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Tianna Binayshay West



[salon.com](https://www.salon.com)

["Excluding Indians": Trump admin questions Native Americans' birthright citizenship in court](#)

Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums

The Trump DOJ files a brief arguing that Native Americans are not US citizens and thus are not eligible to vote in federal elections: The Justice Department att...

Among Nation's Best (unr.edu) — The University of Nevada, Reno's College of Education & Human Development has significantly improved its ranking in U.S. News & World Report, now standing at No. 63 for Best Online Master's in Education Programs. This achievement highlights the quality and accessibility of the college's online programs, which are praised by local educators like Hailey Elayer from Traner Middle School in Reno.

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**How Stories Change the Brain**

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Zak's research is uncovering how stories shape our brains, tie strangers together, and move us to be more empathic and generous.

[https://getpocket.com/explore/item/how-stories-change-the-brain?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/how-stories-change-the-brain?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

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The Rush to 'Go Electric' Comes With a Hidden Cost: Destructive Lithium Mining

As the world moves towards electric cars and renewable grids, demand for lithium is wreaking havoc in northern Chile.

https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-rush-to-go-electric-comes-with-a-hidden-cost-destructive-lithium-mining?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

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**Bonfire of the Humanities**

Public debate is afflicted by short-term thinking – how did history abdicate its role of inspiring the longer view?

<https://getpocket.com/explore/item/bonfire-of-the-humanities>

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Singer-Activist Buffy Sainte-Marie Stripped of Order of Canada, the Country's



Most Prestigious Civilian Honor

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NOTICE OF COURT ORDER

You are hereby advised that a temporary restraining order has been entered in the case of *New York et al. v. Trump*, No. 25-cv-39-JJM-PAS (D.R.I.), ECF No. 50 (Jan. 31, 2025). You are receiving this Notice pursuant to the Court's directive that notice of the order be provided "to all Defendants and agencies and their employees, contractors, and grantees by Monday, February 2025, at 9 a.m." A copy of the Court's Order is attached for reference.

This case challenges an alleged "pause" of certain Federal financial assistance, related to OMB Memorandum M-25-13, Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs (Jan. 27, 2025) ("OMB Memo"). Although that OMB Memo was rescinded on January 29, 2025, the plaintiffs in the above-referenced case allege that the funding pause directed by the OMB Memo is still in effect, including because of recently issued Executive Orders by the President.

In response, the Court has entered a temporary restraining order prohibiting certain actions by the Defendants in the case, which is effective immediately. All Defendants—including their employees, contractors, and grantees—must immediately comply with the Court's Order. For complete details and terms of the Court's Order, please refer to pages 11 and 12 of the enclosed Order.

To assist in your compliance, here is a summary of the key terms:

1. Federal agencies cannot pause, freeze, impede, block, cancel, or terminate any awards or obligations on the basis of the OMB Memo, or on the basis of the President's recently issued Executive Orders.
2. This prohibition applies to all awards or obligations—not just those involving the Plaintiff States in the above-referenced case—and also applies to future assistance (not just current or existing awards or obligations).
3. Agencies may exercise their own authority to pause awards or obligations, provided agencies do so purely based on their own discretion—not as a result of the OMB Memo or the President's Executive Orders—and provided the pause complies with all notice and procedural requirements in the award, agreement, or other instrument relating to such a pause.
 - a. On pages 11 and 12 of the Order, the Court prohibits agencies from pausing funding "except on the basis of the applicable authorizing statutes, regulations, and terms." Thus, agencies remain free to exercise their own discretion under their "authorizing statutes, regulations, and terms," including any exercise of discretion to pause certain funding. Additionally, agencies remain free to take action pursuant to the terms of the relevant award or obligation, such as in cases of grantee noncompliance.

b. Any exercise of agency discretion, however, cannot be based on the OMB Memo or the President's Executive Orders, given that the Court has prohibited agencies from "implementing or giving effect to the OMB [Memo] under any other name or title[.]" (Order, pg.12). Additionally, any decision to pause, stop, delay, or otherwise withhold federal financial assistance programs must comply with all notice and procedural requirements in the award, agreement, or other instrument setting forth the terms of the award or obligation.

4. Out of an abundance of caution, all federal agencies (even those not named as defendants in the case) should comply with the above-referenced terms. As the Court's Order reflects, the above terms are temporary as litigation in the case is ongoing.

At present, however, the Court's Order is in effect and must be complied with.

If you have any questions about the scope or effect of the Court's Order, please contact your agency's Office of General Counsel or your grant officer, as appropriate. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND
STATE OF NEW YORK; STATE OF CALIFORNIA; STATE OF ILLINOIS; STATE OF RHODE ISLAND;
STATE OF NEW JERSEY; COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS; STATE OF ARIZONA;
STATE OF COLORADO; STATE OF CONNECTICUT; STATE OF DELAWARE;
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; STATE OF HAWAI'I; STATE OF MAINE; STATE OF MARYLAND;
STATE OF MICHIGAN; STATE OF MINNESOTA; STATE OF NEVADA;
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA; STATE OF NEW MEXICO; STATE OF OREGON; STATE OF VERMONT;
STATE OF WASHINGTON; and STATE OF WISCONSIN,
Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD TRUMP , in his Official Capacity as President of the United States; U.S. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET; MATTHEW J. VAETH , in his Official Capacity as Acting Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; SCOTT BESSENT, in his Official Capacity as Secretary of the Treasury; PATRICIA COLLINS, in her Official Capacity as Treasurer of the U.S.; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; DOROTHY A. FINK, M.D ., in her Official Capacity As Acting Secretary Of Health And Human Services; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; DENISE CARTER, in her Official Capacity as Acting Secretary of Education; U.S. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY; CAMERON HAMILTON, in

C.A. No. 25-cv-39-JJM-PAS

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Scholarships with March 14 (A-W) and March 15 (A-D)

Calendar

Mar 4, 12:00 pm: WRRC Water Webinar: **The Three Ages of Water: Prehistoric Past, Imperiled Present, and a Hope for the Future** – Peter Gleick

a/e ProNet Architects & Engineers Scholarship	\$5,000	March 14, 2025	
AAAE Native American Scholarship	\$2,000	March 14, 2025	
ACEC California Scholarship	\$10,000	March 14, 2025	
Alvin A. and Hattie Mae Bush Accounting Scholarship	Varies	March 14, 2025	
AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship	\$5,000	March 14, 2025	
BBB Student Ethics Scholarship Award - Connecticut	\$2,500	March 14, 2025	
Central New York STEM Scholarship	\$20,000	March 14, 2025	
Deja Family Memorial Scholarship	\$1,500	March 14, 2025	
HITEC Foundation Scholarship	\$14,000	March 14, 2025	
Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship	\$500	March 14, 2025	
Jake Jones Memorial Scholarship	\$500	March 14, 2025	
LNEESC Ford Driving Dreams Scholarship	\$2,000	March 14, 2025	
Michael A. Hunter Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000	March 14, 2025	
North Carolina Space Grant Undergraduate Research Scholarship	\$8,000	March 14, 2025	
NPCA Foundation Scholarship	\$6,500	March 14, 2025	
Pacific Gas & Electric Company Access ERG Scholarship	\$3,000	March 14, 2025	
Pacific Gas & Electric Company Veterans ERG Scholarship	\$5,000	March 14, 2025	
Pacific Gas & Electric Company Women's Network ERG Scholarship	\$4,000	March 14, 2025	
PG&E NuEnergy Scholarship	\$5,000	March 14, 2025	
The Graydon & Myrth Fox Scholarship	\$20,000	March 14, 2025	
The Quell Survivor Scholarship	\$1,000	March 14, 2025	
TOCA Scholarship	\$2,500	March 14, 2025	
Winston Health Policy Scholarship	\$10,000	March 14, 2025	
911 Promise Scholarship	\$15,000	March 15, 2025	
A.B. and M.R. Noel Scholarship	\$1,000	March 15, 2025	
ACEC Research Institute Scholarship for Engineering	\$15,000	March 15, 2025	
AHB Foundation Scholarship	Varies	March 15, 2025	
Ahlswell - Arapahoe Scholarship	\$5,600	March 15, 2025	
AICPA Foundation Scholarship for Future CPAs	\$10,000	March 15, 2025	
AICPA Foundation Two-Year Transfer Scholarship	\$5,000	March 15, 2025	

AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship	\$5,000	March 15, 2025
AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students	\$10,000	March 15, 2025
ARMA International Educational Foundation Education Scholarship	\$2,000	March 15, 2025
Autism Can Do Scholarship	\$5,000	March 15, 2025
Baylor University Hubler Endowed Scholarship	\$40,000	March 15, 2025
BBB Military Line Ethics Scholarship	\$2,500	March 15, 2025
Brenda Brown DeSatnick Memorial Scholarship	\$800	March 15, 2025
Catching The Dream Program	\$5,000	March 15, 2025
CBC Ally Financial Law Scholars Program	\$60,000	March 15, 2025
CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship	\$5,000	March 15, 2025
Colleen Farrell Gerleman Scholarship	Varies	March 15, 2025
College Club West Scholarship	Varies	March 15, 2025
College of Saint Rose Academic Scholarships	\$23,500	March 15, 2025
Colorado Garden Show Scholarships	Varies	March 15, 2025
Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Scholarships	\$28,000	March 15, 2025
Community Foundation of West Texas Scholarships	\$3,113	March 15, 2025
Connor Montgomery Cloud Memorial Scholarship	Varies	March 15, 2025
Constitutional Officers Association of Georgia (COAG) Scholarship	\$1,000	March 15, 2025
CPCU-Lawrence "Larry" Frazier Memorial Scholarship	\$800	March 15, 2025
CSUF Alumni Association Student Scholarship	\$2,500	March 15, 2025
CWIT Scholarship	Varies	March 15, 2025
Dale E. Siefkes Memorial Scholarship	\$500	March 15, 2025
David R. Parsley Scholarship Fund for Supply Chain Management	\$10,000	March 15, 2025
Dennis Henneke Foundation Scholarships	\$16,000	March 15, 2025
disABLEDperson, Inc. National Scholarship	\$2,000	March 15, 2025
Disciples Home Missions Scholarships	Varies	March 15, 2025
Diversity in Structural Engineering Scholarship	\$5,000	March 15, 2025
Diversity Scholars Program	\$20,000	March 15, 2025
DMCSP Scholarship	\$20,000	March 15, 2025
Dolphin Scholarship Foundation	\$16,000	March 15, 2025
Dominion Credit Union Scholarship	\$2,000	March 15, 2025
Drake-Williams Steel Scholarship	\$2,500	March 15, 2025
Duncan and Lillian McGregor Scholarships	\$2,000	March 15, 2025

Apr 11, 12:00 pm: WRRRC Water Webinar: [Advanced Water Purification in Arizona](#)
May 20–21: WRRRC 2025 Annual Conference: [Shared Borders, Shared Waters: Working Together in Times of Scarcity](#)

Missed this: [Damming the Gila: The Gila River Indian Community and the San Carlos Irrigation Project, 1900–1942](#)

Date: Friday, February 07, 2025

Time: 12:15 to 1:15 pm MST

Speaker: David H. DeJong, *Director, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project*

Author David DeJong will give a WRRRC Water Webinar presentation about his 2024 released book, *Damming the Gila*, the third in a five-volume series that focuses on the Gila River Indian Community's water history. The book examines the failure of the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP) and Gila Decree to restore an agricultural economy on-reservation, even though the SCIP was first and foremost to "benefit ... the Pima Indians of the Gila River Indian Reservation." Ever the master politician, Carl Hayden sold Congress on the SCIP based on the legal claims of the Community, after which he employed a distributive policy to extend the benefits to non-Indian growers who were politically well-heeled and, as voting constituents, had the ear of Hayden who was not beholden to the Akimel O'otham since they were unenfranchised prior to 1924.

While the Akimel O'otham had been extraordinary growers prior to upstream diversions, they were completely marginalized from the discussions related to the SCIP and the decree. Pinal County and Arizona politicians largely ignored the voice of the Akimel O'otham, with the result that there was never any buy-in for the project by the Community, since they believed it had deprived them of their prior rights. Additionally, the reality that the Akimel O'otham lacked the financial resources to put their water to use left Tribal growers unable to utilize what water existed. In the end, politics, continued upstream diversions, and groundwater pumping deprived the Community of the benefits promised them.

David DeJong grew up in Mesa, Arizona, earning an MA and PhD in American Indian Law and Policy from the U of A. He joined the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project in 2001 and in 2006 became the director, overseeing all planning, design, and construction of the Community's irrigation system under the Arizona Water Settlements Act and Master Repayment Contract. When completed, the project will irrigate 90,000 acres and includes a holistic approach to water management, including managed aquifer recharge and solar over canal. DeJong's academic work focuses on Indian water rights and agricultural history. He has published ten books, four of which focus on the Community.

[Friday art news roundup](#)

[Fallon's CAC hiring executive director + Burning Man ticket sales open soon](#)

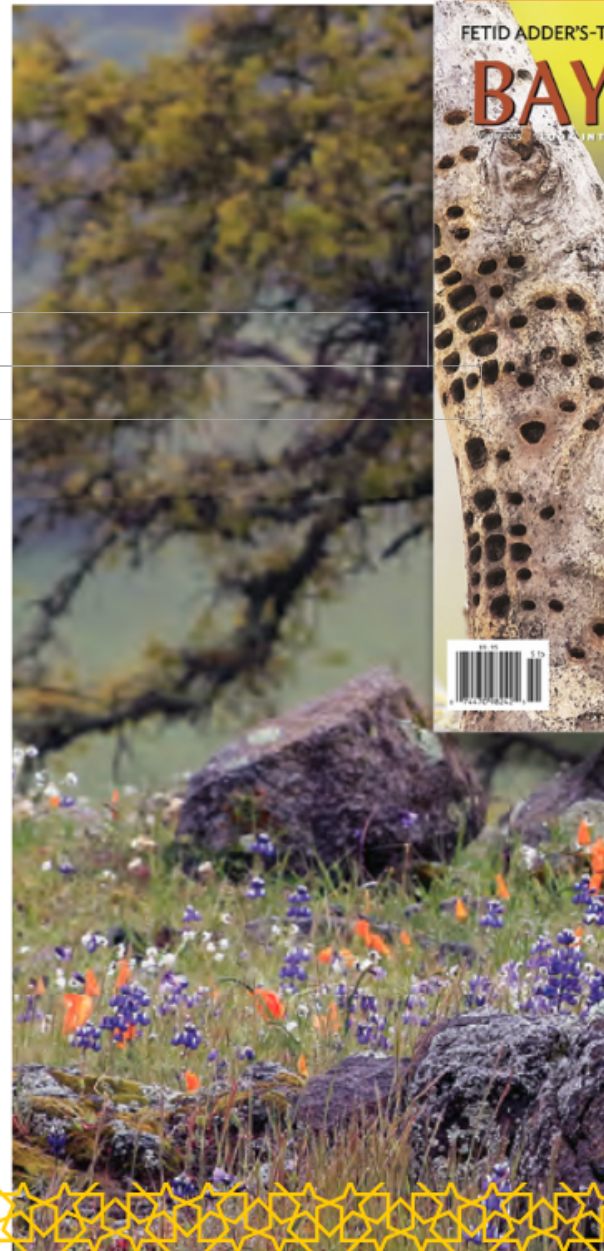
[Arts for All Nevada is seeking a new executive director](#)

A Walk in the Park with the Patwin People

Now open to all, 1,500 acres of oak woodlands in Solano County

BY ANTHONY ROBERTS,
YOCHA DEHE WINTUN
NATION TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

We welcome you to our homeland, where you can wander through 1,500 acres of natural beauty while taking in views of Mount



In this Winter 2025 *Bay Nature* magazine feature, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Chairman Anthony Roberts welcomes us to Solano County’s newest open space park, sacred land, trails, majestic oaks, and volcanically formed hills will inspire visitors of all ages. “Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park,” he writes.

Senators must stop federal usurpation of state water rights

Jim Jones, a Vietnam combat veteran, former Idaho Attorney General (1983-1991) and former Idaho Supreme Court Justice, writes, " ... The most troubling aspect of this episode is the apparent misconception that the federal government can do whatever it wishes with water stored in a federal reservoir. Quite to the contrary, the great majority of the stored water belongs to irrigation companies and other state water right holders. Regardless of the party in control of semi-arid western states, those states have fiercely safeguarded their precious water resources from federal overreach and waste. ... To prevent a repeat of the Central Valley debacle in the Gem State, our Congressional delegation should immediately educate the President and his staff of the long-standing tension between federal and state interests in the water rights field. Idaho and the other western states have spent countless hours in planning, litigating and compromising how water within our borders should be allocated and managed to best suit local conditions. We might not always make the best choices, but since we have to live with the system we devise, we are much better positioned to do the job than any unschooled eastern bureaucrat. ... " [Read the full commentary at the Idaho Press.](#)

Trump's possible not-so-secret agenda: Canadian water exports and lots of them Eric Reguly with Canada's Globe and Mail writes, "Donald Trump wants to buy Greenland, own Gaza, take back ownership of the Panama Canal and turn Canada into the 51st state. The President is a liar and a con artist, but his desire to occupy vast parts of the planet does not seem a bluff or a negotiating tactic. But why Canada? The United States dominates north-south trade and plays a leading role in many Canadian industries, including oil, mining, autos and retailing. It buys any product or commodity it wants from Canada with ease. Economically, if not politically, Canada is in effect the 51st state, has been forever. But there is one crucial commodity that the United States does not have access to: water. Water may be the real reason, or one of the top reasons, propelling his desire to turn Canada into Minnesota North. ... " [Read more from The Globe and Mail.](#)

WATER TALK: Advising California Tribal policy

A conversation with Anecita Agustinez (state tribal policy advisor, California Department of Water Resources) about water governance and expertise around challenging policy issues.

Released February 7, 2025.

https://open.spotify.com/episode/6heaY56j0XXcocOEcbZpOr?go=1&sp_cid=02f85e84238f3595fcb794a08729229c&intent=1&nd=1&dlsi=5af60a6cea8e4a8e

BE sure to look at the list of other former tribally related podcasts.

The American dream (water not included)

"For most of human history, a simple axiom for survival seemed to prevail: Don't build houses where there is too little water. Amid dangerous droughts, Arizona officials recently enshrined that precept by limiting development in one of the country's fastest-growing cities — a potential turning point for water policy in a region acutely threatened by climate change. But now real

estate interests have launched a dark-money legal campaign to overturn the precedent-setting regulations. Their goal: promising rent-strapped locals the American Dream of affordable homeownership in areas where officials have found there is not enough groundwater to sustain new suburban development. ... ” [Read more from The Lever](#).

1,000 EPA employees could be fired ‘immediately’: What does that mean for the water industry?

“Last week, more than a thousand employees at the U.S. EPA received a worrying email: “As a probationary/trial period employee, the agency has the right to immediately terminate you.” The email, obtained by CNN, was primarily sent to employees who had been with the agency for less than a year. Beyond the scope of what this would mean for individual employees, how would it affect the various environmental projects that so many of these employees work on closely? And how would this translate to the water industry? Nicole Cantello from the American Federation of Government Employees told The Hill, “These people work on things like getting the lead out of pipes or enforcing environmental laws like the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act. They work on things like Brownfields, which turn contaminated land into usable land. They work on Superfund sites, which cleans up toxic pollution.” ... ” [Read more from Water Online](#).

Colorado River poses another water war for Trump to affect

https://enewspaper.eastbaytimes.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=c4f82efb-9f9f-4121-a914-96794260e06a&share=true

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**University to host Fire Adapted Nevada Summit to help communities prepare for wildfire** ([unr.edu](http://unr.edu)) — The University of Nevada, Reno is hosting the Fire Adapted Nevada Summit to help communities prepare for wildfires. The summit, scheduled for March 17-18, will offer workshops and resources to develop actionable wildfire resilience plans.

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Rewriting the Story of Ötzi the Iceman

Nearly everything archaeologists thought they knew about the 5,300-year-old corpse’s preservation may be wrong.
https://getpocket.com/explore/item/rewriting-the-story-of-tzi-the-murdered-iceman?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-u

You’re charging your phone wrong. It’s not your fault.

Lithium-ion battery technology is imperfect, but it’s not going anywhere.

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On PBS April 29, 2025 <https://www.pbs.org> > independentlens > documentaries > free-for-all

[Free for All: The Public Library - Independent Lens - PBS Premieres April 29, 2025. ... About the Documentary. Free for All: Inside the Public Library tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From](#)



[the pioneering women ...](#)

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**[Tuition-Free Program for Middle School Students Application is now open. Apply by March 20!](#)**

The **Stanford Middle School Scholars Program** helps students from low-income backgrounds in grades 6 and 7 prepare for the challenges and opportunities of high school through a three-week online course and regular weekly after-school sessions.

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[Stares and ear-twitches: The linguist learning to speak the expressive language of cows](#)

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# *Tianna Binayshe West*

*May 4, 1995 - February 4, 2025*



**Viewing:** Friday, February 14, 2025 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Walton's Ross, Burke & Knobel  
2155 Kietzke Lane | Reno, NV 89502

**Funeral Service:** Saturday, February 15, 2025 11:00 a.m.  
Nixon Gym.

**Burial:** Wadsworth Cemetary

Dinner to follow at Wadsworth Community Building  
Food donations are appreciated. Contact Lance @ 775-830-7800 for questions