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## **16 Arrested Blocking Tar Sands Megaload in Oregon**

*Rising Tide North America*

Excerpt: "Groups organizing the protest in Eastern Oregon, including chapters of Rising Tide and 350.org, oppose the shipments due to their ultimate role in extracting Alberta tar sands, which would supply oil for the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, and facilitate what many have called the most destructive industrial project on Earth." [READ MORE](#)

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## **Meet the Texas Farmer Challenging the Keystone Pipeline From the Courtroom to the Plains**

*Anna Simonton, YES! Magazine*

Simonton writes: "Crawford hopes that sharing her story with other landowners empowers them to challenge TransCanada's use of eminent domain and to stop the pipeline altogether."

[READ MORE](#)

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## **Water & oil: How natives & neighbors of the Sacred Headwaters battled drillers and won**

In remote B.C., tribal elders, fishermen, hunters, and ordinary folks won a six-year fight to kick Big Oil out of their salmon-bearing backyard. Our three-part series explores what we can learn from their climate win.

BY TED ALVAREZ

## **Canada's Indigenous First Nations Threaten \$600 Billion in Energy Deals** oilprice.com

Canada's First Nations have been ruled to have rights and title to all aspects of traditional lands, threatening the development of \$600 billion worth of energy deals that

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To view new state-by-state reports on the effects of repeal of the Affordable Care Act, click [HERE](#). To view an interactive map on the benefits of the Affordable Care Act in each state, click [HERE](#).

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# **38 Years of INJUSTICE.**



## **FREE LEONARD PELTIER!**

[Hermes Vonnegut](#)  
imagine  
how much  
more  
weight  
President  
Obamas  
words  
would've  
had at the  
funeral of  
Nelson  
Mandela  
if he had  
Leonard at  
his side as  
he spoke.

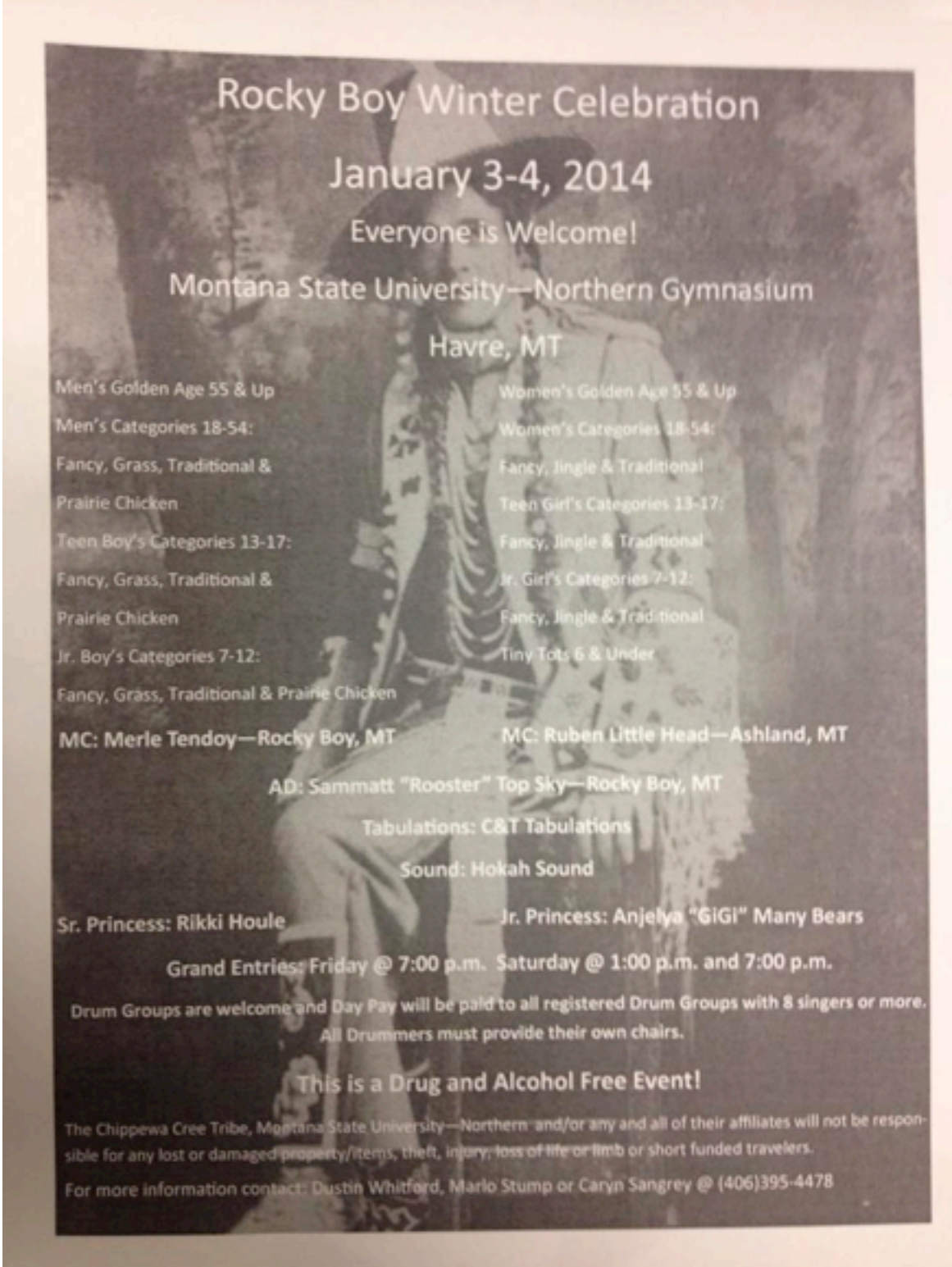
## **TULE SPRINGS PRESERVATION PROPOSAL ADVANCES IN CONGRESS**

A proposal to grant special status to thousands of acres containing prehistoric artifacts north of Las Vegas advanced in Congress on Thursday. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz19465523>

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## **\$200 million available for businesses in low-income areas**

Businesses in rural Nevada and in economically-distressed parts of the state's cities will have a new funding source to look to in 2014. Seven community development entities authorized under the Nevada New Markets Tax Credit Program will have \$200 million to loan, the bulk of which they are obligated to invest in the next 12 months. Read more [here](#).



**Rocky Boy Winter Celebration**  
**January 3-4, 2014**  
Everyone is Welcome!  
**Montana State University—Northern Gymnasium**  
**Havre, MT**

Men's Golden Age 55 & Up	Women's Golden Age 55 & Up
Men's Categories 18-54:	Women's Categories 18-54:
Fancy, Grass, Traditional & Prairie Chicken	Fancy, Jingle & Traditional
Teen Boy's Categories 13-17:	Teen Girl's Categories 13-17:
Fancy, Grass, Traditional & Prairie Chicken	Fancy, Jingle & Traditional
Jr. Boy's Categories 7-12:	Jr. Girl's Categories 7-12:
Fancy, Grass, Traditional & Prairie Chicken	Fancy, Jingle & Traditional
	Tiny Tots 6 & Under
<b>MC: Merle Tendoy—Rocky Boy, MT</b>	<b>MC: Ruben Little Head—Ashland, MT</b>
<b>AD: Sammatt "Rooster" Top Sky—Rocky Boy, MT</b>	
<b>Tabulations: C&amp;T Tabulations</b>	
<b>Sound: Hokah Sound</b>	
<b>Sr. Princess: Rikki Houle</b>	<b>Jr. Princess: Anjelya "GiGi" Many Bears</b>
<b>Grand Entries: Friday @ 7:00 p.m. Saturday @ 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.</b>	
Drum Groups are welcome and Day Pay will be paid to all registered Drum Groups with 8 singers or more.	
All Drummers must provide their own chairs.	
<b>This is a Drug and Alcohol Free Event!</b>	
The Chippewa Cree Tribe, Montana State University—Northern and/or any and all of their affiliates will not be responsible for any lost or damaged property/items, theft, injury, loss of life or limb or short funded travelers.	
For more information contact: Dustin Whitford, Marlo Stump or Caryn Sangrey @ (406)395-4478	

[Myron Dewey](#)

**Indian Health Service Information Technology webpage**, what do you think? <http://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/factsheets/informationtechnology/>

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**Two of 'Hell's guardians' have been uncovered at the 'Pluto's Gate' archaeological site at... [news.com.au](#)**

ALMOST a year ago, archaeologists opened the "Gateway to Hell". Now, the first of its infernal guardians are starting to emerge.

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**National Indian Education Association [www.facebook.com](#)**

The Web site of the leading advocate for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students, families, communities, tribes and organizations.

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**Navajo Nation Could Get \$1 Billion in Damages for Uranium Mess**

[indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com](#)

Damages assessed against Anadarko Petroleum and Kerr-McGee could net Navajo Nation \$1 billion for uranium cleanup.

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**Indian Nations are Eligible for Foreign Development Assistance - Native News Online [nativenewsonline.net](#)**

Guest Commentary The Turkish Ambassador, Namik Tan, on November 12, 2013, presented the very first development assistance grant given by the Turkish Agency for Cooperation and Collaboration (TIKA) to an American Indian tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. The Turkish Ambassador talked about the kinship the Turkish people feel they have ...

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A 300-page **report from the national Indian Law and Order Commission** aims to “shame” America into rethinking Native justice, which in many places is dysfunctional and leads to vast inequalities. For a quick run-down, some of the more telling statistics, and a link to the full document: <http://hcne.ws/1ej00F6>

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**Brendan Trainor**

Sick of hearing from statists that an unregulated society is like the "Wild Wild West"? In fact, the West was not so, er, Wild. The total number of bank robberies in the West-Eight. The total number of immigrants killed by Indians (and vice versa) about 400 (out of hundreds of thousands). The total range wars? less than a half dozen. It was the State that initiated violence, as the Cavalry under the leadership of Sherman and Sheridan did slaughter thousands of Indians.

**The Culture of Violence in the American West: Myth versus Reality [independent.org](#)**

Contrary to popular perception, the Old West was much more peaceful than American cities are today. The real culture of violence on the frontier during the latter half of the nineteenth century sprang from the U.S. government's policies toward the Plains Indians.

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**<http://www.npr.org/blogs/krulwich/2013/12/16/251672253/why-we-need-grandpas-and-grandmas-part-1>**

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**[Daily Kos: American Indian unemployment far above that of general population with no relief in sight](#)** [dailykos.com](http://dailykos.com)

**[Kennedi Decorah rides her bike in front of a neighbor's house in Oglala on the Pine Ridge ...](#)**

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## **UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

*Chairwoman Maria Cantwell (D-WA)*

**For Immediate Release      December 18, 2013**  
**Contact: Reid Walker      202-224-0466**

### **Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Approves Reauthorization of Key Tribal Housing Bill**

*Committee also advances nomination of Special Trustee for American Indians*

WASHINGTON D.C. – Today the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs unanimously voted in favor of reauthorizing the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) (S.1352). The Committee also advanced the nomination of the Special Trustee for American Indians.

In 1996, Congress first passed NAHASDA to help ensure that Tribes and their members are provided safe and affordable housing, and that housing programs meet the needs of Tribal members well into the future. NAHASDA helps address a critical need for housing assistance in Indian Country, where more than 28 percent of reservation households lack adequate plumbing and kitchen facilities, while nationally only 5.4 percent of households lack such infrastructure.

This bill improves the current law by:

- Eliminating duplicative requirements when multiple agencies are involved in a housing-related project by utilizing a single agency standard.
- Allowing Tribes access to the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH).
- Promoting sustainable projects by raising the total development cost ceilings cited as barriers to building energy-efficient housing.

An estimated 200,000 housing units are needed immediately in Indian Country and approximately 90,000 Native families are homeless or under-housed. A 2009 Annual Homeless Assessment Report found that Native Americans make up 8% of the country's homeless



population, while they comprise less than 1% of the general population. Nearly 46% of Native households are overcrowded, a rate almost three times that of the rest of the country, according to a 2010 report from the General Accounting Office.

“Currently American Indians make up 8 percent of the nation’s homeless population, despite being only 1 percent of the general population. Nearly 25 percent live in housing units that have severe structural need,” Chairwoman Maria Cantwell (D-WA) said. “This bill is critical to ensuring that all tribes and their members are provided safe and affordable housing, and that housing programs meet the needs of tribal members well into the future.”

“I’m looking forward to working with Chairman Cantwell on reauthorizing the NAHASDA, a bill that will assist tribes and their members throughout Indian Country. This legislation will help address Indian housing development issues, reduce bureaucracy and improve project administration,” said Committee Vice Chairman, John Barrasso (R-WY).

In 2002, NAHASDA was reauthorized for five years, and was again reauthorized in 2008 for a five-year period which expired in September 2013. NAHASDA consolidated funding under the 1937 Housing Act and created the Indian Housing Block Grants, giving tribes greater flexibility in administering their housing funds.

The Committee also voted to advance the Nomination of Vincent G. Logan to serve as Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians. Mr. Logan is a member of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma. On February 27, 2013, President Obama nominated him to serve as Special Trustee for American Indians.

The Office of the Special Trustee is located within the Department of the Interior. The staff includes 650 employees who manage more than 2,900 trust accounts for over 250 tribes. Additionally, there are 380,000 Individual Indian Money trust accounts managed by the Office of the Special Trustee for individual Native Americans.

“Mr. Logan has shown a great passion for working with tribes and individual Indians to manage their trust assets and the Committee appreciates his willingness to take on this difficult position,” Cantwell said.

“Mr. Logan brings a strong financial background to this position,” Barrasso said. “His experience and understanding in this field will serve him well as the Special Trustee for American Indians.”

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NEW WRPT TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR 2014 CARL W JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN AMBER TORRES, VICE CHAIRMAN GENIA WILLIAMS, TREASURER JOSHUA DINI, SR., SECRETARY DONALD BOBB, MEMBER LORREN SAMMARIPA, MEMBER BOBBY SANCHEZ, MEMBER

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## **Brandeis University Announces Game Changer, Offers 50 % Tuition Scholarship to Enrolled AmeriCorps Alums!**

*"Heller views AmeriCorps experience as a reliable indicator of high performance, commitment to social justice, leadership and teamwork. These are not just the attributes of successful graduate students, they are attributes of successful leaders. We are proud to partner with AmeriCorps Alums and further our joint commitment to advancing social justice in communities here and around the world."* ~Elizabeth Cole, Assistant Director of Admissions

To recognize this, the Heller School recently announced [a guaranteed minimum 50% tuition scholarship](#) for all AmeriCorps Alums enrolled in either the MPP or MBA in Nonprofit Management programs, **a scholarship worth over \$21,000 based on 2013 tuition rates.**

Ranked in the top ten schools of social policy by *US News & World Report*, **Heller School for Social Policy and Management is a leader in providing financial assistance awarded to AmeriCorps alumni.** Whatever cause you are committed to - ending poverty, improving health policy, protecting the environment, spurring community development, resolving conflict or protecting the rights of women, children and minorities -- Heller's unique interdisciplinary approach will prepare you for a fulfilling career finding solutions to society's most pressing social problems.

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## **GrantStation**

### **CareFusion Foundation: Clinical Excellence Grant Program**

The CareFusion Foundation's Clinical Excellence Grant Program provides grants for clinical and scientific research projects that are designed to measurably improve the safe and efficient management and administration of medication. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women**

The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women is a global grantmaking mechanism dedicated to addressing violence against women and girls in all its forms. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **USAID: Broad Agency Announcement for Securing Water for Food: A Grand Challenge for Development Competition**

This program provides support to help enable the production of more food with less water or make more water available for food production, processing, and distribution.

## ***National Funding***

Support for National Performing Arts Projects

### **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation: Fund for National Projects**

The Fund for National Projects, an initiative of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, supports projects that strengthen the national infrastructure of the professional nonprofit dance, jazz, presenting, and/or theatre fields. In addition, the Fund works to improve conditions for the national community of performing artists in the targeted fields. Grants of \$60,000 to \$200,000 are provided for projects that engage a broad national constituency, occur once (or periodically) rather than annually, and have the potential to significantly impact a field. Examples of eligible

projects include research initiatives assessing the national health of arts groups or of individual artists, national convenings for performing arts fields (beyond traditional national annual conferences), and special projects that address unique circumstances that affect an entire professional nonprofit field. Projects by single performing arts entities are not supported. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is February 28, 2014. Visit the Foundation's website for program details.

#### Youth Environmental Initiatives Funded

##### **Captain Planet Foundation**

The Captain Planet Foundation supports educational programs that enable youth to understand and appreciate our world by getting involved in hands-on projects to improve the environment. The Foundation is interested in funding innovative programs that inspire youth to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. An additional priority is to fund programs that encourage environment-based education in schools. Nonprofit organizations and public schools may [apply for grants](#) of \$500 to \$2,500. Priority is given to projects with matching funds and/or in-kind support. The first application deadline for 2014 is January 31. [Online application](#) guidelines are available on the Foundation's website.

#### Grants Promote Employment for People with Disabilities

##### **Kessler Foundation: Signature Employment Grants**

The Kessler Foundation's Signature Employment Grants provide support for non-traditional solutions or social ventures that increase employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. Grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per year are awarded nationally to fund new pilot initiatives, demonstration projects, or social ventures that lead to the generation of new ideas to solve the high unemployment and underemployment of individuals with disabilities. Preference is given to interventions that overcome specific employment barriers related to long-term dependence on public assistance, advance competitive employment in a cost-effective manner, or launch a social enterprise or individual entrepreneurship project. Priority is placed on serving individuals with mobility disabilities, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, stroke, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, epilepsy, or other related impairments. The Foundation requires that 65% of the target grant population meet these criteria. Nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. are eligible to apply. Online grant concepts are due February 7, 2014. Visit the Kessler Foundation's website to review the Signature Employment Grants guidelines.

#### Awards for Exemplary After-School/Out-of-School Arts Programs

##### **National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards**

The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards, sponsored by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, recognize excellence in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth. These programs offer high-quality and intensive instruction on weekends, afternoons, and summer vacations, providing a safe and productive space for young people in the hours when they are often the most vulnerable. Twelve winners will receive a \$10,000 award and an invitation to accept their award at a White House ceremony. Programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, schools and universities, arts centers, community service organizations, and government agencies are encouraged to apply. Eligible programs must have been in operation for



a minimum of five years. The 2014 application deadline is February 10. Visit the program's website to submit an online application.

### ***Regional Funding***

#### **Conservation Initiatives in the Pacific Northwest Supported**

##### **Confluence Fund**

The Confluence Fund seeks to be a catalyst for innovative conservation solutions designed to preserve wild landscapes. The Fund provides support to nonprofit organizations that work in the Yellowstone to Yukon (Y2Y) region. The Y2Y region encompasses five states (Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming), two Canadian provinces (Alberta and British Columbia), and two territories (Yukon and Northwest Territories). The Fund's grant priorities include Developing Conservation Leaders, Making Room for Wildlife, and Saving Wild Landscapes. Letters of inquiry may be submitted from January 1 through February 1, 2014. Visit the Fund's website to review the grant priorities and funding guidelines.

#### **Funds for Virginia Healthcare Providers**

##### **Virginia Health Care Foundation**

The Virginia Health Care Foundation promotes public-private partnerships that increase access to primary healthcare services for medically underserved and uninsured Virginians. The Foundation supports projects that will grow or strengthen Virginia's healthcare safety net in the following categories: Develop or Expand Patient Capacity, Establish a Broader Scope of Services, Create Local Coordinated Systems of Care, and Strengthen the Infrastructure of Health Safety Net Providers. In all categories, a successful proposal must demonstrate that all the necessary planning has taken place, and the project management is thoroughly prepared to implement the project. Public agencies and nonprofit organizations, including free clinics and community health centers are eligible to apply. The first concept paper deadline for 2014 is January 22. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the grant program.

#### **Grants Enhance K-12 School Gardens in California**

##### **California Fertilizer Foundation: School Garden Grant Program**

The California Fertilizer Foundation's mission is to enhance awareness and understanding of plant nutrients and agriculture in California. The Foundation's School Garden Grant Program provides funding for California public and private elementary, middle, and high schools for sustaining or establishing school gardens. The Foundation awards 24 grants of \$1,200 annually to schools in California; twelve awards are made in each grant cycle. At the end of each year, winning schools can re-apply for a progress grant of \$1,500 and a free agricultural field trip. Applications for the first funding cycle of 2014 must be postmarked by January 15. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the grant program and to download the grant application.

#### **Technology Awards for Georgia Nonprofits**

##### **TechBridge Technology Innovation Award Program**

The TechBridge Technology Innovation Award Program, sponsored by Accenture, recognizes deserving nonprofit organizations in Georgia that have innovative concepts for using technology to better serve the community. The award provides up to \$25,000 in TechBridge consulting services and a cash grant of \$5,000 to the nonprofit organization with the most compelling

concept. The winner also receives thousands of dollars in donated software. In addition, two finalists each receive a TechBridge technology assessment and a \$1,000 cash grant. The application deadline is February 3, 2014. Visit the TechBridge website for program details and application information.

### ***Federal Funding***

Program Seeks to Reduce Violence in Rural Areas

#### **Department of Justice: Office on Violence Against Women**

The Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Program provides support to enhance the safety of rural victims of violence, and supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas. The application deadline is January 23, 2014.

Funds Available to Increase Diversity in Nursing

#### **Department of Health and Human Services**

The Nursing Workforce Diversity Program provides support to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among registered nurses. The application deadline is January 24, 2014.

Water and Waste Training and Technical Assistance Supported

#### **Department of Agriculture**

The Technical Assistance and Training Grant program offers support to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal, and to provide training that will improve the management, operation, and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. The application deadline is January 31, 2014.

Program Supports Boating Safety

#### **Department of Homeland Security: United States Coast Guard**

The National Nonprofit Organization Boating Safety Grant Program offers support to reduce the number of accidents, injuries, and deaths on America's waterways and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for the boating public. The application deadline is January 31, 2014.

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### **100 years after Raker Act was signed, the fight over Hetch Hetchy dam continues**

**Jonah Owen Lamb**, San Francisco Examiner

It is perhaps the mother of all California water wars, and it's been raging for more than a century.

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## NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER

Oh Great Spirit  
Whose voice I hear in the winds  
And whose breath gives life to all the world  
Hear me, I am small and weak

I need your strength and wisdom  
Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold  
The red and purple sunset

Make my hands respect the things you have made  
And my ears sharp to hear your voice  
Make me wise so that I may understand the things  
You have taught my people.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden  
in every leaf and rock.  
I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother,  
But to fight my greatest enemy - myself.

Make me always ready to come to you  
With clean hands and straight eyes.  
So when life fades, as the fading sunset,  
My Spirit may come to you without shame.

(translated by Lakota Sioux Chief Yellow Lark in 1887)