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**Gathering of Nations Grand Entry — Photo by Cheryl Fallstead**

*Sitting here, shaking my head..... (PS sorry for delay; in all my stops today, internet service was not working)*

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

[Nevada Dems Push Through Public Land Sale Proposal In Assembly](#)

[Today, the Nevada Assembly passed legislation that urges President Trump and the Congress to sign off on a federal plan to create urban sprawl from the Las Vegas Valley to Primm by selling off tens of thousands of acres of public land in Southern Nevada. The 36-6 vote on the resolution follows pleas...](#)

- [AB474](#) — This bill would implement an AI-powered app to connect SNAP recipients to
- [SB36](#) — This measure would implement a standalone [water rights retirement](#) program
- [SB220](#) — Sen. Roberta Lange's (D-Las Vegas) film tax credit proposal that [isn't just](#) a film tax credit bill anymore
- Six Assembly Democrats voted on Thursday against [AJR10](#), which urges the federal government to transfer certain federally managed lands to state and local governments — an idea that has long been seen as a step toward addressing the state's housing shortage. All Assembly Republicans voted in favor.

*"Take chances, make mistakes. That's how you grow. Pain nourishes your courage. You have to fail in order to practice being brave."* – [Mary Tyler Moore](#)



## A Very Strange Alcatraz Painting From a 1973 KQED Auction Is Back Up for Sale



Photo: Courtesy of Reed Peters

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## Data Centers: Economic benefit or environmental boondoggle?

The Reno City Council's recent approval of a second data center has sparked debate about the environmental and economic impact of the energy-intensive infrastructure in northern Nevada. Data centers are required to meet the data storage requirements to power everything from Google searches to generative artificial intelligence models. But as artificial intelligence models like ChatGPT processes over 200 million queries daily—consuming enough energy to power an American home for 57 years—concerns mount about rising utility rates and water usage in America's most arid state.

Reporting from the *Sierra Nevada Ally's* Richard Bednarski found that while utility companies and water authorities maintain they have the capacity to manage data center's energy and water demands, critics point to regulatory solutions in places like Missoula, Montana, as a model for Reno's approach to data center expansion.

[>> Read more on sierranevadaally.org >>](https://sierranevadaally.org)

## Trump administration has instructed Congress to cut \$1.1 billion — or two years' worth of funding — from the nonprofit organization that supports NPR and PBS.

Right now, we need to make our voices heard and show support for public broadcasting.

NPR and PBS are not the only targets of Republicans' pursuit against “woke media”. Free educational kids' programming, emergency alerts *and* public safety information are all at risk of being cut.

## Esmeralda County secures at least \$15 million to mitigate impacts of lithium mine

Esmeralda County and lithium developer Ioneer have reached an agreement that will channel at least \$15 million toward mitigating impacts from Ioneer's planned lithium-boron mining operation at Rhyolite Ridge. According to the agreement, \$5 million will be allocated for emergency services and over \$10 million for road improvements in Nevada's least populated county, which faces the prospect of nearly doubling its 750-resident population during construction.

Reporting from *Nevada Current's* Jennifer Solis found that while the agreement addresses concerns about infrastructure strain, emergency response and water resources, the 7,000-acre Rhyolite Ridge project still faces significant challenges, including opposition from conservation advocates regarding the endangered Tiehm's buckwheat and the recent withdrawal of a key financial partner amid fluctuating lithium prices.

[>> Learn more at nevadacurrent.com >>](https://nevadacurrent.com)

**Las Vegas Review-Journal:** [‘Hard to deny’: Nevada is home to nation’s 2 fastest-warming cities](#)

**The Nevada Independent:** [Despite late winter rally, Nevada’s snowpack was a mixed bag across state](#)

**Mountain West News Bureau:** [Manure runoff is polluting drinking water supplies across the Mountain West, report finds](#)

- [Home to centuries of heritage, Sudan’s biggest museum is looted and wrecked by a 2-year war“](#)

- [Judge rules federal government owes nearly \\$28 million to North Dakota for pipeline protests](#)

- - Trump also ordered the Education Department to root out efforts to ensure equity in discipline in the nation’s K-12 schools. Previous guidance from Democratic administrations directed schools not to disproportionately punish underrepresented minorities such as Black and Native American students. The administration says equity efforts amount to racial discrimination.

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- [North Dakota’s GOP governor vetoes library restrictions, school voucher program](#)

[Commerce Secretary’s Proposal to Prioritize Satellite Over Fiber Internet Would ‘Strand’ Rural Communities, Experts Say](#)

Howard Lutnick’s proposal to change BEAD structure will line the pockets of billionaires and leave rural communities behind.

[Expanded horizons: As part of its expansion, the Nevada Museum of Art has teamed with UNR to offer classroom space and collaboration](#)

*“When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it—always.” – Mahatma Gandhi*

**[Donald Trump authorizes U.S. military to take control of land on southern...](#)**

[President Donald Trump issued a memorandum Friday giving the U.S. military jurisdiction over federal lands at the...](#)

USA TODAY

***What is happening on T.O.?***

**Of the five longest rulers (to date) one is K'inich Janaab' Pakal, who led the Mayan city-state of Palenque (68 years, 33 days).**

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***Delanceyplace.com: Empire of Liberty by Gordon Wood***

***"Think before you speak. Read before you think." – [Fran Lebowitz](#) Today's encore selection - from *Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789-1815* by Gordon Wood.***

***Rip Van Winkle was author Washington Irving's vehicle for conveying the lightning pace of change in early America--the period in which Americans became the first people in recorded history to expect and to prize change, and during which business and working for profit became more praised and honored than in any other country in the Western world:***

"During the second decade of the nineteenth century, writer Washington Irving developed an acute sense that his native land was no longer the same place it had been just a generation earlier. Irving had conservative and nostalgic sensibilities, and he sought to express some of his amazement at the transformation that had taken place in America by writing his story 'Rip Van Winkle.' Irving had his character Rip awaken from a sleep that had begun before the Revolution and had lasted twenty years. When Rip entered his old village, he immediately felt lost. The buildings, the faces, the names were all strange and incomprehensible. 'The very village was altered--it was larger and more populous,' and idleness, except among the aged, was no longer tolerated. 'The very character of the people seemed changed. There was a busy, bustling disputatious tone about it, instead of the accustomed phlegm and drowsy tranquility'--a terrifying situation for Rip, who had had 'an insuperable aversion to all kinds of profitable labour.' Even the language was strange--'rights of citizens--elections--members of Congress--liberty ... and other words which were a perfect babylonish jargon to the bewildered Van Winkle.' When people asked him 'on which side he voted' and 'whether he was Federal or a Democrat,' Rip could only stare 'in vacant stupidity.'

"'Rip Van Winkle' became the most popular of Irving's many stories, for early nineteenth-century Americans could appreciate Rip's bewilderment. Although superficially the political leadership seemed much the same--on the sign at the village inn the face of George Washington had simply replaced that of George III--beneath the surface Rip, like most Americans, knew that 'every thing's changed.' In a few short decades Americans had experienced a remarkable transformation in their society and culture, and, like Rip and his creator, many wondered what had happened and who they really were.

"Before the Revolution of 1776 America had been merely a collection of disparate British colonies composed of some two million subjects huddled along a narrow strip of the Atlantic coast--European outposts whose cultural focus was still London, the metropolitan center of the empire. Following the War of 1812 with Great Britain--often called the Second American Revolution--these insignificant provinces had become a single giant continental republic with nearly ten million citizens, many of whom had already spilled into the lands beyond the Appalachian Mountains. The cultural focus of this huge expansive nation was no longer abroad but was instead directed inward at its own boundless possibilities.

"By 1815 Americans had experienced a transformation in the way they related to one another and in the way they perceived themselves and the world around them. And this transformation took place before industrialization, before urbanization, before railroads, and before any of the technological breakthroughs usually associated with modern social change. In the decades following the Revolution America changed so much and so rapidly that Americans not only became used to change but came to expect it and prize it.

"The population grew dramatically, doubling every twenty years or so, as it had for several generations, more than twice the rate of growth of any European country. And people were on the move as never before. Americans spread themselves over half a continent at astonishing speeds. Between 1790 and 1820, New York's population quadrupled; Kentucky's multiplied nearly eight times. In a single decade, Ohio grew from a virtual wilderness (except, of course, for the presence of the native Indians, whom white Americans scarcely acknowledged) to become more populous than most of the century-old colonies had

been at the time of the Revolution. In a single generation, Americans occupied more territory than they had occupied during the entire 150 years of the colonial period, and in the process killed or displaced tens of thousands of Indians.

"Although most Americans in 1815 remained farmers living in rural areas, they had become, especially in the North, one of the most highly commercialized people in the world. They were busy buying and selling not only with the rest of the world but increasingly with one another, everyone, it seemed, trying to realize what *Niles' Weekly Register* declared 'the almost universal ambition to get forward.' Nowhere in the Western world was business and working for profit more praised and honored."

Oxford University Press 2009 pgs 1-2

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[Dyami Thomas](#)

[Some more history that was never taught in school..](#)

California first became a state in 1850. The first governor of California was Peter H. Burnett. That same year he legalized and enforced Indian slavery. He said "That a war of extermination will continue to be waged between the races until the Indian race becomes extinct. This must be expected."

In both 1851-1852, the state of California paid \$1 million to militias that hunted down California Natives. \$5 for every severed head and 25 cents for a scalp. Men, women, children, elders, it simply didn't matter which age.

California Natives have survived 3 genocides. Spanish Conquest (missions), Oil and The Gold Rush.

In just 20 years, 80% of California Natives were wiped out.

Today there are over 109 federally recognized tribes in the state of California and 78 tribes that are partitioning for recognition.

This is some of the brutal but true history of California Natives.

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- [Students sue Department of Defense for pulling 'DEI' books from its school libraries](#) by Nadra Nittle, *The 19th News*
  - [Not to believe in justice because of corruption, is like not believing in marriage because of infidelity. A system works according to the kind of people running it."](#)

*Len Deighton*

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According to the United Nations, one in every six people on Earth will be 65 or older by 2050, presenting challenges to health care, affordable housing and retirement benefits policies. One thing that could hasten necessary policy movement would be that **older Americans, who love to vote, will become even more powerful at the polls**. The Census Bureau said in the 2020 general election, 74% of people age 65 and above turned out to vote, compared to 57% of people 18-34 and 69% of people 35-64.

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## Trump administration looking at \$5,000 'baby bonus' to incentivize public to have more children

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-administration-5000-baby-bonus-incentivize-public-children/story?id=121094707>

*And yet we worry about lack of housing, reduced/no health care or education.....talk about [schizoid](#).*

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[From a reader: An interesting read and reflects what's happened to our educational culture.](#)

## [The societal decline in the ability to reason](#)

[https://enewspaper.eastbaytimes.com/infinity/article\\_popover\\_share.aspx?guid=c123f3c1-164f-4f40-a2cc-04f683a4a0fe&share=true](https://enewspaper.eastbaytimes.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=c123f3c1-164f-4f40-a2cc-04f683a4a0fe&share=true)

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*Buh-bye now* — The Trump administration will [dismantle](#) the Bureau of Land Management's Conservation and Landscape Health Rule (Public Lands Rule) before it has a chance to be implemented.

Enacted under the Biden administration, the rule would have put conservation on an equal footing with other public land uses such as mining and grazing. In January, Nevada Department of Agriculture Director [J.J. Goicoechea](#) was tapped as one of 15 advisory committee members for the implementation of the rule. That committee was disbanded earlier this year.



*from amy alonzo/indy*

[How disparate worlds come together.....](#)

<https://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/exploration-survival/wildlife-trackers-find-human-bones/>



### Here's what else I'm reading (and listening to) this week:

They were looking for endangered tortoises. They found human bones instead. A great read from [Outside](#) that spans several decades in the desert around Las Vegas.

From [Grist](#): Public lands, private profits: Inside the Trump plan to offload federal land.

Conservation efforts underway after earthquakes shatter Devils Hole pupfish population, [KNPR](#) shares.

Ethics commission rejects settlement deal for Nevada energy director, from the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#)

Nevada's Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is open for logging under new federal orders, the [Reno-Gazette Journal](#) writes.

Legislation would require utilities to publicly report data on household service shut offs — from the [Nevada Current](#).

White House moves to hamstring national climate assessment, [Reuters](#) reports.

Trump seeks to end climate research at NOAA; NASA also targeted, according to [Science](#).

New developments marching into the desert (Photo: Cody Cobb)



## Calendar

- **Saturday April 26 [Medicinal Herbs Class](#)**  
**Rail City Garden Center, 1720 Brierley Way, Sparks**  
**11:00 am**
- **THREADS OF TRADITION: COMMUNITY BASKET CELEBRATION**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 10 AM-4 PM**  
Public is invited to a day of basketweaving demos, talk, performances, and

Indigenous art, jewelry and specialty vendors.  
FREE COMMUNITY DAY

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- **ETERNAL SIGNS: INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN ART FROM THE KAPLAN & LEVI COLLECTION** MAY 31 - NOVEMBER 9, 2025 E.L. WIEGAND FEATURE GALLERY  
First Nations cultures from Australia are among the world's oldest continuous living traditions, and trace their origins back 60,000 years. Their belief systems — often called Dreamings, Songlines, or Creation Time — remain deeply tied to their homelands and are reflected in contemporary art, which embodies an “eternal present. For artists in remote regions, these ancient forms of knowledge continue to shape their creative expressions, sustaining visual languages that bridge past and present.

This exhibition showcases a transformational gift from the collectors Robert Kaplan and Margaret Levi, who built on one of the most esteemed collections of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art in the U.S. In 2023, they donated over 70 works to the Nevada Museum of Art, many of which are on view for the first time. This exhibition features more than 36 artists across 15 geographic areas in Australia - including renowned artists such as Ginger Riley Munduwalawala, Gloria Tamerr Petyarre, and Gunybi Ganambarr. These works now form a vital part of the Museum's Robert S. and Dorothy J. Keyser Art of the Greater West Collection, which redefines the West as a global frontier spanning Alaska to Patagonia and Australia to the American Intermountain West.

*This exhibition is organized by the NMA and curated by Apsara DiQuinzio, Senior Curator of Contemporary Art.*

**Educator Evening Wednesday, May 7 @ 4 pm (Nevada Museum of Art)**

Educators participate in free professional development followed by a reception.  
FREE for Pre-K EDUCATORS



**Radley Davis: Pit River Cultural Traditions Friday May 9 @ Noon NMA**

Radley Davis (Issawi/Pit River) shares stories of Pit River culture, ancestral lands, and efforts to preserve language and customs. \$15 | Free for Members

**Lucy Lippard and Judith Lowry on Storytelling and Indigenous Feminisms (Virtual)  
Friday, May 23 @ Noon**

Lucy Lippard and Judith Lowry discuss feminism, storytelling and Indigenous identity in contemporary art. This virtual program will be broadcast in the Museum's theater for those who wish to attend in person. \$10 general|Free for Members

## **Free Senior Admission for Older Americans Month**

In celebration of Older Americans Month, the Museum offers FREE admission to seniors every Wednesday during the month of May.

### **More Info**

- **Trump pardons Nevada politician who paid for cosmetic surgery with funds to honor a slain officer**

## **Myron's Memorial Service will be held May 10.**

### **RIP Myrton Running Wolf**

Myrton Running Wolf, an assistant professor of race and media with the Reynolds School of Journalism at UNR, passed away earlier this week after a battle with cancer.

Raised in northern Nevada, he was of Blackfeet descent. He was known for his large smile, sharp intellect and being both an accomplished actor and film director. His academic research focused on increasing the inclusion of marginalized populations in mainstream media.

A chapter he wrote in "Native Apparitions: Critical Perspectives on Hollywood's Indians" and which he often talked about in interviews was titled Thank You, Adam Sandler & Co., for Giving Us a Native American Rosa Parks Moment, concerning depictions in the film The Ridiculous 6.

A short film he made which came out six years ago was called "Soldier" following two young Lakota sisters — escapees of the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre — fighting to survive against the U.S. military.

It was filmed entirely on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation and in the Toiyabe National Forest.

Several years ago, he had directed a video for an Indigenous Peoples' Day proclamation which received widespread local praise.

Our community has lost an influential thinker and awe inspiring filmmaker.

### **Mini Bio**

- Myrton Running Wolf received his Ph.D. in Theater and Performance Studies from Stanford University, his M.F.A. in film production from the University of Southern California, and his M.A. in Performance Studies from NYU-Tisch School of the Arts. Professionally, he worked behind-the-scenes in Production Management for Walt Disney Studio's ABC Television Group on prime time series "LOST", "Grey's Anatomy", "Private Practice", "Brothers and Sisters", and "Criminal Minds" as well as a Creative Producer for The CW and NBC network television affiliates. He is also a multi-award winning writer, director, and producer with film and theater productions playing across the nation. As a performer, Myrton held numerous lead roles in stage productions in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Bay Area as well as supporting roles in feature films like Academy Award winners "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" and "The New World" as well as Steven Spielberg's "Into the West" along with several other network television roles.
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- As a "Race and Media" practice-based scholar, his current work at The University of Nevada, Reno's Reynolds School of Journalism focuses on increasing the inclusion and participation of racial minorities and other marginalized groups in mainstream media production. Using his award-winning teaching style, Myrton taught courses at Stanford University, lectured at Vassar College and Santa Clara University, and led workshops at numerous tribal and junior colleges where his work specializes in cultural diversity, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary collaboration (using Stanford's signature "Design Thinking" methodology), the economics and politics of corporate mainstream media, identity politics, and mainstream film/television/theater production.

- IMDb Mini Biography By: Myrton Running Wolf

