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Dear Friends and supporters,
SMALL VICTORY!..., in part.

Last year at this time I asked your support of Raymond Yowell, my Chief, as he prepared to battle the BLM taking of his private property, his life work as a rancher, without warrant or court order. At 83, he brought this case without a lawyer because only he understood in depth the legal arguments and could put forth the arguments with passion. The federal government seized Raymond Yowell's cattle - all 132 head - and hauled them across the state and sold them at auction pocketing the proceeds and giving him a bill of bill for \$180,000 for back grazing fees and penalties, and later garnished part of his Social Security benefits. More information about the case is at the weblink below:

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/article/yowell-case-against-blm-for-grazing-fees-dismissed-100887>

The article only speaks about the proceedings including the removal of the social security taking, but, his life work was still taken without warrant or court order. So, he has appealed, and is now heading to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, CA NEXT WEEK (July 13) and can use your help to get there.

Whatever you can spare, please help Raymond with a financial donation. \$20,\$40, \$100 or whatever you can send immediately is greatly appreciated by Raymond. I sent off what I could and ask you to do the same as soon as possible to:

Raymond Yowell HC 30 Box 272 Spring Creek, NV 89815

We all owe Raymond Yowell a debt of gratitude for his efforts to end nuclear weapons testing and stop the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository and defend the Dann sisters over these many, many years. No thanks is needed, just help him at this time as he goes to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

I thank you.

Sincerely, Mr. Ian Zabarte
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George Lavender, National Radio Project: What began as a protest against new laws seen as curtailing environmental protections and infringing indigenous sovereignty, quickly grew into a movement for indigenous rights and environmental justice.

[Listen to the Radio Report](#)

A Healing Walk Through Canada's Tar Sands Dystopia

Clayton Thomas-Muller, Yes! Magazine

Thomas-Muller writes: "The walk and ceremony for Mother Earth and her Peoples will take place on July 6. We invite you to join us in this historic occasion by either traveling to Alberta's tar sands in person and walking side by side with us, or by holding an event or ceremony in your home territory in solidarity." **[READ MORE](#)**

Arkansas pipeline spill casts shadow over Keystone XL

A leak in March that spewed 210,000 gallons near a residential area in Mayflower, Ark., is cited by Keystone XL opponents as a fresh reminder of the peril posed by the pipeline project.

Neela Banerjee, Washington Bureau, Los Angeles Times

On warm spring evenings, North Starlite Drive buzzed with children. They cycled around the cul-de-sac at the end of the wide, block-long road, shot baskets in driveways and inevitably wound up on the swing set and trampoline behind the Bartletts' large brick house.

Dirty Details: Dents, Faulty Welds Found Along Keystone XL Southern Half in Texas

[Read the Article at DeSmog Blog](#)

Judge upholds California water accord

Associated Press

A judge has upheld the nation's largest farm-to-city water transfer, ruling that state authorities in California properly considered the environmental effects of a landmark 2003 agreement over how to divide the state's share of water from the Colorado River.

Impact of Arizona v. California on Arizona's water supply Steve Goldstein, KJZZ

This week marks 50 years since Arizona won the U.S. Supreme Court case, *Arizona v. California*, that helped federal legislation in creating the Central Arizona Project. Historian Jack August, author of "Dividing Western Waters," discussed the case and the effect it had on dramatically increasing Arizona's population.

Skywalk road closure brings complaint by Las Vegas tourism bus company **JESSICA EBELHAR/LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL** **June 5, 2013**

Deborah Manakaja, married to a Hualapai tribe member, and others protest Wednesday at Chinese Host Tours in Las Vegas to draw attention to rancher Nigel Turner's \$500 per bus fee to take tourists to the Grand Canyon West and Skywalk at the Grand Canyon.

By TOM RAGAN LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

There's something about a rocky old country road that doesn't make good neighbors, especially if it runs straight into the Grand Canyon's famous glass overlook in Arizona, the Skywalk.

Ever since a lone rancher, Nigel Turner, started charging tour buses \$500 apiece to drive through a portion of his dude ranch to get to the Skywalk, a Las Vegas-based company that caters to Asian tourists has suffered the consequences.

As many as seven tour buses are sitting empty in the parking lot of Chinese Host Inc., which has lost as much as \$1,100 per day, company President David Huang said Wednesday.

"It's the uncertainty that's killing us. The phones are ringing off the hooks, and nobody knows when we're going to be able to get to the Grand Canyon," said Huang, who has operated the tour company since 1999 and considers this latest glitch among the most unusual.

"We're talking about customers who've come as far as China and Thailand. They've planned their entire trips around visiting one of the wonders of the world, only to be turned back by security guards.

"It's just not right. The tourists should be protected. They shouldn't have this sort of bad experience."

Turner, whose ranch property sits on a portion of Diamond Bar Road off U.S. Highway 93, the major road that leads to the Skywalk, was arrested Tuesday and incarcerated in Kingman on allegations that he threatened and intimidated a foreman at the construction site where a bypass is being built around Turner's property, according to Mohave County Sheriff Tom Sheahan.

When the foreman told Turner he didn't have the authority from a court of law to tell the construction workers to stop their work, Turner said, "I don't need a court order. I have a gun," according to news reports.

Attempts to reach Turner for comment were unsuccessful Wednesday.

After Turner was released from jail Wednesday, he shut off his property to the public indefinitely, leading to a spirited news conference by the Chinese tourism company with the Hualapai tribe, which operates the Skywalk, about 120 miles east of Las Vegas.

Holding up signs that said, "Do not pay the toll!" and "Highway robbery!" and "We already paid you \$750,000," tribal members said they were losing hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars each day that Turner's blockade remains.

The makeshift blockade is an assortment of construction cones and enforced by a 24-hour armed security detail.

"We're asking the federal government to step up and help us out by opening up the road for the thousands of visitors and tourists who depend upon it," said tribal Chairwoman Sherry Counts, who since the blockade has written U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval and other state and federal officials for help.

Since Turner started charging a fee through his property, the tourism industry has been "incredibly inconvenienced," Counts said.

She said what once was a fairly simple nine-mile jaunt to the Skywalk has turned into an expensive, or even impossible, chore of getting there.

"I've never heard of one man shutting down an entire county road," said Dave Cieslak, a spokesman for the tribe. "He should take his anger out in the courts, not on the tourists."

The history behind the feud is a complicated one that dates back as far as 2007, when the federal government, including the Bureau of Land Management, paid Turner \$750,000 to keep a mile-long stretch of his property open to the public until an adequate bypass around his property could be built and Diamond Bar Road itself could be reconstructed and paved.

The work on the bypass and Diamond Bar Road was supposed to begin in February 2012, but it wasn't until April this year that the tribe and government contractors finally got the road project under way, Cieslak said.

The delay might have angered Turner, who said that the daily buses were starting to take their toll, their loud noise even hindering his business, Grand Canyon Ranch, where tourists can experience a Western experience.

The Associated Press and Review-Journal writer Dave Hawkins contributed to this report. Contact reporter Tom Ragan at tragan@reviewjournal.com or 702-224-5512.

***"We have been engaged in a sacred land protection movement for all time, from Creation."
- Dr. Henrietta Mann (Southern Cheyenne)***

[Better than Cyber Utopia: How the Internet Helped Us Create the Sharing Economy](#)

Neal Gorenflo, Op-Ed: In 1996, the poet and essayist John Perry Barlow published A Declaration of Independence of Cyberspace. It was the height of the cyberutopian thinking in fashion at the time. It declared, “We are creating a world that all may enter without privilege or prejudice accorded by race, economic power, military force, or station of birth.” It foresaw a world of unfettered free speech, self-organized governance, and compassionate peer relations that needed to be kept separate from the laws of “meatspace.” Barlow didn’t anticipate how the Internet would eventually empower individuals even more offline than online. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#)



The decline of bees is getting global attention as we risk losing the ecosystem services these important pollinators provide. On April 29, it was announced that the **European Union will enforce the world's first near continent-wide ban on widely used insecticides** found to present an unacceptable risk to bees when properly applying the precautionary principle.

Walter Haefeker, a beekeeper in Bavaria serving as the President of the European Professional Bee Keepers Association helped lead the European beekeeping community's efforts to support the EU Commission's proposal to restrict the use of 3 neonicotinoids (clothianidin, imidacloprid and thiametoxam) for seed treatment, soil application and foliar treatment on bee attractive plants and cereals.

During this Webinar, Walter will speak about critical issues facing bees today including diseases, pesticides, genetically modified crops and intensive agricultural practices. He will share his experience working in coordination with environmental NGOs and family farmers organizations towards more bee-friendly friendly production of food, textiles and energy. He will also provide insights into a new cooperation with the German Biogas Producers organization to replace corn with flowering plants to produce renewable energy and honey while promoting biodiversity and regenerating soil. Finally, Walter will introduce a new international label developed and owned by the beekeeping community, which is designed to mobilize consumer demand for certified bee-friendly production

Title: Colony Collapse Disorder and What's Being Done to Protect our Pollinators?

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Catalina exhibit illuminates a dark episode in island's past

'The Strange and Mysterious Case of Dr. Glidden' tells the story of a man who created public entertainment from native inhabitants' bones.

By Louis Sahagun, Los Angeles Times May 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

The Catalina Island Museum has opened a window into a dark period of life on the island with an exhibition devoted to a pseudoscientist who looted Native American graves for profit eight decades ago.

"The Strange and Mysterious Case of Dr. Glidden," which opened over the weekend, examines the life and times of Ralph Glidden, a hucksterish entrepreneur who in the 1920s and '30s excavated bones and relics from Tongva Indian burial grounds for sale and trade. He also presided over an "Indian museum" literally made of bones and situated on a hill overlooking Avalon harbor.

News articles from the 1920s written by Glidden's publicist describe his "Indian museum" as a "unique and weirdly spectacular institution," with shoulder-blade cornices and windows edged with toe, ankle, wrist and finger bones. Leg and arm bones served as brackets for shelves lined with skulls. Ceiling panels were decorated with human vertebra and rosettes of shoulder blades.

FOR THE RECORD:

Catalina Island Museum exhibit: In the May 13 LATEXtra section, an article about a Catalina Island Museum exhibition devoted to Ralph Glidden, who looted Native American graves for profit eight decades ago, said that hundreds of skeletons, skulls and thousands of teeth he unearthed were moved to UCLA. The remains are being housed there only temporarily until arrangements are made for repatriation elsewhere.

The Catalina Island Museum's look back at Glidden is rooted in a discovery last year. Curator John Boraggina chanced upon boxes of Glidden's journals, ledgers, letters and photographs while searching a musty backroom for items for an exhibit of the World War II era.

More than a year later, the museum has mounted what Executive Director Michael De Marsche calls "a disturbing and troubling exhibition" about Glidden's work. Holocaust museums examine "similar issues: the genocide of a people, the desecration of their graves and the lack of respect for the sacredness of their remains," De Marsche said.

An introduction in the entry corridor sets the scene for visitors. "Any evaluation of the life and work of Ralph Glidden must contend not only with his disregard for the sanctity of human remains, but the near permanent damage he inflicted on research into Native American life on Catalina Island," it reads in part.

Glidden presented himself as "Dr. Glidden" and he sold many of the skeletal remains and artifacts he unearthed to prestigious institutions. He longed to churn up evidence of a mythical prehistoric

race of giant fair-skinned blue-eyed Native Americans he believed once inhabited the Channel Islands, including Catalina, 26 miles off the coast.

In 1930, Glidden announced that he had discovered a 138-pound soapstone urn that contained the skeleton of a young "royal princess" crouched in an upright position with her fingers clenched over the rim. The urn, he said, was surrounded by the skeletons of 64 children buried in tiers four deep. About five feet below the children, Glidden said, was the skeleton of a man 7 feet, 8 inches tall, with a spear blade embedded in his left side.

There are no known photographs of those skeletons being unearthed. But the urn became an attraction at Glidden's museum, which closed in 1950.

After Glidden's death in 1968, the Wrigley family, of chewing gum fame, bought his collection for \$5,000 and then donated it to the Catalina Island Museum. The artifacts — jugs, bowls, baskets, beads, amulets, rings, shell ornaments, spears, grinding stones, cutting tools and arrowheads — remain stored under lock and key. Hundreds of skeletons, skulls and thousands of teeth were moved to UCLA.

Wendy Teeter, curator of archaeology at UCLA's Fowler Museum, said the exhibit presents "an opportunity to discuss what these kinds of collectors were doing across the country and to share some of the pain that Native American communities have been feeling all along."

The exhibition includes a documentary film featuring recent interviews with Catalina residents who still recall paying the man whom some knew as "Uncle Ralph" 35 cents to look inside his "museum."

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["Deep reading" is vigorous exercise from the brain and increases our real-life capacity for empathy](#)

DRONES OVER PUBLIC LAND

Whenever the federal government finds a way to spend less taxpayer money, it's worth heralding. Such is the case with a relatively new program utilized by the U.S. Geological Survey involving unmanned aircraft — better known to the public as drones.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz17280260>

Deadline near to apply for climate money Sacramento Bee

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service has set a June 14 deadline for California farmers and land stewards to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program.

On World Environment Day, Time To Retire St. Boniface

www.huffingtonpost.com

[That World Environment Day and the Feast Day of St. Boniface, an axe-wielding, tree-chopping Christian saint, fall on the same date seems strangely -- and sadly -- ironic.](#)

Obama to Seek More Internet Aid for Schools and Libraries

By EDWARD WYATT

The Obama administration expects that the E-rate fund will provide new high-speed broadband and wireless service in 99 percent of American communities.

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We don't lead by telling people what to do. If you want people to pick something up off the ground, you start picking it up yourself, and pretty soon somebody's going to help you. You lead by example. That's the best way to inspire, by example. There's no short cut."

- Chief Oren Lyons

Nevada oral history project director Alicia Barber, author of a history of Reno, spoke to the Nevada Women's Lobby this week about the fate of the 49-year-old program, which may not make it to 50. The oral history program has recorded the lives of hundreds of prominent and lesser known Nevadans, but the recession and budget cuts have it hanging by its fingernails. During her time as director, Barber has succeeded on getting the program's work product of a half century posted online at www.unr.edu/oralhistory. Barber herself leaves the program at the end of this month.

LAS VEGAS BEGINS TAKING FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS MONDAY

The city of Las Vegas will start accepting applications for firefighter trainees on Monday, following a cheating scandal involving recruits in the city's last firefighter academy. It's the first step in the city's effort to replenish the Fire Department's ranks with new recruits after 14 trainees were barred from graduating, costing city taxpayers \$718,984 in lost pay, benefits and training expenses for the class. The date for the next academy of firefighter recruits to begin is uncertain, but it's expected to be several months away. First, applicants will need to pass a written test in late July, which is followed by an agility test.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz17297882>

From the Eagle Watch June 8, 2013

While our history, culture and issues are very different from those of African people in Africa, British imperialism is the common factor. As we continue to state, there is **no justice for Indigenous or peasants anywhere under a judicial system created by and for the British Empire.**

We must add here that this imperialism is not a thing of the past as some think. It is the same imperialism with a few additional players thrown in to make it look like a global order. A rose by any other name is still a rose.

Study your precedents and don't ever give up!! Kittoh

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William Hague's statement

[http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/?articleID=2000085353&story\\_title=Kenya:%20Full%20speech%20on%20Mau%20Mau%20compensation%20by%20Foreign%20Secretary%20William%20Hague](http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/?articleID=2000085353&story_title=Kenya:%20Full%20speech%20on%20Mau%20Mau%20compensation%20by%20Foreign%20Secretary%20William%20Hague)

Full speech on Mau Mau compensation by Foreign Secretary William Hague  
Updated Thursday, June 6th 2013 at 15:41 GMT +3

With permission, Mr Speaker, I would like to make a statement on a legal settlement that the Government has reached concerning the claims of Kenyan citizens who lived through the Emergency Period and the Mau Mau insurgency from October 1952 to December 1963.

During the Emergency Period widespread violence was committed by both sides, and most of the victims were Kenyan. Many thousands of Mau Mau members were killed, while the Mau Mau themselves were responsible for the deaths of over 2,000 people including 200 casualties among the British regiments and police.

Emergency regulations were introduced: political organisations were banned; prohibited areas were created and provisions for detention without trial were enacted. The colonial authorities made unprecedented use of capital punishment and sanctioned harsh prison so-called 'rehabilitation' regimes.

Many of those detained were never tried and the links of many with the Mau Mau were never proven. There was recognition at the time of the brutality of these repressive measures and the shocking level of violence, including an important debate in this House on the infamous events at Hola Camp in 1959.

We recognise that British personnel were called upon to serve in difficult and dangerous circumstances. Many members of the colonial service contributed to establishing the institutions that underpin Kenya today and we acknowledge their contribution.

However I would like to make clear now and for the first time, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, that we understand the pain and grievance felt by those who were involved in the events of the Emergency in Kenya.

The British Government recognises that Kenyans were subject to torture and other forms of ill treatment at the hands of the colonial administration.

The British government sincerely regrets that these abuses took place, and that they marred Kenya's progress towards independence. Torture and ill treatment are abhorrent violations of human dignity which we unreservedly condemn.

In October 2009 claims were first brought to the High Court by five individuals who were detained during the Emergency period regarding their treatment in detention.

In 2011 the High Court rejected the claimants' argument that the liabilities of the colonial administration transferred to the British Government on independence, but allowed the claims to proceed on the basis of other arguments.

In 2012 a further hearing took place to determine whether the cases should be allowed to proceed. The High Court ruled that three of the five cases could do so. The Court of Appeal was due to hear our appeal against that decision last month.

However, I can announce today that the Government has now reached an agreement with Leigh Day, the solicitors acting on behalf of the Claimants, in full and final settlement of their clients' claims.

The agreement includes payment of a settlement sum in respect of 5,228 claimants, as well as a gross costs sum, to the total value of £19.9 million.

The Government will also support the construction of a memorial in Nairobi to the victims of torture and ill-treatment during the colonial era. The memorial will stand alongside others that are already being established in Kenya as the country continues to heal the wounds of the past.

And the British High Commissioner in Nairobi is also today making a public statement to members of the Mau Mau War Veterans Association in Kenya, explaining the settlement and expressing our regret for the events of the Emergency Period.

Mr Speaker this settlement provides recognition of the suffering and injustice that took place in Kenya. The Government of Kenya, the Kenya Human Rights Commission and the Mau Mau War Veterans Association have long been in favour of a settlement, and it is my hope that the agreement now reached will receive wide support, will help draw a line under these events, and will support reconciliation.

We continue to deny liability on behalf of the Government and British taxpayers today for the actions of the colonial administration in respect of the claims, and indeed the courts have made no finding of liability against the Government in this case.

We do not believe that claims relating to events that occurred overseas outside direct British jurisdiction more than fifty years ago

can be resolved satisfactorily through the courts without the testimony of key witnesses that is no longer available.

It is therefore right that the Government has defended the case to this point since 2009.

It is of course right that those who feel they have a case are free to bring it to the courts. However we will also continue to exercise our own right to defend claims brought against the Government. And we do not believe that this settlement establishes a precedent in relation to any other former British colonial administration.

The settlement I am announcing today is part of a process of reconciliation. In December this year, Kenya will mark its 50th anniversary of independence and the country's future belongs to a post independence generation. We do not want our current and future relations with Kenya to be overshadowed by the past.

Today we are bound together by commercial, security and personal links that benefit both our countries. We are working together closely to build a more stable region. Bilateral trade between the UK and Kenya amounts to £1 billion each year, and around 200,000 Britons visit Kenya annually.

Although we should never forget history and indeed must always seek to learn from it, we should also look to the future, strengthening a relationship that will promote the security and prosperity of both our nations. I trust that this settlement will support that process. The ability to recognise error in the past but also to build the strongest possible foundation for cooperation and friendship in the future are both hallmarks of our democracy.

