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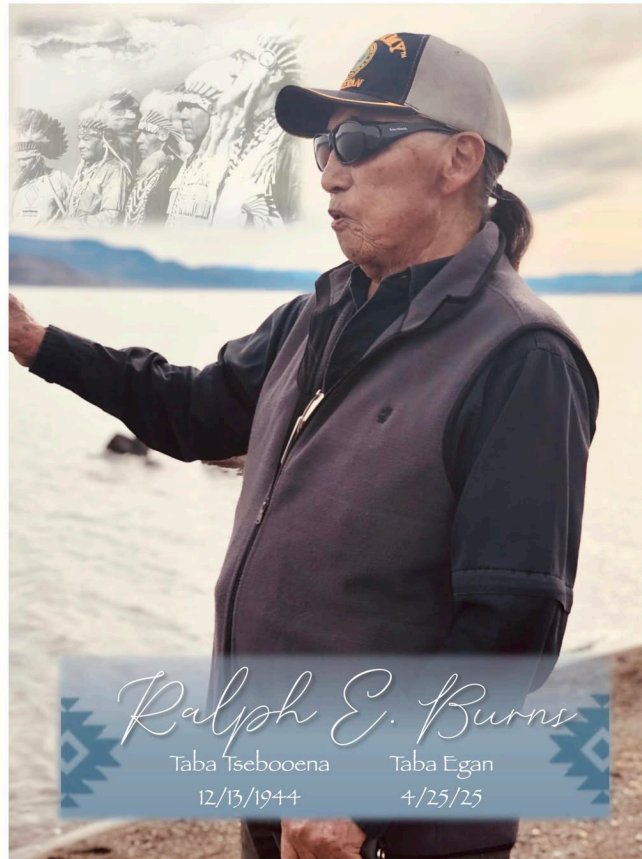
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Albert, the white peacock of Boulder Creek, a symbol of resilience and peace, memorialized in downtown mural

The rare bird survived a BB gun shooting and all manner of predators and speeding vehicles before being felled by a natural predator.



[Jennie Burns](#)

As I drove to work yesterday morning it started to rain. Thoughts of Dads teachings went through my mind - Te Pea Teepu, Te Paa'a, Te Songahakwuna Sootuhi...our animals, and especially the kooyoee. Little did I know that later in the evening Dad would be going on his spiritual journey. He was surrounded by his loved ones, then sent off with songs and prayers. That is the way it should be. E Naa'a E Tunetooedu E Bua'ano, a humble man with so much knowledge about Kooyoee Panunadu, Paa'a, Numu Yadooana, ka Teepuno you will be missed.

[Please keep our family in prayers, Pesa Mu. Saa'a U Poonedooa Dad, Pesatoo Mea](#) ❤️

A true warrior, Army 1st Calvary Division, Class of 1969 (Vietnam) [Ralph Burns](#) aka Joe Rock

[Lesley Hawley](#)

[When visiting with Uncle Ralph earlier this week, I got the directive to get back into teaching the language again. "You are the last of our little group of language teachers from our museum/language days." Vint, Charlotte, Sparky and now uncle Ralph Burns have all left us. I promised I would.](#)

[Jennie Burns](#), I will help you in any way to get our language and culture classes going. I was the brain behind their numu brawn we need to s

Pope Francis Walks On



Pope Francis talks to Indian leaders and social workers at the second World Meeting of Popular Movements in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Thursday, July 9, 2015. During his speech at the meeting, history's first Latin American pope apologized for the sins and "offenses" committed by the Catholic Church against indigenous peoples during the colonial-era conquest of the Americas.

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The Independent

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/pope-francis-apologises-for-catholic-crimes-against-indigenous-peoples-during-the-colonisation-of-the-americas-10380319.html>

### [Pope Francis issues powerful apology to Native Americans](#)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/pope-francis-maskwacis-apology-full-text-1.6531341>

['I am deeply sorry': Full text of residential school apology from Pope ...](#)

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<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/indigenous-leaders-reflect-on-late-pope-franciss-apology-visit-to-quebec-city/ar-AA1DIJUn>

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<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/priest-remembers-watching-pope-francis-write-apology-to-abuse-victims-in-ireland/ar-AA1DjWln>

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“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature.

We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.” *Pope Francis*

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<https://www.cbc.ca> > [radio](#) > [tapestry](#) > [reclaiming-indigenous-spirituality-1.3636858](#) > [500-years-ago-pope-gives-permission-to-conquer-indigenous-people-1.3637062](#)

### [500 years ago: Pope gives permission to conquer Indigenous people](#)

They are called **papal bulls**, edicts made by Popes Nicholas V and Alexander VI in the 15th century that instructed how European explorers were to treat Indigenous people.

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<https://www.papalencyclicals.net> > [paul03](#) > [p3subli.htm](#)

[Sublimis Deus On the Enslavement and Evangelization of Indians](#) **1537 !!!**

The enemy of the human race, who opposes all good deeds in order to bring men to destruction, beholding and envying this, invented a means never before heard of, by which he might hinder the preaching of God's word of Salvation to the people: he inspired his satellites who, to please him, have not hesitated to publish abroad that the **Indians** ...

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**National Library of Medicine**    <https://www.nlm.nih.gov> > [nativevoices](#) > [timeline](#) > [185.html](#)

### [Tribes - Native Voices - National Library of Medicine](#)

This papal bull becomes the policy of Spain's leaders—but conquistadors and colonists break with it. In the Americas, the Spanish use various official means to subjugate Native peoples: the Royal Encomienda (tribute paid to the Spanish crown from profits from forced labor), Repartimiento (forced labor), and Hacienda and Rancho (land grants).

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<https://www.npr.org> > [2023](#) > [03](#) > [30](#) > [1167056438](#) > [vatican-doctrine-of-discovery-colonialism-indigenous](#)

[The Vatican repudiates 'Doctrine of Discovery,' which was used to ... - NPR](#)

The doctrine came from **papal "bulls"** in the 15th century. The doctrine was laid out in a series of **papal "bulls,"** or decrees; the first one was issued in 1492. ... involving the Oneida **Indian** ...

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*And let's not forget another Pope*

**Indigenous Peoples Literature**      [indigenouspeople.net](http://indigenouspeople.net) > [pope.htm](#)

### [Pope \(Tewa medicine man\) - Indigenous People](#)

**Pope**, ca.1630-ca.1690, a celebrated medicine man of the Tewa PUEBLO Indians at San Juan, N. Mex., instigated a successful rebellion against the Spaniards in 1680. Preaching resistance to the Spanish and restoration of the traditional Pueblo culture and religion, Pope led his people in an attempt to obliterate all Spanish influence. On Aug. 10, 1680, the Indians under his leadership killed ...

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Magnetic North: Willie Iggiagruk Hensley

Magnetic North is a documentary film project produced by Alaska Humanities Forum in partnership with Rasmuson Foundation. The series explores the stories of Alaskans whose actions and ideas have shaped the history, spirit, and values of Alaska. ...



Click on pic: Well worth your time!

This is a must see for those who want to instill “native values into an empty shell,....hang on to the land, hang on to our identity and hang on to our spirit.”

The site will have many more programs to view, so get out the popcorn...or crocheting.

Archaeological evidence from Germany of ancient horse hunts suggests the ability of humans to collaborate and plan complex tasks dates back to at least 300,000 years ago, roughly 250,000 years earlier than believed ([More](#))

[~The US beef industry looks a little unsteady — but Americans are still bullish on steak](#)

[Philip Morris already sold enough Zyn in 2025 to span Route 66](#)

The tobacco giant beat Wall Street estimates, driven largely by its nicotine pouch business.

Trump says he's "bringing back Columbus Day" Source: CBS News <https://share.newsbreak.com/ctlnhoxg>

Congratulation one of the longest standing “subscribers” to the Journal going all the way back to the Five State Library Project!

Siquon – Spring

Hé! (Hello)

Spring greetings but it is 80F and next week they expect near 90F! My book, **When The Shadbush Blooms** is in its 5th printing. The publishers made a slight change to the drawing of baby sister, who is now crawling out from under a deer skin “blanket” in the fall pumpkin scene. This might get us safely through the OH my! a bare baby problem. :-0

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Native American Heritage Programs was recognized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Woman/Minority Business. Certified by the Delaware Office of Minority & Women Business Enterprise.

Celebrating Native American Culture & Contributions!

A Lenape View "May the Creator encircle Turtle Island in the wampum belt of friendship".

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*"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear — not absence of fear." Mark Twain*  
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The Australian Academy of Science

[Tooth gems and fresh breath: ancient Mayan dentistry](#)

The ancient Maya adorned their teeth with gemstones, believing it purified their breath and linking them to the divine. Recent analysis suggests the sealant used to attach these stones may have also had therapeutic properties, possibly preventing infections. Researchers found plant resins and gums in the sealants, with some containing compounds from pine trees known for their antibacterial properties. Learn more of the evidence around Maya dental practices here.

Read on science.org

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**[Submit Your Proposal to a March 2026 Symposium on Cultural Heritage and COVID-19, hosted by American Folklife Center](#)**

04/25/2025 09:00 AM EDT

On March 12 and 13, 2026, the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress will host a symposium titled, “From Lived Experience to Public Memory: Commemorating, Documenting, and Archiving Experiences of the COVID-19 Pandemic.” The American Folklife Center is now accepting proposals for the symposium from scholars, artists, documentarians, archivists, and community-based practitioners working at the intersection of COVID-19 and cultural heritage. In this post, find more information about the symposium and how to submit a proposal.

<https://www.tshaonline.org> > [handbook](#) > [entries](#) > [victorio](#)

### **Victorio ( ca. 1825-1880) - TSHA**

Explore the life of Victorio, the Apache war chief, his leadership, raids, and the tragic end of his campaign against U.S. forces in the late 19th century. ... Victorio, an Apache war chief, was probably born in the Black Range of New Mexico around 1825 and reared as a member of the Eastern Chiricahua Apaches, often referred to as the Warm ...

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K-12 Educators: Invite your students to flex their creative writing skills in the Pulitzer Center's eighth annual Fighting Words Poetry Contest!...



FORM ON FACEBOOK

Processing News Through Poetry: Contest for K-12 Students

K-12 Educators: Support your students in processing current events through the power of poetry in the Pulitzer Center's eighth annual Fighting Words Poetry Contest!

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**Nevada lawmakers ponder Picon Punch** ([kolotv.com](http://kolotv.com)) — A Reno distillery, Ferino, has begun producing Amer Picon, a key ingredient in Picon Punch, as Nevada lawmakers consider making it the state drink. This move highlights **Reno's** role in preserving Basque culture in Nevada.

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Amazon sells \$19,000 prefab tiny homes, offering affordable housing with basic amenities like a kitchen and bathroom. Sold by third-party vendors like Emonia, they require assembly and additional setup. Popular for minimalist living, these metal homes have been dubbed “glorified shipping containers” by some.

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**White Earth Nation looks to build casino, resort, convention center near Moorhead**  
[https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article\\_popover\\_share.aspx?guid=a1d4c40a-582e-4c6f-a34e-d508e0885fad&share=true](https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=a1d4c40a-582e-4c6f-a34e-d508e0885fad&share=true)

## **President Rutherford's Fourth State of the Union Address 6 December 1889**

This is the first SOU not to have any mention of Indian Affairs. It, as all SOUs, provides a fascinating snapshot of perspectives of the time. This address focuses on Polygamy, civil service reform, resistance to implementation of the 15th Amendment, and an extensive rundown of relations with countries around the world. Hays suggests a underground cable across the Pacific, bolstering maritime trade, and is specifically fiscally aware: *"The only road, the sure road to unquestioned credit and a sound financial condition is the exact and punctual fulfilment of every pecuniary obligation, public and private, according to its letter and spirit."*

His address ends succinctly:

The condition of the financial affairs of the Government, as shown by the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, is very satisfactory. It is believed that the present financial situation of the United States, whether considered with respect to trade, currency, credit, growing wealth, or the extent and variety of our resources, is more favorable than that of any other country of our time, and has never been surpassed by that of any country at any period of its history. All our industries are thriving; the rate of interest is low; new railroads are being constructed; a vast immigration is increasing our population, capital, and labor; new enterprises in great number are in progress, and our commercial relations with other countries are improving.

The ordinary revenues from all sources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1880, were—

From customs - \$186,522,064.60

From internal revenue - 124,009,373.92

From sales of public lands - 1,016,506.60

From tax on circulation and deposits of national banks - 7,014,971.44

From repayment of interest by Pacific Railway companies - 1,707,367.18

From sinking fund for Pacific Railway companies - 786,621.22

From customs fees, fines, penalties, etc - 1,148,800.16

From fees-consular, letters patent, and lands - 2,337,029.00

From proceeds of sales of Government property - 282,616.50

From profits on coinage, etc - 2,792,186.78

From revenues of the District of Columbia - 1,809,469.70

From miscellaneous sources - 4,099,603.88

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/5027/5027-h/5027-h.htm>

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- [Trump makes clear he will not recognize Indigenous Peoples Day alongside Columbus Day](#)

## History Bits

- 1774 Apr 30** Virginia colonists murdered an entire nine member family of **Mingo chief Thagahjute (baptized Logan)**, precipitating Lord Dunsmore's War and provoking Logan's vengeance killing of more than a dozen.
- 1849 May 3** Residents of "Eastern California" request Congress to charter a territorial government of the most liberal construction, to be known as "Deseret".
- 1866 Apr 28** A peace and friendship treaty signed between USA and Choctaw and Chickasaw; tribes agreed to give up their African American slaves (after the civil war, some tribes refused to release their slaves so their freedom had to be negotiated by treaty.)
- 1871 Apr 30** At an Arivapa Apache camp, 110 women/children and 8 men were killed and 28 infants kidnapped by 150 Anglo and Mexican Arizonans led by William Oury, a survivor of the Alamo who has a mountain in Texas named for him.
- 1874 Apr 28** Word reached Nevada that the U.S Senate had approved (\$19,000 to pay a John McPeak for supplies furnished to volunteers for attack on Native Americans fourteen years earlier.
- 1886 May 3** President Cleveland reserved additional land to the Western Shoshone, expanding the size of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.
- 1888 Apr 27** Nevada officials were surprised by a check from the U.S. government for \$23,180.92 (approx \$965,057 today) in partial payment for money state spend in outfitting soldiers for Civil War and later battles with Indians in Elko and White Pine Counties.
- 1926 Apr 30** At the Walker River Confab, U.S Congressman Arentz (self-described as repping ag water users) called DOJ and BIA to speed settlement of suit filed by US Atty Springmeyer on behalf of the tribe (tribe apparently not permitted to represent itself at the conference).
- 1942 Apr 28** Two weeks after the Secy of the Navy chose Lake Tahoe as the site of a wartime naval training facility, Senator Patrick McCarran (whose dearest wish was to break up the Res) convinced Admiral Benjamin Morrell to study Pyramid Lake as the site.
- 1966 Apr 27** President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation to promote recreation development at Pyramid Lake.
- 2001 Apr 29** California's **Maidu Museum** opened on a 30 acre site that was once a Maidu tribal village and still has petroglyphs.
- 2007 May 2** **Western Shoshone** representatives attended Barrick's annual stockholders meeting in Toronto to relate their opposition to the mine and call on Barrick to make a good faith effort to resolve the issue.

## **BIA proposes consultation in response to Executive Order (EO) 14210**

United States Department of the Interior OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, DC 20240

**APR 14 2025**

Dear Tribal Leader:

As we navigate the complexities of our nation's fiscal realities, President Trump and his Administration are working to enhance government efficiency while upholding trust and treaty obligations across Indian Country. Our objective is to streamline operations while minimizing any potential impact on the quality of services provided to Tribes. To that end, Indian Affairs -which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA), and the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs- seeks to engage directly with federally recognized Tribes to receive formal input on critical needs as we develop plans to implement operational improvements. Indian Affairs and other agencies within the U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) remain committed to fulfilling our responsibilities efficiently and effectively.

On February 11, 2025, President Trump issued an **Executive Order (EO) 14210** establishing the "Department of Government Efficiency" Workforce Optimization Initiative, which aims to reform the Federal workforce to maximize efficiency and productivity. Under this directive, each agency is required to develop an Agency Reorganization Plan. In support of this effort, the Department is committed to receiving formal consultation feedback from Tribes regarding the EO and related topics, including:

- Restructuring of Indian Affairs to support more efficient interactions with Tribes:

In 2013, after a third-party review and extensive consultation, Indian Affairs implemented significant changes to the structure of the agency and how the agency interacts with Tribes. Indian Affairs remains committed to those efforts as well as the efforts of EO 14210 to be more efficient without diminishing the current levels of operational support and services to Tribes.

**What recommendations would you make to Indian Affairs to improve efficiency through staffing changes, resource sharing, process improvements, and potential consolidation of programs and offices?**

- Addressing current funding structures, including identifying efficiency barriers to expedite funding to Tribes and Tribal programs:

Indian Affairs understands that the funding structures and mechanisms for Tribal programs are complicated and include a combination of Tribal Priority Allocations, one-time awards, grant funding, formula funding, and other Federal funding sources. What recommendations would you make to Indian Affairs to improve access to Federal programs, funding, and services? Indian Affairs is seeking input on how to better support Tribes by reducing the administrative burden to access and administer funding, improving communications with Tribes on funding opportunities, and improving technical assistance and direct support to Tribes to obtain and administer funding.

- Increasing Indian Affairs support for Tribal self-governance and self-determination:

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA; P.L. 93-638, 25 U.S.C. §§ 5301 et seq.) outlined federal policy on Tribal self-determination. Since the ISDEAA enactment, Congress has authorized the expansion of Tribal self-determination and self-governance across the Federal Government.

**How can Indian Affairs optimize its functionality and effectiveness to provide Tribes with improved flexibility to foster economic growth, address the specific local needs of their communities, and increase pathways to self-determination and self-governance?**

The Department will conduct six (6) in-person/hybrid and one (1) virtual Tribal consultation sessions to accept oral and written comments. Please note the Tribal consultation sessions will be closed to the press and the public to protect any confidential information that may be discussed during the formal consultation sessions.

The Department will also conduct one (1) virtual consultation session for interested parties of the BIE to provide oral and written comments. Parties include but are not limited to: students enrolled at BIE-funded schools, parents of such students, school administrators, school board members, and the Indian communities served by BIE-funded schools. Please note the BIE-specific consultation session will also be closed to the press to protect any confidential information that may be discussed during the formal consultation sessions.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Davis

Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior

Exercising the delegated authority of the Assistant Secretary

**Consultation schedule will be in Wednesday's Journal.**

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**Quentin BlueHorse is with Andrea Martinez at Nevada State Capitol. 0:24 / 2:45 Carson City, NV**

Today, Walker River Paiute Tribe citizen and former Chairwoman Andrea Martinez stood before the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections to speak in support of SB421.

In her testimony, Andrea reminded the committee that Native voices have too often been silenced by systemic barriers to the ballot box. SB421 would require election officials to staff polling places on reservations—unless a tribe declines—honoring tribal sovereignty while protecting the fundamental right to vote.

This moment matters. Voting is more than a right—it's a declaration of identity, self-determination, and the future we choose for our people. When tribal citizens can't access the polls, it's not just inconvenient—it's injustice.

We must control the narrative. Our people deserve to be heard—especially now, when so many decisions are being made that directly impact our tribal communities.

[#NVS421](#) [#NativeVote](#) [#TribalSovereignty](#) [#WalkerRiverPaiuteTribe](#) [#VotingRights](#)  
[#NativeAmerican](#) [#Nevada](#) [#TribalGovernment](#)

**Thank you [Andrea Martinez](#) for the continued advocacy for tribal voting rights. Your voice and knowledge is needed for this important issue as well as other laws you are working on and supporting. So proud of you.**