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Fabulous things Never Seen Before

Growthopia ·

In the early 1990s, Graham Greene walked into an American casting session—already a respected actor, already proven.

Then a director said something that revealed everything:

“Can you sound more Native?”

Greene didn’t argue.

He didn’t raise his voice.

He simply looked at him and replied:

“Which tribe?”

The room went silent.

And just like that...

The role disappeared.

That one moment explains his whole career better than any award ever could.

In 1991, Graham Greene had just earned an Academy Award nomination for *Dances with Wolves*.

Hollywood acted like it was progress.

A “breakthrough.”

A new era.

But Greene knew what it really was.

A cage with nicer lighting.

At that time, Native characters in U.S. film usually existed for only two reasons:

To die violently...

Or to spiritually educate a white protagonist.

Dances with Wolves was praised as progressive, but the structure stayed the same.

Kevin Costner’s character changed.

The Lakota didn’t control the story.

Greene’s character, Kicking Bird, was intelligent, calm, admired...

And narratively subordinate.

Wise.

But never decisive.

Hollywood loved that version of him.

And wanted it forever.

After the Oscar nomination, offers poured in—but they were all the same role in different clothes:

The forgiving elder.

The chief who explains history in perfect English.

The Native character who exists so America can feel evolved.

When Greene challenged dialogue, accents, or endings, executives labeled him “uncooperative.”

When he refused roles that ended in ritualized Native death, calls slowed.

So he changed the game.

Instead of chasing prestige...

He chased friction.

In *Clearcut* (1991), he played a Native character who survives, refuses reconciliation, and terrifies white audiences by refusing to be “redeemable.”

In *Thunderheart* (1992), he helped anchor a story modeled on real FBI abuses at Pine Ridge—forcing viewers to confront contemporary Native resistance instead of comforting nostalgia. These films weren't built to soothe anyone. They were built to unsettle. And Greene paid a price. He never became a franchise lead. He never got the protection Hollywood gives “compliant” figures. But he gained something bigger: Autonomy. Over 100 roles across four decades, moving between U.S. studios, Canadian cinema, and independent projects... Without surrendering ownership of his dignity. He once said Hollywood loves Native people... “As long as we don't want anything.”



Land.
Power.
Narrative control.
Graham Greene was never misunderstood.
Hollywood understood him perfectly.
And he made that understanding expensive.

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**Public Space and Civic Identity in the Mountains: Truckee Debates Its New Library**

Despite overwhelming public support, a funding measure for a new library has led to contentious arguments around its financing and place in the community.

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***“Libraries are the ultimate restaurants for brain food. I sleep better knowing there are libraries. I would take a bullet for a Librarian.”
-Simon van Booy***

More from NATHPO

[#NATHPOConference](#)

We're excited to announce to announce that [NATHPO's 26th Annual Conference & Sacred Places Summit](#), which will take place August 24-28, 2026 in Albuquerque. This property, located in the heart of Albuquerque, is ideally situated for travel to the various site visits we are planning, and will serve as the venue for all conference sessions and social gatherings that make NATHPO's conference an experience that is both meaningful and enjoyable. [Stay tuned to NATHPO](#) for more information, as well as opportunities to submit session proposals, book your room, and secure your spot at the conference!



Stay Tuned For Updates About NATHPO's 2026 Annual Conference!

NATHPO is excited to bring its 26th Annual Conference & Sacred Places Summit to Albuquerque, NM, August 24-28, 2026. We're grateful to our hosts, [Pueblo of Acoma](#). Stay tuned to [NATHPO's website](#) for more details as they come available, and if you or your organization are interested in becoming a sponsor, please visit NATHPO's [sponsorship website](#).

NEED GIS Assistance? NATHPO is here to help!

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NATHPO Community Calendar & Job Board & Grant Opportunities

Stay current on important happenings using our new [Calendar of Events](#), and post your own to share! And let us know if you have a job posting you would like to share and we'll post it on our [Community Job Board](#). AND don't forget to browse our listing of relevant [Grant Opportunities](#).

Out-of-this-world upgrade to the Fleischmann Planetarium brings attention to UNR campus

Planetarium at UNR receives \$9 million for LED dome upgrade. New dome will be world's brightest, enhancing visual clarity and resolution for science, art, and athletics. [Read more...](#)

Trump nominates a hospitality executive to lead the National Park Service

https://apnews.com/article/national-park-service-nomination-scott-socha-607e510eda4f57e3277505f95c6ae89f?user_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8&utm_medium=Morning_Wire&utm_source=Sailthru_AP&utm_campaign=MorningWire_13%2Cfeb-2026&utm_term=Morning%20Wire%20Subscribers

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Native Activists Launch Prayer Camp Outside Minnesota Immigration Detention Center

The camp was established in Fort Snelling, Minnesota, near the site of a former US internment camp for Dakota people.

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Fearing ICE, Native Americans rush to prove their right to belong in the US

apnews.com/article/native-american-tribe-immigration-ice-minneapolis-id-7ea8ef784039d908135f22bf312f20d2

ICE detentions of Native Americans elsewhere in the US spark concern among Nevada tribes

In open letters and conversations with ICE, tribal leaders are trying to clarify whether their members should worry about being detained.



Members of Calpulli Tlatelolco perform during a Native American Heritage Day event at Nuwu Art Gallery and Community Center on Nov. 25, 2022. (Daniel Clark/The Nevada Independent) *This story has been translated to Spanish. You can [read it here](#).*

As immigration crackdowns continue in Minnesota and nationwide, there have been [several instances](#) of Native Americans being detained and questioned — raising concerns among Nevada tribes that their members could be next.

Members of Nevada’s [nearly 30 federally recognized tribes](#) who spoke with *The Indy* expressed concerns about being targeted by immigration agents. And earlier this month, the chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Daryl D. Gardipe, alongside Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Chairman Steven Wadsworth, [met with a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#) (ICE) official regarding ICE policies on tribal lands.

In an open letter posted to the colony’s website, Gardipe said the ICE official affirmed that agents have no reason to enter tribal lands and that they respect the tribal sovereignty of all communities within the state. Gardipe also wrote that if a Native American encounters an ICE agent, they should only need to state that they are Native to stop further inquiry.

“These assurances were important to hear directly from ICE leadership,” Gardipe wrote. “We are proactively engaging with state and federal agencies to protect our sovereignty.”

Still, concerns linger about whether ICE will abide by their commitment. As sovereign nations, the authority for ICE to enforce immigration laws on tribal lands [is contested](#), with specific policies [varying from tribe to tribe](#), and in late 2025, ICE launched [a new initiative](#) within its 287(g) program to allow tribal law enforcement agencies to carry out immigration enforcement, although ICE’s website doesn’t provide information about whether any tribes have applied or are participating.

Meanwhile, Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto’s (D-NV) office told *The Nevada Independent* in January of an instance in which a tribal citizen in Nevada had their identity questioned by immigration enforcement officials, which led to an increase of people requesting tribal IDs, a form of photo identification for members of Native American tribes.

Since 1924, Congress [has guaranteed birthright citizenship](#) to all Native Americans born in the United States.

Neither the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe nor Reno-Sparks Indian Colony responded to requests for comment.

“It’s important to remind the non-indigenous government that they are on indigenous lands,” Josh Dini, a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, told *The Indy*. “ICE just can’t come on because they feel like it. There’s a process that they have to follow as well.”

‘Not big awareness’ about ICE

Margo Ortiz, a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe who lives in Fresno, told *The Indy* that last year, her husband — who is a legal U.S. resident — was detained during a workplace raid in California.

In January, Ortiz reached out to Walker River Paiute Tribe for help, requesting a tribal ID just in case something were to go wrong. The tribe’s reservation, located in Central Nevada, [is home](#) to about 800 members.

“My tribal chairwoman made me feel very supported,” Ortiz said. “She informed me that Walker River is already looking for ways to help our people. It’s just that there was not a big awareness in the Native community in Nevada or our tribe.”

Ortiz said she is particularly concerned because of [a recent ICE memo](#) that permits agents to forcibly enter homes of people without a judicial warrant. Her husband is currently detained in Pennsylvania, and she is concerned that because of her husband’s ongoing immigration case, that ICE officers may visit their home and take her and her son.

“What if we were taken?” Ortiz asked. “What if one of my children were taken? What would my tribe do to help us? How will we be identified?”

Dini, who sits on the enrollment committee for the Walker River Paiute Tribe, said that he has not noticed an increase in requests for tribal IDs, but he is “not surprised” that they’ve recently received more attention. He said that members have been encouraged to carry their IDs on them in recent months and that the process for securing one is fairly accessible, taking 2-3 weeks to complete and with no associated fees.

“It still seems people are still managing their lives daily. I know that some are concerned. Their alerts are a little bit higher, but I don’t think it’s really been a concerning issue,” Dini told *The Indy*.

Although she no longer lives on the reservation, Ortiz said that some of her family members have voiced concerns about family members being racially profiled. She said they’ve noticed an increase in people of color being pulled over in the surrounding areas and she feels that the political climate can be charged, with a nearby government facility being named after the late conservative activist Charlie Kirk.

“It puts a little fear in them,” Ortiz said.

Steven Wadsworth, the chairman of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, voiced concerns about misinformation fanning political tensions in a letter he [posted online](#) on Feb 9th about the ICE meeting. He cited an incident of false information being spread a few weeks ago, although he did not provide more details.

Despite that, he encouraged members of Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to update their enrollment cards if needed and said the tribe is looking at creating a scannable bar code for the IDs. He emphasized that ICE officials will not carry out activities on Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's land.

“Not everything you see on Facebook, or the media, unfortunately, can be taken as factual,” Wadsworth wrote. “Sometimes it is difficult with the current regime in DC, but nevertheless it is our cause to make sure that not only are our Tribal Members safe and healthy, but our lake and river.”

Antero Resources Corporation Agrees to Settlement to Reduce Health Harming Emissions in West Virginia and Ohio

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U.S. Department of Justice and West Virginia's Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) announced a proposed settlement with Antero Resources Corporation resolving alleged Clean Air Act and West Virginia Air Pollution Control violations involving the company's oil and gas production operations in West Virginia and Ohio.

And yet.....

Trump frames sweeping climate rollback as 'political win'

The removal of a scientific ruling that underpins US federal actions on curbing planet-warming gases "marks the culmination of a decade-long push" by the president to tear up climate policies, writes Daniel Bush. The US president argues that revoking the "endangerment finding" - which concluded that six gases including carbon dioxide and methane were a danger to human health - will lead to cheaper energy and car prices, claims many environmentalists are sceptical of. While polls indicate that a growing percentage of Americans are becoming concerned about global warming, Trump - who has called climate change a "hoax" - is framing the change as a "political win" over what he calls the Democrats' "radical" environmental agenda, Daniel adds.

- Explained: [What is climate change](#) and are we already seeing its effects?
 - Leaders' anger: Ahead of November's COP, [world leaders criticised Trump over his stance on climate change](#).
 - Emission reductions: [Here are four things you can do](#) to reduce your carbon footprint.

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- **Department of Homeland Security System for Confirming Voter Citizenship Is Making Widespread Mistakes** |

Jen Fifield & Zach Despart | ProPublica / The Texas Tribune

Greenland Is Not for Sale: An Indigenous Activist Speaks Out Against the US

The people of Greenland have stated: “We don’t want to be American, we don’t want to be Danish, we are Greenlandic.”

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PCRM Convert to Crops program helps farms phase out animal agriculture

Rose Aguilar, Nina Kissinger, February 12, 2026

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine provides \$15,000 grants to farmers who want to grow fruits and vegetables, while phasing out animal agriculture..

Explain it: What is Blockchain Technology?

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Ed note: Please note emphasis in copy stating that once an entry is made it is very difficult to remove, thus an error can set off a whole chain of negative events. The same is true with AI...there has been so much incorrect information about tribal communities written over the last 600 years. Failing to identify, clarify or correct such information is a looming tsunami. Please make sure that someone in your community is constantly reviewing literature, etc about yours, so that 1) your membership, colleagues and representatives are well armed and 2) the public has credible information.

History Bits

- 1631 Feb 5** Native American rights defender, religious freedom pioneer, Baptist leader and Rhode Island founder, Roger Williams arrived in Boston from England.
- 1778 Feb 19** Virginia Governor Patrick Henry expressed his distress over the murder of a Shawnee chief and four other tribe members.
- 1821 Feb 21** The first issue of the Cherokee Phoenix appeared, published in a new written form of the tribe’s language that was created over a period of 12 years by Sequoyah, a disabled Georgia Cherokee silversmith.
- 1846 Feb 4** Members of the LDS Church left Missouri, traveling overland, for settlement in the west. At the same time, LDS member Sam Brannan chartered a ship in New York and with 238 fellow Mormons and his printing press, sailed from New York for San Francisco.
- 1848 Feb 2** The US War of Aggression forced Mexico to cede a third of its territory, including Nevada to the United States.

- 1863 Feb 13** The first action for the Medal of Honor was awarded in Arizona when the army physician aided a wounded lieutenant who was surrounded by Apache warriors. (The medal did not exist yet but when created was awarded retroactively).
- 1861 Feb 18** Under pressure from federal officials, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal leaders agreed to surrender much of Colorado that was guaranteed to them by an 1851 treaty, only to face the fierce opposition of their tribes to the land cession.
- 1863 Feb 16** Congress enacted law “providing treaties with the Sisseton, Wahpaton, Medawakanton, and Wahpakoota Bands of Sioux of Dakota are abrogated and annulled.”
- 1874 Feb 12** The 1000 acre Moapa Reservation was established by Executive Order.
- 1881 Feb 20** Prominent citizen on the Comstock, Matt Canavan said, “ Among these Indians, no one has ever found a harlot, a coward or a thief.”
- 1883 Feb 13** *The Reese River Reville*: “Nevada Indians are said to be starving, and Congressman Cassidy has applied for relief. Where are the reservations? Why are not Indians on them? What tribes aare starving?”
- 1886 Feb 8** The Dawes Act became law. See Journal #61
- 1890 Feb 10** Eleven million acres that the Sioux had been forced to surrender were opened for settlement.
- 1890 Feb 19** An order was issued to Pyramid Lake tribal members prohibiting them from fishing ontheirreservation between January 15 and March 15.
- 1892 Feb 7** Contract negotiated with the Unitahs and White Rivers for mineral rights south of Strawberry Creek.
- 1893 Feb 21** The Nevada Ways and Means committee reported a resolution calling Congress to take Walker River away from Natives on ground that Pyramid reservation is sufficient for the Indians, and Walker reservarion is mostly mining country such as the Indians have no use for.”
- 1900 Feb 20** **Chief Washakie** died and was buried with full US military honors and with a funeral train that stretched for miles.
- 1902 Feb 10** The judge and both lawyers in a water rights suit in Winnemucca were members of the same family.
- 1902 Feb 22** Indian Agent Fred Spriggs denied that there was smallpox on the Pyramid Lake reservation and also denied that there was a quarantine in force.
- 1935 Feb 15** The Nevada Fish and Game Commission adopted a resolution allowing Native Americans to sell fish taken from the state’s lakes in open season.

- 1937 Feb 9** Boys on the Stewart Indian School boxing team arrived back in Nevada from a Pacific Association boxing tournament angry over judging, which San Francisco sportswriters also reportedly deplored as unfair.
- 1937 Feb 15** A Pyramid Lake tribal letter to Senator Patrick McCarren suggested that McC's support for handing tribal land over to five white squatter families was a betrayal of Franklin Roosevelt's promised New Deal for Indians.
- 1940 Feb 18** Mummified remains of a man were found in a cave in Black Canyon below Hoover Dam and identified as the mysterious, never captured, early 20th century Native American outlaw Queho.
- 1944 Feb 14** Lake Tahoe residents marked this as the centennial of the white discovery of Lake Tahoe.
- 1954 Feb 13** Curtis Bok: "In the whole history of law and order, the longest step was taken by primitive man when, as if by common consent, the tribe sat down in a circle and allowed only one man to speak at a time. An accused who is shouted down has no rights whatever."
- 1964 Feb 18** The Atomic Energy Commission invited utilities to submit proposals for a nuclear power plant in Nevada. US Senator Alan Bible said Sierra Pacific Power Company had acquired land in Lyon County for a nuclear facility capable of generating 150,000 kilowatts.
- 1977 Feb 11** DOJ described chapter of 113 y-o state action to get reservation away from tribe in motion to throw out AG List's lawsuit seeking state title for beds of Pyramid Lake and Truckee River within the PL Reservation.
- 1986 Feb 17** The Timbisha Shoshone Constitution was certified.
- 1986 Feb 19** The US Senate finally ratified the 1947 Genocide Convention, adopted 12.9.47 and 39 years after its 6.16.49 submission to President Truman, one of eight presidents who asked for its ratification.

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**California Highway Patrol issues Feather Alert for missing indigenous woman last seen in San Francisco** [https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/california-feather-alert-missing-indigenous-woman-chp-san-francisco/?utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=nextdoor.com&utm\\_campaign=nextdoor\\_news](https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/california-feather-alert-missing-indigenous-woman-chp-san-francisco/?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=nextdoor.com&utm_campaign=nextdoor_news)

**Thousands march for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives**  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/minnesota/news/thousands-march-for-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-relatives/?intcid=CNR-01-0623>

*And belatedly, a Valentine to each of you!*

