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### *Wounded Knee Memorial*

*Clarence "Kaya" Atwell Jr.*

United Nation Indigenous peoples caucus this weekend in San Diego. This forum is important for many reason. I hope a few of us gets to go.



*Sorry, not received til 1 pm on 2.28*

The first ever White Earth Wolf Conference will be held February 28, 2013 from 8:30 AM to 4:15 PM at the White Earth Tribal and Community College in Mahnomen, MN. Registration information and agenda is available at <http://maingan.org/>

Tweet from Rebecca Kemble:

As senators decide the fate of the water Bad River and Red Cliff sing and dance for their lives.



## Indigenous Environmental Network

Enbridge Energy LP has been trespassing on the Red Lake Ceded lands since 1949. Red Lake is a sovereign nation that needs to stand up to this criminal company.

Enbridge bought these pipelines from Lakehead Pipeline.

This is a traditional camp, so if you plan to attend you need to bring your own sleeping bags and warm clothes. Lodges are being made to live in, and bring food, but we are encouraging community members to bring food. We are hoping to have venison, fish, wild rice.....but other foods are welcome.

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## **Statement from the President on the House Passage of the Violence Against Women Act**

I was pleased to see the House of Representatives come together and vote to reauthorize and strengthen the Violence Against Women Act. Over more than two decades, this law has saved countless lives and transformed the way we treat victims of abuse. Today's vote will go even further by continuing to reduce domestic violence, improving how we treat victims of rape, and extending protections



to Native American women and members of the LGBT community. The bill also reauthorizes the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, providing critical support for both international and domestic victims of trafficking and helping ensure traffickers are brought to justice. I want to thank leaders from both parties – especially Leader Pelosi, Congresswoman

Gwen Moore and Senator Leahy – for everything they've done to make this happen. Renewing this bill is an important step towards making sure no one in America is forced to live in fear, and I look forward to signing it into law as soon as it hits my desk.

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## **Statement by Vice President Biden on the House Passage of the Violence Against Women Act**

Today Congress put politics aside and voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. Eighteen years ago, I envisioned a world where women could live free from violence and abuse. Since VAWA first passed in 1994, we have seen a 64% reduction in domestic violence. I am

pleased that this progress will continue, with new tools for cops and prosecutors to hold abusers and rapists accountable, and more support for all victims of these crimes.

The urgent need for this bill cannot be more obvious. Consider just one fact—that 40% of all mass shootings started with the murderer targeting their girlfriend, or their wife, or their ex-wife. Among many other important provisions, the new VAWA will increase the use of proven models of reducing domestic violence homicides.

This morning I met with several parents whose beautiful young daughters were killed by abusive boyfriends. Nothing puts this legislation in to perspective more than their stories. This issue should be beyond politics—and I want to thank the leaders from both parties—Patrick Leahy, Mike Crapo, Nancy Pelosi, Steny Hoyer and Gwen Moore—and the bipartisan majorities in both the House and the Senate who have made that clear once again.

### **Rape on the Reservation**

*Louise Erdrich, The New York Times*

Erdrich writes: "Two Republicans running for Congressional seats last year offered opinions on 'legitimate rape' or God-approved conceptions during rape, tainting their party with misogyny. Their candidacies tanked. Words matter."

[READ MORE](#)

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### **Upcoming Deadlines: (from NAHPO)**

March 1, 2013: NATHPO Native Museum Training Program deadline for Native American Military Collections online course. Send me an email message or call if you are interested (phone 202 628 8476).

March 6, 2013: NAGPRA Grants, National Park Service  
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/GRANTS/INDEX.HTM>

March 7, 2013: Folk and Traditional Arts: Art Works  
National Endowment for the Arts  
<http://nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP14/FolkAW.html>

March 8, 2013: Tribal Heritage Grants, National Park Service  
[http://www.nps.gov/history/tribal\\_heritage/application.html](http://www.nps.gov/history/tribal_heritage/application.html)

March 5, 2013 (?) Federal Agency Sacred Sites MOU Action Plan due 90 days from signed/  
released  
[http://www.achp.gov/docs/SacredSites-MOU\\_121205.pdf](http://www.achp.gov/docs/SacredSites-MOU_121205.pdf)

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### **Reno Hackathon invites developers to work all night - Mar 2-3**

The Reno Hackathon invites app developers to stay up all night next weekend, for cash and a shot at Windows Store stardom. Microsoft Licensing will host the event from noon March 2 until 3 p.m. March 3 at the DeLaMare Library on the UNR campus. Participants will explore the Microsoft Windows 8 development platform. Microsoft Evangelists will be on hand for coaching. Read more [here](#).

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Copies of the ICTJ publication "**Strengthening Indigenous Rights through Truth Commissions: A Practitioner's Resource**" today at the International Expert Seminar on Access to Justice for Indigenous Peoples <http://ictj.org/publication/strengthening-indigenous-rights-through-truth-commissions-practitioners-resource>

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From the Eagle Watch

February 22, 2013

**FYI - Bernard Valcourt - New Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development** [bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca](mailto:bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca)

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The Honourable Bernard Valcourt

Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

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Madawaska-Restigouche (New Brunswick)

Bernard Valcourt was first elected to the House of Commons in 1984 and re-elected in 1988. In 1984, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue and to the Minister of State (Science and Technology). From 1984 to 1993, Mr. Valcourt subsequently served as Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism), Minister of State (Indian Affairs and Northern Development), Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Minister of Employment and Immigration and Minister of Labour.

In 1995, Mr. Valcourt was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as the member for Edmundston, and he served until 1999. He was Leader of the Opposition party for the province from 1995 to 1997.

He was re-elected to the House of Commons in 2011 as the Member of Parliament for Madawaska-Restigouche. In May 2011, he was appointed



Minister of State (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency) (La Francophonie). He was appointed Associate Minister of National Defence in July 2012. In February 2013, Mr. Valcourt was appointed Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Valcourt is a barrister and solicitor who practised law in Edmundston, New Brunswick, where he lives today.

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<http://www.firstperspective.ca/news/3369-bernard-valcourt-becomes-minister-of-aboriginal-affairs-in-cabinet-shuffle>

### **Bernard Valcourt becomes Minister of Aboriginal Affairs in Cabinet shuffle**

Mark Kennedy, Postmedia News 22 February 2013

OTTAWA — Bernard Valcourt has been appointed aboriginal affairs minister. The announcement was made Friday by the prime minister, one week after the resignation of John Duncan from the post.

Valcourt was sworn in to the ministry at a private ceremony at the Governor-General's residence, Rideau Hall, in Ottawa, it was announced.

In a brief statement, the prime minister's office said Valcourt "will continue the Government's work to advance dialogue on Aboriginal issues and take achievable steps that will provide better education and economic outcomes for Aboriginal peoples across Canada."

"The Government remains focused on creating jobs, growth and long-term prosperity across Canada, including in our Aboriginal communities," said Harper in the statement.

Valcourt will be replaced in his current job as associate minister of defence to Kerry-Lynne Findlay.

As well, Gail Shea appointed Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and Steven Blaney assumes responsibility for La Francophonie.

The moves precede what many anticipate will be a more significant cabinet shake-up later this year as Harper positions his Conservatives — after more than seven years in government — for the 2015 election campaign.

### **PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO THE MINISTRY**

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Stephen Harper today announced the following

changes to the Ministry at a private swearing-in ceremony at Rideau Hall:

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt, as Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, will continue the Government's work to advance dialogue on Aboriginal issues and take achievable steps that will provide better education and economic outcomes for Aboriginal peoples across Canada.



Cushing OK tank terminal with KXL pipeline being installed Dec, 2012

**KXL Pipeline TruthForce coalition presents  
EDUCATIONAL FORUM & CONCERT**

Sunday March 24, 2013 - Noon to 6 p.m.

Andrews Park, 201 W. Daws St., Norman, OK 73069

**SPEAKERS:**

*Michele Bartland Smith*, survivor of 2010 MI ruptured pipeline with 17 deaths & 800K+ gal release of toxic tar sands  
Council of Canadians, Blue Planet Project activists, Indigenous activists from *Idle No More* who are all working  
to halt the destructive extraction of this dirty, low grade petroleum product in Canada's boreal forests of Alberta.  
*Earl Hadley*, OK Native American environmental activist, Grand Riverkeeper with a history of the struggle to develop renewable energy in  
OK. **ALSO**, 350.org, Sierra Club, Enviro Defense Fund & Other Groups ...

**ENTERTAINERS:**

***Buffy Sainte-Marie***

Award winning Canadian Indigenous Cree singer-songwriter, musician, educator, pacifist, & social activist

***Indigenous*** with the lightning blues guitar work of ***Mato Nanji*** South Dakota's BluesRock legends



Great Plains Tar Sands Resistance - THE activist group in OK opposing the pipeline  
<http://tarsandsresistance.org/>

Find us on Facebook: #kxl pipeline truthforce gimme me some  
truth

Email: [kxlpipelinetruithforce@gmail.com](mailto:kxlpipelinetruithforce@gmail.com)

**\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION**

The Honourable Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay, as Associate Minister of National Defence, will support the Minister of National Defence on a variety of matters to fulfil the Government's commitments to the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces and to ensure that value-for-money principles remain at the core of national defence administration.

The Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of National Revenue, has been appointed Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).

The Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Veterans Affairs, will assume responsibility for La Francophonie.

"The Government remains focused on creating jobs, growth and long-term prosperity across Canada, including in our Aboriginal communities," said the Prime Minister. "Mr. Valcourt brings considerable and wide-ranging Cabinet experience to his new role and I am confident Ms. Findlay will contribute to the enhancement of our Armed Forces while delivering value for money to Canadian taxpayers."

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<http://nativeamericanencyclopedia.com/first-battle-pyramid-lake/>

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[Redbone - Wounded Knee \(HD\)](#) [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

[\(1973, #1 NL\) but did not chart in the U.S. where it was initially withheld from release and then banned by several radio stations.](#)

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[1989 - American Indian Activist Russell Means testifies at Senate Hearing](#)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

From the C-SPAN Video Library - Mr. Means harshly criticizes the Bureau of India...See More

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- Birth: Dec. 15, 1925
- Smyth County
- Virginia, USA
- Death: Apr. 25, 1973
- Wounded Knee
- Shannon County
- South Dakota, USA
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- **Frank Clearwater** was mortally wounded, shot in the head while sleeping, by a US Federal Marshall, during the famous 1973 protest-turned-standoff at Wounded Knee. He had come, as a sign of unity, to support the western tribes, though he was most likely a Cherokee from "the mountains" down south. It seems he was most likely from the Smokies or Appalachians, and stories say that in order to get to South Dakota, he and a female companion of his hitch-hiked their way there. According to some sources, he was a "young man," whereas at least one newspaper source reported that he was aged 47. What is known is that within 24 hours of his arrival at the Pine Ridge Reservation and Wounded Knee area, he was dying.
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- The movement and protest was meant to aid the Oglala Sioux (a.k.a. Oglala Lakota) of the nearby Pine Ridge Reservation, and to gain media coverage; unhappy and at-risk members of the Sioux asked a fairly powerful Native American movement named AIM to help protest federal government treatment and indifference of/to the reservation, as well as corruption and violence against "enemies" of the current leadership and tribal chief at Pine Ridge.
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- The area at the former tragic location of Wounded Knee was an ideal location to symbolically launch their protest, and to be heard. The protest itself injected a much needed renewal of strength, cultural rejuvenation, and self-empowerment for many tribes across the continent.
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- The protest became a stand-off lasting roughly 72 days, and involved massive Federal efforts to recover the area against a poorly (and what was meant to be symbolically) armed Native American group of young people driven by the same sentiments that so many their age were expressing all over the nation. Situations involving Civil Rights, Peace Protests, and various other causes were met similarly, at times, with police violence and federal interventions. This protest, perhaps, carried far more weight in that it also

became a reminder of the United States' past as it became an imperial power worldwide....a way to remind the world and the American public of what had gone on for centuries. The tribes, long tucked away and forgotten, were standing up for more than just the local situation. The siege was covered world-wide by news teams from nearly everywhere (Germany, for example).

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- The siege gained support and was well-covered in its initial period by the mainstream media. Regardless of media coverage, the United States government, in cooperation with the standing chief of the Oglala tribe, became increasingly violent in its threats and preparation for a standoff.
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- Amidst all of this, Frank Marshall came onto the scene as a stranger of particular note. Described by some as an exceedingly tall younger man, he carried the standard picketing tool: what was supposed to be a hunting rifle of not much defensive purpose. Within 24 hours of arriving, he was shot in the head by stray bullet fire, while he lay sleeping.
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- He was the first casualty, followed by Buddy (Lawrence) LaMonte (an Oglala tribesman and fellow protestor).
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- The dissolution and dispersal following this 1973 protest and stand-off did not change the level of violence within the Pine Ridge Reservation, making it what some sources say "The Murder Capitol of the United States," ranking above Detroit for murders per capita.
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- Those wishing to learn more from a more authoritative source might begin by watching the PBS series We Shall Remain, the final chapter of a 6 part series. The movement and unnecessary deaths involved have been largely forgotten and, through PBS's modern documentary, what has become a footnote has been refreshed in the minds of many. Accounts of eyewitnesses of both races, as well as the protesters are featured.

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## **Tribes Oppose Obama's Nomination of Lynne Sebastian to Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**

**Rob Capriccioso    February 28, 2013**

Tribal leaders and American Indian activists are protesting President Barack Obama's nomination of Lynne Sebastian to serve on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), saying that the anthropologist and director of Historic Preservation Programs at the SRI Foundation has disregarded tribal culture and sovereignty in her past work experiences as a consultant to large mining companies, while ignoring opportunities for tribal consultation.

Soon after the president's January announcement of his intention to appoint Sebastian as an "expert member" of the committee, the current chairman of ACHP, Milford Wayne Donaldson, released a statement saying that she was an excellent choice. "Dr. Sebastian, as an archaeologist, anthropologist, and long-term cultural resource management practitioner, is well-suited to help guide the government's national historic preservation practices as the ACHP reaches the milestone of a half-century of existence," he said in a press release. "The ACHP's mission of



promoting the preservation and appreciation of the nation's diverse cultural heritage will be greatly aided by Dr. Sebastian's expertise."

Across the country, Mark Macarro, chairman of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians in California, was left scratching his head after recalling a battle his tribe faced against Sebastian in the not-so-distant past, which saw her claiming that the tribe didn't know its own creation story.

In a letter sent in late January to Jodi Gillette, White House Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs, Macarro voiced his concerns. "Our tribe encountered Ms. Sebastian in 2011 when she was hired by a national mining company [Liberty Quarry] that wanted to put a highly controversial mega mine on top of the tribe's one and only Creation Place, Pu'eska Mountain," he wrote. "In that matter, she rendered paid, 'expert' opinion on the cultural value of the tribe's sacred place without even speaking with our tribe or personally surveying the geographical area she was testifying on. When it came time to answer the County Commissioners' questions regarding her testimony, she was not present, having left so that the mining company's lawyer could respond for her."

Macarro said that Sebastian's testimony was "inaccurate, uniformed and disrespectful" to the tribe; he added that he believes it violated criteria and guidance offered in the National Register of Historic Places because she offered "her own persona version of the tribe's creation account attempting to discredit the tribe as not knowing their own history." He noted that the Register cautions against such ethnocentrism; indeed, the Register says it is "vital to evaluate properties thought to have traditional cultural significance from the standpoint of those who may ascribe such significance to them."

The Liberty Quarry that Sebastian testified in favor of was ultimately denied, but the tribe has never forgotten its run-in with her, and Macarro believes that the tribe's negative experience with Sebastian may foresee her future relationships with tribes if she is allowed to serve on the Council. It's a major concern because the ACHP is supposed to regularly work with tribes as the organization develops and consults on federal policies involving historic places, many of which tend to have tribal connections.

Questions have also arisen over Sebastian's dealings with the Quechan Tribe in the early 2000s, when the tribe successfully defended its sacred Indian Pass from the development of the Glamis Gold Mine in California and Arizona.

"After a lot of struggle, we got the mine denied," recalled Courtney Ann Coyle, a lawyer for the tribe at the time. But the George W. Bush administration ended up rescinding the denial, and the mining company hired Sebastian to support their belief that they should be entitled to compensation under provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"Sebastian's testimony was an affront to the tribe; it was offensive to the tribe," Coyle said. "She never met with the tribe, and she came in there acting like she was an expert on the tribe's culture." One of Sebastian's main claims was that Indian Pass was not historically important to the tribe—a claim that tribal citizens say goes against their long-held creation stories.

Ultimately, the mining company lost its effort, but Sebastian's testimony is hard to forget, Coyle said. "She was willing to advance anything that supported her clients' interests, and she didn't seem to care about the tribal views one bit," she said. "That kind of decision-making could be detrimental for tribes if she is allowed to serve on the Council."

Suzan Shown Harjo, president of The Morning Star Institute, has paid attention to Sebastian's Quechan and Pechanga dealings, telling Indian Country Today Media Network that tribal consultation was sorely lacking in this nomination process. "If anyone in ACHP or the White House had consulted even a tiny bit, they would have learned of Native experiences with Lynne Sebastian," she said. "Now they will have to assure her recusal from all deliberations and decisions on Native issues and we will have to monitor microscopically future ACHP vacancies and consultation on them."

Like Macarro, Harjo expressed her concerns in a note sent to Gillette in January. The well-known Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee advocate wrote that she believes Sebastian's anti-tribal actions "disqualify her for a seat on the ACHP," and she asked that her nomination be withdrawn. Bolstering that argument, Harjo said that Sebastian's actions "reveal an attitude that would lead any reasonable person to think that she also would disregard the Executive Orders on Indian Consultation and Sacred Sites; the consultation mandates and policies of such statutes as the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and the National Historic Preservation Act itself; and the most recent expressions of the Cabinet Secretaries, together with the Chairman of the ACHP, on Native American sacred places."

Native Americans aren't the only ones with suspicions about Sebastian. Archaeologist Tom King, a leader in the cultural resource management field, comes from a very different perspective than that of many Natives, but he, too, raises concerns about Sebastian's work and the anthropological expertise she claims to have. In a recent blog post, King is highly critical of what he deems "the Sebastian Strategy," in which he says "one reviews background ethnographic and historical documents, but one never, never in the course of doing so consults with the people upon whose cultural resources and views one is offering opinions."

Sebastian is scheduled to be sworn in to the position on March 1 at ACHP's next business meeting in Washington, D.C.

The White House and Gillette have not responded to requests for comment on the concerns raised about her nomination.

*Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/02/28/tribes-oppose-obamas-nomination-lynne-sebastian-advisory-council-historic-preservation>*

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## What's Your Favorite Memory of Sand Mountain?



Today we lost a truly amazing man...Creator please watch over him as he makes his journey...We offer our prayers & songs for **Clarence "Kaya" Atwell Jr.**~ long time Chairman of Santa Rosa Rancheria & Spiritual healer for our Native people...It is a very sad day in Indian Country as we mourn his loss ♥