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Boardman writes: "In evaluating the Keystone project, one of the challenges the State Department faced was credibly assessing what effect the pipeline's operation...would have on the global climate." READ MORE

Cabinet Picks Could Take On Climate Policy

By JOHN M. BRODER and MATTHEW L. WALD

In nominating Gina McCarthy to head the E.P.A. and Ernest J. Moniz for the Energy Department, President Obama showed his intent to use all the tools at his disposal to tackle climate change.

Emergency: Devastating Bills Declare War on Montana Bison

It's the latest threat to wild bison conservation.

All we have worked for could be severely compromised if a batch of bad bison bills passes through Montana's state legislature. Some of Montana's most extreme anti-wildlife legislators are attempting to make restoration of wild bison to the Great Plains nearly impossible.

We are pulling out all the stops to defeat these anti-bison attacks.

Please help with an emergency donation to support our wild bison restoration efforts and save other wildlife in danger.

A Massive Assault on Bison

The worst of the bills, SB 143, would:

- Order Montana officials to "immediately" kill or remove all wild bison migrating into Montana;
- Prohibit wild bison relocation anywhere in Montana except to the National Bison Range where wild bison are already located;
- Establish a bison hunt "statewide and at any time of the year;" and
- Allow landowners to shoot wild bison on private land.

To add insult to injury:

- **SB 256** would make Montana's wildlife agency liable for any property damage from wild bison, a precedent meant to financially prohibit bison restoration;
- **SB 341** would require Montana's wildlife agency to navigate a massive list of additional hurdles prior to relocation of any wildlife species and prohibit relocation if the species could impact livestock grazing, clearly intended to prevent bison relocation; and
- **HB 396** would attempt to give county commissioners veto power over bison restoration within their counties even on tribal lands and our federal public lands.

Our Plan for Bison

Defenders of Wildlife's Rockies and Plains team is working overtime to turn back this cruel assault on bison recovery.

We're working with a diverse coalition of tribes and conservation organizations to testify against these bills and mobilize opposition; we're getting word out to the media to bring attention to these bills; and we're organizing Montanans to show up at the Montana capitol, make phone calls and send emails to exert grassroots pressure on legislators and the governor.

Our efforts are beginning to pay off. Three of the eight anti-bison bills are now dead. But five more remain a threat to wild bison in Montana -- and we need your help more than ever to continue this critical work.

Last year, we helped relocate 61 pure wild bison from Yellowstone National Park to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. It was the start of an historic effort to restore Yellowstone bison to key places in the Great Plains – an effort that is now in jeopardy, unless we can turn back this latest assault. Please help today!

Sincerely,

Jamie Rappaport Clark, President, Defenders of Wildlife

"Until there is a cure, we are here to help" Nevada/California Diabetes Association

Be sure to sign up for our new support Programs March 12, 2013

NDA Adult Support Program -

Our Adult Support Program will meet once each month on the second Tuesday of the month at our new offices 18 Stewart Street.. from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Check out the

<u>flyer</u>. Please call the office for more details 775-856-3839 and to let us know if you will be attending as space is limited.

March 14, 2013 - NDA Northern DCAF Support Program

Our Family support program is designed to help families with a child who has diabetes in a supportive environment for both parents and children to learn diabetes management and keep up to date on the latest research. Meetings are from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m at our new offices 18 Stewart Street. Check out the flyer and please call the office for more details 775-856-3839 and to let us know if you will be attending as space is limited.

Nevada Diabetes Association Receives a Generous Grant From Helmsley Charitable Trust to Support Children With T1D

The Nevada Diabetes Association is honored to announce The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust has awarded a three-year grant in the amount of \$165,000 to help support the NDA Camp Program. This funding will provide scholarships for children in need with type 1 diabetes (T1D) to attend camp. Campers receive cutting edge diabetes education, learn the value of healthy eating choices and exercise and meet other children just like themselves.

"We are proud to support the Nevada Diabetes Association and organizations like it that provide youth the opportunity to learn skills to better manage their T1D in a supportive, peer environment," said Helmsley T1D Program Director Dr. Eliot Brenner."

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust aspires to improve lives by supporting effective nonprofits in a variety of selected areas. Since 2008, when the Trust began its active grant-making, it has committed more than \$800 million to a wide range of charitable organizations. Through the Helmsley Type 1 Diabetes Program, the Trust is one of the largest private funders of T1D-related research, treatment and support programs. For more information, please visit www.helmsleytrust.org.

Wild West Cross Country Challenge

Get a team, bring the kids and join us in support of our Camp Vegas program in this fun run event.

Date- Saturday, April 27.

Location- At Bonnie Springs Ranch-1 Gunfighter Lane-Old Nevada, NV 89004 Schedule of Events:

7:45am- 1/4 Mile Dash for ages 2-6 years old

8:00am- 5K Cross Country Race for All Ages (chip time included) and 1 Mile Fun Run/ Walk for All Ages

Events will be followed by an awards ceremony.

Come dresses in your best wild west attire (Just for Fun)!

Pricing:

1/4 Mile Dash for Ages 2-6--\$10.00 1 Mile Fun Run for All Ages-- \$35.00 5K Cross Country Challenge-- \$35.00

Resister online Today Get the Event flyer Be a Corporate Sponsor

All funds raised from this event benefit our Camp Vegas a co-ed camp for children ages 7 to 14 and CIT's from 15 to 17.

The Camp provides a week of activities, education and programs for children with diabetes in Southern Nevada and neighboring Arizona communities. Activities include, arts and crafts, hiking, campfires, sports and games.

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Frittata With Turnips and Olives, Turnips are high in fiber, low in calories and an excellent substitute for potatoes in many recipes. This is adapted from a Richard Olney recipe. Even in winter it is possible to find turnips that are not fibrous or spongy. (Those, Mr. Olney says, should be relegated to the soup pot.) Look for hard medium-size or small turnips. <u>Get the recipe here</u>

Diabetes in the News

Can stem cell treatment cure type 1 diabetes? If California voters are ever going to be happy with the \$3 billion stem cell bond they passed overwhelmingly in 2004, it might be due to a company called <u>ViaCyte</u>. By next year, the modest lab in San Diego hopes to begin human trials for a treatment that could essentially cure type 1 diabetes <u>Read more here:</u>

Availability of sugar influences rate of diabetes, study says

In a finding certain to put new pressure on the purveyors of sugary foods and drinks, a worldwide analysis shows that regardless of its effect on obesity, the ebb and flow of sugar in a country's diet strongly influences the diabetes rate there.

The new study provides compelling evidence that obesity isn't driving the worldwide pandemic of Type 2 diabetes as much as the rising consumption of sugar - largely in the form of sweetened sodas, experts said Read more here.

CAMP REGISTRATION

All Camps and Injection Connections are opened for registration Keep up to date on all our camp programs. Visit our website and our <u>Facebook page</u>. It's going to be a GREAT camp season!

Registration on line today!

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CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SHOPS FOR 1,700 NEW TEACHERS At least 1,700 teachers are expected to be hired for the 2013-2014 school year, lowering average class sizes by two students in the Clark County School District, officials announced Thursday.

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Native American Organizations

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Animals

Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC)

Art

American Indian Film Institute

Business

Native American Finance Officers Association

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Centers

Sahkahtay Indigenous Preservation Society

Ain Dah Yung Center

American Indian Center of Chicago

Children

American Indian Family Center

Running Strong for American Indian Youth

Ain Dah Yung Center

Community Development Action

Walking Shield

Native Giving

White Earth Land Recovery

Project

Culture Language Society

Spirit of the Forest Enrichment

Center

Running Strong for American

Indian Youth

Native Pride Dancers

Education

St. Cloud State University

American Indian Center

Environment

International Council of Thirteen

Indigenous Grandmothers

White Earth Land Recovery

Project

Honor The Earth

Families

American Indian Family Center

American Indian Families and Children Services

Division of Indian Work



Food

MIGIZI Communications

Running Strong for American Indian Youth

White Earth Land Recovery Project

Foundations Funds Institutes

Alaska Native Arts Foundation

Government

The Native Learning Center

SBA Office of Native American Affairs

Health

Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, Inc.

Native American Community Clinic

White Bison

Heritage Centers History

Agua Caliente Cultural Museum

Housing

Bii Di Gain Dash Anwebi ("Come in. Rest." in Ojibwe) Elder Housing

Running Strong for American Indian Youth

MN Chippewa Tribe Finance Corp.

Land

White Earth Land Recovery Project

Legal

Indian Child Welfare Law Center

Media

Television, film, radio, newspapers, magazines, etc.

Whisper n Thunder e-magazine

Native American Film Series

Native American Public Telecommunications, Inc. (NAPT)

Shelters

Ain Dah Yung Center

Women of Nations Eagle Nest Shelter

Women

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition

Indigenous Women's Network

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

Are you wondering if the StEPs program is right for your organization?

Join us for the FREE webinar, "What is StEPs?"

Tuesday, March 12th Time: 3-4 p.m. EST

*Preregistration is required.

StEPs is the only self-help program designed for small and medium-sized history organizations.

With no eligibility requirements, no application, and no deadlines for completion, the new StEPs program is the perfect solution for organizations, especially small and all-volunteer ones, that want to make improvements.

StEPs guides you through a self-paced checklist of policies and practices that history museums encounter every day. Your organization earns Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates as it meets recommendations in each of six StEPs workbook sections:

- Mission, Vision, and Governance
- Audience
- Interpretation
- Stewardship of Collections
- Stewardship of Historic Structures and Landscapes
- Management

More than 400 museums, historical societies, and historic houses are participating in the program.

Learn more about StEPS and how it will help your organization.

Register for the FREE Webinar Now!

Contact:

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March Madness - Free Online Screenings!

Free online screenings of <u>We Still Live Here</u> throughout March on the PBS and ITVS websites as part of #SheDocs, celebrating women and girls during Women's History Month. If you've missed it or know someone who has, please watch and spread the word! <u>Click here to view the film on PBS.org</u>, and watch the #SheDocs trailer on <u>this ITVS link</u>.

A Very Full February!

Cassius (in banner above) is wondering where in the world I have been, as I'm finally home after a month of almost constant travel.

First stop was the Zora Neale Hurston Festival in her hometown of Eatonville, Florida. The audience's response to <u>We Still Live Here</u> was profoundly moving. I hadn't fully understood why they had invited me with and the film, but the eloquent oratory that flowed after the screening, about history and healing and moving forward, and also about the power of language, was truly inspiring.

The festival's videographer kindly shared his footage of the Q+A in this video. Click to watch

I am just now returning from a whirlwind trip to California. The first stop was at USC for American Film Showcase meetings with the new crop of filmmakers, a stellar group that included Nancy Buirski (*The Loving Family*), Jeff Orlowski (*Chasing Ice*), Andrew Rossi (*The Front Page*), and many more stars of the documentary world. I was honored to be invited back as a 'film expert,' a title that feels ridiculous in this company. The Showcase will be sending me to unknown parts to give workshops and support these filmmakers on trips like the ones I took last year with *We Still Live Here* to Bosnia and Brazil.

From Los Angeles, I drove out to the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Reservation to begin research on a documentary about the California tribal justice system. Executive producer Ruth Cowan and I were honored to attend a cross court (Native and county) exchange hosted by a dynamic young Quechan judge, Claudette White (pictured here). Much of the discussion focused on how the tribal justice system can prevent children from being taken away and put into foster homes outside the reservation, where they are separated from their cultures. I also met with the fiercely awe-inspiring Yurok judge, Abby Abenanti, the first Native judge in California. She is doing amazing things in Yurok country, bringing traditional ways into her court by emphasizing healing and inclusion over punishment and incarceration.

The California trip was bookended by a screening of <u>We Still Live Here</u> at the Native FilmFest, which is affiliated with the National Museum of the American Indian. It was great to share the film with such a diverse, intense, and enthusiastic audience. Thanks to Elizabeth Weatherford of the Smithsonian and to Michael Hammond, director of the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, for bringing me to Palm Springs in February!

We Still Live Here Screens at Plimoth Plantation's Opening Day

On March 16, <u>We Still Live Here</u> screens on the opening day of Plimoth Plantation's 2013 season with a Film & Food night celebrating the 40th anniversary of the museum's Wampanoag Indigenous Program (WIP). A reception before the screening will offer delicious traditional Wampanoag foods. Afterwards, WIP staff and others who are learning to speak their ancestral language with the Wampanoag Language Reclamation Project will field questions from the audience. Don't miss this exciting event and the opportunity to talk with many of the people who are featured in this award-winning documentary. I will be will be there in spirit, and will join the discussion via Skype. <u>Learn more and purchase tickets</u>.

· Please see our Screenings Page for details on all screenings ·

Explore Native American Language Revitalization Programs at www.OurMotherTongues.org

We are just getting ready to launch new pages with videos, pictures and information about the Karuk tribe's language program in Northern California, yet another inspiring story of language revitalization.

Please visit OurMotherTongues.org

Have Your Say! ...
Take the PBS·Independent Lens Survey

Here's what some other viewers have posted ...

Shirley: This was a very powerful, very moving piece of film-making! Thank you for sharing this story!

Bekah810: I found it just a beautiful thing and made me feel so proud to see a people gather in love and respect for those before them. Just the obedience of listening to her elders will change the future of all their people.

Amv01845: Just watched this sad, inspiring documentary. How wonderful that Jesse followed her spirit guides and look what has happened. Kudos also to the animator, which added SO much to the film.

Ancient Languages Reconstructed by Computer Program

BBC News WebCite

Bilingual Babies Know Their Grammar by Seven Months

ScienceDaily WebCite

Tuition free, and not restricted to Asians, any student can apply.

"The Asian American Journalists Association is seeking talented high-school journalists from all racial and ethnic backgrounds to apply for its all-expenses-paid camp in Washington, DC from June 21-26.

JCamp brings together students from across the country to learn from veteran journalists and media executives. Participants will meet some of the nation's top journalists, receive hands-on training, and produce multi-platform news packages for the program's news website.

The **deadline to apply is March 15**. For more information on how to apply, please visit: http://www.aaja.org/2013-jcamp/

Don't wait to apply; the deadline is fast approaching!

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Voters Say: Humans Bear Responsibility for Species Extinction

KQED

A new poll from a national environmental group shows widespread concern among U.S. voters about the impact human population growth is having on wildlife.



WE NEED 200,000 petitions by

March 20, 2013. Your signature Counts. Please Share. Mackinac Bands Of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians.

Genetic Time Capsule: South Carolina Man's DNA Shows Male Ancestor 338.000 Years Ago by jonathanturley

A South Carolina man, Albert Perry, recently died and one of his relatives decided to submit a DNA sample to a company called Family Tree DNA to help detail their genealogical tree. The company however was confused because his the Y-chromosome did not appear in his family tree. Later analysis by Michael Hammer, a geneticist at the University of Arizona in Tucson, found that Perry's Y chromosome showed that his male lineage probably separated from all others about 338,000 years ago. Before Perry, all men could be traced to a genetic "Adam" who lived between 60,000 and 140,000 years ago. Now we have a man with a link that goes back almost 200,000 years earlier. Of course, that does not quite fit with creationists who believe the Earth is only 5000 to 6000 years old, but for the rest of humanity it is a pretty interesting discovery.

Read more of this post

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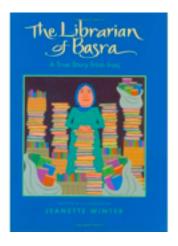
Saturday, March 16 ● 10am to 5pm

Nevada Magazine's inaugural Nevada Photographers Day will be held in Virginia City in conjunction with the town's annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry and St. Patrick's Day Parade. We are inviting all photographers to tell a memorable story from this day through images. Submissions and detailed photo descriptions are due to snebeker@nevadamagazine.com by Friday, March 22 at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit <u>nevadamagazine.com/nevada-photographers-day</u>

Today's Mighty Girl Hero is Iraqi librarian Alia Muhammad Baker, a woman who spearheaded an effort to **save her community's literary treasure**s from imminent destruction. In 2003, Alia Muhammad Baker, chief librarian of the Central Library in Basra, Iraq, found herself in the midst of a war-ravaged city, facing a distressing situation: the library's entire collection was on the verge of being destroyed due to the fighting.

Unwilling to simply sacrifice so much irreplaceable culture and history, and with no support from the local government, Ms. Baker took matters into her own hands. She cleverly orchestrated the removal of a treasure trove of 30,000 volumes, by means of car loads of books, and person-to-person ferrying over the library's wall. In the end, the library burned down, but nearly 70% of its collection was saved, spirited away to various safe havens.



Alia Muhammad Baker has earned our respect and admiration for stepping forward when the need was great, and not being deterred by slim odds nor great obstacles.

The image for today's featured hero comes from "The Librarian of Basra" -- a beautifully-depicted story of Ms. Baker's efforts, for children ages 5 to 10. Learn more at http://www.amightygirl.com/the-librarian-of-basra-a-true-story-from-iraq

For another rendition of Ms. Baker's story, check out "Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq," a graphic novel for ages 8 to 12 at http://www.amightygirl.com/alia-s-mission-saving-the-books-of-iraq

For Mighty Girl books about librarians and teachers, visit our special collection at http://www.amightygirl.com/books/personal-development/relationships?cat=264