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Look at me, see if I am poor, or my people either. The whites may get me at last, as you say, but I will have good times till then. You are fools to make yourselves slaves to a piece of fat bacon, some hard-tack, and a little sugar and coffee. -Tatanka Iyotaka (Sitting Bull)

***On this day 123 years ago Sitting Bull was assassinated Dec. 15, 1890 by his own people at the behest of the United States agent's orders on the Standing Rock Reservation. We honor him always. Horse-riders are gathered at the very sight of his death and are about to begin their 2-week journey to Wounded Knee to honor the ancestors. Sitting Bull's quote above evidences an independence-sovereignty and a non-reliance on the government (tribal or federal) to meet our needs. It is applicable now more than ever as we all fight to shake the chains of blind consumerism; Sitting Bull was not in the majority and neither are we but we do not need the majority to create change - we've got to continue his legacy.





FLASHMOB ROUNDY ERUPTS IN SASKATOON... On the anniversary of Idle No More, a flash mob round dance broke out at a mall in Saskatoon. ...<http://westcoastnativenews.com/video-flash-mob-round-dance-erupts-in-saskatoon/>

REID, HELLER, AMODEI INTRODUCE LEGISLATION ON FISH SPRINGS RANCH SETTLEMENT
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Washington, D.C. – Nevada Senators Harry Reid and Dean Heller with Congressman Mark Amodei today introduced legislation in both the Senate and House on the Fish Springs Ranch water settlement in Northern Nevada. Since 2005, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Fish Springs Ranch, LLC, have been involved in litigation over a proposed Fish Springs Ranch water project which could have possible impacts to Pyramid Lake.

The Tribe and Vidler have negotiated and finalized a settlement agreement which would allow the water project to move forward in return for \$3.6 million and the transfer of several hundred acres of land to the Tribe. The Tribe will waive its claims to any existing and claimed water rights. This legislation would approve the settlement agreement and would have no cost to taxpayers.

“This is a bipartisan proposal that would simply allow the water settlement between the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and Fish Springs Ranch LLC to move forward without costing a dime,” **said Senator Reid.** “The tribe will gain access to nearly \$4 million in settlement funds that they can

use for social programs, education and to protect and restore Pyramid Lake, one of Nevada's desert jewels."

"This legislation is an important piece of the puzzle towards moving the settlement forward between the Tribe and Vidler," **said Senator Dean Heller.** "This bipartisan proposal ultimately benefits all parties involved, and I look forward to working with Senator Reid and Representative Amodei to ensure its passage."

"This agreement is another important piece of the infrastructure puzzle for the Truckee Meadows with an eye towards responsible resource use," **said Congressman Amodei.**

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One of the potential obstacles to the National Fish and Wildlife's efforts to deliver water to Walker Lake has been resolved.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Walker River Paiute Tribe and Bureau of Indian Affairs have reached an agreement on the conveyance of water acquired by NFWF to Walker Lake.

The agreement, which was announced this week but reached in September, will allow water acquired by NFWF as part of the Walker Basin Restoration Program to flow downstream into the lower Walker River through the Walker River Paiute Reservation on its way to Walker Lake.

The three parties were in negotiations for several years, and worked together to develop an agreed upon method to account for and manage the conveyance of the program's water through the reservation.

The foundation said the agreement includes a transparent set of tracking equations and an associated spreadsheet tool to account for natural losses and gains of program water as it flows instream to benefit the lower Walker River and Walker Lake.

The protocols, and the accompanying stipulation for the withdrawal of the protests of Walker River Paiute Tribe and BIS, were submitted to the Nevada State Engineer's Office for consideration as part of Water Rights Change Application No. 80700.

That application proposes to change the place and purpose of use to benefit the Walker River and Walker Lake habitat and fisheries for some of the first water rights acquired for the Walker Basin Restoration Program by NFWF in accordance with the three-party stipulation.

An earlier agreement negotiated with the Walker River Irrigation District, and joined by other protestants, would govern instream administration of the changed water rights upstream of the Wabuska Gage.

The agreement is pursuant to the terms of a separate stipulation submitted to the state engineer in June 2013.

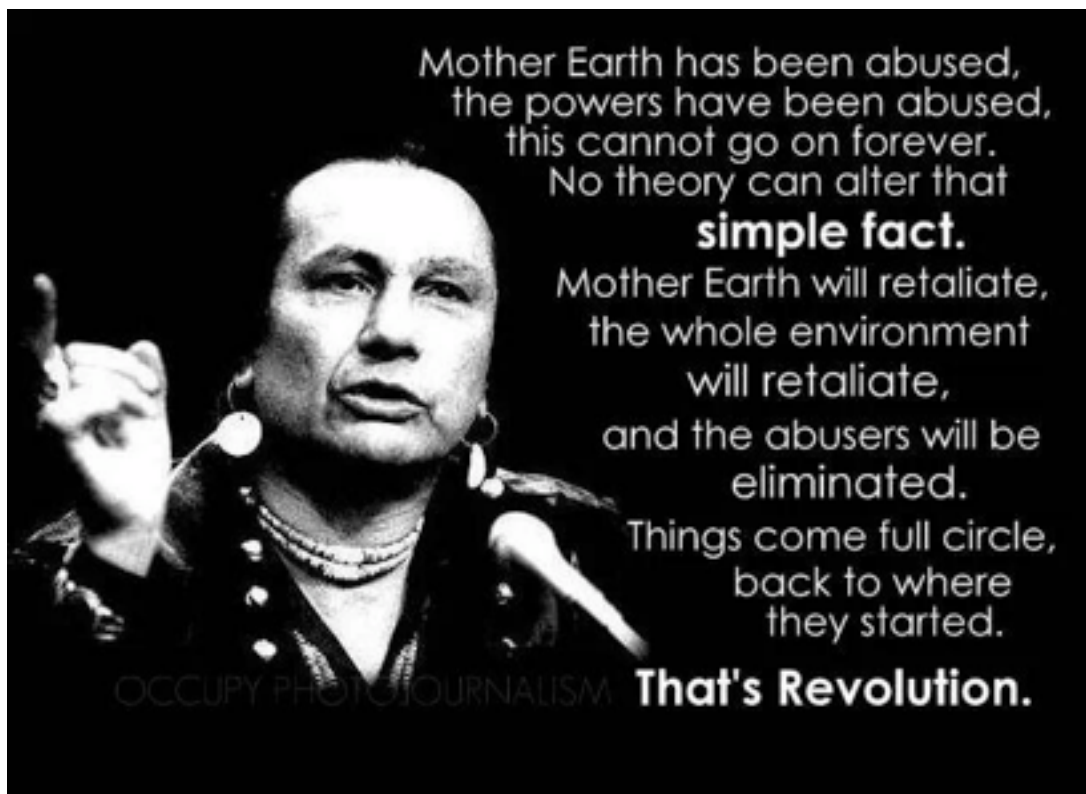
The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is a nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1984 to protect and restore the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats.

In 2009, NFWF began work to acquire and lease water rights from willing sellers as part of the Walker Basin Restoration Program.

The program is a comprehensive effort established by Public Law 111-85 to preserve Walker Lake while protecting agricultural, environmental and habitat interests in the Walker River Basin.

Both state engineer and federal decree court approvals are needed to change acquired and leased water rights from irrigation to instream use in order to increase flows into Walker Lake, which has experienced more than a century of lake level decline and increased salinity levels.

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[Wanda George-Quasula](#) shared [Brandie Olson Notestine's photo](#).

Way to go **Dakota Eldridge. Congratulations!**

I don't know about you guys but I am SO PROUD to be from Elko, Nevada tonight thanks to [Dakota](#)! He finishes the 2013 National Finals Rodeo 2nd in the average (\$\$\$) and 5th in the

World. He started in 15th that is so freaking exciting!! Congratulations Dakota, to you and your whole family!

BIA Gets an 'F' for Handling of Cobell Settlement

indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com

This is report card on the manner in which the Bureau of Indian Affairs have managed the Cobell settlement since it was approved in November 2011. Case in point, the second round of the Cobell payments were scheduled for August or September 2013. Now the date has changed to early spring 2014 and mos...

The power of language: When I was recently in London I spent time talking with a man from Mongolia. He told me that his native language didn't have a word for "stress" and that his people



didn't have stress and couldn't even conceive of it, until they begin to learn English, and learned the word "stress." Only then did they begin to feel it. I imagine that there are a lot of other reasons for the stress the Mongolians felt, with the onslaught of modern westernized life, however, it did give me pause to think about the importance of the words we use . . . and how they affect our lives. Check out Sharon Anne Klingler amazing new

book about the power of words and the affect they have on your life. Click here for more information about the book, bonus gifts and ordering. <http://PowerWordsBook.com> (book tree at University of Indian)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMBQ9Lk0SuU>

Here's what happened **this week at Interior**: an historic agreement between the Department of the Interior and the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the land buyback program mandated under the Cobell Settlement; Dr, Charles "Monty" Roessel is tapped for Director of the Bureau of Indian Education; Secretary Sally Jewell joins Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn on a tour of a tribally controlled grant school, and a roundtable on Indian Education; the Secretary travels west to talk conservation and water issues; a new USGS study shows land in the southern Chesapeake Bay region is sinking; and a polar bear summit concludes in Moscow.

[Click here to watch this week's episode.](#)



[Loika Kane](#)

THROWBACK THURSDAY - Yes, I was a police cadet at Stewart Indian School for 3 years back in the day. Uniform, badges, billie clubs, flashlights - the works. I often wonder why I never pursued the law enforcement field. TOO WILD, LOL hahaha L-R, William Thomas - Pima Tohono Od'tham (Papago), Valerie Jefferson Lincoln - Umatilla Nez Perce, Supervisor CK Williams, Cadet Chief Alvin Meyers - Tohono Od'tham (Papago), and lil ole' me - Northern Paiute - Yeeeee, how they wanna look!

Suggesting tribal photographers replicate with a walk around the rez

[Once Around an Island: Walking Manhattan's Perimeter](#)

By TODD HEISLER

The photographer Todd Heisler walked the perimeter of Manhattan over the course of one day.

[Mary Gibson](#)

NSA phone record collection compared to "the running of a library." Whether NSA work is good or bad, one thing is certain: metadata is essential. What say librarians?

[NSA Chief: Bulk Collection May Continue Despite New Legislation](#) [democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org)
[The head of the National Security Agency \[http://www.democracynow.org/topics/nsa\] appeared before Congress Wednesday to defend the bulk collection of U.S. phone data. General Keith Alexander compared the mass sweep of phone records to the running of a library. General Keith Alexander: "If you look a...](http://www.democracynow.org/topics/nsa)

[America Could End Homelessness in One Year by Doing This - The Mind Unleashed](#)
[themindunleashed.org](#)

By: Kevin E. Lake, Free Patriot, Guest If America really cared about solving the problem of homelessness among it's citizenry, here's anRead More...

["I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" \(Navajo Lyrics\)](#) [youtube.com](#)

This video essentially gives the lyrics on how to sing "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas (Késhmish Łigai Éí Baa Neiseet)" in Navajo. The lyrics were origina...

[Navajo Star Wars available on DVD - navajotimes.com](#)

Dressed as Obi Wan Kenobi from the movie Star Wars, Darrick Franklin, from Twin Lakes, N.M., poses for the camera while the film is shown in the background at the Navajo Nation Museum on Saturday in Window Rock. (File photo)

Free Online Permaculture Design Course with Larry Korn (regular cost \$2000) (PLEASE SHARE)

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[A Formula for Happiness](#) By ARTHUR C. BROOKS **NYT** **OPINION** |

Social scientists have determined three sources of supreme contentment: genes, events and values.

QUOTATION OF THE DAY

"The numbers make it look like an epidemic. Well, it's not. It's preposterous. This is a concoction to justify the giving out of medication at unprecedented and unjustifiable levels."

KEITH CONNERS, a psychologist and professor emeritus at Duke University, criticizing the rise of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or A.D.H.D. diagnoses and prescriptions for stimulants.

Small Business Administration Resources

[Small Business Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks](#)

As an entrepreneur or aspiring small business owner, one of the most significant considerations that may come to mind is how to protect your work. Here's some clarifying information about patents, copyrights and trademarks and how to protect your intellectual property. > [Read more](#)

[The Truth Behind Government Grants](#)

Financing your small business ventures is likely one of your biggest concerns as an entrepreneur. One route you might be considering is to apply for grants, but there are strict guidelines when it comes to being eligible for any government grants. Here's what you should know. > [Read more](#)

[Free Online Training: Customer Service](#)

Check out our new, self-paced training exercise to learn about customer service and how it impacts your business, including points on good customer service, implementing a positive customer service process and how to make improvements. [> Learn more](#)

TIP: Are you starting a business? The federal government is home to many different programs and resources that can help you start your own small business. BusinessUSA has made it easy to find them with a tool to help you [start a business](#).

[Webinar—How Small Businesses Can Gain Competitive Advantage through HUBZone Certification](#)

Are you a small business owner located in or relocating to an economically distressed urban or rural community? Is your company seeking a competitive advantage in the federal contracting arena? Then the HUBZone certification may be for you. Learn more from this webinar.

December 17 at 2:00 PM ET: [Click to register](#)

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[Government Contracting – Resources to Help You Succeed](#)

If you're just getting started in the world of government contracting, you're not alone if you're feeling a bit overwhelmed! But specialized resources, such as Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, can help you succeed. [> Read more](#)

[Grow Your Small Business with an e-Commerce Strategy](#)

Gain insight about how your retail businesses can maximize its returns during the holiday season with an e-commerce site and increased exposure online. Here are some top resources for adding or improving your e-commerce site. [> Read more](#)

[What Business Funding Strategy is Best for Your Business?](#)

Whether you own a start-up or existing business, the very best time to implement a short-term and long-term funding strategy is now. Learn how business credit can play a part in your approach. [> Read more](#)

[SBA's Resource Partners Reach Millions Through Counseling, Training and Online Programs](#)

Did you know that each year the SBA helps more than one million aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners? And if you are ready to start a new chapter or turn a new leaf, SBA can help you start or grow your business. [> Read more](#)

<http://www.upworthy.com/the-most-hilarious-parody-video-ive-seen-yet-what-does-the-farmer-say?c=bl3>

[UN Special Rapporteur Issues Statement on Peru -nativenewsonline.net](#)

[LIMA, PERU — Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, James Anaya, concluded his visit to Peru on Friday, December 13. He went there to analyze the situation of indigenous groups in the country, including issues related to consultation, free, prior and informed consent, and the effect...](#)

Mormon church finally gets race right

By Robert A. Rees

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) recently made a historic announcement: [A] Today, the church disavows the theories advanced in the past that black skin is a sign of divine disfavor or curse, or that it reflects actions in a premortal life; that mixed-race marriages are a sin; or that blacks or people of any other race or ethnicity are inferior in any way to anyone else. Church leaders today unequivocally condemn all racism, past and present, in any form. [A]

This is a major statement, not only for what it says, but that it says it so openly and honestly. Fortunately and helpfully, the announcement provides a full and accurate historical account of how the doctrine of denying the priesthood to blacks of African descent emerged, especially in the period after the founding Prophet Joseph Smith [A]s death in 1844.

Up until that time, Smith not only ordained black men but allowed some blacks to participate in temple ordinances. In addition, he proposed using government funds to free all of the slaves.

As the new announcement makes clear, the origin of the ban on priesthood ordination began with Brigham Young in 1852 after the Mormons had migrated to Utah Territory.

The conversion of Southern slave owners, aversion to miscegenation, and the Compromise of 1850 (which allowed new states and territories the choice between freedom and slavery), led to Young [A]s decision.

That decision, defended by mythology, scripture, and an entrenched racism in American culture, became solidified as doctrine for more than 100 years. It was defended at the highest levels even after the civil rights movement and the shift in American society toward equal rights for all citizens. For many modern Mormons, it became a source of embarrassment.

Although considerable pressure was put on the church to change this practice, it wasn't until 1978 when Mormon President Spencer W. Kimball announced that after long and anguished prayer, God [A]has heard our prayers, and by revelation has confirmed that the long-promised day has come when every faithful, worthy man in the church may receive the holy priesthood. Accordingly, all worthy male members of the church may be ordained to the priesthood without regard for race or color. [A]

That was a day of rejoicing for many Mormons, especially black members who had stayed faithful to the church on the promise that they would one day enjoy the blessings of the priesthood.

The revelation did not end racism in the church, however, because church leaders did not take the next, necessary step of disavowing its racist past.

Many Mormons continued to believe and some even to teach the false doctrines that had become so deeply ingrained in Mormon consciousness over the generations, including that blacks were inheritors of the curse of Cain and that they were not valiant in the preexistence, both of which are explicitly disavowed in the church [A]s latest statement.

The honesty and candor of the church's new statement are refreshing. It follows on the heels of President Dieter Uchtdorf's October conference address, "Come, Join with Us," in which he stated, "And, to be perfectly frank, there have been times when members or leaders in the church have simply made mistakes. There may have been things said or done that were not in harmony with our values, principles, or doctrine."

We may never know what precipitated the new and very welcome statement on "Race and the Priesthood," but I suspect there are several key factors.

Among these is that, as recent studies have shown, past and present racist attitudes are one of the reasons many contemporary Latter-day Saints are experiencing a crisis of faith. Also relevant is the difficulty of retaining black converts in the United States.

Another factor is the church's expanding mission in Africa, where most members are not even aware of the prior priesthood ban.

Sometimes in human affairs, there is a dramatic alignment of events. Such was the case with the coincidence of the church's acknowledging its past mistakes in the week that saw the passing of Nelson Mandela, the moral conscience of the civilized world on race for the past half century. Church leaders honored Mandela last week for his "courage, kindness and extraordinary moral leadership [which] have been an example to all people."

There were many Mormons over the past century who also exemplified moral courage in working to end racism and affirm the Book of Mormon scripture that "All are alike unto God." Rejoice! Robert A. Rees, Ph.D., is visiting professor of Mormonism at Graduate Theological Union and UC Berkeley.

Many do not know Joseph Smith was an abolitionist; Brigham Young had other ideas. sdc

from EG: **These Third World Natives Are Asked To Read Out First World Problems: A Reality Check For Everyone**

December 13, 2013 by [Jeff Roberts](#)

It's the middle of the Christmas season in North America. The stresses filling people's day may include picking the perfect gadget for Dad, or trying to keep this year's spending budget under \$1000. Perhaps the stress is coming from the annual uncomfortable family gatherings which are about to commence. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the busy westernized way of living, it can be easy to get caught up in the "stress" of things.

So often I hear the terms "I hate when," "it's so annoying when," or "this sucks because." This kind of lingo is popular and is usually spoken about in regards to the minor things in life, like being stuck in traffic, waiting 10 seconds too long for an internet page to load, the shower water not being hot enough, the portions being too small at a restaurant, needing the iPhone 5 because the 4s is 'useless', etc. So many of us are not even conscious about when we are saying these things.

It's become so embedded in our culture to complain about the trials and tribulations of our life, always desiring things to be more pleasing or having easier access to certain things, or wanting/ needing more. This is a product of socio-cultural conditioning that we are all guilty of from time to time.

In reality, the majority of people's reality is painted and influenced by the media and advertising companies. These industries establish what we all "need", and help substantiate a consumerist identity that we have all bought into at one point in time. Hollywood tells us how to be happy by propagating the American Dream, working hard to attain lots of money to buy things so to appear "successful." Night after night, we tune in and buy into this paradigm.

With this pseudo-reality being projected into the minds of the masses, it can be easy to forget about simple gratitude in life. It can simple to forget about the class segregation and difference in living standards taking place all around the world. I read this info-graphic once that really put things into perspective for me: "If you have food in your fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, then you are more fortunate than 75% of the world". Take a moment to think about that.

The following video provides a short but effective message in bringing us back to reality about the world we live in. Awareness and gratitude are powerful tools which will always assist us well on our journey. Let's work together to spread these two ideas this Christmas season. Much love <

- See more at: <http://www.collective-evolution.com/2013/12/13/these-third-world-natives-are-asked-to-read-out-first-world-problems-a-reality-check-for-everyone/#sthash.UJeTZZsi.dpuf>