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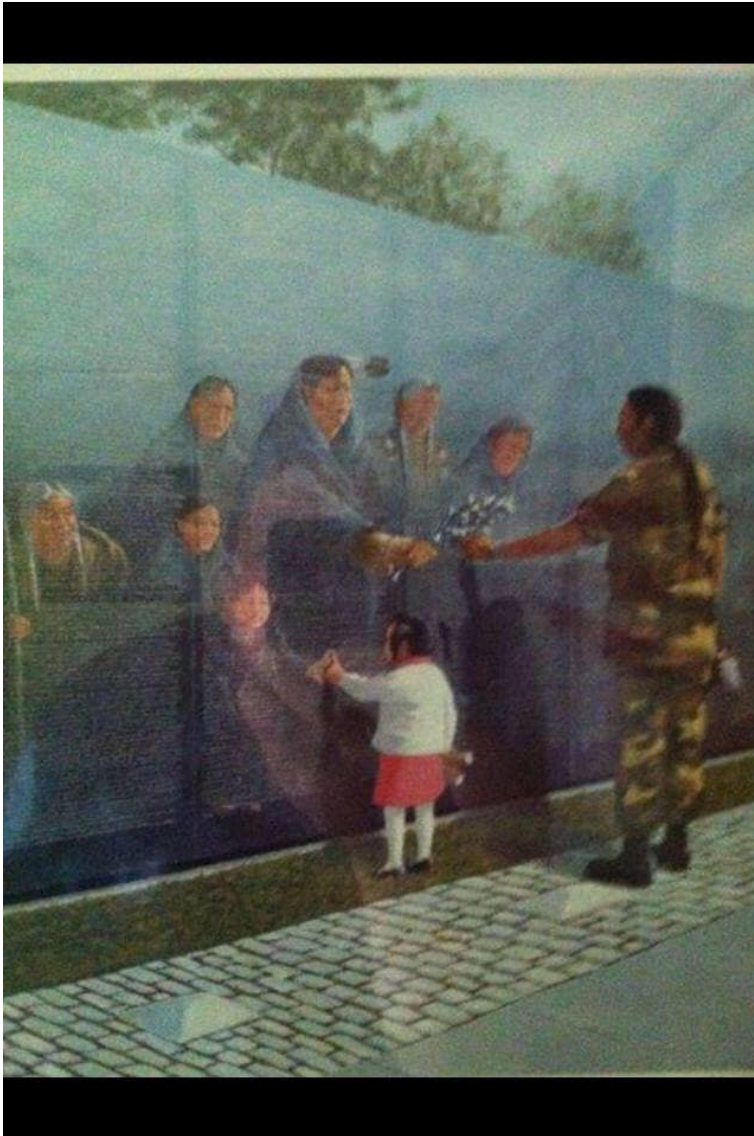
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Memorial Day is not just one day

Today's selection -- from *American Wolf* by Nate Blakeslee. The decline in elk herds in America:

"In the rest of America, hunting was dying. Rates of participation had been declining for decades -- only 6 percent of Americans still hunted. But in the Northern Rockies, it remained integral to the culture -- Montana had the highest number of hunters per capita, and Wyoming wasn't far behind. Women hunted, kids hunted, even wildlife biologists hunted. For some, it was less a sport than a means of supplementing the family food budget. Butchering a five-hundred-pound elk yielded upward of 250 pounds of meat for the freezer, enough to last an average family nearly a year, all for the price of a fifty-dollar hunting permit. When the Yellowstone elk herd was nineteen thousand strong, the animals were so plentiful in the woods adjacent to the park that for most subsistence hunters the driving principle was not fair chase but convenience. The elk closest to the road -- and to the back of the pickup, where the carcass had to be lugged -- was the right elk. Not every animal shot in the Northern Rockies ended up in a hunter's freezer -- many, if not most, bulls were taken purely for the trophy mount, but enough did that the precipitous decline in elk numbers meant at least some families were buying a lot more hamburger than they used to.

"Even for those who didn't need the meat or didn't hunt at all, the size and health of the elk herd was a matter of concern, something to talk about at the grocery store or at church, like hay prices or the performance of the local high school football team. The familiar sound of bugling bulls meant another autumn had come; arches made from elk antler sheds marked the entrance to many mountain towns -- Afton, Wyoming, was said to have the world's longest, extending all the way across Highway 89. Elk inspired people; they were a symbol of everything that was special about living here.

"These days everything seemed to be conspiring against elk and the people who hunted them. The cattle, for example, competed with elk for the best forage. Cattlemen and hunting guides had made common cause against the wolf but the truth was that they were far from natural allies. There were maybe eight or ten cattle operations in Crandall and Sunlight, almost all of them enormous and well capitalized. Most of the rangeland was unfenced acreage owned by the National Forest Service, which leased huge sections to cattlemen every summer, just as it had for decades on public lands throughout the Northern Rockies. The cattle were brought up into the mountains every spring when the snows melted and the acres and acres of lush green grass came back, then were hauled out in mid-October, before winter really set in.

"In the old days, it seemed to Louie, the cattlemen ran their cows higher in the mountains in the spring and summer. They wouldn't bring them down into the valleys, alongside the river and the road, until the first snows came in September. That meant there was still

good forage left in the low-lying areas when the cattle were rounded up and hauled off to their winter range, and the elk started coming down into Crandall from Yellowstone, looking for something to eat. Now the Forest Service let the cattlemen run their cows right along the road all summer, taking the best grass for themselves. With the grass gone, the elk had no reason to linger in Crandall. The outfitters had complained about it, but the cattlemen had 'more politics,' as Louie put it.

"The ranchers, meanwhile, begrudged the elk for the grass they ate in the summer, especially when the big beasts left national forest land and came onto private ranches to graze on well-watered alfalfa. A tycoon named Earl Holding, the owner of Sinclair Oil, controlled most of the best leases in Crandall and Sunlight. Holding was the richest of the lot, but almost all the ranchers in the area were wealthy, and they weren't afraid to let everybody know it. Louie had seen drivers stop their trucks on the Chief Joseph Highway, unload their cattle right into the road, and then simply drive off, without even shutting anybody's gate, which was the neighborly thing to do. People would step out of their houses in the morning and find a dozen cows in their yard.

"The smart heifers stayed out of the road, but everyone was expected to drive around the dumb ones. Every now and then a visitor on his way to Yellowstone would plow into a black Angus beef at night, and you'd see a game department truck out the next day, hauling off the remains before the road was full of grizzlies looking for an easy meal."

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FY 22 Rural Marketing Grants

Grant applications close Friday, July 16, 2021, at 5 p.m.

No late applications accepted.

Grants will be awarded at the Nevada Commission on Tourism meeting in August 2021
(date to be determined).

Please review the Rural Marketing Grant guidelines [here](#).

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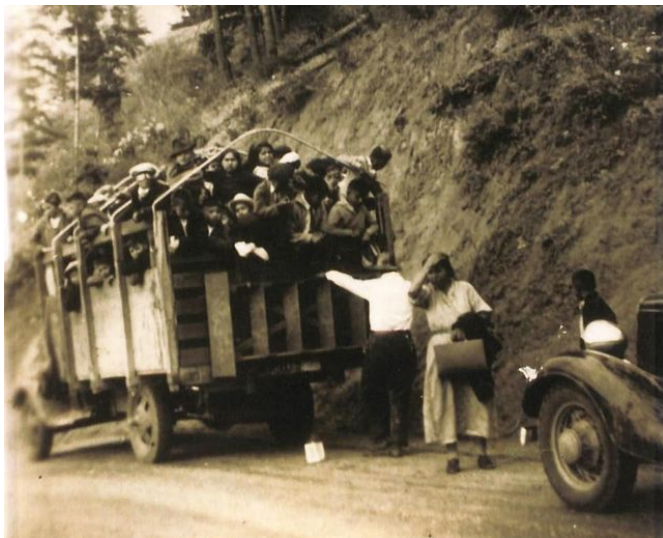
Please contact Shari Davis at sdavis@travelnevada.com or 775-687-0620 if you have
any questions.

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Jason Wilson, Guardian UK

Wilson writes: "In 2014, the writer Jacqueline Keeler started the #notyourmascot hashtag, a social media campaign highlighting the way sports teams use Native Americans mascots to perpetuate racist caricatures. In her current work, she investigates people who are falsely claiming Native ancestry for personal gain - including Susan Taffe Reed, the Native American program director who turned out not to be Native American." [READ MORE](#)



[Greg Smith](#)

The horrific Residential School stories are slowly surfacing.

This old picture was taken of Aboriginal kids been picked up & loaded on a small truck, & taken to the Kamloops Residential school. (photo credit: Les Williams, Kamloops). Most of the kids weren't dressed appropriately & were transported long distances in freezing weather, some kids were as young as 3.

Standing Bear Network

Can you imagine someone coming into your home grabbing your baby and never bringing them back home to you!!!

Kidnap you say? This is what happened to First Nations!!

The artist is Kent Monkman, Cree Nation.

The Good, the Bad and the Innocent: The Tragic Reality Behind Residential Schools, an Albert Etzerza Story https://www.amazon.ca/.../ref=cm_sw_r_cp_api_glt_i...



The Nature of Us

My name is Eddy Charlie and I am a survivor of the Kuper Island Residential School.

I was taken away from my home at the age of 5 years old and placed in a residential school like all the other 150,000 children were. I was hurt really bad as a child growing up in these schools. The amount of sexual and physical abuse that happened to me was frightening. It got so bad, so frequent, that I tried committing suicide while I was in the school. I couldn't handle it anymore.

It was getting too much. They were picking kids off the floor and taking them up to a room where they were abused. When I came home I started fighting with my family. I didn't feel like I had a home. I didn't feel like I was a part of my family. I started trying to find ways to deal with the anger and pain I felt. I started drinking when I was very very young, and it became my form of self-medication and a coping mechanism that I used for over 30 years of my life.

I quit drinking about 25 years ago, and for the first time I had an opportunity to look at that past that I walked, and I tried to start understanding why I changed and how the affect of residential schools changed my family members and the people in my community. I look around today and I see that we have the lowest percentage of graduates of any community and of any cultural background. When you have a 2% success rate of graduates in an indigenous community, that's not good at all. 30 years ago, our employment rate was non-existent.

Nowhere in our history books is there a written history of what happened to 150,000 children in these schools. These survivors of residential schools are being shamed into silence. If we stop talking about what happened, it will die with the last residential school survivor, and it will be as if residential schools did not happen. I don't want this history to die. I want it to be told over and over and over again until it is impossible that we forget.

I don't want to share my story and for people to feel sympathy, I want them to understand. Too often we tell our stories and people come up and provide answers to how we can begin healing. When people begin to understand it gives us an opportunity to receive ownership of the path that each one of us walks. I know that true reconciliation will probably never happen in my lifetime, or my children's lifetime, but today we are opening that possibility of reconciliation by sharing our stories of the residential school legacies and the history.

www.thenatureofus.org/read/eddys-story



[Isaac Murdoch](#)

To all the Catholic Institutions: This is Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio), the 266th leader of the Catholic Church. He strategically rlded against indigenous people for their lands.

If you work for the Church, like the Catholic School system, and you don't speak up about the lack of accountability by the Catholic church towards indigenous people, then you are part of the problem. Your silence supports the genocide that continues to plague our people for our lands. Let that sink in.



[Darnell Benally](#) ·

[Niagra Falls State Park honoring the 215 Native American children with a display of orange light.](#)

Photo by: Kateri Capton-Serpas #indigenouststrong

A hint of crazy things to come may be playing out in the Arizona desert — and it involves a giant species of cacti.



Doreen Kenoras is with Sandra Eustache-Shiel.

Imagine being taken away from our parents. It was a reality my mother Catherine Kenoras watches as they are taken away. Third from the back is my older sister Irene billy.



Look for me at every Indian Residential School, I want to come home. [#215children](#)

Report Documents 32,542 Police Killings in US Since 2000 With Vast Undercount of People of Color *Democracy Now!*

Excerpt: "A major new report on police killings suggests far more people of color have died in police custody than previously known. The report by the Raza Database Project and UnidosUS found that deaths of Latinos, Asian and Indigenous peoples have been historically undercounted." **READ MORE**

Just a reminder what one person can do:

Erick Moore

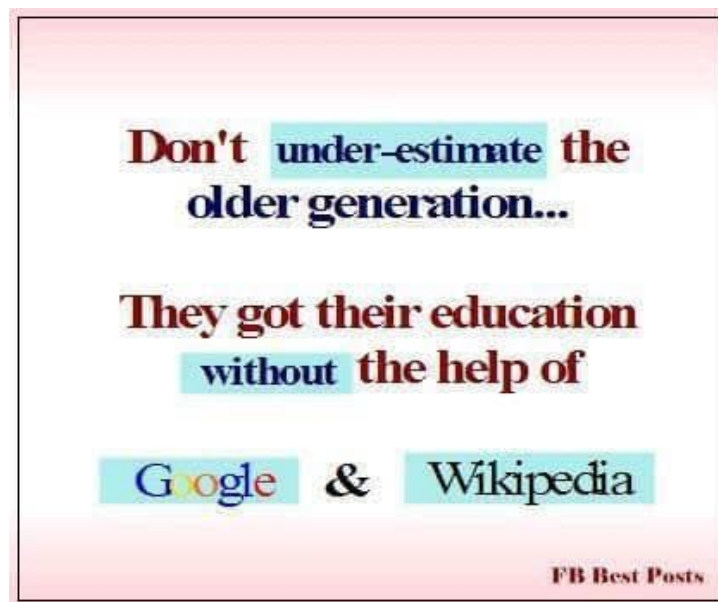
In 1990, the high school dropout rate for Dolly Parton's hometown of Sevierville Tennessee was at 34% (Research shows that most kids make up their minds in fifth/sixth grade not to graduate). That year, all fifth and sixth graders from Sevierville were invited by Parton to attend an assembly at Dollywood. They were asked to pick a buddy, and if both students completed high school, Dolly Parton would personally hand them each a \$500 check on their graduation day. As a result, the dropout rate for those classes fell to 6%, and has generally retained that average to this day.

Shortly after the success of The Buddy Program, Parton learned in dealing with teachers from the school district that problems in education often begin during first grade when kids are at different developmental levels. That year The Dollywood Foundation paid the salaries for additional teachers assistants in every first grade class for the next 2 years, under the agreement that if the program worked, the school system would effectively adopt and fund the program after the trial period.

During the same period, Parton founded the Imagination Library in 1995: The idea being that children from her rural hometown and low-income families often start school at a disadvantage and as a result, will be unfairly compared to their peers for the rest of their lives, effectively encouraging them not to pursue higher education. The objective of the Imagination library was that every child in Sevier County would receive one book, every month, mailed and addressed to the child, from the day they were born until the day they started kindergarten, 100% free of charge. What began as a hometown initiative now serves children in all 50 states, Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom, mailing thousands of free books to children around the world monthly.

On March 1, 2018 Parton donated her 100 millionth book at the Library of Congress: a copy of "Coat of Many Colors" dedicated to her father, who never learned to read or write.

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One day you'll be just a
memory for some people

Do your best to be a
good one...



Nevada's original pandemic. by [bob](#) July 2, 2020

<https://nevadastate.news/2020/07/nevadas-original-pandemic/>



Another type of dwelling in Virginia City. In this shack I found four people lying on the dirt floor wrapped in rags apparently all suffering from influenza. I was told they had refused medicine from the white doctor and Dick Mauwee, a Paiute enrolled at Pyramid Lake Reservation, was the doctor. The small four-light window admitted the only light. It was nailed tight, the only door was kept shut tight and no ventilation was attempted or was possible. The stench which greeted us when we entered was most horrible and could be endured but a short time. An Indian had just been taken from this structure for burial. The father of the family was the Indian alluded on another page as a "walking case".

An account from a Paiute dwelling in Virginia City during the 1918 pandemic via the Reno Indian Agency, Nevada, Bureau of Indian Affairs. Image: National Archives

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This is Elsie Apachito. At 100 years old, she is the oldest Taos Pueblo military veteran. She was a surgical nurse in the Women's Army Corps for four years during World War II.



[Will Strongheart](#)



Blacklodge Singers "Soldier Boy"

[Amid Dire Colorado River Outlook, States Plan to Tap Their Lake Mead Savings Accounts](#)

By Circle of Blue, 6/2/2021

A complex and arcane water banking program in the lower Colorado River basin, adopted in 2007 and later amended, was designed to incentivize water conservation, prevent waste, and boost storage in a waning Lake Mead. The program has already proved its worth, lifting Lake Mead dozens of feet higher than it otherwise would have been and nurturing collaboration among states that will need to work together to surmount daunting challenges of water availability.

[As massive fish kill continues on Klamath River, Karuk Tribe declares state of climate emergency](#)

By Red Green and Blue, 6/3/2021

The Karuk Tribe in Northern California has declared a state of climate emergency in response to record low precipitation in the Klamath Basin as a massive juvenile salmon kill unfolds on the Klamath River. "This emergency declaration acknowledges the reality that climate change is upon us, and the dangers that it poses to rivers, forests, wildlife and communities," according to the Tribe in their "Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency Due to Climate Change."

[Feds Pledge Assistance As Historic Drought Grips The West](#)

Parts of the Mountain West are experiencing the worst drought conditions in more than a century, prompting the Biden administration to pledge a government-wide response to the crisis. On Tuesday, administration officials testified during a virtual congressional hearing on the drought. They included Craig McLean, the acting chief scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA. "NOAA's archives at the National Centers for Environmental Information report that this past year has been for Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah their driest in 126 years," McLean said. As the drought deepens, McLean said, it will cause significant water and crop shortages as well as severe wildfires. Elizabeth Klein, who's spearheading drought response for the Interior Department, also testified, and she didn't mince words. "Many of you are experiencing the impacts of one of our driest water years on record," she said. "The scale and intensity of this drought is really historic."

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There are many out there (and I suspect many readers) that did not live nor know this story. Should be in every tribal library if not your personal collection. sdc

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[Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain preview](#)

[Preview of Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain narrated by Robert Redford](#)



There is a bumblebee poster hanging at the NASA Space Science Center that says:
"The aerodynamic body of bumblebees is not fit to fly, but it's good that the bumblebee doesn't know about it."

In the law of physics, the aerodynamic rule says the width of wings is too small to keep her massive body in flight, but the bee doesn't know, knows nothing about physics or its logic and still flies.

This is something we can all do, fly and win at any time before any difficulties and under any circumstances despite what they say.

Bumblebees, regardless of the size of wings, fly and enjoy life.

Via [Waldemar Ałdaś](#)