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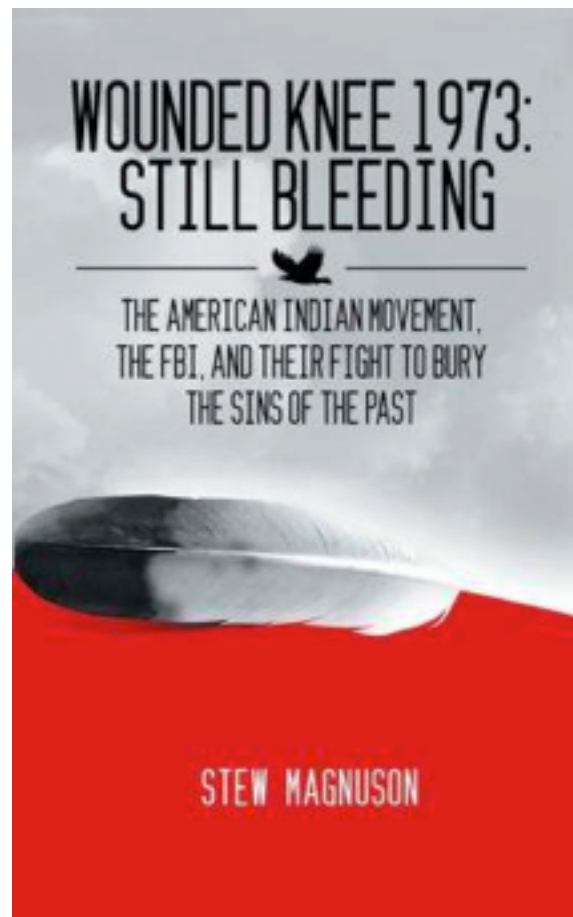
Hoka Hey Leonard:

Dear Friends,

For over 35 years I have been in federal prison for crimes I did not commit. Since June 27 the guards have had me in the hole, a small miserable cell with little air that is dangerously hot. They are torturing me by keeping me in solitary confinement—this is an effort to break and kill me. However, the public pressure being generated by my many supporters and counsel is making a real difference.

The government wants me to die in here, but I'm not going to. A dynamic new legal team with as lead attorney Robert R. Bryan of San Francisco has brought an innovative approach to the case. He is not going to let them continue to slowly execute me. Robert has launched a complex investigation spanning the entire country. The team also includes Nicole Gibier, my International Legal Liaison, and Cheryl J. Cotterill, associate legal counsel. With the leadership of Dorothy Ninham from the Oneida Reservation, Wisconsin, who I knew long before being arrested, and dedicated volunteers, we are rekindling the movement.

I am innocent. A racist jury tried me. A biased judge would not let me have a fair trial and the prosecution manufactured evidence including a supposed murder weapon. Later on October 15, 1985, the government admitted that it "can't prove who shot those agents." The judge would not even let me prove that the FBI intimidated and tortured witnesses and was engaged in a Reign of Terror—a war against



the people on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Robert's experience, tenacity, and unbridled approach can once and for all win my freedom. He has won countless murder cases and has represented members of the American Indian Movement. Robert successfully defended Jimmy Eagle, indicted for the murder of the two FBI agents in the case for which I was wrongly convicted. He understands the struggle.

To succeed we must have money for my defense. We desperately need your help. Please make a contribution (and indicate that your donation is for the "Legal Defense") to:

Leonard Peltier Defense Offense Committee PO Box 7488 Fargo, ND 58106

Your can also contact my attorney directly: RobertRBryan@gmail.com (Law Offices of Robert R. Bryan, 2107 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 203, San Francisco, California 94109-2572).

FILM ON DOWNSIDE OF GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT MAKES LAS VEGAS DEBUT

A new documentary exploring the impact of large-scale renewable energy projects on desert ecosystems and American Indian heritage will made its Nevada debut at the Clark County Library on Flamingo Road at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz18029010>

Message to Buffett from NV Tribe Member: Opportunity & Lingering Pollution

Mike Clifford, Public News Service-NV

<http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/33973-1>

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(08/13/13) LAS VEGAS - The Clean Energy Summit gets started today in Las Vegas, and a Nevada tribe member says he plans to buttonhole the prospective new owners of utility company NV Energy and make sure they know about the extent of the pollution problem they are buying into. According to Vernon Lee, an environmental committee member with the Moapa Band of Paiutes, there could be a brighter future for renewables with a Warren Buffett-owned company buying NV Energy. However, he said, the prospective owners also need to know they are buying into an enormous pollution problem at the Reid Gardner power plant.

"We believe that NV Energy is not going to be forthright and tell them that they have a big problem at Reid Gardner," Lee said. "They probably will minimize anything about Reid, whereas the tribe has major concerns."

Filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission indicate both companies involved approved the merger on May 29 and Buffett's MidAmerican Energy Holdings is paying \$5.6 billion for NV Energy. The sale needs to be approved by the state Public Utilities Commission and by federal regulators.

The energy chair of the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, Jane Feldman, said they expect the lawsuit filed last week over Reid Gardner cleanup will likely force any new owners to abide by

what they expect will be a court-ordered settlement agreement.

"That will have a strong enforceable action plan to take care of all of the coal ash and sludge that's at the site and properly contain it and dispose of it," she said.

Vernon Lee noted that his tribe is in the solar power business and up until now the only market has been out of state. He hopes the pending sale changes that.

"Now, the Buffett thing is a game-changer," Lee declared. "We're hoping the Buffett energy division will be looking more into the future and will do renewables. Our best hope is that they will look at what we're doing and give us a power-purchase agreement, and let us start generating power for them."

According to the SEC, the CEO of NV Energy will take home \$21 million from the planned sale of the company.

The Clean Energy Summit runs all day today at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

[60 People Risk Arrest at State Department During Keystone XL Protest](#)

News Report: Sixty activists risked arrest today outside the State Department building in Washington, DC, during a sit-in and protest over the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. The State Department declined to arrest the protesters who departed chanting “we’ll be back,” promising to return in even greater numbers if the State Department recommends approval of the Keystone XL pipeline. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#)

The Stream: Water Contamination

Large-scale agriculture in California’s Central Valley is [contaminating groundwater supplies with pollutants like nitrates](#), which can be harmful to human health, *High Country News* reported. While Latino communities in the valley are disproportionately affected by the pollution, climate change could increase the number of California residents dependent on the groundwater.

Environmental groups are calling on the United States Environmental Protection Agency to [reopen an investigation into drinking water contamination](#) from gas drilling wells in Dimock, Pennsylvania, *State Impact* reported. Recent reports have cast doubt on the validity of the EPA’s previous investigation, which found that the water was safe to drink.

SAVE OUR LAST SACRED CHIEF



The sacred Chief Mountain on the Blackfeet Reservation, has been leased out for oil & gas drilling (fracking). According to Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) records, 9 leases have been approved at the base of Chief Mountain. Join us this day to gather peacefully for ceremony, prayers & blessings for our sacred Chief Mountain. Help us to raise awareness and seek solutions to stop any future oil & gas Exploration. Please keep in mind that this is an outdoor event, dress for the weather (b.y.o. food, water, bug repellent, smudge, tobacco/offerings, drums/singers).
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

[Save our Sacred Chief Mountain https://www.facebook.com/SaveTheSacredChief?ref=hl](https://www.facebook.com/SaveTheSacredChief?ref=hl)

FEDERAL COURT ORDERS NRC TO RESTART LICENSING PROCESS FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN

A federal appeals court has ordered the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to restart the licensing process for the shuttered Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz18031421>

From Ty Cobb, Sr.

Colleagues: The long awaited court decision on the future of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository was handed down today. The decision by the DC Court of Appeals ruled that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) must complete the licensing process for the repository, a process that was stopped primarily by former NRC chief, Greg Jascko, who had previously

worked on SEN Harry Reid's staff. The Court ruled that executive agencies (here the NRC) has no right to unilaterally cease its operations against clear Congressional intent.

It is way too early to conclude that Yucca will soon be opened to storing spent nuclear fuel. Although the Court ordered the licensing process to continue, the NRC has precious little funds for this endeavor. At the same time, while the Nevada delegation has been able to cripple the project by strangling its funding, a solid majority of Congress have consistently voted to keep the facility funded and open. For example, Congress recently voted 335-81 to continue funding the project, but Reid has managed to kill that appropriation. This will be the next battle.

Here is (1) The court decision, and (2) An excerpt from a LV Sun article as that long time opponent of Yucca goes into high dudgeon over the decision, and (3) A statement by GOV Sandoval (Heller's and Reid's were stronger).

COURT GRANTS PETITION TO COMPLETE NRC'S YUCCA LICENSING PROCESS

The U.S. Court of Appeals today granted 2 to 1 a mandamus petition that will force the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to complete the licensing process for the Yucca Mountain repository. "The Commission is simply flouting the law," Judge Brett Kavanaugh wrote in the majority opinion. "In light of the constitutional respect owed to Congress, and having fully exhausted the alternatives available to us, we now grant the petition for writ of mandamus against the Nuclear Regulatory Commission." The long-awaited opinion comes more than a year after oral arguments in the case, which was filed by parties including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Nye County, Nev.; the states of South Carolina and Washington; and Aiken County, S.C. The Court put the case on hold for several months last fall to give Congress a chance to weigh in, but so far Congress has made no change in policy.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act requires a decision by the NRC on the Yucca Mountain license application within three years of its submission, a deadline that passed in 2011. Meanwhile, the NRC shut down its repository licensing process in 2010, citing several justifications such as lack of funds to complete licensing. However, none of those justifications are "persuasive," Kavanaugh wrote. "Federal agencies may not ignore statutory mandates simply because Congress has not yet appropriated all of the money necessary to complete a project," the opinion states. It adds, "The President and federal agencies may not ignore statutory mandates or prohibitions merely because of policy disagreement with Congress."

In a dissenting opinion, Judge Merrick Garland wrote, "In short, given the limited funds that remain available, issuing a writ of mandamus amounts to little more than ordering the Commission to spend part of those funds unpacking its boxes, and the remainder packing them up again. This exercise will do nothing to safeguard the separation of powers." ❖❖

Few barriers between Nevada and nation's nuclear waste

By Karoun Demirjian (contact) Published Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013 | 8:47 a.m.

The pressure on Nevada lawmakers to see a new nuclear waste disposal act through Congress this session just skyrocketed.

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., decided Tuesday that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must continue reviewing plans for a nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain until they have zero funds to continue.

That leaves only two barriers to Nevada getting dumped with the nation's nuclear waste: Sen. Harry Reid's ability to block funding – which depends entirely on Democrats keeping a majority in the Senate – or a scientific determination that Yucca Mountain is unfit. Neither is as sure a thing as a law that simply designates a new destination for nuclear waste. But it may take a small miracle to get such legislation passed.

SANDOVAL STATEMENT ON YUCCA COURT DECISION **LAS VEGAS, NV –**
 Governor Brian Sandoval issued the following statement in response to today's ruling by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia directing the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to restart the licensing process for the moribund Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository project:

“I am very disappointed that court saw fit to order the NRC to resume the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding. Forcing the NRC to revive the effort is an exercise in futility, a waste of money, and an unproductive distraction from promising new efforts to find real, workable solutions. I remain opposed to the Yucca Mountain project and will aggressively pursue actions to prevent its construction.”

Extract from NV Board of Examiner's Agenda 8.13.13

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1.	012	NUCLEAR PROJECTS OFFICE - HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE NEVADA				FEDERAL	\$50,000
		DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					

Contract Description: : This is a new interlocal agreement that provides federal funds specifically for Nevada Division of Emergency Management activities required for planning and operations associated with shipments of transuranic waste from the Nevada National Security Site to New Mexico and from out-of-state locations passing through Nevada. Federal funds for these activities are provided through a grant from the Western Governors Association.

Term of Contract: Upon Approval - 06/30/2014 Contract # 14669

2.	012	NUCLEAR PROJECTS OFFICE - HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE NEVADA				FEDERAL	\$50,000
		HIGHWAY PATROL					

Contract Description: This is a new interlocal agreement that provides federal funds specifically for Nevada Highway Patrol activities required for planning and operations associated with shipments of transuranic waste from the Nevada National Security Site to New Mexico and from out- of-state locations passing through Nevada. Federal funds for these activities are provided through a grant from the Western Governors Association.

Term of Contract: Upon Approval - 06/30/2014 Contract # 14667

3.	012	NUCLEAR PROJECTS OFFICE - HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE STATE HEALTH				FEDERAL	\$40,000
		DIVISION RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM					

Contract Description: This is a new interlocal agreement to provide federal funds specifically for Nevada State Health Division activities required for planning and operations associated with shipments of transuranic waste from the Nevada National Security Site to New Mexico and from out-of-state locations passing through Nevada. Federal funds for these activities are provided through a grant from the Western Governors Association.

Term of Contract: Upon Approval - 06/30/2014 Contract # 14668

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DOE chief: Agency agreed to bury nuclear waste 'deeper' in Nevada

JEFF SCHEID/LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

Department of Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz speaks during a keynote discussion during the National Clean Energy Summit at Mandalay Bay on Tuesday.

By KEITH ROGERS

LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

Dig a deeper trench to put it in.

Make sure it stays there for 10,000 years.

And when it's hauled to Nevada from Tennessee, give it the same level of tight security as a nuclear bomb.

That's how Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz said his staff offered to bend to the concerns of Nevada officials when they held discussions in December about trucking a ton of unique, bomb-usable uranium waste from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee to the Nevada National Security Site, 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

By DOE standards, the waste baked inside 403 steel canisters of once-liquid nuclear fuel remnants reprocessed from a commercial New York power generation facility is considered to be low-level.

Yet it contains some of the same atom-splitting materials that have been used in nuclear bombs and one peculiar element that could be used in a so-called dirty bomb should it ever fall into the hands of terrorists.

The Department of Energy had planned to bury the canisters in a shallow landfill in the southeast corner of the sprawling, former Nevada Test Site. But after discussions late last year, "We agreed to do a different emplacement, a deeper emplacement. And we did that at the request of the state and we're happy to do so," Moniz said Tuesday in a session with reporters after he spoke at the National Clean Energy Summit at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center.

He did not say how much deeper the trench would be although 40-foot-deep is a typical depth for ordinary low-level waste packages.

Admittedly, though, he said this waste will not be treated as ordinary low-level radioactive waste nor will the standard, 1,000-year “time horizon” apply for containing the waste while it decays to safe levels. Instead, Moniz said, “We have agreed and did the analysis to look at a 10,000-year time horizon versus our standard rule of looking at a 1,000-year time horizon.”

In addition, he said, “This is very unusual for low-level waste to use our secure transport.”

He was referring to the Office of Secure Transportation, an arm of DOE’s National Nuclear Security Administration that provides safe and secure transportation of nuclear weapons.

“So again, we are trying to be very accommodating and I think this is the discussion we’ll have today,” Moniz said before he went to the governor’s office in Las Vegas for a private, 30-minute meeting with Gov. Brian Sandoval to iron out concerns Sandoval has expressed with DOE’s plans.

Sandoval’s spokeswoman, Mary-Sarah Kinner, released a joint statement after the meeting that said Sandoval and Moniz “enjoyed another productive conversation” about the importance of the security site and its mission to DOE and Nevada.

The discussion included issues with uranium-tainted waste for the Oak Ridge lab “and creation of a working group to strengthen communication on these issues.”

Communication has been a problem in the past with memos that Moniz has referenced that he believed meant Nevada had signed off on the waste plan.

“Because the state does not actually have jurisdiction for judging the waste characteristics, the state does not write memos,” Moniz said. “But the department engages the state every step of the way. Then we summarize the meetings and copy the state officials. Those are the memos to which I was referring.”

Contact reporter Keith Rogers at krogers@reviewjournal.com or 702-383-0308.

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**GREAT BASIN
YOUTH COUNCIL
ELECTIONS**

Next meeting will be held the Saturday morning before Numaga Pow Wow!

It's election time! During this month's business meeting we'll be conducting elections for both Jr. and Sr. Youth Councils. Candidates for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large will give speeches followed by anonymous voting. A completed Great Basin membership application is required to run for an executive board position and for voting privileges. After the meeting, feel free to stick around and volunteer at the Numaga pow wow - our first community service opportunity!

Time: 10:00am
Date: Sat., Aug. 31st
Location:
Hungry Valley Gym,
Lower Level
9055 Eagle Canyon Road,
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In 2012 Museums and the Web hosted its first conference in Asia as a special session of NODEM at City University Hong Kong.

We are hoping you will join us as an exhibitor at the 2nd Annual Museums and the Web Asia conference which will be held December 9-12, 2013 in Hong Kong, China at the Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel and Towers. MWA2013 will include presentations by leading technologists and museum innovators from Asia Pacific, North America, Europe, and the Middle East.

Exhibitors looking to reach museum technologists from around the world are invited to sponsor, advertise, or reserve a space in the exhibit hall. Sponsors and Exhibitors may also propose an Exhibitor Insight session: <http://museumsandtheweb.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=71f2b910406e41b9c635e9fc4&id=fc47a68b02&e=b49ce1d924> (Note exhibit spaces are limited and will be provided on a first come, first served basis).

We're looking forward to seeing you in in Hong Kong, December 9-12, 2013!

Nancy & Rich, MWA2013 program co-chairs

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Culture Corner: The Little Old Men's Wives

by Kathleen Auschwitz

Among the members of the Little Old Men were the women. They were allowed to participate if they were the wives of the Little Old Men. In an honorable marriage, the husband and wife were seen as one. So when the husband died, his widow would go to the meetings as his living part.

She still had to go through an application process and the We ke a or ceremony of her husband's clan in order to keep her membership. A Little Old Man from her husband's clan would accompany her during this process. During the ceremony, they would omit anything to do with killing. Woman was seen as a nurturing figure, a channel of new life. We honor and respect women because of this virtue.

TO LEARN MORE

This article is drawn from Chapter 1 Nun ho Shinka, The Little Old Men, Origin of the Little Old Men in the book Osage Indian: Customs and Myths by Louis F. Burns. You will find it in the Osage section of the library.

In our last newsletter, the Annette Gore Library was preparing to open in the larger room at the Cultural Center. Unfortunately, there has been a delay due to a flood at the Language Department's building in late July.

They moved into the larger room and will be there until their building is redone.

Despite this setback, the Library moves on full steam. The Librarian has been busy finishing the cataloging and sprucing up

old shelves. We have received our listening station set for oral history recordings, kiddie chairs, a kiddie table, an area rug and bookcases. Many books have come in, which include subjects on Native America, biographies, and children's picture books.

Here is a list of some of the children's books we received this month:

- 13 Moons on Turtle's Back by Joseph Bruchac
- Welcome Song for Baby by Margaret Manuel
- Saltypie by Tim Tingle
- Rocks Not Happy in Sacks by Gilbert Walking Bull



Although the Library is not set up, we are able to do genealogy research. You may still drop by and visit us at the Library. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see at the Annette Gore Library, feel free to call 918-287-5580 or e-mail

kauschwitz@osagetribe.org to contact the Librarian Kathleen.

LIBRARY LOCATION & TIMES

1449 W. Main Street, Pawhuska 74056 (next to the Alco) 918-287-5580
8am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday

Free Books for Us!

Cultural Center director Vann Bighorse and librarian Kathleen receive boxes of free textbooks from the Pawnee Nation College. What does this mean for you?

Things to Look Forward to...

There is always something GOOD to look forward to and you can find it here at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center. Inside: our calendar of events.

Corinne Phyllis Benjamin O'Neil

Corinne Phyllis Benjamin O'Neil, passed away peacefully in Reno, NV and began her journey to be reunited with loved ones who had preceded her on August 6, 2013. She will be reunited with her mother and father Sema and Thomas Benjamin, her brothers Leonard and Ronald, her sister Doris and daughter Tammy.

Corinne is survived by her husband Ross O'Neil of Nixon, NV, sons Ken Benjamin of Fernley, NV, Wayne O'Neil of Sutcliffe, NV and Garrett O'Neil of Woodfords, CA, along with numerous grandchildren, [great grandchildren](#), nieces, nephews, and friends.

A visitation is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2013 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Ross, Burke and Knobel Mortuary, 2155 Kietzke Lane, Reno, NV. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Wadsworth Gymnasium with interment to follow at Wadsworth Cemetery.

- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rgj/obituary.aspx?n=corinne-phyllis-benjamin-oneil&pid=166338468&fhid=15280#fbLoggedOut>

Elveda Martinez

Prayers to the O'Neil family today from Pyramid Lake as they lay their loved one, Corinne, to rest. May God Bless Ross and the rest of the family. They were always nice to me whenever I saw them.

Cheryl Smith Hicks

The service for Connie was really moving. A nice way to say goodbye. It's sad she left on my birthday, but happy and sad are the flip side of each other. Safe journey, bet she is happy to see loved ones who were waiting for her