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**Rack it Up**

Have you heard the news? Now you can find NS/S seeds in **Whole Foods** stores across Phoenix and Tucson! Look for our seed racks on your next grocery shopping trip and stock up on your favorite varieties. We're very excited for this momentous partnership with Whole Foods. To kick things off, NS/S will be hosting free gardening and seed-saving lectures at all locations selling our seeds! The first lecture will be at the Whole Foods in Tempe this Tuesday, the 19th at 5pm. NS/S Board Member Greg Peterson ([Urban Farm](#) & [Root Phoenix](#)) will help you *Jump Start Your Garden*.

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*And tribal water rights?*

**First Glimpse at Ambitious Bay Delta Water Plan**

Californians this week got their first glimpse of an ambitious plan to help meet the state's long-term water needs and restore sensitive habitat when the Brown administration on Thursday rolled out the first four of 12 chapters of a draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Centered on the coequal goals of species recovery and water system reliability, the \$23 billion plan calls for the restoration of 100,000 acres of Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta habitat and for the construction of new water supply conveyance facilities, including two 35 mile tunnels beneath the delta paid for by the project's beneficiaries. The Bay Area Council, under the leadership of Water Committee Chair and Montezuma Wetlands LLC Managing Partner Jim Levine, has been

heavily engaged in the issue, meeting in recent months with the Governor's staff, state Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird and the staffs of state and federal legislators. As with anything having to do with water in California, the BDCP has generated strong opinions from many interests. What's clear is that the current system of managing the delta is not sustainable, both economically and environmentally. The Bay Area Council will be heavily engaged in the coming debate over the BDCP. To add your voice to the discussion, [contact our Water Policy Manager Adrian Covert](#).

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**[Dene chief: 'My nation will stop the pipeline'](#)** [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca)

[An angry Dene chief tells the inquiry he will lay down his life to stop the pipeline.](#)

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**NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**May 7 - 9, 2013**

Radisson Fort McDowell Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona

Sponsored By: SOUTHWEST REGION – NAFWS

**Hosted By: The Hopi Tribe**

Hotel Information:

Radisson Fort McDowell Resort, 10438 N. Fort McDowell Rd., Scottsdale, Arizona

150 rooms have been blocked at a rate of \$119.00/night

For reservations call: (480) 789-5300 or (800) 333-3333

Mention: "Native American Fish and Wildlife Society"

Deadline to book your room: April 6, 2013

(A tax of 12.75% per room per night will be in effect at the time of check-in)

**Conference Theme:**

**"Weaving the Strands of Cultural Knowledge and Western Science to Maintain Balance and Harmony with Mother Earth"**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE: \$250.00

Make checks payable to: NAFWS Southwest Region

PRE-REGISTRATION and ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Poster Session: Agency and Tribal Exhibits \* National Conservation Officer Shoot Competition  
Native American Arts and Crafts Vendors

Fund Raising – Bring Your Donations For The Auction Contact: Norman Jojola (505) 753-1451

FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION Contact:

Norman Jojola, Co-Coordinator – (505) 753-1451 or (505) 927-3494

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A NAFWS SOUTHWEST REGION PROMOTION:

I HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS CONFERENCE TOPIC TO INCLUDE; WILDLIFE, TRADITIONAL ASPECTS OF TRIBAL RESOURCES, CLIMATE CHANGE, IMPACTS OF OF DEPLETING WATER RESOURCES ON TRIBAL LANDS, ENCROACHMENT, LAND

HEALTH AND ISSUES THAT FACE PEOPLE ACROSS THE NATION.  
THIS CONFERENCE IS NOT JUST FOR TRIBAL AFFILIATES BUT FOR EVERYONE OF  
THIS EARTH. THIS CONFERENCE IS A GREAT TO INTERACT WITH TRIBAL PEOPLE,  
PEOPLE, FROM MANY NATIONS AND BACKGROUNDS.

**USFWS, Native American Liaison** [fws.gov](http://fws.gov)

Working together with Native American Liaisons and officials from among the Federally recognized tribes nationwide, the Office of the Native American Liaison identifies areas where both Federal and tribal conservation efforts...

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**March 14, 2013 (CHICAGO) -- A 600-year-old Chinese coin was found on the Kenyan island of Manda** by Illinois scientists.

The Field Museum in Chicago announced the find Wednesday.

The joint expedition was led by Chapurukha Kusimba of the museum and Sloan Williams of the University of Illinois-Chicago. Researchers say the coin proves trade existed between China and eastern Africa decades before European explorers set sail.

The coin is made of copper and silver. It has a square hole in the center so it could be worn on a belt. Scientists say it was issued by Emperor Yongle of China and his name is written on the coin.

Scientists from Kenya, Pennsylvania and Ohio also participated in the expedition. They also found human remains and other artifacts predating the coin.

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**CONTROVERSIAL SEARCHLIGHT WIND ENERGY PROJECT GETS FEDERAL OK**

Federal authorities have signed off on plans to build almost 90 massive wind turbines in the desert around Searchlight, but some nearby residents and tribal members still see nothing clean or green about the project.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz16301983>

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**After a Powerful Lobbyist Intervenes, EPA Reverses Stance on Polluting Texas County's Water**

**Abrahm Lustgarten, News Report:** When Uranium Energy Corp. sought permission to launch a large-scale mining project in Goliad County, Texas, it seemed as if the Environmental Protection Agency would stand in its way. But the plan appeared to be dead on arrival to EPA until late 2011, when Uranium Energy hired Heather Podesta, a lobbyist and prolific Democratic fundraiser whose pull with the Obama administration prompted The Washington Post to name her the Capitol's latest "It girl."

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**Public Pays for Fukushima While Nuclear Industry Profits**

**Stephen Leahy, News Report:** Two years after Japan’s Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster, the country faces 100 to 250 billion dollars in cleanup and compensation costs, tens of thousands of displaced people and widespread impacts of radiation. The nuclear industry and its suppliers made billions from building and operating Fukushima’s six reactors, but it is the Japanese government and its citizens who are stuck with all the costly “fallout” of the disaster. “People’s lives were destroyed and we will be paying trillions of yen in tax money because of the Fukushima disaster,” said Hisayo Takada, an energy campaigner with Greenpeace Japan.

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### **[TP Regression to the Meanness Defies God, the Majority and Civilization](#)**

**Robert S. Becker, Op-Ed:** In the long arc of history, the human race hopped off branches, crawled from caves, then inscribed holy books. Genesis crowned mankind with dominion “over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Every darn “living thing,” even wee pathogens? The same verse instructs originals to be “fruitful, and multiply,” but also to “replenish the earth.” Come again? Yes, the Creator and first environmentalist, predicting we’d overdo the multiplying part, ordered mankind to conserve the entire, earthly nest—and every moving, living thing. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#)

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### **[The Ethics of Big Food](#)**

**Peter Singer, Op-Ed:** Last month, Oxfam, the international aid organization, launched a campaign called “Behind the Brands.” The goal is to assess the transparency of the world’s ten biggest food and beverage companies concerning how their goods are produced, and to rate their performance on sensitive issues like the treatment of small-scale farmers, sustainable water and land use, climate change, and exploitation of women. Consumers have an ethical responsibility to be aware of how their food is produced and the big brands have a corresponding obligation to be more transparent about their suppliers.

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### **[Green America Refutes State Department SEIS](#)**

On March 1, the US State Department issued its Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement ([SEIS](#)) on the proposed Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline, claiming that KXL will not “likely result in significant adverse environmental effects.”

Alas, the erroneous State Department claim arises largely from the report’s blanket assumption that tar sands will be extracted and burned anyway – by somebody – regardless of US action.

Such fatalistic reasoning **minimizes the terrible climate-change consequences** of processing tar sands, which even the SEIS report admits will generate far more greenhouse emissions than conventional petroleum.

### **[Tell the Obama Administration you oppose KXL »](#)**

The report also admits that **the US can meet its energy needs without relying on tar sands** — something you and I know already. The way forward for US energy depends on energy efficiency, solar, and wind — growing industries with much greater job creation potential than KXL can provide.

Ultimately, the decision to block or approve the pipeline is President Obama's. He's unlikely to make a decision before midsummer; meanwhile, public comment on the SEIS is open through mid-April. You can send your own message to [keystonecomments@state.gov](mailto:keystonecomments@state.gov), or you can [take our action today](#) to oppose tar sands and support clean energy.

In both his State of the Union address and inaugural message to the nation, President Obama promised to take action on climate change "on behalf of future generations." We need to let the president know that **we will hold him accountable for his promises** to us and to our children — and that the Keystone pipeline is not the way forward for US energy policy.

Thanks for all you do, Alisa Gravitz, President, Green America

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### ♥ **A Handful of Poor Indian Farmers Outgrow Monsanto?!**

Did you know that Indian farmers (and others worldwide) are proving that we do not need chemicals or GMO seeds in order to maximize crop yields?

"...the idea that you have to introduce more chemicals, and you have to introduce miracle seeds in order to make productivity grow and in order to make rural incomes grow isn't just not true, it's a BLATANT LIE"

— Vandana Shiva (Sustainable Agriculture and Seed Expert)

► In a village in India's poorest state, Bihar, farmers are growing world record amounts of rice — with no GM, and no herbicide. Is this one solution to world food shortages?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/2013/feb/16/india-rice-farmers-revolution>

One chinese scientist has "questioned" the record yield:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/feb/23/india-rice-revolution-questioned>

► Have GMOs Been Debunked By Science?

A 2009 study conducted by the Union of Concerned Scientists concluded that: "Genetic Engineering Has Failed to Significantly Boost U.S. Crop Yields Despite Biotech Industry Claims."

Increases over last decade largely due to traditional breeding and conventional agricultural improvements...

Read The Full Report (PDF):

[http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/food\\_and\\_agriculture/failure-to-yield.pdf](http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/food_and_agriculture/failure-to-yield.pdf)

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### **Wildlife in Trees**

Though we often see birds and squirrels in trees, they are not the only wildlife that depend on trees for survival.

From tree frogs and insects to black bears and raccoons, **trees provide wild creatures with food, shelter and places to raise their young**. They also generate constant supplies of life-supporting oxygen.

But right now, trees are facing mounting stresses. Climate change, deadly exotic diseases and the spread of invasive, non-native species are taking a toll on our native trees. It's more important than ever that we protect our natural world, and **inspire a nationwide movement** to plant and conserve native trees all across America.

Next week, March 18-24 is National Wildlife Week and this year's theme is "Branching Out for Wildlife" to celebrate the importance of trees for wildlife. In connection with this theme, we are inviting the public to **join us in helping achieve our goal of planting 75,000 native trees** across the country this year.

By helping to increase public awareness of the critical role trees play for wildlife, our communities, and our environment, you can inspire people to protect and conserve trees all across America.

[Spread the word about why wildlife need trees—share our fun graphic to inspire more people to plant and protect trees for wildlife today.](#)

Thanks so much for helping to spread the word!

Sincerely, Anne Senft, Vice President of Philanthropy, National Wildlife Federation

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### **More Spring Activities at Museum of the American Indian**

**April 19-20** – Friday-Saturday – Potomac Atrium - Native Artists: Doll Makers – a family of master artists in traditional doll-making. Their dolls are more than dolls. They are celebrations of age-old traditions, family history and the enduring story of Native peoples.

**April 20-21** – Saturday-Sunday – 2PM Rasmuson Theatre – Native Contemporary Dance: Medicine Bear, featuring Kaha:wi Dance Theatre – Medicine Bear illuminates traditional Iroquois stories like how the Bear Clan came to know as the Keeper of Medicines and the hunter who discovered the gift of healing. This production is intended for children and their families.

**April 26-27** – Native Music: Back to Jazz, featuring the Cheri Maracle Quartet 3PM Rasmuson Theatre – Cheri Maracle is of Mohawk and Irish ancestry who has been performing in Canada, the U.S. and abroad for the past 20 years; although Cheri sings aboriginal and other musical genres, she has always been drawn “back to jazz”.

**May 8-12** – Wednesday-Sunday – Bolivian Festival: Celebrating the International Year of Quinoa. (Also Live Webcast). The State of Bolivia is proud to celebrate its cultures, history and heritage with a 5-day festival of exciting presentations and programs, including quinoa samples for tasting, a Baroque music concert, traditional dance groups, storytelling, folk music, demonstrations by Bolivian artists, food, and fun for the entire family.

**May 25 – 26** – Saturday and Sunday – Celebrate Hawai’I Festival 10:30-5pm daily (Live Webcast) – this festival is the museum’s annual celebration of Hawaiian arts and culture and

coincides with Asian Pacific Heritage Month. During the festival, visitors can meet and greet Hawaiian culture bearers who are practitioners of the traditional Hawaiian arts around voyaging and canoes. Visitors can also learn about living a life of 'aloha' by watching and learning about hula, taking in a cooking demonstration, watching films and presentation and meeting and greeting our Hawaiian guests.

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**Colorado residents will face some of the strictest water limits ever** this spring and summer, as the state's largest municipal water providers try to curtail spring and summer watering to two times per week. The restrictions, *The Denver Post* reported, show how severe the ongoing drought has been in Colorado.

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**Fracking Commentary**

Two scientists explained the 'facts on fracking' in an op-ed piece for The New York Times. They precisely define hydraulic fracturing, outline the economic benefits, and clarify how, precisely, fracking operations can contaminate their surrounding environments.

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**Erin Brockovich: The Real-Life Unhappy Ending**

On tonight's NewsHour, Miles O'Brien reports on the decline of Hinkley, Calif., the town featured in the movie Erin Brockovich. Here's the not-so-Hollywood version of what really happened in Hinkley and beyond.

**MILES O'BRIEN, PBS News Hour**

We all love a neat, tidy Hollywood ending to a David and Goliath story. Sadly, in the real world, they are hard to come by. More often than not, the little guy might win a battle, but Goliath prevails over the long haul -- winning the war.

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**Lesley University research initiative sparks national model for Arts in Learning - Lesley University** [www.lesley.edu](http://www.lesley.edu)

The Arts Education Partnership in Washington, DC teams up with Lesley on groundbreaking research and policy initiative

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*"I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that. I wish I had more years left." ~ Thomas Edison speaking to Henry Ford, August 1896*

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**Canadian Controversy Continues:**

**HARPER IS PREVENTING SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR JAMES ANAYA FROM ENTERING CANADA (in his official capacity) TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HERE.**

WE MUST GET OUR STORIES TO MR. ANAYA:  
WE CAN ALL WRITE TO HIM - HERE IS CONTACT INFO:

Special Rapporteur James Anaya needs to hear directly from the Grassroots People:



WRITE TO HIM and tell him how you feel about Harper's termination plan, and the evil "results based process" that threatens Treaty rights.

Contact Information

The Special Rapporteur on indigenous peoples welcomes information from various sources on matters relevant to his mandate. Those who wish to submit information and request the Special Rapporteur's intervention in specific cases of alleged human rights violations should review the communications procedure and instructions on submitting information to the Special Rapporteur.

Contact the Special Rapporteur: [indigenous@ohchr.org](mailto:indigenous@ohchr.org)

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Story on APTN:

<http://aptn.ca/pages/news/2013/03/13/ottawa-still-blocking-un-indigenous-peoples-rapporteur-from-landing-in-canada-on-official-visit/>

Harper's Termination Plan:

<http://intercontinentalcry.org/harper-launches-major-first-nations-termination-plan-as-negotiating-tables-legitimize-canadas-colonialism/>

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# California Indian Celebration

Saturday, March 30, 2013

San Joaquin River Parkway  
11605 Old Friant Road  
Fresno, CA 93730  
(559) 248-8480

11 a.m.: Welcome

11:15 a.m.-4 p.m.: Ongoing cultural displays featuring:

- Mono and Yokuts basketweavers, acorn processing, milkweed twining, language and more!
- California Indian Dancers

1 p.m.—Exhibition Handgame

4 p.m.—Closing and Clean-up

For questions or directions,  
please contact:

Carly Tex at (559) 779-4681 or  
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Idle No More.  
Outside CNN  
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Angeles.  
Yesterday.  
Against  
corporate  
media silence.  
Idle No More.

### [Elveda Martinez](#)

What a great week...just got back from the RES Convention in Vegas...it was soooo motivational to see what Native businesses are doing all around Indian (and non-Indian) country. The focus was networking and leadership. Tribes were there to offer assistance to others. We'll be following up with a number of contacts and we'll be sharing information here with some of our Tribal staff on Monday. It's time to move forward. Was great to see old friends and meet some new ones; made a new friend for life in the "listening" session. The entertainment was great...really enjoyed seeing Keith Secola singing the "Indian Car" song....I think I still have the cassett. LOL.

*(call her at Walker River)*

[Loika Kane](#) What is Pesa Namanedu? It is Northern Paiute for "Something that has been done well" The 2013 award recipients are those who created the first Paiute language class/textbooks for the Washoe County School District, when the class first became a realit...[See More](#)

[Friday at 9:19pm](#) · [Like](#) · [2](#)

[Loika Kane](#) Although not officially recognized, Irwin Sharp Fish, played a significant role in the establishment of the class. He shared with us and helped up develop a language assessment that would be used to gauge the student's learning. Thanks Irwin for all of your help and your support of this project.

[Friday at 9:23pm](#) · [Like](#) · [1](#)

[Loika Kane](#) The award recipients were commended on their dedication as American Indian educators and thanked for the significant contributions made toward Indian Education in the State of Nevada.

## **Ida Valdez (1921 - 2013)**

Ida Mae Valdez passed away in Yerington, NV on March 12. She was 91. Ida was born in Smith Valley, NV on August 20, 1921 the daughter of Andy and Mamie Dick. She grew up in Smith Valley along with her seven siblings. Ida was an enrolled member of the Yerington Paiute Tribe. Ida attended the Stewart Indian Boarding School from 1927 thru 1938. After returning home, Ida began farm work. Soon after this the entire family moved to Campbell Ranch on the Yerington Paiute Reservation where her father was granted a tribal land assignment. It was at this time she met and married Rafael Valdez. They had three daughters, Janice, Linda and Worth. Ida worked as a housekeeper and then became the supervisor of the laundry for the Lyon Health Center in Yerington. Ida loved working outside gardening, planting flowers, but her true enjoyment was making pies and spending time with her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her many friends and relatives. In the winter she sewed and quilted. In keeping with her traditional spirit she always went pinenut picking and blueberry gathering with her family. She attended hand game events, with her family, rooting for her brother, Howard and his hand game team. She served as the chairman of the Yerington Tribal Elder Committee for many years, enjoyed many cultural activities with her sister, Lillius. She continued serving on the Committee until her health declined. She encouraged nurturing the survival of the Paiute language by being an active member of the Paiute Tribal Language Class. Ida is survived by her daughters, Linda Howard, Worth (Tom) Pursel; her grandchildren, Sondra (Bobby) Jackson, Christopher (Amy) Howard and Jamie (Evans) Hanson; great grandchildren, Charis Velazques, Kiani and Brandon Jackson; Taylor, Chloe and Addison Howard, Janice and Alexandria Hanson; also numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; her only surviving sister, Lillius Richardson. She was preceded in death by her husband, and her daughter, Janice; her parents and siblings, Howard Rogers, Frank, Marie, Edward, Glen and Russell Dick. A viewing will be held at the Freitas Ruprecht Funeral Home, 25 Hwy 208 Yerington on Thursday evening, March 14, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A Celebration of Ida's Life service will be held Friday, March 15 at 11:00 am at the Yerington Tribal Gymnasium at 171 Campbell Lane Yerington. Family and Friends are invited to sign her online guest book at [www.FRFH.net](http://www.FRFH.net); sympathy cards can be sent directly to the family from this site. Arrangements are under the direction of Freitas Ruprecht Funeral Home, Yerington (775) 463-2911.

## **Clayton Sampson**

No obituary available.