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The Starry Night, 1889, Vincent van Gogh. Image credits: Wikipedia

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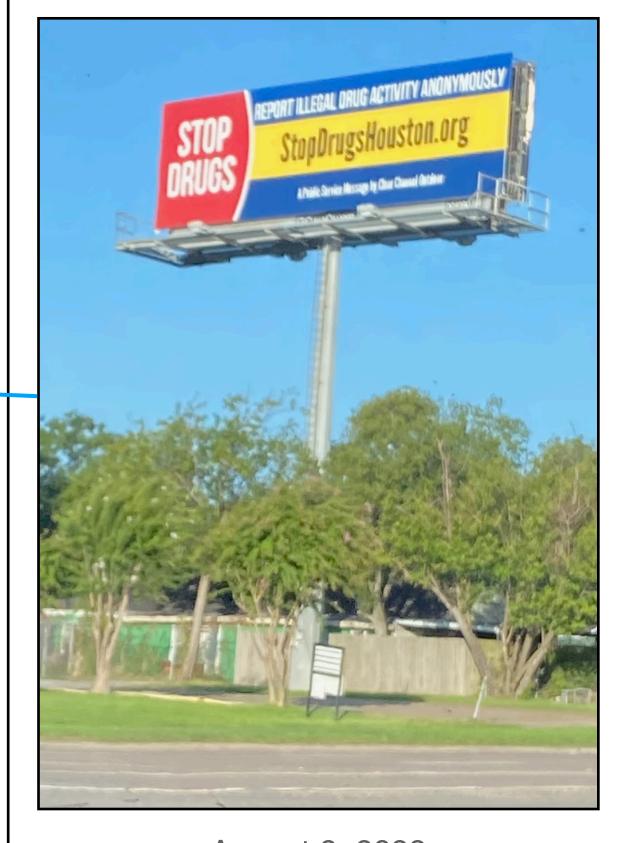
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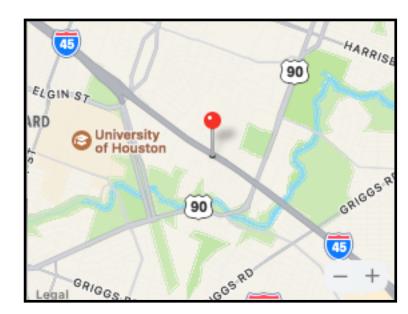
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August 9, 2022 Lawndale/Wayside in Houston Texas USA



Diversity

Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ARE WIDELY RECOGNIZED WITHIN THE AIAA COMMUNITY AS ESSENTIAL TO THE MISSION AND VISION OF THE INSTITUTE.

The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity Plan

OBJECTIVE

Increase awareness within the AIAA community of the importance of diversity and inclusion.

Nelson Piquet apologizes for racially charged comments toward Lewis Hamilton, says they were 'ill-thought out'

The three-time F1 world champion apologized to Hamilton, and says his use of the word 'nequinho' was mistranslated



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Defenders of Nelson Piquet mention diversity and inclusion as evidence to counter accusations of the use of racist or disciminatory language. This is one of many ways connecting anti-racism with diversity. AIAA has embraced diversity since about 2016, and in 2020, our executive director explained the need for our "ultimate pivot."

Dr. Richard Tapia also made this connection, explaining that the sequence in affirmative action, then diversity. He was talking in the Rice University webinar of September 9, 2020, "Diversity in Science and Engineering."

The Unfortunate Truth is an excellent anti-racism documentary movie by Loki Mulholland. It features Mr. Luvaghn Brown and Mr. Mulholland's mother Joan Trumpauer Mulholland. It will require several hundred years to overcome racism in the USA, since racism is systemic (a structure, not an event). Mulholland makes reference to this, explaining that the GI Bill had a big effect, which gets bigger as the decades go by, and it was one of hundreds of such policies. This movie is available on Prime Video.

He reminds us that Mississippi ratified the 13th amendment in 2013. From Wikipedia:

"Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

"Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Also from Wikipedia:

The Thirteenth Amendment was subsequently ratified by the other states, as follows:

- Oregon: December 8, 1865
- California: December 19, 1865
- Florida: December 28, 1865 (reaffirmed June 9, 1868)
- Iowa: January 15, 1866
- New Jersey: January 23, 1866 (after rejection March 16, 1865)
- Texas: February 18, 1870
- Delaware: February 12, 1901 (after rejection February 8, 1865)
- Kentucky: March 18, 1976[82] (after rejection February 24, 1865)
- Mississippi: March 16, 1995; certified February 7, 2013 (after rejection December 5, 1865)

See the 2010 book by Michelle Alexander, "The New Jim Crow." The 2020 edition features her new introduction. She explains that an exception was made in the 13th amendment, and as many others have explained, we used that exception to continue the evolution of our racial caste system.

The author and expert Derrick Bell is well known for suggesting that racism is a permanent feature of the USA. He is also known as a creator of critical race theory, as I recall.

In her 2019 address to the Univeristy of Washington, which is now <u>available</u> on YouTube, Ijeoma Oluo explains that after the genocide and enslavement, everything in the USA is about race, and it will be as long as this nation stands. She explains that we often think of bigots or Trump voters when we think of the word "racist," but we never think of the K-12 public education system in connection with that word.

The struggle continues, but we work to expose and end these racist structures which hide in plain sight.

[Douglas Yazell, 2022 08 22, douglas.yazell@me.com]

I enjoyed writing about <u>The Three Caballeros</u> here in past issues. It is a 1944 Disney movie with a surprising history as Walt Disney led a team of his employees on a government diplomatic mission to South America (not Central America) in early 1941, in opposition to the influence of Germany in South America. That led to the 1942 movie Saludos Amigos, as well as this 1944 movie. The biggest star in this 1944 feature film is Donald Duck, but the new Mexican character Panchito Pistoles is also introduced.

A week or two ago I looked at The Three Caballeros in Disney+, the streaming network. It started with a screen of text from the Disney company, to this effect, "This movie contains discrimination against the non-white people of Mexico and eleswhere. It was wrong then, and it is wrong now, but we decided to keep the discussion going so that we can make progress against discrimation and racism by allowing the original movie to be broadcast." When I replay the movie by starting over, that note is no longer presented. About four profiles exist in this Disney+ subscription from my niece. I conclude that if I sign in using another profile, I could see that note again, but for now, I cannot tell you the entire contents of that note.

Today I found the 1942 Disney feature film Saludos Amigos on Disney+. This movie is mentioned in the box above. I concluded the same disclaimer (advisory) would be featured the first time the movie was viewed, and not featured with any later viewings. I made a video recording, so I can type the entire text here, including the words, "wrong then and wrong now." Mr. Disney and his team appear in the movie, too. As noted above, this team was an official diplomatic team of the USA, on its mission to South America in early 1941. In Saludos Amigos, we sometimes see Mr. Disney and his team boarding an airplane, enjoying the flight, creating works of art on drawing boards, etc.

The advisory ends by specifying a Disney web page where we can find more information, including the text of this advisory:

This program includes negative depictions and/or mistreatment of people or cultures. These stereotypes were wrong then and are wrong now. Rather than remove this content, we want to acknowledge its harmful impact, learn from it and spark conversation to create a more inclusive future together.

Disney is committed to creating stories with inspirational and aspirational themes that reflect the rich diversity of the human experience around the globe.

To learn more about how stories have impacted society, please visit

www.disney.com/StoriesMatter

From that web page:

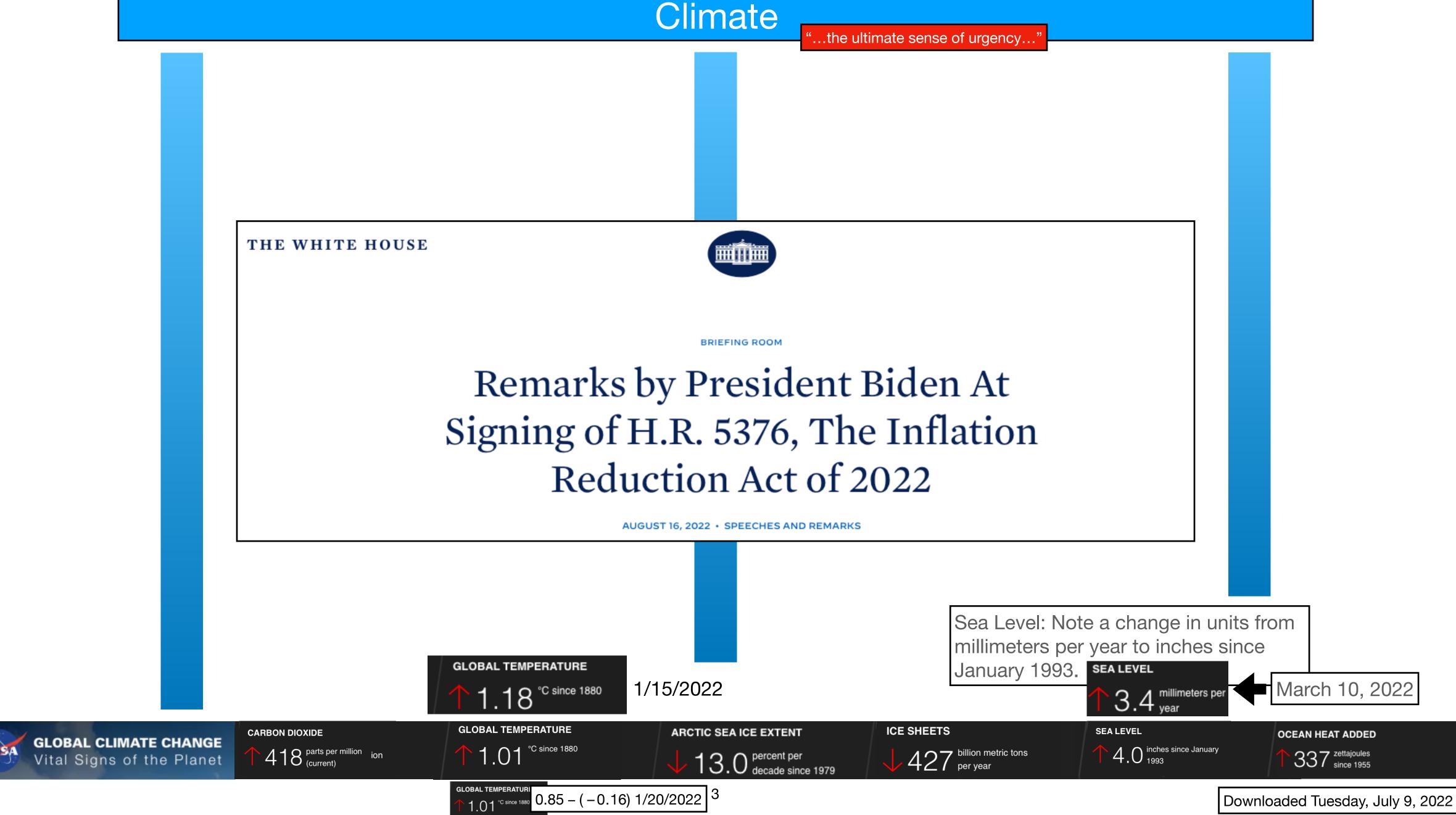
Examples of content receiving advisories: Aristocats, Dumbo, Peter Pan, and Swiss Family Robinson. (A paragraph is provided for each example.)

Our Advisory Council: This third-party council is composed of leading organizations who advocate for the communities they represent and are at the forefront of driving narrative change in media and entertainment. They are supporting our efforts to increase our cultural competency by providing ongoing guidance and thought leadership on critical issues and shifting perceptions.

[They list eleven organizations, and they provide a paragraph about each of them.]

- 1. aafca (AAFCA) African American Film Critics Association
- 2. CAPE (Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment)
- . Define American
- . Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media (If they can see it, they can be it.)
- 5. glaad (GLAAD Media Institute)
- 6. USC Annenberg Norman Lear Center, Hollywood, Health and Society
- 7. IllumiNativ
- 8. NALIP (National Association of Latino Independent Producers)
- 9. respect ability (RespectAbility)
- The Science & Entertainment Exchange (A program of the National Academy of Sciences)
- 11. Tanenbaum (Combating Religious Prejudice)





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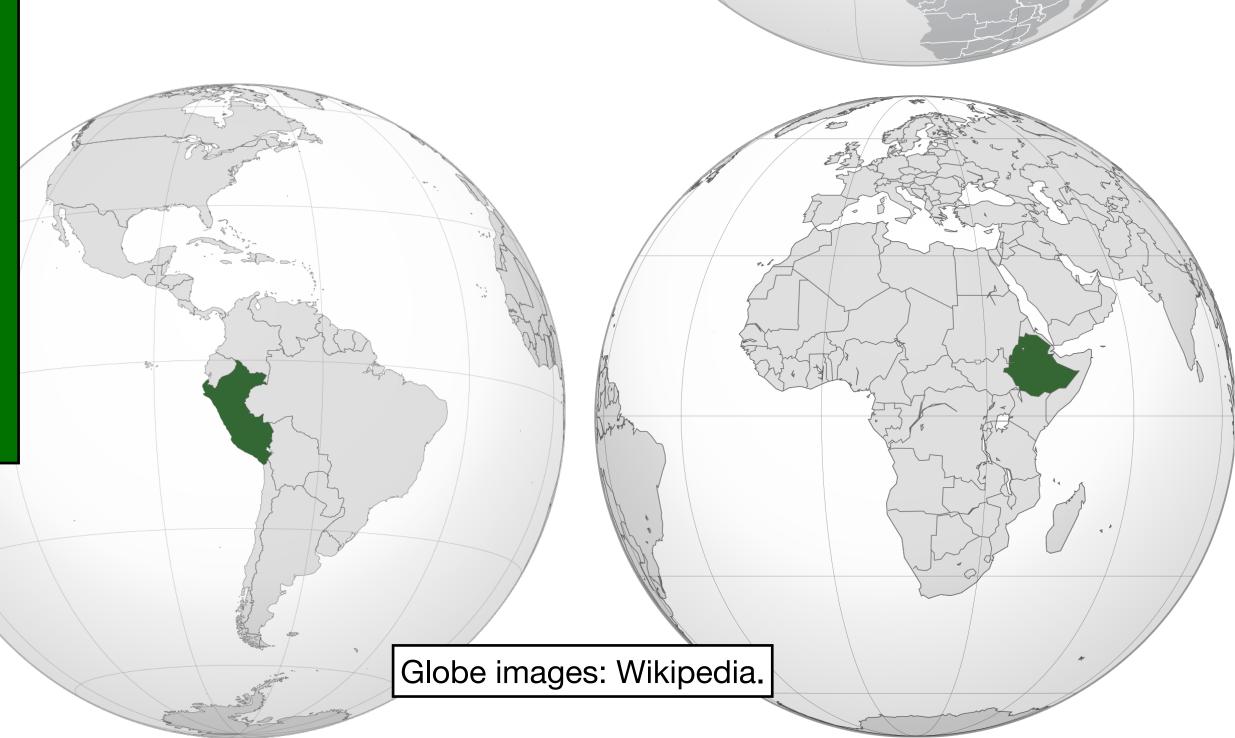
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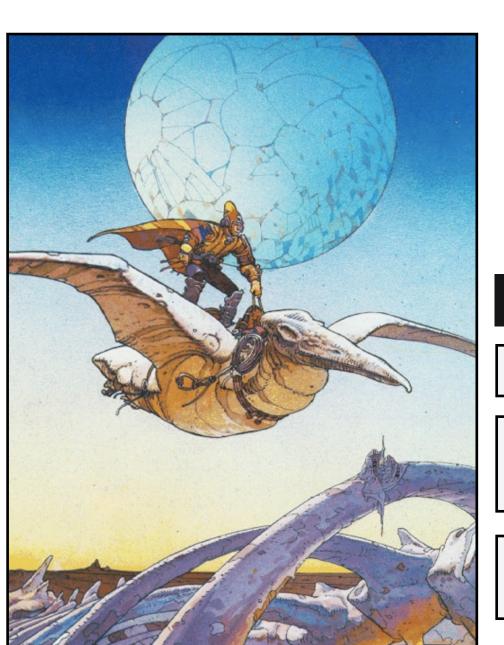


French PM sounds climate crisis alarm as 'ogre-like' wildfire rages

Élisabeth Borne makes statement as more than 1,000 firefighters battle huge blaze south of Bordeaux

Angelique Chrisafis in Paris and agencies

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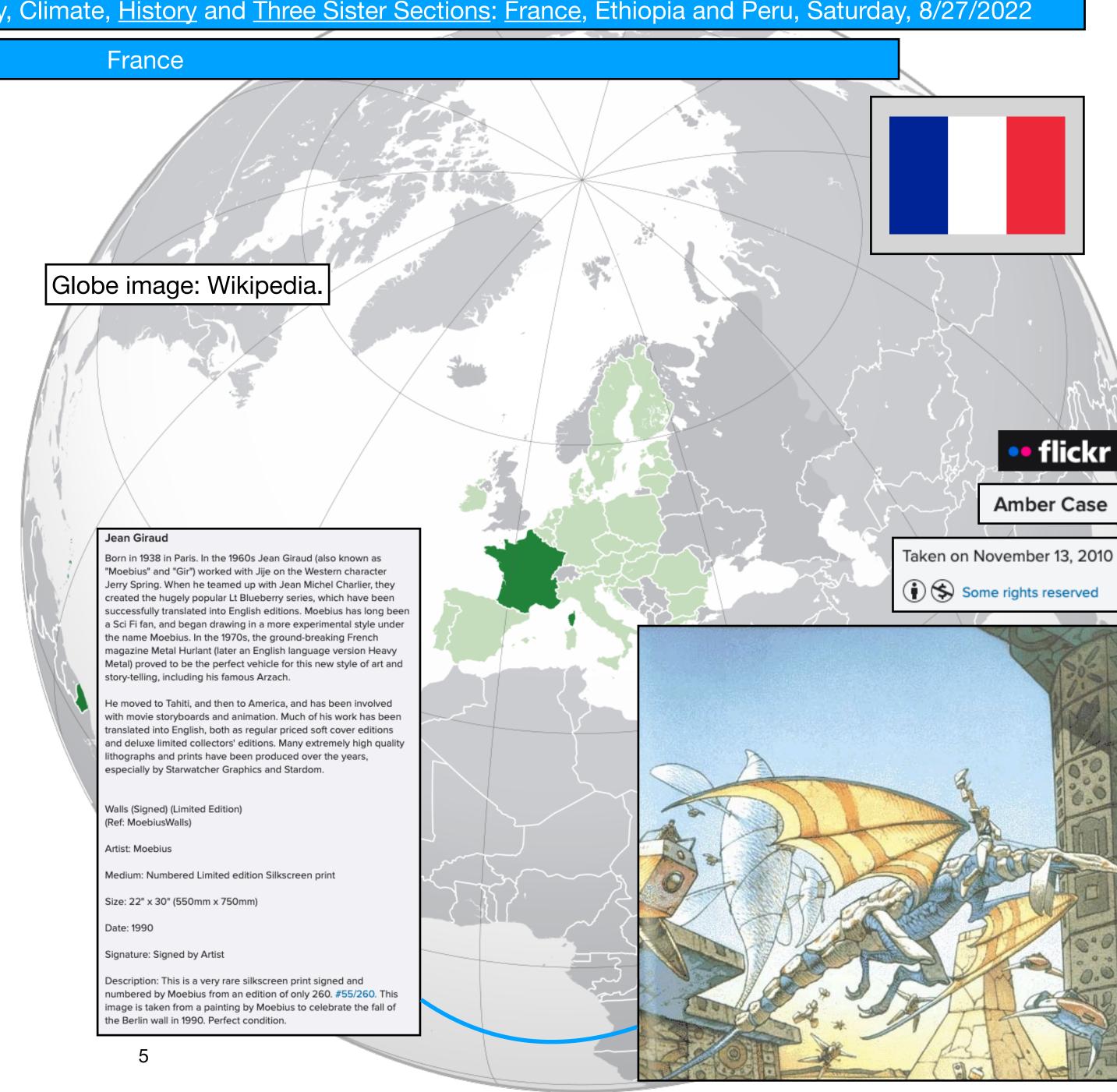
Amber Case

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Jean Giraud

Jean 'Moebius' Giraud turned 71 years young on May 8th.



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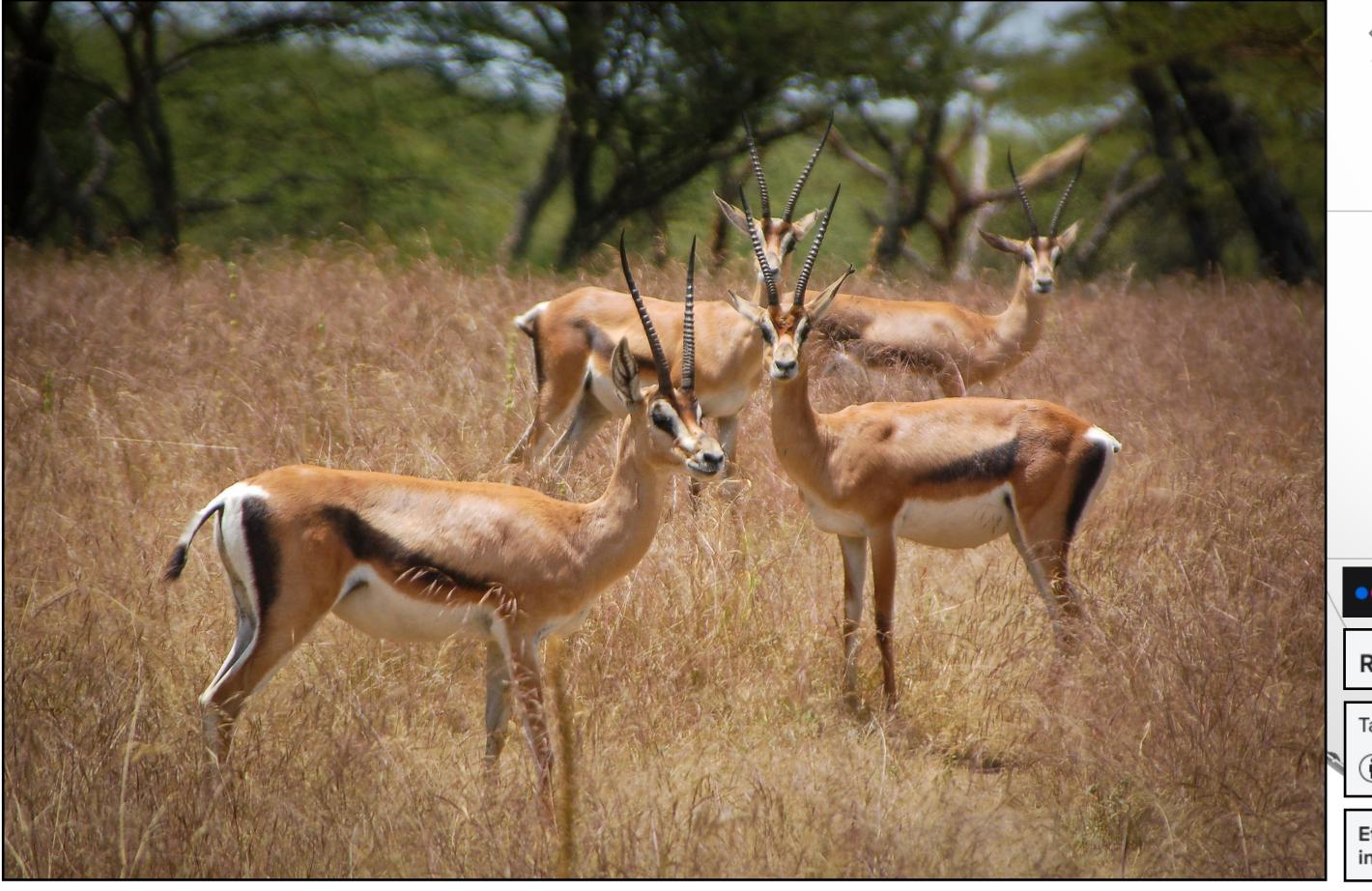
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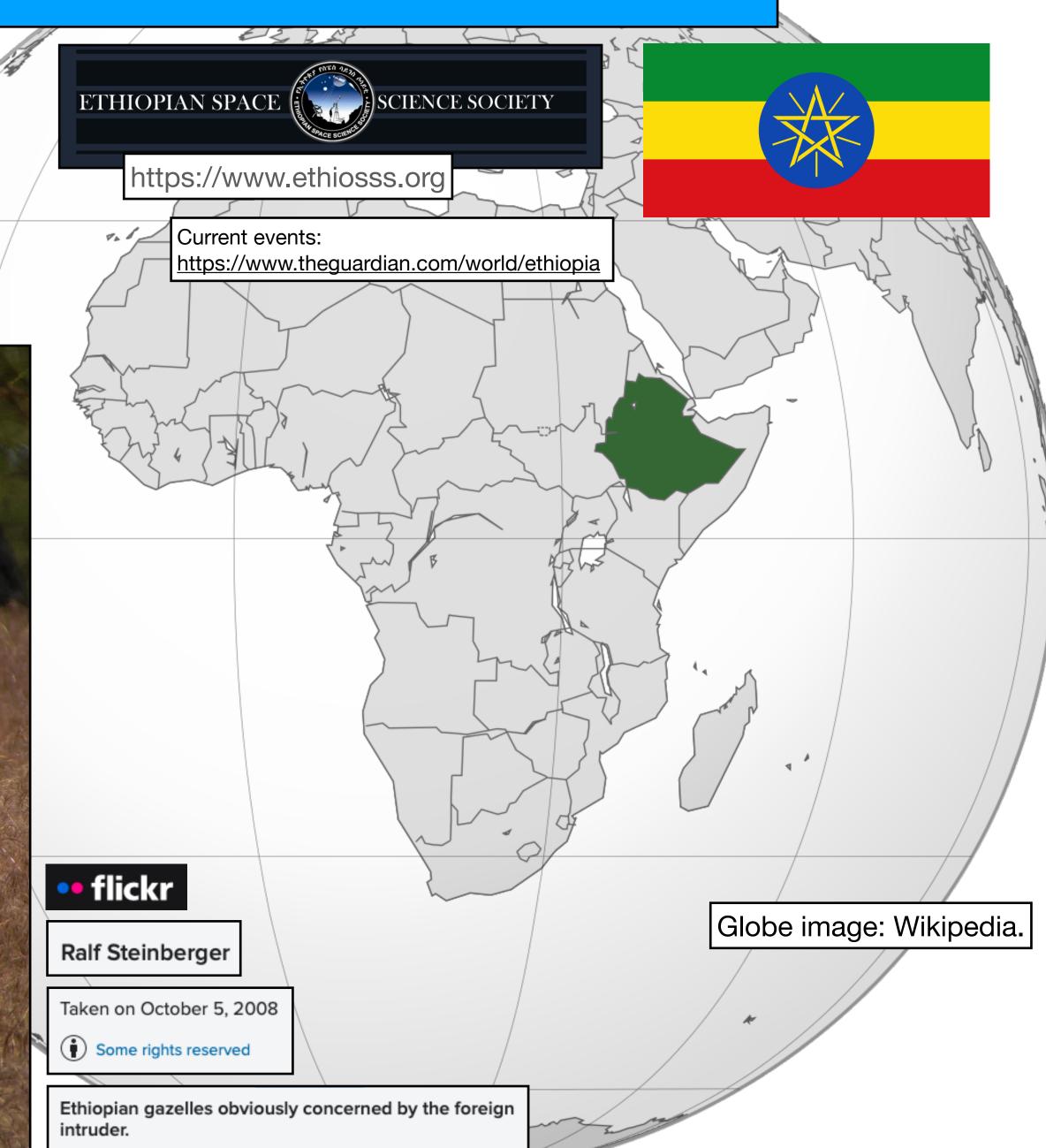
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Indigenous peoples

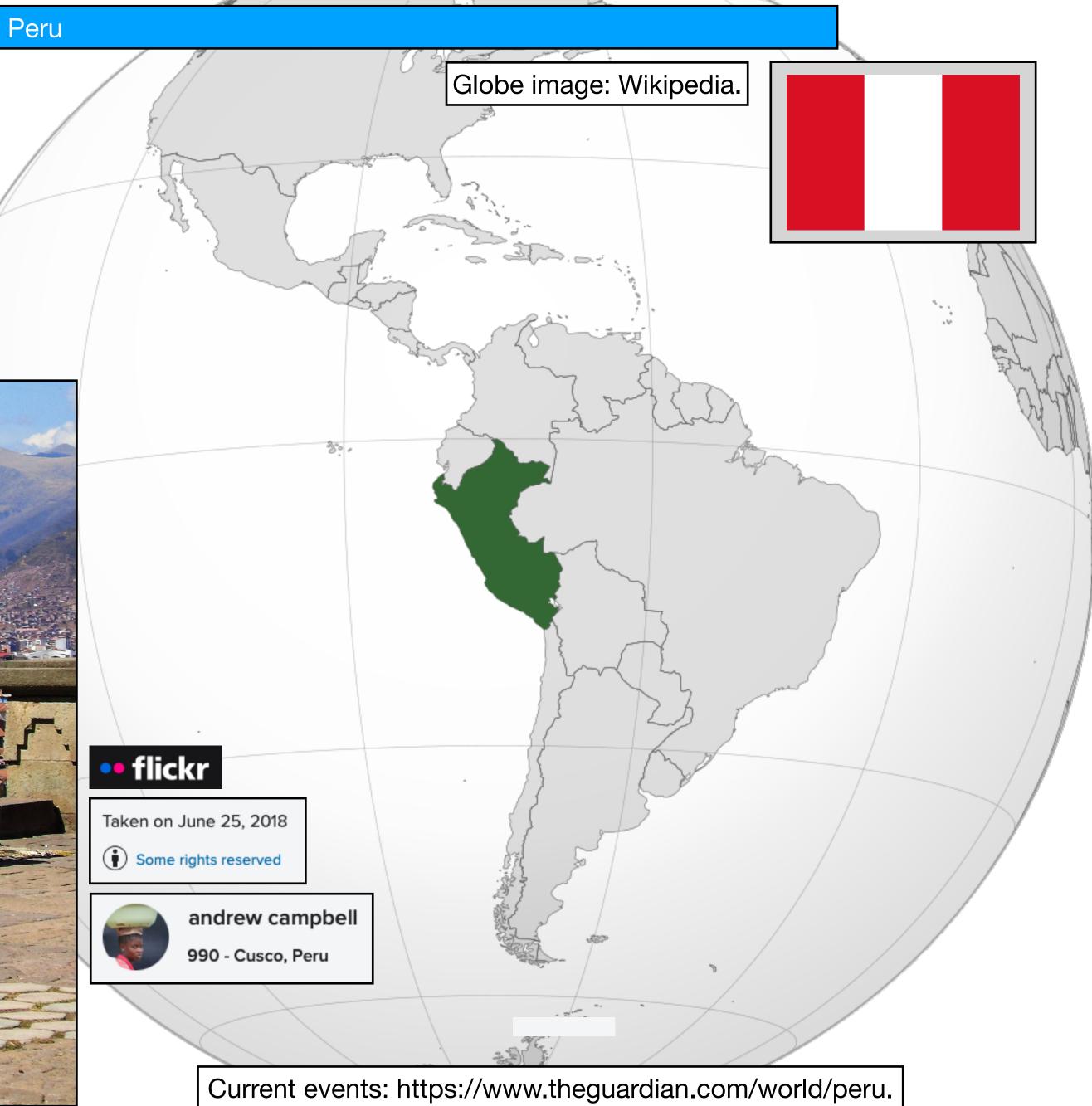
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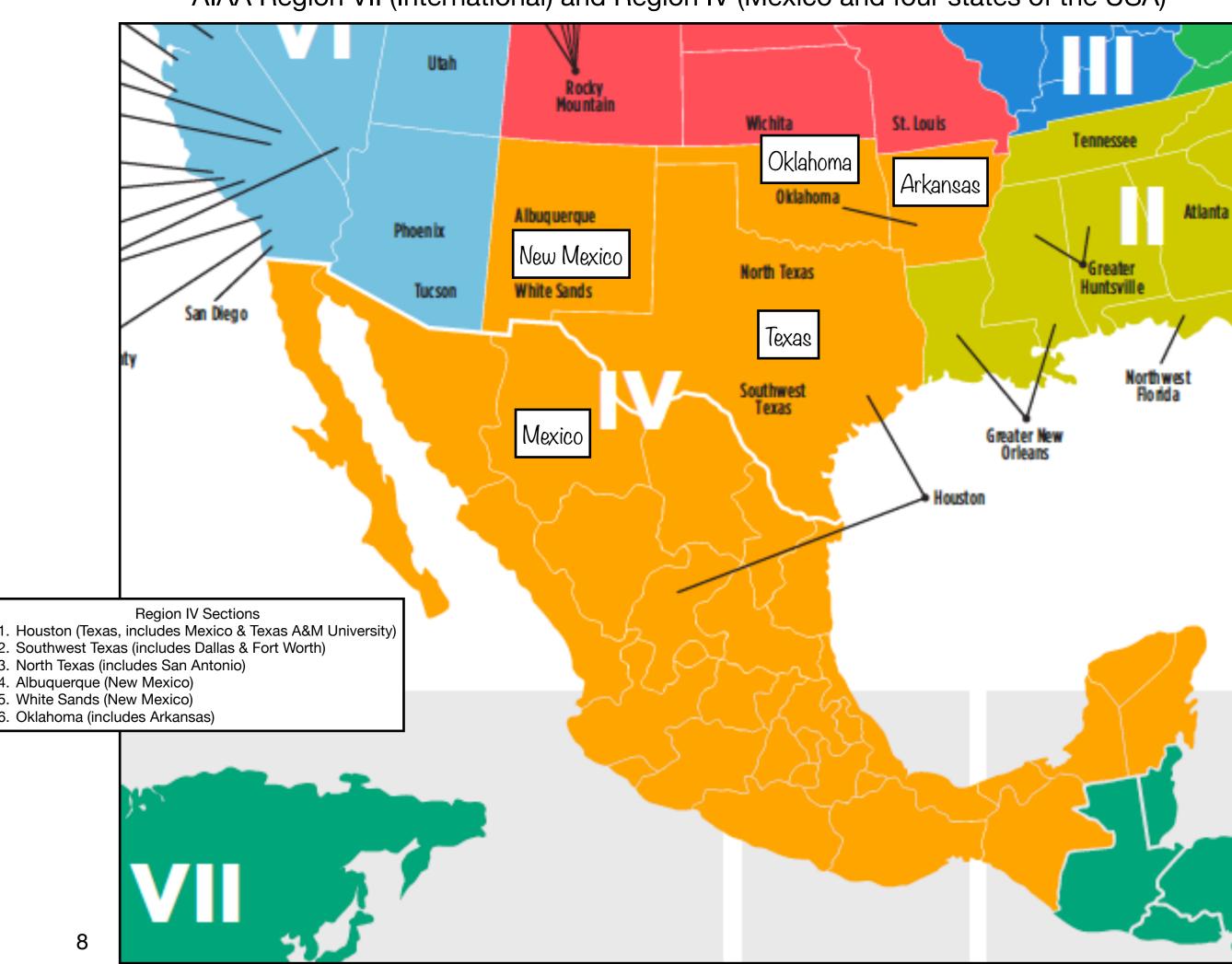


Mexico





AIAA Houston Section: Mexico and the Section's territory in Texas
AIAA Region VII (International) and Region IV (Mexico and four states of the USA)



Mexico

Mexico News Daily

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Heavy rains in Sonora leave thousands of flood victims, close highways

Whole communities got caught out by the chaotic weather

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AIAA Houston Section <u>History Technical Committee</u> Chair-Douglas Yazell

History

www.disney.com/storiesmatter



Henry Mestre

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Dumbo Flying-2

Dumbo at the Magic Kingdom, Disney World Orlando, FL



See Slide 2 (Diversity)

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Taken sometime in 1953



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Rossano aka Bud Care

Disney's Peter Pan (1953)

Original magazine ad. The Disney studio usually placed half-page ads in period movie magazines (such as Photoplay, Silver Screen, etc) for their first-run releases during the 1950s.

However, they were also in full attractive color which was only used for very special film release ads during this period. This one includes a cascade of Disney versions of the classic story's characters (even Michael's teddy bear) which was very exciting and generated a lot of anticipation among kids of the era.

Note that Disney films were still being released by RKO in the early

