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ICTMN Staff, Indian Country Today Media Network

ICTMN Staff reports: "Elders and chiefs of at least 10 sovereign nations walked out of a meeting with U.S. State Department officials in Rapid City, South Dakota, on Thursday May 16 in which the government was attempting to engage in tribal consultation over the Keystone XL pipeline.

Read more [here](#)." [READ MORE](#)

To follow fracking in Nevada, follow SB390.

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Learn about the connection between diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and neuropathy. Enjoy lunch and get the facts on foods and diets, and get your questions answered by this outstanding team of experts.

Space is limited so make your reservations today.

Be sure you click on the link below to register. We look forward to seeing you.

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National Funding Opportunities

Support for Children’s Bereavement Programs

[National Alliance for Grieving Children: Grief Reach Grant Program](#)

The goal of the Grief Reach Grant Program, administered by the National Alliance for Grieving Children with funding from the New York Life Foundation, is to provide support for children's bereavement programs in order to expand their reach to include underserved youth populations. A total of 50% of the children served by funded programs must be from low-income families, or 50% of the children must be from minority communities. Eligible programs must have a clear impact on children; educating the community is not enough unless it ties directly into serving children. Applicant organizations must have been in operation as a 501(c)(3) for at least three

consecutive years. The application deadline is July 8, 2013. Visit the National Alliance for Grieving Children's website to review the Request for Proposals.

Film Festivals Nationwide Funded

[Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences: Film Festival Grants Program](#)

The Film Festival Grants Program, an initiative of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, provides grants of up to \$30,000 to a wide variety of film festivals based in the United States. Grant recipients include major international film festivals, independent and alternative festivals, and festivals that support social and cultural diversity. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that make festival events more accessible to the general public, give screening access to minority and less visible filmmakers, and strengthen connections between filmmakers and the public. Grants are only available to applicants that have held at least five festivals as of December 31, 2012. Applications must be submitted by June 26, 2013. Grant range information and application guidelines are available on the Academy's website.

Grants Promote Statewide LGBT Equality

[Gill Foundation: State Equality Fund](#)

The goal of the State Equality Fund, an initiative of the Gill Foundation, the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund, an anonymous donor, and the Ford Foundation, in conjunction with Tides Foundation, is to promote LGBT equality at the state level. The Fund provides grants of up to \$100,000 or more to nonprofit organizations that work to achieve the following statewide policy changes within three years: statewide nondiscrimination statutes for all LGBT people applicable to employment, accommodations, and housing, including the addition of gender identity and expression to existing statutes; enumerated statewide safe schools policies for LGBT and LGBT-perceived students, preferably with mandatory training and statewide reporting; and statewide broad relationship recognition for same sex couples, also known as domestic partnerships and civil unions. (Due to the participating funders' involvement in the Civil Marriage Collaborative, efforts to achieve marriage equality are ineligible for the State Equality Fund.) To a lesser degree, the Fund will provide grants of up to \$50,000 to local organizations that work to achieve incremental steps towards later, broader statewide gains. The next letter of inquiry deadline is June 25, 2013. Visit the Gill Foundation's website to review the funding guidelines.

Youth Digital Citizenship Programs Supported

[Digital Media and Learning Competition: Project:Connect – Summer Youth Programming Competition](#)

The Digital Media and Learning Competition, administered by HASTAC and supported by the MacArthur Foundation, brings together youth, programmers, and educators to develop prototypes for social tools in pursuit of a better Web. The 2013 Project:Connect – Summer Youth Programming Competition will provide grants of up to \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations that support learning, youth development, and civic engagement through summer programs that will enable youth to engage the Web in civil, collaborative, productive, safe, and confidence-building ways. The Competition will support single or multi-day participatory and hands-on learning experiences to be held from July through September, 2013. U.S.-based nonprofit learning development and civic engagement organizations (including museums, libraries, and after-school and summer programs) are eligible to apply. The application deadline is June 10, 2013. Visit the Competition's website to review the Call for Proposals.

Regional Funding Opportunities

Funds for Programs Enhancing Company Communities

Office Depot Foundation

The Office Depot Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, government agencies, libraries, and schools that bring systemic change to the communities they serve. The Foundation provides grants averaging \$1,000 in three distinct categories. The focus of the “Giving Children Tools for Success” category is on activities that give young people tools to succeed in school and in life through education and inspiration. The “Building Capacity to Serve Communities” category targets programs that help nonprofit organizations to serve the needs of their communities efficiently. The purpose of the “Disaster Preparedness, Relief, Recovery, and Rebuilding” category is to support efforts that help people and communities prepare for disasters and rebuild and recover when disasters occur. Applications will be accepted from May 1 through October 31, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the Grant Making Guidelines.

Grants Address Oral Health in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation

The Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation is committed to improving the oral health of Wisconsin residents by providing grants to community-based, nonprofit oral health promotion programs throughout the state. The main objective of the Foundation's grant program is to support efforts offering dental care to the underserved. Grants of up to \$10,000 are considered for dental supplies and equipment for low-income dental clinics, dental health education programs, and other philanthropic endeavors relating to dentistry. Proposals must be submitted via email by July 31, 2013. (A letter of endorsement from an officer of the local component dental society is required.) Visit the Foundation’s website to review the grant guidelines.

Support for California Folk Art Projects

Alliance for California Traditional Arts: Living Cultures Grants Program

The Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) promotes ways for cultural traditions to thrive now and into the future by offering advocacy, resources, and connections for folk and traditional artists. ACTA’s Living Cultures Grants Program provides support to nonprofit organizations for exemplary projects addressing folk/traditional arts in California. (Folk and traditional art forms are learned as part of the cultural life of a group of people whose members share a common heritage, language, religion, occupation, or region.) Grant awards are generally limited to \$5,000 or less; a small number of grants of up to \$7,500 will be awarded to projects that demonstrate significant impact on a particular cultural tradition. A wide range of projects will be supported, including public presentations, workshops and classes, equipment and materials, publications, etc. Applications must be postmarked by July 15, 2013. Visit the ACTA website to download the application guidelines.

Youth Technology Skills Programs Funded

Best Buy Community Grants Program

The Best Buy Community Grants Program provides support to nonprofit organizations that are located within 50 miles of a [Best Buy store or distribution center](#). Grants promote programs that provide teens with places and opportunities to develop 21st century technology skills that will inspire future education and career choices. Eligible programs must build technology skills in

teens ages 13-18, deliver community-based youth programs during out of school time, and serve a diverse population. Grants average \$5,000, and will not exceed \$10,000. Online proposals must be submitted between June 1 and July 1, 2013. Visit the Best Buy website to review the program guidelines.

Federal Grant and Loan Programs

Support Available to Promote Nutrition and Physical Activity

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The National Innovative Partnerships for Addressing Obesity through Environmental Supports for Nutrition and Physical Activity program supports collaborations to promote healthy eating and physical activity in places where individuals live, learn, and work. The application deadline is June 24, 2013.

Tribal Environmental Programs Funded

Environmental Protection Agency

The Science for Sustainable and Healthy Tribes program provides support to develop sustainable solutions to environmental problems that affect tribes. Program areas include [Climate Change Impacts](#), [Climate Change Early Career Projects](#), [Indoor Air Impacts](#), and [Indoor Air Early Career Projects](#). The application deadline is June 25, 2013.

Funds Available for Refugee Programs

Department of State

The Reception and Placement Program provides support to promote the successful reception and placement of all persons who are admitted to the United States under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. The application deadline is July 1, 2013.

Program Supports Education Innovation

Department of Education

The Investing in Innovation Fund supports innovative practices to improve student achievement and student growth, close achievement gaps, decrease dropout rates, increase high school graduation rates, and increase college enrollment and completion rates. [Scale-Up Grants](#) and [Validation Grants](#) are available. The application deadline is July 2, 2013.

On The Road to Find Out: Passionate Engagement and Counter-Cartography [read online](#) By BRAD HOUK

Brad Houk is an educator and counter-cartographer. After teaching at-risk students in Vermont, Navajo students on a reservation in New Mexico, Quaker students in the mountains of Pennsylvania, and advanced degree People's Liberation Army officers in China, he now teaches at the Community College of Vermont. Pulling from his academic background in design and education, Brad has been using "counter-maps" to invigorate his classroom. Most recently, however, Brad has been counter-mapping his local community, as well as aspects of the Occupy Movement, in an effort to not only understand a community more deeply (and the many ways it can be experienced) but to explore how this process can be used as a tool for service-learning and a method in civic- and community-engagement.

A Student Project

Following an extensive and in-depth final project where students explored the many things that make a nation-state a nation-state, the final exam was something completely different from what the students had done in years past. It was a take-home exam but an in-class presentation.

During the final exam period scheduled during the exam week, the students had to present their counter-maps to the class. Each counter-map was to represent not only a hot issue in the studied nation-state, but each student was to pick a side and represent that side through a counter-map (an art-map or a protest-map). A neutral position would not be accepted. One of many sides (not merely an assumed two sides) had to be defended. By choosing a side, a position, each student then had to defend that position and assume responsibility for it, as well as for the research and the facts. This was a college-level assignment and the students were enthralled. Their maps showed me that they had risen to the challenge and expectations. [read the full article](#)

Join us for Brad's workshop at CWI's 2013 Summer EAST Institute



From delaceyplace.com In today's encore selection -- very early in its national life, the United States had the opportunity to purchase a vast tract of land from Napoleon and France. Some consider it the **greatest real estate deal in history**. However, the U.S. didn't have the funds -- the price was \$15 million and the U.S. still had \$82 million in unpaid war debts -- and Napoleon needed to be paid in cash for his war with Britain. Amazingly, it was a British banker, Alexander Baring, who raised the funds for America to pay for the land -- thus strengthening both Britain's archenemy Napoleon and Britain's emerging competitor and ex-colony, America:

"The second budget shock [for the U.S. after the expenditures needed to fight the Barbary pirates] was the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, probably the greatest real estate deal in history. Great for the U.S., that is, which doubled its size for a mere \$15 million, about 4 cents an acre. Overnight, the upstart nation acquired land physically larger than France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, and the British Isles combined. Crowning the vast territory was the magnificent port city of New Orleans, which gave western farmers a much-needed water outlet to world markets. The country could now grow westward without fear that trans-Appalachian states would secede to gain cheap access to the sea.

"Napoleon sold the Louisiana Territory because he was waging war with Britain and was strapped for cash. He wrongly believed the area a wasteland and hence strongly preferred to retain instead the French colony of Saint-Domingue, which occupied the western half of the island of Hispaniola (the eastern half being the Spanish colony of Santo Domingo). Saint-Domingue boasted a population of 500,000 and plantations of sugar cane, indigo, coffee, and cocoa rich enough to fill 700 ships a year. The French then promptly lost the colony when, in 1804, a successful revolution by black slaves led to the independence of the new nation of Haiti.

A government map, probably created in the mid-20th century, that depicts a simplified history of territorial acquisitions within the continental United States

"Jefferson was not certain, however, that the purchase was Constitutional. Recall that Jefferson interpreted the Constitution strictly, or at least publicly purported to do so. The Constitution made no specific provision for purchasing new territory, so Jefferson was inclined to believe that a Constitutional amendment might have to be passed before the nation could take title to the territory. Madison and most other cabinet members were inclined to agree. [Secretary of the Treasury Albert]

Gallatin, however, took a page from Hamilton and persuaded the president and the cabinet that the Constitution contained certain implied powers, including the inherent right to acquire territory. The movement to begin the lengthy process of amending the Constitution was dropped, and Congress quickly approved the purchase.

"Hamilton cast an even larger shadow over the proceedings because the Republicans were about to start borrowing. To pay the purchase price and acquire good title, Gallatin had to pay Napoleon the full price in cash up front. As a distressed dictator desperate for cash, the little Corsican was not about to 'hold the mortgage.' And Gallatin had on hand only about one quarter of the cash needed to make the purchase. He therefore floated a bond issue through the Dutch banking house of Hope and Company, which promptly sold it to Baring Brothers, a British investment bank. Alexander Baring worked closely with Gallatin for five months in Washington to finalize the details. Although the two financiers formed a friendship, the price tag of the bond issue bothered Gallatin. He realized, however, that the port of New Orleans would increase federal revenues some \$200,000 a year. Moreover, Gallatin and other Republicans must have savored the irony of British investors lending money to vastly increase the power of their former colonies and to replenish the coffers of Britain's arch enemy, Napoleon Bonaparte."

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Songbirds Use Nevada as a Stopover Mark Scheerer, Public News Service-NV

<http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/32551-1>

(05/20/13) LAS VEGAS, Nev. - From their beautiful songs to their stunning colors, birds are putting on their best displays this time of year. It is the spring migration season, and more than half the birds at backyard feeders and soaring across the sky right now are headed north to the Canadian boreal forest. This is the largest intact forest on Earth, and literally billions of birds migrate there through the U.S.

Dr. Jeff Wells with the [Boreal Songbird Initiative](#) said most of the flying is done at night, so people do not realize how massive the migration is.

"It's like a river of birds that flows north and splits up into smaller streams and tributaries as they're migrating. Tens of millions, hundreds of millions, are moving daily," Wells said.

About 3 billion of North America's land birds and 26 million waterfowl breed in the boreal forest.

Many of the birds are at risk as the forest faces new threats - and some species have already seen significant declines, Wells warned.

"It is under threat from mining, forestry, oil and gas, hydro - lots of different factors," he said. "And it is being affected by climate change."

The birds also face challenges as they make their way north, Wells noted. For instance, the white lights on tall buildings and towers that are meant to warn pilots can actually attract and confuse songbirds, leading to collisions with the structures.

Wells suggested tracking bird migration journeys on the Boreal Songbird Initiative website, www.borealbirds.org.

[U.S. Groundwater Losses Between 1900-2008: Enough To Fill Lake Erie Twice](#)

Between 1900 and 2008, U.S. groundwater reserves dropped by nearly 1 trillion cubic meters (264 trillion gallons), or enough water to fill Lake Erie — twice.

And the problem is getting worse: depletion from 2000 to 2008 was nearly three times greater than the average rate of depletion for the entire study period. This week, Circle of Blue [reports on a new USGS study of groundwater depletion, which contributes to reductions in Rio Grande river flows that have led to geopolitical lawsuits between Texas and Oklahoma, falling aquifer tables that increase costs of farming in the High Plains states, and rise in sea levels globally.](#)

<http://www.circleofblue.org/waternews/2013/world/since-1900-the-u-s-has-lost-enough-groundwater-to-fill-lake-erie-twice/>

[Report: Half of U.S. Fracking Wells Drilled in Highly Water-stressed Regions](#)

Energy companies should provide better data on fracking water use, and investors should push for quantifiable water targets, according to a sustainable investing... **[Read More...](#)**

[The Stream, May 20: Drying Out the High Plains Aquifer](#)

The High Plains Aquifer, a once-bountiful water source that covers broad swaths of the midwest United States, has been [drained to dangerously low levels](#), especially in the south. The aquifer, *The New York Times* reported, no longer supports irrigation on hundreds of miles of farmland in Texas and Kansas.

Fracking and Water Supplies

Oil and gas operations [damaged at least 161 homes, farms, churches and businesses](#) in Pennsylvania between 2008 and 2012. The *Scranton Times-Tribune* analyzed just under 1,000 letters sent by the state's Department of Environmental Protection that responded to water-quality complaints by area residents.

In North Dakota, towns are fighting over rights to the [multi-million dollar water-supply market](#) that feeds the states multimillion-dollar hydraulic fracturing industry. Supplies are not immediately limited in the state, *Reuters* reported, but the potential for profit from water caused disputes among local interest groups.

Federal Water Tap: Take Two

The Bureau of Land Management's [revised regulations for hydraulic fracturing](#), aka fracking, on federal lands pleased almost no one outside of Congress. The proposal has three prongs: disclosure of chemicals in the fracking fluid, quality-control for well construction, and wastewater disposal. The BLM's goal is to streamline the reporting process "without introducing unnecessary new procedures or delays," according to the proposal.

Energy companies will be able to disclose the chemicals through FracFocus, an industry-sponsored website that a recent [Harvard Law School study criticized for being too lax](#). Companies can wait until after a well has been fractured to report the chemicals. They can submit an affidavit claiming the chemical mix is a trade secret to avoid some reporting requirements, but the BLM does reserve the power to see the properties of any chemical proposed for exemption.

Construction standards for the cement well casings are altered slightly in the revised regulations.

As for wastewater, environmental groups wanted the BLM to require that it be stored in closed tanks but the agency will accept storage in lined pits. The BLM will continue to study the costs and benefits of a tanks-only rule.

Arctic Infrastructure

The Arctic is melting and the U.S. is not prepared for new maritime demands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced it will [study the environmental effects of building a deep port on the Seward Peninsula in western Alaska](#). Such a port, along with supporting facilities, would be necessary to handle an increase in all sorts of maritime traffic.

A draft review will be published no earlier than December 2013. To comment on what should be included in the study, email michael.9.salyer@usace.army.mil, using the subject line: "NOI

Comments; Environmental Impact Statement for Arctic Deep Draft Ports Navigation Improvements Feasibility Study.”

The polar region is a hot topic. A few days earlier the Obama administration released a [national strategy for the Arctic](#). The 13-page document envisions a region “free of conflict...where economic and energy resources are developed in a sustainable manner that also respects the fragile environment and the interests and cultures of indigenous peoples.”

FOSSIL FIND IS A HORSE, OF COURSE

Bones scratched from a hillside northwest of Las Vegas last year have been traced to an ice age horse that lived and died almost 14,000 years ago. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz17077997>

Yerington land swap bill bogged down in House

www.lasvegassun.com

[The Nevada delegation had hoped that the Lyon County Economic Development Act, their first priority public lands bill by mutual agreement, would be moving through the House at a little bit faster clip than this.](#)

[Chris Rosamond](#) The Uranium Concentrations in the groundwater leaking out of the old Yerington mine are as high as 10 times the Drinking water standard. This is pretty old news at this point, (2008/2009) and isn't a debatable point. EPA determined that Uranium conce...[See More](#)

If someone could repost this, so it can be passed on to Wayne Belcher, who I blocked from my FB profile quite a long time ago. <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r9/sfund/r9sfdocw.nsf/vwsoalphabetic/Anaconda+Mine?OpenDocument>

Guatemalan Court Overturns Genocide Conviction of Ex-Dictator

By ELISABETH MALKIN

The decision, which rolled back the proceedings to April 19, when a decision by a pretrial judge

In case you missed it:

Yesterday in Texas, 78 yr. old Eleanor Fairchild was arrested - ON ELEANOR'S OWN LAND, along with Daryl Hannah. Why? TransCanada took some of Eleanor's land - by eminent domain - to build a pipeline. Yes a **foreign corporation was allowed by Texas gov't. to use eminent domain AGAINST a citizen of the US.**"



Feds Say Trespassing Peace Activists Are A National Security Threat

www.huffingtonpost.com

[In another case of possible overreach by federal prosecutors, an 82-year-old nun and two anti-nuclear activists face long prison terms after being convicted of "sabotage against the U.S. government" and other serious felonies. In truth, the three trespassed onto a nuclear facility, and damaged and v...](#)

Extract from: Casinos brace for impact of Internet gambling

JASON BEAN/LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

The constant question of how casinos will be affected by the spread of legalized gambling is a matter of debate again - this time as Internet poker stands on the brink of growth on the news that Ultimate Gaming has become the first legal online poker operation in the United States.

Indian tribes are also moving to get into the online gold rush.

Two groups of tribes have already formed alliances to explore offering Internet gambling, and in April, the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe reached a deal with Oklahoma allowing the tribe to offer Internet gambling to customers outside the U.S. through its pokertribes.com web site. The Shoshone tribe in Nevada has a deal with an online company to offer similar Internet gambling to foreign customers in a venture that could go live in May.

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/business/economy/casinos-brace-impact-internet-gambling>

For The Associated Press, Haven Daley in Las Vegas contributed to this report. Wayne Parry can be reached at <http://twitter.com/WayneParryAC>

From Dennis M: On May 21, **1943** in Fallon, irrigation district official Ward Emery suggested that as a remedy for the wartime meat shortage, people start eating the muskrat carcasses taken by trappers from the sloughs in the area (though Emery's wife refused to cook them)

IN MEMORIAM Calvin Meyers 1955 – 2013

No one told Calvin Meyers that he had to get up, move around and make something of himself. He was self motivated and fought for the land and the people. Those of who were his colleagues eventually became his longtime friends. Over time we, we saw a glimpse of the world as he saw it...the things that gave his life meaning and value.

Walking on the land beside him, we stopped and he looked down, then pointed to something important. Sometimes, he even told us why it was important! When he didn't, it was because it was important to his people, and not for our consumption.

Over many years, we listened, debated and joined in the battles he fought: nuclear weapons testing, nuclear waste, cultural preservation, coal fired electricity generation. Each of these issues were won, at some level by him. Most notable, was his participation in the Native Community Action Council that conducted research on the adverse consequences known to be plausible from exposure to radiation in fallout from nuclear weapons testing. That research was the basis for contentions that were submitted and accepted by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the licensing of the proposed high level nuclear waste repository that eventually resulted in the end of the Yucca Mountain Project. The project lasted for 28 years and Calvin was part of the fight to protect the land and people the whole time. The most committed wins.

For these reasons and more, our future generations owe Calvin a debt of gratitude. Today, we can honor his life work by carrying on the work that is now his legacy.

[Chamberlain School Board Denies Singing of a Lakota/ Dakota Honor Song](#)

[I am a parent of children who attend schools in the Chamberlain School District in Chamberlain, South Dakota, and I am also one of the individuals who are involved in a movement against the decision that the Chamberlain School Board has made to deny that a Lakota/ Dakota Honor Song be sung at the hi...](#)