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[Anthony Melting Tallow ·](#)

Years and years ago, **Gramma, Nancy Melting Tallow** lived in one of those two-room Indian reservation houses with an old leaning outhouse in her yard that always had big scary spiders living in there. So when you needed to use it, you got in and finished up real quick! I remember Gramma, all dressed up, wearing a colorful scarf with big pretty flowers printed on it and tied up under her chin.

Gramma's nylons crinkled around her ankles,
looking up from where we played on the kitchen floor around her feet.
She patiently waited,
sipping her cup of Red Rose tea at the kitchen table,
staring out the window,
waiting for her ride to come get her and bring her into town.
Sometimes, she'd bring us back pop n' chips as a treat.
Then, she'd open up a package of raw kidney she'd bought for herself,
slicing off bite-sized pieces to sprinkle with salt
as a special treat for herself before putting all of her groceries away.
When we were little, we used to lovingly call Gramma 'Misses Magoo!' like the kids' cartoon. She laughed about it too!
Then she'd say, 'Yaww! I'm just married to Mister Magoo!' We'd all laugh together some more.

Gramma had a hand pump for water in her yard.
We'd bring out an old wooden axe handle and tin bucket from inside her house to operate it.
I was just tall enough then to reach up and pump water for her.
I was proud to help Gramma because it was a big man's job, she told me.
But, "I could do it!" I said.
My feet would leave the ground, and I'd hang up there in the air, getting more water on me than into the pail. It was fun!
We'd bring the water inside, hauling it into her kitchen, spilling some.
Then she'd hand me a metal ladle, 'the Little Dipper,' she called it, to hang up on the side of the pail to scoop out water for us to drink and make tea.

Gramma has the Little Dipper, I'd think to myself,
just like the stars up in the sky...
This was before we were all taken away
and sent away for years to different foster homes...
I remember times in my teens,
hitchhiking to the rez and visiting her at her trailer in the 80s.
She'd be sitting there on her bed,
a big smile on her face, her grandkids there with her,
crawling around, playing happily on her lap,
cartoons on her little TV,
just like when we were little!
She was so cute n' happy.
She'd say, 'Georgina made stew,
and there's bannock, Guh, go have some.'

I'd get her some tea with two cubes of sugar,
like she liked, and we'd sit on her bed.
Soon, the little ones all fell asleep.
Through most of her life,
Gramma never really experienced major health issues.
She never needed to see a doctor. Times when she got sick,
she'd get herself some Buckeye's cough syrup,
drank tea with dried and steeped river mint
she'd picked until she felt all better again.
Years after I left Canada,
running to save my own life,
I lived in New York when 9/11 happened.
Gramma finally, desperately got a hold of me
by phone later on that tragic, horrible day,
'Yaww!,' she said, 'I was just so worried!,'
"Living down there, so far away".
She told me that she had stood out
on her porch all throughout that day, so worried.
She said that she could see the smoke and ashes
rising up into the sky from the towers from where she stood,
a distance of 2,341 miles from ground zero
to her little trailer on the Rez.
I flew back to Canada a few weeks after 9/11 happened.
I made a special visit to see her.
I brought her an NYPD t-shirt and
a snow globe of Manhattan
with a tiny Empire State Building inside,
Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge,
and yellow taxis going here and there.
She put it in a special spot on her mantle
next to all of her pictures of family.
Most of my life,
I never even knew the depths of trauma
that Gramma had lived through,
Mom, Dad, the trauma they had all lived through
as little kids, the horrors, sadness,
and losses residential schools inflicted on them.
The legacies and scars us kids bore,
even though me, my brothers, and sisters
never set foot inside those schools,
the legacies also reached into each of our own lives and stole from our spirits, killing us too...
Gramma once gave a videotaped interview. Speaking to an interviewer about her experiences
growing up in residential school. She shared about times she snuck away and hid somewhere
within the residential school with other little Blackfoot girls, facing the great risk of brutal
punishment for being caught speaking Blackfoot. Through this act of resisting, she, along with
other little kids, were able to hang onto language throughout all her young years spent locked up

there. Her brave retelling ensured that future generations of Blackfoot children would learn about how it was then and, to never forget what was done to try to kill the Indian in all of our children.

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**President Donald Trump** and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth speak to gathering of high-ranking generals and admirals; call for higher standards for physical fitness and grooming, crackdown on US cities ([More](#)) | **See full speeches** ([More](#), w/video)

### **With Wounded Knee Medals, Trump Administration Suggests There's Valor in Genocide**

The call to rescind those medals is not about erasing history, but about refusing to let lies and conquest define it.

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Re Govt shut-down:

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** The agency will continue monitoring for disease outbreaks. Direct medical services through the Indian Health Service and the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center will remain available. However, the CDC communications to the public will be hampered and NIH will not admit new patients to the Clinical Center, except those for whom it's medically necessary.

Airboat to harvest wild rice stirs up criminal charges, controversy  
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Polar bears find refuge in an [abandoned village](#). (w/photos)



<https://www.zmescience.com/feature-post/pieces/polar-bear-abandoned-station-weather-rep-2022>

Scholarships with November 1 - 14 Deadlines

Sam Houston State University Honors College Scholarships	\$40,000	November 01, 2025
Southern Scholarship Foundation	\$13,200	November 01, 2025
Stephens College First-Year Scholarships	Full-Tuition	November 01, 2025
Syracuse University Named Scholarships	\$8,000	November 01, 2025
Texas Music Educators Association High School Senior Scholarship	\$15,000	November 01, 2025
Thunderbird Alumni Scholarship	\$10,000	November 01, 2025
UIC Chancellor's Fellows	\$30,000	November 01, 2025
UIC Merit Tuition Award	\$35,800	November 01, 2025
University of Central Florida Pegasus Gold, Silver, and Bronze Scholarships	Full-Tuition	November 01, 2025
University of Central Florida Provost Scholarship	\$120,000	November 01, 2025
University of Florida Lombardi Scholarship	\$24,000	November 01, 2025
University of Florida Out-of-State Tuition Waiver	\$80,000	November 01, 2025
University of Florida Presidential Scholarships	\$40,000	November 01, 2025
University of Maryland Banneker/Key Scholarship	\$176,496	November 01, 2025
University of Maryland Dean's Scholarship	\$9,000	November 01, 2025
University of Maryland President's Scholarship	\$50,000	November 01, 2025
University of Miami Isaac Bashevis Singer Scholarship	Full-Tuition	November 01, 2025
University of Miami Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship	Full-Tuition	November 01, 2025
University of Miami Stamps Scholarship	Full-Tuition	November 01, 2025
University of Miami Weeks Scholarship	Full-Tuition	November 01, 2025
University of Southern California Associates Scholarship	\$80,000	November 01, 2025
University of Southern California Presidential Scholarship	\$139,600	November 01, 2025
University of Southern California Trustee Scholarship	\$276,000	November 01, 2025
Valparaiso University Kretzman Scholarship	\$6,000	November 01, 2025
Valparaiso University Lutheran Leader Award	\$195,280	November 01, 2025
Valparaiso University Martin Luther Award	\$12,000	November 01, 2025
Valparaiso University Merit Scholarships	\$33,000	November 01, 2025
Virginia Commonwealth University Deans' Scholarship	\$32,000	November 01, 2025
Women Band Directors International College Scholarships	\$500	November 01, 2025
Women's Independence Scholarship Program (WISP)	\$6,000	November 01, 2025

<u>Virginia Commonwealth University Provost Scholarship</u>	\$64,000	November 01, 2025
<u>Virginia Military Survivors & Dependents Education Program</u>	Full-Tuition	November 01, 2025
<u>WIIT Scholarships</u>	\$3,000	November 01, 2025
<u>NMF General Scholarships</u>	\$503	November 02, 2025
<u>Florida International University Presidential Scholarship</u>	Full-Tuition	November 03, 2025
<u>Gator Bowl Charities Award of Excellence Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	November 03, 2025
<u>Good Tidings Community Service Scholarship</u>	\$10,000	November 03, 2025
<u>Tennessee Promise Scholarship Program</u>	Full-Tuition	November 03, 2025
<u>Winston Churchill Foundation of the USA Scholarship Program</u>	Full-Tuition	November 03, 2025
<u>Dr. Lorraine G. Spranzo Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$500	November 04, 2025
<u>Hearst Journalism Awards Program</u>	\$10,000	November 04, 2025
<u>CPCU Society NextGen Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	November 06, 2025
<u>Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholarship</u>	\$250,000	November 06, 2025
<u>Pierce Butler Scholarship</u>	\$500	November 07, 2025
<u>Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Visual Arts Fellowship</u>	\$8,000	November 07, 2025
<u>Field Museum Research Scholarships & Grants</u>	\$32,000	November 08, 2025
<u>Hope for Tomorrow Medical Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	November 08, 2025
<u>Modeling the Future Challenge</u>	\$60,000	November 09, 2025
<u>Occidental College Barack Obama Scholars Program</u>	\$10,000	November 10, 2025
<u>OSU Stamps Eminence Scholarship Program</u>	Full-Tuition	November 10, 2025
<u>Chi Omega Foundation Scholarships</u>	\$3,300	November 12, 2025
<u>Cooke College Scholarship</u>	\$55,000	November 12, 2025
<u>Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship</u>	\$30,000	November 12, 2025
<u>University of Oregon Stamps Scholarship</u>	Full-Tuition	November 12, 2025
<u>Greenhouse Scholars Whole Person College Program</u>	\$20,000	November 13, 2025
<u>Georgia Engineering Foundation Scholarships</u>	\$6,000	November 14, 2025
<u>Johns Hopkins Tuition-Free Medical Scholarship</u>	Full-Tuition	November 14, 2025
<u>National GEM Consortium Fellowships</u>	Full-Tuition	November 14, 2025

Fall 2025 to Spring 2026

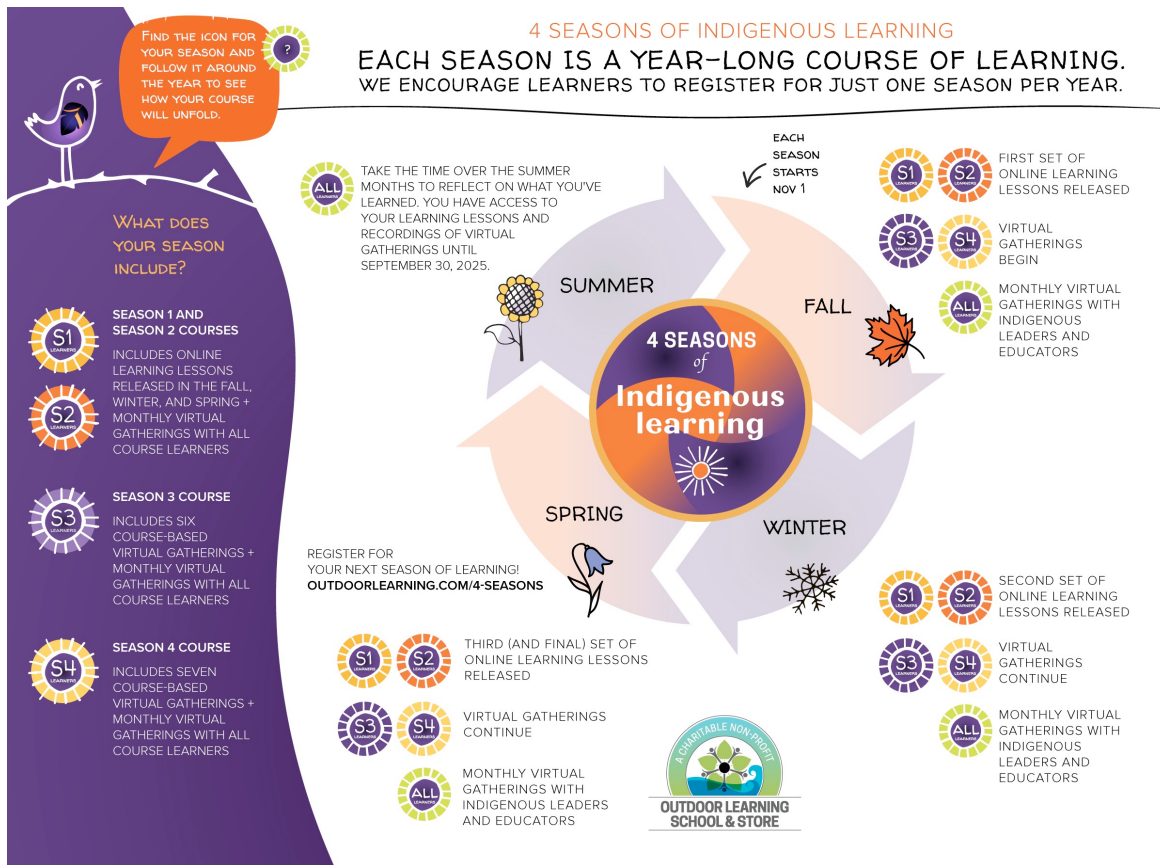
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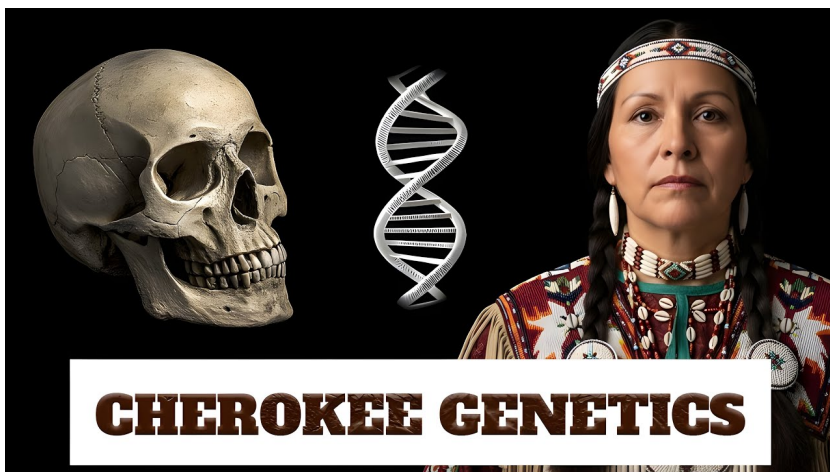
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EPA, Energy, Interior announce plans to support coal mining

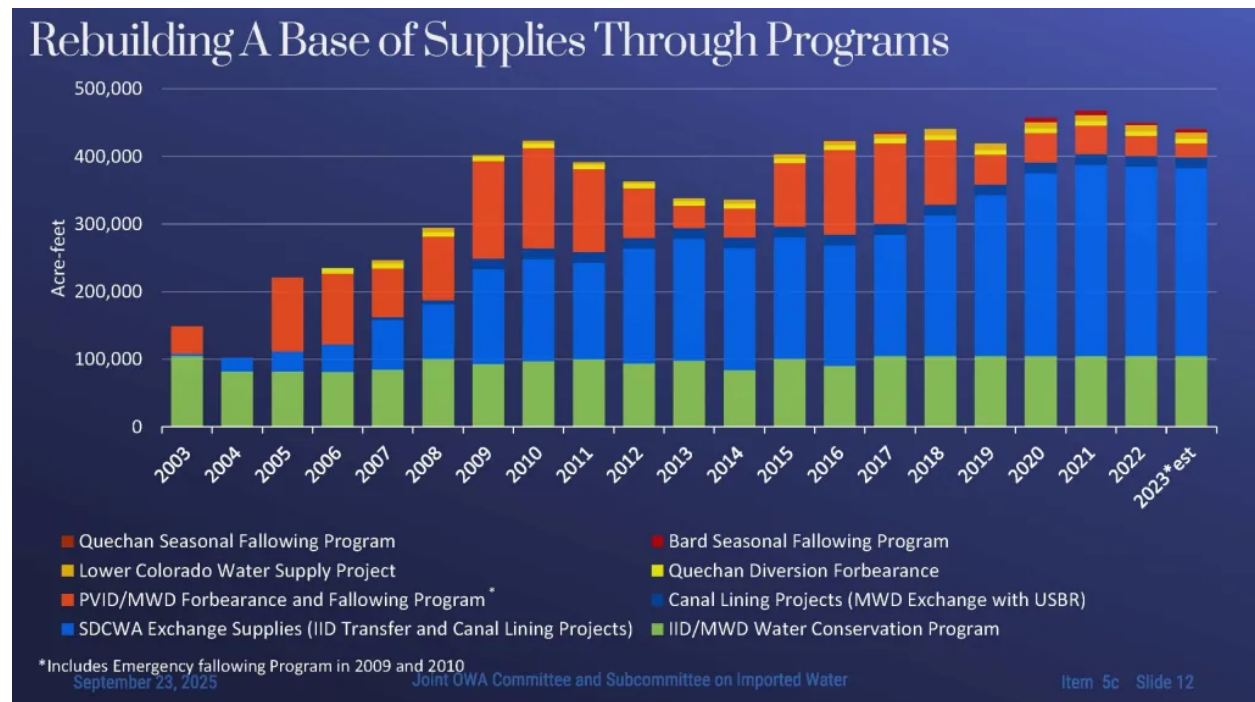


The Trump administration on Monday announced a series of actions intended to boost coal mining and electric generation, its latest move in a government-wide effort to reverse the fuel's decline. [Read more...](#)

Environmental review bill would sharply restrict public challenges to federal projects

“A new bill introduced in Congress, and co-sponsored by Republicans and Democrats, would significantly overhaul the environmental permitting process for federal projects. The “Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development” or “SPEED” Act alters language in a longstanding environmental law called the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that essentially mandates federal agencies consider the environmental and cultural impacts of their actions and decisions. The bill comes after earlier changes under the Trump administration to significantly weaken the Council on Environmental Quality, which used to oversee how federal agencies implement NEPA. Because of those changes, agencies from the Department of Defense to the Bureau of Reclamation were empowered to individually alter their internal rules for environmental permitting without any public input. ...” [Read more from KUNM](#),

Metropolitan Water District: Adapting to a changing Colorado River: Lessons from the past, plans for the future



“The Colorado River Basin states continue to meet in an effort to reach an agreement by the November deadline set by the Bureau of Reclamation. Bill Hasencamp, Colorado River Resources Manager, said that Reclamation is “all in” and dedicating significant effort to bring the seven states to a consensus. However, as of now, the states remain far apart in their negotiations. Looking ahead to 2027, Metropolitan Water District (Metropolitan) anticipates reduced water supplies from the Colorado River. Hasencamp noted that while the exact reductions are still unknown, Metropolitan has faced similar challenges in the past. In 2003, the district experienced a loss of 700,000 to 800,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water, prompting major operational changes and a reevaluation of system management. This history underscores Metropolitan’s ability to adapt to significant shifts in water availability. During the September meeting of

Metropolitan's One Water and Stewardship Committee and Imported Water Subcommittee, Laura Lamdin, interim team manager in the water resource management group, reflected on California's and Metropolitan's previous experiences with substantial reductions in Colorado River supplies. "By understanding the past, we can take lessons learned and apply that to the future, and also going through this framework will kind of give you an idea of the structure that we have to work with and need to work around," she explained. ... " [Read more from Maven's Notebook](#).

'Getting down to the wire,' conservation groups try to pump up Colorado River negotiations

"More than three decades ago, water managers in Southern Nevada launched a plan to pipe groundwater from hundreds of miles away to augment Lake Mead's water supply. The plan fell through and the region moved on, implementing major water conservation efforts instead. A coalition of conservation groups say Nevada's history can offer hope as water managers across western states negotiate new rules for sharing the Colorado River's dwindling water supply. The Great Basin Water Network, Living Rivers-Colorado Riverkeeper, Utah Rivers Council, and the Glen Canyon Institute released a report Wednesday with several recommendations they say would prevent the continued over-consumption of the river's water. States reliant on the river are approaching a 2026 deadline to reach a consensus on how to manage the river, and they have until mid-November to reach a preliminary agreement or risk federal intervention. With only weeks until the earlier deadline, Colorado River basin states [remain at odds](#) over how to manage the river that serves 40 million people across the West. Those disagreements largely center on which half of the basin should decrease its water use, and by how much. ... " [Read more from the Nevada Current](#).

SEE ALSO: [Deadline looms for new water use agreement among Nevada, states that use Colorado River](#), from Fox 5

Save Lake Mead from 'human intransigence' in 9 steps, coalition says

"The crisis along the Colorado River is coming to a head as seven state negotiators fail to deliver an agreement on how to manage it over the next 20 years. But the river system can't wait, and common-sense solutions that states can implement in the interim are being ignored, a coalition of nongovernmental organizations argues in a report released Wednesday. The report, titled "There's No Water Available," outlines nine recommendations to avoid collapse. The authors place some blame on the Upper Basin states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming for their desire to draw more water from the river upstream and for their failure to commit to cuts in water use. Nevada, California and Arizona — the Lower Basin states — have, by contrast, a more realistic view of the immediate need to slash use across all states, the authors say. "What we're really expressing is a frustration that there isn't a public process going on right now," said Kyle Roerink, a report author and executive director of the Great Basin Water Network based in Nevada and Utah. "Are we to just rely on 12 technocrats — the seven basin states, somebody from Mexico and a couple feds? When does the public get a better understanding of all this?" ... " [Read more from the Las Vegas Review-Journal](#).

River health is critical for U.S. communities: Key learnings from EESI's resilient and healthy rivers briefing series

"Rivers are the lifeblood of society, supplying nearly 70% of drinking water in the United States

and serving as vital habitats for more than 80% of U.S. species. Yet today, many of America's rivers face growing threats from climate change, pollution, water scarcity, and habitat degradation. The Environmental and Energy Study Institute's (EESI's) briefing series, Resilient and Healthy Rivers, explored practical solutions that researchers and practitioners are implementing to revitalize and manage some of the nation's most important waterways. The five-part briefing series featured 22 experts who shared insights from across the Colorado, Columbia, Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee river basins. Each river plays a distinct and irreplaceable role in the U.S. economy and environment. The Colorado River provides drinking water to 40 million people, or about one in every 10 people living in the United States. ... ”
[Read more from the Environmental and Energy Study Institute.](#)

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- Trump has marveled over the handiwork of his budget director. “He can trim the budget to a level that you couldn’t do any other way,” the president said at the start of the week of OMB Director Russ Vought, who was also a chief architect of the Project 2025 conservative policy book.

Book bans: [Stephen King is the most banned author in US schools, PEN report says](#)



Primatologist Jane Goodall kisses Pola, a 14-month-old chimpanzee, in 2004. (AP Photo/Bela Szandelszky)

Remembering Jane Goodall in photos
Jane Goodall, the conservationist [renowned for her groundbreaking chimpanzee field research](#) and globe-spanning environmental advocacy, has died. She was 91. Goodall is best remembered for living among chimpanzees and documenting the animals' activities previously believed to be exclusive to humans. Her observations transformed how the world perceived not only humans' closest living biological relatives but also the emotional and social complexity of all animals.

*From my FWC African campus classmates:
Thanks, Jane, for your time and inspiration.*