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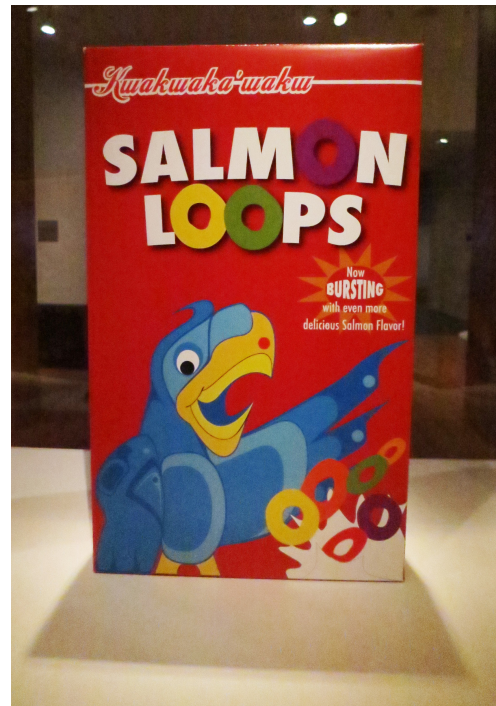
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• Nevada students inching up in math and English proficiency, report shows. The 2023-2024 school year [performance results report](#) found that for the second consecutive year, all grade levels made improvements in mathematics proficiency. About 32.6% of Nevada’s nearly 480,000 students showed proficiency in math – a 1.3 percentage point increase compared with the 2022-23 school year. ([Read more here](#))

• Nevada is moving to a ‘top-down’ voter registration system. What does that mean for the election? The state of Nevada is implementing a new so-called “top-down” system to manage voter registration data ahead of this November’s election that officials say will help safeguard the vote and provide increased transparency into elections data. ([Read more here](#))

National Employ Older Workers Week (NEOWW) 2024: Embracing Experience, Empowering Futures

Each year, the last full week in September is recognized as National Employ Older Workers Week (NEOWW). This year National Employ Older Workers Week (NEOWW) will be celebrated from September 22nd to September 28th.

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Discover America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places for 2024

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Nominations Due October 8

Do you know an important but threatened place in your community that could benefit from national advocacy and attention? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is now accepting nominations for the [2025 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places](#).

Since 1988, the National Trust has published an annual list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places to raise awareness about the threats facing some of our nation's greatest treasures. The list, which has identified more than 350 sites to date, has proven so successful in galvanizing preservation efforts that only a handful of sites have been lost.

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The 11 Most program uplifts and catalyzes community-led preservation work through a high-impact public awareness campaign resulting in increased visibility, public attention, and new resources to save and activate historic places for the public good. Placement on the list raises public awareness and can be a powerful tool for local advocates to rally support around the country to help save a threatened site.

The National Trust's annual announcement generates coverage in national media outlets such as *NPR*, *The New York Times*, and *Associated Press*, along with regional and local media outlets. The media spotlight can help amplify local advocacy efforts to save historic places, creating pressure for a change of course. Listing can also help attract new stakeholders and supporters to the cause of saving a threatened historic place.

In some instances, inclusion on the 11 Most list brought endangered sites to the attention of potential new owners or bolstered efforts to attract funding from charitable foundations or individual donors.

Your community and your favorite historic place can benefit greatly from being on the [11 Most list!](#)

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## Tell President Biden to pardon and free Native activist Leonard Peltier



When the FBI invaded the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1975, the confrontation turned into a shootout, and a young Native man and two FBI agents were killed. The feds arrested American Indian Movement leader Leonard Peltier, but falsified evidence implicating Peltier presented by the FBI has since been recanted.

Now, as Peltier has been imprisoned over 48 years, the attorney who prosecuted Peltier himself has called on President Biden to pardon him. **Prosecutor James Reynolds** wrote,

*“With time, and the benefit of hindsight, I have realized that the prosecution and continued incarceration of Mr. Peltier was and is unjust. We were not able to prove that Mr. Peltier personally committed any offense on the Pine Ridge Reservation.”*

**Further judicial review** has also pointed to an improper trial leading to an improper incarceration that has already stretched for nearly half a century. Tenth Circuit Court **Judges Seymour, Anderson, and Brorby** wrote, *“The government withheld evidence. It intimidated witnesses. These facts are not disputed.”*

And Eighth Circuit Court **Judge Gerald Heaney**, who heard two of Peltier’s appeals, wrote, *“The FBI used improper tactics... At some point, a healing process must begin.”*

Now, Peltier is in poor health, with diabetes and kidney disease which have worsened since he came down with COVID in prison. At this time, all he wants is to be reunited with his family, to hug his grandchildren, and live out the rest of his life in freedom. But Peltier was denied parole again this year, and President Biden has still failed to act.

[Send a message calling on President Biden to pardon and free Leonard Peltier from prison after doing 48 years for a crime he did not commit.](#)

Now almost 80 years old, imprisoned since 1976, **Leonard Peltier is the longest-serving political prisoner in the United States.**

Peltier needs our **voices of support**. At a recent White House rally, 35 Native leaders and activists were arrested protesting for his release. **Many organizations** have spoken up to advocate for his freedom, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators.

Some of the world's most influential **human rights leaders** have called for his release, including Coretta Scott King, the 14th Holy Dalai Lama, and South African Bishop Desmond Tutu, each of whom have gone on record with written statements of support.

**Leonard Peltier's** own perspective is heartbreaking. As he has written,

*"What I am is a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, and an artist. I am a man who loves his people and wants to go home."*

For Peltier to still be imprisoned after all these years tells America's Indigenous peoples that the United States continues to impose systemic inequities. His release would be a good-faith statement that the United States can honor and respect the Native nations within its borders.

Thank you for your commitment to justice and freedom.

- DFA AF Team

- **Nevadans form anti-nuclear testing coalition amid resumption calls:** Nevadans Against Nuclear Testing, a coalition of diverse groups, has formed to oppose the resumption of nuclear testing in Nevada. The Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce is among the organizations against it, citing potential risks to health and the economy. ([reviewjournal.com](http://reviewjournal.com))

### **Rare September snowfall dusts Sierra Nevada and Yosemite**

"An unusually cold September air mass is sweeping through the Sierra Nevada, bringing scattered snow showers to the region. The National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory Wednesday for elevations above 9,000 feet in Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. The Hanford branch of the National Weather Service in San Joaquin Valley forecasts 2-5 inches of early-season snowfall at Tuolumne Meadows, Wawona and Cedar Grove on Thursday and snow to blanket the higher terrain of the Sierra Nevada beginning Wednesday. "Travel could be very difficult due to snow-covered roads," the advisory said. ... " [Read more from the San Francisco Chronicle.](#)

**SEE ALSO:** [Photos: Rare September snow dusts June Lake in Eastern Sierra](#), from the California Sun



### **California to implement direct potable reuse**

“California’s Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved OAL File No. 2024-0624-02S – the Direct Potable Reuse Regulations – and filed with the Secretary of State on August 6, 2024. The regulations will take effect on October 1, 2024. This is a step in the evolution of using recycled water as a safe and reliable water supply for Californians. Direct potable reuse is a practice which uses multiple phases of advanced water treatment technology to transform recycled water into safe, reliable purified water, for blending directly into a community’s existing drinking water system. California is considered a pioneer in purifying recycled water for use in drinking water systems. ...” [Read more from Water World.](#)

### **US judge unlikely to rule until next week as Arizona tribe fights to extend ban on lithium drilling**

“Members of an Arizona tribe urged a federal judge Tuesday to extend a temporary ban on exploratory drilling for a lithium project near lands they have used for religious and cultural ceremonies for centuries. An executive for the Australian mining company that is trying to determine whether there is enough lithium to justify a commercial operation to help expedite production of renewable energy resources testified that every day of delay is costing it money. The judge indicated she wouldn’t decide for more than a week whether to grant the tribe’s request or lift a temporary restraining order she issued last month. ...” [Read more from the Associated Press.](#)

### **ADWR Director joins in World Water Week discussion on tribal water rights**

“ADWR Director Tom Buschatzke participated in the prestigious World Water Week events in Stockholm, Sweden, in August – a gathering that focused heavily on the water issues facing indigenous peoples around the world, including Native Americans of the Colorado River Basin region. The Director’s panel on August 28 – “Enabling Indigenous Peoples Participation: Perspectives from the Colorado River Basin” – included Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton; Amelia Flores, chairwoman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes; Becky Mitchell, Colorado River Commissioner for the state of Colorado; and Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The panel was moderated by Daryl Vigil of the Jicarilla Apache Nation. ...” [Read more from the Arizona Department of Water Resources.](#)

### **Students map hidden contributors to the Colorado River basin using geospatial data**

“Students at a Saint Mary’s University are discovering liquid treasures in the Colorado River basin all way from Minnesota. Andy Robertson’s geospatial services team employees more than 50 students, who create high-tech digital maps. “Picture Google Maps on steroids. And they’re trying to make determinations of what’s a wetland and what isn’t a wetland,” said Robertson. The students are so good at it, New Mexico hired them to map all the wetlands in the state. “We didn’t know where wetlands were. We didn’t know what type we had.” Maryann McGraw with the New Mexico Environment Department. Now, New Mexico knows where all its wetlands are. “We need to know where these things are so we can protect them,” McGraw continued. ...” [Read more from KKCO.](#)



**"Under the Night Sky" - Walker Basin Conservancy held a fund raiser dinner on Saturday, September 14, 2024 evening in Genoa. Andrea attended on behalf of the Walker River Paiute Tribe. Here is her speech:**

"You might think my first interaction with the Walker Basin Conservancy was as the chairman of the tribe, but it wasn't. It began in a humble coffee shop in rural Nevada, where I met Brice Boland. Brice would come in, always ordering a simple black coffee, but what struck me most was his genuine interest in our tribe and our stories. He was filled with ideas on how to get involved with our community and support us.

This is right here is the essence of the Walker Basin Conservancy. While our partnership is formal, the kindness and helpfulness of its members make it feel like family. We share the same values, for the restoration of Walker Lake and that is paramount to us—the Agai Dicutta Numu, or "Trout Eater People." We refer to Walker Lake as "Agai Pah," which means "Trout Water." The Walker Basin Conservancy works tirelessly to maintain and restore this precious resource, sharing their expertise for our benefit. They do what they say and say what they do.

But as I stand here, I would like to reflect on the history of Walker Lake. In the last hundred years, that is just 4 generations ago, and since then its surface area has decreased by more than 90%. This loss resonates deeply with me as I think of my great-grandmother, Maggie Toney, who lived just a couple hundred yards from the lake in a tie house before the 90% loss of surface area the lake was lost.

And just a few short years ago, I remember my dad taking me to the lake as a little girl, fishing for trout and sharing stories of how my grandma was a great fisher and, let's not forget the tales of the serpent that lived there. Those tales of the serpent fascinated me, but the stories of my family and our people were my identity and connected me to the land and the water.

Since then, we have lost the trout in Walker Lake and that is like losing our identity as the Agai Dicutta Numu "The trout eater people" Walker Lake is vital to the Agai Dicutta Numu. And the restoration of the lake is even more important to the Walker River Paiute Tribe and our identity. But hope is restored with the help of the Walker Basin Conservancy as they actively participate in our community events, and together we have established key relationships, shared stories, and support one another in everything we do. I was thrilled to witness the Walker River State Recreation Area come to life, a testament to their efforts.

I am proud to see the development of a commercial nursery producing hundreds of thousands of native Nevada plants for restoration and sale in which we have used to plant along our river on the reservation. And over the past decade, the Walker Basin Conservancy has become an integral part of our community, building trust with regional stakeholders and working with 156 farmers on environmental water transfers.

Since its establishment in 2014, with support from people like you in this audience— foundations, businesses, and legislators—the conservancy has grown from just a handful of employees to 25 full-time staff and many volunteers.

With this, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Walker Basin Conservancy and specifically Brice and Peter for establishing this partnership with the Walker Paiute Tribe. We look forward to a long-lasting relationship, working together to protect and restore Walker Lake.

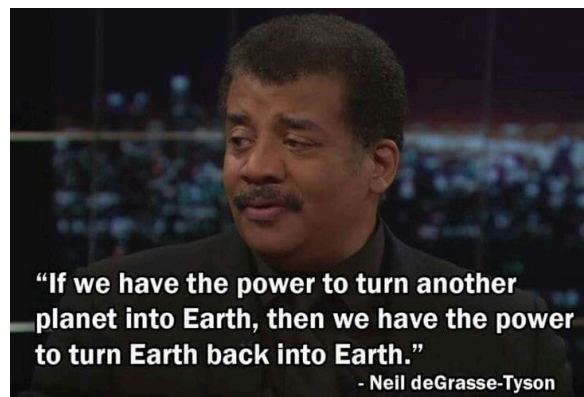
Thank you for being here this evening. As we celebrate our partnership, let us always remember the importance of water in our lives. It is not just a resource; it is a lifeline, a connection to our past, and a promise for our future.

Thank you and have a wonderful evening!"

Andrea Martinez, Tribal Chairman

[Walker River Paiute Tribe](#)

Olen McCloud, Tribal Council Member also attended on behalf of the Tribe.



### **A bottle of water per email: the hidden environmental costs of using AI chatbots**

“Roughly a quarter of Americans have used ChatGPT since the chatbot’s 2022 release, according to the Pew Research Center — and every query exacts a cost. Chatbots use an immense amount of power to respond to user questions, and simply keeping the bot’s servers cool enough to function in data centers takes a toll on the environment. While the exact burden is nearly impossible to quantify, The Washington Post worked with researchers at the University of California, Riverside to understand how much water and power OpenAI’s ChatGPT, using the GPT-4 language model released in March 2023, consumes to write the average 100-word email. Let’s look first at water. ... ” [Read more from the Washington Post.](#)



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### [Amber Torres](#)

I really feel I have to highlight the work that was done by Awe Beads. They are three generations of Numa and hard working women. I hope they continue to be blessed in the days ahead. You ladies are such a blessing to the Walker River Tribal Community. I can not THANK YOU enough for your kind hearts, your beautiful donations, your humble ways of giving to our exemplary young women. Gorgeous creations to be proud and honored to represent all throughout Indian country. Words can't express the gratitude I have for this. The time, supplies, creative thought and good energy that was put into this gift does not go unnoticed and it is truly appreciated. Good luck to all the participants in the Pinenut Festival Pageant.



[Awe Beads](#) ·  
[Julie Charlie](#) ·

So a few years ago we had a conversation with our former Chairwoman [Amber Torres](#), about making sets and gifting to our Pinenut Festival Royalty. This is our 2nd year and in Ambers honor we gift these to Pinenut Festival 2024 Royalty....

**Indigenous Insight** · "**Simone Arianne Biles Owens OLY (née Biles; born March 14, 1997)** is an American artistic gymnast. Her 11 Olympic medals and 30 World Championship medals make her the most decorated gymnast in history, and she is considered by many to be one of the greatest gymnasts and Olympians of all time. With 11 Olympic medals, she is tied with Věra Čáslavská as the second-most decorated female Olympic gymnast, and has the most Olympic medals earned by a U.S. gymnast.



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At the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Biles won individual gold medals in the all-around, vault, and floor, bronze on balance beam, and gold as part of the United States team, dubbed the "Final Five". At the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, where she was favored to win at least four of the six available gold medals, she withdrew from most of the competition due to "the twisties", a temporary loss of air awareness while performing twisting elements. She won a silver medal with her team and a bronze medal on the balance beam; the team was nicknamed "Fighting Four" as a tribute to the adversity they faced. At the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, she became the first American woman to win two Olympic all-around and vault titles, the first woman of any nation to do so since Věra Čáslavská in 1964 and 1968, and the second woman ever to have won 2 Olympic all-around and at least 2 World all-around titles. She also won silver on floor and gold as part of the United States team, who were nicknamed "Golden Girls".

Biles is a six-time World individual all-around champion at the 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2023 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships, six-time World floor exercise champion (2013–2015, 2018–2019, 2023), four-time World balance beam champion (2014–2015, 2019, 2023), two-time World vault champion (2018–2019), and was a member of the gold medal-winning United States teams (2014–2015, 2018–2019, 2023). She is also a four-time World silver medalist (2013–2014 and 2023 on vault, 2018 on uneven bars), a three-time World bronze medalist (2015 on vault, 2013 and 2018 on balance beam), and a nine-time United States national all-around champion (2013–2016, 2018–2019, 2021, 2023–2024).

In 2019, Biles broke the record for most World Championship medals in gymnastics; she won her 24th and 25th medals at the event, surpassing Vitaly Scherbo's 23 World medals. Biles has

since secured an additional five World medals, for a total of 30. She holds the record for World all-around titles, and is the sixth woman to win an individual all-around title at both the World Championships and the Olympics, the first since Lilia Podkopyayeva in 1996 to hold both titles simultaneously. Biles is the tenth female gymnast and first American female gymnast to win a World medal on every event, and the first female gymnast since Daniela Silivaş in 1988 to win a medal on every event at a single Olympic Games or World Championships.

In 2022, President Joe Biden awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2023, she won her eighth U.S. Gymnastics title, breaking the 90-year-old U.S. Gymnastics title record previously held by Alfred Jochim. Biles has won the Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year thrice (2017, 2019, 2020), and Comeback of the Year once (2024).

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