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WASHINGTON (NNS) — Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer has announced the newest Towing, Salvage, and Rescue ship will be named Cherokee Nation in honor of the service and contributions the Cherokee people have made to the Navy and Marine Corps team.

“It is my privilege to announce that the many Cherokee Nation citizens who’ve served throughout the years will be remembered with the highest honor a Secretary of the Navy can bestow, the naming of a ship,” said Spencer. “The future USNS Cherokee Nation will expand our capabilities and form a critical backbone for the strength and readiness of our entire fleet.”

This is the fifth U.S. ship to be named in honor of the Cherokee people.

“The Cherokee Nation is extremely honored that the U.S. Navy is recognizing our tribal nation and the generations of Cherokee men and women who have bravely, and humbly sacrificed for our freedom today,” Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker said. [Read More...](#)

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## **PG&E owns land across California. What will happen to it?**

By Spencer Silva, San Francisco Chronicle, 6/24/19

If Ken Holbrook has his way, the Humbug Valley, a sprawling tract of alpine meadow high in the northern Sierra, will become California’s first American Indian tribal cultural park. That distinction doesn’t yet exist, but it would apply to tribal land open for public recreation. Holbrook is the executive director of the Maidu Summit Consortium, a tribal organization devoted to land stewardship and education, and he’s one of a few thousand Mountain Maidu who still live near an area of Plumas County historically occupied by the tribe’s ancestors. He envisions guides leading hikers around Tásman Kojóm, the Humbug Valley’s Maidu name, as well as public campgrounds and classes on basket-weaving and the nearly lost Maidu language.

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## **The Stream, June 27, 2019: EPA to Reconsider Alaska Pebble Mine Project, Halted in 2014 Under Clean Water Act**

Development on southwestern Alaska’s Pebble Mine, a sprawling copper and gold project, was halted in 2014 over concerns related to the Clean Water Act. On Wednesday, the U.S. EPA said it will reconsider the decision from five years ago. If approved, the mine plan includes construction of a new road, pipeline, and power plant near the starting points of two rivers. [Reuters](#)

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## **Earth Notes: Drought Eye** By Melissa Sevigny, KNAU, 6/26/19

Drought in the Southwest is something people want to track—and temperature is one way to do that. All over the United States, space satellites and weather stations collect temperature data in real time. But processing and presenting that data can take a long time. That’s why researchers created an interactive online map called Drought Eye. The map displays a measurement of “thermal stress” as a proxy for drought conditions. It shows the difference in temperature between the air, and the plant canopies on the earth’s surface.

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## **Agriculture Department buries studies showing dangers of climate change**

By Helena Bottemiller Evich, Politico, 6/23/19

The Trump administration has refused to publicize dozens of government-funded studies that carry warnings about the effects of climate change, defying a longstanding practice of touting such findings by the Agriculture Department’s acclaimed in-house scientists. The studies range from a groundbreaking discovery that rice loses vitamins in a carbon-rich environment — a potentially serious health concern for the 600 million people world-wide whose diet consists mostly of rice — to a finding that climate change could exacerbate allergy seasons to a warning to farmers about the reduction in quality of grasses important for raising cattle.



*At the 10-year memorial of the Battle of Little Bighorn, unidentified Lakota Sioux dance in commemoration of their victory over the United States 7th Cavalry Regiment (under General George Custer), Montana, 1886. The photograph was taken by S.T. Fansler, at the battlefield's dedication ceremony as a national monument. (Photo by Transcendental Graphics/Getty Images)*

### **What Really Happened at the Battle of the Little Bighorn?**

The most ferocious battle of the Sioux Wars was fought on this day in 1876. Colonel George Custer and his U.S. Army troops didn't stand a chance.

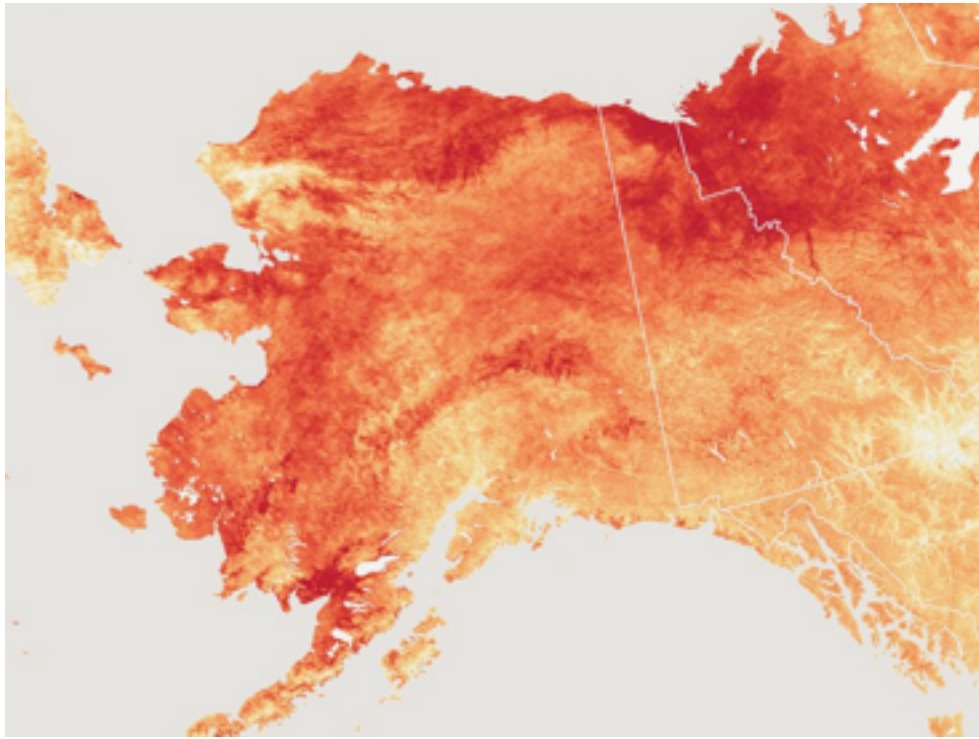
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### **The U.S. Island That Speaks Elizabethan English**

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- **Pala Band of Mission Indians, Pala Tribe Water Management Tool, San Diego County**  
Total Project Cost: \$598,855                      Reclamation Funding: \$298,380

[Why what you know about the water cycle might be misleading](#)

By Carter Williams, KSL, 6/12/19

PROVO —

Are the diagrams of the water cycle we're accustomed to misleading? That depends on the diagram, but that's likely the case because most diagrams don't account for human interaction or water pollution, according to a new study led by BYU researchers published in Nature Geoscience Monday. That's important, they say, because the human role in the water cycle drastically changes what we know about the water cycle and how it works. As a result, they believe, any omission helps give learners a false sense of global water security.

[How you're recycling plastic wrong, from coffee cups to toothpaste: If you don't clean your recycling, it can harm more than it helps. And that icon with the arrows is virtually meaningless](#) (Guardian)



## **\$14 Million Awarded in Grant Funding for Water Desalination Projects** **By CA Department of Water Resources, 6/20/19**

DWR announced more than \$14 million in grant funding for projects that increase water quality, supply, and infrastructure in California communities. This is the second round of Water Desalination Grant Program awards, as part of the Continuous Application Process (CAP). In the Continuous Application Process, funds are awarded on a first ready, first served basis to

public agencies, non-profit organizations, Indian Tribes, investor-owned utilities, and mutual water companies that pass the review process until all grant funds are exhausted.



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**A female octopus, known as a hen, may lay up to 100,000 eggs. She obsessively guards the eggs until they hatch and even stops eating.**

One of the most fascinating aspects of cephalopod life is the way the females of the species give their lives to make sure their offspring makes it through gestation and into their first moments of life. When a female octopus lays her eggs that's the beginning of her final stage of life. With her remaining time on Earth a mother octopus covers her eggs to protect them from predators while insuring that they receive the right amount

of fresh, warm water.

While she does carries out her final mission she doesn't eat, and she never leaves them alone. Once the eggs hatch the female octopus dies, giving her life so her children may start their own adventures.

## **Wealth, Access, and Archival Fetishism in the New Cold War History**

*by Benjamin R. Young*

Cold War historians are only reinforcing elitist hierarchies if they continue to almost singularly hold up multinational research in previously unexplored archives as the gold standard of quality scholarship.

## Why We Need Better Children's History Books

by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

*Assembling a coherent narrative that inspires students to image a different world is much more complicated than a Wikipedia search. Teachers can only carry out this task if they have access to narrative histories that are decolonized.*

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*Most of what we know about the world we learned by testimony — what someone else told us. If we relied only on our own senses, our knowledge would be very limited. So if most of our own beliefs are based on other people's beliefs, what are our desires based on? Turns out those are based, at least partly, on others' desires as well. This might be called 'desire infection,' meaning we get infected by the desires of others around us.*

*We know empirically that others' emotions can influence us. If people around us start yawning, we often start yawning. A film can seem much funnier if everyone in the audience is laughing out loud. Clearly our emotions are influenced by the emotions of others. But our desires are also influenced by the desires of others. The difference is that emotions are fleeting, but desires formed on the basis of other people's desires can remain, and have a major impact on how life turns out. (Aeon)*

*"Stories thrive on conflict between characters. By reading the great writers against the grain of conventional wisdom, Girard realized that people don't fight over their differences. They fight because they are the same, and they want the same things. Not because they need the same things (food, sex, scarce material goods), but because they want what will earn others' envy. Humans, with a planning intelligence that sets them apart from all other animals, are free to choose. With freedom comes risk and uncertainty: humans don't know in advance what to choose, so they look to others for cues. People can desire anything, as long as other people seem to desire it, too: that is the meaning of Girard's concept of "mimetic desire." Since people tend toward the same objects of desire, jealousy and rivalry are inevitable sources of social tension — and perfect themes for the great novelists." (René Girard and Mimetic Theory)*



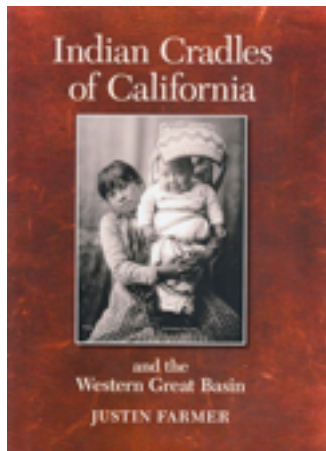
### **American Cultural Experience**

traditional drumming and dancing by local Native performers before Supaman performs.

<b>Event Details</b>	<b>Phone: 322.1538</b>	<b>Admission: Free</b>	<b>Food &amp; beverage available</b>
<b>Wingfield Park</b>	<b>2 S. Arlington Ave.</b>	<b>Reno, NV 89501</b>	
<b>Event Schedule</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>6:30pm - 7:15pm</b>	<b>Gate/Door Time: 5pm</b>

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## Seven More Heyday Publications



### **Indian Cradles of California and the West**

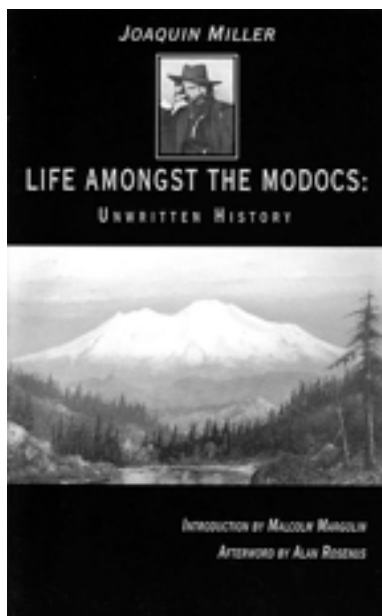
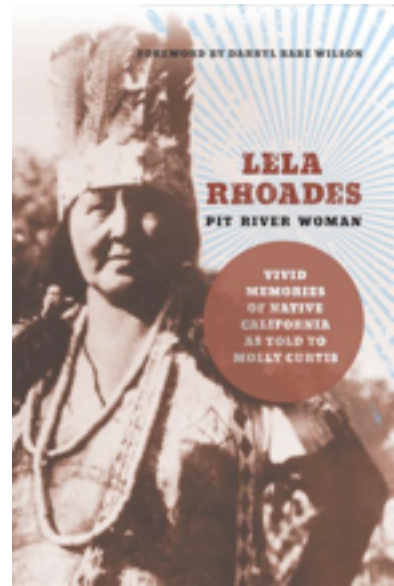
**Justin F. Farmer contributions by Ryan Ahern**

A thorough survey of California Indian cradles, cradleboards, and cradle baskets from thirty-one tribes across California. ISBN: 9780976149231

### **Lela Rhoades, Pit River Woman contributions by Molly Curtis**

Lela Rhoades has a voice so sharp, so funny, warm, and honest, that the stories of her life and the traditions of her parents will barely sit still on the page. As told to Molly Curtis in the 1970's, this memoir takes us

back into a world where men chased mother grizzlies out of their dens for their meat, where manzanita berries were ground up into sugar and houses built with the door right in the middle of the roof. It was an intricate, complex life that was unknown to the strangers that would take over the land. ISBN: 9781597142052



### **Life Amongst the Modocs: Unwritten History**

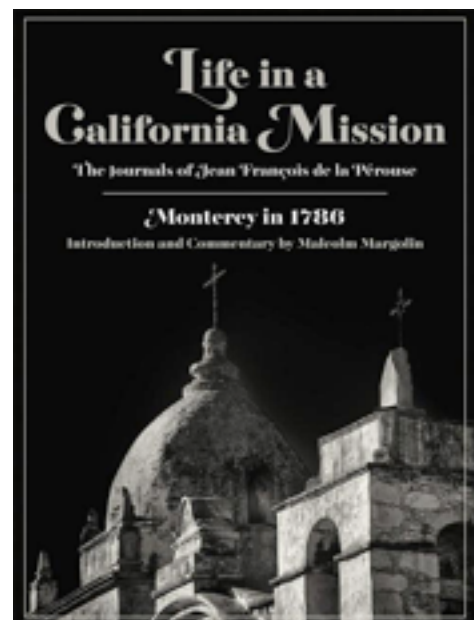
**by Joaquin Miller introduction by Malcolm Margolin contributions by Alan Rosenus**

Miller's masterful book, based on his years during the 1850s among the mining towns and Indian camps of northern California, is an account of epic sweep, with a grandeur and tone never before heard in the literature of the West. ISBN: 9780930588793

### **Life in a California Mission: Monterey in 1786**

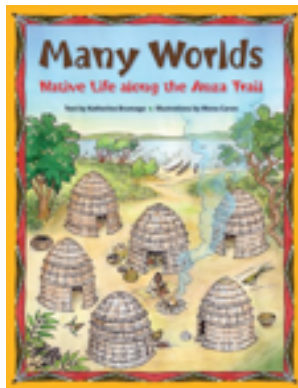
**by Jean Francois de la Perouse contributions by Malcolm Margolin illustrations by Linda On**  
the afternoon of September 14, 1786, two French ships

appeared off the coast of Monterey, the first foreign vessels to visit Spain's California colonies. Aboard was a party of eminent scientists, navigators, cartographers, illustrators, and physicians. For the next ten days the expedition's commander, Jean Francois de la Perouse, took detailed notes on the life and character of the area:





its abundant wildlife, the labors of soldiers and monks, and the customs of Indians recently drawn into the mission. These observations provide a startling portrayal of California two centuries ago.



**Many Worlds: Native Life Along the Anza Trail**

contributions by Katherine Brumage illustrations by Mona Caron

Many Worlds provides young people with an engaging and informative window into the California Indian world. By using stickers, colored pencils, and their imagination, children can explore the richness of California Indian life along the Anza Trail.

ISBN: 9781597141673

**The Morning the Sun Went Down: A Memoir  
by Darryl Babe Wilson foreword by Malcolm Margolin**

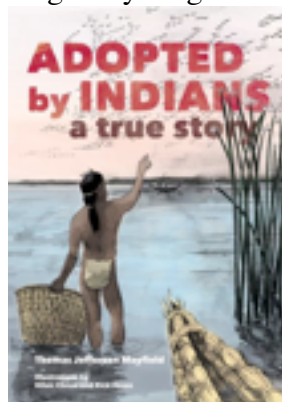
Through this lyrical and richly textured memoir we experience both the beauty and the deep tragedies of Darryl Babe Wilson's journey to adulthood. Born into the Achumawi and Atusgewi tribes (often called the Pit River Nation) of northeastern California, Wilson's early years were spent with his parents and eight brothers and sisters in a life rich in tradition. But when a car accident tore the family apart, Wilson entered into the foster system and then juvenile hall, where he was subjected to assimilation tactics that attempted to strip him of his identity. In *The Morning the Sun Went Down*, Wilson blends his peoples' narratives with stories of youthful innocence to create a coming-of-age story that doubles as a cultural tour de force.

ISBN: 9781597143622



**Adopted by Indians: A True Story by Thomas Jefferson Mayfield edited by Malcolm Margolin illustrations by Hilair Chism**

The children's version of our best-selling title *Indian Summer*, this book gives younger readers a close-up view of traditional California Indian life and



early California.

ISBN: 9780930588939





## **Native American physician numbers could increase with new path to medicine**

### **OHSU offers the only post-baccalaureate, pre-medical program exclusively for Native Americans**

By [Franny White](#) June 20, 2019 Portland, Oregon

*The first cohort of the OHSU Wy'east Post-Baccalaureate Pathway, a 10-month program for talented Native American students that serves as an alternative to the traditional medical school admissions process. (OHSU/Michael Schmitt)*

Jasmine Curry's journey to becoming a physician is a particularly personal one.

She lived with her single mom in southern Arizona during the school year, but spent summers and winters in Kaibeto, a small town on the Navajo Nation.

When she was 16, Curry's grandfather had a stroke. He learned to walk again at a rehabilitation facility off of the reservation. But his health gradually declined after returning home.

"He just kept regressing," an emotional Curry recalled as her eyes brimmed with tears. Transportation challenges made it difficult to make medical and physical therapy appointments. He started to drag his right foot while walking, and died four years after his stroke.

"So many of the health issues on the reservations are preventable," Curry said. "I want to focus on primary care and help my community become healthier."

Curry, 23, will start her first year of medical school at OHSU in Portland, Oregon, in September. She enrolled after completing the OHSU [Wy'east Post-Baccalaureate Pathway](#), a 10-month

program for talented Native American students that serves as an alternative to the traditional medical school admissions process. Wy'east includes a mix of science and public health coursework, MCAT preparation, research, study and self-care skills, and community health service with Oregon tribes.

*(Left to right) Johanna Tullie-Thomas adjusts the blanket around her son Aaron Thomas' shoulders during graduation. Thomas, along with six members of the pathway program earned acceptance to OHSU's School of Medicine, beginning this fall. (OHSU/Michael Schmitt)*

### **Underrepresented**

Upon successful completion, Wy'east participants earn conditional acceptance to the OHSU School of Medicine. Six members of the program's inaugural class will attend OHSU in fall 2019.

Together, they stand to increase the total Native American student enrollment at U.S. medical schools by about 15%. [Just 39](#) of the 21,600-plus U.S. medical students this past school year identified as Native American alone, and about [only 0.4%](#) of all working U.S. physicians are Native American.

A quarter of Native Americans [die before they turn 45](#). Health care leaders have long [advocated](#) increasing workforce diversity so more patients share similar backgrounds with their providers, but Native Americans rarely have this luxury. Native medical students are [55 times more likely](#) to serve native people than their peers.



*Dr. Erik Brodt (left) talks with Wy'east student Jacob Smith. Wy'east is a program of the OHSU Northwest Native American Center of Excellence, established in 2017. Brodt, M.D., is the center's director. (OHSU/Michael Schmitt)*

### **Overcoming obstacles**

Wy'east is a program of the OHSU [Northwest Native American Center of Excellence](#), established in 2017. The center's director is Erik Brodt, M.D., who is Ojibwe and an assistant professor of family medicine in the OHSU School of Medicine.

“We’re looking for American Indian and Alaska Native students that others say aren’t good enough for medical school, and we’re proving them wrong,” Brodt said of Wy'east, which is the only post-baccalaureate, pre-medical pathway exclusively for Native Americans. It’s named after the Multnomah word for Oregon’s iconic Mt. Hood.

A total of 10 students participated in Wy'east's first year, with seven aiming to attend medical school the following year, and the remaining three shifting from nonmedical careers with the eventual goal of becoming physicians. All successfully completed the program, with the seven academic enhancement students being eligible to enroll in the OHSU School of Medicine. One of those students opted to pursue a career in public health, however.

A proud Brodt celebrated the scholars' accomplishments at Wy'east's first-ever graduation on June 14. The event included a blanket ceremony, where wool blankets were placed on the scholars' backs to provide them the resources and shelter needed to protect themselves and their loved ones.

"When I look at you, I don't see 10 scholars," Brodt said to the students' family and friends in the audience.

"I see all the riddles that you will solve in the years to come," he continued. "I see the thousands and thousands of patients you will treat. And, one day, years later in a clinic, I see a child who will have the courage to answer the question 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' with 'I want to be a Native American doctor, just like you.' And that's so cool."

*Jasmine Curry works with a patient as she volunteers with the Casey Eye Institute Outreach Program in Chiloquin, Oregon, earlier this month.  
(OHSU/Kristyna Wentz-Graff)*



### **Making dreams come true**

The incredible privilege of being able to attend medical school isn't lost on Curry.

"It's everything my family and I have ever prayed for," she said. "Our families are so proud of us. We're going to be the first doctors in our family. We know how it is on the reservation. We can help our community overcome those challenges. Coming from the same background, we will be culturally competent doctors for Native patients."

At the graduation ceremony, Brodt acknowledged the scholars' journeys are far from over.

"This is just the beginning," he said. "It's going to be hard, I'm not going to sugarcoat this, but we're going to do this together. This is the opportunity to make dreams come true."

**Select Wy'east scholar profiles: [https://news.ohsu.edu/2019/06/20/native-american-physician-numbers-could-increase-with-new-path-to-medicine#.XRRXw\\_A8xhG.email](https://news.ohsu.edu/2019/06/20/native-american-physician-numbers-could-increase-with-new-path-to-medicine#.XRRXw_A8xhG.email)**

- [Association of American Medical Colleges: "Reshaping the Journey: American Indians and Alaska Natives in Medicine"](#)
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