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For nine days, spanning 230 miles, Joshua Dini Sr. is riding only on horseback to carry prayer across Nevada as part of an old Native American tradition

By [Taylor Burke](#)

RENO, Nev. (KOLO) - Joshua Dini Sr. is carrying a message across Nevada: “We, as decedents of them, will continue to give voices to the voiceless on Mother Earth.”

For nine days, spanning 230 miles, Dini is riding only on horseback to carry prayer as part of an old Native American tradition. The ride will also raise awareness about the threat of copper mining in the Pine Nut Hills, a holy place to the Paiute people. It also will honor Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives in Nevada.

“I ride on these lands because I want to see what my ancestors saw,” begins Dini.

Dini is not alone on his journey. With him, are six other riders, some walkers, and runners.

“Our people are also known as runners. That’s part of the medicine. The fitness and healing. A lot of my people then, and now, are runners and we want to keep the tradition alive,” said Dini.

The ride began in Schurz, then went through Yerington, Fallon, Wadsworth, and Nixon and will continue through Lovelock, Orovada, and ending in Thacker Pass. But, the natives call it Peehee Mu’huh, meaning, ‘rotten moon.’ It was on that site that two massacres occurred. Because Shoshone-Paiute ancestors are buried there, the grounds are considered sacred. Here, the native tribes hold ceremonies and grow plants for their medicine.

“That’s our harvesting grounds, that’s where we pray,” said Dini.

It’s no mistake that Dini is moving through ancestral lands of the Paiute, Shoshone and Bannock, as these people have all been impacted by the effects of copper and lithium mining. Many indigenous communities are experiencing fast-tracked mining and industrial development. They say, the heavy metals extraction poisons the land, air and water.

“This is something that we’ve been going through for hundreds of years. We don’t have a seat at the table, we don’t get to have a say or be there to make policy,” said Dini.

As the riders reach each community, they share meals, engage in ceremony, and share stories and song, to remember the traditional ways. But there’s also a personal attachment to the ride. Now, in it’s the third year, the first, began in remembrance of Dini’s brother who died tragically in a head-on car crash. Dini learned and practiced his calling as a water protector under the guidance of his elder brother. Dewey was a beloved Paiute Shoshone filmmaker, photojournalist, and drone pilot who founded Digital Smoke Signals. Both brothers were a part of the resistance to destructive mining projects on historic tribal territories.

“Out of grief I started this prayer horse ride to honor my brother Myron Dewey and the work he did as a water protector and land defender,” Dini said.

While Myron was still alive, Dini says they spoke of doing the rides and bringing horses to connect with the youth. Now, he gets to continue his vision.



[Brian S. Long](#)

[“A third grade teacher asked her class “what is a grandparent?”](#)

“The 8-year-old students took no time to respond with some of the most heartwarming and hilarious answers we’ve ever read.

Children really have a magnificent view of the world!

1- Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people’s

2- A grandfather is a man and a grandmother is a lady.

3- Grandparents don’t have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old, they shouldn’t play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

4- When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

5- They show us and talk to us about the colors of the flowers and also why we shouldn’t step on “cracks”.

6- They don’t say, “Hurry up.”

7- Usually, grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

8- They wear glasses and funny underwear.

9- They can take their teeth and gums out.

10- Grandparents don't have to be smart.

11- They have to answer questions like "Why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"

12- When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

13- Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have a television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.

14- They know we should have a snack time before bedtime, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

15- Grandpa is the smartest man on earth. He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him.

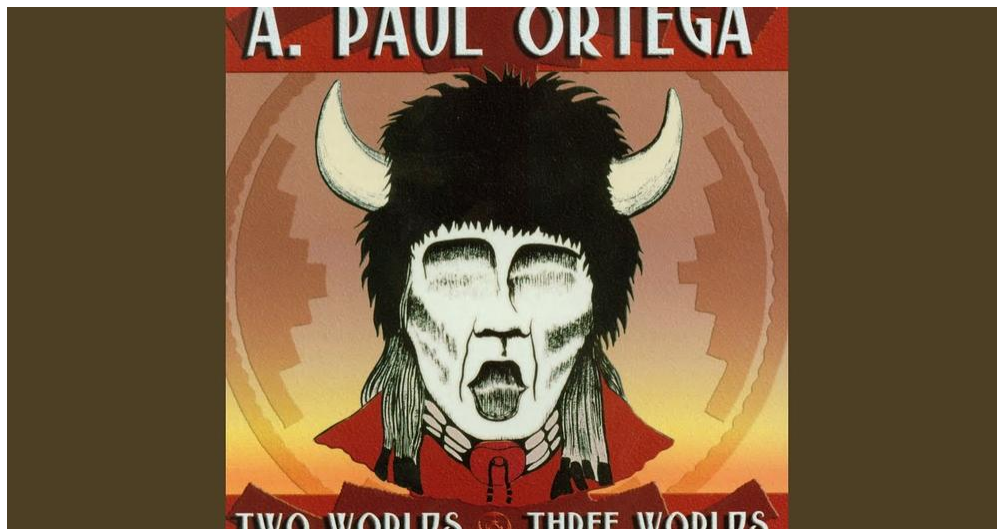
16- It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

17- Grandma, she lives at the airport, and when we want her we just go and get her. Then when she's done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

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### **[Norm Cavanaugh](#)**

Paul honored our Native American class graduation of 1979 at the U of Cal-Berkley as a motivational speaker when we graduated with our Master's degree in Public Health. He sung this song and handed each graduate a Pendleton Blanket as he encouraged each Graduate to make a difference in improving Health Care to our Native people as well as people in need of Quality Health Care. May he RIP.



## Native Tribes Blood

**Bannock**, North American Indian tribe that lived in what is now southern Idaho, especially along the Snake River and its tributaries, and joined with the Shoshone tribe in the second half of the 19th century. Linguistically, they were most closely related to the Northern Paiute of what is now eastern Oregon, from whom they were separated by approximately 200 miles (320 km).

According to both Paiute and Bannock legend, the Bannock moved eastward to Idaho to live among the Shoshone and hunt buffalo. Traditional Bannock and Shoshone cultures emphasized equestrian buffalo hunting and a seminomadic life. The Bannock also engaged in summer migrations westward to the Shoshone Falls, where they gathered salmon, small game, and berries. They traveled into the Rockies each fall to hunt buffalo in the Yellowstone area of what are now Wyoming and Montana.

Bannock social organization was based upon independent bands, and the autumn hunting expeditions allowed band chiefs to acquire power over one sector of hunting and subsistence activities. These trips traversed Shoshone territory, requiring a good deal of cooperation with that tribe. Much of the Bannocks' eastern territory was contiguous with the Shoshone's western lands; as close and friendly neighbours, they often camped side by side, and intermarriage was common. The two tribes also shared a common enemy in the fierce Blackfoot, who controlled the buffalo-hunting grounds in Montana. The Fort Hall reservation in Idaho was established for the Shoshone in the 1860s, and many Bannock soon joined them; very close interaction and continued intermarriage blended the two cultures, and the tribes began to use the combined name "Shoshone-Bannock."

Before colonization the Bannock were not numerous, probably never reaching more than 2,000. However, they had considerable influence in inciting their more pacific neighbours to revolts and raids against the U.S. settlers in the area. Famine, frustration over the disappearance of the buffalo, and insensitive reservation policy by the U.S. government led to the Bannock War in 1878, which was suppressed with a massacre of about 140 Bannock men, women, and children at Charles's Ford in what is now Wyoming.

Early 21st-century population estimates indicated more than 5,000 individuals of Shoshone and Bannock descent.







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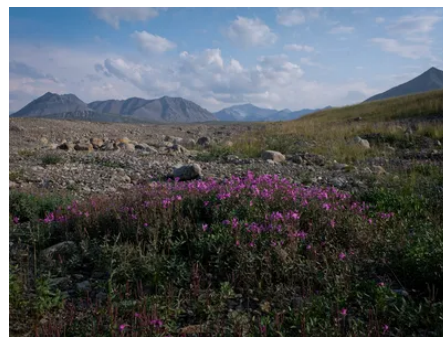
LILY GLADSTONE!! How can we in Indian Country thank you for all have done to promote and maintain our sometimes slim representation in the world of Show Business?

You have not only burst through the ceiling and kicked open the door with style and Grace, you continue to hold the doors open for others to shoot for the stars in a manner for others to emulate. Many up and coming actors as well as veterans will benefit from your brilliant performance. And the grace and dignity with which you have accepted the recognition of your peers and fans alike will provide a blueprint for success for many to follow.

Your courage and determination to endure an academy award campaign is testament to your commitment to the world of acting and we your fellow actors salute that determination and commitment. It's no easy thing to answer the same questions a thousandfold with humility and candor. You have shown great stamina!

We celebrate your nomination and the generosity you have shown in sharing it with us. By showcasing artists and stylists in your campaign, the lives of many have been enhanced and made stronger.

Last and not least, our youngsters have seen you on screen and in public. You have made them proud. That is priceless. WaDooooo!!!



[Alaska's Frigid North Slope Was Once a Lush, Wet, Dinosaur Hotspot, Fossils Reveal](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/alaskas-frigid-north-slope-was-once-a-lush-wet-dinosaur-hotspot-fossils-reveal-180983990/?spMailingID=49582165&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2662388631&spReportId=MjY2MjM4ODYzMOS2)

Conditions north of the Arctic Circle, where dinosaurs roamed in abundance during the mid-Cretaceous, were warmer than today, with rainfall comparable to “modern-day Miami”

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/alaskas-frigid-north-slope-was-once-a-lush-wet-dinosaur-hotspot-fossils-reveal-180983990/?spMailingID=49582165&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2662388631&spReportId=MjY2MjM4ODYzMOS2>

Meet Tedde Simon, UC Berkeley's new — and first — tribal liaison

As tribal liaison and director of tribal relations, she is building relationships with tribal nations on behalf of the campus.

By Gretchen Kell

<https://news.berkeley.edu/2024/02/23/meet-tedde-simon-uc-berkeley-s-new-and-first-tribal-liaison>



"I am eager to help the university move from merely trying to follow the law," said Simon, "to doing the right thing. ... I hope to see the university engage sovereign Native nations on issues that matter to them, issues that tribes define, toward outcomes that are mutually defined and prioritize tribal knowledge and perspectives."

'Like the rest of the U.S., Berkeley is on unceded Indigenous lands. It was funded and developed with resources tied to systemic acts of genocide and dispossession, especially of California Native people. Throughout its over 150-year history, it built much of its reputation by desecrating Native burial and sacred sites, stealing Native ancestors and artifacts and elevating academics whose work sought to erase and negate the existence of Native peoples. In some ways, I came to Berkeley because of the history, which, along with the power and prestige of the institution, creates an enormous moral responsibility.'

'Tribal nations predate the U.S. and the state of California. And despite hundreds of years and multiple waves of attempted genocide, tribes are still here. In California alone, there are well over 100 tribes, including those recognized by the federal government and those without federal recognition. Sovereignty — the right to create one's own laws and be governed by them — is an inherent right. Tribes' right to self-determination includes the right to create systems of governance that reflect tribal norms and customs. The right to protect and preserve language, and tradition.



The month of **March** marked a **significant turning point for the Shuar Arutam People** in its struggle against Canadian mining company Solaris Resources.

Over three weeks, the Shuar launched a **series of actions in quick succession** in an ongoing campaign **to keep mining out of their territory** with a growing coalition of allies, including Amazon Watch. They challenged Solaris with a complaint at the British Columbia Securities Commission, denounced the unexpected appearance of Ecuador's president at the world's largest mining conference in Toronto, and won a long-sought opinion from the International Labor Organization on the lack of consultation with communities for mining projects on their territory.

Despite facing daunting adversaries, **the Shuar achieved three major victories locally, nationally, and internationally**, building momentum and unity against Amazon mining.

Signup for our Next Alternative Break

Join us April 25-28 for Alternative Break at Lake Mead, a 4-day service-learning experience for young adults 18-39 to meet with local environmental experts, learn to camp, and get the chance to experience public lands stewardship! We provide meals and gear (including tents and sleeping bags) for our volunteers, who will camp by the lake at Boulder Beach Campground and spend the week pulling invasive plants, collecting native seeds, and visiting an archaeological site.

Photo of Lake Mead by Kirk Peterson

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[Nevada's Protected Wild Places \(PDF brochure\)](#)

POWWOWS

[Apr 6 - Sanders Valley High School Senior Class Contest Pow Wow 2024 - Sanders AZ](#)

Admission: \$10 per person Schedule: Gourd dance 11:00pm, Grand Entry 1:00pm, Gourd dance 5:00pm, Grand Entry 7:00pm Registration: Opens at 11am...

[Apr 6 - Lane Community College Annual Pow Wow 2024 Eugene OR](#)

[Apr 6 - Youth Mentorship Benefit Gourd Dance \(Arizona\) 2024 Mesa AZ](#)

Time: Noon(MST) - 7:00pm (4:00pm-5:00pm Supper Break) Free to the Public Inviting all Gourd Dancers, Singers, Royalties and Specatators. Outside Event -...

[Apr 6 - 2024 Duke University Pow Wow - Durham NC](#)

Join us on Saturday, April 6th, 2024 for Duke's Annual Powwow! Mark your calendars, share with friends and family, and get ready for a day...

[Apr 6 - Colorado College Native American Student Union Annual Pow Wow 2024- Colorado Springs CO](#)

Everyone is welcome to the Colorado College Native American Student Union Annual Powwow on April 6th, 2024. Free and open to the...

[Apr 6 -7 Indigenous Institute of the Americas 17th Annual IIAmericas Celebration 2024 - Cleburne TX](#)

The 17th annual IIAmericas Celebration (IIAC): Honoring Indigenous Cultures, Dance, and Arts is presented by the Indigenous Institute of the Americas, a...

[Apr 6 - 7 Roanoke Island Native American Heritage Festival and Pow Wow 2024 Manteo NC](#)

Enjoy wholesome family activities including native dancing, music, food, exhibits, and vendors. Spot dances and cash prizes. All American Indian Drums, Dancers,...

[Apr 13 - 12th Annual Columbia University Pow Wow 2024 - New York NY](#)

Please join the Native American Council of Columbia University and the broader east coast Native community to celebrate Indigenous culture at our...

[Apr 13 - 3rd Annual Round Dance \(St. Helens, OR\) 2024 - St. Helens OR](#)

Starts at 5:00pm Featuring and inviting all round dance singers from all nations All ages • A Family Event • FREE

[Apr 13 - Pow Wow of Arts and Culture 2024 - Wilmington DE](#)

In partnership with the Nanticoke Indian Association, this event celebrates Indigenous culture with traditional dance, music, arts and crafts, food vendors, and...

[Apr 13 - 2024 Spring Social Pow Wow - University of Arizona - Tucson AZ](#)
Free Event! All Dancers, Drum Groups & Royalties Welcome!

[Apr 13 - 12th Annual Columbia University Pow Wow 2024 - New York NY](#)
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[Apr 13 - 14 Pow Wow in Paradise 2024 - Honolulu HI](#)
11:00am - 6:00pm Sponsored by O'ahu Native Nationz Organization MC: Whitney Rencountre
Local Host Drum: 808NDNZ Arena Director: Marvis LeMere Head Man...

[Apr 13 - 14 31st Annual Pow Wow 2024 - Southern Oregon University - Ashland OR](#)
Grand Entry: Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm; Sunday Noon Friendly competition for Jrs-Adult categories Special Guest Miss Indian World Tori McConnell Water Blessing...

[Apr 19 - 20 3rd Annual Pow Wow For the Planet 2024 Las Vegas NV](#)
Native UNLV and the Las Vegas urban Indigenous community are collaborating to present the 3rd annual Pow wow for the Planet. This event aims to...

[Apr 19-21 Keweenaw Bay Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe Spring Contest Pow Wow 2024 - Marquette MI](#)
[Admission \\$5.00 per day; \\$15 Weekend; 5 & Under and Elders 62+ Free Friday; Registration 4:00pm-7:00pm \(weekend wristband required to register\); Grand...](#)

[Apr 19 - 21 35th Annual Pow Wow at Arizona State University 2024 Tempe AZ](#)
Purchase Tickets in Advance: <https://powwow.asu.edu/> Here are directions and parking information: <https://powwow.asu.edu/directions> Vendor Applications only accepted online: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLKMT6fy9NTK1kr1gyl0Zjfkf-darE-gevELYKRSAIOveoTIA/viewform> 2024 Head Staff: Host Northern Drum: ShowTime Host...

[Apr 20 Rising Generations Traditional Pow Wow 2024 Vancouver WA](#)
Open to the Pubic! Everyone Welcome! Free! All Dancers & Drums Welcome! First 5 Drums Guaranteed Pay! SCHEDULE: 12:00pm Doors open to...

[Apr 20 Annual School's Out Pow Wow \(Wichita, KS\) 2024 Wichita KS](#)
Join us for Wichita Public Schools Title VI Native American Indian Education Programs Annual School's Out Pow wow. Come support Native American...

[Apr 20 -21 California State University Dominguez Hills 11th Annual Pow Wow 2024 Carson CA](#)
Honoring the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas

[Apr 21 - NAIC Pow Wow 2024 Austin TX](#)
11:00am-7:00pm Grand Entry 12:00pm Free Admission; Free Parking This is a student-organized and run powwow presented by NAIC (Native American & Indigenous...