other efforts to improve the lives of fellow Native youth and Indian Country. Be creative- submission of stories can be in a written or video form. Check the website for more information.

**Wings of America American Indian Youth Development Programs - Nike Cross Nationals** has partnered with Wings to help find the best runners in Indian Country. For more information check the website.



**Native American Youth Coalition (NAYC)** is a youth driven coalition mentored by American Indian Prevention Coalition. NAYC's primary goals are to prevent and/or reduce Native American and Indigenous youth from engaging in underage drinking and substance abuse, stop youth from participating in violent acts and reconnecting youth to their tribal culture, traditions, language, beliefs and cultural practices. For information contact Kerry at (480) 338- 7092.

**Fresh Start Women's Foundation** offers comprehensive services to any woman who is at least 18 years of age. They offer workshops and seminars, career services, self esteem and professional image services, a library and computer lab, family law assistance, and more.

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**[Free Executive Training Courses From SBA](#)**

SBA is calling for small businesses to partake in the Emerging Leaders executive-level training initiative. The Emerging Leaders Initiative is being offered in 27 cities across the U.S. and includes a seven month training curriculum. Learn how you can participate. >  
**[Read more](#)**

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**NS/S Talks Sustainability**

Our Southwest region contains immense cultural richness, natural beauty -- and among the nation's greatest food security challenges. We need a relocalized and sustainable agriculture system. So what can we do? Luckily the diversity NS/S stewards holds the key to solving these pressing problems.

Join NS/S Director of Conservation **Chris Schmidt** as he explores this timely topic in light of the important work NS/S is doing to build a secure food system in the Southwest.

**Saturday, February 23                      2:30 - 3:30 pm                      FREE**  
**Joel D. Valdez Main Library (Tucson)**

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**Reno to Host Startup Weekend for Entrepreneurs - Feb 22 - 24**

Startup Weekend, a national grassroots business-launching event, is coming to Reno, Nevada for the first time on February 22-24, 2013. Startup Weekend Reno will connect local entrepreneurs, developers, designers and startup enthusiasts with mentors and resources for a weekend of sharing ideas, forming teams and launching startups. Whether participants found companies, make a new business connection or learn a skill outside the usual 9-to-5, they will be better prepared to navigate the exciting and challenging world of startups.

Read more [here](#).

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Call for 2013 Hasbro Community Action Hero Award Nominations  
Deadline: 5 p.m. EST - Wednesday, February 20th, 2013

GenerationOn is now accepting nominations for the **Hasbro Community Action Hero Award!**

The Hasbro Community Action Hero Award recognizes outstanding young volunteers who show that you are never too young to make a difference in your local or global community. Hasbro Children's Fund and generationOn will celebrate five young people between the ages of 5 and 18 for their extraordinary community service and volunteer

activities at a special recognition event in New York City and award each winner a \$1,000 educational scholarship.

A Hasbro Community Action Hero is a young person who makes an extraordinary mark on the world through service. The nominee's achievements must demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

- Outstanding service to one's local, national or global community
- Extraordinary effort in creating innovative solutions to community needs
- Leadership of an exceptional service or advocacy activity

To learn more about how to nominate a Hasbro Community Action Hero today visit:

[www.generationOn.org](http://www.generationOn.org)

Nominations accepted now through 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, February 20th, 2013

Make Your Nomination Go Even Further:

To recognize the amazing service work performed by youth everywhere, Hasbro will donate a toy or game to Kids in Distressed Situations (K.I.D.S.) for every nomination received through the February 20, 2013 submission deadline. K.I.D.S. donates new clothing, shoes, toys, books to kids in need who face poverty, homelessness, domestic abuse, major illness, incarcerated family members, and disaster survival.

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GenerationOn is the global youth service movement igniting the power of all kids to make their mark on the world. As Points of Light's youth service division, generationOn inspires, equips and mobilizes youth to take action through generationOn service clubs, schools, youth organizations, campaigns and youth leadership initiatives. It also provides tools and resources to youth, families and educators to help kids change the world and themselves through service. To learn more about how to get involved, visit [www.generationon.org](http://www.generationon.org).

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Federal Water Tap:

**Surplus Water Goes to Energy Company**

An energy company will get to withdraw some 1.6 billion gallons of water free of charge from a reservoir in North Dakota operated by the Army Corps of Engineers, according to the first-ever surplus water agreement for Lake Sakakawea. Last year the Corps proclaimed that 100,000 acre-feet in the lake were surplus because they were not being used for their authorized purpose, irrigation.

North Dakota's congressional delegation and the state's governor issued a joint statement that [urged the Corps not to charge for water from the lake](#). The Corps is studying a national pricing system for surplus water.

### **Wind Project EIS**

The Bureau of Land Management published a [final environmental review of a wind farm proposed for public lands in Southern California](#). The BLM prefers a smaller Alta East wind project than what the developer proposed, cutting its land footprint by 15 percent and its electrical capacity from 318 megawatts to 291 megawatts. Public comments are being taken on the review until March 18.

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### **BILL WOULD ALLOW GUNS IN CLASS, NOT AT SPORTING EVENTS**

CARSON CITY – Assemblywoman Michele Fiore, R-Las Vegas, introduced a bill Monday authorizing students and others with permits to carry concealed weapons to bring their gun on the campuses of Nevada System of Higher Education schools. However, Assembly Bill 143 would also prohibit carrying weapons at any event held at a stadium, arena or other athletic facility with a seating capacity of 1,000 or more. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz16042750>