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[10 must-see Native American museums to visit across the US](#)

Ed note: totally missed Chumash and Pyramid Lake Museums

The Stewart Team out there making an impact! Education Curator **Melanie Smokey** was recently highlighted in an article in the Fall Issue of the Magazine of the [Smithsonian](#)... See more



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Nevada's HEAL program offers up to \$120,000 in student loan repayment for health care professionals committing to serve in underserved communities for five years. [Read more...](#)

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[Applications Now Open for \\$20,000 Agriculture Scholarship Initiative From the Nevada Dairy Farmers \(sponsored\)](#)

Powwows

Jan 31 **Myaamia Winter Gathering 2026** **Miami OK**
3:00pm Gourd Dance 6:00pm Free Stew & Chili Supper 7:00pm Stomp & Social Dances MC:
George Alexander Head Gourd Dancer: Hershel...

Jan 31 **Annual Gourd & Stomp Dance 2026** - **Stillwater OK**
Gourd Dance 1:00pm Supper Break 5:00pm Stomp Dance 6:00pm 2nd Annual Gourd Dance in
Honor of Mr. Rusty Akins 3rd Annual...

Jan 30 - Feb 8 **30th Annual Spirit of the Buffalo Pow Wow 2026 - 2 weekend event**
Auburndale FL
January 30-February 1 AND February 6-8, 2026 10:00am-6:00pm Held Rain or Shine under the
Big Top Tent Free admission on Fridays for all students and...

Feb 1 q **Memorial Big Mac Round Dance 2026** - **Shakopee MN**
Registration open at 10:00am Singing Contest starts at 11:00am Feast 5:00pm Round Dance
starts at 7:00pm See flyer for contest details....

Feb 7 **Sweetheart Dance (OKC) 2026** - **Oklahoma City OK**
Oklahoma City Pow Wow Club Free Admission Everyone Welcomes! Bring your chair!
2:00pm-10:00pm 5:00pm Dinner Contests: Hat & Boot by Myers...

Feb 13 -15- **Prairie Island Waniyetu Wacipi 2026** **Welch MN**
Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday 1:00pm Specials: Side Step
Queen Teens Jingle Iron Woman Special Dance Competition: Tiny...

Feb 14 **15th Annual Bay Area American Indian (BAAITS) Two Spirit Pow Wow 2026**
- San Francisco CA
15th Annual BAAITS Two-Spirit Pow Wow Saturday, February 14, 2026 Fort Mason, Festival
Pavillion For info email: admin@baaits.org

Feb 14 **Quapaw Nation Gourd Dance and Hand Games 2026** - **Miami OK**
Gourd Dance 1:00pm Supper Break 5:00pm Hand Game 6:00pm Arena Director: Raymond
Sharp MC: Awk-A-Noxie Hamilton HS: Francis Stumblingbear Head Gourd...

Feb 14 -15 **20th Annual Gathering at the Rapids 2026** - **Sault Ste. Marie ON**
Grand Entries: 1:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday Grand Entry: 12:00pm Entry Fee: Weekend Pass
\$10.00 (free with 2 non perishable food items)...

Feb 14 **Latta's 3rd Annual Stomp Dance 2026** - **Ada OK**
5:00pm-9:00pm Donations accepted All are welcome! Stomp Dance will begin at 5:00pm and
end at 9:00pm - led by Chebon Kernell...

Feb 21 **Lawrence High Intertribal Club Pow Wow 2026** - **Lawrence KS**
Saturday, February 21, 2026 Save the Date!

Feb 27 - Mar 1 Southwest American Indian Collector's Expo (AZ) 2026 - Tuscon AZ
From 10:00am to 5:00pm Daily Everyone is welcome! Free Admission Free Parking
Scholarship Donations Appreciated. We would be honored to...

Feb 28 3rd Annual Southwestern College Pow Wow 2026 - Chula Vista CA
Save the Date! Free and open to the Community!

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**And from Amazon”**

**obmwang Indian Feather Headband Native American Tribal Costumes Head Dress  
with Feathers for Women and Girls \$5.98**

Get Fast, Free Shipping with [Amazon Prime](#) FREE Returns Style: Classic Style

**Product details Care instructions Hand Wash Only**

**About this item**

- Package Includes: come with 1 piece Bohemia feather headband, fashionable style and great handmade; This headband makes an amazing gift for all trendsetting girls and women alike
- Quantity Details: The Indian feather headband accessories are made of wood bead, leather ropes, delicate and lightweight, not easy to fade or break, comfortable to wear and easy to carry
- Proper Size: The Indian feather hair band are elastic, easily to wear and fit your head, works great with any hair styles for women of all ages
- Classic Look: These feather headpiece with Bohemia design is decorated with assort feathers, unique peacock feather design and impeccable look, easy to match with any outfit
- Wide Application: This peacock feather headband are suitable for various occasions, such as Halloween costume, performance, cosplay, photography, party, wedding, 60/70s event, Christmas parties, beach parties, traveling, carnivals, costume party, etc

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*(Please make sure that friends and relatives are safe, secure and warm!)*

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The world's oldest cave painting has been [discovered in Indonesia](#), a Nature study revealed yesterday. The image—a stenciled outline of a hand—dates back at least 67,800 years, predating Neanderthal cave art discovered in Europe.

The art was discovered on Muna Island, near Sulawesi, and dated by analyzing uranium isotopes. Researchers say the creator, a Homo sapiens, moved their hand while blowing or spitting a mouthful of red pigment on the limestone cave to create a negative, claw-like image. The approach indicates symbolic imagination—the same skill needed to understand language, religion, and science. The finding suggests our species reached the Australia-New Guinea landmass 15,000 years earlier than previously thought.

The discovery also further undermines a [Eurocentric theory](#) of cultural innovation; researchers once believed creativity exploded in France and Spain, where paintings, engravings, and stone tools were made shortly after Homo sapiens arrived in Europe roughly 40,000 years ago.



GrantStation

National Opportunities — Available throughout the U.S.

Support for Volunteer Care Programs

Community Care Corps supports U.S. organizations in developing or expanding volunteer programs for older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers.

Grants to Integrate Character Education in Higher Ed

Wake Forest University's Educating Character Initiative (ECI) provides three-year Institutional Impact Grants to U.S. colleges and universities committed to fostering moral, civic, and intellectual character among faculty, staff, and students.

Funding Bold Ideas in Architecture and Design

The Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts offers project grants to organizations exploring architecture, the built environment, and related fields.

Advancing Mental Health for Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder

The Sidney R. Baer, Jr. Foundation invests in organizations that improve the lives of individuals living with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Regional Opportunities — For specific geographic areas

Grants Empower Women's Education Across the Midwest

The Monticello College Foundation funds projects that advance the education of women, focusing on scholarships, internships, and science research fellowships.

Celebrating DC's Culture and Heritage

HumanitiesDC offers Community Culture and Heritage Grants to support grassroots projects that document, celebrate, or share the culture and stories of Washington, D.C. communities.

RBC Invests in Workforce, Basic Needs, and Net-Zero

The RBC Foundation USA supports nonprofit organizations that improve the quality of life in the communities where RBC Wealth Management operates.

Support for People, Animals, and Conservation Efforts

The William H. and Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation funds nonprofit organizations in the western U.S. that advance the well-being and safety of people, animals, and the environment.

Funds Strengthen Public Library And Archival Services

The National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program supports U.S. libraries, archives, and affiliated nonprofits in developing programs, tools, or practices that strengthen public services.

Empowering Opportunity Youth Through Training and Job Placement

The Department of Labor's YouthBuild 2025 program provides competitive grants to public, private, nonprofit, and Tribal organizations to offer pre-apprenticeship occupational skills training, education, and job placement services to opportunity youth.

5,500-year-old human skeleton discovered in Colombia holds the oldest evidence yet that syphilis came from the Americas By [Kristina Killgrove](#)

An ancient DNA analysis of a 5,500-year-old human skeleton reveals that an ancestor of the bacterium that causes syphilis was present in the Americas at least 3,000 years earlier than previously thought.



*The archaeological rock shelter site where the *Treponema* genome was recovered, at the border of the Bogotá Savanna (Sabana de Bogotá) in Colombia. (Image credit: Angélica Triana)*

The world's oldest evidence of *Treponema pallidum*, the bacterium that causes [syphilis](#) and several chronic skin infections, has been found in a 5,500-year-old skeleton buried in a rock shelter in Colombia. But the genetic evidence suggests that the person was infected with a previously unknown strain of *T. pallidum*, adding to an already-complicated picture of the evolution of syphilis.

Researchers have debated the geographical origin and spread of the [treponemal diseases](#) — syphilis, bejel, yaws and pinta, all of which are caused by bacteria in the genus *Treponema* — for centuries. Because the best-documented epidemics of syphilis occurred in Europe in the 15th century, early theories suggested that Christopher Columbus brought syphilis to the Americas or, conversely, that Indigenous people in the Americas transmitted syphilis to Columbus and his crew.

More recent DNA studies, however, have identified *T. pallidum* in a person buried around [A.D. 1000 in Chile](#) and in several people buried between [350 B.C. and A.D. 570 in Brazil](#), placing the bacterium in the Americas long before the Columbian expedition.

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- [Ötzi the Iceman mummy carried a high-risk strain of HPV, research finds](#)
- [Oldest known evidence of father-daughter incest found in 3,700-year-old bones in Italy](#)
- [Ancient DNA reveals mysterious Indigenous lineage that lived in Argentina for nearly 8,500 years — but rarely interacted with others](#)

In a study published Thursday (Jan. 22) in the journal [Science](#), researchers isolated the oldest *T. pallidum* genome yet, from the skeleton of a middle-aged hunter-gatherer who was buried in Colombia 5,500 years ago.

"Our results push back the association of *T. pallidum* with humans by thousands of years," study lead author [Davide Bozzi](#), a computational biologist at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland, said in a [statement](#).

Ancient genomes of *Treponema* are exceptionally difficult to recover and are usually found in skeletons with bony evidence of treponemal disease lesions, such as holes that make the bone appear moth-eaten, which are often associated with the later stages of infection. Surprisingly, the 5,500-year-old skeleton containing evidence of *T. pallidum* did not have any obvious skeletal lesions, although other skeletons in the area did.

While investigating the new *T. pallidum* genome, which they named TE1-3, the researchers found that it was a different lineage than all other subspecies of *T. pallidum* identified to date. Based on a statistical analysis of the differences among the genomes, the researchers estimated that TE1-3 diverged from today's lineages around 13,700 years ago. This suggests that *Treponema* began circulating in the Americas thousands of years earlier than experts previously thought.

But the new genome does not clarify whether early *Treponema* lineages like TE1-3 were capable of sexual transmission like venereal syphilis.

"Current genomic evidence, along with our genome presented here, does not resolve the long-standing debate about where the disease syndromes themselves originated, but it does show there's this long evolutionary history of treponemal pathogens that was already diversifying in the Americas thousands of years earlier than previously known," study co-author [Elizabeth Nelson](#), a molecular anthropologist at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, said in the statement.

In a [related perspective](#) published in *Science*, [Molly Zuckerman](#) and [Lydia Bailey](#), anthropologists at Mississippi State University who were not involved in the study, wrote that the new finding "points to an origin for syphilis in the Americas rather than Europe." Comparing progressively ancient genomes of *Treponema* with modern genetic data could help inform infection control strategies for syphilis, which has rebounded globally over the past decade, they wrote, as well as help researchers understand the history of infectious disease.

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— [Syphilis originated in the Americas, ancient DNA shows, but European colonialism spread it widely](#)

— [See how syphilis ravaged a woman's face 500 years ago, in an artistic interpretation](#)

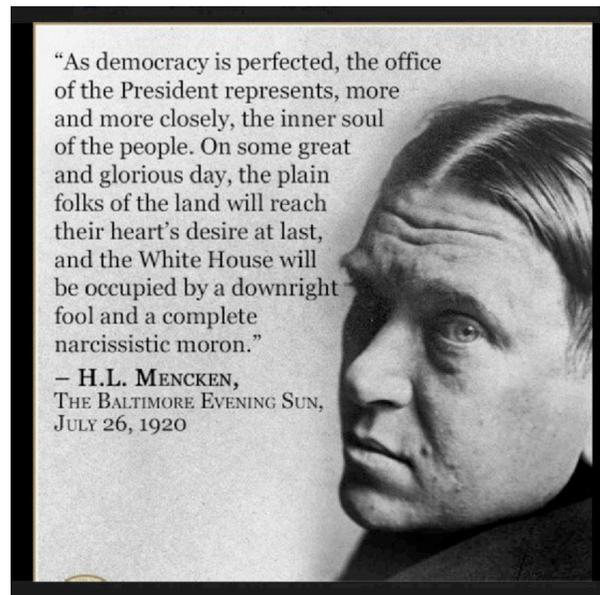
— [Medieval religious hermit buried in 'extremely unusual' position had syphilis](#)

"It is possible that 15th century syphilis was the first globalized emerging infectious disease and a harbinger of all subsequent ones, from HIV/AIDS to COVID-19," Zuckerman and Bailey wrote.

The new discovery shows "the unique potential of paleogenomics to contribute to our understanding of the evolution of species, and potential health risks for past and present communities," study co-author [Lars Fehren-Schmitz](#), a geneticist at the University of California, Santa Cruz, said in the statement.

Article Sources

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And so the tribal democracy that Ben Franklin so admired in the Haudenosaunee Confederacy must not be destroyed by today's tribal chairpersons who now have a greater challenge in not only ensuring the survival of their people with Mamma Nature, but amongst the now compromised public entities surrounding them.



But this is!

[National Park Service removes slavery exhibit at Independence Park in Philadelphia](#)

The exhibit was at the President's House Site, where George Washington lived as president. The informational panels discussed Washington's ownership of enslaved people, as well as the broader history of slavery, and included details about their lives. The Park Service has been removing information on historic racism, sexism, LGBTQ+ rights, slavery and climate change since last year as it carries out a Trump executive order.

First They Came – by Pastor Martin Niemöller

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First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me