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**With the support of the Nevada Arts Council and many other supporters, Mr. Ralph Burns-- my nominee--will be receiving a lifetime achievement award in Washington D.C. in September. Congratulations Ralph--you are a rare find my friend. Jeanne Harrah Johnson**

[NEA National Heritage Fellowships: Ralph Burns, Storyteller, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe](#)  
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**June 4, 2013  
Washington, DC--  
Whether it's  
teaching the Numu  
language of the  
Pyramid Lake  
Paiute tribe at local  
schools or  
performing a ballad  
that dates back to**



**the mid-17th century, the 2013 NEA National Heritage Fellows all share a passion for perpetuating and imparting to others the traditional art forms to which they have devoted their lives and careers. The nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts, the NEA National Heritage Fellowships recognize folk and traditional artists for their artistic excellence and efforts to conserve America's culture for future generations. The fellowships include an award of \$25,000.**

<http://www.nea.gov/honors/heritage/2013-NEA-Heritage-Fellows-Announced.html>

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## **Tribe Cites "Global Impact" of NV Coal Plant Measure**

Mike Clifford, Public News Service-NV

(06/05/13) LAS VEGAS - Few know the Reid Gardner coal-fired power plant better than its closest neighbors, and the Moapa Band of Paiutes is applauding a bipartisan bill that will end Nevada's use of power from the plant.

Vernon Lee, who serves on the band's environmental committee, predicts the legislation now headed for the governor's desk will have environmental and health implications far beyond the Silver State.

"Even though Reid Gardner is a small power station, it's a global thing," Lee said. "The burning of fossil fuels is really killing the planet, and this is a help."

Lee says Senate Bill 123 not only ends Nevada's use of the coal power from Reid Gardner, but also mandates another 350 megawatts of renewable energy for the state. Gov. Brian Sandoval has indicated he supports the measure.

Vickie Simmons, who chairs the tribe's environmental committee and also is a member of its Health Board, said this measure was sorely needed.

"It really makes a difference that this plant be closed down, because of how many years we have suffered with this pollution, for over 50 years," she said. "We can't take it as a people; we have high rates of asthma, heart and lung disease, and cancer; our children are all suffering from asthma."

Lee said the best case is that the air could be cleaner for his tribe in about a decade, but added that many will never recover from living so close to the coal plant.

"There's a lot of chromiums and heavy metals and leads and acids and aerosols," Lee said. "The effects of that are irreversible - at least, on a lot of it."

The Sierra Club was among a diverse coalition of groups that joined the Nevada tribe in supporting SB 123 and the closure of Reid Gardner. The bill calls for shutting down the plant in phases, with all generators closed by 2017.

The text of SB 123 is online at [openstates.org](http://openstates.org).

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[Phaline Thacker Conklin](#)

*Lots of sad news came today at work. Many elders are passing. The thought crossed my mind as I was talking to my enrollment officer. I shared with her this thought, When they pass they take the history of their lives, we will never get it back. Many young people today don't realize what they take with them, the language, the stories of boarding school lives, the way it was way back when, ..... it becomes even a sadder day when you realize those that are passing are related to your family members in a round about way... or for that matter very close. May they all rest in peace.*

*I guess the moral of this post is journals. Journal, Journal, journal. No wonder my entire my life I have been told to journal.. How many of us do this? It is so so important for generations to come.*

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[Violence Between Indians Claiming Their Ancestral Territory and Ranchers](#) [more...](#)

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- Chandler - Thursday, June 6 @ 2 pm
- Tucson-Speedway - Saturday, June 8 @ 10 am
- Tucson-River Road - Tuesday, June 11 @ 10 am
- Paradise Valley - Wednesday, June 12 @ 6:30 pm
- Tempe - Thursday, June 13 @ 6 pm

Please RSVP: [AZSpecialEvent@wholefoods.com](mailto:AZSpecialEvent@wholefoods.com)

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**Judge upholds landmark California water pact** *Elliot Spagat, AP*

A California judge has upheld the nation's largest farm-to-city water transfer. Sacramento Superior Court Judge Lloyd Connelly ruled Tuesday that authorities properly weighed the environmental impact of a landmark 2003 accord on how to divide the state's share of Colorado River water. The centerpiece calls for California's Imperial Valley to transfer water to San Diego.

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[www.8newsnow.com](http://www.8newsnow.com)  
Ranch Owner In Grand Canyon 'Toll' Dispute Arrested  
The ranch owner who has been charging tourists a \$20 fee to drive across his land to visit the Grand Canyon Skywalk has been arrested, Mohave County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Trish Carter said.

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*"I want us to be where we are thriving, not just surviving"*

*Joseph Marshall (Director of the Warrior Institute)*

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## **Increasing Access to High-Quality Early Childhood Education in Nevada**

The President believes we need to equip every child with the skills and education they need to be on a clear path to a good job and the middle class. That education has to start in the earliest possible years to prepare our children for later success in school and in life. To ensure these opportunities are available to all, President Obama has put forward a comprehensive early learning proposal to build a strong foundation for success in the first five years of life. These investments – made in partnership with States and fully paid for in the President’s budget – will help close America’s school readiness gap and ensure that America’s children enter kindergarten ready to succeed:

- ***Providing High-Quality Preschool for All.*** In partnership with the States, President Obama’s Preschool for All proposal would provide every four-year-old child with access to high-quality preschool, while also incentivizing States to adopt full-day kindergarten policies. Providing a year of free, public preschool for every child is an important investment in our nation’s future, providing our children the best start in life while helping hard-working families save thousands each year in costs associated with early care and education. This proposal would invest \$75 billion over 10 years without adding a dime to the deficit.

**Under the President’s proposal, Nevada is estimated to receive \$32,100,000 in the first year it participates in the Preschool for All program.** This funding, combined with an initial estimated state match of \$3,200,000, would serve about 3,923 children from low- and moderate-income families in the first year of the program alone.\*

- ***Investing in High-Quality Infant and Toddler Care.*** In order to increase high-quality early learning opportunities in the years before preschool, a new \$1.4 billion competitive Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grant program would support communities that expand the availability of early learning opportunities with child care providers that meet high Early Head Start quality standards, growing the supply of high-quality child care for children from birth through age 3.

**About 3,120 children in Nevada from birth to age three are currently served by the Child Care and Development Block Grant. Through Early Head Start-Child**

**Care Partnerships, more of these children will have access to high quality early care and education.**

- ***Expanding Effective Parent and Family Support.*** Quality education begins at home as parents support their child’s learning and development. As part of a comprehensive early learning agenda, the President proposes \$15 billion over 10 years to extend and expand voluntary home visiting programs. These programs allow nurses, social workers, parent educators, and other professionals to connect families to services, supports, and tools that positively impact the health, development, and education of their children.

**Under the President’s proposal, Nevada is estimated to receive \$6,900,000 in the first year it participates in the expanded Home Visiting program.\*\* Each year, 10,408 low-income mothers in Nevada give birth to a new baby and may benefit from these voluntary services.**

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\* These figures estimate the funds a State could receive in the first year if it chooses to participate in the Preschool for All program. The estimate is based on the State’s current population of four-year-olds in families at or below the 200 percent federal poverty level. Estimates will vary based on the scope of the State’s preschool expansion and the cost of providing high-quality preschool services. This estimate assumes that States will expand to 20 percent of their eligible four-year-olds in the first year at a per child cost of \$9,000 a year. The federal share of the total cost is calculated at 90 percent, which is the regular match rate the State would receive in the first year. Please note that this estimate is designed to be illustrative only and does not attempt to represent how the Department of Education would determine actual first year awards.

\*\* This figure estimates the funds a State could receive in the first year of an expanded Home Visiting program. The estimate assumes \$15 billion of total funding over 10 years and assumes the same proportion of total funding is allocated for statutory set-asides, formula and competitive grants as in FY 2012 and States received an equal amount of competitive funding. Please note that this estimate is designed to be illustrative only and does not attempt to represent actual first year awards. The methodology and criteria for funding allocations beyond FY 2014 has not yet been determined.

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**The March to Stop Monsanto: Taking Back Our Planet** *Dave Murphy, The Huffington Post*  
Murphy writes: "As a single company, Monsanto is the tip of the iceberg representing the threat that unchecked corporate power has in corrupting our democratic institutions." [READ MORE](#)

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**[What is America’s energy future? Share your view at our first CrowdSourced discussion.](#)**

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## Calendar Updates

- June 11-13**     **NAIHC Leadership Institute Training Expo**     Seattle, WA  
National American Indian Housing Council's Leadership Institute offers training for Maintenance Management; Supervisory Management; Environmental Compliance, and NAHASDA - LIHTC Compliance. For more info., visit <http://www.naihc.net/index.php/events/seattle-2013>
- June 14**     **Yosemite Bear Dance**
- June 16**     **Orientation to Sustainable Environmental Assessment**     online -Sept 30  
This course uses the HUD (24 CFR 58) environmental process that delegates NEPA & 18 other environmental authorities to the local level as a framework for providing insights into issue identification and analysis pointed to consideration of alternatives. Environmental review prior to project approval allows local government and other stakeholders to identify and evaluate alternative sites and designs that can mitigate adverse impacts and/or lower long-term maintenance costs. All federal projects come with environmental assessment responsibilities under NEPA, and many local governments now like to routinely include environmental considerations in their local decision making process. To view agenda & register on line go to: Chicago UIC <http://www.cvent.com/d/gcqcqc>; for On line UIC <http://www.cvent.com/d/zcqvt1>. For more info, call 312-996-6904.
- June 17-19**     **Reservation Economic Summit (RES) California** (NCAIED) Temecula, CA  
The theme of RES California is "Sustaining Economic Momentum," and the NCAIED will do just that by offering an all inclusive RES event that will feature business leaders from across Indian Country and provide a variety of activities aimed at fostering small business, enterprise, and leadership development. RES California activities will begin with the, "National Center Golf Classic." For more info. and to register, visit [HTTP://WWW.NCAIED.ORG](http://www.ncaied.org).
- June 19**     **Sec. 502 Guaranteed Rural Housing Loans Webinar**  
FREE training from Native Learning Center. Course provides an overview and uses of USDA-Rural Development's Section 502 Rural Housing Loans. For more, visit [www.nativelearningcenter.com](http://www.nativelearningcenter.com) .
- June 22**     **Duckwater Handgame Tournament**
- June 24**     Tribal Consultation on proposed rule **Land-into-Trust Procedures**     Reno, NV
- June 24-27**     **NCAI mid-year Conference & Marketplace**     Reno, NV



National Congress of American Indians mid-year conference. For additional details, conference agenda and registration info., visit <http://www.ncai.org/events/2013/06/24/2013-ncai-mid-year-conference>

**June 25-27**      **20th Annual Indian Child Welfare Act Conference**      Temecula, CA  
Info. about this statewide conference is available at <http://www.pechanga-nsn.gov/page?pagelid=1>.  
For more info., contact Angela Medrano at [amedrano@pechanga-nsn.gov](mailto:amedrano@pechanga-nsn.gov) or (951) 770-6177.

**June 26-28**      **Intermediate Plumbing (NAHC)**      Albq, NM  
Native American Housing Consultants offers this workshop to introduce the theory and practice of plumbing maintenance issues. For more info., send an e-mail to [nmnahttraining@aol.com](mailto:nmnahttraining@aol.com)

13th Annual FOR ALL MY RELATIONS (National Indian Justice Center)

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The Book arrived yesterday, and I had to hold it a while. When you write books, they become members of the family, and this one has been with me for 12 years, so you'll understand the desire to hold it like a baby and admire the cover, which encloses thousands of hours of devoted work.

What book, you ask? **I Fought a Good Fight: A History of the Lipan Apaches** (University of North Texas Press), nearly 500 pages. And while I cheer all the new ways to read a book and the electronic genius that makes it possible for one device to hold 1,100 tomes, there will never be anything quite like a physical, paper book for me. I've loved books since I was a kid, and there is still a sense of wealth in looking at my crammed bookshelves, my piles of reading. This one book was such a journey, and I treasure the friends made, the experiences. I can even laugh at getting beaten up by an academic cream puff who surrendered his humanity at the altar of ego. So now I have to let go of this child-book and send it out into the world. I hope others enjoy the journey as much as I did.



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**FOCUS: Humanity Imperiled**

*Noam Chomsky, TomDispatch*

Chomsky writes: "**At one extreme you have indigenous, tribal societies trying to stem the race to disaster.** At the other extreme, the richest, most powerful societies in world history, like the United States and Canada, are racing full-speed ahead to destroy the environment as quickly

as possible." [READ MORE](#)

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[Encore: Living Outside Tribal Lines » Sherman Alexie on Living Outside Cultural Borders](#)

## **Sherman Alexie's Favorite Films About Native Americans**

**June 3, 2013**

Sherman Alexie's Native American heritage features prominently in his work, including [Smoke Signals](#), the 1998 film he wrote based on his short story "This Is What It Means to Say Phoenix, Arizona." We asked Alexie what films by or about Native Americans he would recommend to our viewers. His list spans four decades and includes fictional films and documentaries; some are classics, others are under-the-radar indies. Here are trailers and clips from each film.

### **1. *Barking Water*, written and directed by Sterlin Harjo, 2009**

Frankie, a Native American man living in Oklahoma, has been diagnosed with cancer. Before he dies, he wants to make amends with his daughter and granddaughter who live on the other side of the state. Too weak to travel alone, Frankie convinces his ex-wife to accompany him on the journey that takes them through Oklahoma's Native American communities. The trip reminds them why they fell for one another, and why they ultimately split. *Barking Water* premiered at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival.

### **2. *Frozen River*, written and directed by Courtney Hunt, 2008**

This film takes place near a little-known border crossing on the Mohawk reservation between New York State and Quebec. On the banks of the St. Lawrence River, the lure of fast money from smuggling presents a challenge to those who would otherwise be earning minimum wage. The film follows two single mothers — one white, one Mohawk — who give in to that temptation.

### **3. *Clearcut*, written by M.T. Kelly and Richard Forstyth, directed Ryszard Bugajski, 1991**

In this surrealistic thriller, a lawyer representing a Canadian Native American tribe fails to block a logging company from clear cutting tribal land and a militant member of the tribe, named Arthur, kidnaps him, along with the manager of the logging mill. Once in the forest, Arthur begins to torture the logging manager, drawing parallels to how his clear cutters torture the environment, as the lawyer watches.

*You can watch the whole film on YouTube. Warning: it gets bloody.*

### **4. *Little Big Man*, written by Calder Willingham, directed by Arthur Penn, 1970**

Starring Dustin Hoffman and Faye Dunaway, this film follows the fictional life of Jack Crabb, a white man raised by a Cheyenne chief during the 19th century. After adventuring around the American West and observing the atrocities committed by George Custer's armies, Crabb ends up tricking the general into charging to his defeat at Little Bighorn.

### **5. *Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner*, directed by Zacharias Kunuk, 2001**



Based on Inuit legend, *The Fast Runner* tells the story of an evil spirit menacing a Native American community in the eastern Arctic, and a warrior's battle to defeat it. The film is the first Inuktitut-language feature ever produced. It won the Caméra d'Or at the 2001 Cannes Film Festival and was named the Best Canadian Feature Film at the 2001 Toronto International Film Festival.

**6. *Miss Navajo*, directed by Billy Luther, 2007**

This documentary follows 21-year-old Crystal Frazier, an introverted contestant in the Miss Navajo competition. The title has been awarded every year for over five decades to a woman who can best showcase skills that are crucial to Navajo daily life including sheep butchering, fry-bread making and rug weaving, and who has substantial knowledge of Navajo history and the tribe's disappearing traditions.

**7. *Indian Country: Native Americans in the 20th Century*, directed by Chris Eyre, in production**

Native American director Chris Eyre is working on a yet-to-be-released follow-up to the 1995 TV miniseries *500 Nations*, which chronicled the history of America's indigenous people up to the end of the 19th century. Eyre's new four-part documentary, titled *Indian Country: Native Americans in the 20th Century*, will pick up where *500 Nations* left off. The Katahdin Foundation, which is producing the documentary, [writes](#), "The series will show how Native American populations have grown eight-fold since Wounded Knee, how they are in the process of reviving their cultural traditions, preserving their languages, prospering in new enterprises and even occasionally forcing the U.S. government to uphold its treaties."

<http://billmoyers.com/content/sherman-alexies-favorite-films-about-native-americans/>  
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**Feds OK new balance for Klamath water**

**JEFF BARNARD, Associated Press**

A new plan for balancing scarce water in the Klamath Basin between fish and farms won't harm salmon or other fish protected by the Endangered Species Act, federal scientists said Monday.  
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**June 3 In History: 18 inch drop in the Salton Sea level, highest since 1907**

**IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS**

California today lost its Supreme Court fight for a share of the entire Colorado River water system, including tributaries.  
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**Keystone opponent Tom Steyer warns Obama to reject pipeline or face backlash**

**Juliet Eilperin, Washington Post**

Billionaire and climate activist [Tom Steyer](#) has written [an open letter](#) to President Obama, warning him to reject the [Keystone XL pipeline](#) or face an organized rebellion from some of his most loyal supporters later this month.

## **Tom Steyer to Obama: Nix Keystone. Because we're ready to step up pressure on you** **San Francisco Chronicle**

We all know that San Francisco billionaire, the (former) hedge fund manager Tom Steyer is a friend of President Obama. Held a [fundraiser for him](#) at his SF digs. And we all know that Steyer is laser-focused these days on [climate change](#), specifically on [pounding his fellow Dems](#) that he deems supportive of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline.

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## **Big Oil Moves Aggressively Into Alaska's North Slope**

*Becky Bohrer, Associated Press*

Bohrer reports: "BP Alaska plans to bring two new drill rigs to the North Slope by 2016, part of an additional \$1 billion investment the company envisions over the next five years following the state's rollback of oil production taxes." [READ MORE](#)

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## **CALL FOR PRESENTERS**

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- **Do you have expertise in a specific area of volunteer program administration or development?**
- **Are you an expert at Youth Development?**
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To learn more about last year's 2012 Summit, workshops, speakers, and activities, please [CLICK HERE](#)

## **Request for Proposals Open NOW through July 15**

The Steering Committee seeks proposals that will engage: volunteers, Service-Learners, public and private educational institutions, youth groups, government agencies, community and faith-based groups, volunteer managers, service clubs, corporation and business leaders in preparing for a new age of volunteerism and service-learning in our communities. Youth-led workshop proposals are also welcomed and encouraged.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Monday, July 15**. To review the workshop guideline

and submit a proposal application, please go to [www.azsummit.org](http://www.azsummit.org).

For those selected to present at the 2013 Summit, lead presenters will receive free admission and co/secondary presenters will receive reduced admission to attend the full Summit.

For questions or for more information, please contact Sara Guglielmo by phone at (480) 727-6382 or by email at [Sara.Guglielmo@asu.edu](mailto:Sara.Guglielmo@asu.edu).

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[Nevada State High School Rodeo Alumni Reunion \(created by 80's alumni\)](#)



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