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### **A BEARDED ORCHID?!**

The Copper Beard Orchid is a species of orchid indigenous to south-eastern Australia. It is a terrestrial, perennial, deciduous, herb with an underground tuber and a single, erect basal leaf that is three-cornered in cross-section. The base of the labellum is fleshy, with the labellum covered in coarse, purple hairs (reminiscent of a beard), hence the common name beard orchid. The short column often has spots that resemble eyes (called “sham eyes”) and a coloured frontal.

**...and a small  
voice whispers,  
“They found us.”**



When they buried the children  
What they didn't know  
They were lovingly embraced  
By the land  
Held and cradled in a mother's heart  
The trees wept for them, with the wind  
they sang mourning songs their mother's  
didn't know to sing  
bending branches to touch the earth  
around them. The Creator cried for them  
the tears falling like rain.

Mother Earth held them  
until they could be found.  
Now our voices sing the mourning songs.  
with the trees. the wind. light sacred fire  
ensure they are never forgotten as we sing  
JUSTICE

-abigail echo-hawk



*MuckRock remains committed to its mission of holding the powerful accountable and empowering the vulnerable. MuckRock works every day to help those seeking accountability and justice with one very limited, but often useful, tool: Public records requests. The past year has brought many conversations about law enforcement to the forefront. As long as it exists, it should be managed by and transparent to the people it's supposed to serve.*

*This one aspect of government is a large portion of our daily work, and by far the largest portion of our requests. As we reflect on the progress of the past year, we are reminded of how much more work there is today than the day before. If you're interested in pursuing this work more closely or better understanding how public records requests can bring accountability, [read our guide to FOIA'ing police departments](#) and [follow our projects to collect key documentation around the country](#).*

### **MuckRock Requester? We Want Your Feedback**

We're working on improving our request page and submission tools. If you use MuckRock to file and track your requests, we'd love your feedback on two specific points: What data and new functionality can we add or improve on both the request submission page as well as the request pages' themselves. [Take our 2.5 question survey here](#) if you've used MuckRock to file your requests

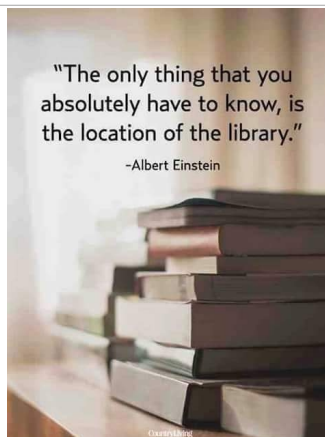
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**FEDERAL FOIA | July 21 | 6 p.m.**

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"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."

-Albert Einstein





For No Reason at All: (But it is Friday)

### Eat, Pray, Tusk

- Solid evidence supports the claim that elephants are some of the most [intelligent](#), social, and empathetic animals around. Humans may not understand why a family of Asian elephants would leave southwest China and travel more than 300 miles north through fields, highways, villages, and towns, but one thing's certain: they have their reasons.
- The itinerant group of 15, which includes three calves, originally lived in a nature reserve near China's border with Laos and Myanmar. Sometime in March 2020 they decided it was time to find new digs, and [set off](#) on what so far has been a 15-month sightseeing tour. And it's been a sight alright.
- Along the way the monster mammals stole crops, rolled around in villagers' courtyards looking for food, and broke into a car dealership where they drank buckets of water and left muddy footprints. One young elephant reportedly raided a villager's stores of corn liquor and fell behind the rest of the herd. They've ignored police sirens and trucks laden with food and attempts to lure them back to the Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve in Yunnan. Chinese researchers describe the migration as "unprecedented" in China, and posit that the elephants may be on a quest for food and territory as a result of their shrinking habitat.
- The project manager for Asian Elephant Protection opined in an article on the group's WeChat page that possible reasons could be shifts in their environment, drought or changes in food supply. "Some experts have also discussed whether it is a random choice in itself, which makes sense in my opinion," he wrote. "Inexperienced leadership" of the elephant in charge could be another reason for the long journey to nowhere. Since nobody knows exactly why or where they're going, people just call what they're doing "The Northbound Wild Elephant Eating and Walking Tour." (Scientific American, WaPo)





### **Consultation on the Coordinated Environmental Review Process Implementation Plan**

Since 2015 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has led the Tribal Housing and Related Infrastructure Interagency Task Force (THRIITF) to develop a coordinated environmental review. In 2015 the workgroup issued a Final Report identifying measures that could be taken to coordinate agencies' environmental review processes within the existing framework. Between 2015 and 2017, HUD has held six Tribal consultations and ten roundtables to receive input to develop and inform the Final Report, a draft Memorandum of Understanding, and a draft Implementation Plan. The workgroup is hosting a virtual consultation on the draft Implementation Plan developed by THRIITF during the National Congress of American Indians's Mid Year Conference. The consultation session will be held on **June 21, 2021, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM EDT**. Log-in details can be found in the **Dear Tribal Leader letter** linked below.

- [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#)- Coordinated Environmental Review Implementation Plan (May 27, 2021)
- [Draft Implementation Plan 2021](#) - Please review prior to consultation session

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**'Our whole mission is Indigenous education and Indigenous food access': A Q**  
<https://www.minnpost.com/community-sketchbook/2021/06/our-whole-mission-is-indigenous-education-and-indigenous-food-access-a-qa-with-owners-of-owamni-by-the-sioux-chef/>

**The 'Big Con' Revealed: Report Details Fossil Fuel Indust**

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2021/06/09/big-con-revealed-report-details-fossil-fuel-industrys-deceptive-net-zero-strategy>

## Scholarships (N-Z) with July 1-15 Deadlines

<a href="#">NADONA LTC Stephanie Carroll Scholarship</a>	Varies	07/01/2021
<a href="#">NASCLA Contractor Scholarship Program</a>	\$2,500	07/02/2021
<a href="#">NCCF Survivor Scholarship Program</a>	\$1,000	07/15/2021
<a href="#">Nebraska Democratic Women's Caucus Inspiring Women Scholarship</a>	\$500	07/01/2021
<a href="#">NFPA Student Scholarship</a>	Varies	07/01/2021
<a href="#">OCA Spectrum Scholars</a>	\$20,000	07/12/2021
<a href="#">Ohio War Orphan &amp; Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship</a>	Varies	07/01/2021
<a href="#">Pierce Bulter Scholarship</a>	Varies	07/14/2021
<a href="#">Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship</a>	\$12,000	07/01/2021
<a href="#">SAPA Scholarship &amp; Excellence in Education Program</a>	\$1,000	07/06/2021
<a href="#">SCAF Adult Scholarships</a>	Varies	07/12/2021
<a href="#">Sigma Nu Fraternity Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship</a>	\$3,000	07/01/2021
<a href="#">Stanwood Democrats/Delores Haglund Jones Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	07/12/2021
<a href="#">Tennessee Dependent Children Scholarship Program</a>	Varies	07/15/2021
<a href="#">Texas Urban Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	07/12/2021
<a href="#">The Chelsy Tomashoff Memorial Scholarship for Print Design Excellence</a>	\$1,500	07/15/2021
<a href="#">The Club Foundation Joe Perdue Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	07/01/2021
<a href="#">The Mike Molino RV Learning Center's Scholarship Program</a>	\$2,500	07/07/2021
<a href="#">TYLENOL Future Care Scholarship</a>	\$10,000	07/01/2021
<a href="#">Veterans Scholarship Program - Teach, Coach, Mentor, Lead</a>	Varies	07/17/2021
<a href="#">Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program</a>	\$2,000	07/01/2021
<a href="#">YEBW Scholarship</a>	Varies	07/01/2021



**Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian**

Our museum works to correct myths and tell the whole story of Native cultures through education, inspiration, and empowerment. Learn from the National Museum of the American Indian today.



**Is It Okay to Say Indian?**

Learn about Native cultures with NMAI.

### [A broken system: Why the number of American Indian and Alaska Natives who have died during the coronavirus pandemic may never be known](#)

In May of 2020, the Navajo Nation reported one of the highest per-capita COVID-19 infection rates in the United States. Since that milestone, official data reveal that the Navajo Nation has been one of the hardest-hit populations since the pandemic began — but a labyrinthian system of local, state, federal and tribal data-reporting systems has hid the true impact of the pandemic.

[Read the full story](#), part of a collaboration with [Indigenous Investigative Collective](#), a project of the [Native American Journalists Association](#) in partnership with [High Country News](#), [Indian Country Today](#), and [Searchlight New Mexico](#).

Meet Polywood: the answer to plastic pollution.



[popularmechanics.com](http://popularmechanics.com)

[Watch Plastic Waste Become 'Lumber' for Adirondack Chairs](#)

### **This animal survived 24,000 years frozen in the Siberian permafrost**

A microscopic animal has been revived after slumbering in the Arctic permafrost for 24,000 years.

Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/AeYQK78tEQFGTME9cOnUV4w>

### [Interview: McNeill On WCSD Social Justice Curriculum Task Force](#)

*Jun 10, 2021 05:10 pm*

Washoe County schools will soon form a task force to evaluate the district's potential K-5 grade social justice curriculum. The group will examine teaching materials on topics such as racism and equality. KUNR's Paul Boger spoke with Washoe County School District Superintendent Kristen McNeill to learn more.

[Click here to read more](#) or share on Social Media

### [WCSD Board Forms Task Force To Review Social Justice Curriculum](#)

*Jun 10, 2021 04:30 pm*

The Washoe County School Board is creating a task force to review materials related to the district's K-5 social justice curriculum. The board formed the task force after hours of public comment in opposition to social justice being taught in schools.

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**Charlie Foster**

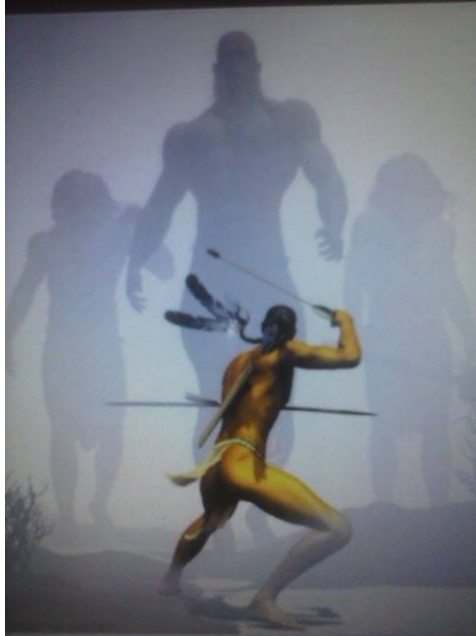


In oral history of the Paiute in Nevada, a red-haired tribe of giants lived by the Paiutes, they were constantly at war. They were called the Si-Te-Cah meaning "tule eaters". The Paiute along with their allies waged one last battle and drove the last remaining Si-Ta-Cah in a cave by Lovelock, Nevada. When they refused to surrender the Paiutes built a fire in front of the cave which killed those inside, the ones that ran out were killed with arrows.

Artifacts from the cave date back to 1200 bc.

As a child , my grandpa, TOM HENRY, told us, "they are still out there, they catch you at night and throw you into a basket on their back, take you and eat you".

They are also called..(eeds-zah-ahh).



### **Nevada's newest monument? Proponents want it to be Avi Kwa Ame.**

A broad swath of territory in Southern Clark County has long been important to roughly a dozen indigenous tribes, and it even includes a ranch with Hollywood connections.

## **Indian Affairs Promised To Reform Tribal Jails. We Found Death, Neglect And Disrepair**

This story was supported by the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. When police took Carlos Yazzie to jail on the Navajo Nation in New Mexico after his arrest on a bench warrant in January 2017, he needed immediate medical attention. His foot was swollen and his blood alcohol content was nearly six times the legal limit. But law enforcement decided that he was fine, jail records show. They put Yazzie in a cramped isolation cell at the Shiprock District Department of Corrections facility instead of taking him to a hospital and then left him unmonitored for six hours without periodic staff checks as required, according to an investigative report. When a guard handing out inmate jumpsuits the next morning stopped at Yazzie's cell, the 44-year-old day laborer was dead. It would later be determined in an autopsy that he died from acute alcohol poisoning, which is easily treatable by medical professionals, experts said. "These correctional officers are basically holding these lives in their

[Click here to read more](#)

## **Biden administration offers plan for unused border wall funds**



The White House released a plan Friday to use unspent funds previously set aside by the Trump administration for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border to repair damage caused by wall construction while returning other funds to the military. [Read more...](#)

## **See Pink Snow In The Mountains? Researchers Want A Sample.** [Jun 09, 2021 10:47 am](#)

As summer quickly approaches, snow is melting on the mountaintops. This time of year, some of that snow won't be the pristine white color you think of. It turns out that in the spring and summer, snow often turns pink or even red thanks to microalgae that have been adapted to live in it, partly as a response to climate change. [Click here to read more](#)

## **Climate and Nature Crises: Solve Both or Solve Neither, Experts Say**

*Damian Carrington, Guardian UK*

Carrington writes: "Humanity must solve the climate and nature crises together or solve neither, according to a report from 50 of the world's leading scientists."

