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# **CBC** News - Canadian mining companies subject of worldwide protests

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Colombians marched in the streets of Bucaramanga on March 18, protesting against foreign, in this case, mostly Canadian, mining companies that they feel are infringing on their clean water supply. (Photo courtesy Pastor Virviescas Gómez / CBC)

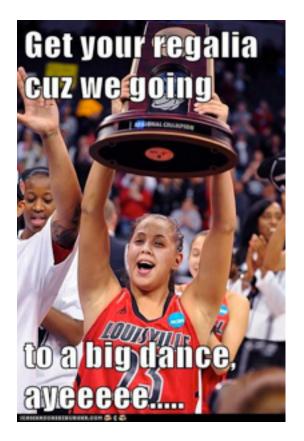
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## **NV Energy Trying to get out of the coal business**

By HENRY BREAN LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

NV Energy has floated a plan to shut down a controversial power plant 50 miles northeast of Las Vegas as part of a statewide move away from coal.

The proposal unveiled Wednesday calls for the utility to retire three of the four units at the Reid Gardner Generating Station next year and shutter the plant entirely by 2017, six years earlier than previously scheduled.

The announcement drew a guarded reaction from tribal members and environmentalists who have fought the coal plant for years.

"This is a great step for the tribe," said William Anderson, chairman of the Moapa Band of Paiutes. "It's a shock for us. I'm still a little skeptical."

Elspeth DiMarzio, who represents the Sierra Club in Nevada, hailed NV Energy's decision to speed up closure of Reid Gardner, but said shutting down the almost 50-year-old plant will only solve part of the problem.

"It's also really important to look at the remediation and cleanup of the coal ash dump" at the plant, DiMarzio said.

Tribal members living in the shadow of Reid Gardner's smokestacks have long blamed pollution from the plant for illnesses and deaths on their 73,000-acre reservation.

So far, no health studies have linked medical problems among the tribe's roughly 300 members to the power plant next door, but Anderson said such research is now under way.

"It doesn't seem like a coincidence that so many people passed away on this reservation and most of them were living so close to the power plant," said Anderson, who grew up next to Reid Gardner and believes the facility contributed to allergy problems he developed later in life.

Also under its proposal, NV Energy plans to stop drawing power from the Navajo coal-burning plant in Northern Arizona, retiring its ownership stake in three units there by 2019 instead of 2026.

The utility's only other coal-burning plant in Nevada, the North Valmy Generating Station near Battle Mountain, is slated for retirement in 2025.

NV Energy plans to replace power from coal with renewable energy projects and increased use of cheap natural gas for generation.

The state's largest electric utility planned to outline its emission reduction and capacity replacement plan, which it calls NVision, during energy-related testimony in Carson City on Wednesday.

NV Energy expects to submit the plan to the Public Utility Commission of Nevada within the next year. The PUC would have 210 days to review and approve the retirement of power plants and other aspects of the transition away from coal.

The commission also will consider a 3.84 percent rate increase NV Energy will seek to help pay for the conversion, which could generate as many as 4,700 construction jobs and 200 operation and maintenance jobs.

The news from NV Energy comes less than a month after the Moapa Band of Paiutes threatened to sue the utility in federal court over phony air pollution data that was submitted to state regulators by a contractor at Reid Gardner.

The tribe bases its claim on documents showing the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection had to discard about five years of dust pollution data for one monitoring station at the power plant when a 2011 investigation determined the information was logged incorrectly by the contractor.

Regulators and the utility have downplayed the significance of the faulty data, which they said was not used to determine whether the facility was in compliance with clean air standards.

#### UTAH REJECTS WATER DEAL WITH NEVADA

In a move that could trigger a court fight between neighbors, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert said his state will not sign a long-delayed water agreement with Nevada over a vast valley that is split by the border and targeted by thirsty Las Vegas. <a href="http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz16548707">http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz16548707</a>

# **WIND-WORKS: 100 Percent Renewable Vision Building**

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Increasingly countries and regions are leapfrogging timid renewable targets and moving toward full 100% integration of renewables into electricity supply. Some thought leaders, politicians, and advocates are moving even further, suggesting 150%, even 300% renewable electricity generation to meet not...

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Language Preservation Projects Supported Worldwide Endangered Language Fund
The goal of the Endangered Language Fund is to support endangered language preservation and documentation projects throughout the world. The Fund provides grants of up to \$4,000 for language maintenance and linguistic field work, with emphasis on work that serves both the native community and the field of linguistics. The language involved must be in danger of

disappearing within a generation or two. Researchers and language activists from any country are eligible to apply. Institutions are eligible to apply for grants, but no administrative costs are covered. Applications must be received by April 22, 2013. The request for proposals is available on the Fund's website.

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#### **News from UNR Libraries**

- DeLaMare continues to receive much attention because of their makerspace brilliance (makerspace refers to a gathering place used to create, and share resources and knowledge). This time in American Libraries magazine as one of "Three Makerspace Models That Work", in *The Case for a Campus Makerspace* by *Hack Education* and in New Media Consortium in their *Horizon Report 2013 Higher Education Edition*.
- Librarians article on the challenges faced with e-books in the academic library was features as the "Article of the Week" in the online publication <u>Against the Grain</u> (an online publication about libraries, publishers and books).
- Basque Library gets <u>national exposure</u> on the Digital Public Library of America's website.
- Smallwood Multimedia Bootcamp graduate polishes animation skills and creates an animation short.
- UNR film club wins category in the <u>National Film Challenge</u> short film competition.

  @One provided all equipment, meeting space, post-production software and equipment, and the assistance of staff.
- DeLaMare Library set to host <u>Internationals Space Apps Challenge</u> "hacking" event by NASA in April.

## The Biggest Story of Our Lifetime Is Water

More than two decades after the United Nations first designated March 22 as World Water Day, 2013 is the International Year of Water Cooperation.

In a report out on Friday, UN-Water proposes a common definition of "water security" to help global collaboration around water. But Circle of Blue's founder/director J. Carl Ganter thinks it's less about defining and more about listening. Read an adapted version of Ganter's keynote address from last week at the Canadian Water Network annual conference.

## Alaska Legislative Committee to Discuss Bulk Water Exports

On March 12, the Economic Development, Trade, and Tourism Committee will ask what the state can do to encourage exports of water in bulk shipments. For years, entrepreneurial... **Read More...** 

The Stream, March 28: Protected U.S. Fish Species Showing Signs of Recovery
Of the fish species closely monitored by NOAA for dangerous depletion, two thirds have recovered or are rebuilding. The results are encouraging, *National Geographic* reported, but management plans implemented over the past 10 to 15 years have still left one third of the monitored species at low levels.

#### **State-Level Water Management**

Some in southern New Mexico are calling for <u>hostile legislative maneuvers</u> to secure a larger share of Pecos River water from their northern neighbors. Land owners in Carlsbad are calling for a priority call, *The New York Times* reported, which means whomever uses water first—in this case small farmers—get the most water in scarce times often at the expense of big industry.

The Texas House of Representatives voted across party lines Wednesday to fund <u>\$US 2 billion in state water projects</u>. The bill, which now moves to the Senate, *StateImpact Texas* reported, offers loans for projects such as reservoirs, pipelines and conservation initiatives.

A new study outlines <u>water-saving steps</u> cities around the Southwest U.S. introduced in the wake of last year's Colorado River Basin Study. Jennifer Pitt of the Environmental Defense Fund writes in *National Geographic* that Salt Lake City, Utah, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and San Antonio, Texas are models for the rest of the region.

A study released Monday <u>linked Oklahoma's 5.7 magnitude earthquake in 2011 to the disposal of hydraulic fracturing wastewater</u>, <u>Bloomberg News</u> reported. The research, conducted by the University of Oklahoma, Columbia University, and the U.S. Geological Survey, could spur greater government regulation of wastewater disposal wells.

The <u>water quality in 55 percent of U.S. rivers is poor for aquatic wildlife</u>, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday. The agency's new National Rivers and Stream Assessment, utilizing data from 2008-2009, found excessive levels of nitrogen and phosphorous, high levels of mercury, and decreased levels of vegetation along the nation's waterways.

"As crude a weapon as the cave man's club, the chemical barrage has been hurled against the fabric of life - a fabric on the one hand delicate and destructible, on the other miraculously tough and resilient, and capable of striking back in unexpected ways. These extraordinary capacities of life have been ignored by the practitioners of chemical control who have brought to their task no "high-minded orientation," no humility before the vast forces with which they tamper."

Rachel Carson, Silent Spring 1962

# Man Who Stole Grave Marker of Comanche Code Talker Going to Prison Native News Network Staff in Native Briefs

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA** – Jason P. Paras, 33, of Moore, Oklahoma was sentenced to serve four months in prison for the theft of two grave markers from a Kiowa Comanche Apache Intertribal Cemetery. The sentence was announced by Sanford C. Coats, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

World War II and Vietnam Veteran Graves were Vandalized

Paras was charged on the federal court's Indian country misdemeanor docket on September 20, 2012, and pled guilty on October 18, 2012.

Paras admitted that in June of 2012 he stole several brass grave markers from the Deyo Mission Cemetery, a Kiowa Comanche Apache Intertribal Cemetery located on Indian trust land west of Lawton, Oklahoma. The brass grave markers are furnished by the US Department of Veterans Affairs at no cost to the family for deceased military service members.

Paras admitted he stole the brass markers to sell to a recycling company in Lawton, Oklahoma, as scrap metal. One of the grave markers was that of a Comanche Tribal member and "Comanche Code Talker" from World War II who was admitted to the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame in September of 2011.

The Comanche Code Talkers were part of a classified special unit of tribal members that used coded messages in the Comanche language to evade detection by German forces during World War II in Europe. Another marker belonged to Comanche tribal member who was a Vietnam veteran. As part of the sentence, Paras will be required to pay to replace the two markers he stole and sold as scrap metal.

Fourteen Comanche code talkers were inducted posthumously into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame on November 11, 2012.

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# Ten Native American Food Projects Awarded \$375,000

Native News Network Staff in Native Currents

LONGMONT, COLORADO – First Nations Development Institute Tuesday announced it has awarded a new round of grants totaling \$375,000 to 10 Native American organizations. The grants, made possible by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation were awarded under First Nations' Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative.

Taos, New Mexico Native Food Sovereignty Alliance Awarded \$37,500

All of the projects aim to enhance Native control of local food systems, especially in addressing issues such as food insecurity, food deserts, and health and nutrition, while bolstering much-needed economic development in those communities.

The award amounts were \$37,500 each. The grantees and projects are:

- Big Pine Paiute Tribe of Owens Valley, Big Pine, California Sustainable Food System Development Project.
- Hunkpati Investments, Inc., Fort Thompson, South Dakota Crow Creek Fresh Food Initiative.
- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, Hayward, Wisconsin Increasing Food Security through Infrastructure, Research and Animal Husbandry Feasibility Assessments.
- Northwest Indian College, Bellingham, Washington Muckleshoot Food Sovereignty Project.
- The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Oneida, Wisconsin Oneida Youth Food System Entrepreneur Project.
- Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma, Ponca City, Oklahoma Egg Production for Us, by Us.
- Pueblo of Nambe, Nambe Pueblo, New Mexico Nambe Pueblo Community Farm.
- San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, Arizona Traditional Western Apache Diet Project.
- Taos County Economic Development Corporation, Taos, New Mexico Native Food Sovereignty Alliance.

 Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association Inc., Kamuela, Hawaii Farming for the Working Class.

For more than 30 years, using a three-pronged strategy of educating grassroots practitioners, advocating for systemic change, and capitalizing Indian communities, First Nations has been working to restore American Indian control and culturally compatible stewardship of the assets they own, be they land, human potential, cultural heritage or natural resources, and to establish new assets for ensuring the long-term vitality of Native American communities.

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# See the Virtual Summit 2013 Highlight Reel & Special Offer

As you surely know by now, our <u>Greenroofs & Walls of the World™ Virtual Summit</u> **2013**, presented in association with WGIN, has been extended through April 13 - weĀve prepared a Highlight Reel so you can see *some* of what youĀre missing:

- **State-of-the Market & Potential:** According to Lux Research, the global market size for greenroofs and walls has burgeoned into a projected \$7.7 billion market in 2017. What are the drivers leading our industry? What are our challenges? Hear from the author of this report and other influencers.
- **Sustainability Strategies:** Business leaders, ecology in our cities, and the new urban agriculture paradigm shifts must all optimize resources including people, places, and design. Examine the successes and challenges from folks across the U.S., Toronto, Vancouver, B.C., Singapore, Hamburg, Mexico City, London, Malmö, Copenhagen, Spain, Australia, and China as we learn together about our potential on a global scale.
- Integrating Nature into Our Built Environment: Are mankind seelings about nature innate? Organic architecture is on the rise and high-performance, building integrated greenery technologies relate to our inner sense of biophilia. How can greenroofs and walls be used as phytoremediation? What native plants can we use on coastal systems? What are some of the different living wall systems and maintenance issues? How has vegetation evolved over a 20-year time period?
- Case Studies of Successful Projects: Learn from designers of the Marina Bay SkyPark in Singapore, the Royal York Condominium in NYC, The Ledge in Boston, the Chicago Botanic Garden, Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market, Lufa Farms in Montreal, One Central Park and the sophisticated urban playground Aivy in Sydney, Uncommon Ground in Chicago, Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm, the Food Factory in Philadelphia, Castle Medical Center in Oahu, the NYC Parks & Rec Department's 5-Boro greenroof on Randall Island with 30 types of systems including solar, plus more about what cities are doing from around the world.

The VS2013 has brought together some of the best and brightest in our international community of design professionals and thought leaders. For less than the standard price of a 1-hour webinar, you can watch 20 hours of video presentations!

## **IMLS News**

# **Video Game Design Is More Than Writing Code**

Webinars show museums and libraries how to get youth involved in the National STEM Video Game Challenge. Read More

# IMLS Director Susan Hildreth Supports Broad Access to Federally Funded Research

Under a directive of the White House, IMLS is improving access to valuable research.

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## **IMLS Launches Page on Facebook**

Finalists for the National Medal show the community value of museums and libraries.

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# IMLS and Library of Congress Announce New National Digital Stewardship Residency

Applications are being accepted from recent master's program graduates for ninemonth residencies in the Washington, D.C. area. Read More

## What's a Museum Technologist today?

I wonder how many of you may have been asked this question at some point in time? Perhaps you've even asked it of yourself.

In an effort to better understand the makeup and profile of our field, Rob Stein and I have developed a short survey that attempts to get at a better understanding of the role you play in the larger field of museums. We are critically interested in understanding the continuing evolution of technology in museums and the professional staff who innovate and maintain efforts in technology, media, and the web. Even if you DO NOT consider yourself a Museum Technologist, but work to create engaging digital content and experiences on behalf of the museum community — we are interested in your feedback about the role you play in museums.

Would you consider helping us by taking a short survey? The questions are easy and all your responses are confidential. Your answers will be analyzed and presented in an open forum at this year's Museum and the Web Conference in Portland, OR. If you wish to submit your email address with the survey, I will also be sure to send you a copy of the findings and slides from that analysis for your own records.

Please visit: <a href="http://bit.ly/10wrVEW">http://bit.ly/10wrVEW</a>

Rob and I will be presenting the results along with other observations in a plenary session at MW2013: <a href="http://mw2013.museumsandtheweb.com/">http://mw2013.museumsandtheweb.com/</a>
<a href="proposals/whats-a-museum-technologist-today/">proposals/whats-a-museum-technologist-today/</a>

Thank you in advance for your time in helping us better understand our professional community!

# **Lessons Found in the Mud**

By GINIA BELLAFANTE NYT 3,31

There are inklings around the city of a movement toward a learning philosophy that promotes creative play; in Brooklyn, one program takes toddlers into Prospect Park and teaches them to dig in the mud.

# <u>High-Tech Means of Production Belies the Nostalgic Image of Maple Syrup</u> By JULIA SCOTT NYT 3.31

Maple syrup conjures images of old-fashioned rural New England, but the reality is changing with the help of technology.

Slide Show: Maple Syrup Takes Turn Toward Technology

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# National Museum of the American Indian Welcomes Five New Board of Trustee Members

WASHINGTON Last Thursday the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian announced five new members to its Board of Trustees, for a three year term.

#### The five are:

- Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw
- Margaret L. Brown, Yup'ik
- Dr. Brenda Child Ojibwa
- <u>Lance Morgan</u> Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
- <u>Chief Gregory E. Pyle</u> Choctaw

"We look forward to working with this new group of board members who bring a depth of experience and deep knowledge of working with Native constituents and communities. They will be essential in helping to determine future directions taken by the museum," said Kevin Gover, Pawnee, director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

Governor Bill Anoatubby has been the leader of the Chickasaw Nation, located in Ada, Oklahoma, since 1987. Under his leadership, the Nation has opened the Chickasaw Cultural Center, the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy and several senior citizen centers. The Nation has improved the lives of tribal citizens by focusing on health care, youth programs, education and elder services. Anoatubby has been on several commissions, boards, and councils on the local, state, regional and national level, including the InterTribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, the board of directors for the Ada Chamber of Commerce, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Committee and on the board of trustees for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in Nation Environmental Policy Foundation, Agencies and Commissions program.

Margaret L. Brown recently retired as the president and chief executive officer of the Cook Inlet Region, Inc., an Alaska Native Corporation located in Anchorage, Alaska. In her position, Brown was responsible for the development and implementation of the company's corporate strategies, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian programs and policies and procedures. She oversaw all the company's business operations and was the primary contact with the company's stakeholders. Brown currently serves on the national board of The Trust for Public Land, the Student Conservation Association and the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

She also serves on advisory boards for Alaska Airlines and the University of Alaska Anchorage Honors College. Brown is a 1992 YWCA Woman of Achievement recipient, a 2008 fDi Magazine business personality of the year, a 2009 Alaska Business Hall of Fame laureate and the 2012 Athena Award recipient.

**Brenda Child, Ph.D.**, is a professor of American Studies at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She is a well known expert on the American Indian boarding school experience and has written several books on the subject Away From Home: "American Indian Boarding School Experiences, 1879-2000," "2000 and Boarding School Seasons: American Indian Families, 1900-1940,1998." She serves on the editorial board of Ethnohistory. She has served as a member of the Native American Council at The Eiteljorg Museum of Art in Indianapolis, Indiana and on the Executive Council of The Minnesota Historical Society.

Lance Morgan is president, chief executive officer, and co-founder of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the award winning economic development corporation owned by the Winnebago Tribe. Ho-Chunk, Inc. aims to promote economic self sufficiency for the Winnebago Tribe and its members by creating jobs through its joint ventures and investments, including hotels, convenience stores, web sites and a temporary labor service provider. The company currently employs over 1,400 workers in ten states and three foreign countries, operates 18 subsidiaries, and has revenues in excess of \$195 million. HoChunk, Inc. also founded and funds a non-profit corporation that provides supplemental capital to individuals and businesses. Morgan is also the managing partner in the law firm of Fredericks, Peebles and Morgan, LLP; he specializes in Indian law and economic development issues.

Chief Gregory Pyle has been the leader of the Choctaw Nation, headquartered in Durant, Oklahoma, since 1997, after serving more than 13 years as assistant chief of the Nation. Under the leadership of Chief Pyle, the Choctaw Nation has put families first, with priorities on education, health and jobs. The Nation's efforts in economic development have resulted in many profitable tribal businesses such as gaming centers, manufacturing plants and travel plazas, creating numerous jobs and funding tribal programs. Education milestones include the Choctaw Language Program and increasing the scholarship program to serve 5,000 students. Pyle serves on the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, served as the President of the Oklahoma Area Indian Health Board, was a member of SI-435-2008 the National Indian Health Board, and serves on the Board of Directors of Landmark Bank and Durant Chamber of Commerce.

### **About the Board**

The museum is governed by a 25 member board of trustees, which meets three times a year. Each appointment is three years. The chair of the board is Roberta Leigh Conner, Confederated

Tribes of Umatilla, of Pendleton, Oregon. Smithsonian Secretary Wayne Clough and Under Secretary for History, Art, and Culture Richard Kurin are on the board as ex-officio members. Eighteen of the current members are Native American.

For more information, visit <u>www.AmericanIndian.si.edu</u> »

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## **CALL FOR ENTRIES:**

We are still taking nominations! A "Beautiful Mind" is someone that lives life to the fullest and maintains a well-rounded healthy lifestyle. If you know someone that has a Beautiful Mind, click on the rotator at <a href="https://www.beautiful-minds.com">www.beautiful-minds.com</a> and nominate them.

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# **Peyote Birthday Song NAC**

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Native American Church Birthday Song

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