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### ***Memorial Day***



***PHOTO/FRANK X. MULLEN: The Old Stewart Indian School Cemetery near the school's campus in Carson City***

***<https://renonr.com/2021/08/15/stewart-indian-schools-200-unmarked-graves>***

## On Behalf Of Nevada Minority Health & Equity Coalition

### Job Announcements

**Mesquite works** is seeking a motivated individual to take on the challenge of developing and leading their STEAM program. This position will involve working in collaboration with other professionals in the community such as the Head Librarian at the Mesquite Library, local organizations, and community leaders. For additional information, contact [georgehgault@gmail.com](mailto:georgehgault@gmail.com).

The **Office of Public Health Investigations and Epidemiology (OPHIE)** is seeking a Health Program Specialist I to work with medical providers and local health authorities to increase monitoring and reporting of elevated blood lead levels, particularly among children five years and younger. For additional information, including how to apply, click [here](#).

The **Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence** is hiring for a Medical Advocacy Coordinator in the Reno area. They will be responsible for enhancing or increasing the availability of statewide services for domestic and sexual violence victim-survivors. Additional details [here](#).

The **Division of Public and Behavioral Health** is recruiting for two positions within the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) section, located in Carson City, NV.

**Maternal Infant Program (MIP) Coordinator**

**Maternal Child Health Epidemiologist/Lead PRAMS Coordinator**

The **City of Las Vegas** is looking to fill several positions for Safekey and Reinvent before- and after-school programs. They will be hosting a hiring event on June 14-15. Additional information [here](#).

The **Children's Cabinet** is recruiting for a bilingual (Spanish/English) Support Specialist for their new Child Care Services Center. This position will provide administrative support for the Center Coordinator, greet guests and provide an assessment of client needs. Starting pay for this position is \$20/hr. View the position description [here](#).

The **Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE)** is hiring for a Program Officer I – Policy Coordinator / Training Support, preferably based on Northern or Rural Nevada. Click [here](#) for additional details.

### Trainings

- Apr - Dec 2022 - [SafeTalk Suicide Prevention Workshops](#)
- May 31 - [Virtual Narcan Training](#)
- June 9 - [National Academies Report on Measuring Sex, Gender Identity, and Sexual Orientation](#)
- June 13 - [Triple P: The Power of Positive Parenting](#)
- June 14 - [APHA Policy Action Institute](#)
- June 14 - [Triple P: Raising Confident, Competent Children](#)
- June 15 - [Triple P: Raising Resilient Children](#)
- June 15 - [The Art of Active Listening - Communicating emotionally charged or difficult news](#)
- June 27 - [Toxic Stress Part 1: Stress and the Brain](#)
- June 28 - [Advocacy 101: Speaking Up for Your Family and Community](#)
- June 29 - [Toxic Stress Part 2: Preventing Harmful Stress](#)
- Spring 2022 - [Medical Interpretation: Spanish Certificate Program](#)
- September 14 - 15 - [Healthy Active Communities 2022 Virtual Conference](#)
- On-Demand: [CASAT Conversations - It's OK to be Uncomfortable: The Importance of Talking about Health Equity](#)
- On-Demand: [Weaving Success: Evaluation in Indian Country](#)
- On-Demand: [COVID-19 and Social Media: Best Practices to Reach Your Communities](#)
- On-Demand: [The Latest on COVID-19 Testing: What Your Community Needs to Know](#)
- On-Demand: [PrEP for All Ages We](#)

Nevada Minority Health & Equity Coalition <[nmhec@unlv.edu](mailto:nmhec@unlv.edu)>

With colorful speckles, beautiful olive eyes, and a call that sounds like a baby bird, Dixie Valley toads are a unique emblem of Nevada's biodiversity. One of the smallest North American toad species, they also have a small range: a single hot-spring-fed wetland in the mostly dry Great Basin. Now a geothermal energy company wants to build a power plant that could dry up this desert oasis and wipe out these tiny residents.

**The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can save Dixie Valley toads, but it needs to hear from you.**

In a landmark win by the Center for Biological Diversity, the Service recently protected the toads under the Endangered Species Act — but only on a temporary, emergency basis. While the agency considers full, permanent protection, it's taking public comments to help guide the decision.

**Tell the Service to finalize permanent protection that could stop the power plant and save these little amphibians.**



**Take Action**

**Construction Workers Uncover Massive 800-Year-Old Aztec Dwelling in Mexico City**

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/construction-workers-uncover-massive-800-year-old-aztec-dwelling-mexico-city-180980079/?utm\\_source=smithsonianmag&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220511-daily-responsive&spMailingID=46832322&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2241357158&spReportId=MjI0MTM1NzE1OAS2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/construction-workers-uncover-massive-800-year-old-aztec-dwelling-mexico-city-180980079/?utm_source=smithsonianmag&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220511-daily-responsive&spMailingID=46832322&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2241357158&spReportId=MjI0MTM1NzE1OAS2)

**In Mexico City, Aztec-Era Floating Gardens Offer a Path to Sustainable Eating**

*Xochimilco, largely known to travelers for its colorful party boats, has been an important food source during the pandemic. By MEGAN ZHANG April 29, 2021*

<https://www.cntraveler.com/story/in-mexico-city-aztec-era-floating-gardens-offer-a-path-to-sustainable-eating>





*To my “salmon peeps”; please weigh in:*

**The U.S. has spent more than \$2 billion to save salmon. The fish are vanishing anyway.**

The U.S. government promised Native tribes in the Pacific Northwest that they could keep fishing as they'd always done. But instead of preserving wild salmon, it propped up a failing system of hatcheries. Now, that system is falling apart.

Read in ProPublica: <https://apple.news/AVa4ej9BLQ1CHy4rbhn-d8w>

**Sugar Pine Foundation.** [sugarpinefoundation.org](http://sugarpinefoundation.org)

Sugar pines (*Pinus lambertiana*, simt'á:gim in Washo) are the world's largest species of pine and have the longest cones, but they are dying faster than they can regenerate from white pine blister rust, a non-native, invasive fungus; as well as impacts from mountain pine beetles, climate change, and historical logging practices.

Once comprising 25% of Lake Tahoe's forests, sugar pines now make up less than 5% of the forest composition. The Sugar Pine Foundation finds trees that are resistant to the fungus, then collects their cones and plants their progeny to restore Sierra Nevada forests.

**Regeneration of Abandoned Farmland Can Mitigate Climate Change, Study Finds**

*Cristen Hemingway Jaynes, EcoWatch*

Jaynes writes: "Increasingly, farmers around the world are moving into urban centers in an act called 'rural outmigration,' leaving hundreds of millions of acres of land to be reclaimed by the Earth."

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[Bison from Oakland Zoo transfer to Blackfeet Nation in Montana](#)

[A herd of American bison is on their way from the Oakland Zoo to the Blackfeet Nation in Montana. Thirteen American bison from the Oakland Zoo herd are returning to Montana to join their historic lineage.](#)

[Chatty Maya](#)

They have a project going with the Blackfeet Nation to increase the genetic diversity of the buffalo herd! They send young buffalo back up there...it's really cool

[Marvin Plettner](#)

One of my favorite bits of trivia is that the taxonomic name of the American bison is ... bison bison bison.

<https://www.itis.gov/servlet/SingleRpt/SingleRpt...>

[ITIS - Report: Bison bison](#)

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***"A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom."***

– [Bob Dylan](#)

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

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## **Eerie ancient footprints of adult and child walking together revealed**

May 25, 2022

Read in Newsweek: [https://apple.news/AUIaNxT4GSqWr\\_uljCvKMvA](https://apple.news/AUIaNxT4GSqWr_uljCvKMvA)

## **Seaside towns offers free beach passes to Native Americans**

By PHILIP MARCELO

.....He says securing beach access is a small way to make sure tribes' "aboriginal rights" to waterways are respected.

"It's definitely appreciated after 400 years of colonization and gentrification," Weeden said. "It's a step in the right direction, given what they've done to our people. At the same time, we have a long way to go."

<https://apnews.com/article/massachusetts-native-americans-memorial-day-government-and-politics-361539e3cb5096b4111421914603f653>



The Churchill County Museum, headquartered in Fallon, NV, is a 2022 Nevada Humanities Major Project Grant recipient. Does your humanities project need funding? Visit our website to learn more about our current grant opportunities, and stay tuned for 2023 Major Project Grant information coming soon!

[\*\*Nevada Humanities Project Grants\*\*](#)

<https://www.nevadahumanities.org>

Photo courtesy of Churchill County Museum .

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[nature.com](https://www.nature.com)

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*This article is way off topic, but interesting in its own right.*

<https://rollcall.com/podcasts/political-theater/adam-conover-and-the-quest-to-make-government-accessible-funny-and-human/>



## Telling the Story of Climate Change

By Julie Decker

Situated in a part of the world already experiencing deep impact from climate change, the Anchorage Museum has tasked itself with exploring the issue as a key narrative of our time. Read how the museum has approach the topic through radical new forms of research, practice, placemaking, and public art.

[Read more »](#)



## The Library of the Great Silence

By Elizabeth Merritt

The artist and "experimental philosopher" Jonathon Keats collaborates with museums and other cultural institutions to create future-minded installations probing the concepts of non-human intelligence, technological impacts, and deep time. Read an interview about these projects and his latest, a library of objects designed to be accessed by both earthlings and extraterrestrials.

[Read more »](#)

### **Minnesota Chippewa face historic vote on tribe's membership, future**

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### **Scientists Map Yellowstone's Underground 'Plumbing'**

### **Minerals Used in Kitty Litter Could Help Fight Climate Change**

A MIT study shows how, when treated with copper, a clay called zeolite can convert methane to carbon dioxide, a less powerful greenhouse gas



**Zeolite, a clay material found in kitty litter, may be the next tool to help reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. GK Hart / Vikki Hart via Getty Images**

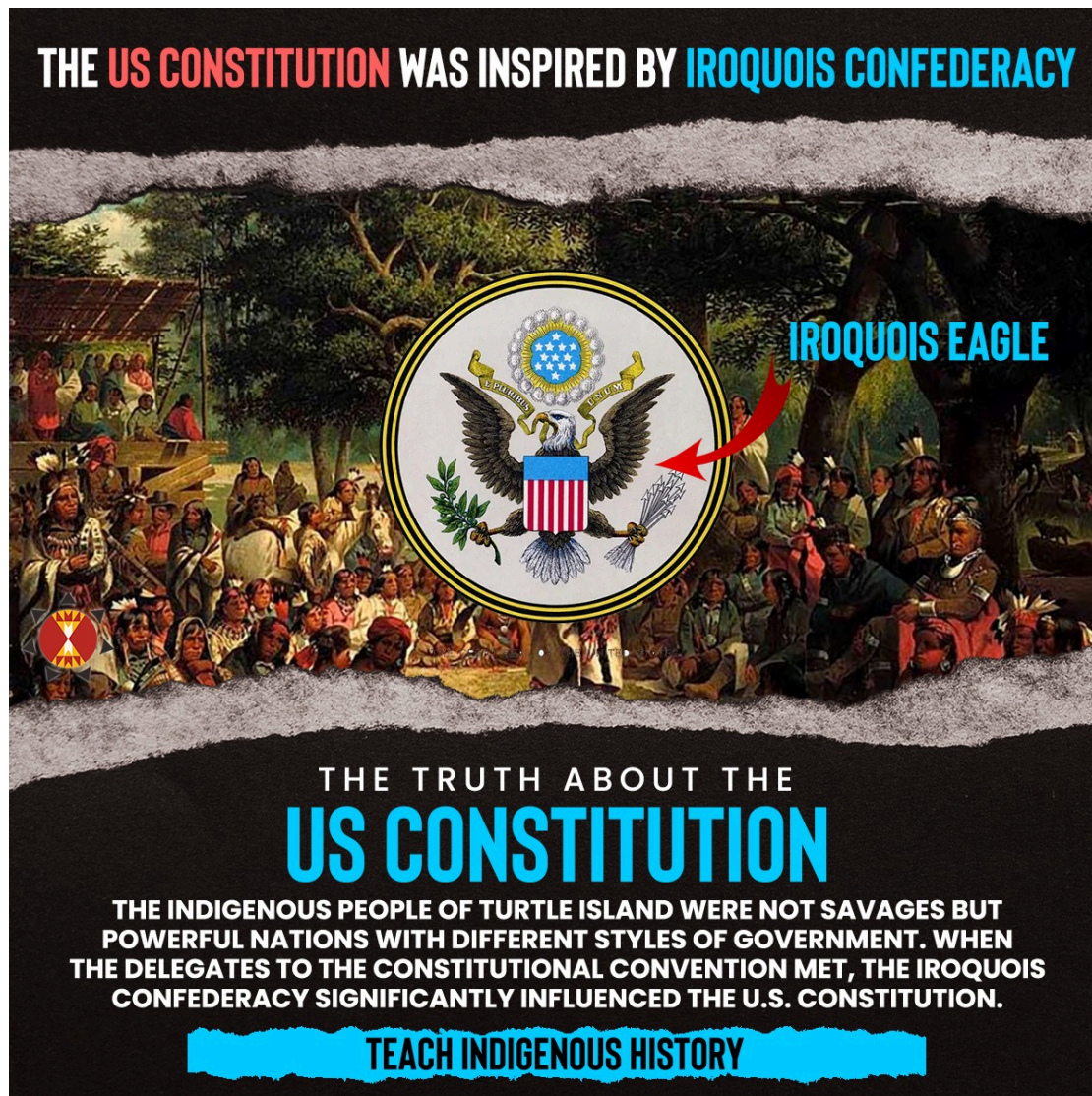
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### **When Did Humans Domesticate the Horse?**





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Despite the Declaration of Independence describing the indigenous people of Turtle Island as "Merciless Indian Savages," it might surprise many to know that much of the U.S. Constitution was inspired by the "Great League of Peace" founded by the Iroquois Confederacy.

The Iroquois Confederacy is the oldest living participatory democracy on earth. It initially united five nations: the Mohawks, the Onondaga, the Cayuga, the Oneida, and the Seneca. Over 300 years later, the Tuscarora nation joined the Iroquois, and the six nations formed a multi-state government while maintaining their separate governance.

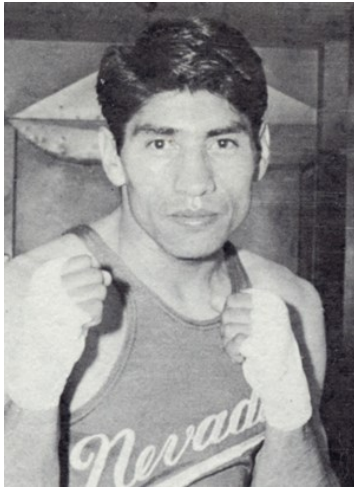
In October 1998, Congress passed a resolution (H.Con.Res.331) acknowledging the influence of the Iroquois Confederacy on the U.S. Constitution.

Ben Franklin met with Colonial and Iroquois leaders in 1754 to discuss how the colonies might govern themselves. During that meeting, a Mohawk chief showed them the strength of the Iroquois Confederacy by holding up one arrow and breaking it. He then held up five arrows tied together and showed that they could not be broken because of the combined power, just like the Confederacy.

After the U.S. was established, Franklin replaced the original imperial eagle with the bald eagle on the U.S. seal to represent the Iroquois Confederacy. He added 13 arrows to symbolize the strength of the colonies together in unity.

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### **UNR Hall Of Fame Member:**



### **Joe Bliss - Class 1960 Induction 1973. Sport(s). Boxing Boxing (1959-60)**

A native of Lovelock, Nev., Joe Bliss won the second individual national title in school history and the first in boxing, capturing the 139-pound title in 1959. He reached the championship round in three straight years. A member of the Pauite tribe, Bliss was a five-sport star at Pershing County High School in Lovelock and was making a run to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team before being drafted into the United States Army in 1953. He served for two years in Germany during the Korean War and continued to box while in the Army. He enrolled at the University of Nevada in the late 1950s and quickly became Nevada's first great boxer. As a sophomore, he reached the national championship round in the 139 pound weight class, losing a split decision to San Jose State's Welvin Stroud. A year later, he returned to the championship round and defeated Washington State's Darrel Whitmore at Nevada's Old Gym to earn Nevada's first NCAA title in boxing. In 1960, Bliss advanced to the title match again and fell to Wisconsin's Charlie Mohr but was named the Outstanding Sportsman of the championship. After college, he competed in 1960 Olympic Qualifier in San Francisco but was forced to withdraw after a head butt in the semifinals. Bliss went on to work in the casino industry, spending 40 years at the Cal Neva. The last surviving member of the inaugural Hall of Fame class, Bliss passed away in September of 2020.





## Remembering the Akičitas - Warriors

By Native Hope

Over the centuries, Native American akičitas (warriors) watched over their oyates (tribes). They protected their people and helped in times of strife — it was the warriors' job to ensure the survival of the community. Perhaps, this is why Native Americans view military service **"as a continuation of the warrior's role in Native cultures."**

***Pilamaya to all the veterans who continue to give of themselves to assist their communities and honor their fallen brothers and sisters.***

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***"We aren't free when politicians decide that the lobbyist and gun industries are more important than our children's freedom to go to school without needing bulletproof backpacks and active shooter drills"***  
**- Coach Gabe Kepler, SF Giants Manager**

***"It's important for everyone to express their frustration, disgust, anger, whatever it is, in whatever way they can, so I support everybody's right to demand that from our country."*** - Steve Kerr, GS Warriors