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Blue Heron resting on a cold, cloudy afternoon, by Josh Galicki

Harvard: We are thrilled to tell you about a very special online event: a reading and conversation with Joy Harjo, the 23rd poet laureate of the United States, on Monday, April 5, in partnership with the Harvard University Native American Program. *(Click on date to register)*.

States sue Biden in bid to revive Keystone XL pipeline

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Attorneys general from 21 states on Wednesday sued to to overturn President Joe Biden's cancellation of the contentious Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada. https://currently.att.yahoo.com/att/states-sue-biden-bid-revive-230836001.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11

What Deb Haaland at Interior means for Native Americans

In the latest episode of Political Theater, CQ Roll Call's Jason Dick talks about the long and contentious relationship between Native Americans and the Interior Department and what to expect now that Deb Haaland is at the helm. Listen here...

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Interior Secretary Swearing-In Ceremony

<u>Anyone in Oklahoma can now get the Covid-19 vaccine, thanks to several Native</u> <u>tribes</u> (CNN)

Scientists Search For The Anthropocene (NPR)

Auditions Open Now for Night of Expressions Youth Talent Showcase (Las Vegas) Youth Ages 8-22 Invited To Participate

Youth ages 8 to 22 that would like to share their entertainment talents in a free public performance are invited to audition for the 2021 "Night of Expressions Youth Talent Showcase." Call 702-229-2473 by April 3, 2021, to make audition arrangements and receive more details. There is no cost to audition.

The Night of Expressions Youth Talent Showcase & Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, in Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park at 720 Twin Lakes Drive. The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 1 p.m.; the performance begins at 2 p.m.

Hosted by the city of Las Vegas, this young adult showcase will feature young performers that have a talent to share, such as singing, dancing, acting, drill team, music and the spoken word.

This annual event usually takes place in February as part of the city's Black History Month recognition, but is delayed this year due to pandemic restrictions. Social distancing and face masks will still be required, in accordance with current pandemic protocols. Bring blankets and low-back chairs to be more comfortable on the grass in the park. Food trucks will offer refreshments for sale.



Mills College in Oakland, circa 1890. Edwin Graybiel/Mills College

Mills College in Oakland, among a dwindling number of women's campuses in the country, announced plans to close after a run of 169 years. Founded just two years after California became a state, the small private college had faced years of declining enrollment amid competition from lower-cost public institutions. Coronavirus, the college said in a statement, pushed it over the edge. Mercury News I EdSource

(Please remember this is the college Sarah Winnemucca attended so if you are interested in any pertinent archives, this is the time to act.)

In 1818, the world's northernmost Inuit were contacted by Europeans. Unaware of the existence of other humans, they had succeeded in something no one else had managed 😮



The Inuit people had developed distinct cultures.

Around the eleventh century, the Thule people (the ancestors of all modern Inuit) spread across the North American Arctic, developing their tools and trade from meteorites and meeting with other Inuit.

Change came in the 17th century, when climate change cooled the northwest areas of Greenland, cutting off the Inughuit descendants of the Thule people.

During this time of isolation, the Inughuit came to develop their own culture, language and fashion. As the generations passed, they also lost the knowledge of how to build kayaks, which altogether restricted any chance of travel to other regions.



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The Inughuit were so isolated they would be dubbed the "Arctic Highlanders" by the Scottish man who discovered them.

By the early nineteenth century, so much time had passed that the Inughuit were no longer aware that other humans still existed, so when Europeans arrived in 1818, it came as a great shock.

The expedition was led by Scottish Royal Navy officer, John Ross, who dubbed the Inughuit the "Arctic Highlanders".

They discovered a unique population.

As a <u>non-agricultural society</u>, the Inughuit are believed to have been one of the few such societies to live without armed feuds or warfare.

Even after contact had been made, they were able to maintain their peaceful way of living, but life for the Inughuit would never be the same again.



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John Ross was an Arctic explorer.

The discovery of the Inughuit was a topic of great intrigue, with people from the Baffin Inuit making a concerted effort at contact during the mid-nineteeth century.

During these long visits, they introduced the Inughuit to the skills of boat-building and developing hunting tools.

In return, the Inughuit taught the Baffin Inuit the advanced sled technology they had perfected over the years.



Inughuit women, c.1910.

American and European explorers also attempted to make more contact, however this wasn't entirely positive, with a previously unnecessary dependence on trade goods swiftly building, as well as the introduction of illnesses to which the Inughuit had no immunity.

Around this time, Christian missionaries also began arriving with the aim of evangelizing.



By 1968, the Inughuit's way of life was rapidly changing.

Despite their decision to stay absent from the nation-building process sweeping the Inuit populations of western and southern Greenland, the Cold War era would change life even more for the Inughuit, with the United States' building of Thule Air Base displacing the Inughuit's chief settlement.

With many Inughuit forced to move 116 kilometres north, their cultural and social life fractured even more.

Today, the Inughuit – who remain the world's northernmost people – make up just 1% of Greenland's population.



wikipedia.org Minik Wallace.

In 1897, explorer Robert Peary took six of the newly discovered Inuit people to New York City. Minik Wallace – as he would come to be named – was one of the party.

Peary promised Minik, his father Qisuk and the four others that they would be able to return to Greenland after their trip.

Soon after their arrival, they were taken to the American Museum of Natural History to be studied. Not only had the museum made <u>no plans</u> for their care, they had also made no plans for their return home.



Minik's life was to change beyond imagination.

The study was a tragedy.

Minik's father soon contracted tuberculosis. Three adults and one child died, with one young member allowed to return to Greenland.

After pleading for his father to be given a proper burial, Minik was kept in New York City where he was adopted by the museum's chief curator, William Wallace.



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Far from being taken to see another country, the chosen Inughuit people were taken to be studied.

But Qisuk's body wasn't buried at all. For Minik's benefit, an empty coffin was filled with stones. His father's body had in fact been preserved for study, with his de-fleshed body displayed in the museum.

When Minik discovered the betrayal, he fought hard to return to his homeland. Peary would eventually make the arrangements.



Minik Wallace, 1890-1918.

By the time he returned years later, he had forgotten Inuktun – his native language – as well as much of his culture and skills.

The Inughuit welcomed him back, teaching him the skills he needed for adulthood, but he continued to find it difficult to fit back in to his old life.

In 1916, Minik returned to the United States. Two years later he died during the 1918 flu pandemic.

DWR Virtual Career Fair

DWR is hosting our first virtual career fair on **Tuesday, March 23**. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet some of our professionals from our apprenticeship program, accounting, engineering, engineering geology/geology, environmental science, human resources, and information technology. Start: Tue 23 Mar 2021, 10:00 AM End: Tue 23 Mar 2021, 12:00 PM

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WEBINAR RECORDINGS

 Safeguarding Correctional Facilities and Public Safety by Addressing Contraband Cellphones Program Webinar held: February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. ET Webinar presenters will discuss the purpose and goals of this funding opportunity; review eligibility requirements and deliverables; and address frequently asked questions. Watch the Recording | Access the Presentation | Read the Transcript
Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Training and Technical Assistance Program Webinar held: February 17, 2021, 1 p.m. ET In this webinar, the presenters will discuss the purpose and goals of this funding

opportunity; review eligibility requirements, categories, purpose areas, and deliverables; and address frequently asked questions.

Watch the Recording | Access the Presentation | Read the Transcript

Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Training and Technical Assistance Initiative • In this webinar, the presenter will discuss the purpose and goals of the funding opportunity; review its eligibility requirements and deliverables; and address frequently asked questions.

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- Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Site Based and • **Training and Technical Assistance Program** In this webinar, the presenters will discuss the purpose and goals of this funding opportunity; review its eligibility requirements, categories, and deliverables; and address frequently asked questions. Watch the Recording | Access the Presentation | Read the Transcript
- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2021: An Overview of What's Ahead ٠ In this webinar, attendees will learn the primary initiatives BJA plans to fund in 2021, eligibility requirements, and estimated funding amounts. Watch the Recording | Access the Presentation | Read the Transcript
- The Federal Funding Process: The First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, • and Other Considerations In this webinar, attendees will learn what registrations are necessary to apply, how to navigate Grants.gov and JustGrants, and what resources are available for applicants, such as the Office of Justice Programs' Funding Resource Center. Watch the Recording | Access the Presentation | Read the Transcript
- JustGrants and ASAP: OJP's New Grant Management Systems During this virtual meeting with the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations, BJA shared information about the new grants management and payment systems. Watch the Recording I Access the Presentation I Read the Transcript

New EU 'right to repair' laws require technology to last for a decade

New devices will also have to come with repair manuals and be made in such a way that they can be dismantled using conventional tools

Adam Smith@adamndsmith https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/euright-repair-technology-decade-b1809408.html?

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In its initial draft, **California's ethnic studies curriculum** equated capitalism with racism, excluded anti-Semitism as a form of hate, and used impenetrable jargon like misogynoir and cisheteropatriarchy. On Thursday, after two years of debate and many rewrites, state education officials approved a final 900-page version of the high school curriculum, which will initially be an elective course but could become a graduation requirement. All 20 writers of the original draft asked to withdraw their names from the final document, saying it had been gutted under political and media pressure. EdSource | A.P.

Native American, Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants Now Available Application Deadline is May 11, 2021 *Please note this is different than the Basic Grant listed above in GrantStation. You may prepare applications for both. sdc*

Washington, DC—The Institute of Museum and Library Services is now accepting applications for <u>Native Hawaiian Library Services</u> and <u>Native American Library Services</u> <u>Enhancement</u> grants. The deadline for submitting applications for either grant is May 11, 2021.

Native Hawaiian Library Services grants are available to nonprofit organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians. These grants, awarded in amounts of up to \$150,000 for two years, are designed to enhance existing library services or implement new ones.

Native American Library Services Enhancement grants advance the programs and services of eligible Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, regional corporations, and village corporations. They are competitive grants of up to \$150,000 for two years and are available to any tribe, village, corporation, or regional corporation that has applied for a <u>Basic</u> grant.

Reflecting IMLS's goals of championing lifelong learning, strengthening community engagement, and advancing collections stewardship and access, successful projects for either grant program will:

- Improve digital services to support needs for education, workforce development, economic and business development, health information, critical thinking skills, and digital literacy skills.
- Improve educational programs related to specific topics and content areas of interest to library patrons and community-based users.
- Enhance the preservation and revitalization of Native cultures and languages.

An awardee with an active Native American Enhancement Grant may not apply for another Native American Enhancement Grant that would have an overlapping period of performance with the active grant. For more information, please contact IMLS staff.

Grant guidelines and descriptions of previously funded projects are available on the IMLS website.

On-Demand Webinars

To learn more, interested applicants are invited to view the recorded pre-application webinars:

- Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants Webinar
- Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Webinar

Program Contacts For questions about project activities, eligibility, and allowability of costs: Anthony D. Smith, Associate Deputy Director 202-653-4716 <u>asmith@imls.gov</u>

For questions about application requirements and deadlines: Sarah Boonie, Program Specialist 202-653-4761 <u>sboonie@imls.gov</u>

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Carol Hunter Northern Nevada Marches Forward. ·

Over the last few years, **46 states have at least considered anti-protesting bills**, 26 have enacted some form of them, and 64 are currently pending. Among those pending is our very own bill here in Nevada. Introduced in the Legislature on February 23 by seven Republican Assembly members and jointly sponsored by five Republican senators, Assembly Bill 168 seeks to increase criminal penalties for participation in "unlawful" protests, or in their words "riots." This is a deliberate word choice. By and large, the protests in Nevada were peaceful. At least until the cops, in all their military Rambo gear showed up to push and intimidate and hurt those calling into question their authority. If anybody showed up to riot, it was those who showed up in riot gear.

But this bill does not address that, of course. What it does is it proposes to bump misdemeanors up to felonies, thus increasing the penalties and consequences associated with the types of charges that commonly result from situations involving civil unrest. Things like engaging in "unlawful assembly" could potentially lead to four years imprisonment. Unlawful assembly is defined as a gathering for the purpose of committing an unlawful act, even when that act is not actually committed. As an example, disturbing the peace is an unlawful act; and what is a protest, if not a disturbance of the peace? So, interpreted broadly, as the bill is written, a group of organizers gathering to discuss even the possibility of a constitutionally protected civil action could face jail time, or at the very least a serious and lasting disruption of their lives. Why do Republican legislators want to criminalize protesting?

Elveda Martinez

Update on the American Rescue Plan:

Today (3.11), President Joe Biden signed H.R. 1319: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) into law. The ARP provides \$1.9 trillion worth of funding to support COVID-19 relief and vaccination efforts and includes over \$31 billion specifically for tribal communities. This \$31 billion includes \$20 billion for tribal governments and over \$6 billion for Native health systems. Highlights Include:

\$20B - Tribal Relief Fund

Provides \$20 billion to the Department of Treasury for tribal governments under the Coronavirus Relief Fund

\$1 billion to be split equally between the 574 federally recognized tribes

\$19 billion to be split between tribal governments in a process determined by the Treasury Expanded allowability for use of funds, which can be used to respond to the public health emergency, negative economic impacts from the pandemic, provide government services related to the emergency and make investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

Tribes must use funds by the end of 2024 calendar year

\$6B - Native health systems

\$1.248B - HUD Tribal and Native Hawaiian housing programs

\$1.1B - Native education programs

\$1B - Native Families

\$900M - Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs

\$600M - Critical economic and infrastructure investments in Native communities

\$20M - Mitigating impact of COVID-19 on Native languages

\$19M - efforts to combat domestic violence in Native communities The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs compiled a summary of tribal provisions contained within the Act.

Elveda Martinez

All Natives in Nevada: A bill before the Nevada State Legislature is going through the process. It is **AB 262**, which will allow for tuition to be waived for Native students that attend any of the higher educational institutions in Nevada (UNR, UNLV, WNCC, etc.). The Nevada Native Vote Project is working on this and will be seeking your support very soon. Put AB 262 into your memory banks. We'll be bombarding you with requests to support it.

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You're Invited to Conservation Lobby Week! March 22nd through March 25th

We wanted to make sure you knew about this wonderful opportunity to get involved with environmental legislation this 2021 Nevada Legislative Session!

As you probably know by now, our legislative session is underway! And typically, every legislative session, community members take a bus trip to Carson City to meet with their legislators to discuss conservation issues in Nevada.

Since the Nevada Legislature is closed to the public, the Nevada Conservation League's <u>biennial</u> <u>Conservation Lobby Week will happen virtually this year!</u> This way, folks can attend after work hours from the safety of their homes.

Conservation Lobby Week is set to take place from Monday, March 22nd, to Thursday, March 25th. Each night we will begin at 5:30pm and end at 7:00pm.

Each night will feature a new environmental topic and special guest speakers. Throughout the week, community members will meet with their legislators in small group settings to advocate for environmental policies.

Click here to register for this event!

Feel free to join us on any, or all of the nightly events! We will update you about the schedule and special guest speakers as we go. We hope to see you there!

Friday Fun Fact: <u>Feeding cows seaweed could cut their methane emissions by 82%</u>, <u>scientists say</u> (Guardian). Seaweed: good for farts... and the environment!

Scholarships (K-M) with April 16-30 Deadlines

Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund	Varies	04/30/2021
Kendall-Grundy Community Action Scholarship	Varies	04/22/2021
Kris Paper Legacy Scholarship For Women In Technology	\$1,500	04/15/2021
LaFontaine Aquatic Entomology Scholarship	Varies	04/01/2021
Lapiz Family Scholarship	\$2,000	04/30/2021
LEAGUE Foundation Academic Scholarships	Varies	04/30/2021
Leo Bourassa Scholarship	\$3,000	04/01/2021
Les Dames d'Escoffier Colorado Chapter Scholarship	\$1,000	04/03/2021
LiveYourDream Scholarship	Varies	04/20/2021
Living for Zachary Academic Scholarship	\$2,500	04/01/2021
LNESC Ford Driving Dreams Scholarship	\$2,000	04/06/2021
Local Impact Scholarship	\$2,000	04/01/2021
Long Island Music Hall of Fame Student Scholarships	Varies	04/20/2021
LouEllen Dabbs Scholarship	Varies	04/22/2021
Lucile Murray Durkin Scholarship	\$2,200	04/29/2021
Maeck Family Foundation Scholarship	\$2,500	04/06/2021
Margaret Ann Frans Brady Scholarship for Arts	Varies	04/15/2021
Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship	\$10,000	04/05/2021
MBA Student Broadcaster Scholarship	\$2,500	04/16/2021
Michele L. McDonald Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	04/30/2021
Michigan Chronicle/TCF Bank Students Wired for Achievement and Greatness Scholarship Awards	\$20,000	04/09/2021
Michigan Pagan Scholarship Fund	\$500	04/01/2021
Mildred E. Swakto Memorial Scholarship	Varies	04/23/2021
Millie Brothers CODA International Scholarship	\$3,000	04/04/2021
Milliman Opportunity Scholarship	Varies	04/12/2021
Miss Utility Scholarship Program	\$1,008	04/02/2021
Montana Space Grant Consortium Scholarships	\$1,500	04/01/2021
Monterey Bay Officer Spouses Club Scholarship Award	Varies	04/05/2021
Montford Point Marine Association Washington, DC 6 Chapter Scholarship	\$2,500	04/30/2021
Moss Adams Scholarship	\$1,000	04/30/2021