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Minnesota Native American jingle dress dancers helped Minnesota and the nation heal in the wake of Trump's violently brutal U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions that involved murdering two American citizens.

## **Jingle Dress Dancers Help Minnesota and the Nation Heal     Sarah Jones** **Healing through dance:**

The jingle dancers held healing ceremonies on Sunday at the locations where observers Renee Macklin Good and Alex Pretti were murdered by federal immigration agents, according to [Minnesota Public Radio](#). They reported that hundreds gathered for the ceremony, “many in ribbon skirts and regalia.”

“The dress came to our people when there was a time of sickness. And so that’s what we do. We show up when there’s people suffering,” a lead organizer of the ceremony, Star Downwind, told MPR.

A jingle dancer at the ceremony, Caley Coyne, told MRP she usually dances a fancy shawl dance but brings out the jingle dress only when it’s really needed:

“To bring healing to a community that’s obviously already very hurt, just to try and uplift and heal and protect all of those around us.”

The jingle dance is characterized by light footwork danced close to the ground with the jingle of metal cones on the dresses.

It’s history is explained by the [University of Minnesota](#):

*Originally an Ojibwe tradition, the jingle dress has become pan-Indian, spreading into the Dakotas and across Indian country.*

*Throughout history, women acted as caregivers and healers. Today, the jingle dress acts as a reference to the power of women. During the influenza outbreak, it was the women who performed the dance to heal the community.*

*“We know today that there’s a lot about healing that can be done through medicine, but [there is] a psychological component that is less understood,” explains Child. “Their dance was part of this psychological component of illness.” Empowered to aid their community morale, Ojibwe women join together and dance for the health of their families and friends to this day.*

### **Irony**

It’s ironic of course that our nation’s First People are helping to bring healing to communities damaged by Trump’s thugs even as they detain not just US citizens, but also First Nation people.

In early 2026, reports indicate that ICE has been wrongfully targeting, stopping, and detaining U.S. citizen Native Americans, particularly in regions like Minneapolis and across Indian Country. These actions have been widely condemned by tribal leaders and the Native American Rights Fund, who describe them as racial profiling.

Native Americans are of course US citizens, and yet they are reportedly being stopped and detained without probable cause, based reportedly on racial profiling.

Native Americans are being treated as if they are foreigners on land stolen from them.

These actions led the Oglala Sioux Tribe to ban ICE from their reservation.

“I don’t think there’s anything historically comparable,” David Wilkins, an expert on Native politics and governance at the University of Richmond, told the [AP](#). “I find it terribly frustrating and disheartening.”

*As Native Americans around the country rush to secure documents proving their right to live in the United States, many see a bitter irony.*

*“As the first people of this land, there’s no reason why Native Americans should have their citizenship questioned,” said Jaqueline De León, a senior staff attorney with the nonprofit Native American Rights Fund and member of Isleta Pueblo.*

In the jingle dance, we see the power of community and creativity, and we are given support and uplifting that so many of us need right now. Another gift from people who understand oppression.

**What are your thoughts on the jingle dance? Let’s talk about it in the comments below.**

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What a thoughtful and caring way to bring healing and hope to people. Doing this while being profiled and persecuted is especially poignant. Thank you to all the incredible indigenous folks who are helping and reaching out to help all of us heal in these dark times.

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Throughout history these people have been oppressed by our people. To see them come and provide healing to our people is incredibly heartwarming. It just proves the nature of these incredible people. Thank you for your help.

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## **Nevada Arts Council News**

The Nevada Arts Council is continuing to meet with communities across the state about the America250 Nevada Public Art Initiative. We will pair local artists with interested Nevada communities or tribal nations to create murals or other public art that visually share Nevada stories that inspire the American spirit in all of us.

We want to hear your thoughts about having public art in your community. Are you interested in the themes or stories the artwork could reflect, and where it could be located? Complete the survey linked below or attend an in-person meeting.

[Community Interest Survey](#)

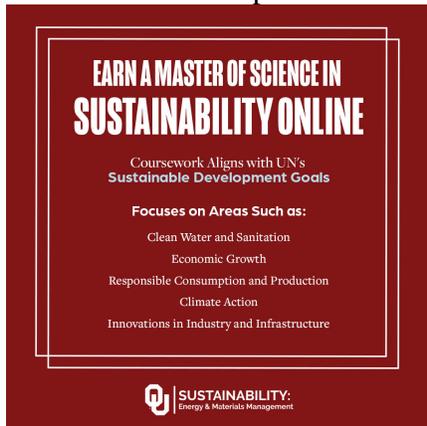
**Exploring an artist's legacy:** The University of Nevada, Reno's John and Geraldine Lilley Museum of Art and Nevada Humanities will host a free public reception and round table on Nevada artist Robert Caples on February 4. Conversation will explore his life, work, and impact with contributors Anthony Shafton, Debra Harry, Joshua Bonde, and Frankenstein.

[Get all the event details.](#)

**Resort charts ambitious future:** Shannon Keel has been promoted to president of Reno's Grand Sierra Resort, overseeing a \$1 billion investment with a 10,000-seat arena and aqua golf complex expected to shape Reno-Tahoe for decades -- [see what's planned next.](#)

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### **MAHA has reshaped health policy. Now it's working on environmental rules**

“On New Year’s Eve, Lee Zeldin did something out of character for an Environmental Protection Agency leader who has been hacking away at regulations intended to protect Americans’ air and water. He announced new restrictions on five chemicals commonly used in building materials, plastic products and adhesives, and he cheered it as a “MAHA win.” It was one of many signs of a fragile collaboration that’s been building between a Republican administration that’s traditionally supported big business and a Make America Healthy Again movement that argues corporate environmental harms are putting people’s health in danger. The unlikely pairing grew out of the coalition’s success influencing public health policy with the help of its biggest

champion, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. As health secretary, he has pared back vaccine recommendations and shifted the government’s position on topics like seed oils, fluoride and Tylenol. ... ” [Read more from the Associated Press.](#)

### **Irrigation & water use**

“According to a U.S. Geological Survey report, agriculture is a major user of ground and surface water in the United States, and irrigation accounted for 47 percent of the Nation’s total freshwater withdrawals between 2010 and 2020. Water applied as irrigation allows for crop production in arid regions and supplements soil moisture in humid regions, when growing season precipitation is insufficient. Irrigation has enhanced both the productivity and profitability of the agricultural sector. According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, farms with some form of irrigation accounted for more than 50 percent of the total value of U.S. crop sales, while irrigated land accounted for less than 17 percent of harvested cropland. Irrigated crop production helps to support local rural economies in many areas of the United States and contributes to the Nation’s livestock, food processing, transportation, and energy sectors. ... ” [Read more from the USDA.](#)

### **The future of NCAR remains highly uncertain**

“This week’s mammoth U.S. winter blast wasn’t the only storm affecting the annual meeting of the American Meteorological Society occurring in Houston, Texas. Looming in the background of the meeting – and jumping into the foreground during an evening town hall on Wednesday, January 28 – was the fate of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, or NCAR, which the Trump administration is moving to dismantle. Based in Boulder, Colorado, and sponsored by the National Science Foundation since its founding in 1960, NCAR (or NSF NCAR, as the center brands itself) is a premier national and global hub for weather, water, and climate-related research. Beyond carrying out its own work, NCAR manages aircraft and supercomputing resources used by many hundreds of scientists, and it collaborates with many public and private stakeholders. ... ” [Read more from Yale Climate Connections.](#)

### **Nevada: Geothermal industry’s groundwater ‘loophole’ scrutinized**

“Nevada lawmakers are working to revive a bill that would require state water regulators to take a closer look at how geothermal operations impact groundwater during the permitting process. Farmers and hard-rock mining companies that pump groundwater are required to apply for permits under Nevada law, but current statutory framework exempts some industrial groundwater users from the permit process as long as they return the water they pump back into the ground. Assembly Bill 109 would close a “loophole” that allows developers to pump water without a permit from the state engineer if the operation is considered “non-consumptive,” meaning any water withdrawn is returned to its original source with little to no net loss. The measure – introduced by Assemblymember Selena LaRue Hatch, D-Washoe – would largely impact geothermal operations in the state, which pump large quantities of groundwater before reinjecting the water back from where it was extracted. Some emerging lithium mining techniques operate in a similar way and are also exempt under current Nevada law. ... ” [Read more from the Nevada Current.](#)

### **‘It’s horrible’ — Utah snowpack hits worst levels on record**

“Utah is experiencing its most dismal winter ever recorded. A special report issued Monday by

the National Resources Conservation Service noted that snowpack levels measured across the state are among the lowest recorded since the SNOTEL measuring equipment was installed in 1980. “That’s of concern to all of us, because snow does more for us than provide ski slopes,” said Jordan Clayton, supervisor of NRCS’s Utah Snow Survey. “It’s critical to us as a state.” Of Utah’s major watersheds, four have record-low snow, including the Weber-Ogden, Provo-Jordan, Tooele Valley-Vernon Creek and Lower Sevier basins. Another six are on the brink of setting historic lows. Those include the Northeastern Uintas, San Pitch, Price-San Rafael, Dirty Devil, Upper Sevier and Southeastern Utah watersheds. “It’s horrible,” said Scott Paxman, general manager and CEO of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District. ... ” [Read more from the Nevada Current.](#)

### **Southwest Utah has to lean on wastewater reuse because ‘the cheap water is gone’**

“Mike Chandler walked to the edge of three large basins at the Confluence Park Water Reclamation Facility near St. George. This is where the art of wastewater treatment happens, said the superintendent of the [Ash Creek Special Service District](#), a local sewer authority. “At the top of this main stairway is what we’re affectionately calling the poop deck,” Chandler said, reciting an abbreviated name for the plant’s process, observation and operations platform. “We are sewer folks. ... We can’t take our jobs too seriously.” It’s a light-hearted acronym for an urgent task: cleaning and reusing sewage to stretch Washington County’s limited water supply. ... ” [Read more from KUER.](#)

### **Colorado River negotiations in murky waters after historic governors gathering in DC**

“Gov. Jared Polis and Becky Mitchell, Colorado’s top Colorado River negotiator, returned from the U.S. capital with no official agreements about how to manage the water supply for 40 million people. Colorado River states offered conflicting reports about the status of the negotiations over how to manage the Colorado River’s main reservoirs starting this fall. The Department of the Interior called the seven basin state governors to a historic meeting Friday in Washington to try to push the states closer to a joint plan by Feb. 14. Coming out of Washington, some officials said no firm agreements had been reached on anything. Arizona’s top negotiators said upstream states, like Colorado, seemed to be more willing to budge on long-held positions, like mandatory conservation. Colorado sources close to the negotiations said six of the seven states are at a point where they could possibly agree on a way forward, with Arizona as an outlier. ... ” [Read more from the Colorado Sun.](#)

### **Arizona faces outsized burden if Colorado River states miss February deadline**



Colorado River by David Denicolo

“Not everyone with a stake in the future of Arizona’s access to Colorado River water feels as “cautiously optimistic” about water usage negotiations among the seven Colorado River Basin states. The governors of six of the seven states, including Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, said they were cautiously optimistic that the states would reach a deal after they met in Washington D.C. last week to hash things out, in a meeting called by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum. Reaching a water usage agreement is vital to the basin states as the Colorado River’s water supply continues to decline, as it has done for the past 25 years due to a persistent drought spurred on by climate change. Burgum called the meeting at Hobbs’ request after the states missed a Nov. 11 deadline to reach an agreement and with a new Feb. 14 deadline rapidly approaching. Prior to the meeting, the two basins were at an impasse, and it’s still unclear if the meeting changed that. ... ” [Continue reading from the Arizona Mirror.](#)

### **Could Arizona, other Colorado River Basin states sign short-term deal?**

“Time is running out for a new deal on how to allocate water from the Colorado River. Now, Arizona’s negotiator is saying a bridge deal could be on the table. The current agreement expires at the end of the year, and an agreement needs to be in place by the fall. But instead of a 20-year compact, the states could reach a short-term deal, said Tom Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources director. “First of all, no one can tell you what the Colorado is going to look like in five years, whether that’s the fifth year of a five-year deal or the fifth year of a 25-year deal, right?” he said Monday. ... ” [Read more from Channel 15.](#)

### **EXPLORE MORE COVERAGE:**

- [Gov. Hobbs on Colorado River negotiations: Agreement is not likely by Feb. 14 deadline](#), from KTAR
- [Optimism but no deal after governors attend ‘historic’ DC meeting about Colorado River’s future](#), from KUNC
- [Arizona governor won’t accept more water cutbacks in Colorado Deal without concessions](#), from Your Valley News
- [Colorado River states ‘on a path’ to deal, within limits](#), Hobbs says, from Arizona Central
- [Phoenix mayor says proposed Colorado River cuts would unfairly impact city](#), from Your Valley News
- [Colorado River: Water talks continue as Valentine’s Day deadline approaches](#), from Channel 10
- [Las Vegas water experts discuss conservation efforts amid Colorado River crisis](#), from Fox 5

### **Louisiana: [Poverty Point World Heritage Site](#)**

The ancient inhabitants of this northeast Louisiana site moved an estimated two million cubic yards of soil to create a 72-foot-tall ceremonial mound and colossal half circles. The work was carried between 1700 and 1100 B.C.E. when Poverty Point was a thriving riverside village that traded stone tools and ceremonial objects extensively through the Lower Mississippi Valley.

**Trump accused of distorting history of Mexican-American War to justify heavy hand in Latin America**

**Trump doubles down on suggesting federal government 'get involved' in state elections**

President Trump repeated unfounded claims about the 2020 election, listing Detroit, Philadelphia and Atlanta after raising what he alleged to be "rigged, crooked elections."

**Trump Says \$200 Million Kennedy Center Renovation Will Keep Steel Structure, Gut the Rest: 'It...**

The president insists that the performing arts center and JFK memorial is "run down," "dilapidated"...

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Osiyo Everyone,

I hope this email finds you well.

I write to invite you to attend our upcoming Tribal Stewardship Policy and Toolkit webinar, **Opportunities with the Ocean Protection Council for Tribal Stewardship**, on **February 24** at **3—4:00 p.m.** Register [here](#).

Join this webinar to hear more about the work that the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) is doing to support tribal stewardship of the coast and ocean, and opportunities for your tribe to get involved. Speakers from both tribes and OPC will highlight tribally-led research, monitoring, and restoration efforts, efforts to advance co-management and collaborative stewardship, and funding opportunities.

The Tribal Stewardship Policy Toolkit and the webinars and resources provided for specific toolkit entries are intended to increase the capacity of tribes, state agencies, and non-tribal entities to advance tribal stewardship, including tribal access, collaboration, and ancestral land return according to the CNRA Tribal Stewardship Policy.

For those unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and posted along with additional resources to our website. For more information:

- Explore the Tribal Stewardship Policy and Toolkit [here](#).
- Sign up for our [listserv](#) to receive invitations for future webinars and to be alerted when tools are posted to our website.

**We hope you can join us!**

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**The 2026 Scholarship Cycle Is Now Open!**

We're pleased to announce that the 2026 scholarship cycle officially opened on January 15, 2026! Each year, the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada is honored to help connect students with generous scholarship funds established by our donors— supporting educational goals and strengthening our community for the future. In 2026, the Community Foundation is proud to have over 40 local scholarship funds from local donors!

**Important Dates to Know**

Scholarship application deadlines range from February through May, depending on the individual scholarship fund. With a wide variety of scholarships available, each fund has its own eligibility criteria, award amounts, and areas of focus.

**Thank You to our Fundholders for Investing in Students**

We are deeply grateful to our scholarship fundholders for their continued generosity and commitment to education. Your investment opens doors for students across Northern Nevada and creates lasting impact in our community.

For questions about scholarships, eligibility, or the application process, our team is always happy to help.

<https://nevadafund.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67551ae662b52f2f06a8b5d84&id=71ec6e531b&e=08f227ce15>

[Nancy A. Roget Scholarship Endowment for Behavioral Health Workforce Academic Programs.](#)

This scholarship fund celebrates Roget’s more than three decades of leadership and commitment to strengthening the behavioral health workforce. Donations to the scholarship support students pursuing academic pathways in addiction treatment and behavioral health services, helping them achieve their educational goals and serve individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders.

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**Tribes, fishermen and enviros slam California’s big ag-backed voluntary water agreements**



“As fish populations in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta continue to crash, a broad coalition of Californians said a resounding “No!” last week to a Newsom administration water plan they said would further exacerbate the ecological decline of the estuary. On Friday, Tribal members, fishing families, youth, and community allies hosted a rally and public comment opposing the Bay-Delta Plan and proposed Voluntary Water Agreements (VAs) at the California State Water Resources Control Board in Sacramento. Participants held colorful signs proclaiming “Save Our Salmon,” “Respect Our Rivers,” “Protect Our Rivers,” “Fish Need Cold Water,” and “55 to 65% Flows = Living Rivers.” ... ” [Read more from Dan Bacher at the Daily Kos.](#)

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**[Justice Department Files Statement of Interest in Pipeline Case in Wisconsin](#)**

02/04/2026 07:00 AM EST

The Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) and Civil Division filed a statement of interest in a case in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin involving the potential shut down of the Line 5 pipeline operated by Enbridge.

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**How a Palisades teacher is rebuilding his classroom’s US history collection**

[https://laist.com/news/education/palisades-charter-high-school-history-teacher-rebuilds-after-fire?](https://laist.com/news/education/palisades-charter-high-school-history-teacher-rebuilds-after-fire?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Wildfire%20Updates%3A%20%20TODAY&utm_campaign=Wildfire%20Updates%3A%20Edition%2047%20%281%2021%202026%29%20%28Copy%29)

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***Ed note: Excellent opportunity for Tribes to assist teacher with appropriate materials....also a way to declutter oneself of excess powwow posters, etc.***

