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Orientation to Sustainable Environmental Assessment

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 .

Aug. 6-8 Colorado Springs, CO 2013 Leadership Institute Training (NAIHC)

National American Indian Housing Council's Leadership Institute offers Training Expos in 2013 with four classes at each Expo. Classes incl. Housing Services, Development & Modernization, Basic Accounting, and Acquisition Basics. For more info., call (202) 789-1754. Click here for the LI Training Expo schedule.

Aug 8-12 **Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial**

Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10,
United Nations International Day of the World Indigenous Peoples - 2013
Alianza Indigena Sin Fronteras Community Event - Global Justice Center -
225 E. 26 Street - City of South Tucson - 8 AM - 5 PM

Aug 8-11 **Shoshone-Bannock Festival Powwow**

Aug 10-11 **6th Annual Heritage Trail Museums Tour** Maidu Museum and Historic
Site, Roseville, ca www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum 916.774.5934

Aug 10 **13th Annual Robert Canada Friendship Powwow**
Hawaiian Gardens www.hgcity.org 562.420.2641

Aug. 11-14 **Ft. Hall Handgame Tournament**

Aug. 13-15 **Solid Waste Mgmt-Safety & Recycling Strategies (NIJC)** Denver, CO
To view more information, call (707) 579-5507 or visit
www.nijc.org/training.html

Aug 30-Sept 1 **Numaga Days**
Hungry Valley Handgame Tournament

Sept 18-21 **AASLHA Conference**

thru Sept. 2013 **Pi'tep karu Paydem, Long Ago Today Karuk People's Center**

[The Brief Wondrous Life \(and Long Dangerous Half-Life\) of Strontium-90](#)

Gregg Levine, Truthout: Strontium-90 takes a long time to decay. The detritus of past detonations and other nuclear disasters will be quite literally with us - in our water and soil, in our tissue and bone - for generations [Read the Article](#)

[Finally, Some Good News About US Education](#)

Kristina Chew, Care2: According to the 2012 National Assessment of Educational Progress - also known as "The Nation's Report Card" - minority students are making gains and shrinking the learning gap between them and white students. [Read the Article](#)

[Our Fracking Future](#) [Rich Lowry](#), National Review

HBO's 'Gaslands 2' and other anti-fracking efforts are fizzling.

The pro-fracking conspiracy in the United States is so vast that it evidently encompasses the

Environmental Protection Agency, famously a tool of the oil and gas industry.

Women 2.0 Conference 2013 Las Vegas is a ‘must-attend’ conference for investors, entrepreneurs, engineers and designers focused on exploring up-and-coming trends in innovation.

Hosted at the fabulous [Bellagio Hotel](#) in Las Vegas, Nevada, the event will feature successful technology founders and investors exploring their visions for the future of technology across Work, Life and Play.

What will the world look like in the 2020, just 7 years from now?

In the past decade, nearly every industry has been disrupted by technology startups, with major advancements in social networking, advertising, communications, gaming, retail, the automotive industry, and more.

Join us this November (14-15) in imagining what our world will look like seven years from now. The Women 2.0 Conference, “2020 Vision: Designing Work, Life & Play” will look at the disruptive technologies shaping all aspects of our lives. Topics will include:

- Urban Innovation
- The Future of Funding
- Personalized Medicine
- The Quantified Self
- Music Technology
- Fashion Technology
- ...and more!

Come experience cutting edge insights from influencers in technology in a 2-day content-rich conference in Las Vegas, the world’s most entertaining city.

About Women 2.0

Women 2.0 is a media company offering content, community, and conferences for aspiring and current women innovators in technology. Our mission is to increase the number of female founders of technology startups with inspiration, information and education through our platform. [View the Women 2.0 Website](#)

PITCH Las Vegas 2013 Startup Competition (PITCH LV 2013) is open to early-stage ventures around the world, from high growth business ventures in mobile to web, from double bottom line businesses to connected devices. Applying companies must have a female in the founding team, be in beta stage, and have received less than a million in funding.

By pitching onstage at [Women 2.0 Conference](#) on November 14 and 15th, the PITCH LV 2013 finalists expose their startup to influencers and investors!

Past PITCH Startup Competition Finalists have gone on to raise [\\$1.2 million in seed funding](#), [join the ranks of 500 Startups](#) and [Y Combinator](#), and be [acquired by the likes of Yahoo!](#)

You can apply for PITCH LV 2013 Startup Competition if you:

- Your venture must be in private beta or live. This means you should have a prototype (alpha or beta version) of the product that is already in the market.
- Raised less than \$1M USD in funding
- Have a technical founder (certain exceptions will be made, you can [email us](#) before applying to see if you qualify
- You can be located anywhere! International applicants are welcome to apply. The only requirement is that the team must be present to pitch at the conference if selected as finalists.

<http://lvconf13.women2.com>

The Stream:

The Australian southwest's drying climate and growing water demands are forcing the [State Government to quickly decide on the region's next major drinking water source](#), *The West Australian* reported. Recycling sewage water appears to be a largely viable option, based on results from a three year trial project that proved the system cheaper, closer, and more energy efficient than building the decade's third desalination plant.

Ecology

A paper published Wednesday indicates that [trees may be using less water](#) as a result of increasing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, *The New York Times* reported. While this will reduce dependence on dwindling water supplies for forests, it could also indicate a reduction of transpiration into the atmosphere, and consequently less rainfall for farming areas downwind. Pumping water underground to produce geothermal energy or to hydraulically fracture rocks could [lead to large—magnitude 4 or 5—earthquakes](#), according to recent studies, the *Guardian* reported. One study found a clear correlation between underground water injection and the frequency of earthquakes.

The two Energy-Water Development appropriations bills approved by the United States Legislature—one by the House and one by the Senate—[vary greatly on their funding commitments to federal energy and water-related agencies](#), *Bloomberg News* reported. The House bill would cut \$US 2.9 billion from 2013 funding levels, while the Senate bill would increase funding by \$US 1.2 billion.

Bidder 70 Directed by Beth and George Gage

Bidder 70 tells the story of Tim DeChristopher's extraordinary, ingenious and effective act of civil disobedience demanding government and industry accountability. As a college student in 2008, DeChristopher disrupted an auction to protect thousands of acres of pristine Utah land slated for oil and gas leases. For this act of heroism, he was sentenced to two years in federal prison. This remarkable movie traces DeChristopher's journey from college student to incarcerated felon and climate justice leader.

Tahoe Dam 100 Year Anniversary, Part II

Weekly Magazine

Amidst all the excitement this summer about the 150th anniversary of the founding of Tahoe City, let's not forget that 2013 also is the 100-year.

A question of human rights - Is it time to repeal the Diné Marriage Act?

By Shondiin Silversmith Navajo Times

WINDOW ROCK, July 4, 2013

Since the United States Supreme Court ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act last week, the scream for equality among the gay community has been heard across the U.S. But will that voice reach the Navajo Nation?

DOMA was introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives in May 1996 but didn't take effect until September 1996. Its supporters called it an act to define and protect the institution of marriage.

"The word 'marriage' means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife," stated Section 3 of DOMA until the Supreme Court ruled Section 3 unconstitutional on June 26.

[Associate Justice](#) Anthony Kennedy spoke for the 5-4 majority and said DOMA was unconstitutional because it violated the right to liberty and to equal protection for gay couples.

"By seeking to displace this protection and treating those persons as living in marriages less respected than others, the federal statute" violates the U.S. Constitution, Kennedy said.

Now same-sex couples will receive the same tax, health and [pension benefits](#) as any other married couple within the states that allow and recognize same-sex marriage.

Tribes support creating Native veteran statue on National Mall

By Alysa Landry Special to the Times

WASHINGTON, June 13, 2013

A grassroots effort to memorialize American Indian veterans on the National Mall is gaining momentum.

The effort, backed by individual tribes and the National Congress of American Indians, calls for a statue on the National Mall in recognition of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served over the years.

The group opposes Hawaii Sen. Brian Schatz's bill that would give control of the statue to the National Museum of the Native American, which is part of the Smithsonian Institution.

"Location matters," said Jefferson Begay, Navajo, a [Vietnam veteran](#) and a member of the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative. "We want a memorial on the National Mall. American Indian veterans should be commemorated there, alongside our comrades in arms."

A push for a memorial can be traced to the 1980s when the well-known Three Soldiers [sculpture](#) was unveiled near the [Vietnam Veterans](#) Memorial. The statue depicts three American soldiers: one white, one black and one Hispanic. The Hispanic figure was meant to represent American Indians and other minorities not specifically memorialized.

That explanation was not satisfying for tribes or individual veterans, especially given the records of Native warriors, who have enlisted in the Armed Forces at a rate much greater than any other ethnicity.

Steven Bowers, a Vietnam veteran and a member of the Seminole Tribe in Florida, is spearheading the effort to erect a new memorial in recognition of the tens of thousands of Natives who have served in the military, including 42,000 during the Vietnam era alone.

"We're not on the mall," Bowers said. "We haven't been recognized."

Schatz's legislation corrects a quirk in a 1994 bill that approved construction of such a memorial but didn't provide funding for it. The bill Schatz introduced May 23 gives the National Museum of the American Indian flexibility to raise funds for the memorial.

The proposal backed by Bowers and the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative calls for a statue to be placed at the entrance of a planned education center at the Vietnam memorial. The location is more prominent and would be seen by millions of Americans every year, Begay said.

A statue at the museum might be counterproductive and send the message to Americans that Natives are "relics," he said. He called the controversy over location "political" and said a statue of a Native soldier should be free from personal agenda.

"I think politicians are not listening to the real American Indian veterans who want to be represented on the mall," he said. "They aren't listening to the voice of the Indian soldier."

Begay's great-uncles served in World War I, before they were even considered U.S. citizens, and his grandfather was a scout for the U.S. Army in a conflict against the Hopi tribe.

"My family has served in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq," he said. "My family has been involved in all the wars. I want to be able to honor them, my family members, on the mall, just like other families honor their veterans on the mall."

More than 100 tribes have indicated support of the initiative, Begay said. Those involved already are talking about what the memorial should look like.

"We want a memorial that will depict all the tribes," he said. "It has to show Native Americans, Alaskans and Hawaiians in a way that shows all the individuals."

The memorial likely will show a soldier with a helmet and an eagle feather, Begay said. The eagle feather, if done tastefully, can represent all the Native nations.

Schatz's bill was referred to a Senate committee, where it will be considered before it goes before the Senate as a whole. According to a legislation tracking service, the bill has only a 6 percent chance of being enacted.

That could be good news for the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative, which aims to raise private funds and erect the statue on its own terms – on the National Mall.

An estimated 200,000 American Indians have served in the Armed Forces. They were involved in every conflict since the Revolutionary War, and Begay believes their patriotism and service should be rewarded.

"We volunteer for the military because our sacred lands are within this country," he said. "This is more than our homeland. It's not a chunk of real estate. We're fighting for Mother Earth."

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Congratulations to the Charges Strong team on their World Championship of Indian Relay at the Sheridan WYO Rodeo. It was very fun taking photos this weekend! Hope to have some time to edit them all and upload. Wish me luck!

[Tommy B. Robinson Photography's](#)



From delanceyplace.com

In today's selection - **the Dogon people of Mali**. Isolated high in the cliffs of Mali near the city of Bandiagara, you will find the Dogon people, who have one of the most distinctive cultures in the world. Although their religious icons, masks, sculptures and architecture have in some respects become representative of Africa, their distinctiveness came from their intense, centuries-long desire to separate themselves from the dangers of their world:

"We had chosen Bandiagara because all of the tour books had described the little town as the gateway to the homeland of the Dogon, a people famed throughout West Africa for their flinty independence and unusual lifestyle. Their lore had spread so deeply into Europe that Bandiagara and the nearby Dogon cliffs were becoming an obligatory pilgrimage for a certain kind of tourist back then: the bearded and braless northern European tribe who wore tie-dyes and sandals, in homage to what they imagined was a genuinely African lifestyle.

"Many Dogon still elected residences on the very face of the steep escarpments that rise from their Sahelian plain. Theirs was an existence in caves. They had deliberately kept their distance from the life-giving Niger River in order to preserve their freedom from slave raids and forcible conversion to Islam, whether at the hands of the Bambara from the south or the Moroccans from the north. Their choice was stark and simple: Life would be harsh, but it would be their life, and it has remained that way up to the present.

"Across the centuries, the Dogon had developed an extraordinarily sophisticated cosmology, one replete with detailed and precise observations of the heavens, and a particular focus on Sirius, which at 8.6 light-years away is the brightest star in the sky. Without the benefit of modern scientific instruments, somehow they had also divined the existence of a dwarf companion star to Sirius, which they named Po Tolo. Long ago they had accurately described its orbit and said it was composed of a metal that they believed was the densest material in the universe. Although telescopes had first noted this companion star a century ago, until 1970 Western astronomers weren't able to photograph what the Dogon had said was there all along.

"When the French anthropologist Marcel Griaule began writing about their cosmology in the 1950s, the Dogon suddenly became a kind of pre-modern freak show, a people whose cultural achievements, like the building of the pyramids or the construction of the monumental statues on Easter Island, knew no simple explanation. Before our trip, I had read Griaule's book, a dizzying work full of talk about the dryness of the moon and the architecture of the Milky Way, but the protoscience that was attracting all the tourists was not what had drawn me to visit the Dogon. It was their rugged, hardheaded independence that intrigued me. ...

"At last, it seemed we were truly abandoning the beaten path and, by the look of things, even traveling back in time. The appearance of our fellow passengers seemed to confirm this impression. The women's faces and hands were stenciled with ceremonial dyes. Their gums, too, had been rendered black from treatment with charcoal-laden needles. Some of them wore huge, gold-leafed hoop earrings that tugged at their pierced earlobes under blazing red and gold headdresses.

"Theirs was a way-out concept of beauty, strikingly unaffected by the definitions of attractiveness in the West, whose standards had long ago worked their way into Africa's big cities, conveyed by movies, television shows and the ever-spreading tentacles of commerce and materialism. We had come a long way, and had peeled back many layers, I thought, congratulating myself that we were perhaps finally arriving in the 'authentic' Africa I was seeking."

A Continent for the Taking: The Tragedy and Hope of Africa
by Howard W. French by Vintage

Paperback ~ Release Date: 2005-04-12 Pages: 12-13

*Steven Fisher...always a champ....

[Steven,will be leading the survivors lap at the relay for life...](#) Length: 2:34

For hard core archivists:

[Rare Record of Chinese Classics Discovered](#) www.nytimes.com

[Muddy bamboo strips, dating from about 300 B.C., turn out to contain texts as important to China's history as ancient Greek or Latin texts are to the West.](#)

[Troubled Water - full film](#) www.youtube.com

[Water is largely taken for granted by consumers but it's becoming "blue gold" in the 21st century. Troubled Water examines the threats to public water system...](#)

[Women's Warrior Song - 8000 Drums Sacred Ceremnoy](#) www.youtube.com

[On March 21st, 2009 all across 'Canada', Indigenous peoples and their supporters gathered for the 8,000 Drums Sacred Ceremony. On Coast Salish Territory, mor...](#)

[The History of Typography - Animated Short](#)

A paper-letter animation about the history of fonts and typography. 291 Paper Letters. 2,454 Photographs. 140 hours of work. Created by Ben Barrett-Forrest ©...

The Longest Walk 4 returntoalcatraz.com

[Loika Kane](#)

THE TERM "ALL MY RELATIONS"

"Among the people of Turtle Island, there is a saying which is common to all Nations of this island: "To all my relations" or "We are all related". This is said after we finish a prayer or a talk to remind us that the Creator, through love, made fertile all life. All beings that have been, that are in the present, and that will be born in the future; the animals, birds, insects, plants, herbs,

trees, rocks, air water, fire and earth. These are all part of creation, they are our grandfathers, grandmothers, brothers and sisters. We are all one in spirit and energy, we are all of the earth. We may come in many different forms and shells. We may all have different qualities, gifts, and powers. But in the end, we are all one. We are all connected to the circle of life. Once you understand this connection, you will come to understand the source of the power and the Creator. At this time you will start to communicate with all parts of creation. If we doubt, all we have to do is look around and see that all things are alive, and we can see the Creator in all living things." Always trying to broaden my knowledge - excerpt from a new book I'm reading. :) I love reading/hearing good words!

Another excerpt - RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY - heard this explanation before from one of my spiritual elders.

"The first lesson that we should learn is that religion is a man-made institution, but Spirituality is given to us by the Creator. The people of Turtle Island chose to live in the way of the spiritual teachings and not in man-made laws that were designed to work best for those who control the religious institutions. We did not practice our way of life just on Sundays, we practiced it every minute of the day, seven days a week, year in and year out. If we talked it, we walked it....it is now time once again to share this way of life with the people of the world. We must come to understand that God comes in many names and forms, but that he is all one and the same, the Creator. Unfortunately, people will say that their way is the only way, that their God is the only God; that only their way will bring you to the gates of heaven. When will people realize that there is but one way, the Creator's way? This way is for all and gives every being the right to choose their path in life." It's all good! :)

VIDEO: Cutbacks on 'The Rez'

At Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, one of the poorest parts of the United States, the budget cuts known as sequestration have slashed millions of federal dollars in funding. [Related Article](#)

The Stream : Mining

A Chilean court has officially [suspended Barrick Gold Corp's Pascua Lama mining project](#) pending environmental improvements, *Reuters* reported. The mine project has been accused of damaging glaciers and local water supplies.

FREE COURSES & TRAINING FOR NATIVE AMERICANS AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES:

The Native Learning Center (NLC) offers FREE courses and training to Native Americans and Indigenous people with an emphasis on the educational needs of tribal members and their communities. The NLC is a program of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and was established in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2008.

Check-out the new on-line courses at KERRETV: <http://nativelearningcenter.com/>

INDIGENOUS MAPPING DAY is August 9, 2013. Visit this site to learn more and to sign up: <https://sites.google.com/site/mapyourworldcommunity/indigenous-mapping>.

5th Annual

Sacred Visions

2013 Competition Powwow

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"Bringing the People Home"

Big Bend Ranch, Wadsworth, NV

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July 19 - 21, 2013

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MC - Alex O' Shepherd Cedar City, Utah

AD - Randy Wood St. George, Utah

Santo Domingo Pueblo, New Mexico

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Friday 7pm

Saturday Noon & 7pm

Sunday Noon

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Drum Contest

Hand Drum Contest

Hand Game Tournament

Horse Shoe Tournament

Host Hotel

Comfort Suites

800 Mesa Drive, Fernley

(775) 980-6514

Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee P.O. Box 897, Wadsworth, NV 89442

Committee not responsible for short funded travelers, stolen property, or divorces.

No weapons or firearms or fireworks permitted. Drug & Alcohol Free Event.

The **HUNGRY VALLEY HANDGAMES 2013**

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1

2-Man Tournament Friday August 30

Hot Dog Social at 6 pm. Single Elimination.
Registration Begins at 6:30 pm ends at 7:30
pm. Tournament begins at 8pm
\$500 Guaranteed



MAIN TOURNAMENT AUGUST 31

Annual Feed/Registration 12-1 pm

\$150 per team / 2-5 Players per team

\$5000 1st Place + Jackets

3-Man Tournament September 1

Registration 12-1pm Entry \$100 per team
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