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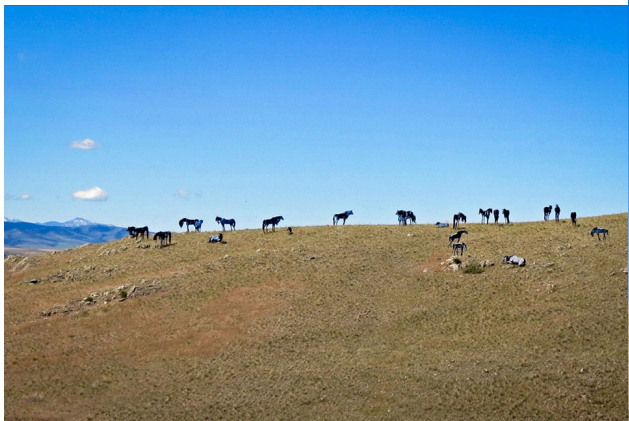
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Local artist Jim Dolan installed the "Bleu Horses" sculptures in 2013 on land donated by the Wheat Montana grain company. In total there are 30 metallic horses posed in a variety of life-like positions, each painted blue with white stripes to give them a sense of depth. To further enhance their realism, all their manes are made of polyester rope that sways realistically in the wind - it is a beautiful sight to be seen!

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Museums Can Help Transform Education

[Center for the Future Of Museums Blog](#)

Last week I spent an inspiring afternoon in a Zoom workshop dedicated to envisioning “liberatory futures” for P-12 education. How can we collectively create an educational future that is rooted in equity, self-determination, and the right of a learner to help shape the world? How can our educational system(s) expand our definition of “school,” and provide many ways for learners to thrive, grow, and succeed? That workshop was led by staff of KnowledgeWorks—CFM’s counterpart in the education sector—who are dedicated to “sparking new thinking about how to prepare students for an uncertain future.” The Alliance has worked with KnowledgeWorks before—notably as a partner in preparing our seminal report [Building the Future of Education: Museums and the Learning Ecosystem](#). Today on the blog, Katherine Prince, Vice President, Strategic Foresight at KnowledgeWorks, introduces their latest forecast on the future of learning and explores the roles museums might play in a liberatory future.

—Elizabeth Merritt, VP Strategic Foresight and Founding Director, Center for the Future of Museums, American Alliance of Museums

More at:

https://www.aam-us.org/2022/10/12/museums-can-help-transform-education/?utm_source=American+Alliance+of+Museums&utm_campaign=527beffd23-FieldNotes_2022_Oct17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f06e575db6-527beffd23-67831942

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Good business potential

Australian research finds cost-effective way to recycle solar panels

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/oct/16/australian-research-finds-cost-effective-way-to-recycle-solar-panels>

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## **Nevada Women’s Fund**

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### Native American Pride

**“Hohtaheanoh,” the Spotted Hawk**, was too young to fight with the Northern Cheyennes against Custer in 1876, but the 9 year-old and his mother watched the Bighorn Battle from a safe place across the river. After many struggles and several more years of fighting for their homelands, the Cheyennes settled on their present reservation in 1883, in what is now southeastern Montana. In return, the government promised the tribe regular food rations, homes and clothing, but government promises blew away like leaves in the wind. Every year, the Cheyennes died from starvation and disease. Without medical help, adequate food, shelter and forbidden to practice traditional customs, they lost hope and spiraled into discouragement and despair.

Hearing of their plight, Catholic missionaries moved to the reservation. One of the first priests was Father Aloysius Van der Velden, S.J., called by the Cheyennes, “The One Who Limp.” Spotted Hawk’s family welcomed the new Dutch priest and the Ursuline Sisters. By the summer of 1897, 30 year-old Hugh Spotted Hawk was regularly attending church services in the newly built mission chapel. Despite a drought, he was also busy preparing for the fall harvest. A quiet family man, Hugh worked as a plow foreman, a position that earned him a decent wage. A few months earlier, Hugh heard that a white sheepherder had been murdered by an Indian named David Stanley. The agent asked Spotted Hawk and others to capture and bring the man in to face prosecution. Hugh took time off from work to bring the culprit in to the agency jail and didn’t think much about it afterward.

On July 20th, Hugh, a former U.S. Army Scout under General Nelson A. Miles, was working in the hay fields when tribal policemen arrested and took him to the Agent, Capt. George W. H. Stouch. Spotted Hawk was stunned to find that his brother, Little Whirlwind, was also in jail. Although David Stanley had originally admitted he alone murdered the sheepherder, he had suddenly changed his story, implicating Spotted Hawk and Little Whirlwind as his accomplices. The brothers sent word to Fr. Van der Velden, who came at once to pray with them. Meanwhile, the murder of the young white man was causing an uproar in the ranching communities. Casting suspicion on Indians was a familiar fear tactic aimed at driving them from

their reservation. Ranchers circulated rumors that Cheyenne warriors were ready to attack and that 500 vigilantes stood ready for the “Indian uprising.” Sheriff John Gibb from Miles City, rode to the agency with 25 half drunk cowboys looking for blood. The agent refused their demand to hand over the prisoners, knowing that to do so would have created mob violence. Agent Stouch, anticipating trouble, had already called for Capt. Robert D. Read, and the Tenth Cavalry. The soldiers arrived in time to escort the sheriff and his neck tie party off the reservation. During the scare, Fr. Van der Velden further angered ranchmen by again visiting the jailed prisoners.

Antagonism against the missionaries had been evident for 15 years, much of it aimed at the priest who vowed to educate Indians. Fr. Van der Velden’s life had been threatened, once with a gun to his stomach, but he was determined to stay, despite ill health. Just as rumors of war increased and the priest realized he could not help Spotted Hawk, Rev. Van der Velden came down with typhoid fever and was in a coma for two weeks. When he didn’t fully recover, Bishop Brondel recalled him. From his hospital bed, Father wrote to his brother in Holland telling him why he was leaving after 12 years with the tribe, “The whites were after my life; my death was resolved upon.” When Spotted Hawk heard that Father had left for good and that Agent Stouch had been transferred, he and his brother broke out of jail and walked back to the reservation. They just wanted to see their wives and children one last time.

The brief and joyous visit came to an end when the innocent men were recaptured. George Bird Grinnell, naturalist and close friend of Herbert Welsh and Theodore Roosevelt, soon to be elected President of the United States, had spent many years on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. He knew Spotted Hawk and when he found out that his friend had been charged with First Degree Murder and was sentenced to hang, Grinnell took immediate action. After notifying his powerful friends in Washington and New York, funds poured in for Spotted Hawk and his brother’s defense.

Working against them were Montana Governor Robert B. Smith and Senator Thomas H. Carter, close friends of the presiding Judge Charles H. Loud. All three men were well known advocates for cattlemen. Judge Loud overturned a court ruling that would have given the Cheyennes a new trial while their families struggled to survive. Within a year, accused murderer David Stanley died of tuberculosis in jail but not before he admitted to authorities that he had lied about Spotted Hawk and Little Whirlwind. They were not guilty of murder. Despite his confession, the Cheyenne brothers remained in jail. Grinnell and his supporters hired the best lawyers and quietly backed by Teddy Roosevelt, Spotted Hawk was finally released. Little Whirlwind was to stay in jail for 4 years until 1901. By then, the government had removed ranchers from the borders of the reservation and they were finally forced to acknowledge the legality of permanent reservation lines. In fairness to the ranchers, legal boundaries should have been made long before cattlemen settled in the area. Ten years before, they already had 150,000 cattle and horses and 30,000 sheep grazing on reservation land. After their release from jail, the Cheyenne brothers returned to their homes. Before long, Spotted Hawk’s land was entirely cultivated. A reservation land survey found Hugh “a very active farmer,” with a large vegetable garden and many acres of wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, alfalfa and hay. He also raised cattle, horses and pigs. After his wife died, Hugh’s daughter moved into his log cabin to care for him until he passed away at the age of 62. If the agony of wrongful imprisonment and the fear of the hang man’s rope made him a bitter man, Hugh did not show it.

After he died, Spotted Hawk's name was given to his nephew, Chief Clarence, "Bisco" Spotted Wolf. In 2009, Bisco in turn handed the name down to his relative, Joseph, a young scholar with a Master's Degree from the University of Maryland. Spotted Hawk distinguished himself as a U. S. Army Scout but most important of all, he was a good father, a loving husband and a hard worker whose name will live forever in Northern Cheyenne history.

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## **Underground Pyramid Found in Bolivia**

Location: Tiahuanaco, Bolivia

Year Discovered: 2015

Est. Value: Unknown

Tiahuanaco in Bolivia and its historical ruins have led to quite a few discoveries, and excavations have continued for years by both private companies and the government. In 2015, one of the most shocking findings at Tiahuanaco was an underground pyramid. Archaeologists discovered it with the use of ground-penetrating radar.

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They also found monoliths within the pyramid. Excavations into this belowground pyramid are still ongoing. Tiahuanaco was once home to ancient South America's most important city. The city spanned 231,000 square miles, and finds from this massive historical site have included stone monuments, palace ruins, sculptures, and more. Since 2000, Tiahuanaco has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

<https://za.investing.com/magazine/unusual-discoveries-found-in-unexpected-places/article/164508>

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[\*\*Court rejects appeal to give American Samoans citizenship\*\*](#) WASHINGTON (AP) — [\*\*The Supreme Court on Monday rejected an appeal seeking to give people born in American Samoa U.S. citizenship. In leaving in place an appeals court decision, the court also passed up an invitation to overturn a series of decisions dating back to 1901 known as the Insular Cases, reAP News\*\*](#)

**Spurred by friend's death, man builds tiny house for homeless Native Americans**

<https://www.startribune.com/spurred-by-friends-death-man-builds-tiny-house-for-homeless-native-americans/600216290/>

## Enbridge to pay \$7 million for Line 3 damage

<https://www.startribune.com/enbridge-will-pay-7-million-faces-criminal-charge-after-line-3-pipeline-breached-minnesota-aquifer/600216580/>

*“As long as you keep one foot in the real world while the other foot's in a fairy tale, that fairy tale is going to seem kind of attainable.” – [Aaron Sorkin](#)*

## Native Americans recall torture, hatred at boarding schools

By MATTHEW BROWN

Saturday's event was the third in Haaland's yearlong "Road to Healing" initiative for victims of abuse at government-backed boarding schools, after previous stops in Oklahoma and Michigan.

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## NBC News student seminar highlights unusual education effort

By DAVID BAUDER

*NBC News is making its leaders available to students this week for a one-day digital seminar on how to succeed in the news business. (Photo by Andy Kropa/Invision/AP, File)*

NEW YORK (AP) — Leaning into education aggressively and uncommonly so for a media organization, NBC News is making its leaders available to students this week for a one-day digital seminar on how to succeed in the news business.

The second Next Level Summit being held Tuesday is part of NBCU Academy, a nearly two-year-old initiative that also includes jobs, journalism training videos and partnerships with some 45 colleges and universities.

The effort is aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at students from diverse backgrounds. Cesar Conde, chair of the NBC Universal News Group, said in 2020 that his goal was to have a company workforce that was at least half women and half people of color.

The presidents of NBC News, MSNBC and CNBC are all participating in Tuesday's summit, speaking on how students can help meet the demand for digital and streaming content. Other panels include using social media for newsgathering and new technology in sports coverage.

NBC Universal committed to \$6.5 million in funding for NBCU Academy when it was announced at the beginning of last year.

The aim is to grow journalists, said Yvette Miley, who runs NBCU Academy as senior vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion at the news group.

“You can’t just sit in the back end of the pipeline and wait for students to come out of it ready to go,” Miley said.

NBC helps develop courses and conduct workshops at participating schools. The network funds scholarships and has hired 11 young journalists for a two-year “embed” program — all of them from diverse backgrounds. Since Conde announced his goals, 48% of the news group’s new hires have been people of color, and 63% are women.

Jose Diaz-Balart, Tom Llamas, Chuck Todd and Kristen Welker are among the NBC News personalities who have filmed video tutorials on such subjects as interview techniques and how to deal with sources. They’re available for any educator to use.

MSNBC President Rashida Jones is among the executives who make themselves available for mentoring.

Jones said she went to college wanting to become a print reporter, because she thought the only jobs available in television news were on-air reporters. She quickly learned about other roles, such as producing, which she was doing for a local station in Norfolk, Virginia, before she even finished school.

“Every time I speak to students I think of the 17-year-old version of myself and what I wanted to learn,” Jones said.

Her central advice: Prepare, even over-prepare, for interviews and new jobs so you aren’t surprised by what comes your way.

At the University of Missouri School of Journalism, NBC helped conduct workshops on diversity and investigative reporting for high school students this past summer, said dean David Kurpius.

Students respond positively to advice from experts — some of whom they recognize — who are currently working in the business, he said.

“I think these attract students and more new employees who are very much going to be the future leaders in this industry and that’s very important,” he said.

Through the academy, NBC is also helping fund documentary projects, sending out guest lecturers and offering career coaching. A journalism boot camp was conducted at the U.S. Open golf tournament, Miley said.

She also issued a challenge.

“We have an opportunity to lead in this space and I certainly hope other companies find their way into this space,” she said.

<https://apnews.com/article/business-education-journalism-10fbd4403a37938ea312f5cc138ed4a1>

## **My Friend Was Killed Deep in the Amazon Forest. I Went to Investigate.**

Terrence McCoy / The Washington Post

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***United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) which requires that governments avoid any action “which has the aim or effect of dispossessing [indigenous peoples] of their lands, territories or resources;...”***



[sf.eater.com](https://sf.eater.com)

[How The New Cafe Ohlone Honors Indigenous Food and Family on a Grand Stage](#)

[The restaurant's new home is an ode to family, culture, food, and the Bay Area](#)

### **[Where water and electricity meet: Solar panels over canals](#)**

By Capitol Weekly, 10/07/22. With record heat waves and stubborn droughts, the state needs electricity. A partial solution? California's first project to cover a major canal with solar panels.

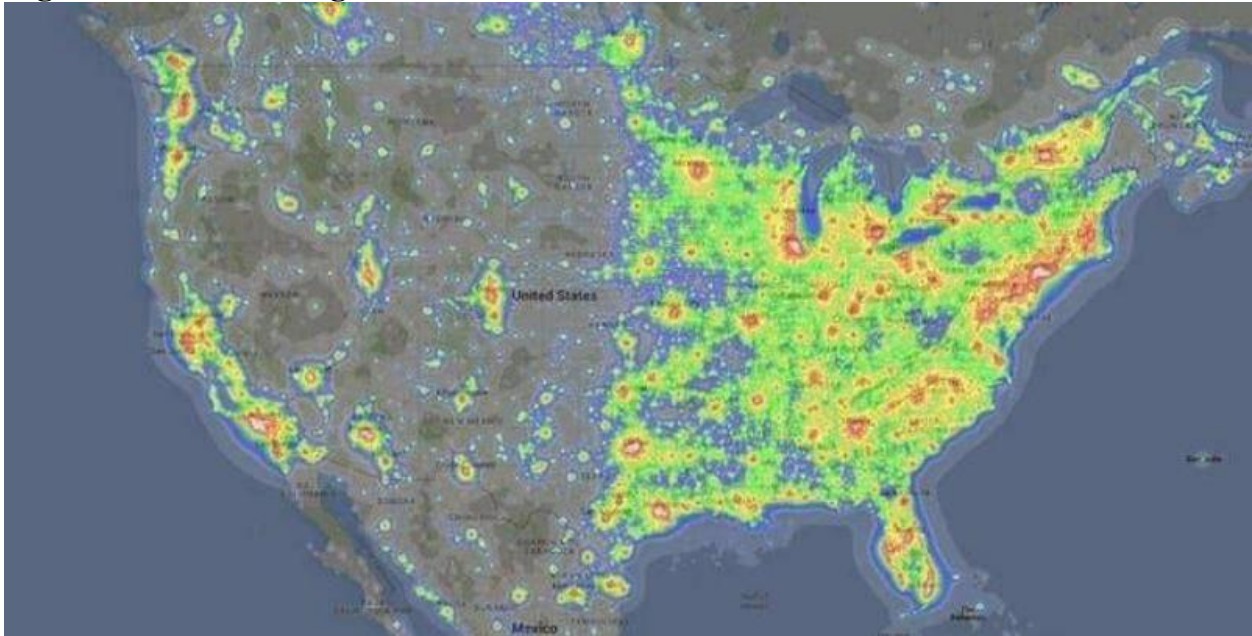
### **[This one fact will completely change how you think about California wildfires](#)**

By the San Francisco Chronicle, 10/15/22. In recent years, California's wildfires have seemed ever more apocalyptic. Huge swaths of forest have been wiped out, forcing thousands to flee and choking many more with smoke. But here's a fact that may seem surprising: Even more of the California landscape used to be on fire.

*Stay off the (sea)weed:* A project is underway to create a **seaweed farm** the size of **Croatia** in the **Atlantic Ocean**. Its goal is to capture carbon



## Light Pollution Throughout The Continental United States



Where\_is\_no\_try/Reddit

### Native Blood

And then We were found  
The one thing we've learned, is there's one thing for sure  
that history is there's who would write it  
That those who would rule, would give us their truth  
and force us all here to recite it  
From Ancient Greek cultures, to grand Persian sultans  
to empires of Egypt and Rome  
and China's great wall, speaks nothing at all  
of culture and history at home  
Was ours not worth knowing? Our people, our story?  
Of customs that long had been here  
Of a world that was true, and not really brand new  
On record for thousands of years  
Their history portrays, we were sadly misplaced  
When three Spanish ships ran aground  
And five hundred nations received their salvation  
after waiting so long to be found  
But we did pretty good for being 'lost in the woods  
dating back to 10 thousand BC  
Our writings were words, not hieroglyph forms  
like those found in Egypt and Greece  
Our writings have shown, this long had been home  
and something the Maya were proud of

For infinite seasons, their garden of Eden  
was one they were never cast out of  
The Anasazi had built a palace with cliffs  
which spirit inspired the thunder  
This great canyon remains in four-corner states  
A Mecca they simply called Wonder  
So why weren't we schooled of this nation of jewels  
with traditions we still remember?  
A culture so near that in twelve hundred years  
we'd be taking a train up to Denver  
Fort Ancients evolved with what they would call  
Three Sisters of corn, squash and beans  
And before they were found, their Great Serpent Mound  
was crowned at Ohio Brush Creek  
The Cahokian tribes built their cities astride  
the greatest American rivers  
One village maintained, and completely sustained  
thirty nine thousand civilians  
But one of the greatest nations of Natives  
emerged from a Nahua reliance  
From the Mexico Valley stood a glorious palace  
brought forth by the Aztec alliance  
The pyramid culture was left for the future  
which spoke of the people's creator  
And we'd truly admired the Incan Empire  
which prospered around the equator  
Before they were found the Taíno were strong  
and harvested land and the sea  
They used ancient ways for travel and trade  
while maintaining the guidelines for peace  
For thousands of years, these nations were here  
with resources, wealth and with power  
Sharing assets abound, before they were found  
Before the fruit had turned sour  
Then Columbus showed up with three loads of nuts  
The Taíno received them as friends  
The white folks had thought the Natives were lost  
And Natives were sure it was them  
Though cordial at first, this visit got worse  
They resembled those guests we all know  
They wear out their welcome, won't do what you tell them  
and seems like they'll never go home  
On their very next trip they had seventeen ships  
and the Natives would soon to discover  
they weren't here to trade, but to kill and enslave  
and make riches for only each other

In a four year time two-thirds of them died  
a genocide in a full swing  
Slaying young and the old, for God and for gold  
for them was that's very same thing  
The Columbus regime, was a killing machine  
that ruled with terror and fear  
This man once admired was finally fired  
so brutal he scared his own peers  
But his rule still applied that all Natives must die  
throughout the Caribbean nations  
And a million once strong were soon dead and gone  
through murder, disease and starvation  
We were much better off back when we were lost  
back when we could truly excel  
One way or another all Natives discovered  
Columbus was sent here from hell  
And this is the case to destroy a whole race  
with no trace of hundreds of nations  
Telling natives in class, enshrined Euro-trash  
is honored for killing relations  
And by teaching our youth their version of truth  
is keeping their legend intact  
They're entitled to keep the opinions they reap  
but never entitled to facts  
And that's where it's at, they're ashamed of the facts  
of what they had done to the Natives  
they can't figure out, just how to slide out  
from lies that they've created  
So on Columbus day we'll rain on parades  
To compete with the lies and distortion  
The facts they're bending denies ethnic cleansing  
that happened in massive proportions  
If it's Columbus you want, he's yours but don't flaunt  
by teaching this perjury in class  
Though Natives are known for signals of smoke  
We don't need it blown up our Ass  
**(Author) Daaxkoowadein**

***“I never quite understood why we have to let religion and politics and things like that stand in the way of just being good human beings.”***

Dolly Parton 2022 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy Award Recipient