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Antelope Canyon in Page, Arizona



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This stunning canyon in Arizona is one of the most heavenly spots in the U.S. With its sandstone caves and scenic canyon slots, Antelope Canyon provides plenty to enjoy for the traveling photographer and hiker alike. Tours often take visitors through “The Crack” in the upper section and “The Corkscrew” in the lower section. The real treat here are the swirls and ridges all along the canyon’s surface. They’re a result of erosion over the years and are beautiful to see in the light, so be sure to book your trip when sunny weather is the MO.

Mark Trahant

So hard to believe ... one year ago I shipped my office from Washington DC to Phoenix. We were relocating Indian Country Today's main newsroom to the Walter Cronkite School at ASU. Since then ... never could have imagined. We all know the challenges. But two highlights: We have created the first ever national TV newscast for Indian Country. (Reaching 75 million households.) As we grow, add stations, reporters, producers, and an anchor, we have a chance to dramatically change the story about Indian Country. And second ... our readership on our digital site continues to amaze me. This month we may top 800,000 readers. Imagine that! A million readers is not far away (and next by July we can celebrate that). Thanks to our many readers ... and make sure your PBS station knows about Indian Country Today. We will be on in Alaska at 6:30 pm starting in August on 360 North.

Kitschinipen – Summer

Winaminge – Time of the Roasting Ears of Corn

Hé! (Hello) Here is the teacher/Parent Guide to go with our reprinted award winning paperback version of **When the Shadbush Blooms**. It is available for schools and groups in bulk by Lee and Low Publishers. Also at book stores, online line and from <http://www.whentheshadbushblooms.net/>. Where you can get the book signed and dedicated. We also have an activity page and we will soon have the Teacher/Parent Guide on our site lenapeprograms.info as well. The main topics are on the left, the subpages pop up when the main page is highlighted. Visit the main page for Shadbush, where you can see and hear the book

Review

By Booklist

6/2020

Lee & Low revives this beautiful #OwnVoices look at the seasons, as experienced by the Lenni Lenape people, which was originally published in 2007 by Tricycle Press and had fallen out of print. A multigenerational tale unfolds through rich acrylic scenes painted on double-page spreads, upon which the left page shows a family's great-great-grandparents engaged in activities with their children that mirror those unfolding during the present day on the right. An entire year is depicted, with time marked as the Lenape traditionally have observed it—through telling shifts in nature, such as the “Grass and Geese Moon” and the “Heartberry Moon,” and through activities the Lenape people associate with specific times of year, as with the “Planting Moon” and the “Moon of Roasting Ears of Corn.” The seamless integration of the past with the present gently but powerfully shows the enduring power of tradition and history, while also highlighting the cyclical aspect of nature. Informative back matter provides more detail on the Lenni Lenape people, seasons, and culture. A lovely, enriching offering.

We have won the 15th Annual Skipping Stones Honor Awards! The Skipping Stones Honor Awards recognize 26 exceptional books and teaching resources. Together, they encourage an understanding of the world's diverse cultures, as well as nature and ecological richness. The selection promotes cooperation, nonviolence, respect for differing viewpoints and close relationships in human societies. Reading books is another way to explore cultures, places and even other time periods. The winners are featured in the summer issue and also on www.SkippingStones.org.

National Children's Choice Book Award Finalist! When the Shadbush Blooms has been named to this year's list of Best Children's Books by the Bank Street College Children's Book Committee! The Committee reviews over 4000 titles each year for accuracy and literary quality and considers their emotional impact on children. It chooses the best 600 books, both fiction and nonfiction, which it lists according to age and category.

We have won the CCBC Choice 2008, Children's Cooperative Book Center Award & 2008 Notable Children's Book in the Language Arts.

Recommended to teachers by the National Museum of the American Indian, Spring 2008 Education E-Newsletter; Recommended on National Public Radio's "Tell Me More" November 2007; Featured in Kirkus Reviews' BEA/ALA Big Book Guide 2007.

Excerpts- "My grandparent's grandparents walked beside the same stream where I walk with my brother, and we can see what they saw." Today when a Lenape Indian girl ventures to the stream to fish for shad, she knows that another girl did the same generations before. Through the cycle of the seasons, what is important has remained: being with family, knowing when berries are ripe for picking, listening to stories in a warm home.

Told by Traditional Sister and Contemporary Sister, each from her own time, this is a book about tradition and about change. Then and now are not so very different when the shadbush blooms. "The book captures so much that is Native: cycles, the particular roles and joys of people of different ages, plants and animals as integral parts of life, the richness of lives lived simply, and our connection to the past, and thus to the future. The language is crystalline, pure and sparkling, nothing wasted; nothing more needed." ‹ Karen Cody Cooper (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma), Museum Training Coordinator, National Museum of the American Indian.

"Both text and pictures invite you in, not as a stranger viewing a different culture, but a welcome guest.... it does not imbed a Native nation in the distant past. Instead, we see both then and now side by side, deeply connected, flowing into each other." ‹Joseph Bruchac, Abenaki storyteller and writer. "Over and against the plethora of "multicultural" writing for young children, this is the one I would choose to show them our pre-conquest lives: the balance of life, the belonging to the land and to each other, and how, for the fortunate among us, it still is that way. The traditions live, we adapt; what sustained us then, sustains now." ‹Doris Seale (Dakota, Cree, and Abenaki), poet, and editor/author of Through Indian Eyes and A Broken Flute.

Wanishi (Thank you)

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Trump administration says massive Alaska gold mine won't cause major environmental harm, reversing Obama

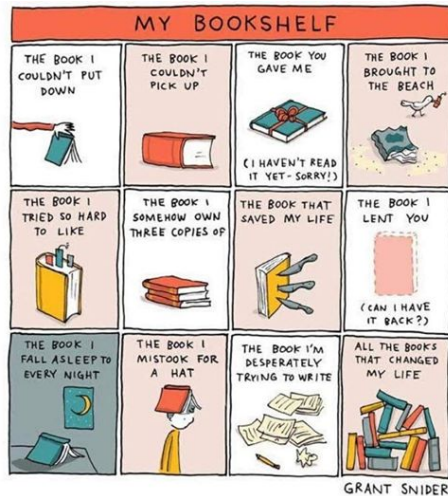
The Pebble Mine, which would be the largest in North America, was halted by the Obama administration out of concern it would irreversibly damage the famous sockeye salmon fishery

Extract:

"It is just one of several huge infrastructure proposals with a fate that depends on this year's presidential election. Trump has sought to expedite two major oil and gas pipelines the Obama administration had blocked: Keystone XL and [Dakota Access](#). Both have encountered legal setbacks in recent months, and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden has already pledged to stop Keystone if elected on the grounds that it would accelerate climate change. Another major Trump administration initiative in Alaska — [lifting logging restrictions in Tongass National Forest](#), the world's largest temperate rainforest — might also be reversed if the president fails to win a second term."

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As the world shifts to the new normal of remote and virtual work, Sierra Office Solutions finds itself in a unique situation. As a regional, wholly-owned subsidiary of Xerox Business Solutions Inc., the company has leveraged its own technology to develop strategies to adapt. Learn what works for them, and how it can be applied to other organizations during this Tech Wednesday.

From document management to collaborative communication tools and multifunction systems, Sierra Office Solutions provides a broad portfolio of technology and solutions for companies of any size and in any industry, with a focus on document-driven companies and industries. From healthcare organizations, government entities, manufacturing companies and legal firms to school districts and financial service institutions, Sierra Office Solutions hosts a state-of-the-art diagnostic center to provide LIVE remote support and first call resolution. To bring comprehensive solutions to the market, the organization partner with world-class innovators and



value-added suppliers.

With the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, the company moved its operations to be completely remote by March. In doing so, it experimented with new, interactive meeting formats and technology to make remote work more effective, efficient and enjoyable.

During this Tech Wednesday, participants will get a virtual tour of Sierra Office Solutions and learn through engaging sessions. Don't miss this chance to **learn the ins-and-outs of remote work** from this global, yet very local, organization.

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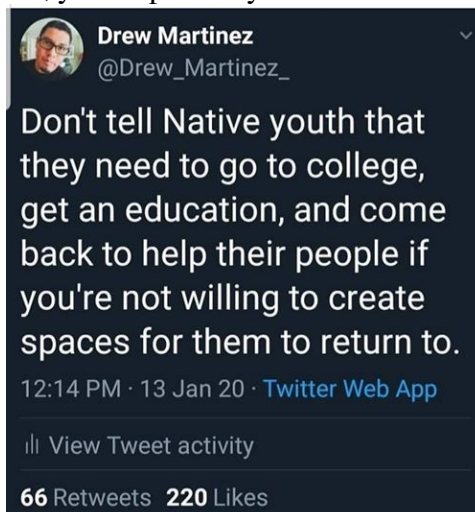
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John D. Berry *"I'm happy I'm American. But sometimes American history isn't happy."*
From Jewel Parker Road, "Towers Falling."

Ian Campbell

About 77% of American teachers are women. About 80% of American lawmakers are men. If you don't have a seat at the table, you're probably on the menu.



"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." – **Robert F. Kennedy**

"When I was a kid, my parents taught me: 'You break it, you pay for it.' It seems that's the bare minimum Enbridge owes every Michigander so long as the company continues to pump crude oil through the Straits of Mackinac." –Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Whitmer criticized Enbridge Inc., the company responsible for the controversial Line 5 pipeline, for reportedly refusing to pay for any damages caused by the pipeline beneath the Straits of Mackinac. Enbridge has insisted that it has already promised that under a 2018 deal with former Governor Rick Snyder, although it is unclear whether that deal—which was signed by Enbridge subsidiaries—applies to the parent company, Enbridge Inc. [AP](#)



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[The great climate migration has begun](#)

New research suggests [climate change will cause humans to move in unprecedented numbers](#). The New York Times Magazine partnered with ProPublica and data scientists to understand how.

[Remote learning? No thanks](#)

The coronavirus is so widespread in the U.S. that many schools are unlikely to reopen anytime soon. Already, some large school districts — in Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, suburban Washington and elsewhere — have indicated they will start the school year entirely with remote classes. Yet many parents and children are despondent about enduring online-only learning for the foreseeable future.

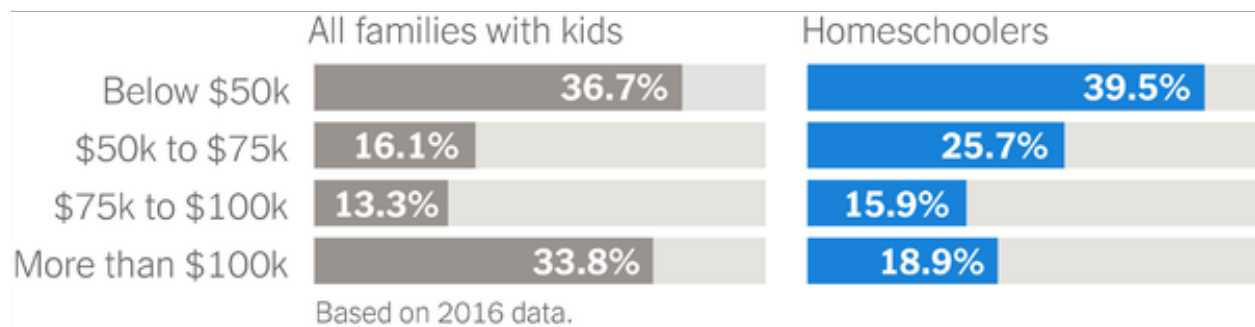
So it makes sense that the topic of home schooling is suddenly hot.

Parents who never before considered home schooling have begun looking into it — especially in combination with a small number of other families, to share the teaching load and let their children interact with others. Some are trying to hire private tutors. One example is a popular new Facebook group called [Pandemic Pods and Microschools](#), created by Lian Chang, a mother in San Francisco.

Emily Oster, a Brown University economist who writes about parenting, has predicted that clusters of home-schooling families are “[going to happen everywhere](#).”

Of course, many middle-class and poor families cannot afford to hire private tutors, [as my colleague Eliza Shapiro pointed out](#). But there is nonetheless the potential for a home-schooling boom that is more than just a niche trend among the wealthy.

Consider that the population of home-schoolers — before the pandemic — was less affluent than average:



By The New York Times | Sources: Census Bureau, National Center for Education Statistics

Eliza told me that she thought many families, across income groups, were likely to consider pooling child-care responsibilities in the fall. Children would remain enrolled in their school and would come together to take online classes in the same house (or, more safely, backyard). In some cases, these co-ops might morph into lessons that parents would help lead.

As for high-income families, they may end up having a broader effect if a significant number pull their children out of school and opt for home schooling. “We could see a drain on enrollment — and therefore resources — into public schools,” Eliza said.

As Wesley Yang, a writer for Tablet magazine, [asked somewhat apocalyptically](#), “Did public schools in major cities just deal themselves a deathblow?” And L’Heureux Lewis-McCoy, a professor at New York University, recently told the science journalist Melinda Wenner Moyer that any increased privatization of education was likely to “widen the gaps between kids.”

It's too early to know whether home schooling is more of a real trend or a social-media fad. But the U.S. is facing a dire situation with schools: Remote learning [went badly](#) in the spring. The virus continues to spread more rapidly than in any country that has reopened schools. And, [as Sarah Darville points out in an article for the upcoming Sunday Review section](#), the federal government has done little to help schools.

No wonder parents are starting to think about alternatives.

How can school districts respond? Jay Mathews, a Washington Post education writer, has a suggestion: Superintendents should abandon trying to devise a single solution for an entire school system.

By David Leonhardt NYT



mynews4.com

[**Toxic algae bloom shuts down Pyramid Lake to all residents**](#)

[**Pyramid Lake is currently experiencing a toxic algae bloom. According to officials, water samples reported from July 22, show cyanotoxin toxic levels that may cause harm to humans and pets. As a result of the toxic bloom, all beaches are shut down to residents until further notice. You are urged to....**](#)

It was on this day (7.25) in 1775 that the [**Continental Congress established the Postal System**](#). In the early days of colonial America, there was no centralized system for transporting correspondence — merchants or slaves carried letters between towns, and taverns or inns collected overseas mail. Early American settlements were coastal and relatively isolated from each other. Most mail was transatlantic, going from colonists to friends or relatives back in Europe. Mail that needed to be transported within the colonies was carried by postal riders, who rode alone through dense wilderness, marking the way by slashing marks into trees with axes.

In 1707, the British Crown officially took over the North American postal system, and appointed a series of postmasters general. One of these was Benjamin Franklin, who worked hard to make the system more organized and efficient. He went on a 1,600-mile journey to inspect post offices. He established a weekly mail wagon between Philadelphia and Boston. Mail was delivered by employees on horseback, and Franklin had them ride in shifts and continue through the night, by lantern light, so that mail took only half as long to reach its destination as it had before. He

coordinated postal routes all the way from Maine to Florida, and transatlantic mail moved on a schedule. Under his leadership, the postal system finally made a profit.

In January of 1774, Franklin was fired from his post for being sympathetic to the revolutionary cause. By that point, revolutionaries had set up alternative systems to deliver mail without the Crown's knowledge. These systems were invaluable for secret correspondence, but also as a way to publicize revolutionary materials to a wider audience — otherwise, when the revolutionaries published anti-British newspapers and pamphlets, the Crown post simply refused to deliver them. Americans supported the alternative mail systems as one more way to boycott England — the Crown mail service came to be seen as a form of taxation. Soon, this alternative system became the more popular and profitable of the two. A British surveyor-general wrote: "It is next to impossible to put a stop to this practice in the present universal opposition to every thing connected with Great Britain. Were any Deputy Post Master to do his duty, and make a stir in such matter, he would draw on himself the odium of his neighbours and be mark'd as the friend of Slavery and oppression and a declar'd enemy to America."

In May of 1775, the Second Continental Congress formed a committee to determine the best way of organizing this new alternative system. The six committee members, including Franklin and Samuel Adams, spent two months deliberating, and delivered a report on July 25th. The following day — on this day in 1775 — it was approved by the Congress, and the Postal System was established. Franklin was unanimously elected as postmaster general, with an annual salary of \$1,000.

In 1782, a man named Ebenezer Hazard was named as the United States postmaster general. In a letter to a friend, he wrote: "*My own Attention has been so constantly necessary that I have not had time for proper Relaxation; & in three years past have not been to the Distance of ten miles from this City. I once hired a Clerk, but found my Salary was not equal to that Expence in addition to the support of my Family, & was obliged to dismiss him.*" By 1789, there were about 4 million people living in the new United States, using 75 post offices and 2,400 miles of postal roads.

NCAI Announces New Vice President of Government Relations, Nathan Bergerbest

WASHINGTON, D.C. | Today, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is pleased to announce that Nathan Bergerbest has accepted the role of Vice President of Government Relations. In this role, Bergerbest will be responsible for leading and managing all strategic and operational aspects of the Government Relations team within the organization while creating a vision for the future long-term success for the programs within this scope of work for the NCAI and the NCAI Fund.

Bergerbest comes to NCAI from Senator Lisa Murkowski's (R-AK) office, where he served for more than 16 years in roles such as Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Counsel, and principal advisor on American Indian and Alaska Native issues. During his tenure, Bergerbest had significant involvement in the defense of tribal 8(a) provisions in the Small Business Act, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization, the Tribal Law and Order Act, the Violence Against Woman Reauthorization Act, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and the Esther Martinez Native Languages Programs Act, to name a few.

“NCAI is excited to add Nathan to our talented team of Government Relations professionals,” said Kevin Allis, NCAI Chief Executive Officer. “His impressive experience and knowledge will be enormously valuable in making our efforts even stronger in supporting and advancing the interests of Indian Country.”

Nathan’s previous roles also include Counsel to the Inspector General at the Federal Emergency Management Agency; General Counsel at Doyon, Limited in Fairbanks, Alaska; and Attorney at Cotten, Day & Doyle and Exxon Company USA, the domestic affiliate to Exxon Corporation. Bergerbest holds degrees from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the University of Southern California Gould School of Law.

“As a U.S. Senate staffer, I have come to know NCAI as the most influential and trusted advocate for the preservation and enhancement of the sacred trust between the federal government and the first peoples of the United States. I am humbled to join NCAI’s ‘best in class’ Government Relations team in its efforts to improve the quality of life of our Native people and ensure that their contributions to our nation are understood, appreciated, and respected,” stated Bergerbest.

Please join us in welcoming Nathan to the organization.

[Census 2020](#)

NEVADA TRIBAL OUTREACH UPDATES

2020 CENSUS RESPONSE RATE MAPS: As of Sunday, 19 July 2020, the national response rate was 62.2% and Nevada just behind at 61.4% of housing units responding (which matches Nevada's 2010 Self-Response Rate-- yay!). Nevada's tribes have a response rate of **36.5%**.

Here are the five tribal areas who have increased their responses the most week-to-week since July 12th:

1. **Wells Band Colony (Te-Moak): +3.2%** (now 38.7% overall)
2. **Moapa River Reservation: +1.1%** (now 9.5% overall)
3. **Walker River Reservation: +1.0%** (now 39.3% overall)
4. **Duck Valley Reservation: +0.8%** (now 11.6% overall)
5. **Pyramid Lake Reservation: +0.7%** (now 36.1% overall)

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony joins the top responding tribes this week:

1. **Ely Shoshone Tribe: 60.4%**
2. **Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe: 58.5%**
3. **Stewart Colony (Washoe): 55.9%**
4. **Elko Colony (Te-Moak): 54.1%**
5. **TIE - Campbell Ranch (Yerington): 50.0%**
TIE - Reno-Sparks Indian Colony: 50.0%

You can track your area's progress by going to 2020census.gov/response-rates, click on Tribal Area to the right of the map, and scroll down to your tribal area. And feel free to reach out to us to discuss ways you can increase

In 2018, California passed a law forcing public companies to include women on their boards. **Now lawmakers have introduced a measure that would compel companies to include board members from "under-represented groups"** or face fines of up to \$300,000. Under-represented is defined in the bill as African American, Hispanic, or Native American.

[Sacramento Bee](#) | [CBS13](#)

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Twenty-six Organizations Working to Conserve Seed Diversity

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You can drive right up to the most spectacular perch in Death Valley. Dante's View offers a bird-like view of both Badwater Basin, the lowest point in North America, and across the valley, Telescope Peak, the park's highest point. Once every 6,800 years, you may spot the spectacular comet NEOWISE, as shown in the recent photo above by park ranger [Patrick Taylor](#). [California Through My Lens](#) | [Hikespeak](#)