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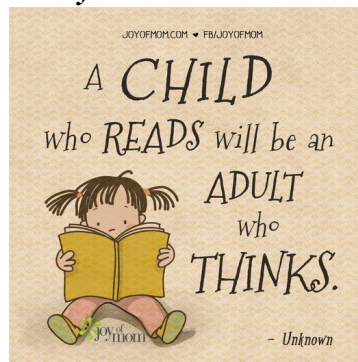
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We had a great virtual turnout for last week's webinar, "**A Discussion of Contemporary Native Children's Literature**" with authors [Traci Sorell](#) (*Indian No More*) and [Carla Messinger](#) (*When the Shadbush Blooms*). If you missed it live (or just want to watch again), you can access the webinar below, or [here on YouTube](#). Keep reading for links to resources and booklists shared during the webinar. *(You really shouldn't miss this! sdc)*

Try watching this video on www.youtube.com

Lee & Low Books Native American and Indigenous Booklist and Collection:

[Native American and Indigenous Shareable Booklist](#)

[Native American and Indigenous Collection for Purchase](#)

Contemporary Native Literature Websites and Blogs:

[Native American Heritage Programs](#)

[American Indians in Children's Literature](#)

[Oyate](#)

[Indian Country Today](#)

[Cynsations from Cynthia Leitch Smith](#)

Contemporary Native Literature Teacher Resources:

[Tips for Teachers: Developing Instructional Materials about American Indians by Dr. Debbie Reese & Dr. Jean Mendoza](#)

[National Museum of the American Indian Native Knowledge 360 Educational Resources](#)

[Native American Heritage Programs Teachers/Parent Resources](#)

[An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz](#)

Continuing Grand Canyon Discussion



[Canyon Mine or Pinyon Plain Mine, Still a Threat to Grand Canyon 11/17/20](#)

Changing Canyon Mine's name doesn't change the risks it poses to the Grand Canyon. [Read More](#)



[Little Colorado River Dams: Who Gets to Decide? 11/12/20](#)

How can the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) permit dams on Navajo Nation land? Great question. [Read More](#)



[Coleen Kaska: Havasupai Connections to The Grand Canyon 10/28/20](#)

Hear from Coleen Kaska, Havasupai, about her cultural connections to the Grand Canyon. [Read More](#)

Reckoning with Marcus Whitman and the Memorialization of Conquest

by Cassandra Tate

The same period that saw the public affirmation of the Confederate Lost Cause myth saw a proliferation of monuments that portrayed the conquest of the indigenous people of the west as virtuous pioneering. The case of Marcus Whitman shows a national reckoning is in order.

“We always want to refashion the Founders to be a mirror for us. My job as a historian is to dislodge misconceptions, not to entertain my students and not to make people feel comfortable. That’s what good history does.”

-Nancy Isenberg (Professor of American history at Louisiana State University)

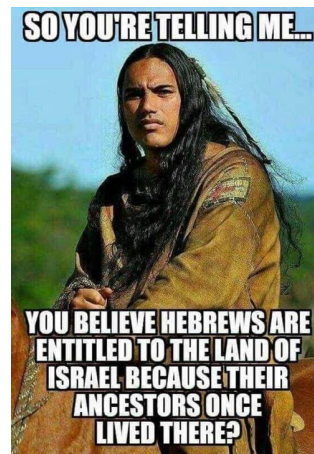
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1870. Drying buffalo meat and scraping the hides.

Resiliency and hard work. Proud to be native!

When you refer to the land and animals as a resource you lost your connection. We believed we were once buffalo people. And today are closely related to them. We use every single piece of a kill and are grateful. We revere the tatanka and learn from them.



Mike Morrell It makes me wonder...#NativeRightsNow

Highly recommended reading: 'Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery': <https://amzn.to/34FF8DN>

Let's connect here! And if you'd like to receive my long-form writing via email, please connect at <http://mikemorrell.org/BonusChapter>

With any post shared so much, the comments here range from encouraging to disturbing. Some folks are putting down Jewish people, Native Americans, and others, and that isn't cool. FWIW, I'm in full support for Jewish people having a safe and secure place to call home, *and* the same for Palestinian people. And of course, I want to see rights and land access for Native American / First Nations people across the North American continent. Here is one practical way to get involved with the latter effort: <http://www.nativepartnership.org/site/PageServer...>

Grace and peace to all.

The Writings On The Wall, But It's Still Being Built

- One of President Trump's projects that won't stop until there's a new sheriff in town is the [work being done for his border wall](#). Crews are dynamiting mountains and bulldozing access roads in the badlands of southeastern Arizona, while government lawyers have acquired a beloved birding preserve along the Rio Grande in South Texas.
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- "Every single day, the Department of Homeland Security continues to dynamite, to blow up these rugged mountains in order to clear a path for a wall that, in all likelihood, will never be built," said a spokesperson with the Center for Biological Diversity in Tucson, Arizona. "So now it's just destruction for destruction's sake."
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- Trump's wall builders are hurrying to get as many miles completed as they can before the next president can cancel their contracts. It's happening from Texas' Rio Grande Valley to Arizona's stunning Coronado National Memorial and Guadalupe Canyon, a wildlife corridor for Mexican gray wolves and endangered jaguars. The Arizona sections are the most expensive projects of the entire border wall — \$41 million a mile. Currently, 11 different contractors are at work on 27 separate construction contracts, including the demolition in Arizona. And the pace is quickening.
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- After the election, government lawyers filed a "motion for immediate possession" against an elderly landowner in Mission, Texas, to quickly seize a strip of his family's ancestral land to raise the border wall. Another case in point is the Salineño Wildlife Preserve on the banks of the international river in the Rio Grande Valley. "The Salineño preserve in Starr County — which is 2 1/2 acres of some of the best bird habitat, brings in birders from all over the country and the world — has been acquired by the Army Corps of Engineers and is set to be destroyed for the border wall," said a longtime conservation activist in the region.
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- Some hopeful news: after a public outcry over the voluntary sale, the Valley Land Fund, which owns the preserve, announced Friday it had decided to cancel the whole deal and fight the government to keep out the bulldozers. (NPR)

As North Dakota Faces World's Deadliest Outbreak, Native Communities Condemn States' COVID Response *Democracy Now!*

Excerpt: "As COVID-19 rampages through U.S., we look at how the rapid spread of the disease is affecting Native American communities, which have already faced disproportionate infection and death rates throughout the pandemic." [READ MORE](#)

What is your tribal clinic's plan?

Why distributing a vaccine in Nevada will be 'extraordinarily difficult'

[Dee Numa](#) ·

Mr. Harry Winnemucca, Herma with Mrs. Shirley Bender



In 1960, Chief Harry and Herma (right) with Shirley Bender posed for this photo on the Pyramid Lake Reservation after they and fifteen other Paiutes had gone to snowless Squaw Valley in the high Sierra to perform their tribal Snow Dance. True to the chief's prophesy great amounts of snow fell within seven days, thus allowing the scheduled Olympic Games to take place. He lamented that they had not been invited back to view the "foreigners."

Courtesy Chief Harry Winnemucca.

Bigfoot Discovery Museum fights for future Bigfoot returns to Felton after going missing on Nov. 9

By [Ryan Stuart](#) | rstuart@santacruzsentinel.com 11.18.20

SCOTTS VALLEY – It's a legend as old as time that spans from the California central coast to the Alaskan bush about a fearsome, muscular man as tall as 9 feet that stopped going to the barber long before COVID-19 closed storefronts. His name: Bigfoot.

The legend resurfaced on Thursday when Scotts Valley police responded to a "suspicious figure" on Glen Canyon and Green Hills roads. When police arrived, there stood Bigfoot on the side of the road. However, this was no 9-foot-tall sasquatch that could give ZZ Top a run for their money. Instead, Scotts Valley police found a 4-foot-tall wooden statue of Bigfoot.



Scotts Valley police found a 4-foot-tall wooden statue of Bigfoot that went missing Nov. 9 from the front of CapriTaurus Bigfoot Discovery Museum in Felton. (Santa Cruz Sentinel — Ryan Stuart)

“Officers arrived and spotted Bigfoot!” reported the Scotts Valley Police Department Facebook page. “He was a little banged up but will be returned to his rightful place at the Bigfoot Discovery Museum.”

The statue belongs to the CapriTaurus Bigfoot Discovery Museum in Felton and had gone missing Nov. 9.

“We’re delighted to have our statue back,” said Bigfoot Discovery Museum on Facebook. “It has been a part of our collection since 2003.”

The return of the woody woodland creature is a stroke of positive news for the museum and its owner Michael Rugg during a tough time. The pandemic caused the museum to close doors that have been open since 2004 as part of Rugg’s pursuit to prove the existence of the hairy beast.

Team Harry Biped – a two-person task force headed by Rugg’s niece Shelley Rugg – is running a [GoFundMe to keep the Bigfoot Discovery Museum in business](#). Since its creation in May, the crowdsourced funding account has raised \$7,774 of its \$92,000 goal.

“I very much appreciate all the people that have donated to the cause. It makes me feel very good to know that there are enough people out there that appreciate the museum to invest money in it,” Rugg said. “If the GoFundMe hadn’t happened, I would probably be gone. The museum would’ve been foreclosed.”

Team Harry Biped calculated the \$92,000 goal as what was needed to help Rugg pay the mortgage payment of the museum property by August. Since then, Rugg has taken out a loan to extend his deadline, according to the Save the Bigfoot Discovery Museum GoFundMe page.

The museum stands as more than just a place for Bigfoot research, it also serves as a vessel to talk about wildlife and habitat conservation.

“They overlap,” Rugg said. “Right now, more animals are going extinct on a daily basis than ever. In that respect, we’re turning people onto the concept of diversity of life and the extinctions that humans are causing.”

The Bigfoot Discovery Museum also serves as a place for people to talk about their own Bigfoot experiences and continue to “Keep Santa Cruz Weird.”

“The museum is pretty much my life these days. I’ve been doing it for 16 years,” Rugg said. “Thousands of people have seen Bigfoot. The museum is creating a database of knowledge.”

Team Harry Biped recognizes it has a large goal to meet, so a contingency plan was drafted. Rugg plans to digitize his museum’s collection to make it publicly accessible online. He also hopes to use funds to write a book that details his findings on the elusive wonder, and lastly to launch an online store.

“If we are unable to collect enough donations to save the property, the remaining funds will be allocated to reinvent the Museum,” Rugg said. “That’s part of the plan, put together a virtual museum online if I have to give up the property. I have a lifetime of materials that I’ve gathered.”

Libraries, Museums, and Military Veterans: Telling Stories of Service

Museums and libraries are often thought of as institutions of learning, but they are also a hub for resources and programs to support, develop, and preserve the stories of our veterans.

The IMLS [Community Salute](#) initiative is aimed at strengthening the ability of libraries, archives, and museums (LAMs) to respond to the needs of the nation’s 22 million veterans and military families.

Other IMLS funded Veterans Programs:

- [The Groundbreaking Stories of American Women Aviators in World War II](#)
- [Assistive Technologies Close Digital Divides for People with Visual Impairments](#)
- [Serve Veterans Using a Local Collective Impact Approach: Five Resource Documents](#)
- [Community Salute: A Library Card Saved My Life: The Story of an Army Veteran](#)
- [Community Salute: Preserving the Born-Digital Experience of Millennial Veterans](#)
- [Libraries and Their Partners Are a Pathway to Benefits for California Veteran](#)

Deadline: **Feb. 1, 2021: Museum Assessment Program (MAP)** is designed to help museums [assess their strengths and weaknesses, and plan for the future](#)

Burning Fossil Fuels Helped Drive Earth's Most Extreme Extinction

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/18/science/extinction-global-warming.html>

A Record 6 Native Americans Were Elected to Congress. Here's Where They Stand on Climate.

Angely Mercado and Naveena Sadasivam, Grist

Excerpt: "Indigenous peoples have a critical role to play in the fight against climate change. Though they make up just 5 percent of the world's population, their lands encompass more than 80 percent of global biodiversity." **READ MORE**

World's Most Remote Island Creates Largest Atlantic Ocean Sanctuary

Tiffany Duong, EcoWatch

Duong writes: "In the South Atlantic Ocean, a tiny island of 250 people has made a significant contribution to global marine conservation by protecting a huge swath of ocean under its control." **READ MORE**

Why childhood and old age are key to our human capacities (Aeon)

The dance of love and lore between grandparent and grandchild is at the centre, not the fringes, of our evolutionary story

<https://aeon.co/essays/why-childhood-and-old-age-are-key-to-our-human-capacities>

Scholarships with December 16-31 Deadlines

Apprentice Ecologist Scholarship	\$500	12/31/2020
ARRL Charles Clarke Cordle Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	12/31/2020
ARRL Foundation Scholarship Programs	\$5,000	12/31/2020
ASD Ascend College Autism Scholarships	\$1,000	12/31/2020
Carollo Engineers Bryant L. Bench Scholarship	\$10,000	12/21/2020
CC Bank's Young Scholars Scholarship	\$2,000	12/31/2020
Civil Air Patrol Academic Scholarships	Varies	12/31/2020
Civil Air Patrol Col Mary Feik Cadet Flight Scholarship	Varies	12/31/2020
Civil Air Patrol Flight Scholarships	Varies	12/31/2020
Civil Air Patrol SPAATZ Association Aerospace Leadership Scholarship	Varies	12/31/2020
Denver Water Centennial Scholarship	\$5,000	12/21/2020
Dr. Philip C. Singer Scholarship	\$3,000	12/21/2020
East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship	\$100,000	12/01/2020
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For A Bright Future Global Scholarship Program	\$10,000	12/31/2020
GameDesigning Scholarship	\$1,000	12/31/2020
Gannett Fleming Scholarship	\$5,000	12/21/2020
Graduate Scholar Award	\$10,000	12/17/2020
Hazen and Sawyer Scholarship	\$5,000	12/21/2020
HDR One Water Industry Scholarship	\$10,000	12/21/2020
Jacobs/CH2M Holly A. Cornell Scholarship	\$10,000	12/21/2020
Larson Aquatic Research Support Scholarships	\$7,000	12/21/2020
Leadership Speech Contest	\$5,500	12/31/2020
Linly Heflin Scholarship	\$28,000	12/31/2020
MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program	\$2,000	12/31/2020
Missouri Vietnam Veterans Survivor Grant Program	Varies	12/31/2020
Mueller Continuing Education Scholarship	\$5,000	12/21/2020

National Debt Relief Scholarship	\$1,000	12/23/2020
Next Generation Teacher Scholarship	\$30,000	12/31/2020
North American International Auto Show Poster Contest	\$1,000	12/19/2020
NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Youth Essay Contest	\$1,000	12/31/2020
Our First Amendment Freedoms Art & Essay Contest	\$5,000	12/31/2020
Pilot Pen G2 Overachievers Student Grant	\$15,000	12/31/2020
Pioneers of Flight Scholarship	\$1,000	12/25/2020
Pre-Veterinary and General Animal Husbandry Education Scholarship	\$1,000	12/31/2020
Raftelis Leadership Scholarship	\$5,000	12/21/2020
Senator Philip A. Hart Memorial Scholarship	Varies	12/20/2020
SOAR to College	\$1,000	12/31/2020
Soroptimist International of Los Angeles Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study	\$3,500	12/31/2020
The #NoRA Excellence in Art Activism Scholarship	\$5,000	12/31/2020
The Charlie Parnell Memorial Scholarship	\$500	12/16/2020
The Helen Laughlin AM Mode Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	12/31/2020
The Jessi Ghawi Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000	12/31/2020
Utah Financial Literacy Essay Contest	\$1,250	12/31/2020
Woodard and Curran Scholarship	\$5,000	12/21/2020

[Native Vote Proves Decisive in Arizona. My First Daily Kos Diary Entry from a Blue State. Thank you by KeithBrekhusAZ1](#)

Google To Replace The Need For College Degrees With Six-Month Courses

By Victor Omondi

Google has announced that it will start accepting Google Learning Certificates in place of college. The tech giant will be offering six-month courses for prospective employees to train for roles with high demand within a fraction of the time it would take at University.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a Google Career Certificate which is to be considered by the company the equivalent of a four-year degree for similar roles.

While the cost of the courses hasn't been revealed yet, based on the company's existing certificates, it would be around \$300, and the tech giant has announced that it will sourcing funds

for about 100,000 scholarships. The courses are meant to give successful students the necessary skills to enter into high-paying career fields with growth potential.

The courses will mainly focus on subjects such as Data Analytics, Project Management, and User Experience Design, which are all to be taught by Google employees.

“These new career programs are designed and taught by Google employees who work in these fields. The programs equip participants with the essential skills they need to get a job. No degree or prior experience is required to take the courses,” Kent Walker, a senior vice president of global affairs at Google, wrote in a blog post.

“Take Yves Cooper, who enrolled in the program through our Grow with Google Partner, Merit America, while working as a van driver. Within five days of completing the program, he was offered a role as an IT helpdesk technician at a nonprofit in his hometown of Washington, D.C.,” Walker added.

The shift comes amid criticism surrounding college degrees regarding their accessibility to students. Most students are left with the enormous financial burden of courses that take several years to complete, and they remain in debt for years after graduation. Since there’s no guarantee of a decent wage or job security, some students are left worse than they started upon completing their studies.

On the other hand, [Google Career Certificate](https://www.iflscience.com/policy/google-plan-to-replace-the-need-for-college-degrees-with-sixmonth-certificates/?fbclid=IwAR1BtOEMf5SqC2oMLNWyA59jWgn7D6pRIRSFhBnADwcLFTRhU8AtUDIdsg) is aimed at preparing students for immediate work for a fraction of the cost of traditional college degrees.

<https://www.iflscience.com/policy/google-plan-to-replace-the-need-for-college-degrees-with-sixmonth-certificates/?fbclid=IwAR1BtOEMf5SqC2oMLNWyA59jWgn7D6pRIRSFhBnADwcLFTRhU8AtUDIdsg>



The true purpose of arts education is not necessarily to create more professional dancers or artists. [It's] to create more complete human beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives.

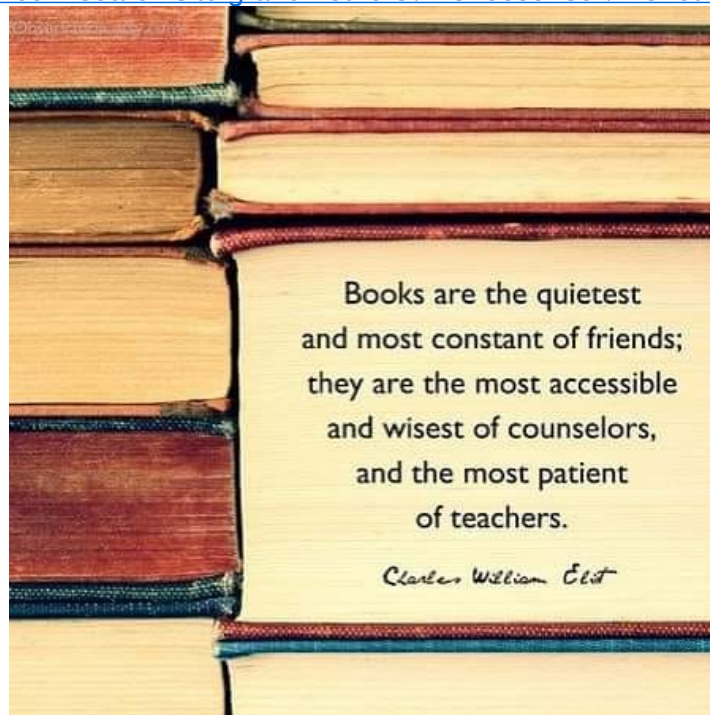
KELLY POLLOCK

**I hate when
people confuse
education with
intelligence.**

**You can have a
degree and still
be an idiot.**

Reader comment: Use this link instead of Amazon:

books.indiecommerce.com/search/site/grandmothers%20counsel%20the%20world



[Monty Axe Williams](#)

It is with a very sad heart I tell you, his family and friends, my beloved husband Mr. Monty Williams passed away earlier tonight. I love him so much and I'm going to miss him. I'm heart broken. Until we meet again Monty, I love you.

[Sandra Gibbons Williams](#)

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Corinne Lynn O'Daye-Racine

SCHURZ, NV - Corinne Lynn O'Daye-Racine was born February 21, 1950 in Schurz, Nevada, to Stressler and Esther O'Daye. Corry passed away in the early morning of November 12th after being hospitalized for dementia related illnesses. Corry is survived by her sons, Tyrone O'Daye, Marvin Racine Jr., brothers, Mike, Bob, Ronald (Diz), Kevin O'Daye and sisters, Kathy Yazzie, Carol Wyatt, and Valerie Smith. Corry cherished her 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



Corry was a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Over her lifetime, she worked for the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, the VA hospital and the Tribal Smoke Shops as an Assistant Director of Retail Operations. She also served as an elected official for the RSIC Tribal Council.

Corry was an avid sports lover. She played basketball, softball, horse shoes, bowling and golf. Corry was especially proud of her hole-in-one at Brookside golf course. She was also the local hoola-hoop champion. She served as the secretary for the golf club and the Reno Indian Athletic Association (RIAA).

Corry was known throughout her neighborhood as a caring, loving person. She was loved by people in her community and known to be helpful. Her kindness extended to giving you the shirt off her back. Most importantly, she loved her family. She will be greatly missed.

Services will be held Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Ross, Burke, and Knobel Funeral home, 2155 Kietzke Lane, Reno. Viewing will be from 10am to 12:30pm, services will be held from 12:30 to 1:30. Burial will immediately follow in Hungry Valley.

CORINNE LYNN RACINE

February 21, 1950 - November 12, 2020



Viewing and Funeral Service:

Saturday, November 21, 2020

Viewing: 10 am - 12:30 pm

Funeral Service: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Ross, Burke, and Knobel Funeral Home
2155 Kietzke Lane, Reno, NV 89502

Burial immediately following in Hungry Valley

There will be no traditional dinner due to COVID

Mask are required and please stay home if you are
not feeling well. We understand.

"Goodbyes are not forever
Goodbyes are not the end
They simply mean, I'll miss you
Until we meet again"...

