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On behalf of the Nevada Indian Commission, we want to publicly thank Washo Elder Steven James.

This morning, Mr. James provided a beautiful blessing, in Washo, to the Nevada Assembly to open its session.

Mr. James was born in the Carson Valley on March 9, 1933 to Roma and Mabel James. Growing up, Mr. James spent fall and winter in the Valley and spring and summer in and around dawʔá:gaʔa dáʔaw now known as Lake Tahoe. ...

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“He said ‘brown kids can’t learn because they’re brown,’” the mother said. “He looked my daughter straight in the eye and said ‘For you Native Americans I have something to say: that’s why we took your land and will continue taking your land and you will enjoy it.’ And at that point it hit my daughter and she thought, ‘Am I being singled out? Because he’s looking right at me,’ and she’s the only Native American student in the class.”

At Eagle Valley Middle School in Carson City, Nevada a social studies teacher is facing backlash from our communities for discriminating and bullying statements made to an 8th grade Native American student. The school district is attempting to shove the entire incident under the rug. They hide behind policies and conducted their own internal investigation leaving the student, family and community shocked, betrayed and patronized. This kind of conduct from teachers and school systems can’t continue and can not be allowed to shape the minds of our future generations.

Today AIM Northern Nevada is circling at the Carson City School Board meeting to ask for accountability, inclusion and change. Not only for this incident but to make sure this does not continue in the state of Nevada.

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[Carson City School District denies allegations it mishandled investigation into racial discrimination](#)

[The Carson City School District is facing allegations that they mishandled an investigation into whether or not a teacher used inappropriate comments during a social studies discussion about racial stereotypes.](#)



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[How Inuit Parents Teach Kids To Control Their Anger](#)

[At the top of the world, the Inuit culture has developed a sophisticated way to sculpt kids' behavior without yelling or scolding. Could discipline actually be playful?](#)

Opinion

Our graduates and learners are literally ; they are managers, business owners, nurses, firefighters, auto technicians, scientists, robotics technicians, and engineers, to name a few of the careers that start at our institutions. However, those of us with decades of experience administering community college education have, from time to time, bumped up against the old specter of inflexible or antiquated thinking that proffers a narrow path for community college students.

By Federico Zaragoza, Joyce Helens, Karin Hilgersom and Vincent Solis

[Additional 98 housing vouchers available for homeless veterans](#)

[An additional 98 housing vouchers have been made available to assist Reno's homeless veteran population. **Read on »**](#)

[School district passes anti-discrimination resolution to make "brave space"](#)

[Washoe County School District trustees this week approved an anti-discrimination resolution paving the way for greater cultural competence in the county's K-12 education. **Read on »**](#)

On April 16, 2020, the baseball player Drew Robinson wrote a note apologizing to the people in his life. "It's no one else's fault," it said. He poured himself a glass of whiskey, then pressed a handgun against his temple and pulled the trigger. Somehow, he survived. **Less than a year later, Robinson, 28, has a new contract with the San Francisco Giants and a new mission in life.** On April 16, 2020, the baseball player Drew Robinson wrote a note apologizing to the people in his life. "It's no one else's fault," it said. He poured himself a glass of whiskey, then pressed a handgun against his temple and pulled the trigger. Somehow, he survived. **Less than a year later, Robinson, 28, has a new contract with the San Francisco Giants and a new**

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[ESPN](#) Robinson said. “How can I go through this and not find a way to try to help other people or impact other people’s lives?” An incredible story 🙌 [ESPN](#)



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[A Beautiful and Rare White Bison Has Been Spotted in Missouri's Ozark Mountains](#)
The calf was named Takoda, which means “friend to everyone.”

[What to Know Before You Watch Perseverance's February 18 Landing on Mars](#)

The House of Representatives began marking up President Biden’s \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, an emergency package to speed up the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession. The Education and Labor Committee’s portion of the American Rescue Plan includes \$1 billion in new funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Below is our statement about the funding included in this bill for AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors. While the budget reconciliation package will continue to wind its way through the legislative process before it reaches the President’s desk, this is an important step toward expanding and improving national service, so that more Americans of every background have the opportunity to serve their communities. Thanks to everyone who has been part of this important effort to date. We look forward to working with you in the weeks and months ahead.

As always, we will continue to keep you posted. Best, AnnMaura

Speak up for Minnesota History during Virtual History Matters Advocacy Day!

While we cannot be at the MN State Capitol in person this year, History Matters Advocacy Day will still happen! MNHS staff, volunteers, and interns are invited to be advocates for history by meeting with your legislators virtually on Thursday, February 25. Please coordinate with your supervisor, and [register for Virtual History Matters Advocacy Day](#), or contact rebecca.douden@mnhs.org or david.kelliher@mnhs.org with any questions.

Join MNHS CEO, Kent Whitworth for a Zoom gathering at 9 a.m. with members of the statewide history community to discuss the relevance of history. MNHS Director of Public Policy, David Kelliher will provide an advocacy orientation immediately following Kent’s talk.

If you are not able to join for Virtual History Matters Day on February 25, you can still be a part of the advocacy team! Consider speaking up on behalf of history by sending a message to your state representative, senator, and the governor, by calling or scheduling a Zoom meeting with your representative, writing a letter to your representative or a letter to the editor of a newspaper, or spread the

word about the importance of history via social media. [Learn more about how](#) to be a history advocate. Thanks to all for your continued efforts in getting the word out that history matters! Whenever you speak up for history, you're making a difference.

Thank you and be well. -MNHS Leadership and Internal Communications Teams

AmeriCorps Gets Much-Needed Boost in American Rescue Plan

Will increase the number of AmeriCorps members available to help communities impacted by COVID-19, increase equity in national service, and help prepare young people for future work

Washington, DC (February 9, 2021) – Following is a statement from [AnnMaura Connolly](#), President of [Voices for National Service](#), on the inclusion of \$1 billion in the Fiscal Year 2021 Reconciliation Bill, known as the American Rescue Plan, for the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) (CNCS). The investment will help to stabilize our existing national service programs, increase the benefits for those who serve, and deploy additional full and part-time members to support their communities' response to COVID-19.

The bill is being marked-up in the House Education and Labor Committee today.

“Since the coronavirus outbreak, members of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors have acted quickly and creatively to address gaps in services and persistent inequities that have only been worsened by the pandemic. CNCS has put nearly all of their available resources behind this crisis already, but to do more – and there is so much more to do – requires additional funding.”

“The additional funding provides a triple bottom line: the opportunity to engage more Americans in pandemic relief efforts, such as helping schools safely reopen and tackling the growing hunger crisis; an important accelerator for increasing equity in national service; and a proven pathway help prepare young people prepare for future jobs, particularly for populations hardest hit by the pandemic.”

“The economic value of this work is enormous. A July 2020 study found that every \$1 in federal money invested in national service programs returns \$17.30 to society, program members, and the federal government. That means a \$1 billion investment in national service would yield \$17 billion in benefits in higher earnings, higher tax revenues, and lower strain on the social safety net.”

“Voices for National Service is grateful to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Representative David Price, House Appropriations Committee Chair Rosa DeLauro and House Education and Labor Committee Chair Bobby Scott, as well as President Biden and Senators Chris Coons and Roger Wicker, for championing this effort and will continue to work with them as the bill moves through the legislative process. In addition, we are looking forward to working with Congress and the White House to continue to expand and improve national service so that more Americans of every background have the opportunity to serve their communities.”

For more information, [click here to read The Education and Labor Committee's Budget Fact Sheet](#) and [click here for the Committee's Section by Section Summary](#)

Beaming Rural Broadband From Space?

By [Nate Hegyi](#), [Mountain West News Bureau](#)

The FCC may award the company SpaceX nearly \$900 million to beam high-speed internet from satellites to rural areas, but some small internet providers argue the company's technology is not yet feasible.

SpaceX was tentatively awarded the money through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. That new fund is giving out \$9 billion to companies who bring reliable internet to rural or other underserved areas, but Jim Matheson said the SpaceX satellite project is still in the testing phase.

"This money is there to deploy existing, proven technology--not to fund experimental technology to see if it works or not," said Matheson, CEO of the trade group, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, which represents smaller internet providers.

Matheson said he wants the FCC to take a hard second look as to whether SpaceX can actually deliver.

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EastbayNewsGroup: **Space out:** In the next several days three crafts from the United Arab Emirates, China and the U.S. are expected to arrive at Mars. Famous people — astronauts, scientists, businesspeople, even William Shakespeare — have had **lots to say about the Red Planet**. ••• "Star Trek" fans can now **take the famed Kobayashi Maru test** and win prizes.

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**State can regulate mine waste seeping into groundwater, Minnesota Supreme Court says**      **The court's decision allows MPCA to impose stricter standards at a taconite mine Mountain Iron.**



*Land within the proposed Avi Kwa Ame National Monument. (Photo courtesy of Alan O'Neill)*

## Indy Environment: With new administration, advocates push to for a new national monument in Clark County

Last month, President Joe Biden committed to protecting 30 percent of U.S. land and waters by 2030. In Carson City, freshman Assemblywoman Cecelia González (D-Las Vegas) is looking at a resolution that would signal the Legislature's support for such efforts in Nevada.

With those goals in mind, a coalition of environmental groups and local tribes are [advocating for the creation](#) of a national monument in Clark County that would span more than 380,000 acres, connecting land designated for conservation and recreation in California and Arizona.

The new monument, stretching from Mojave National Preserve in California to parts of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area would provide protections for Avi Kwa Ame, the Mojave name for “Spirit Mountain,” a spiritual center for Yuman-speaking tribes along the Colorado River.

“It is the sacred place for Mojaves and others along the [Colorado River] corridor here,” said Linda Otero, who directs the Aha Makav Cultural Society for the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe.

In 1999, the federal government designated Avi Kwa Ame on the National Register of Historic Places, recognizing its importance for ten Yuman-speaking tribes, the Chemehuevi Paiute and the Hopi. But that designation was limited in its full scope. Alan O’Neill, superintendent of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area at the time, said the designation did not include a lot of land that surrounded Avi Kwa Ame, and there was a need, even then, for more protection.

“There was a kind of unspoken commitment that I had to the tribes that we can revisit this issue another time,” O’Neill said. “That discussion wasn’t completed” with the historic register listing.

The proposal for an Ave Kwa Ame National Monument was floated in a draft of the Clark County Public Lands Bill, prepared by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto’s office. [The legislation](#) would seek to allow growth in the Las Vegas area, down the I-15 corridor toward Ivanpah, while conserving land to offset new growth. But it might not take Congress to create a new monument. Biden, as President Obama did with Gold Butte, could designate a monument with the Antiquities Act.

Jocelyn Torres, a senior field director at the Conservation Lands Foundation who is part of the group advocating for the monument, said it could get designated through either process.

“We see this region as the missing piece of the puzzle connecting the California-side [national monument and conservation] designations to Lake Mead and the Colorado River,” Torres said.

Advocates of the monument note that it could also protect a sensitive landscape from future energy development. The current proposed boundary for the new monument includes an area targeted for the [Crescent Peak wind project](#), which federal land managers [rejected in 2018](#).

“It would have absolutely destroyed the integrity of that landscape,” O’Neill said.

For the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, protecting the land has never been a choice, especially now. Paul Jackson, who works with the Aha Makav Cultural Society, said that Spirit Mountain and the land around it is not only a spiritual center for the Tribe, it is a source of learning and substance.

“There have been a lot of changes over the last 50 years,” he said.

The landscape around the Tribe’s lands have changed with more development. The Colorado River, once a free-flowing waterway, was dammed. Aha Makav translates to “people along the river,” he noted. With people have come different species of fish. Rock climbers have left gear in mountains near petroglyphs. Development has clouded once dark skies around Spirit Mountain.

González, who supports the monument, requested a resolution in the Legislature urging the federal government “to protect 30 percent of lands and waters in Nevada by 2030.”

She said it was important that tribes play a role in how lands are managed.

“Having indigenous folks at the table ensures they are not left out,” González said. “But it also ensures that we don’t make assumptions about what the community’s needs are.”

*Course Description:* HUD's Office of Native American Programs In partnership with NAIHC **2021 Virtual Training Session Procurement & Contract Administration February 24-25.** The training will encompass the requirements pursuant to NAHASDA and Procurement Standards per 2 CFR 200 and Indian Preference per Section 7(b) of the Indian Education and Self-Determination Act. The training will be delivered in four modules that cover: Introduction to Procurement in Indian Country; NAHASDA Procurement regulations and 2 CFR 200 Procurement Standards, Indian Preference, Methods of Procurement, Price and Cost Analysis and then delve into the Contract Administration function that will cover types of contracts, required contract clauses, labor standard prevailing wages, payroll certifications, procurement records management/retention, payments, warranty and project closeout. The training will also include sample exercises to get better understanding of principles and concepts of procurement requirements.

Event Details and Registration: Click Here <https://cvent.me/wQyQrL>

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## **Interior Announces Series of Tribal Consultations in Recognition of the Importance of Nation-to-Nation Relationships**

**WASHINGTON** – The Department of the Interior announced today that it will host initial consultations with Tribal leaders next month. In addition to honoring and strengthening the nation-to-nation relationship, these steps will help ensure that future White House and Interior efforts at addressing the four converging crises of our time – COVID-19, economic security, racial justice and climate change – are inclusive of Tribal Nations' priorities and recommendations.

Today's actions open a new chapter with Tribal governments following President Biden's January 26 [memorandum](#), which noted that respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance, fulfilling Federal trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations, and regular, meaningful and robust consultation with Tribal officials are of the utmost priority for the Administration. Interior has invited federal agencies to send representatives to listen to the sessions to inform how they might facilitate their own agency-specific consultations.

"Honoring our nation-to-nation relationship with Tribes and upholding the trust and treaty responsibilities to them are paramount to fulfilling Interior's mission. Meaningful consultations ensure we center Tribal voices as we address the health, economic, racial justice and climate crises — all of which disproportionately impact American Indian and Alaska Natives," said **Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes, Interior's designated Tribal Governance Officer and Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs.**

Interior will notify all federally recognized Tribes of the consultation series today, and shared [additional guidance](#) to kickstart and facilitate a productive, meaningful process. Interior will hold four Tribal consultation sessions in March to hear Tribal leaders' suggestions for federal policy and departmental actions, including identifying additional best practices to improve consultation and fortify Interior's relationship with Tribal governments. The sessions will be conducted by Indian Affairs' [Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action](#) via teleconference with Tribes in each of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 12 regions:

- **Monday, March 8** (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET): Great Plains, Midwest and Rocky Mountain Regions
- **Wednesday, March 10** (10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. ET): Eastern, Eastern Oklahoma and Southern Plains Regions



- **Wednesday, March 10** (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET): Navajo, Southwest and Western Regions
- **Friday, March 12** (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET): Alaska, Northwest and Pacific Regions

The deadline for written comments on the consultation series is 12 p.m. ET on March 19, 2021. Comments can be submitted at [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov)



[reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com)

[New Zealand Maori leader ejected from parliament for refusing to wear 'colonial noose'](#)  
[A New Zealand Maori leader who was ejected from parliament this week for refusing to wear a necktie in the chamber said forcing him to a Western dress code was a breach of his rights and an attempt to suppress indigenous culture.](#)

### **[\\$1.6 Million Grant Will Support Digitization of Native American Oral Histories](#)**

#### **Biden Terminates Trump Emergency Order Used to Construct Border Wall**

*BBC*

Excerpt: "US President Joe Biden has rescinded the national emergency order used to fund Donald Trump's border wall." [\*\*READ MORE\*\*](#)

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[Counties want open meeting law exemption for projects with environmental impacts | Nevada Current](#)

[Rural counties are asking the Nevada State Legislature to allow elected officials to meet behind closed doors when discussing and deliberating projects that have major environmental effects. County representatives say the exemption is needed because the state's open meeting laws conflict with fede...](#)

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, as the case may be). That will require finding water in an area where it is scarce. [But the company has already acquired more than \\$30 million in water rights](#), including near Black Rock Desert, the home of the annual Burning Man event — and is looking at other opportunities to import water from rural Nevada.





[earthjustice.org](http://earthjustice.org)

[The Blackfeet Nation Just Won a Decades-Long Fight to Protect Their Sacred Lands](#)  
[As Earthjustice built its legal case to protect the Badger-Two Medicine area, the Blackfeet Nation built a movement, drawn together by collective outrage over the oil industry's demands to drill a treasured landscape.](#)

[kcet.org](http://kcet.org)

[The Indigenous Science of Permaculture](#)

[Permaculture is a recent offspring of indigenous science. A dismissal of this as such is a telltale sign and symptom of the colonizer and its unnatural selections.](#)

[Maureen Chiloquin-Katenay](#)



This is our great grandmother. Look at her purse. That big pin she has on her sleeve, I remember Great Auntie Alice always wore it on the front of her dress. G. Gramma and G.Aunt Alice had the same face

*Just a little ironic history....*

[npr.org](http://npr.org)

[The Dark Origins Of Valentine's Day](#)

[Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate romance and love and kissy-face fealty. But the ancient Romans had bloodier, drunker and more naked notions to mark the occasion.](#)

