



# Communication in History

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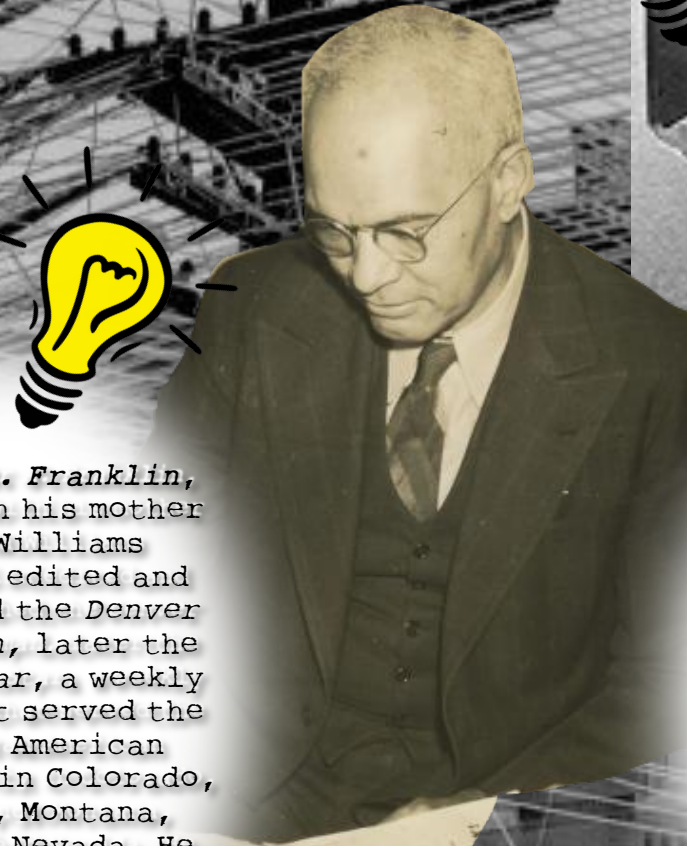
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Prior to white settlement, Arapaho and other Plains Indian tribes communicated via smoke signals and sign language. Arapaho Chief Little Raven, said "I have met [tribes] whose vocal languages... we did not understand, but we communicated freely in sign language."



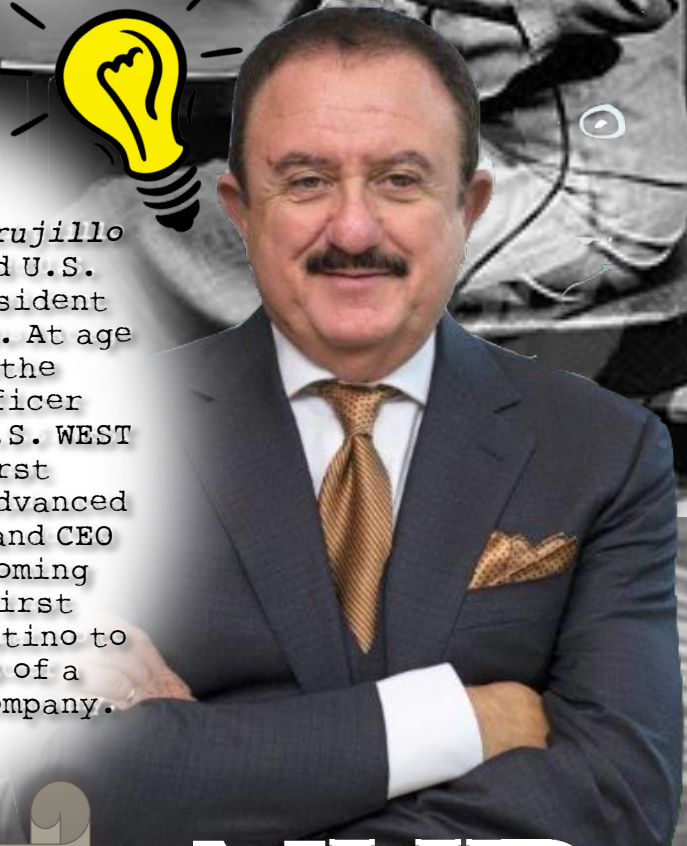
**Dolores Huerta** co-founded the National Farm Workers Union with Cesar Chavez in 1962. Huerta was adept at communication and organizing in her mission to give a voice to migrant farm workers. She was also instrumental in the Chicano Movement around the U.S., including in Colorado.



**Chester A. Franklin**, along with his mother Clara Williams Franklin edited and published the *Denver Statesman*, later the *Denver Star*, a weekly paper that served the African American community in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, and Nevada. He ran the paper from 1898 to 1913.



Across the country, teenage boys, who often engaged in horseplay and foul language, were the first telephone operators. Telephone companies began hiring "girls" in order to present a genteel image to customers. This was one of the few jobs a well-brought-up young woman could have. Operators were exclusively women until the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972.



In 1984, **Sol Trujillo** was appointed U.S. WEST vice president for operations. At age 32, he was the youngest officer appointed by U.S. WEST and the first Hispanic. He advanced to president and CEO in 1998, becoming America's first native-born Latino to serve as CEO of a Fortune 200 company.



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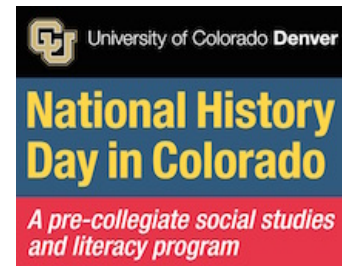
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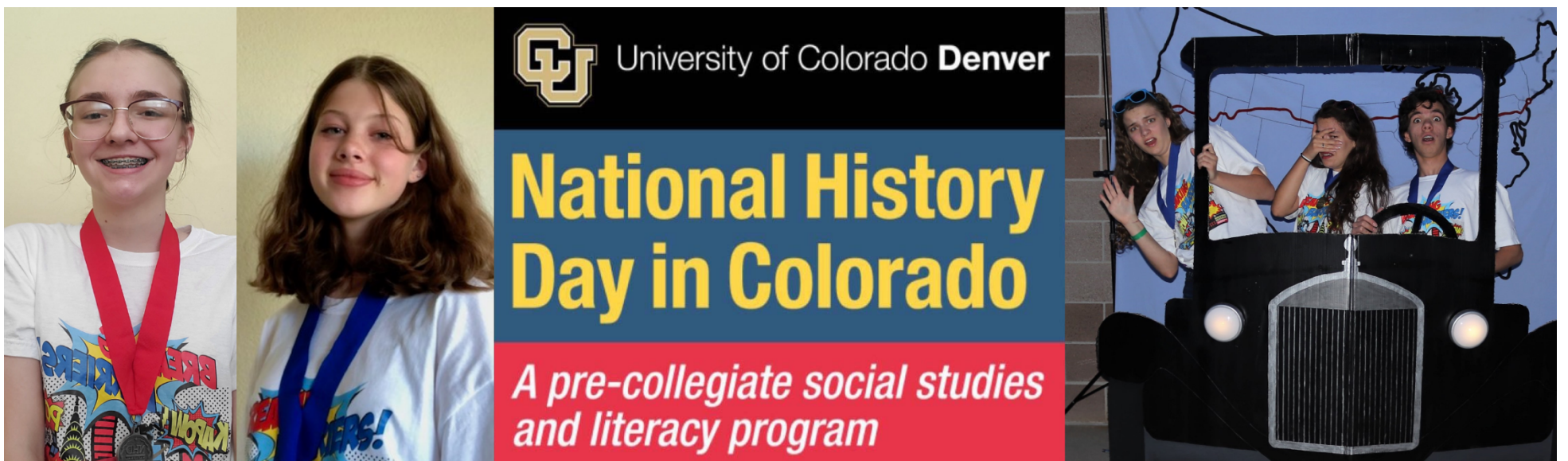
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National Contest: June 2021



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Chief Little Raven



Dolores Huerta



Chester A. Franklin



Female Phone Operators



Sol Trujillo

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