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**Everything you need to know about Glacier National Park**

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**A former teacher is rebuilding Altadena one book at a time**  
**Wildfires** by: Marina Peña 02.10.2025 | share +

After being forced to evacuate her Altadena home in recent weeks due to the Eaton Fire, 27-year-old former preschool teacher Carmela Beyer decided to support her community by launching a fundraiser for children’s books. A lifelong Pasadena resident, Beyer’s [GoFundMe campaign](#), has already raised more than \$40,000.

“I don’t want to make a disaster relief fund. I want to make an organization that can be there to listen to the community’s needs, to listen to the children’s needs in the years to come as we rebuild. There really isn’t an end goal on donations. I hope to stay partnered with schools that need funding, supplies or volunteers,” said Beyer. “I love this community and I want to be able

to help as much as I can.”



**Isolated Indigenous man returns to tribe in the Amazon rainforest after brief contact**

A young man from an isolated Indigenous tribe who approached a riverine community in Brazil’s Amazon returned voluntarily to his people less than 24 hours later, Brazilian authorities said. Officials from Brazil’s Indigenous affairs agency, Funai, arrived soon after and took him to a nearby facility. As a policy, Brazil does not actively seek contact with these groups but instead establishes protected and monitored areas, such as Mamoriá Grande, near where the encounter occurred. Associated Press

**Do Civilisations Collapse?**

The idea that the Maya or Easter Islanders experienced an apocalyptic end makes for good television but bad archaeology.

[https://getpocket.com/explore/item/do-civilisations-collapse?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/do-civilisations-collapse?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

**Which states get more federal money than they send?**

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### **A resolution in the Utah legislature could impact negotiations over the Colorado River**

“A resolution introduced in the Utah State Legislature could have an impact on negotiations between states, tribes and Mexico over the future of the Colorado River. House Joint Resolution 9, sponsored by Rep. Casey Snider, R-Paradise, calls for Utah to use its full allocation of Colorado River water in the upper and lower basins.” “We’re just wanting to make sure that it is clear and unequivocal what the state’s position is on the Colorado River,” Rep. Snider told FOX 13 News in an interview. The agreements governing the Colorado River expire in 2026 and are currently being renegotiated. The Great Basin Water Network believes the state’s position with this resolution when it comes to Colorado River water is “we’re going to use it wherever we want.” ... ” [Read more from Fox 13.](#)

### **Utah seems ready to pay farmers to leave more water in the Colorado River**

“Utah is another step closer to paying farmers to leave more water in the Colorado River system. The state’s [Demand Management Pilot Program](#) will use around \$4 million in state money to compensate farmers who temporarily stop irrigating some of their land. The [practice is known as fallowing](#), and the water they would have normally used for irrigation can stay in the river. The idea is to then track that conserved water as it flows downstream and gets stored in a reservoir, such as Lake Powell. The program has received 27 applications from water users in east and southeast Utah to take part in the effort’s inaugural year. The Colorado River Authority board will now consider which projects to fund as it looks to launch this spring. The saved water will hopefully help Utah avoid mandatory cuts in the future as it looks toward a renegotiated Colorado River agreement next year, said Authority Executive Director Amy Haas. ... ” [Read more from KUER.](#)

### **Colorado Water Trust’s mission to restore water back to Colorado’s rivers**

“Imagine the rushing waters of the Yampa River, lush and flowing alongside your hike to see the changing leaves in the fall. Or the crests of the Roaring Fork River as rafters glide down them in the summer. Even the South Platte River, snaking its way through Denver, a city built on its banks. Now imagine these rivers gone, dried up; lost to the effects of climate change, overconsumption and population strains. This could be a reality for Coloradans in just a few deAs Trump administration reforms the EPA, cleanups of America’s most toxic sites are uncertain

### **As Trump administration reforms the EPA, cleanups of America's most toxic sites are uncertain**

“Just over a mile from where Patricia Flores has lived for almost 20 years, a battery smelter plant spewed toxic elements into the environment for nearly a century. Exide Technologies in southeast Los Angeles polluted thousands of properties with lead and contributed to groundwater contamination with trichloroethylene, or TCE, a cancer-causing chemical. Since Exide declared bankruptcy in 2020, California has invested more than \$770 million to clean the various properties. But much more cleanup is needed, and with Donald Trump’s return to the White House, those efforts are uncertain. “The groundwater that was found to have TCE is spreading,” said Flores in Spanish. “It’s not just going to affect us – other people will also be impacted by the contamination. And it is worrying that we won’t be added to the priority list for the cleanup to be done.” ... ” [Read more from KTNV.](#)

**Trump officials signal potential changes at NOAA, the weather and climate agency**

“Federal workers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are on high alert as they monitor signs of a potential Trump administration overhaul of one of the government’s main scientific agencies. Many employees are bracing for potential staff cuts, as well as slashes to the funding that supports science within the agency and by many research partners across the country. In particular, NOAA staffers are concerned about how President Trump’s executive orders, including one targeting climate change programs, could affect the agency’s research and operations. Agency officials have received a list, which NPR has viewed, of terms that could run afoul of the orders in the grants and programs they manage; the list includes terms like “climate change,” “pollution” and “natural resources,” as well as many terms associated with diversity, equity and inclusion. NPR obtained the list from an official at NOAA who agreed to talk on the condition of anonymity for fear of retribution. NOAA did not respond to NPR’s request for comment. ... ” [Read more from the LAist.](#)

**The role of AI in eco-friendly resource management**

“The world’s looming concerns of climate change and environmental issues demand new creative solutions to resource management rationally. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has come up as technology in eco-friendly resource management, such as to the energy industry, the public sector, and the local communities for optimization of energy use, waste cut-down, and sustainability promotion. AI by using the various machine learning systems, data analysis, and automation gives us the possibility of conserving natural resources like never before and makes the operations more efficient and also more environmentally friendly. ... ” [Read more from GIS User.](#)

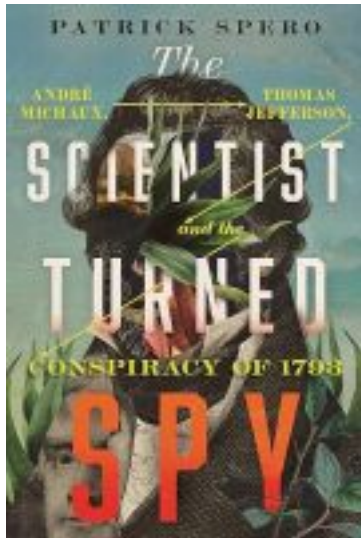
cedes. That’s why Colorado Water Trust, a non-profit organization based in Boulder, took on the charge in 2001 to help restore water to rivers and streams across the state. ... ” [Read more from the Colorado Water Trust.](#)

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**Information Act (FOIA) requests regarding its activities.**

If there’s nothing to hide, hide nothing!”

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Judge John D. Bates of the D.C. Federal District Court has ordered the CDC to temporarily restore pages removed from its website to comply with Trump’s executive order barring references to race, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The judge stated that these deletions put “everyday Americans, and most acutely, underprivileged Americans,” at risk.



One day, Jefferson decided to list all of his major contributions to American society. He was, he recorded, the author of the Declaration of Independence and the force behind the disestablishment of the church in Virginia, the end of entails, the prohibition on the importation of slaves, and prison reform. At the end, though, he decided that none of these was his greatest achievement. Instead, he reserved that for his introduction of olive trees and African rice to the southern United States in 1789 and 1790. ‘The greatest service which can be rendered any country.’ Jefferson wrote, ‘is to add an useful plant to it's culture; especially a bread grain. [N]ext in value to bread is oil.’ Jefferson, conveniently, had done both.”

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| <b>author:</b> Patrick Spero                                                                                                      |  |
| <b>title:</b> <i>The Scientist Turned Spy: André Michaux, Thomas Jefferson, and the Conspiracy of 1793 (Jeffersonian America)</i> |  |
| <b>publisher:</b> University of Virginia Press                                                                                    |  |

That’s the story with [BOXABL](#). The company has gained the attention of investors like D.R. Horton with a business model that brings assembly lines to new home construction. Where traditional homes take over 7 months to build, BOXABL factories can mass produce their signature Casita home in *nearly four hours*—plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and all. No wonder [190,000+ potential buyers already reserved one](#).\* And they’re just getting started.

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*“The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls.” – [Pablo Picasso](#)*



One day, a very rich father took his son on a trip to the country to show him what it was like to be poor. They stayed for a few days and nights on a farm where a very poor family lived.

After they returned home, the father asked his son how he liked the trip. “It was great, Dad,” the son replied. “Did you see how poor people can be?” the father asked. “Oh yeah,” the son answered.

“So what did you learn from the trip?” asked the father. The son thought for a moment and said, “I saw that we have one dog and they have four. We have a pool that goes halfway across our garden, and they have a creek that never ends. We have fancy lanterns in our garden, and they have the stars at night. Our patio is big and reaches the front yard, but they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land, but they have fields that go as far as you can see. We have servants who work for us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow their own. We have walls around our property to keep us safe, but they have friends to protect them.” The father was silent, then the son added, “It showed me just how poor we really are.”

We often forget how much we have and focus on what we don’t have. What one person thinks is worthless, another person might treasure. It all depends on how you see things.

**Sometimes, it takes the perspective of a child to remind us of what really matters.**

Source: Good Thinking

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**National Low Income Housing Coalition**

The National Low Income Housing Coalition is dedicated to achieving racially and socially equitable public policy that ensures people with the lowest incomes have quality homes that are accessible and affordable in communities of their choice. Support is provided in all 50 states, as well as Washington, DC, and the U.S. territories. [Learn more](#)

**Wilco Donations and Sponsorships Program**

The Wilco Donations and Sponsorships Program provides support to communities with store locations in California, Oregon, and Washington. Wilco supports youth and school organizations or activities, community organizations, and organizations or groups that focus on direct involvement with agriculture, pets, or livestock. [Learn more](#)

## Scholarships with March 15-21 Deadlines

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <a href="#">Saab Family Foundation Scholarship</a>                              | Full-Tuition | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Sgt Juan Calderon Jr Memorial Scholarship</a>                       | \$10,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Sid Richardson Memorial Scholarship Fund</a>                        | Varies       | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Single Parent Degree Program Scholarships of Northwest Arkansas</a> | \$2,500      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Sofia Blanco Scholarship for Childhood Cancer Survivors</a>         | \$8,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Species On The Edge 2.0 Social Media Contest</a>                    | \$2,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Stephen T. Marchello Scholarship Foundation</a>                     | \$10,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Stimson Bullitt Civic Courage Scholarship</a>                       | \$5,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Stoody-West Graduate Fellowship</a>                                 | \$6,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">SWIEF Scholarships</a>                                              | \$7,500      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Tennessee Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship Program</a>      | Varies       | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Texas State University Achievement Scholarships</a>                 | \$32,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Texas State University Distinguished Scholarships</a>               | \$20,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Texas State University President's Honor Scholarship</a>            | \$48,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Acacia Leadership Scholarship</a>                               | \$1,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The American Express Scholarship</a>                                | \$2,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Kim and Harold Louie Family Foundation Scholarship Program</a>  | \$10,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation Scholarships</a>         | Varies       | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Michael O. D. Brown Memorial Scholarship</a>                    | \$3,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Thunderbirds Scholars Program</a>                               | Full-Tuition | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Winston-Salem Foundation Scholarships</a>                       | \$2,914      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Thelma Nennemann Aspegren Memorial Scholarship</a>                  | \$1,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Thomas C. Woods, Jr. Scholarship</a>                                | \$5,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Tom and Mary Lou Friesen Scholarship</a>                            | Varies       | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">TREE Fund Scholarships</a>                                          | \$5,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship</a>                                 | \$10,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">University of Colorado Positive Futures Scholarship</a>             | \$6,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">University of Colorado-Boulder First Nations Scholarship</a>        | \$40,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">University of Colorado-Boulder First-Generation Scholarship</a>     | \$32,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">University of Florida Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars</a>       | Full-Tuition | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">University of Texas Will Rogers Memorial Scholarship</a>            | \$6,000      | March 15, 2025 |

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| <a href="#"><u>Vera R. Campbell Promise Scholarship</u></a>                          | \$5,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Virgil and Darlene Roush Scholarship</u></a>                          | \$600     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Wayne J. &amp; Wanda M. Lillich Scholarship</u></a>                   | \$2,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Women in Defense Scholarship</u></a>                                  | Varies    | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Yankton Medical Clinic Scholarships</u></a>                           | \$5,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Zonta Club of Jamestown Scholarships</u></a>                          | \$1,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs</u></a>                           | \$5,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Animal Welfare Institute Scholarship</u></a>                          | \$3,000   | March 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Children's Cancer Cause College Scholars Program</u></a>              | \$5,000   | March 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Community Foundation of the Ozarks Scholarship Program</u></a>        | \$1,789   | March 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>NATAS Chicago/Midwest High School Scholarships</u></a>                | \$2,500   | March 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Becky Burrows Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                            | \$1,000   | March 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>DMP Servant's Heart Christian Scholarship</u></a>                     | \$2,000   | March 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>FCHCC Achieving the Dream Scholarship</u></a>                         | Varies    | March 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                       | \$1,000   | March 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>U.S. Army ROTC Scholarships</u></a>                                   | \$100,000 | March 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Virginia Mayflower Society Mildred Ramos Scholarship</u></a>          | \$1,620   | March 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>WSIA Derek Hughes Scholarship Program</u></a>                         | \$5,000   | March 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>PG&amp;E Better Together STEM Scholarship Program</u></a>             | \$10,000  | March 19, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>FWSF Scholarship</u></a>                                              | \$15,000  | March 20, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools Scholarship</u></a> | \$5,000   | March 20, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Timothy L. Correll Foundation Memorial Scholarships</u></a>           | \$750     | March 20, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>University of Delaware Esports Scholarship</u></a>                    | \$20,000  | March 20, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>AIA Chicago Foundation Graduate Diversity Scholarship</u></a>         | \$10,000  | March 21, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>AIA Chicago Foundation Undergraduate Diversity Scholarship</u></a>    | \$10,000  | March 21, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Doodle for Google Scholarship</u></a>                                 | \$55,000  | March 21, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Eleanor Allwork Scholarship</u></a>                                   | \$7,500   | March 21, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>National Federation of the Blind of Utah Scholarship</u></a>          | \$12,000  | March 21, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>NIADA Foundation Regional Scholarships</u></a>                        | \$2,500   | March 21, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Phillips University Legacy Scholars Undergraduate Program</u></a>     | \$38,000  | March 21, 2025 |
| <a href="#"><u>Truman D. Picard Scholarship</u></a>                                  | \$4,000   | March 21, 2025 |



## “Whose Land Do You Live On?” Reminds Americans Colonization Happened in Their Backyards

First Peoples populated America long before Europeans arrived to stake their claim. We have largely forgotten this legacy. A mapping tool is looking to change that.

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- [Lost Cities and Climate Change](#)
- [The American Killed by Asian Islanders Hoped to Save Their Souls](#)



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As Christopher Columbus falls farther out of favor, the discourse has shifted to emphasize the voices that his story has silenced. This is particularly important as the United States grapples with defining what it means to be American. This identity is being wielded as a weapon within immigration politics. There are countless stories of widespread harassment in public spaces of people viewed as non-Native born Americans. On the edges of this, First Peoples have presented reminders that the Americas were populated prior to the arrival of Europeans and if anyone has a claim to being “American,” it is them. To this end, several instances of a reminder to know whose Native land you currently reside on was circulated on social media on Indigenous People’s Day—and a crowd-influenced [mapping tool](#) exists to help with this assessment, and prompt awareness and self-reflection.

Every day I travel into Lenape territory. I doubt they would recognize it today. In 1609 when Henry Hudson sailed into New York harbor, the island of Manhattan was a thriving natural ecosystem. Hudson [documented](#) chestnut, oak, and hickory trees as well as salt marshes populated by turkey, elk, black bears, and beavers. The Collect Pond, which was covered over at the present-day Foley Square, provided fresh water to Lenape villagers before the Dutch and English assumed control and eventually polluted the pond beyond use by building a tannery on its shores. Times Square was a red maple swamp and beaver pond. And Marcus Garvey Park overlooked what was likely a managed grassy plain.

Following Hudson's report of his findings both the Dutch and the English set their sights on the new world. The Dutch returned almost immediately and established New Netherlands which ranged from Delaware to Albany. The settlement of New Amsterdam on the southern tip of Manhattan was strategically placed to defend their fur interests higher on the Hudson River. It is alleged that the Governor-Director Peter Minuit traded for the island of Manhattan with the Lenape but no bill of sale has ever been found. And as the [National Museum of the American Indian](#) points out, there were likely multiple groups of First Peoples living in the area so could a land transaction have happened for land that did not belong to a particular group? One version of this legend maintains Minuit made the purchase from the Canarsie, but they resided in Queens, the western-most end of Long Island. There are also questions about the definition of the sale and whether the Dutch abused a land-use agreement—which would explain some of the subsequent tensions that arose as a result of wandering livestock.

Nonetheless, New Amsterdam was established and began to grow. At one point 1500 of the 2000 residents of New Netherlands would reside there. However in the 1630s New Netherland began to feel pressure from all sides from the French, British, and the Swedish. Then Governor-Director Willem Kieft took direct and ruthless action to secure his borders which included a series of deals with the Lenape people to acquire what would become the outer boroughs on New York City. But the relationship was a strained one. The Lenape were suffering from European diseases to which they had no immunity. They were also constantly forced to defend the boundaries they thought they had established from livestock encroachment. Kieft did nothing to make this relationship better: he tried to levy a tax against the Lenape to raise revenue and would not deal European firearms to them, which put them at a disadvantage when their enemies were able to obtain guns from Dutch sailors.

These tensions reached a peak with a planned [slaughter](#) of the Lenape at the hands of Dutch soldiers at two metropolitan locations, one of which is the site of Bowling Green. On February 25, 1643 two groups of Lenape sought refuge from the Mahicans. Kieft personally led a raid that killed 80 Lenape in what is now Pavonia, New Jersey. His soldiers killed another 30 at Bowling Green. The killings were savage and are [graphically](#) described in the annals of history. Kieft brought the wrath of the Algonquin nation down on New Amsterdam, and placed the settlers on the edges of the young colony in the path of a two year war that would have destroyed New Amsterdam permanently if the Algonquin had attacked the fort directly. Instead life came to standstill while they raided the peripheral settlements.

We know how the story ends. The Dutch local citizen advisory board had been specifically opposed to the initial raid. Kieft was fired by the Dutch West India company, and New

Amsterdam grew into metropolitan New York City. There are few traces of the colony that was or the landscape as Hudson knew it.

Every day I travel back through the lands once occupied by the Canarsie and the Rockaways to the land the Merrick and Massapequas called home. I visit the Shinnecock annually and the land of the Montauk frequently. Many of these groups are gone. Some were systematically pushed out as is evidenced by a 1768 edict from Smithtown, NY that [stated](#) "no Squaw Mustee or Mulatto female shall, after the first of May next have any house or cellar, or wigwam, standing in the bounds of said Smithtown." Some were eradicated by disease and still others like the Montauk have had their numbers decimated and are scattered. The Montauk are in the process of petitioning for recognition and obtaining a land base, as the Shinnecock have done.

Recognition is part of the battle. In today's maps while the names of some of these communities do live on, in many cases they're anglicized. The boroughs of New York City bear names relating to the Europeans who settled there (Bronx, Queens, Staten Island) or places in Europe (Brooklyn). Only Manhattan bears a resemblance to the original name of the space. The maps that were drawn of Long Island rewrote and assumed the names of the Peoples who lived there and were drawn to serve the land claims of the settlers. This is an erasure we tend to overlook but it may not be one that we can continue to ignore if the public discourse makes room for the acknowledgment.

### **So whose land do you reside on?**

*The views expressed are those of the author(s) and are not necessarily those of Scientific American.*

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## **Peltier Family To Bring Leonard Peltier Back Home on Tuesday**

BELCOURT, N.D. (KVRR) — Leonard Peltier's family is eagerly preparing to meet with their brother in Belcourt, North Dakota after he spent nearly 50 years in prison.

His youngest sister, Sheila Peltier, invited people on social media to welcome him home on Tuesday.

They have asked people to gather from the reservation line to Belcourt as Leonard drives in.

The family will also be hosting a meal in his honor at Sky Dancer Casino Event Center serving Leonard's favorite dishes.

"It is a home confinement, but at least we'll be able to go visit him and you know like I said spend time with him. So that's very very big you know he's not quite free but I mean that is free compared to where he was," said Sheila Peltier, Sister.

Sheila also wants to thank the community for their support.

KVRR will bring you live coverage of the homecoming tomorrow night.