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"People of the Pines" takes a look at the history of California Native people (Bloody Island Massacre - Art by Rafael Montoliu)

Oodie Dixon, a Numu from Susanville, holds an annual memorial ceremony near Susanville in June to remember the people who were massacred, the survivors breathing through tule straws in the marshes to avoid being killed.

DOE: Nuclear waste move to Nevada to start in 2014 reviewjournal.com
Trucks hauling dangerous uranium waste from Tennessee for burial in a landfill at the Nevada National Security Site will begin rolling early next year despite objections from Gov. Brian Sandoval who is powerless to stop them, federal officials said Tuesday.

There is a tribe in Africa where the birth date of a child is counted not from when they were born, nor from when they are conceived but from the day that the child was a thought in its mother's mind. And when a woman decides that she will have a child, she goes off and sits under a tree, by herself, and she listens until she can hear the song of the child that wants to come. And after she's heard the song of this child, she comes back to the man who will be the child's father, and teaches it to him. And then, when they make love to physically conceive the child, some of that time they sing the song of the child, as a way to invite it. And then, when the mother is pregnant, the mother teaches that child's song to the midwives and the old women of the village, so that when the child is born, the old women and the people around her sing the child's song to welcome it. And then, as the child grows up, the other villagers are taught the child's song. If the child falls, or hurts its knee, someone picks it up and sings its song to it. Or perhaps the child does something wonderful, or goes through the rites of puberty, then as a way of honoring this person, the people of the village sing his or her song. In the African tribe there is one other occasion upon which the villagers sing to the child. If at any time during his or her life, the person commits a crime or aberrant social act, the individual is called to the center of the village and the people in the community form a circle



around them. Then they sing their song to them. The tribe recognizes that the correction for antisocial behavior is not punishment; it is love and the remembrance of identity. When you recognize your own song, you have no desire or need to do anything that would hurt another. And it goes this way through their life. In marriage, the songs are sung, together. And finally, when this child is lying in bed, ready to die, all the villagers know his or her song, and they

sing—for the last time—the song to that person. You may not have grown up in an African tribe that sings your song to you at crucial life transitions, but life is always reminding you when you are in tune with yourself and when you are not. When you feel good, what you are doing matches your song, and when you feel awful, it doesn't. In the end, we shall all recognize our song and sing it well. You may feel a little warbly at the moment, but so have all the great singers. Just keep singing and you'll find your way home. Author unknown

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Across



Canada,
indigenous women are continuing a tradition of leadership that existed before colonization, and in spite of a political system which, over the last 150 years, has made every attempt to prevent them from having power.

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[Indigenous Women Take the Lead in Idle No More](#) [yesmagazine.org](http://www.yesmagazine.org)

[Motivated by ancient traditions of female leadership as well as their need for improved legal rights, First Nations women are stepping to the forefront of the Idle No More movement.](#)



Hundreds of Years of Resistance

June 08, 1500

The Idle No More movement grows from strong roots of hundreds of years of indigenous sovereignty and resistance on Turtle Island. Idle No More is inspired and nourished by countless moments of indigenous resistance to colonization war and environmental destruction and by the traditional knowledge, culture, and spirituality of the original peoples of this earth.

Idle No More is founded by 4 women

November 10, 2012

Idle No More began with 4 ladies; Nina Wilson, Sylvia McAdam, Jessica Gordon & Sheelah McLean who felt it was urgent to act on current and [upcoming](#) legislation that not only affects our First Nations people but the rest of Canada's citizens, lands and waters.

These 4 women from Saskatchewan (Indigenous and non Indigenous) decided that they could no longer stay silent in the face of what is a [legislative](#) attack on First Nation people and the lands and waters across the country. Together, Sylvia McAdam, Jess Gordon, Nina Wilson and Sheelah Mclean organized a "teach-in" event at Station 20 in Saskatoon titled "Idle No More".

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[The Soul of a Teacher](#) [By CYNTHIA HUGHES](#)

Cynthia is a veteran educator with more than thirty years in the field. Her work with students has always had at its heart a hands-on approach to fostering a sense of place and connection to the natural world. She has designed both classroom and library curricula that integrates service-learning and nature studies with literacy standards. Cynthia is a longtime faculty member with Community Works Institute (CWI) and is currently a school multi-media specialist with Springfield Public Schools.

In a recent chat, a teacher told me he was concerned that the soul of teaching was disappearing. He felt it sinking under the weight of standards, testing, standardized curriculum,

and what he called the McDonald's phenomenon that is sweeping the country unifying and smoothing out regional differences and making sure we're all on the same page (literally).

Well, souls have always interested me. I don't mean this in a Bible-thumping redemptive sort of hallelujah kind of way. What I am talking about is the elusive, amorphous, ever-changing part of our shared existence. I think of it as the core, the feelings, the intelligence of a person, group, place, or situation. It can be revealed in one simple moment—if we are paying attention.

Sometimes I think that I am a teacher because I am interested in souls. This interest appeared at an early age. I may have discovered my own "soul" one day, as I sat in the large dusty entrance way of our old house. We often played there as kids, and it was there one sunny morning that I saw millions of specks bouncing around in a shaft of light that was coming in

Historical trauma is entirely different than consciously holding onto the past when it resides in your ancestral memory and DNA. It results in numerous defense mechanisms, developmental malfunctions, and behavioral issues. This is scientific and is supported in studies.

~Tony Ten Fingers/Wanbli Nata'u, Oglala Lakota



through the window. I didn't know what this was. My sister told me it was dust particles, "you know pieces of dust, dirt." I was in awe of their number, their movement, and I waved my hand through them, stirring them up. I sat watching for a long time. I then began noticing them everywhere I went.

Sometimes their numbers were few, like upstairs in Mrs. Blood's clean apartment. Sometimes their numbers seemed downright dangerous, like in the cellar coal bin. But it was in that quiet moment in the hallway and later, during quiet moments under the lilacs or watching rain run down the window panes, that I came to know a little bit of what was inside of me by connecting to what was outside of me. This got me wondering all kinds of things. What was the air

made of? Did I breathe in all

that dust and where did it go? What was the wind? And who was I, anyway? People had told me I was made of dust, too. I had discovered my own curiosity for learning, my own personal reality.

It's our job to help kids learn to read and to write, to learn math and spelling conventions, to give them ways to discover their thinking and to find the best home for their unique talents and abilities. Somewhere in all of that lies the soul—the part of each of us that can't be measured with a rubric, scale or test score. The unique experience of each person's interactions with each other, each learning opportunity, each conversation, each perception. We simply cannot know that by testing it. We need to take the time to listen for it, and to allow and encourage it to be expressed. I'm not just talking about the kids. When we as a staff of educators gather each Wednesday, there are times when a bit of soul gets revealed, when someone dares to speak what she or he really feels. Or, when in exhaustion—as the latest person tells us of the latest curriculum program we ought to try—we can all sense the hard work we are sharing. And we

certainly feel it when someone feels safe enough to express his or her passion or enthusiasm for something.

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Chase & Status are an electronic music duo from the UK who recently enlisted award-winning director Josh Cole to direct a music video for their song "Alive". The "Alive" video was shot on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation in Montana. The video tells the story of the lead character going through drug...

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The climate champions of 2013

By [Joanna M. Foster](#)

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In a year that saw carbon pollution levels hit the milestone of 400 parts per million in the atmosphere and brought record-breaking drought, fires, typhoons, and air pollution, it can be easy to forget there are climate champions out there, pushing back on those [climate grinch](#)s. Here are a few of the climate heroes that made progress, inspired, or otherwise made an impact in 2013:

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Naderev “Yeb” Saño

Three days after Typhoon Haiyan made landfall, Philippines climate negotiator [Naderev “Yeb” Saño](#) told the delegation at the 19th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that his island nation had run out of time for failed climate negotiations. Saño vowed to go on a hunger strike until “clear progress was made.” Saño challenged climate change deniers and countries less impacted by the effects of global warming, [saying](#), “I dare them, I dare them to get off their ivory towers and away from the comfort of their armchairs. I dare them to go to the islands of the Pacific, the Caribbean, the Indian ocean and see the impacts of rising sea levels; to the mountainous regions of the Himalayas and the Andes to see communities confronting glacial floods, to the Arctic where communities grapple with the fast dwindling sea ice caps, to the large deltas of the Mekong, the Ganges, the Amazon, the Nile where lives and livelihoods are

drowned, to the hills of Central America that confronts similar monstrous hurricanes, to the vast savannas of Africa where climate change has likewise become a matter of life and death as food and water become scarce. ... And if that is not enough, you may want to pay a visit to the Philippines right now.”

Michael Mann

Michael Mann, who directs Penn State University’s Earth System Science Center and is the creator of the “hockey-stick” graph, which illustrates the recent spike in global temperatures, has been the target of legal battles for years. He has been investigated by Penn after his email was hacked during so-called “Climategate” and in 2010 was accused of defrauding Virginia taxpayers while he was a faculty member at the University of Virginia. Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli demanded access to every document relating to his research during that time. Mann has never been convicted of any wrongdoing and now, Cuccinelli has been [defeated](#) in the 2013 Virginia gubernatorial race. Climate denial was a central issue in the race with fossil fuel companies backing Cuccinelli, while climate activists spent millions for Terry McAuliffe. Cuccinelli’s “witch hunt” after Mann was held up as an example of Cuccinelli prioritizing his own radically conservative agenda over the concerns of his constituents. McAuliffe said that “the fact that UVA was forced to spend \$600,000 to defend itself from its own Attorney General is outrageous.”

[Jason Eppink](#) [LA Times](#)

The *Los Angeles Times* announced in 2013 that it will [no longer publish](#) letters from climate change deniers.

“Simply put, I do my best to keep errors of fact off the letters page; when one does run, a correction is published,” wrote letters editor Paul Thornton explaining his decision. “Saying ‘there’s no sign humans have caused climate change’ is not stating an opinion, it’s asserting a factual inaccuracy.”

Climate change deniers have long argued that the extent of human-made global warming has been wildly exaggerated in order to advance an agenda that includes more government control and decried the decision by the *LA Times* as taking a political side. The *LA Times* has chosen to listen to the 97 percent of scientists who believe that climate change is happening and that it is in large part the result of human actions. Many in the scientific community applauded the decision by the *LA Times*, hoping the decision would give other outlets the courage to stop “appeasing the climate change denial noise machine.” The *Times* was followed by PopularScience’s decision to [shut off](#) its comments and Reddit’s science forum [prohibiting](#) posts and comments by people who deny the realities of human-made climate change.

Sheldon Whitehouse

On Nov. 13, 2013, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) went to the floor of the Senate for the [50th time in 50 weeks](#) to push for congressional action to address climate change.

“We are a great country, but not when we’re lying and denying what’s real,” he said. “The atmosphere is warming; ice is melting; seas are warming, rising, and acidifying. It is time for the misleading fantasies to end.”

Whitehouse started delivering the speeches in April 2012 to counteract the Senate's practical avoidance of the issue. While the Senator often addresses a nearly empty Senate floor, he is determined to not settle for silence on this huge issue and will keep on talking, hoping that more people will soon listen.

Barbara Kingsolver

Not many top novelists have tackled climate change as subject matter, despite the wide variety of apocalyptic and inspiring plot lines it offers. In her 2013 novel [*Flight Behavior*](#), Kingsolver does just this — using the story of a restless young mother in rural Tennessee to shed new light on the story of a planet out of balance. Kingsolver's protagonist, Dellarobia Turnbow, discovers a colony of monarch butterflies on her family's property. Soon these butterflies, mysteriously far from their ancient migration route have caught the attention of scientists, tourists, activists, and journalists around the world — all of whom collide in rural Tennessee, understanding nothing about each other and ready to fight about what has caused the butterflies to wander so far. The novel dives deep into how identity determines people's willingness or refusal to accept the reality of climate change, and offers readers exhausted by scientific studies and government reports a fresh and entertaining way to consider the changing climate and society's response.

[Shutterstock](#) [Massachusetts](#)

For the third year running, Massachusetts won the coveted [top spot](#) on the annual energy efficiency state scorecard released every year by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy. Massachusetts has held onto its lead due in large part to the continued implementation and growth of the programs put in place in 2008 with the passage of the Green Communities Act. This landmark law required utilities to increase investment in energy efficiency measures, mandated the design and implementation of three-year energy efficiency plans for gas and electric utilities, required that 15 percent of electricity be supplied by new renewable power facilities by 2020, established a pilot program for utilities to enter into long-term contracts with renewable energy developers and encouraged green building design through updated codes, training, and assistance.

Al Jazeera America

On its first day on air, Al Jazeera America devoted a [full half-hour](#) to an expert panel discussing climate change. The panel included Michael Mann from Penn State University, Heidi Cullen from Climate Central, and Klaus Jacob from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia. This first-day [coverage](#) is nearly half as much time as all network news programs gave climate change during all of 2012, and as Media Matters noted, "all while avoiding common pitfalls like providing false balance to those that deny the science and leaving the crisis' manmade origins ambiguous."

[Joshua B. Pribanic](#) [Josh Fox](#)

In his 2010 Emmy-winning and Oscar-nominated documentary [Gasland](#), Josh Fox took his banjo, camera, and dark sense of humor on a road trip to explore the effects of the natural gas boom. In doing so, he galvanized the U.S. anti-fracking movement and made flaming tap water a symbol of the fight. In 2013, Fox continued his crusade to educate Americans about what is happening on their public lands and in their backyards with the release of his sequel, [Gasland 2](#).

His latest documentary focuses special attention on industry's efforts to silence protesters and examines the potentially corrupting influence of industry on politicians and regulators.

"I felt like I could see it: a horizontal well bore, drilled down into the earth, snaking underneath the Congress, shooting money up through the chamber at such high pressure that it blew the top off of our democracy," Fox narrates in *Gasland 2*. "Another layer of contamination due to fracking, not the water, not the air, but our government."

[Jim Gillooly/PEI](#) [Michael Bloomberg](#)

After 12 years as mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg is now counting down his last days in office, while commentators and ordinary New Yorkers tally up his achievements and controversies, and attempt to summarize his legacy. One thing is for sure, Bloomberg will leave the nation's largest city more sustainable and more prepared to meet the future challenges of climate change. In 2007, Bloomberg released PlaNYC, a sweeping sustainable program including 127 initiatives that would transform New York into a greener city and a leader in the fight against climate change. The program helped restore wetlands, create new open space, and create miles of new bike lanes. It also significantly reduced pollution in the city. Post-Sandy, Bloomberg has [pledged \\$20 billion](#) to rebuild New York City to be a more resilient, climate ready metropolis.

[Ralph Alswang](#)

John Kerry has been beloved by the environmentally minded for decades. And unlike some, he hasn't abandoned his green record as he has risen in the political world. Now as secretary of state, Kerry still [speaks frankly](#) about the global threat of climate change. Climate was a major talking point during Kerry's trip to India earlier this year. And touring the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan last week, Kerry called the storm a warning of extreme weather in a warming world as he pledged more U.S. support to the Philippines.

[David Garten](#) [Bill McKibben](#)

Bill McKibben used to be a mild-mannered journalist. Today, he is the leader of one of the biggest grassroots environmental movements in decades. In 2007, McKibben and a group of graduates from Middlebury College founded the organization [350.org](#). The name refers to scientist James Hansen's quantification of the maximum concentration of carbon dioxide (350 parts per million) the atmosphere can contain while still offering "a safe operating space for humanity." McKibben's "Do The Math" tour this year has taken his message on the road. Speaking at sold-out venues across the country, McKibben does the math for his audiences — we can only emit 565 more gigatons of carbon dioxide and stay below 2 degrees C of warming. That's just a tiny fraction of the 2,795 gigatons of carbon dioxide that will be emitted if corporations bring to market what they have in their reserves.

Full disclosure: Bill McKibben is a member of the Grist board of directors.

Joanna M. Foster is a reporter for Climate Progress.

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[Dakota doctor witnesses Wounded Knee aftermath](#) nlm.nih.gov

[Dr. Charles Eastman, a Dakota, hears reports of a battle. Despite a blizzard and Army efforts to delay him, three days later he arrives with 85 Lakotas and 10 to 15 white civilians who plan to bury the dead at Wounded Knee. Although he had been told that the incident was a battle, Eastman writes tha...](#)

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[Tributes have begun pouring forth for Native American comedian Charlie Hill, who died earlier today.](#)