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[Bucky Harjo](#)

People have always mistaken this photo of the Dakota 38 but really it's The Centennial Ride to Wounded Knee, December 29, 1990. Photograph by James Cook.

I'll never forget, I was one of the riders....



Why protecting Indigenous communities can also help save the Earth

<https://www.theguardian.com/climate-academy/2020/oct/12/indigenous-communities-protect-biodiversity-curb-climate-crisis>

Extract: While Indigenous communities continue to step up for the planet, they can't do it alone. "We are all in this together. We need the world to recognize this," says Nenquimo. "This isn't about Indigenous peoples fighting heroically and risking our lives to protect the land. This is about us all joining together across cultures, races and classes to change the way our global system works."

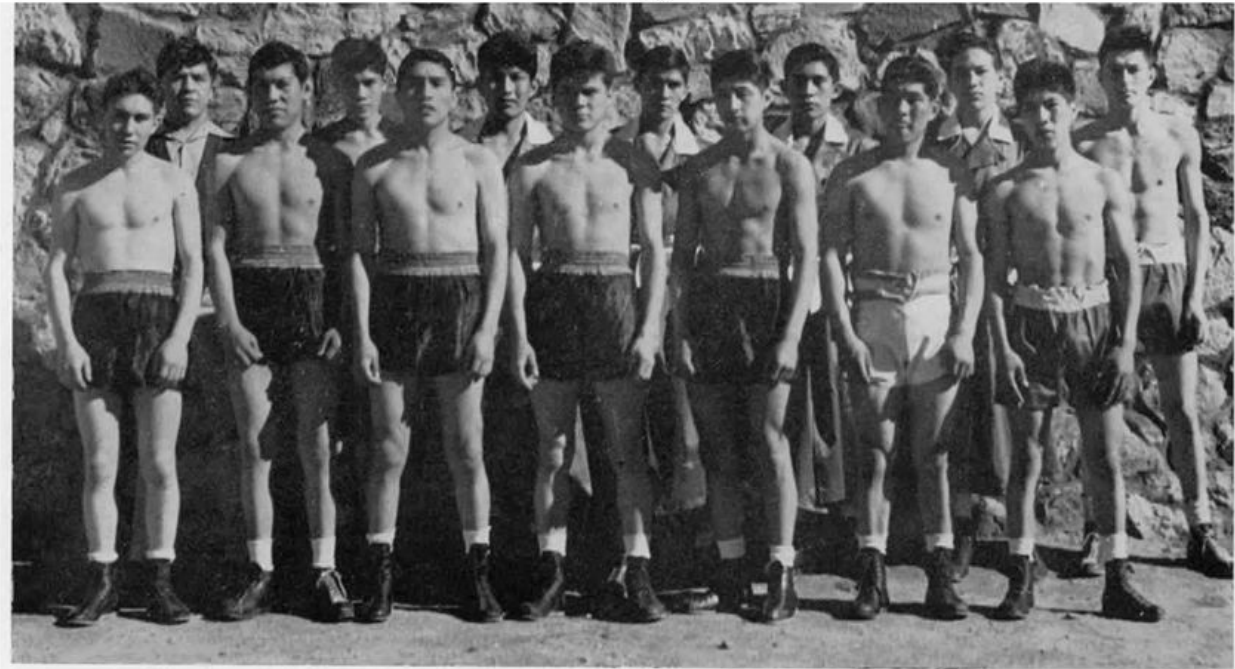
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[Updated: The Ireland Lacrosse team's decision to make way for the Iroquois Nationals in a major tournament is the latest in a series of gestures between the European country and U.S. tribes](#)

"The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Tuesday officially ratified a water rights compact with the state and federal government. This begins the process of implementing the \$1.9 billion settlement."

1946 Boxing Team



Top Row, left to right: Ned Crutcher, coach, Paulino Jim, James Jim, Leslie Eben, Ivan George, Carl Johnson, Billy Lamarr. Front Row, left to right: Perial Ellis, Roland Quartz, Clyde Phoenix, Norman Snooks, Ray Smith, Bobby Iwomota and Paul Williams



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[The Standing Rock resistance and our fight for indigenous rights](#)

[Still invisible and often an afterthought, indigenous peoples are uniting to protect the world's water, lands and history -- while trying to heal from genocide and ongoing inequality. Tribal attorney and Couchiching First Nation citizen Tara Houska chronicles the history of attempts by government an...](#)



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**You may think that you are completely
insignificant in this world.
But someone drinks coffee from the
favorite cup that you gave them.
Someone heard a song on the radio
that reminded them of you.
Someone read the book that you recommended,
and plunged headfirst into it.
Someone smiled after a hard day of work,
because they remembered the joke that you told
them today.
Someone loves themselves little bit more,
because you gave them a compliment.
Never think that you have
no influence whatsoever.
Your touch, word and good deed which you leave
behind cannot be erased.**

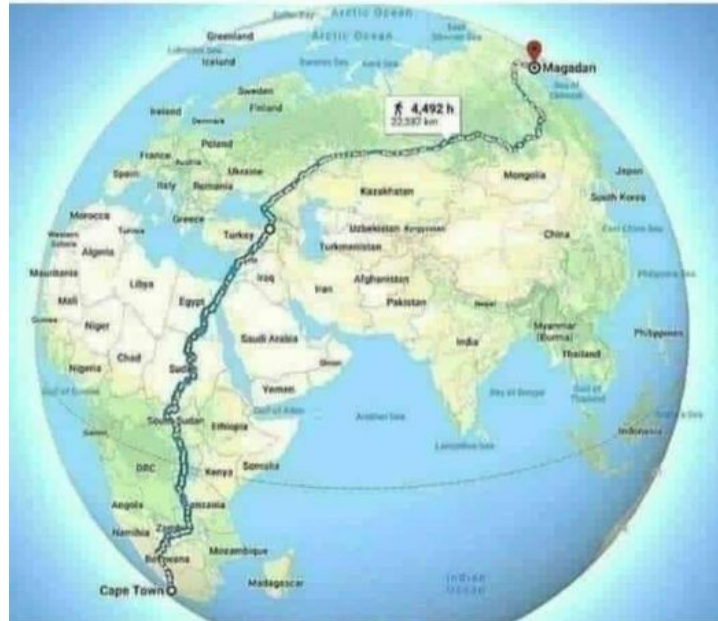
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The longest walkable road of the world is from Capetown to Magdan (Russia), there are bridges across rivers, no boat or air journey is required. It is 22000 kms long, takes 587 days to cover for a person walking 8 hours a day, covers ,17 countries, 6 time zones and the traveller will experience all the seasons and weathers of the world in his journey.



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[more difficult for desert tortoises, the occasional ocelot and the world's tiniest owls to cross](#)
[the boundary.](#)



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[The Blackfeet Nation Just Won a Decades-Long Fight to Protect Their Sacred Lands](#)
[As Earthjustice built its legal case to protect the Badger-Two Medicine area, the Blackfeet Nation built a movement, drawn together by collective outrage over the oil industry's demands to drill a treasured landscape.](#)


[David Mulinix](#)
[Our Revolution Hawaii](#)

[#tdih](#) On Christmas day in 1837, the Africans and Native Americans who formed Florida's Seminole Nation defeated a vastly superior U.S. invading army bent on cracking this early rainbow coalition and returning the Africans to slavery.

Though it reads like a Hollywood thriller, this amazing story has yet to capture public attention. It is absent from most school textbooks, social studies courses, Hollywood movies, and TV.

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Continue reading about the anniversary in an essay by historian William Katz at the link 

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Class of 1908



*Standing: Jefferson Davis, Emma McGerry, Miss Van Voice, Jack Mahone.
Sitting: Lizzie Dutchie, Pansy Henry, Agnes Cleveland, Emma Bradshaw.
Other members of class not present: Henry Rupert, and others not known.*

Compliments of Carole Wright

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[**Loneliest Road in America Road Trip: 3 Days Driving Highway 50 Through Nevada**](#)

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(the day I counted 100 cars coming East as I was driving from the Duckwater cut-off to Harmon Junction, I decided that "50" was no longer the Lonliest Highway)

Question: I am a fire. Change one letter and I am a knife. Change another letter and I am a clearing. Change another letter and I am a rank. Change one final letter and I am a fruit. What was I and what did I become?



[Niria Alicia](#)
[Run4Salmon](#)

I'm honored to announce that the United Nations gave me the highest honor that can be given to a young person globally. I received the 2020 Young Champion of the Earth Award for North America for the VR film project I'm working on of the @Run4Salmon 300-mile prayerful journey led by @ChiefCaleenSisk and the @Winnemem Wintu tribe.

This award isn't about me, nor is it for me, this award is about the @Run4Salmon prayer- an indigenous women-led prayerful journey being recognized globally as a viable solution to climate chaos. Yes, a prayer. Yes, a spiritual journey for salmon. Yes, a small tiny but mighty federally unrecognized Cali tribe. Yes, a prayerful journey led by a brave, fearless, humble, loving woman warrior. Yes, an inter-tribal community made up of folks from many tribes and ancestries that follow this vision. Yes, traditional ecological knowledge is needed now more than ever and Yes, indigenous peoples and technology.

My generation is witnessing and grieving the largest man-made mass extinction in the history of Mother Earth's existence. The salmon runs are on the verge of extinction and the Winnemem

Wintu prophecies have taught us that if salmon disappear soon too will humans. And you know, we just can't let that happen.

Our world right now is in crisis and it's up to our generation to change that. We must follow indigenous wisdom. Not just any wisdom, the OG divine kinda indigenous wisdom, that wisdom that can only be cultivated and preserved when a peoples remain and reclaim their commitment to the ceremonies, the sacred places, the waters, the ancestral teachings, the creation stories, the

songs, the traditions, the life ways... I've seen the @winmem.wintu.tribe do that and through that remind the world that it only takes a small group of humbly committed people to make a change.

I hope this VR film can amplify this prayer globally to inspire indigenous children and youth to keep the ceremonies, traditions and cosmovisions alive because now is the time to let those ancestral powers be the guiding light for humanity and the whole world.

Keep your hearts focused on the sacred & let Creator do the rest.

FOLLOW YOUR LOCAL INDIGENOUS FOLKS & @run4salmon 🌸

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What Could Biden's 'Climate Cabinet' Realistically Accomplish?

Zoya Teirstein, Grist

Teirstein writes: "Last week, President-elect Joe Biden announced his 'climate nominees,' the people who will lead executive offices and departments related to energy, environment, public lands, and climate change."

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Alameda to consider renaming Jackson Park to Chochenyo Park, or something else

Park once named for Andrew Jackson would be called “Chochenyo,” who were among the Ohlone

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ALAMEDA — A park stripped of its name because it honored President Andrew Jackson, a slave owner, could soon become known as Chochenyo Park after a lineage of the Ohlone tribe.

The proposed name change, which the Alameda City Council may consider approving at a meeting in January, comes amid a national push to remove from public places the names, statutes and other tributes to people who espoused racist views or practiced racism.

Although the city’s Recreation and Park Commission recommended Chochenyo, the council isn’t obligated to choose that.

Other potential names for the park that emerged to the top from among 150 entries were Alameda, Ohlone, Justice and Mabel Tatum, a Black woman who advocated housing rights for low-income city residents in the 1960s.

The 150 names were suggested through surveys and at community gatherings hosted by a committee made up of commissioners and residents. The committee was created after the council unanimously decided in July to rename the park on Park Avenue between San Jose and Encinal avenues.

Commissioner Aimee Barnes said she liked Chochenyo because it would recognize indigenous people who lived in Alameda before European settlers arrived. Choosing Alameda — a Spanish word for a grove of trees — would be “a nod to Spanish colonizers,” she added.

“I am concerned about naming a park after a person,” Commissioner Adrienne Alexander said. “I know Ms. Tatum was a very courageous woman and did wonderful things. I just don’t think we should go with naming something after a person again.”

The committee looked for names that reflect “inclusion, diversity, and equity” and had a strong connection to Alameda or the greater Bay Area, according to Amy Wooldridge, the city’s recreation and parks director.

Jackson Park, originally named Alameda Park, was the city’s only park until May 1909, when three others opened and were each named after presidents — George Washington, William McKinley and Abraham Lincoln.

About the same time, the city renamed Alameda Park after Jackson. City officials say they and local historians don’t know why the park was named after Jackson.

Admirers of Jackson point to his service as a youth in the Revolutionary War and his leadership during the war against Great Britain in 1812, including at the Battle of New Orleans.

But critics note he was a slaveholder and forcibly resettled Native Americans to Oklahoma from their homelands; many suffered starvation and disease along the “Trail of Tears.”

An online local petition to rename Jackson Park garnered approximately 1,200 signatures. The commission’s Dec. 10 decision to recommend Chochenyo as the new name was unanimous.

“As a decedent of an Eastern Cherokee woman who died on the trail of tears and someone who has worked in the Native American sphere for many years — renaming this ill-named park for the Ohlone people would be so fitting,” Alameda resident Ryan LaLonde said in an email to commissioners.

But fellow resident Alanda Orozco called for the name to be returned to its original Alameda.

“(It was) the first park in Alameda with the sole purpose of being a beautiful area to gather and walk around enjoying the trees and open space,” Orozco told commissioners. “For over 100 years people have been doing exactly that. The name Alameda Park is a recognition of the history of this park and non-political.”

City to get land around closed lock

Native American input will guide development of Minneapolis riverfront site

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Water conservation thrives on technology and innovation

Ag Web, 12/29/20

Trees that water themselves, soil that pulls moisture from the air and various probes, sensors and automated irrigation systems are some of the innovations on the drawing board or already in use to help the agriculture industry in its quest to conserve water. Estimates of how much water is used for agriculture vary, but the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, which has about three dozen member countries, including the U.S., estimates that agriculture irrigation accounts for 70% of water use worldwide.

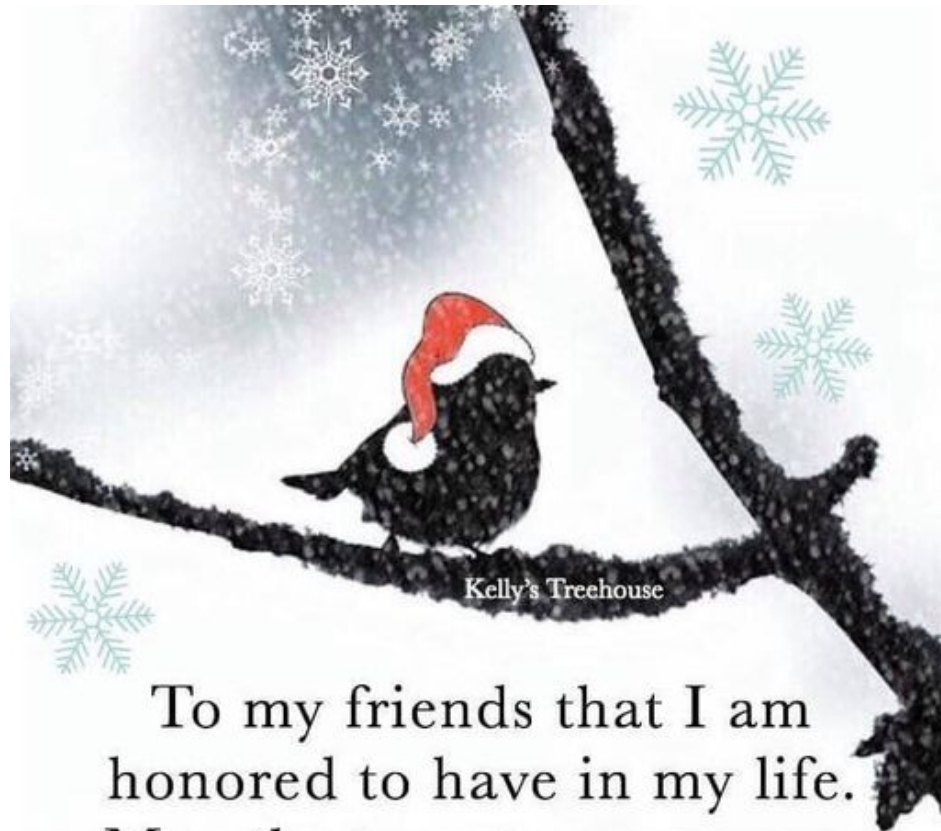
Over 400 diseases have jumped from other animals to humans in the past 60 years, an estimated 65 percent of which have been linked to ecosystem loss through processes like deforestation and an increase in agricultural practices.

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honored to have in my life.
May the season warm your
soul, bring love to your
heart and bless you with
everything this life has
to offer.

And here's to another interesting year! sdc