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indigenous.tv · [**UPDATE: The Oglala Sioux Tribe has formally banned U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\) and U.S. Border Patrol from entering the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.**](#)

The ban was approved by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council during a special meeting on January 21, with a unanimous vote. The decision asserts the Tribe's inherent sovereignty and affirms that federal immigration enforcement agencies are not authorized to operate on tribal lands without consultation and a formal agreement.

In a proclamation issued this week, [OST President- Frank Star Comes Out](#) confirmed the action, stating that the Oglala Sioux Tribe does not recognize the authority of ICE or U.S. Border Patrol on its lands without the consent of the Tribe.

The ordinance takes immediate effect and applies across the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.



[Viral Universe](#)

"Your car won't make it past those rocks, ma'am. But my home isn't far. You and your phone can rest there while we figure this out."

The woman in the designer suit stared at the man in dusty jeans, his pickup truck idling beside her overheated rental, her cell phone showing zero bars in every direction. She had two choices: trust this stranger or die of pride in the Arizona desert.

The choice she made—and the decision she would make five days later in a boardroom two thousand miles away—would transform an entire tribe's future and teach her the one lesson her MBA never covered.

Daniel Yazzie was forty-one, a widower raising twin daughters on the Navajo reservation. He worked as a solar panel technician, drove forty minutes each way to the nearest town, and spent his evenings helping his girls with homework at a kitchen table that wobbled no matter how many times he fixed it.

He found the stranded woman while driving home from a job site. Her rental sedan had overheated trying to shortcut through terrain no map app could properly judge. She'd been walking for an hour when Daniel's truck appeared.

Her name was Victoria Chen, Chief Operations Officer at one of the largest energy companies in the country. She'd been on her way to evaluate potential sites for a new solar farm—ironically, land adjacent to Daniel's reservation. But her GPS had failed, her phone had died, and her corporate confidence was dissolving under the relentless sun.

"Get in," Daniel said. "There's water behind the seat."

She hesitated—a woman alone with a strange man in the middle of nowhere. Daniel saw the fear in her eyes and understood.

"I'll drive slow. You can sit by the door. My daughters will be home from school in two hours—I need to make them dinner. I'm not going to hurt you."

Something in his voice—steady, unbothered by her suspicion—made her decision.

Daniel's home was small but spotless. His daughters, Maya and Elena, twelve years old with their mother's curious eyes, offered Victoria iced tea and showed her their science projects with the enthusiasm of children who rarely had guests.

Over dinner—simple fry bread and stew that tasted better than any business lunch Victoria could remember—Daniel told her about the reservation. The poverty. The lack of jobs. The young people who left and never came back.

"We have sun three hundred days a year," he said, gazing out the window. "All this energy just sitting there. But nobody invests here. Too remote. Too complicated. Too..."
He didn't finish. He didn't need to.

Victoria stayed three days. Her company sent a car, but she asked for more time—"research," she called it. Daniel showed her the land, introduced her to elders, explained the treaty rights and environmental concerns that had torpedoed previous projects.

She took notes. She asked questions. She listened—really listened—for perhaps the first time in her career.

On the fourth day, Victoria returned to New York. Daniel assumed he'd never see her again. Another well-meaning visitor who'd forget them by the time her plane landed. But five days later, Daniel's phone rang.

Victoria had walked into her company's board meeting with a new proposal. Not the original solar farm plan—something different. A partnership. A project where the tribe would own forty percent of the operation, where local workers would be trained and hired, where profits would fund schools and clinics.

The board resisted. "Too complicated," they said. "Too risky."

Victoria held up a photograph of Maya and Elena's science project—a model solar panel made from cardboard and foil.

These girls built this from scraps because they don't have a proper science lab. We have the power to change that. Not charity—partnership. They have sun, land, and a workforce willing to learn. We have capital and technology. Together, we all win."
The vote passed by one.

The Yazzie Reservation Solar Initiative launched eighteen months later—the first tribally co-owned energy project of its kind. Daniel became its community liaison, his daughters its unofficial mascots.

And every summer, Victoria Chen returned to Arizona—not for business, but for fry bread at a wobbly kitchen table with a family she'd stumbled upon while lost in the desert. "You saved me that day," she told Daniel on one visit.

He shook his head, watching his daughters chase fireflies in the purple dusk.
"I gave you water and a meal. You saved yourself." He smiled. "You just needed to stop long enough to see what was really there."

Victoria nodded, understanding at last.

Sometimes being lost is exactly how we find our way.



Stewart Indian School ·

Cradleboards are the traditional conveyance for babies and toddlers in Native American culture. Different tribes use different materials and techniques for making them. Can you see the difference between the Western Shoshone, Northern Paiute, and Washoe cradleboards here?

Come down and visit our "**Basketry: Resilience, Beauty, and Ingenuity in the Great Basin**" exhibit to learn the differences and to see other amazing examples of traditional and contemporary basketry. There is no cost to visit the museum, gift shop, or to take the self-guided campus walking trail. Museum & gift shop hours are Monday-Friday 10am to 5pm
[Nevada Department of Native American Affairs](#)



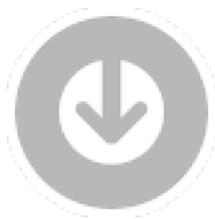
After 175 years of exile, justice finally returns home. The **Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation just reclaimed 900 acres of their ancestral homeland** bordering Yosemite National Park. This isn't just land. It's where their ancestors lived, thrived, and were violently removed during the Gold Rush era. Now, overlooking the Wild and Scenic Merced River with views stretching across the Central Valley, this sacred ground is back in the hands of those who never forgot it belonged to them.

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## Geothermal industry's groundwater 'loophole' scrutinized



Nevada lawmakers aim to revive a bill mandating permits for geothermal operations to protect groundwater. The bill seeks to close loopholes and safeguard existing water rights. [Read more...](#)

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Sharing correspondence:

Good morning Shayne,

Regarding the article in journal 6171-©Donner Summit Historical Society February 2026 issue 2010 page 21 page 22 ©Donner Summit Historical Society February 2026 issue 2010!Odds & Ends on Donner Summit

Not sure what the position of the Washoe Tribe is regarding culture, but I need to relate to you that years ago I had DSHS remove their signs that was posted around the valley that led people to archaeological sites and it became places to vandalize and loot. Although the article doesn't state Washoe it is well known and documented as Washoe.

I was at one of those sites years ago and a group of people showed up and they said they are looking for artifacts.

Some members of their group continue to advertise sensitive locations, and they said it is their right, the arrogance.

I'm asking you not to post anything from DSHS regarding Washoe. I'm not concerned what they post about the immigrant history.

Thank you. Darrel

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe-Einstein

My response: Comment appreciated.....I posted because I think you, etc. should know what is being posted and perhaps the Tribe should take this up with the DSHS.

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*Further.....I again plea with communities to research “old manuscripts and monitor current publications about themselves.....when some incorrect or obscenely outrageous articles become parts of AI generated intormation, it is “written in stone”, and we are back to the 16-1700’s when “explorers” were writing to the Pope and other European monarchs then fomenting policy or later when American “pioneers” and “influencers” used the power of the pen against oralists.*

## **Nevada families assured of tuition stability as prepaid program shields against fee hikes**

by **Kenzie Margiott**



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As college tuition costs continue to climb across Nevada, State Treasurer Zach Conine is reassuring families enrolled in the state's Prepaid Tuition Program that their investments remain protected.

[Last week, the Nevada System of Higher Education \(NSHE\) Board of Regents approved a multi-year tuition](#) and fee increase affecting the University of Nevada, Reno, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada State University and the state's community colleges. The increases are scheduled to begin in the 2026–2027 academic year and continue through the 2028–2029 school year.

**According to the Treasurer's Office, families currently participating in Nevada's Prepaid Tuition Program will not be impacted by the approved increases. Existing account holders are locked in at today's in-state tuition rates, regardless of future tuition hikes.**

With tuition projected to rise by roughly 12% over the next three years, state officials say the Prepaid Tuition Program offers families a way to manage rising college costs and avoid long-term financial uncertainty.

"Our mission is to help Nevada families plan for post-secondary education with confidence," Treasurer Conine said in a statement. "Prepaid Tuition is a powerful way to shield families from rising costs and ensure that every dollar they invest today goes directly toward their child's education tomorrow."

The Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program allows families to purchase future college tuition at current rates, helping protect household budgets while investing in students' futures.

Dr. Tya Mathis-Coleman, Deputy Treasurer for College Savings, emphasized the program's long-term value.

"This program is about peace of mind," Mathis-Coleman said. "When families enroll in Nevada Prepaid Tuition, they are locking in today's rates and securing a predictable path to college. With tuition increases on the horizon, now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity."

*Ed note: Not all Native students are eligible for the tuition waiver program.*

## DOJ Reports

### Jury finds Crow Agency man guilty of sexual abuse on the Crow Indian Reservation

[Harlem man sentenced to prison for sexually abusing a minor on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation](#)

[Poplar man sentenced to prison for assault on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation](#)

[Poplar man pleads guilty to murder and gun charges on Fort Peck Indian Reservation](#)

[www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/jury-finds-crow-agency-man-guilty-sexual-abuse-crow-indian-reservation](http://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/jury-finds-crow-agency-man-guilty-sexual-abuse-crow-indian-reservation)

**Boosting senior mobility access:** The Sanford Center for Aging's Community Services was awarded \$483,269 by the RTC of Washoe County to expand free, door-through-door rides for adults 60 and older in Reno and Sparks. The two-year funding, running through 2027, will deliver 7,800 trips, including to Lemmon Valley and Golden Valley. [See how funding is used.](#)

**A new path to safer care:** Best Practice Medicine recently opened a medical education campus in Reno, using AI-driven, high-fidelity simulation to train clinicians and first responders. The site aims to ease regional staffing shortages and reduce preventable medical errors while building a local workforce pipeline that could improve care for millions over the next decade. [Read the full story.](#)

## Columbus? Again, really?

Any statue that can go up, can also be brought down. They are as fleeting as a four-year term.



MARK  
TRAHANT

## Thursday's Newsrime

*Evil statues came down across the land  
but Donald Trump never played in that band  
'In this White House, Christopher Columbus is a hero'  
Who will tell him his polls are headed toward zero?*

**Here we go again.** Donald J. Trump's regression agenda will continue to try divide us and recreate an America that never was. But any statue that can go up, can also be brought down. They are as fleeting as a four-year term.

This is what I wrote six years ago:

Around the world statues are coming down. Civil War generals. Mass murderers. And Christopher Columbus.

In every case there are far more stone monuments remaining than are removed. A survey by the Southern Poverty Law Center found some 1,800 named memorials honoring confederates. Add to that union generals. And military leaders from the American Revolution, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

The generals are men of course. One study said there is a “staggering lack of public statues of women.” A database in the New Statesman in the U.K. and the Washington Post in the U.S. found only 13 and 7 percent of statues in these countries depict historical women as opposed to historical men.

So what’s next? How do we make the stone-tablet version of our history more representative of the actual history?



***(ICT Instagram from June 20, 2020)***

I have been thinking a lot about how we as people transfer history, ideas, values to a younger generation. We need to make sure that the stories of what came before, even as recently as the 1970s, are a part of our knowledge sharing.

In that piece above, I suggested 10 new statues ranging from Vine Deloria Jr. to Lucy Covington.

Imagine the 20th century and the Native leaders that could be honored on civic plazas, in front of city halls or on university campuses. (Yes, there are a few now, but we are talking numbers.

At least 2 percent of all the statues. And even better is the 7 percent goal set by Congress' own example.)

The good news is that one new statue is happening. Billy Frank Jr.'s statue is near completion and will be in the Capitol representing the state of Washington. It's scheduled to be delivered late 2026 or early 2027. (There will be a statue of the Nisqually leader on Capitol Hill in Washington and another at the state capitol in Olympia.)

The Capitol has an interesting mix of historical rogues and heroes. Billy Frank's likeness will join: Kamehameha I (Hawaii); Popé (New Mexico); Sarah Winnemucca (Nevada); : Represented Nevada; unveiled in 2005. Sacagawea (North Dakota); Chief Standing Bear (Nebraska); Chief Washakie (Wyoming) and two from Oklahoma, Sequoyah and Will Rogers.

And the rogues? Jefferson Davis (Mississippi); Huey P. Long of Louisiana, and California's Junipero Serra. History that a Trumpian would love. Plus the Billy Frank statue is replacing Marcus Whitman. Maybe one day Donald J. Trump can aspire to triviality.



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**Scholarships (M-U) with March 6 Deadlines**

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| <a href="#"><u>Michael Curry Summer Internship Program</u></a>                    | \$2,800 | March 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Ninth Circuit Civics Contest</u></a>                               | \$3,000 | March 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>NSHE NASA STEM Scholarship</u></a>                                 | \$3,000 | March 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Roswell Woman's Club Scholarship</u></a>                           | \$2,000 | March 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Stephen L. Keller Scholarship</u></a>                              | \$8,000 | March 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Student Civic Leadership Awards</u></a>                            | \$1,000 | March 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Teachers Federal Credit Union Scholarship</u></a>                  | \$2,500 | March 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Tucker Community Foundation Scholarships</u></a>                   | \$3,600 | March 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>United Methodist GBHEM General Scholarships</u></a>                | \$5,000 | March 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>United Methodist GBHEM Racial-Ethnic Specific Scholarships</u></a> | \$900   | March 06, 2026 |
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