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Read the Article at Common Dreams

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#### New Documentary Celebrates the Voices of the Tar Sands Blockade

**Tar Sands Blockade, Video Report:** Blockadia Rising: Voices of the Tar Sands Blockade is an hour-long documentary film written and directed by Garrett Graham in collaboration with the Tar Sands Blockade and features exclusive video footage shot by the blockaders during the course of more than six months of sustained resistance. Blockadia Rising is just the opening chapter in this ongoing movement to stop this pipeline and halt the extraction of the Canadian tar sands, but the blockaders see themselves as a part of a larger struggle against the consequences of runaway climate change caused by unchecked extraction of natural resources by industry at the expense of both human and non-human communities.

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# First Lady Michelle Obama and Big Bird Team Up to Help Get Kids Healthy

New Let's Move! Public Service Announcements Filmed in the White House

Encourage Kids to Eat Healthy and Get Active

Washington, D.C. – First Lady Michelle Obama and *Sesame Street's* Big Bird teamed up to film two public service announcements encouraging kids to eat healthy and get active. The new PSAs, which can be viewed <u>HERE</u> and <u>HERE</u>, are launched as part of the third anniversary

celebration of *Let's Move!* – Mrs. Obama's initiative to ensure that all our children grow up healthy and reach their full potential.

The new PSAs feature Mrs. Obama and Big Bird in the White House showing kids how easy and delicious it is to eat healthy snacks like fruits and vegetables and demonstrating fun ways to get active like dancing and jumping. Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization behind *Sesame Street*, will distribute these PSAs to 320 PBS Stations, Sesame Workshop's partner channels as part of their <u>Healthy Habits for Life Initiative</u>. The PSAs are also posted on the *Sesame Street* and *Let's Move!* websites.

These PSAs are part of the celebration of *Let's Move!*'s third anniversary. Next week, the First Lady will kick off a two day nation-wide tour celebrating the anniversary by showcasing progress and announcing new ways the country is coming together around the health of our children.

Mrs. Obama launched *Let's Move!* on February 9, 2010 to unite the country around our kids' health and create real support for families to live healthier lives. Since then parents, business leaders, educators, elected officials, military leaders, chefs, physicians, athletes, childcare providers, community and faith leaders, and kids themselves have stepped up to improve the health of our nation's children.

Thanks to these efforts, families now have access to more information to make healthier decisions for their children. Young people now have more opportunities for physical activity in their communities. Food in schools has been dramatically improved. More Americans now have access to healthy, affordable food closer to home. And the national childhood obesity rate has leveled off, and even declined in some cities and states.

More information on three years of healthy changes can be found here: <a href="http://www.letsmove.gov/blog/2013/02/08/lets-move-three-years-working-towards-healthier-generation-children">http://www.letsmove.gov/blog/2013/02/08/lets-move-three-years-working-towards-healthier-generation-children</a>

#### **About Sesame Workshop**

Sesame Workshop is the nonprofit educational organization that revolutionized children's television programming with the landmark *Sesame Street*. The Workshop produces local *Sesame Street* programs, seen in over 150 countries, and other acclaimed shows to help bridge the literacy gap including *The Electric Company*. Beyond television, the Workshop produces content for multiple media platforms on a wide range of issues including literacy, health and military deployment. Initiatives meet specific needs to help young children and families develop critical skills, acquire healthy habits and build emotional strength to prepare them for lifelong learning. Learn more at <a href="https://www.sesameworkshop.org">www.sesameworkshop.org</a>.

#### WATCH: 'The Evolution Of Mom Dancing' www.huffingtonpost.com

If Jimmy Fallon had put on a pink sweater and a wig and filmed "Evolution of Mom Dancing" alone, it would have been enough. But, no, he went ahead and paired up with Michelle Obama, in the name of encouraging parents everywhere to get up and get moving with their kids" for her Let's Move campaign.

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# White House Releases New State-by-State Reports on the Impacts of the Sequester

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the White House is releasing new state-by-state reports on the devastating impact the sequester will have on jobs and middle class families across the country if Congressional Republicans fail to compromise to avert the sequester by March 1st.

These reports are EMBARGOED until tonight at 8:00PM ET. The link to each state report can be found below:

- 1. <u>Alabama</u> 2. <u>Alaska</u> 3. <u>Arizona</u> 4. <u>Arkansas</u> 5. California
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#### **Proposed Tahoe Resort Back in Court**

Mike Clifford, Public News Service-NV

http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/31034-1

(02/25/13) LAKE TAHOE, Nev. - It's back to federal court today for the proposed Homewood Ski Resort at Lake Tahoe. At issue is the public's right to have a say.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Authority and Placer County joined developer JMA Ventures in filing the petition, which argues the court got it wrong when it said new studies and public comment are needed to remedy significant flaws in the resort's Environmental Impact Statement.

Trent Orr, a staff attorney with Earthjustice, will argue that Judge William Shubb should stick by his Jan. 4 ruling.

"Our argument is he got it right," he said. "The public does deserve another chance to look at this - not just with the correct information, but with the full picture about the feasibility of this alternative before them."

The developers have claimed earlier flaws can simply be corrected by new paperwork, but Orr said they left out major details that would have made a smaller project economically feasible.

Laurel Ames, conservation committee co-chair for the Tahoe Area Sierra Club, said locals have been trying for three years to get developers to consider a smaller project, but in the end, out of several hundred units, they only agreed to eliminate 24 condos.

"It overbuilds the area substantially," she warned. "When this thing is built, people who live along the West Shore won't recognize the place they used to have, and they'll have huge traffic jams."

Ames said she hopes the judge stands firm. The developers seem to believe the laws don't apply to them, she added.

"They have to give notice, they have to circulate their documents, and they have to hold hearings," she said. "That's what the law says. They just want to get around it; they don't wait for other people - and they don't wait for the law."

Today's (*yesterday*) hearing takes place at 2 p.m. in the U.S. District Court, Courtroom 5, 14th Floor, 501 I Street, Sacramento.

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# <u>Geronimo's descendants demand return of 'stolen' remains - Telegraph</u> www.telegraph.co.uk

American Indian leader Geronimo's descendants have launched a legal fight to have his 'stolen' remains returned to his birthplace in the Gila Mountains of New Mexico.

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# US gov't to air-drop toxic mice on Guam snakes

By ERIC TALMADGE Associated Press

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AP) -- Dead mice laced with painkillers are about to rain down on Guam's jungle canopy. They are scientists' prescription for a headache that has caused the tiny U.S. territory misery for more than 60 years: the brown tree snake.

Most of Guam's native bird species are extinct because of the snake, which reached the island's thick jungles by hitching rides from the South Pacific on U.S. military ships shortly after World War II. There may be 2 million of the reptiles on Guam now, decimating wildlife, biting residents and even knocking out electricity by slithering onto power lines.

More than 3,000 miles away, environmental officials in Hawaii have long feared a similar invasion - which in their case likely would be a "snakes on a plane" scenario. That would cost the state many vulnerable species and billions of dollars, but the risk will fall if Guam's air-drop strategy succeeds.

"We are taking this to a new phase," said Daniel Vice, assistant state director of U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services in Hawaii, Guam, and the Pacific Islands. "There really is no other place in the world with a snake problem like Guam."

Brown tree snakes are generally a few feet (1 meter) long but can grow to be more than 10 feet (3 meters) in length. Most of Guam's native birds were defenseless against the nocturnal, tree-based predators, and within a few decades of the reptile's arrival, nearly all of them were wiped out.

The snakes can also climb power poles and wires, causing blackouts, or slither into homes and bite people, including babies; they use venom on their prey but it is not lethal to humans.

The infestation and the toll it has taken on native wildlife have tarnished Guam's image as a tourism haven, though the snakes are rarely seen outside their jungle habitat.

The solution to this headache, fittingly enough, is acetaminophen, the active ingredient in painkillers including Tylenol.

The strategy takes advantage of the snake's two big weaknesses. Unlike most snakes, brown tree snakes are happy to eat prey they didn't kill themselves, and they are highly vulnerable to acetaminophen, which is harmless to humans.

The upcoming mice drop is targeted to hit snakes near Guam's sprawling Andersen Air Force Base, which is surrounded by heavy foliage and if compromised would offer the snakes a potential ticket off the island. Using helicopters, the dead neonatal mice will be dropped by hand, one by one.

U.S. government scientists have been perfecting the mice-drop strategy for more than a decade with support from the Department of Defense and the Department of the Interior.

To keep the mice bait from dropping all the way to the ground, where it could be eaten by other animals or attract insects as they rot, researchers have developed a flotation device with streamers designed to catch in the branches of the forest foliage, where the snakes live and feed.

Experts say the impact on other species will be minimal, particularly since the snakes have themselves wiped out the birds that might have been most at risk.

"One concern was that crows may eat mice with the toxicant," said William Pitt, of the U.S. National Wildlife Research Center's Hawaii Field Station. "However, there are no longer wild crows on Guam. We will continue to refine methods to increase efficiency and limit any potential non-target hazards."

The mouse drop is set to start in April or May.

Vice said the goal is not to eradicate the snakes, but to control and contain them. Just as the snakes found their way to Guam, they could stow away on a ship, or more likely the cargo hold of an airplane, and begin breeding on other islands around the Pacific or even the U.S. West Coast.

That "snakes on a plane" scenario has officials in Hawaii on edge. The islands of Hawaii, like Guam, lack the predators that could keep a brown tree snake population in check.

Native Hawaiian birds "literally don't know what to do when they see a snake coming," said Christy Martin, a spokeswoman for the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, a partnership of Hawaii government agencies and private organizations.

A 2010 study conducted by the National Wildlife Research Center found brown tree snakes would cause between \$593 million and \$2.14 billion in economic damage each year if they became established in Hawaii like they are on Guam. Power outages would cause the most damage, followed by a projected decline in tourism. The cost of treating snake bites would account for a small share.

"Once we get snakes here, we're never going to be able to fix the situation," Martin said.

Though the snakes are native to Australia and Papua New Guinea, Guam is much closer to Hawaii and its snake population is much more dense, meaning it is the primary threat for snake stowaways.

So far, Guam's containment seems to be working. Only a few brown tree snakes have ever been found in Hawaii, and none over the past 17 years.

"If we continue doing what we are doing, the chance of success is very high," Vice said. "If what we are doing stops, I think the possibility of the snakes getting to Hawaii is inevitable."

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AP writer Audrey McAvoy contributed to this report from Honolulu, Hawaii.

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#### National Funding Opportunities

K-12 Educators Recognized Nationwide

**ING Unsung Heroes Awards** 

The ING Unsung Heroes Awards, sponsored by ING Insurance USA, recognize K-12 educators who are pioneering new methods and techniques that improve student learning. Educators' projects are judged on innovative method, creativity, and ability to make a positive influence on the children they teach. Full-time K-12 education professionals from accredited public and private schools throughout the United States are invited to apply. One hundred finalists will be selected, with at least one award given in each state, provided one or more qualified applications are received from each state. Each of the 100 finalists will receive a \$2,000 award. Of the 100 finalists, the three top winners will receive an additional \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$25,000 award. Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2013. Application guidelines and forms are available on the program's website.

Services for People Affected by Autism Funded

#### **Autism Speaks Family Services Community Grants**

The goal of Autism Speaks is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. The organization's Family Services Community Grants support programs nationwide that work to build the field of services for individuals with autism and to expand the capacity to effectively serve this growing community. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 are provided in the following categories: Education, Recreation/Community Activities, and Young Adult/

Adult Services. Priority will be given to agencies and organizations that address the needs of those who have little access to services. Letters of intent are due March 25, 2013; final proposals must be submitted by April 22, 2013. Visit the Autism Speaks website to download the Request for Applications. Note: Canadian organizations are also supported through <u>Autism Speaks</u> Canada.

#### Grants Target Wildlife Adaptation to Climate Change

# Wildlife Conservation Society North America Program: Climate Adaptation Fund

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) North America Program is dedicated to saving wildlife and wild places in North America. The WCS Climate Adaptation Fund, with funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, supports projects that demonstrate effective interventions for wildlife adaptation to climate change. Grants are provided to nonprofit conservation organizations for applied, on-the-ground projects focused on implementing priority conservation actions for climate adaptation at a landscape scale. The Fund prioritizes projects that manage for dynamic ecological processes, landscape functionality, and species assemblages, rather than those aimed at maintaining historic conditions or individual species. Grants are provided to U.S.-based nonprofit conservation organizations for projects within the 50 states and six U.S. territories. Pre-proposals are due March 15, 2013. Visit the WCS website to download the Request for Proposals.

#### Support for Contemporary Puppet Theater

#### **Jim Henson Foundation**

The Jim Henson Foundation awards grants for the creation and development of innovative, new works of contemporary live puppet theater in the United States. Project grants of \$5,000 are awarded for the development and production of new works ready to be presented in the coming year. Seed grants of \$2,000 are available for the development and workshopping of pieces in earlier stages of creation. The Foundation also offers family grants of \$3,000 for new and innovative work specifically for children, families, and teenagers. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations only; individual artists must apply through a fiscal sponsor. Letters of intent must be postmarked by April 1, 2013; full proposals must be postmarked by September 6, 2013. Visit the Foundation's website to review the funding guidelines.

#### Regional Funding Opportunities

# Funds for Organizations in West Virginia and Southwest Pennsylvania Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation

The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout the state of West Virginia and in southwestern Pennsylvania (Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, and Washington counties). The Foundation's grant priorities for both geographic areas include the following: education, with a focus on academic achievement and preparation for the 21st-century workforce; and economic development, with emphasis on projects that promote technology-based development as well as the growth and accessibility of new capital for businesses in distressed communities and areas of high unemployment. In West Virginia only, the Foundation also provides grants in the areas of health and human services, and community development. Applications may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation's website to review the application guidelines.

# Grants Enhance Oral Health Initiatives in Minnesota Delta Dental of Minnesota Philanthropy Program

The Delta Dental of Minnesota Philanthropy Program promotes oral health and educational initiatives that address innovative solutions to the challenges of healthy living throughout the state of Minnesota. The company provides grants, averaging \$2,000 to \$15,000, to nonprofit organizations that address targeted community needs in the following categories: The Oral and General Health category promotes oral health and health education programs that empower individual action and safety. The Children category encourages access to health services for underserved, low-income, and at-risk children. The Education category supports institutions and initiatives that strengthen the communities the company serves. The Community category focuses on improving the overall health and vitality of company communities. Requests are reviewed two times per year; the upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is March 29, 2013. Information on funding criteria and restrictions is available on the company's website.

#### Support for Arizona Youth Programs

#### **Phoenix Suns Charities**

The Phoenix Suns Charities supports nonprofit organizations throughout Arizona whose programs focus on helping children and families maximize their potential. Priority is given to organizations that address the special needs of disadvantaged, disabled, minority, and at risk youth; encourage students to succeed in school and to develop quality career interests; develop leadership skills in youth; encourage family activities; promote community pride and cooperation for the improvement of local education and services; and promote health and fitness through recreation and youth sports. Program grants range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. (One Playmaker Award of \$100,000 that can be used for capital or program expenses is also provided annually.) The application deadline is April 15, 2013. Visit the Phoenix Suns' website to submit an online grant application.

Services for Kentuckians Funded Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Grant Program
The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Grant Program supports nonprofit organizations that provide services to the citizens of the state of Kentucky. Applying organizations should offer services in one of the following categories: arts and culture; services for the handicapped and needy; the preservation of documents, history, and environment; educational programs; humane societies; senior citizen services; day care services; life enrichment services; and scouting and youth programs. Requests for application forms for the 2013 funding cycle may be submitted through March 29, 2013. Grant guidelines are available on the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels website.

# Federal Grant and Loan Programs

Support for Economic Development Projects to Help Low-Income Individuals **Department of Health and Human Services** 

The Job Opportunity for Low Income Individuals Projects program provides support for new business ventures, business expansion, and self-employment and micro-enterprise projects designed to address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families. The application deadline is March 29, 2013.

Coral Reef Conservation Funded

**Department of Commerce** 

The Coral Reef Non-Governmental Organization Partnership program provides support to

further the conservation of coral reefs in Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam. The application deadline is March 29, 2013.

Program Supports Pollution Prevention Information <u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>
The Pollution Prevention Information Network (PPIN) Grant Program provides support for regional information centers that will improve development and dissemination of pollution prevention information. The application deadline is April 5, 2013

# Funds Target Expectant and Parenting Women and Families Department of Health and Human Services

The Support for Expectant and Parenting Teens, Women, Fathers, and Their Families program provides support for the development and implementation of programs for expectant and parenting women and families in institutions of higher education, and in high schools and community service centers. The program also provides support to improve services for pregnant women who are victims of domestic or sexual violence, and to increase public awareness and education of available services. Letters of intent are due March 15, 2013. The application deadline is April 10, 2013.

#### **Online Education Trainings**

#### **Upcoming Online Education Trainings**

Unless otherwise noted, all Online Education Trainings are webinars, are 90 minutes in duration, and are scheduled to begin at 2 PM Eastern Time. The registration fee is \$89 per person or \$150 for a group.

#### **Funding Rural America: Finding New Grants for Small Communities (NEW)**

When has it ever been easy to secure funding for rural communities? Is there a way to level the playing field so geographically isolated villages and towns can compete for both government and private sector grants? What are the other options for financially supporting a rural project? Are collaborative efforts worth the effort? And, of course the biggest question: who is funding rural America? These, and other relevant questions, along with current trends effecting rural funding will be addressed in this webinar presented by Cynthia Adams, CEO of GrantStation. Success stories, recurring road blocks, and discussion regarding multi-year funding will provide participants with insights and ideas on how to develop their own approach to funding their programs and projects. This webinar will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

#### One Little Tool With Such Big Benefits: The Logic Model

Do you ever wish you could predetermine how likely it is that the program you are designing will produce the desired results? Or if the resources you have planned and the strategies you have chosen are sufficient and appropriate? Short of having a crystal ball, constructing a logic model before you launch your program is the next best strategy. The logic model is a one-page diagram that lays out the resources, activities, outputs, and outcomes of a proposed program in a way that challenges the rationale of it all. Because it is a virtual road map for planning, budgeting, development, evaluation, and promotion, many funders require it as part of the grant application. In this webinar, Susan Eliot walks you through the development of a logic model, shares several

examples, and leaves you with a step-by-step guide to creating your own logic model. She also shows you how to connect the other components of your grant application to the logic model. This webinar is designed for the novice grantseeker. Upon completion of the training, you will receive the power point presentation and the notes. This webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

#### How to Craft a Proposal to a Foundation

Proposal writing is the skill most sought after by savvy nonprofit staff members. On the one hand, writing a grant proposal is quite simple and follows a basic formula. However, submitting a proposal may be your only chance to put the case for funding your organization in front of a foundation, so you want to be sure to do it right. In this webinar, Judith Margolin provides invaluable tips on developing a compelling proposal narrative, what your proposal package should include, how to let your funder take the lead, and advice on writing and submission techniques that get your proposal noticed by foundation decision makers. This webinar is for beginning and intermediate grant writers who want to learn specifically about proposals to foundations. The webinar will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

#### **Overcoming Misperceptions of Federal Grants (NEW)**

Pursuing federal grants does not have to be an overwhelming process! In this webinar, Jessica Wilson and Spencer Perlman of Washington Strategic Consulting will provide you with the information and tools necessary to confidently move ahead in your quest for federal funds. Geared towards those individuals or organizations with all levels of experience, this webinar will explore and debunk common myths of federal funding that are often overlooked, including an exploration into where federal dollars are going. Lastly, they will provide you with tips and tricks to manage the process, leaving you and your organization prepared to move ahead. This webinar will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

### **Job Title: VISTA Juvenile Justice Coordinator #2**

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