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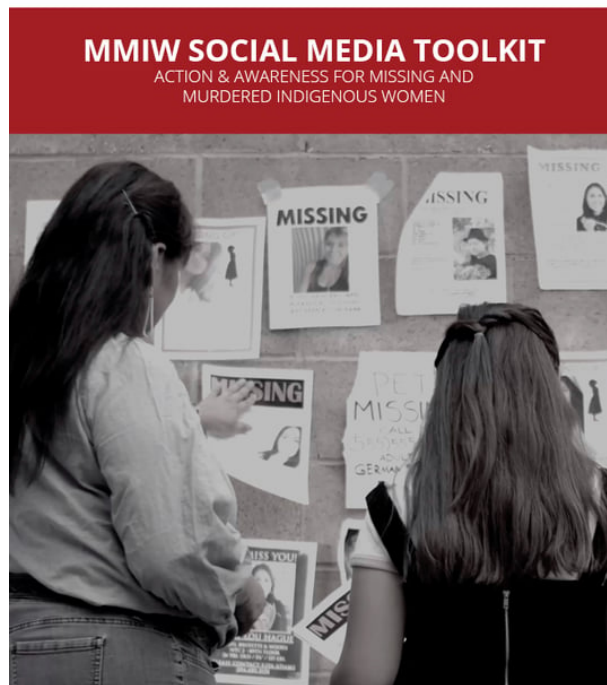
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**Across the United States and Canada, Indigenous women are being taken or murdered at an unrelenting rate.**

These startling facts paint a clear and urgent picture...

- Murder is the **third leading cause of death** for Native women.
- The murder of women on reservations is **10x the national average**.
- Studies show that **victims range from babies to 83-year-old women**.

To help spread awareness about the critical issue of [Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women \(MMIW\)](#), we put together a **social media toolkit**. Now, supporters like you can share these statistics and stories, to help raise awareness and end the injustice

and every year, individuals wear red and attend marches, rallies, 5ks, and more to shed light on the unsettling issues that are disproportionately affecting Indigenous women.

NOW is the perfect time to take action.

Download the toolkit and share these facts and stories on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages to support the Native women who need your help. [You can access the MMIW social media toolkit here](#)

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### **May 5 is also Cinco de Mayo:**

Many people mistakenly think that Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's Independence Day, which is celebrated Sept. 16. Cinco de Mayo actually celebrates the Mexican victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla May 5, 1862.

In 1861, Mexican President Benito Juarez suspended payment of all foreign debts, and France, ruled at the time by Napoleon III, invaded Mexico in response. The Mexican soldiers were outnumbered 2 to 1 by the better-equipped French army, yet the Mexicans crushed the French in the town of Puebla.

The Mexican victory boosted the army's morale and national pride. Despite that, the French still captured Mexico City and installed Emperor Maximilian I as the ruler. In 1866, with political and military assistance from the U.S., the Mexican army expelled the French and captured and executed Maximilian I. In June 1867, Juarez reassumed the presidency and declared that May 5, the anniversary of the Battle of Puebla, would be a national holiday.

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### **Students have been occupying the anthropology library at UC Berkeley for days after university announced that it would shutter the 67-year-old institution to save money.**

The protest comes as Berkeley is building a new 367,270-square-foot data sciences building at a cost of more than half a billion dollars. For student protesters, the library occupation is about more than one library: It's about preserving knowledge of the social sciences in a world obsessed with virtual experiences. [N.Y. Times](#)

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### **Indigenous student settles lawsuit against school district**

Four years after being denied entry into her graduation ceremony because she wore an eagle plume on her graduation cap, Larissa Waln is finally getting a bit of justice as her family settled their lawsuit against the Dysart Unified School District in Arizona.

<https://www.redlakenationnews.com > story > 2023 > 05 > 02 > news > indigenous-student-settles-lawsuit-against-school-district > 113649.html>



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

[Family wins third Tribal disenrollment case](#)

[An Isabella County family that has been fighting Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe disenrollment since the 1990s has won a third case with the help of genealogists and their longtime, Mt. Pleasant atto...](#)

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**MCHS Alumni Regina Quintero is among 11 new Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Hall (NIAA) of Fame inductees!** Regina is set to be inducted in to the NIAA



Hall of Fame Fall June 20th as part of the 29th NIAA Hall of Fame class!!  
Regina graduated from Mineral County High School in 1982! She was athletic director, coach (girls volleyball, girls golf, softball, boys golf) and contributor, Boulder City High School / NIAA and NADA! Way to represent MCHS Regina!  
Regina is a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe (WRPT) and the daughter of the late Pancho & Alfreda Quintero and the Granddaughter of Popeye McCloud.



Once a Serpent, Always a Serpent!



<https://www.syracuse.com/highschoolsports/2023/05/onondaga-nation-clan-mother-on-schools-use-of-native-american-mascots-what-are-we-teaching-our-kids.html>

<https://www.ksl.com/article/50634899/ute-tribe-sues-cattle-farm-over-alleged-water-theft>

**A small Nevada company spent decades buying water. As the West dries up, it's cashing out**

Vidler Water Co. spent decades speculating on the West's most precious resource. Now it's helping the nation's largest homebuilder survive an unprecedented drought

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FYI that ITCN was sorta in the news yesterday at a grand opening of a buckwheat greenhouse in Gardnerville, paid for by Loneer Lithium Mining. Duckwater Shoshone Tribe was also there. The Tribal Liaison for loneer is Tashina Jim, and she is member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe. Rhyolite Ridge is going to be a gigantic lithium mine and it's essential that Tribal Nations become and remain engaged with these companies because they are coming and we need to be prepared to protect the people , the animals, the plants, and the earth, air, and water.

[https://www.2news.com/news/mining-company-studying-endangered-buckwheat-on-planned-lithium-mine/article\\_be03186a-ea23-11ed-ab2f-3f954ff48c98.html](https://www.2news.com/news/mining-company-studying-endangered-buckwheat-on-planned-lithium-mine/article_be03186a-ea23-11ed-ab2f-3f954ff48c98.html)

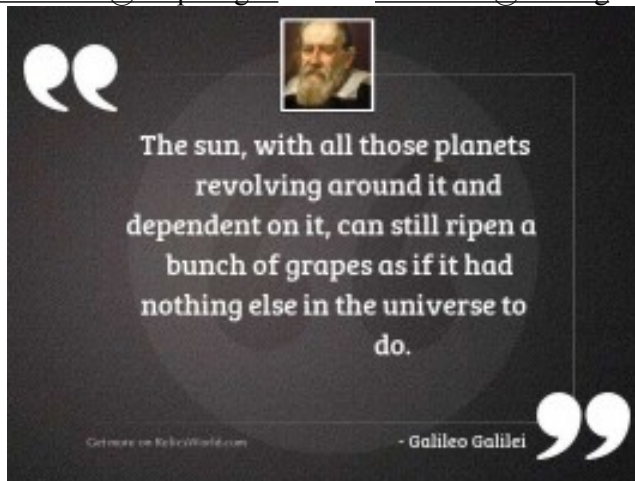
ITCN is involved because I help facilitate communications between the Tribes and loneer and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Tribes currently involved in tribal consultation with BLM are: the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, the Big Pine Paiute Tribe, and the Owens Valley Indian Commission. The Duck Valley Sho-Pai have expressed interest and BLM keeps them informed but they have not attended any meetings yet.

You can quote me below.

Right now, we are looking at over 16,000 exploratory wells looking for lithium, permitted by the Nevada Division of Minerals. I am hearing complaints of well water going down as much as 8 ft in some areas next to these wells. 18 water basins in Nevada are impacted by this exploratory work. When I see the focus on historical impacts to Tribal Nations regarding mining, I feel like yelling, look at what they are doing right now to our sites! Areas like Cedar Creek will disappear if we don't act as stewards of the environment. We don't even know all the chemicals these mining companies and lithium recycling companies are using because they say the chemicals are protected from the Freedom of Information Act because they are "secret recipes."

**We have a duty as humans to do what is right, and our warriors have to protect our people,** and the plants and the animals, because they do not speak human, and few of us understand them anymore because we are lost.

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**Save the Grand Canyon. [info@nativeorganizing.org](mailto:info@nativeorganizing.org)**

The threat looming over the future of the Grand Canyon is not new.

Multinational mining conglomerates have long sought to extract nearby stores of uranium regardless of harm to the canyon and the people who live in the region. Since the 1950s, the Grand Canyon area and surrounding Colorado Plateau have been home to at least 22 uranium mills and the majority of all uranium mining activities conducted in the United States.

**These mines have left a toxic legacy on the land and local tribal communities. Nearly one in five uranium mines is located within 6 miles of a Native American reservation, and more than three quarters of them are situated within 50 miles of a reservation.**

On the Navajo Nation alone, estimates suggest that there have been more than 1,000 uranium mines since modern extraction methods began. More than 500 of these mines have been abandoned and remain in need of cleanup.

This is the real legacy of uranium mining in the Southwest: Today, women and newborn babies exhibit higher levels of uranium in their bodies than people in other parts of the country. More than a quarter of Navajo Nation residents participating in one study recently tested positive for high levels of uranium.<sup>[1]</sup>

Enough is enough is enough. President Biden can use his authority under the Antiquities Act to save the Grand Canyon from uranium mining once and for all.

**[Send a direct message to the president calling for the establishment of the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument to protect the cultural, archaeological, and sacred sites of ancestral importance to Indigenous peoples and tribes now.](#)**

Despite a 20-year uranium mining moratorium established in 2012, as recently as 2020 Donald Trump's administration proposed spending \$1.5 billion to prop up the country's nuclear fuel industry, emboldening Canada-based Energy Fuels Inc. to take steps toward boosting operations at dormant uranium mines outside Grand Canyon National Park.

Now as MAGA Republicans are seeking to establish increased supplies of domestic stockpiles of rare earth minerals once again, we have to step up to protect Mother Earth, our rights, and our people.

**[Don't sit this fight out. Take action. Take just a moment to sign and send your message to President Biden now.](#)**

We can save the Grand Canyon and protect the Colorado River -- including the clean water it provides to 40 million people and 1.8 million acres of land used to grow crops and raise livestock in seven states -- but only if we demand action now.

Hawwih ("thank you" in Caddo) for joining the fight today. Judith Le Blanc (Caddo) Exec.Dir

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**Wild horse numbers remain static, but overpopulated, according to BLM**

The BLM released its annual wild horse and burro report. Populations continue to hover around 83,000, more than the 27,000 the agency recommends.

# STOP MONEY

This past week, at the annual general meetings (AGMs) of Citi, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo, a majority of shareholders voted *against* several climate and Indigenous rights resolutions. These results were a powerful reminder of why we need a mass movement to hold the financial industry accountable.

This year, only 9.94% of Citi shareholders voted for ending funding for fossil expansion. 31% of shareholders urged the bank to ensure their energy clients are respecting Indigenous rights & sovereignty. That's lower than we hoped.

Here's where you come in: [Call out Citibank, KKR, and the Milken Institute on Twitter. We're demanding they stop financing projects & companies that harm the climate and BIPOC communities.](#)

Next week, the world's financial elite will gather at the annual Milken Institute Global Conference. The biggest financiers and supporters of fossil fuel expansion will be there — both Citibank's CEO Jane Fraser and KKR's CEO Joseph Bae have prominent speaking roles.

KKR, an American private equity firm, is helping fund the climate crisis by pumping billions of dollars into fracked gas, offshore drilling, methane gas terminals and pipelines.

[Join us as we take over the Milken Institute's event hashtag so that conference attendees will see our demands.](#) Our tool will pre-load a drafted tweet, all you have to do is hit send!

Frontline organizers and climate activists will be protesting outside the conference — calling out the Citi and KKR financed methane gas export terminal in Port Arthur, Texas, a project strongly opposed by the community of predominantly Black and Latino residents.

Citi has funded Line 3, DAPL, and many other projects that violate Indigenous rights and harm frontline communities. We know that it's going to take a lot more pushing and organizing to get Wall Street to end its fossil fuel addiction. This action is a good next step.

[Take action and join our Twitterstorm by tweeting at Citibank, KKR, and the Milken Institute to call out the financiers of climate chaos and toxic fossil fuel projects.](#)

In solidarity, - the Stop the Money Pipeline team

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*Because it is Friday .....*

**'Sculpture intervention': A rogue tribute to an extinct butterfly is removed from its pedestal**

SF Arts

Commission has no idea who placed the sculpture in Golden Gate Park where statue of Junipero Serra once stood

<https://localnewsmatters.org/2023/04/30/sculpture-intervention-a-rogue-tribute-to-an-extinct-butterfly-is-removed-from-its-pedestal/>

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**EPA invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates to participate in the next [National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call](#) taking place on **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 2PM to 4PM (Eastern Time)**. These calls are free and open to the public.**

**Registration Link:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-natl-environmental-justice-community-engagement-call-may-162023-registration-626232577497>

**Agenda:**

- Management Updates for the Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights
- Community Engagement (topic to be determined)
- Question and Answer Session

The purpose of these calls is to inform the community and other stakeholders about EPA's EJ work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with EJ advocates.

Please email [farrell.ericka@epa.gov](mailto:farrell.ericka@epa.gov) by May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to request reasonable accommodation for a disability or interpreter services in a language other than English, so that you can participate in the call and/or to request a translation of any of the event documents into a language other than English.

For more information about the National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls, please email [farrell.ericka@epa.gov](mailto:farrell.ericka@epa.gov)

Recordings and meeting materials for all calls are posted here: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>.

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**'We were never told': Veterans of nuclear test site seek compensation**

Veterans who worked at sites in Nevada in the 1980s are seeking compensation for health problems they've experienced in the decades since.

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**Mixed feelings for Vatican rescinding 'law of colonization'**

'This is only a first step in correcting some of the wrongs in history'

Miles Morrisseau Mar 30, 2023

<https://ictnews.org/news/mixed-feelings-for-vatican-rescinding-law-of-colonization>

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**'I am a White person:' UC Berkeley scholar apologizes for wrongly claiming to be Native American her 'whole life'**

The controversy surrounding anthropologist Elizabeth Hoover has sparked calls for her resignation and concerns among her students and Native American scholars about Cal's academic integrity.

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/05/04/i-am-a-white-person-uc-berkeley-scholar-apologizes-for-wrongly-claiming-to-be-native-american-her-whole-life>

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## Inuit Students Invented New Number System Can Now Be Used Digitally



April 18, 2023 by [Paul G](#) | [Leave a comment](#)

A group of students in an Inuit middle school and their teacher invented a number system called “Kaktovik numerals, which looked and functioned differently from decimal system numerals. However, the system was suitable for the Inuit oral counting system. That is why it spread throughout the region. Now, due to the support of Silicon Valley, the system will be digitalized soon and will be available on computers and smartphones so that others can also benefit from it. [@modernday\\_eratosthenes](#) Your daily dose of feel-good news [#stem](#) [Lo-fi hip hop – NAO-K](#)

The numeric system we use today is made by the Arabic-Hindu decimal system adopted by every society across the globe. It expresses value in a written form using digits 0 to 9.

Inupiaq, the Alaskan Inuit Language, leverages an [oral counting system](#) inspired by the human body. This system describes quantities in groups of five, 10, 15, and 20. To be precise, Kaktovik numerals are a system of the count of your toes and your hands. For instance, tallimat, the Inupiaq word for 5, originated from taliq, which means arm. The word for 20, Inuinnaq, indicates the whole person.

Kaktovik numerals were invented during a class project when children and a teacher had to adapt the counting system to a written form. Together, they made a numeral system based on tally marks that look like the Inupiaq words they represent. For instance, “akimiaq piņasut” indicates 18, which means 15-3, represented with three horizontal strokes, representing 15 or three groups of 5 above three vertical strokes indicating 3.

### How are Kaktovik Numerals Unique?

One of the major differences between Kaktovik numerals and the number system we use today is its way of writing. The number systems we use have been used for decades. Another difference is the way the system works. For instance, in the Inupiaq language, there is no word for 0. The student decided the symbol for 0 just crossed her arms, so the class decided to represent it with an X-like mark.

Also, experts call it a 20-positional value system. To be precise, it is a two-dimensional positional value system with a sub-base of 5 and a primary base of 20. Kaktovik numerals are also significantly visual. This makes math problem-solving easier and simpler. Students struggling to understand math can use this system to learn simple and challenging math equations and questions. Whether it’s addition, subtraction, long divisions, or others, Kaktovik numerals can make them easier

Feature image courtesy of Anchorage Daily. Photo by Chrisann Justice

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On May 4, 1626, Dutch colonist Peter Minuit arrived on the wooded island of Manhattan in present-day New York. [Continue reading](#).



### Scholarships with June 30 Deadlines

<a href="#">David Malcolm Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">DFLA Education Fund Scholarship Essay Contest</a>	\$2,500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Epilepsy Reach Education Scholarship Program</a>	\$1,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Fracsun STEM California Higher Education Scholarship</a>	\$500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Frank and Brennie Morgan Prize</a>	\$1,200	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Freedom From Religion Foundation Essay Contests</a>	\$4,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Fully Bloomed Scholarship</a>	\$500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program</a>	Varies	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Golden State Nursing Foundation BSN Scholarship</a>	\$500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award</a>	\$500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">IAEE Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">ISAC Monetary Award Program</a>	Varies	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Jen Baker Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">John Sexton Essay Contest</a>	\$1,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Kelly Somey Digital Marketing Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Kids' Chance of Florida Scholarship</a>	Varies	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Live Poets Society of New Jersey - National High School Poetry Contest</a>	\$500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Mark A Carota Scholarship</a>	Varies	06/30/2023
<a href="#">NASCLA Contractor Scholarship Program</a>	\$5,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">National Military Fish and Wildlife Association</a>	\$500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">New York State HESC Tuition Assistance Program</a>	\$5,665	06/30/2023
<a href="#">NoDraft Video Essay Contest</a>	\$1,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">NYS Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$24,880	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Panacea Financial Foundation Medical Student Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Power Life Sciences Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Quatrefoil Library Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">RMHC Las Vegas Scholarship Program</a>	\$10,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Sharda Hindu Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">South Carolina Tuition Grants Program</a>	Varies	06/30/2023

<a href="#">SRK Consulting Inc. Graduate Scholarship Program</a>	\$3,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">SW Neighborhood Assembly's Education &amp; Scholarship Task Force</a>	\$1,500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">The David Womack Memorial West Virginia LGBT Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">The Transformer Association Scholarship Program</a>	\$2,500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">The Woman's Century Club Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">TYLENOL Future Care Scholarship</a>	\$10,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Virginia Department of Health Nursing Scholarships</a>	Varies	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Women of the Vine &amp; Spirits Foundation Student Educational Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	06/30/2023
<a href="#">WWOAP Scholarship</a>	\$1,500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">YPE SF Bay Area Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	06/30/2023
<a href="#">Zack Zolin Scholarship Foundation</a>		

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MISSING SPIRITS OF OUR WOMEN AND  
CHILDREN



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