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## Financial Help for Nevada's Nuclear "Downwinders" Renewed

Beginning in the 1950s and going through 1992, the Nevada Test Site was host to nearly 1,000 nuclear tests. One hundred of those took place above-ground, the first of which was called "Shot Able," a 1-kiloton bomb.

The goal of the Nevada Test Site was essentially to give the U.S. government a place to test nuclear weapons and capabilities during a time of heightened Cold War tensions, in a mostly remote area of the country. The problem is that this wasn't a fully remote area. There were communities—and people—"downwind" from where these tests took place. The fallout that blew their way caused many to get sick or even die.

After these atomic weapons tests were carried out, several lawsuits were filed against the United States to warn more people of the dangers of exposure to these radioactive materials. While the suits were dismissed by appellate courts, Congress created a program that gave partial restitution to these affected people. The payouts range from \$50,000 for downwinders to \$100,000 for uranium miners.

That program is called the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, and it was enacted in 1990

Essentially, for downwinders, if you worked or lived in a specific area of Nevada, Utah, or Arizona for a set period of time and later developed one of the covered illnesses, you could get that compensation. The program also pays for health screenings and community outreach, particularly in underserved, rural areas.

You can learn more about the program on the latest episode of Ally Audio.

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**Local artists paint signal boxes in Reno and Sparks** ([kunr.org](http://kunr.org)) — Local artists in Reno are transforming signal boxes into vibrant artworks through a city-sponsored project. This initiative not only showcases creativity but also provides artists with public exposure and a chance to connect with the community.

NV 'should be ready for anything' when it comes to Trump and K-12 funding cuts, lawmaker warns: "An estimated \$49 million in federal grants appropriated by Congress for K-12 education is still being withheld from Nevada, according to state leaders [...] The money, which had been expected by states on July 1, was meant to support a variety of programs, including afterschool activities, teacher training, and expanded science and technology opportunities for students." ([Nevada Current](#))

## Trump's Labor Department proposes more than 60 rule changes in a push to deregulate workplaces

The U.S. Department of Labor is aiming to rewrite or repeal more than 60 "obsolete" workplace regulations, ranging from minimum wage requirements for home health care workers and people with disabilities to standards governing exposure to harmful substances. [Read more.](#)

### Why this matters:

- The Labor Department says the goal is to reduce costly, burdensome rules imposed under previous administrations, and to deliver on President Donald Trump's commitment to restore American prosperity through deregulation.
- If approved, the wide-ranging changes unveiled this month also would affect working conditions at construction sites and in mines, and limit the government's ability to penalize employers if workers are injured or killed while engaging in inherently risky activities. Critics say the proposals would put workers at greater risk of harm, with women and members of minority groups bearing a disproportionate impact.
- Under one of the Labor Department's proposals, an estimated 3.7 million workers employed by home care agencies could be paid below the federal minimum wage — currently \$7.25 per hour — and made ineligible for overtime pay if they aren't covered by corresponding state laws.

## GOP megabill's final score: \$3.4T in red ink and 10 million kicked off health insurance, CBO says

The legislation President Trump signed on July 4 would grow the deficit over the next 10 years, Congress's nonpartisan scorekeeper predicts.

## Commanders fans have pointed response for Trump on team name change

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### The Hill

**The Trump administration's inability to clearly answer whether hiring a Holocaust denier as a faculty member highlights the dangers of the administration's "ideological litmus test" approach to viewpoint diversity in higher education.**

*If elimination of a holocaust overseas is obliterated, what becomes those of domestic origin?*



I was very young when Someone called me "Sinner" I got curious because in our language there no such word so I decided to ask my grandfather about it, he said; there is no such thing, our consciousness does not recognize this kind of words because it was made to manipulate and put guilt in our hearts, there are no sins what we have is choices and sometimes we make mistakes. Fear is what people use to take away your freedom, do not allow anybody to do this to you again grandson. – Gianna Crow

[Andrea Stoeckel](#)

*People ask me if I believe in god... I tell them I pray to creator.*

*They tell me Jesus died for me... I tell them my ancestors did.*

*They say I will burn in hell for not following the Bible, but yet it has been used as weapon to colonize and murder my people...*

*for me it's spirituality over religion. I don't hate people for going to church, but I do hate what the churches have done to us...*

*before colonization we had our own ways and ceremonies, I choose the path of my ancestors.*

(author unknown)

### **Which places in California are designated a UNESCO World Heritage site?**

Trump administration intends to withdraw U.S. from the organization, just two years after it rejoined after a five-year absence

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## [Debra Harry](#)

Calling all Jr. Girl Traditional dancers. **Please plan to participate in Winter's Sho-Ban Festival** outgoing Little Princess Special, Sunday afternoon, August 10th, Fort Hall, ID. For family and friends who want to help with contributions: Venmo: @Debra-Harry, Cash App: @debharry775 or message me! We appreciate your support!



## **Want a \$1M Football Field Upgrade? Enter Your School To Win Big!**

**T-Mobile's Friday Night 5G Lights returns with \$4 million in total prizes and a shot at glory for small-town high schools nationwide.**

T-Mobile's Friday Night 5G Lights is back with over \$4 million in total prizes! Enter your school by Sept. 12 for a chance at game-changing upgrades, national recognition and a whole lot of hometown pride. (Shutterstock)

On July 17, T-Mobile launched the return of [Friday Night 5G Lights](#), the nationwide competition that turns high school football into a celebration of hometown pride.

Last season, nearly 1,750 high schools from across the country joined in, showcasing school spirit on and off the field. From magenta jerseys and signs to dyed hair and jam-packed stands, communities rallied hard — and millions of votes poured in.



In Inola, Oklahoma — a town of less than 2,000 — students hustled like never before, even calling every other school in the state to build support. Their passion [paid off with a life-changing win.](#)

This year's competition promises even more energy, prizes and chances for small towns to shine.

### **What Your School Could Win**

Over \$4 million in prizes are up for grabs this season, including:

- **450 schools** will each win **\$5,000** through weekly **\$5K Fridays** giveaways – with **100** winners the first week alone
- **25 finalists** will each score **\$25,000** and a T-Mobile-hosted home game
- **One “Fan Favorite”** finalist will receive an **extra \$25,000**, as voted on by T-Mobile employees
- **One grand prize winner** will receive:
  - A **\$1 million football field upgrade**
  - A **renovated weight room** from **Gronk Fitness**
  - A **consultation with stadium experience experts**
  - An **all-expenses-paid trip** to the **SEC Championship Game** for select students and school officials
  - A **tailgate party in 2026** to reveal the finalized upgrades

### **Mahomes, Gronk and More Are Teaming Up**

This year, T-Mobile is bringing even more star power. Alongside returning ambassador Rob “Gronk” Gronkowski, three-time Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes is joining the fun — plus top college athletes and high school football standouts.

### **How To Enter**

If your high school is located in a U.S. town with a population under 150,000, you're eligible. A teacher, coach or administrator must submit an application at [FridayNight5GLights.com](https://FridayNight5GLights.com), including a short story or essay explaining why your school deserves an Un-carrier-style field transformation.

- **Submissions are open now through Sept. 12**
- All eligible schools are automatically entered for a chance to win one of the weekly **\$5K Fridays** cash prizes — with 100 winners in Week 1 and 50 winners per week after that
- **25 finalists** will be selected and announced on Sept. 25
- **Public voting runs Sept. 24 through Oct. 24**, with one vote per person per day
- Finalists can earn **Bonus Votes** through weekly “Social Plays” posted on the site
- **The grand prize winner and T-Mobile fan favorite will be announced Oct. 30**

*Help your school win big and put hometown pride on the national stage. [Learn more and apply today at FridayNight5GLights.com!](https://FridayNight5GLights.com)*

## BLM to gather, remove 508 wild horses



These wild horses are near Mono Lake.(The Bureau of Land Management)

By [Brenna O'Boyle](#)

CARSON CITY, Nev. (KOLO) - The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approved a [plan](#) for gathering excess wild horses in the Lahontan herd management area.

Based on the 2024 inventory flight, BLM estimates there are 518 wild horses.

BLM proposes to gather and remove all but 7 to 10 wild horses to achieve the established appropriate management level, according to the news release.

The Lahontan herd management area is 9,687 acres. There are 304,705 acres surrounding it in Lyon and Churchill counties about 40 miles east of Carson City.

BLM's priority is to conduct a safe, efficient, and successful horse gathering operation while ensuring humane care and treatment of all animals gathered.

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[Alyssa Songoi](#) Wouldn't it be amazing if a cute little Indigenous boy won Toddler of the Year?



Our son Peshape is competing for \$25,000 and the opportunity to be in a National Ad campaign. He would also lead the Hollywood Christmas parade and a trip to the Pepa Pig Theme Park!



Every vote counts! Use the link to vote  
<https://toddleroftheyear.org/2025/peshape-c98a...>



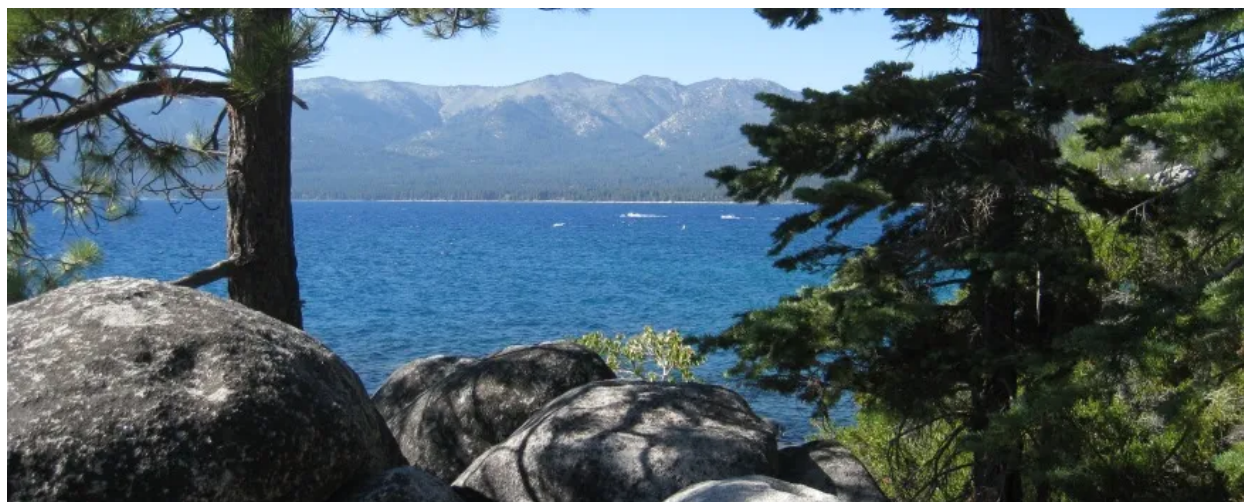
### **E.P.A. is said to draft a plan to end its ability to fight climate change**

“The Trump administration has drafted a plan to repeal a fundamental scientific finding that gives the United States government its authority to regulate greenhouse-gas emissions and fight climate change, according to two people familiar with the plan. The proposed Environmental Protection Agency rule rescinds a 2009 declaration known as the “endangerment finding,” which scientifically established that greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane endanger human lives. That finding is the foundation of the federal government’s only tool to limit the climate pollution from vehicles, power plants and other industries that is dangerously heating the planet. ...” [Read more from the New York Times](#).

**SEE ALSO:** [EPA drafts rule to strike down landmark climate finding](#), from the Washington Post



## 'Microplastic Mayhem: How three researchers are analyzing particles in Lake Tahoe



“It’s a sunny day in the middle of Lake Tahoe when Katie Senft, Carina Seitz and Consuelo Del Rio are aboard the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe’s research vessel. The research team is testing the quality of water in Lake Tahoe by looking at microplastics, light and other biological parameters. Katie Senft, research faculty for the biology department and boat captain, drives Carina Seitz, a research assistant professor in the biology department at the University and the Tahoe Institute for Global Sustainability, and Consuelo Del Rio, a biology student, a few miles out from the boat dock at Sand Harbor beach in Incline Village, Nevada. Repetition is key in this boat laboratory. The research team begins the day by running water from different lake depths (surface level, five and 15 meters deep) through a submersible pump, which is lowered to the specific meter level. The water is run through four sieves and into a five-gallon bucket. This filters out all microplastics, big and small. Then, the sieves are rinsed into a small mason jar, capturing enough water (and microplastics) to take back to the lab for testing. ... ” [Read more from Nevada Today.](#)

### **Press release: Strategic proposal addresses AI-driven data center water demands through agricultural innovation, aligned with Inflation Reduction Act funds**

“Recent flooding across the U.S. may suggest water supply concerns have diminished, but long-term drought conditions persist across the West. While the East receives substantial rainfall, Southwestern states remain dry. Despite a few years of above-average precipitation, Lake Mead remains at approximately 31% capacity — 174.4 feet below full pool level (drought.gov). In some states reliant on [aquifers](#), 40% to 80% of pivot irrigation systems are inactive due to depleted groundwater. In this drought-affected region, where AI data centers are increasing demand on water supplies, Sprouting Gear Inc. (SGI) founder Paul Pluss has presented a proposal designed to address both agricultural and technological water use. The company’s hydroponic fodder system is estimated to reduce water consumption for cattle feed by up to 99.5%, potentially saving over 200 billion gallons of water annually while supporting 100,000 cows. SGI is evaluating access to Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding allocated for water efficiency and is exploring potential partnerships with technology sector stakeholders. ... ” [Read more from Your Central Valley.](#)

### **Kayakers celebrate culmination of month-long journey down undammed Klamath River**

“Several dozen Indigenous youth completed a 310-mile, month-long source-to-sea “first descent” of the undammed Klamath River on Friday. As the youths, between the ages 13 to 20, approached the sand spit adjacent to the Klamath’s mouth in their bright-colored kayaks, tribal elders, family members, friends and supporters waved and cheered them on. “I feel so proud to have completed this trip, and am feeling grateful for the support of my family and the fact that I got to honor my grandma’s legacy in her fight for dam removal,” Ke-Get Omar Dean V, 18, a member of the Yurok Tribe, said in a news release. “We got to complete this journey because of the people that came before us and ensured a free-flowing river.” ... ” [Read more from the Mendocino Beacon.](#)

### **Adult winter-run Chinook salmon seen in McCloud River for first time in almost 100 years**

“For the first time in nearly 100 years, adult winter-run Chinook salmon have been confirmed in the McCloud River, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). On July 15, a female salmon was observed guarding her nest near Ash Camp, with several males nearby competing to spawn. The agency reported that the return of the salmon marks a significant milestone in a multi-agency effort to restore the endangered species to their native habitat above Shasta Dam. The observed salmon most likely came from a project started in 2022, CDFW officials said, with help from the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. ... ” [Read more from KRCR.](#)

### **Reclamation to fund innovative contest to help plug Colorado River leaks**



“The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which manages the 1,450-mile Colorado River in the West, is taking a unique approach to fix a nagging problem that threatens vital water supplies for seven states, tribes and Mexico. On Tuesday, it announced it is joining forces with the NASA Tournament Lab and HeroX, the leading platform and open market for crowd-sourced solutions. The challenge is designed to seek innovative designs for a rapid-deploying, high-pressure seal capable of controlling failed dam conduits — protecting critical water supplies and power generation infrastructure. With water scarcity a persistent and potentially life-changing problem for growth in the West, critical ecosystems and power generation, the bureau wants to save every drop of water it can. ... ” [Read more from Deseret News.](#)

### **Nevada: As wells dry up near Ash Meadows, another mine could be on its way**

“A Nevada town concerned about water has sent a clear message that mining is not welcome near the biodiversity hub of Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. But not long after federal land managers began considering whether to block new mining claims near the refuge, a mining company has again knocked on the community’s door. Just across the California border, this month the Trump administration greenlit exploration for clinoptilolite, a zeolite mineral used for wastewater treatment, odor control and more. St. Cloud Mining, which operates an existing mine nearby that was approved in 1987, can now move forward and drill 43 holes about 3 miles from the refuge line — something the Bureau of Land Management determined would have “no significant impact” on the environment. Most aren’t buying that. ... ” [Read more from the Las Vegas Review-Journal](#).

### **Arizona: Tribal water settlement aims to repair generations of exclusion**



Hopi Councilman Robinson Honani, who represents Sipaulovi, said ranchers and farmers “are relying on their faith to bring the rain, but it’s not coming.” The Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act, currently under consideration in Congress, could help ensure a more stable water supply on the reservation. Photo by Christopher Lomahquahu | AZCIR

“Guiding a Toyota pickup along a narrow dirt road south of Second Mesa, rancher Robinson Honani gestures toward a patchwork of farm plots tucked into the dusty terrain of the Hopi Reservation, perched on the Colorado Plateau in the Painted Desert of northeastern Arizona. “This is a Bear Clan area. It’s one of my aunties’,” says Honani, a Hopi Tribal Council member from Sipaulovi, pointing just beyond a small berm. The fields, bordered by dry washes and patches of grass, are part of a longstanding tradition: Clan by clan, Hopi families prepare the soil for planting each year. Honani slows the truck as the road winds past freshly turned earth. Soon, corn will take root here—just in time to ripen for Niman, the “Home Dance.” The ceremony marks the departure of the Katsinam, spirit beings believed to carry prayers of thanks to the creator and bring moisture and blessings to the land. ... ” [Read more from the Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting](#).