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On the day we remember and reflect on the impacts of “Indian”, WWI, WWII, Korean, and VietNam Wars have had on our lives, we also remember those that have died on our streets or gone missing as well as those persons and pets that have brought strength and joy to our lives.

Memories 5.27-6.2

- 1778 May 31** George Washington orders General Sullivan to wipe the Iroquois off the face of the Earth - "not to merely overrun, but destroyed".
- 1898 June 2** The Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition and Indian Congress opened in Omaha and included a Nevada exhibit. (Congress opened on Aug. 4).
- 1837 May 27** Fur trapper Jedidiah Smith, first known Anglo to enter what is now Nevada, killed by Comanches.
- 1847 June 1** A party of Latter Day Saints traveling west from Nebraska arrived at Fort Laramie.
- 1860 June 2** Second battle of Pyramid Lake. Defeat of Indians by California militia and US Army troops resulted in the establishment of Ft. Churchill, abandoned March 1870.
- 1862 June 1** 18,325 square miles of the Territory of Utah were shifted to the Territory of Nevada.
- 1877 May 30** War began between whites and Bannock/Paiute Indians. Led by Bannock Chief Buffalo Horn who was killed by US Army troops, Gen.O.O. Howard, Commander, defeated the Indians after several pitched battles.
- 1907 May 28** Clarence Eddy headed out of Rhyolite for the Panamint Mtns at the front of a heavily armed group of cronies to attack Natives and secure a mine staked by "Death Valley Scotty" that Eddy claimed to have discovered first.
- 1910 May 30** By signing Presidential Proclamation 1043, President Taft designated Rainbow Bridge, a religious site to Hopi, Navajo and other Southwestern tribes, to be a national monument.
- 1948 June 2** Stewart Indian School officials said a 16th victim of a Christmas Day fire in Dresslerville had died at a Tacoma, Washington, Indian medical service hospital.
- 1957 May 28** The United States government began a new series of atomic weapons tests.
- 1990 May 29** In *Duro v. Reina*, a case originating of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Nations, SCOTUS rules Native American Tribe may not assert criminal jurisdiction for a crime committed on trib's reservation by a member of a different tribe.
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Two 15,000-year-old bison sculptures have been discovered in a remote French cave, perfectly preserved and offering a glimpse into our ancient ancestors' artistic traditions. More details/photos: <https://bit.ly/3Lj6isl>

Native Directions Inc. Presents:
Three Rivers Indian Lodge
44th Annual Pow Wow

Host Northern:
The Braves

Host Southern:
Red Buffalo

Princess:
Summer Harrison

Outgoing Princess:
Imani Manuel

Head Staff:
Arena Director: Art Martinez
Head Gourd: Charlie Brown
Head Man: Jupjupicus
McCloud Bear: Shonnie Bear
Head Woman: Shonnie Bear
MC: Erik Kimple



"Honoring all Mothers"

June 28-30, 2024



June 28: Friday
5:00p-9:00p - Open Gourd Dance

June 29: Saturday
11:00 am - Gourd Dance
12:00 pm - Grand Entry
5:00 pm - Traditional Meal
10:00 pm - Bear Dance

June 30: Sunday
11:00 am - Gourd Dance
12:00 pm Grand Entry/Intertribal
5:00 pm-Retiring Flags

****Subject to Change****
****Please bring Chairs for seating****
Camping First come First Serve

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Western wildfire camera network is now the largest of its kind: The University of Nevada, Reno, along with two other universities, has significantly enhanced wildfire management by integrating their monitoring networks into ALERTWest. This collaboration provides firefighters with real-time data, improving wildfire response across the western United States. (uoregon.edu)



Ancient Civilizations

Pyramid of the Sun of Teotihuacan, Mexico. Volume 1,200,00 m³, estimated weight about 2,500,000 tons. Considered the third largest pyramid discovered.

Someone **once calculated that, based on ancient techniques and labor tools, it would take 15,000 workers to work continuously for 30 years to complete the massive project.**

See more: <https://www.ganjingworld.com/.../1ci2r9604007sBu4XVqDOQSG...>

Subjects That Should Be Mandatory In Schools

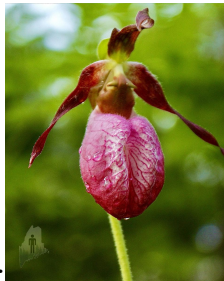


I would add first-aid, cursive, critical thinking, and library/research skills. sdc

[A Maine Man](#)

While searching for a cellar hole in the woods of Maine, I came across a patch of lady slippers. These plants can take up to 16 years to flower and can live up to 50 years.

In Native American folklore, the lady slipper flower holds a tale of courage and compassion. A young woman from the Ojibway tribe braved the icy snow to find medicine for her sick tribe. On her journey back, she became unable to walk, but her village rescued her. In the spring, where her bleeding feet had touched the snow, pink and white flowers shaped like moccasins bloomed. These flowers, named “ma-ki-sin-waa-big-waan” or “lady’s slipper,” became a symbol of her sacrifice and the healing power of unity and nature.



Medicaid Unwinding Deals Blow to Tenuous System of Care for Native Americans

May 19, 2024 09:18 am by Jazmin Orozco Rodriguez, KFF Health News



Although Native American and Alaska Native adults are enrolled in Medicaid at higher rates than their white counterparts, many tribal leaders feel they've been left in the dark as states roll through the tumultuous Medicaid unwinding that began last year.

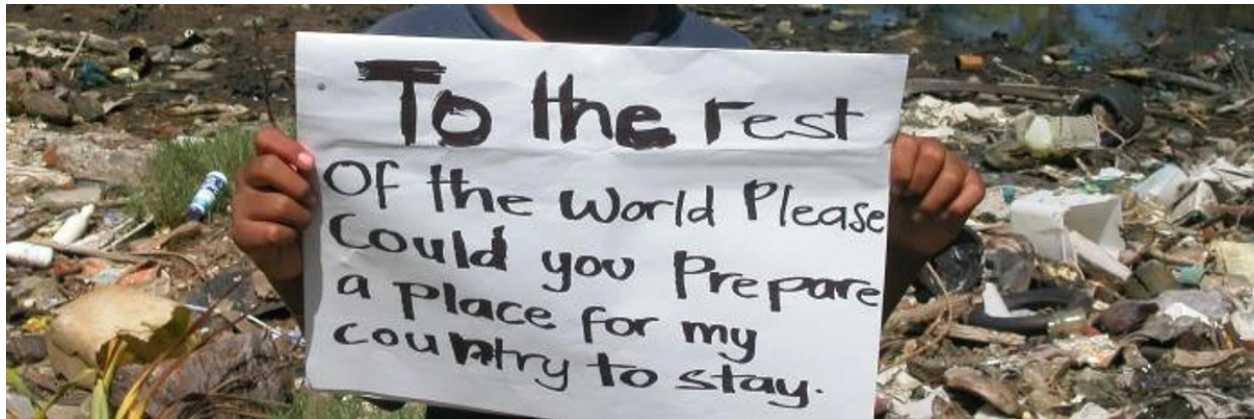
HAUL! An Interactive Learning Experience

There's loads of work to get done at the copper mine—and we need your help! Let students take the wheel of a 2-story high mining truck with this new gamified STEM learning experience. Check out the Educator Guide for classroom activities and tips to aid with classroom integration.

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**Visit Lake Tahoe on May 30 to learn about 'The Promise of Chemical Ecology':** Paul Alan Cox will deliver a lecture on 'The Promise of Chemical Ecology' at the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe, highlighting his research on neurodegenerative diseases and conservation efforts. ([unr.edu](http://unr.edu))  
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UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens (<https://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/>). Every year they have a summer concert series out in their redwood forest (<https://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/summer-concerts>). Amongst all of their concerts there is a singer songwriter from Canada - William Prince, a member of the Peguis First Nation near Winnipeg, Manitoba. The link for this concert is: <https://41780.blackbaudhosting.com/41780/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=ba6a4b65-c196-45d0-afb6-5d9e9cc8b46b> His website, in case you want to know, is <https://www.williamprincemusic.com/> — RN



A young person from Tuvalu holds up a sign asking for a place to live as the island nation suffers from sea-level rise in the background. (Photo: visuals.com)

Global Tribunal Issues 'Historic' Ruling for Oceans and Small Island Nations

"Protecting the global commons of the oceans and atmosphere is a matter of life and death," said one expert who praised the decision.

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/law-of-the-sea>



Portrait of Joseph Belain by Elizabeth Whelan Source: <https://www.elizabeth-whelan.com/> **Joseph Belain was a Native American whaler** who spent over fifty years at sea hunting whales. The Belains were a multi-generational whaling family, with members of the family participating in the industry as early as 1805.



Bear Dance, Janesville, Ca. no date

News24/7.com **Aboriginal people of Australia**

DNA confirms that the indigenous culture is one of the most ancient cultures on earth, they are from Africa.

The first Aboriginal genome sequence confirms that the indigenous people of Australia left Africa 75,000 years ago. A genetic study has found that Aborigines are descendants of the first people who left Africa up to 75,000 years ago, confirming that they may have the oldest continuous culture on the planet.

Indigenous Australians were the first modern humans to traverse an unknown region of Asia and Australia, says Professor Eske Willerslev of the University of Copenhagen, who led the study. “It was a really amazing journey that required exceptional survival skills and courage,” he says. A century-old lock of hair, presented to an anthropologist by an Aboriginal man, has led to the discovery of the ancestors of Aboriginal Australians.



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New housing complex to be called xu?yun ruwway, honoring Ohlone people

<https://news.berkeley.edu/2024/04/22/new-uc-berkeley-housing-complex-to-be-called-xucyun-ruwway-honoring-ohlone-people/>



[Segun tv](#) ·

Rudy Youngblood, of Comanche and Cree descent, emerged from humble beginnings in Belton, Texas. Born on September 21, 1982, he navigated a path from construction work to modeling before finding his calling in acting. Youngblood's breakthrough came with his role as Jaguar Paw in Mel Gibson's epic film "Apocalypto" (2006), where he showcased his raw talent and physical prowess. His portrayal of the resilient Mayan warrior garnered critical acclaim and propelled him to international fame.

Despite limited formal training, Youngblood's authenticity and dedication to his craft captivated audiences. He continued to pursue acting, landing roles in various films and television shows, often portraying characters with strength and depth. Beyond acting, Youngblood remains connected to his Indigenous roots, advocating for Native American representation in the entertainment industry.

Youngblood's rise to fame is a testament to his perseverance, talent, and commitment to his heritage, inspiring many along the way.



Diverse Books for All Coalition Giving Access to 145,000 Diverse Books Nationwide *National consortium aggregates buying power to bolster representation and access to diverse titles for young children*

WASHINGTON, DC (May 7, 2024) – As educators, students, and families begin to celebrate Children’s Book Week (May 6-12), the [Diverse Books for All Coalition](#) is thrilled to announce the purchase and availability of 145,000 diverse books building on the Coalition’s commitment to increase access to books that reflect the diversity of communities and children across the U.S. This initial collective purchasing initiative, involving 18 of the Coalition’s members, addresses the critical need for high-quality, affordable diverse books for ages 0 – 8 so that more children growing up in low-income communities can see themselves and learn about others in the pages of books. The 145,000 books have an estimated retail value of \$1.5 million and will be shared at low or no cost to the families, educators, and programs these organizations serve.

“Findings from [First Book Research & Insights](#) demonstrate the vital role of diverse books in supporting gains in reading scores and increased reading times,” said Kyle Zimmer, president and CEO of First Book, which founded the Coalition. “As student reading scores are slow to recover from recent historic lows, the need for affordable, high-quality books that reflect the diverse lives of students and communities is critical to boost academic achievement and foster long-term healthy development. Through collaboration, advocacy, and a shared commitment to inclusivity, we are laying the foundation for a future where every child has access to literature that reflects the beautiful diversity of our world.”

The Diverse Books for All Coalition, an unprecedented national consortium comprising over 50 nonprofits and membership organizations spanning all 50 states, stands at the forefront of promoting representation in children’s literature and is poised to positively and dramatically shift the literary landscape through the continued aggregation of buying power and distribution capabilities of the leading education organizations supporting young children in need.

Across the country, 27 million children are growing up in low-income communities where access to books of any kind is critically limited, much less diverse books that are relevant to their lives. More than 2.5 million students attend schools with no libraries and the lack of availability of diverse titles is magnified by a stark under-representation in the publishing of children’s books written by authors or about characters from diverse races and cultures. Through an innovative model of collective purchasing, the Diverse Books for All Coalition is furthering its goals of educational and racial equity by increasing access to and affordability of young children’s books representing diverse races, cultures, identities, and abilities. This purchase of 145,000 books through four esteemed publishers – Abrams, Barefoot Books, Candlewick, and Penguin Random House – also includes and emphasizes the importance of linguistically diverse literature, providing titles in English, Spanish, and bilingual editions so all children have access to stories that resonate with their lived experiences.

“As members of the Diverse Books for All Coalition, we hold steadfast to the belief that representation matters,” said Ernestine Benefict, chief communications officer of ZERO TO THREE. “Reading diverse titles from the earliest ages helps children develop their self-identity. By amplifying diverse voices and narratives, we are enriching the literary landscape through a

shared commitment to inclusivity and fostering empathy, understanding, and a sense of belonging among young readers everywhere.”

“This coordinated effort infuses quality books directly into communities, meeting children and families where they live and in the routines of their own busy lives,” said Jill Heath, president and CEO of Heart of America. “From pediatric clinics to local parks, community events, or even home-visiting programs, the Diverse Books for All Coalition members represent localized action on a national scale to maximize impact – all while uplifting local and regional organizations to strengthen their purchasing power.”

To celebrate the book distribution and Children’s Book Week, the Coalition is sharing author read alouds from some of the great titles featured in our distribution, including *A Place to Stay* by Erin Gunti, *Rooftop Garden* by Danna Smith and *Evelyn Del Rey Se Muda* by Meg Medina. The read alouds will air across the Coalition’s social media pages (@DiverseBks4All) and can be viewed on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube during Children’s Book Week, May 6-12.

The Coalition’s work has been supported through an initial grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Additional support has been received from the Buffett Early Childhood Fund. The Coalition is working to raise \$1 million to support its ongoing strategic, multi-faceted approach.

Learn more about this latest distribution and ongoing efforts to enrich the literary landscape at www.diversebooksforall.org.

[Visit our press room](#) for additional information, including our media kit and contact info.

Diverse Books for All Coalition

The Diverse Books for All Coalition is a national consortium of nonprofits and membership organizations working together to increase access to affordable, diverse children’s books. The consortium’s priorities include collective purchasing, narrative/message development to underscore the value and benefits of diverse and inclusive representation in books, and resource creation to enable educators and parents/caregivers to transform how children, educators and communities access, engage with and benefit from diverse books.

First Book

Education transforms lives. First Book is building a world where every child has access to a quality education. We work to remove barriers to education and level the playing field for kids in need. At the heart of our work are the more than 575,000 members of the First Book Network, the largest online community of individual educators, professionals and volunteers dedicated to supporting children in need across North America. This Network is the key to creating systemic change. Through our research arm, First Book Research & Insights, we conduct studies that aggregate their voices to identify barriers to equitable education and inform strategic solutions. To address their needs, we provide free and low-cost books, resources, and access to leading experts through the First Book Marketplace, which uses aggregated buying power to support this underserved community. Founded in Washington D.C. in 1992 as a nonprofit social enterprise, First Book is dedicated to eliminating barriers to learning and inspiring young minds. Learn more at firstbook.org and visit our award-winning eCommerce website at fbmarketplace.org.

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**Paul Rogers** writes about how the Monterey Bay Aquarium has become the latest cultural institution to offer free entry to anyone who receives federal food assistance. It's part of a larger trend by more than 1,300 zoos, aquariums and museums to **make their experience more accessible**.  
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Please see the important information below and share widely with your colleagues in Indian Country. TIAC Nominations are due by **June 7, 2024**

HUD's Office of Native American Programs has an exciting opportunity to **submit nominations for the Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee**. ONAP is looking for new members to join the Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC) in January 2025 for a 2 year term.

Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Nominations HUD is seeking nominations for future members of its Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. Selected nominees will serve a two-year term, beginning January 2025. In determining who to select, HUD will take into consideration several factors, such as geographic location and size of Tribe. In order to be eligible, the nominee must be a duly elected or appointed Tribal leader or Tribal employee (employees of a Tribally Designated Housing Entity are not eligible). Further details can be found in this [Federal Register Notice](#).

*Nominations are due by **June 7, 2024**.*

Respectfully, HUD/SWONAP

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"We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children." - Jimmy Carter

