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The Congressional vote on the Keystone XL Pipeline was full of drama, passion and partisan politics. Many were happy and also impressed with the victory song intoned by Sioux Greg Grey Cloud. It is, however, only a stop-gap, but after the new Congress is installed, numerically in peril. The other item to watch is that there all several other pipeline quietly in the mix, and XL publicity may be used to divert attention. The following articles are included for you to analyze the press coverage



In the meantime, this decision is garnering international attention as a pivotal event in the USAs evolution - or lack thereof. So be Idle No More as you support your brethren. sdc

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emc=edit th 20141119&nl=todaysheadlines&nid=25905172](http://politics.nytimes.com/congress/votes/113/senate/2/280?emc=edit_th_20141119&nl=todaysheadlines&nid=25905172)**

[Native American Chant Interrupts Senate as Keystone Vote Fails](#)

Seconds after Sen. Elizabeth Warren announced that the aye votes approving Keystone XL project fell just short of the 60 vote threshold, a Native American chant broke out in the gallery, celebrating the..

Senate Democrats Reject Bill to Build Oil Pipeline

The Democrat-controlled Senate has defeated a bill to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline.<br/

Senate Votes Down Keystone XL Bill as Momentum Builds Towards Rejection

After hours of debate on Tuesday, the U.S. Senate voted x-x to reject a bill that would have bypassed President Obama and fast-tracked the Keystone XL... boldnebraska.org

Mad MAD MAD props to **Greg Grey Cloud** singing a victory song in the
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nited States Senate Gallery after the Keystone Bill failed! ! [#OcetiRising](#) [#NoKXL](#) [#NoPipelines](#)

Red Power Media

A Native American chant broke out in the gallery, celebrating the Senate's rejection of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline. The man who began the chant reportedly came from the Lakota tribe.

Murray on KeystoneXL pipeline: Don't put politics ahead of science

A rush by Congress to approve the controversial KeystoneXL pipeline, which would carry Alberta crude oil to the U.S. Gulf Coast, would put "political expediency... blog.seattlepi.com

Daily Kos

Watch the job creation explanation here—<http://bit.ly/1t3SGhV>

US Senate Votes Down Keystone XL Pipeline; Three Democratic Senators from Indian Affairs Vote in...

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Vote in Favor nativenewsonline.net

Lame-duck Democratic senators stop the Keystone bill. Will Obama follow their lead?

A Senate bill to force approval of the pipeline failed on Tuesday, coming up one vote short of the 60 needed to overcome a filibuster threat.
BY BEN ADLER

Republicans: Keystone pipeline down, but not out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is promising the new Republican majority will quickly resurrect Keystone XL pipeline legislation killed by Democrats, potentially setting up an early 2015 veto... news.yahoo.com

Here's why the GOP just loves fossil fuels

The Republican energy agenda goes far beyond Keystone. **BY MICHAEL T. KLARE**

Native Americans Arrested Following Keystone XL Pipeline Vote

<http://www.truth-out.org/buzzflash/commentary/native-americans-arrested-following-keystone-xl-pipeline-vote>

Debunking 8 discredited talking points pushed by Keystone XL proponents in Senate debate l...

As the Senate debates the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, proponents of the Keystone XL tar pipeline... switchboard.nrdc.org

Elizabeth Kolbert | Between China and Keystone XL

Elizabeth Kolbert, The New Yorker

Kolbert writes: "On Tuesday evening, when Senate Democrats rejected efforts to force a vote approving the Keystone XL pipeline, they knew they were just delaying the inevitable."

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All-Defense Posted on November 17, 2014 by NDNSPORTS STAFF in...ndnsports.com

BLACKSTONE's video: In Loving Memory of Gordon Tootosis (1941-2011).

In Loving Memory of Gordon Tootosis (1941-2011) 03:10

The Cherokee Word for Water is a feature-length motion picture that tells the story of the work that led Wilma Mankiller to become the first modern female Chief of the Cherokee Nation. cw4w.com

U.S. Indian school's fundraising letters sent to millions signed by fictitious kids

A charity in South Dakota uses fictitious accounts of beaten and abandoned Native American children to raise money. cnn.com

By David Fitzpatrick and Drew Griffin, CNN Investigations

Humboldt County, tribes receive 2,400 donated drought kits for low-income households

Will Houston, Eureka Times Standard

In an effort to address the drought on the household level, California has teamed up with The Home Depot to distribute kits to low-income residents, with about 2,000 being given to North Coast tribes last month and now 400 more for drought-stricken communities in Humboldt County

California Water launches contest

Porterville Recorder

California Water is inviting teachers of students in grades 4-6 to create and implement a class project related to water and enter to win a prize, including an ...

Photo Contest: <http://chasingthelight.info/workshops/winter-holidays/>

<http://encurious.com/post/90982259223/quotes-from-childrens-books>

Registration Open for AASLH StEPs Lab on Deaccessioning

When it comes to removing accessioned items from your museum's collection, the devil is definitely in the details.

Register now for this webinar and join us online to discuss the important topic of deaccessioning. Each paid registrant receives one login. You may have an unlimited number of participants taking part in the webinar from one computer.

December 4 2–3:15 p.m. Eastern

\$25 for organizations enrolled in StEPs

\$40 for non-StEPs museums

\$115 for non-AASLH members

Register Now

More information: A policy that addresses the disposal, trade, or sale of any collection item is an essential document for every museum, historic house or other collecting organization. And, paid and unpaid staff plus committee and board members need to be well-informed of that policy.

In this StEPs Lab, Ellen Endslow, Director of Collections/Curator for the Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, Pennsylvania, will address important points about deaccessioning, what a policy should cover, and how to avoid getting into deep deaccession trouble.

Paid and unpaid staff and board members from organizations of all sizes, especially smaller ones, will want to take part in this online event. Participants enrolled in AASLH's StEPs program will also benefit from Ellen's comments on how they can meet deaccessioning-related performance indicators.

What are StEPs Labs

Participation in StEPs Labs provides in-depth information on topics central to the operation of your museum, historic house or site. Applying what you learn in a Lab to your organization's policies and practices means you are making meaningful progress in the [StEPs program](#). The more boxes you check off, the more progress you make. The more progress you make, the more StEPs certificates you earn!

Preparing for a future when sustainability is a necessity

SFCC celebrates the fall harvest

www.abqjournal.com

'Occupy The Farm': In Berkeley, The Revolution Will Be Irrigated

By Allison Aubrey and Dan Charles, National Public Radio

09 November 14

In an open field on the northern edge of Berkeley, Calif., planting vegetables is the latest form of political insurrection.

On the morning of April 22, 2012, hundreds of people broke the lock on a fence surrounding the Gill Tract, a 14-acre plot of land owned by the University of California. They set about planting thousands of vegetable seedlings.



This "[farm occupation](#)" was, in part, a protest against the university's plans to convert part of the Gill Tract into a commercial development. But the protestors also had bigger things on their minds, such as malnutrition among the poor. The Gill Tract protest, which has evolved and persisted for more than two years now, has become a symbol of the subversive possibilities of urban agriculture.

There's now a documentary [film](#) about events at the Gill Tract, called *Occupy the Farm*. Since we missed the actual protest, we called up the director of the film, Todd Darling, to learn more.

You can listen to our whole conversation at the link above.

"What surprised me when I first got there was how much fun everybody was having," Darling says. "All these kids were running around. People from the neighborhood were there. I realized that doing this as a group, in a piece of open land, was fulfilling people in a way that everyone was surprised at. When people talk about growing food as community, as a way of building communities, I realized that it's not just rhetoric, it actually is true. There's something magical about that activity."

Darling's film highlights many of the big issues that motivated the protest's organizers. "It certainly was a protest against the university's plans to essentially privatize it by paving it over and leasing it out to commercial operations, but at the heart of it is the story of food and malnutrition in urban areas," he says.

At the end of the first summer, the impromptu farmers harvested two tons worth of food. Darling says he was startled by the amount. "I came to realize how much food you could really grow in a small area," he says.

Darling isn't giving away the ending to his film, but he promises that it's not depressing. "Rather than having martyrs led off at the end of the film, it's a more hopeful ending," he says. "But that was never certain, and it happened in fairly dramatic style."

The film had its premier in Berkeley this week. In the coming weeks, it will [arrive](#) in New York and Pasadena, Calif.

Come check it out!! All learners of any language

[Paiute Immersion Training](#)

[RSIC Language and Culture Program](#) with [Loika Kane](#) and [6 others](#) at Hungry Valley TLC
A sneak peek at our Immersion Language classes.

[Arizona cop with policy of jailing only Native Americans will keep job until full retirement](#)

[An Arizona police sergeant who told officers to take only Native Americans to jail for shoplifting will be punished with a demotion so that she can retire with a full... rawstory.com](#)

Shoshone Flag Song - Judy Trejo "Shoshone Flag Song" from the album Circle Dance Songs of the Paiute and Shoshone by Judy Trejo courtesy Canyon Records (www.canyonrecords.com). [youtube.com](#)

[The Netherlands Gets the World's First Solar-Powered Bike Lane](#)

Leave it to the Dutch to make cycling even greener. [citylab.com](#)

Geoff Ellis For you and your relations....

[Healthy Eating For The Next Generation](#)

This project was filmed and edited completely on an iPhone 4 using the Paiute language known as Numa Yadua, Talking Paiute. www.youtube.com

[Harvard Students Take 1964 Literacy Test Black Voters Had To Pass Before Voting -- They All Failed](#)

What happened when a group of Harvard students took the 1964 Louisiana Literacy Test that was designed to keep black people from voting? They all failed. addictinginfo.org

[Kennewick Man Linked To Non-Native American Explorers In Contradiction To Claims Of Tribes and the Corps of Engineers](#)

November 13, 2014 by [jonathanturley](#)

We have previously discussed the controversy over Kennewick man, the 9,000 year old skeleton found along the bank of the Columbia River eighteen years ago. Putting aside the fact that the date of the skeleton once again contradicts those who believe that the Earth is only a few thousand years old, it also represented a major scientific find. Scientists stated that the skeleton did not appear to be Native American, but Native American groups insisted that under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) they had a right to take possession of the skeleton and stop any further scientific work at the site. To the astonishment of many (particularly in the academic world), Army Corps of Engineers sided with the tribe and fought to give the non-Native American skeleton to the local tribe and dumped 2 million pounds of dirt and planted several thousand trees on top of Kennewick Man's burial site to stop further scientific work. Now, the results are in. Kennewick Man is not Native American but the Corps is continuing to defend its absurd position and its obstruction of important scientific work.

Forensic anthropologist Doug Owsley of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History believe that KM was an immigrant who traveled in boats from Polynesia, along the coasts of Japan, Russia, Alaska, Canada and eventually up the Columbia River. There may be more evidence in the area but the Corps has succeeded in destroying what could be unique evidence of the earliest groups in North America. It is the triumph of thoughtless bureaucrats over science.

Scientists had to take the Corps to court and the Corps was criticized by U.S. Magistrate Judge John Jelderks of having "prejudged the outcome" to side with Indian tribes. The Corps and the tribes were proven wrong. However, the Corps is still saying that it acted correctly. Bizarrely, the Corps says that it does not matter if this is not a Native American gravesite under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Jennifer Richman of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stated "We are very sensitive to the facts the tribes view the remains as being very significant. The tribes view the remains as their ancestor." That is quite a subjective standard. It would turn the Act into de facto ownership of any skeleton and accompanying artifacts found in such areas. The tribe was wrong. Its "view" of the KM being an ancestor is baseless. Yet, the Corps would reject all science and logic in barring scientists from working on such critical sites.

Kennewick Man is currently being kept away from the public in Seattle's Burke Museum — safe from the hands of the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Source: [Smithsonian](#)

Rising seas: 'Living on borrowed time'

County official: Relative sea level rise on Humboldt Bay highest in state Clay McGlaughlin, Eureka Times Standard

Editor's note: This is the second story in an ongoing series looking at local responses to the issue of climate change.

Climate change has been called a "long emergency," with impacts ranging from the current extreme drought in California to globe-spanning disruptions of weather patterns and ecosystems predicted for the coming decades. Here in Humboldt County, one of the many predicted impacts is sea level rise, which experts say could threaten underground utilities and U.S. Highway 101. Here's a look at what the county is doing to adapt.

[Federal Water Tap, November 17: New Data Reveals Significant Shifts in U.S. Agriculture](#)

Weekly U.S. Federal Water News...

The Rundown

U.S. irrigation moves east and increases its efficiency. A climate deal with China includes water-energy research, while Senate Energy Committee passes water-energy legislation. The Obama administration pledges \$US 3 billion for a green climate fund. The Senate prepares for a Keystone XL vote. California hopes to pipe desalinated water from Mexico. A New Mexico senator wants to protect forests and watersheds.

“U.S. Department of Agriculture research needs to respond to the fact that irrigation is moving east. We need to make the case to Congress that we should add people and laboratories in those states that haven’t looked at irrigation management before.” – Steve Evett, USDA Agricultural Research Service soil scientist, talking about new federal data showing more irrigation in the eastern United States.

“They’ll bring ideas and we’ll bring ideas and we’ll find where the most value is.” – Robert Marlay, U.S. director of the U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center, on the direction of a new research partnership with China, to investigate the connections between water and energy use.

By the Numbers

54: percent of U.S. irrigation water that came from aquifers in 2013 ([USDA](#))

30: percent increase in the number of more-efficient micro-irrigation systems in the United States between 2008 and 2013 (USDA)

\$US 3 billion: Money pledged to the Green Climate Fund, which will help poor countries adapt to climate change ([White House](#))

Reports and Studies

Irrigation

U.S. farms are using less water per acre to irrigate crops while more farmers in the eastern states are investing in irrigation equipment, according to [new federal data](#). Published every five years, the Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey is the most complete set of state-level data on farm-water use, equipment, and practices.

Weather Data

October was the [fourth warmest](#) in the 120-year historical record, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. California marked its warmest January-October period.

News Briefs

Climate Deal

The world’s top two carbon polluters agreed to [new emissions limits](#), in a non-binding deal announced in Beijing during President Obama’s meeting with President Xi Jinping of China.

One of the provisions of the historic agreement calls for a [water-energy research program](#), organized under the guidance of the U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center (CERC). A research agenda for the five-year, \$US 50 million program will be hashed out over the next nine months, Robert Marlay, U.S. director of CERC, told Circle of Blue.

Water-Energy Bill

Legislation to create [an interagency council](#) to coordinate federal research and data collection related to water and energy passed the Senate Energy Committee. The bill is sponsored by Alaska Republican Lisa Murkowski.

Klamath River Bill

The Senate Energy Committee also approved revisions to a bill to restore the Klamath River. State officials in California and Oregon, the two states in the watershed, will now have greater authority in deciding whether to remove four dams that have been at the center of the restoration debate.

On the Radar

Water Pipeline

The U.S. State Department and a water district in southern California will collaborate on [an environmental review of a water pipeline](#). The conduit will carry up to 50 million gallons desalinated water per day from Mexico into San Diego County. Comments on what issues the review should consider are due December 14 and can be submitted at www.regulations.gov.

Watershed Protection Bill

As a dry western state, New Mexico worries about forest fires and water availability. A bill introduced by the state junior senator, Democrat Martin Heinrich seeks to address both issues. The [Restoring America's Watersheds Act](#) establishes a program for collaboration between cities and the U.S. Forest Service for reducing fire risk in watersheds critical for drinking water supplies. The bill allows for federal funding, but it asks for no money directly.

I need to hear the elders of this group - I need to hear our community voice

[Shawn W.](#) Co-owner - T&T Trading Post

I have received an opportunity to work with a high school girl who is making a school competition historical documentary video centered on native issues.

This young white academic girl has a real shot at a national title I believe this year as she has done very well in past year competition.

She - Sara is a close friend's daughter living in a border state to me. As a very young child I took her family to a Pow-Wow explaining much of the culture and custom that was unfolding to her. Our people have captured her imagination and affection ever since.

She has honored me this year by telling me her competition video was a piece over cultural genocide conducted through Government run schools (Chilocco in Oklahoma) for Native children contrasted with the cultural revitalization and relearning of language and lost ways in Native run schools (Sequoyah run by Cherokees for Cherokees) and asking me if I could help facilitate her access needs in these community.

I set Sara up with my spiritual elder Willis an 80 year old fullblood Creek who attended Chilocco and my healer his wife Rose who is Potawatomie/Choctaw and attended Haskell in Kansas back in the early 1940s. Willis and Rose are positive people and even when ask to - dwell very little on sad, bad, or difficult times recalling and accentuating the positive and good things that came from a hardship or painful time and Sara's interview with them was no different.

Sara discussed with me asking “was my thesis wrong because they enjoyed the schools?” I told her no it was not wrong but a matter of perspective. Willis’s Grandmother was a child when she was forced to make the trail walk to Indian Territory. Her parents were devastated and really never recovered, Willis Grandmother did recover but she was never without a sense of loss and a yearning for home. Willis’s father was born in Oklahoma he heard stories of the old home lands but he never knew them or for that matter yearned to see them because he had been assimilated into Oklahoma – this was home – his home and from his perspective it was where he was comfortable.

I explained that I thought that the journey of cultural assimilation with the schools was very similar in nature, Willis’s father hated the government school and they punished the Indian out of him by the time Willis followed his father’s footsteps in school there was from his perspective a serious need to learn a trade, to make money, to live in the white world as the Indian world was gone except for a few retold memories. The government run schools offered a potential way of life in the white world where they now made their home and they were thankful for that. It is not until Willis’s children became adults now they are men my age 50 and 60 that they question what was lost and who said it was of no value and after asking these questions have rebelled against the cultural genocide and the white way that they and their family have been urged and coerced into.

After explaining what I thought Sara has asked to document an interview with me over these subjects and - of course my answer is yes.

This is where I need your help/voice as I will represent all of us with the “native view” for her story and I hope to share "our voice" rather than my view.

Do I have a correct view of why many of the 60-80 year old people now look back kindly on Indian schools? If no why do we have opposed viewpoints with attendees of these schools? Are there thoughts/highlights I need to stress & help her understand from our perspective?

Please be kind - keep on the path – We have many things that need to be said but one at a time - its this story’s time to be told.

Who knows maybe it will inspire Sara to advocate for true history mandates to be taught and will lead the way to making this future change?

I can dream and hope and actively facilitate toward that reality!

Trail of Tears Descendant Shawn Wright

Comments

[F.J.](#) Independent Religious Institutions Professional

I think your close, back about 15 yrs ago We put on a pow wow in pipestone MN as a reunion for the pipestone indian school to kids. they never had one before. I took the old student records from the school and got the tribes to help find any still living I had fox TV there to record it . I interviewed about 9 of the previous students ages 70-90 they all loved what they got from the

school. I still have the tapes

Gary P. Accounting Professional

I know the Boarding school in Sault St. Marie holds a reunion of former residents. I don't know when the next one would be. My deceased father-in-law was Abenacki from the Odanak reserve above Montreal Canada and attended a reunion in 1993 I, I believe.

The boarding school I was in has never held a reunion, as far as I know

Celebrate the Season
2014 Holiday Card Design Competition Call for Entries

Principals and Teachers...

With the holidays quickly approaching, it's time for the 4th Annual WCSD Holiday Card Design Competition!

We know there are many talented artists in each of your schools. We'd love to share that talent with the people of the Washoe County community by sending them a holiday card created by one of your students. Here are the details:

- Submissions may be a painting, drawing, or photograph and must have a holiday theme.
- Format is 8.5"x 11" vertical or horizontal...color or black and white.
- Submissions may be sent to Melissa Gillis in high resolution .jpeg format or high resolution .pdf via e-mail. Non-electronic artwork may be sent to Melissa via school mail or snail mail. Submissions must be marked on the back with the student's name, age, school, and contact information.
- All entries must be received by **Monday, December 1.**
- Three entries each from the elementary, middle, and high school levels will be chosen as finalists.
- ONE lucky winner will be chosen by the Board of Trustees to represent WCSD's warmest holiday wishes to the community.
- The winner will be announced at the Board meeting on **December 9** (winner will be contacted prior to the Board meeting so he/she can attend).

Please share this information with all of your students and encourage them to participate in this exciting event. Thank you and happy holidays!

Melissa Gillis
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425 East Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89520

November 21 in 1933. in a letter made public, US Representaive James Scrugham said he would urge the federal government o establish national parks at Cathedral Gorge, Lehman Caves, Pyramid Lake area and Whipple cave; **in 1938**, with a vote of 93-3, members of the Pyramid Lake Tribe ratified corporate charter.

November 23rd in 1993, with the approval of PL 103-15, the US government apologized to Hawaiians for the coup wherein their nation was captured
