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Are We Doomed to Repeat the Past? : There are leaders among us who are pleading that history be remembered. Those who didn't experience, or study, the world's lessons from the 1930s and 1940s, must educate themselves. The stage appears set for a repetition of history. [French president Emmanuel Macron is one leader who is sounding that warning](#) .

In an impassioned speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, Macron urged listeners not to “belong to a generation of sleepwalkers that has forgotten its own past.” Europe is divided in ways that emulate “civil war,” he said, and the “increasing fascination with illiberalism” pits democracy against a threatening wave of anti-immigrant nationalism and rising authoritarianism. Unless there is renewed commitment to strengthen the EU, and those democratic norms and ideals, Macron cautioned, it and they could be lost. “I want to belong to a generation that will defend European sovereignty because we fought to obtain it.”

[Madeleine Albright, the first woman to serve as US Secretary of State \(1997-2001\), is another leader voicing her concern.](#) In “Fascism: A Warning,” she reminds us that “the twentieth century was defined by the clash between democracy and Fascism, a struggle that created uncertainty about the survival of human freedom and left millions dead. Given the horrors of that experience, one might expect the world to reject the spiritual successors to Hitler and Mussolini should they arise in our era.” She now questions that assumption.

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Why a Nadia Mullan Alutiiq Heritage Library?

The Native Village of Afognak (NVA) believes that the creation of the Nadia Mullan Alutiiq Heritage Library is an important element in preserving the tribe's culture and history.

As members of one of 10 federally recognized Alaska Native tribes in the Kodiak Archipelago, the people of NVA once lived in large coastal villages throughout the archipelago and shared a common language and a lifestyle of traditional hunting, gathering, and fishing with the ancestors of the other local tribes. Archaeological evidence shows the presence of Alaska Natives in the Kodiak Archipelago beginning about 7,500 to 8,000 years ago and, by about 2,500 years ago, NVA's ancestors had settled permanently in the village of Ag'waneq on the island of Afognak.

Members of our tribe inhabited Ag'waneq – located 20 miles off the shore of Kodiak Island – until the 1964 Earthquake and Tsunami. The earthquake caused a great deal of destruction to the village and the federal government issued an evacuation decree for all the village residents. As a result, today many of our members live and work in the city of Kodiak, in remote villages in the archipelago, in Anchorage, in Seattle, and elsewhere in the lower forty-eight states. Those who remained in the Kodiak Archipelago are among the 2,500 Alaska Natives who still live in the area and who still share one culture.

Although western influences have dramatically altered Alutiiq culture during the past 150 years, there has been a cultural revival within the last 20 years among Kodiak's Native population. While we have lost touch with a great deal of our cultural heritage and our traditional political forms of organization, we feel an increased sense of tribal unity and identity.

Today's Kodiak Natives combine Western conventions with traditional worldviews to produce a lifestyle that is unique to the region. We desire to rebuild our tribal institutions and pass our traditions and beliefs on to our young people, who also wish to learn about our lifestyle. We see preservation of the values and practices of our traditional way of life as contributing to the health and vitality of our tribe's infrastructure, to the larger community, and to the land and sea that are our home.

We believe the Nadia Mullan Alutiiq Heritage Library will help us reach those goals. [Access Library now >](#)

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- **Carolyn Floyd Library at Kodiak College**
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- **Native Village of Port Lions**
<http://portlions.net/>
- **Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository**
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Program Background

Dig Afognak began in 1993 as part of a community-wide effort to regain, restore and carry forward the light of our ancestral

Alutiiq culture. Archaeological research in the Kodiak Archipelago began in earnest following the Exxon-Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound in 1989. With the clean-up of Alaskan shorelines following the disaster, many archaeological sites were being disturbed and valuable information lost. Storm waves, vandalism and time itself were working to destroy the archaeological record.

At the same time, the former Soviet Union made available collections gathered during the days of the Russian American Company, and our people saw for the first time in more than two hundred years, beautiful and elaborate bird-skin parkas, painted and decorated bentwood hunting visors, and mask regalia. Our hearts were deeply touched by the work of our ancestors and we determined that we needed to take responsibility for the excavation of sites located on our Native lands.

Through our direction, archaeologists worked alongside Native landowners, which promoted sensitive handling of culturally significant materials. Artifacts and information recovered are housed and curated in the Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository in Kodiak. To make the research circle complete, we invited tribal members and the visiting public to join us as Dig Afognak participants.

As the program developed, traditional cultural activities and youth camps joined the itinerary. Now, Dig Afognak has transformed into a haven for cultural exploration. The upcoming season

heralds a series of cultural immersion programs for our community. So join us to light the past and spark the future as we reveal the life ways of our Alutiiq ancestors.

Internships

For the past few years, NVA has offered internships at Dig Afognak. In order to be eligible for an internship at Dig Afognak, you must be a Native High School student between the ages of 14-16, preference will be given to youth of Afognak descent. Interested individuals should contact Nancy Nelson, Program Administrator at (907) 486-6357.

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Question: What is a group of jellyfish called?

1. Herd
2. Smack
3. Flock
4. School

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The only tribal newspaper serving the southern California Tribal Communities which, covers an area larger than many states. We are in the process of obtaining a 501(c)(3) non-profit status and will keep you updated on our progress.

First, let introduce myself to you. My name is Ernie C. Salgado Jr., and I'm a tribal member of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. I was born and raised on the reservation and attended public schools in San Jacinto. I have been involved in tribal politics my entire adult life at the local, state and federal level. Having served in the California Army National Guard from 1965 to 1971 and was on active duty in 1966 I am a veteran.

My extensive work experience includes working as a farm laborer, professional barber, short order cook, bail bondsman, bounty hunter, car salesman, profit 501(c)(3) educational organization that provided educational service for the American Indian Tribal Communities in Riverside and San Diego Counties.

Along the way I earned an associate of science degree at Mt. San Jacinto College and a bachelors and masters degrees in business administration (MBA) at the University of Redlands.

I am a widower and was married to the same beautiful lady for over 51-years. God blessed us with two daughters, five grand-daughters, five great grand- daughters and one great grand-son. My extended family includes two brothers, three sisters and aunts, uncles and cousins number in the hundreds.

The primary goal of the American Indian Reporter is to provide the American Indian tribal community with a monthly publication that has relevant information on a local, state and national level that may have an impact on the tribal community. It is to be all inclusive in serving the southern California American Indian Tribes, American Indian Organizations and Urban Tribal Indian Communities. The distribution area will include the southern California Counties the Chemehuevi Indian Reservation located in the remote eastern region of San Bernardino County bordering on western Arizona on the Colorado River to the Santa Ynez Indian Reservation in Santa Barbara County and to the east San Diego County Indian Reservations of Campo, Manzanita and La Posta.

The American Indian population in southern California is estimated at 200,000 according to the 2010 U.S. census.

The southern California tribes, tribal organizations and urban tribal communities will have the option of distributing the newspaper by U.S. mail, Internet or on site. It will also be emailed to all our subscriber and posted monthly at the web sites CALIE.ORG and AmericanIndianReporter.org. A well informed, educated and active tribal community is a powerful force.

In summary, the reality is that like all good things it cost money to produce, publish and distribute the American Indian Reporter. Without the sponsorship of the American Indian Tribal governments, American Indian Organizations and Urban Tribal Community the American Indian Reporter will have been a great idea.

Respectfully,

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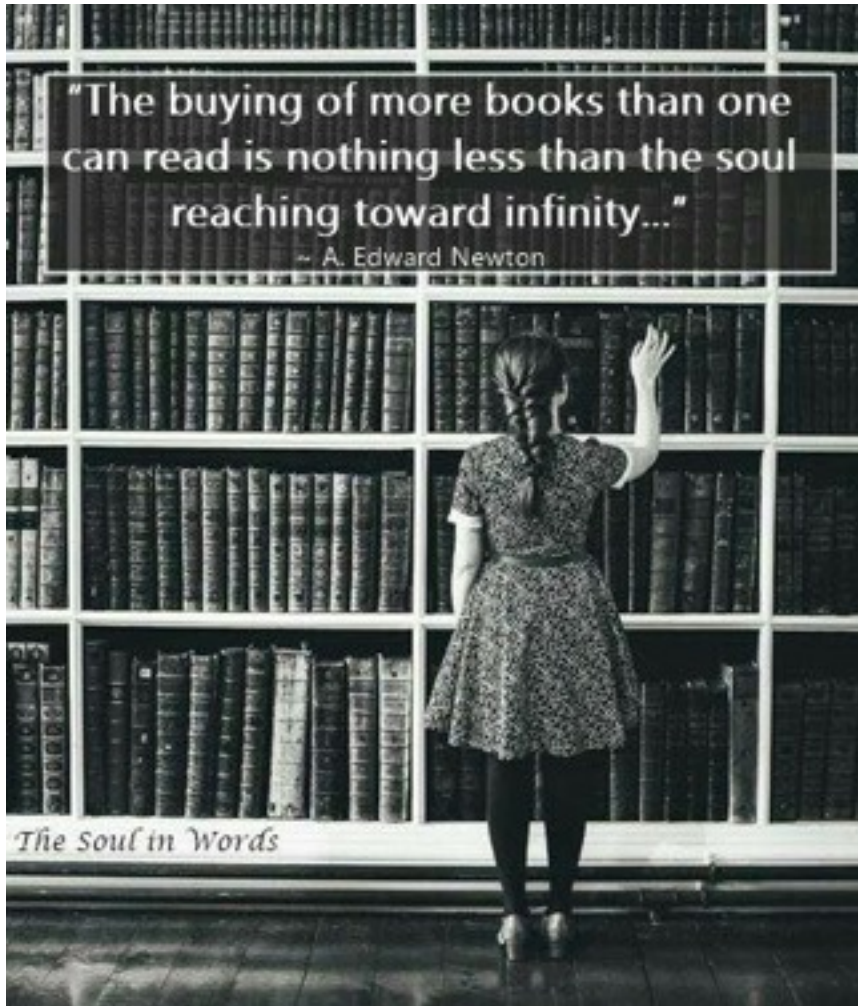
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Answer: **Smack**