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NSHE Regents' 2025 Honorary Degree Awardee
University of Nevada, Reno — Honorary Doctorate Degree

University of Nevada College of Liberal Arts is at University of Nevada, Reno.

The NSHE Regents' 2025 Honorary Degrees have been announced! **Congratulations to RALPH BURNS, a University of Nevada, Reno – Honorary Doctorate Degree recipient!** Honorary degrees are awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to the improvement of academic programs and student life at one of NSHE's eight institutions. "Ralph Burns – A Numu (Northern Paiute) Elder, Burns has been instrumental in preserving and teaching the Paiute language and culture. As a Paiute Language instructor at the University of Nevada, Reno and the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, he has ensured the continuation of Indigenous knowledge and traditions. His work has enriched the academic and cultural experience of students across Nevada"

'Irreplaceable' Petroglyph Panels Destroyed By Vandals At Volcanic Tableland: Authorities

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The site is protected under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. (Bureau of Land Management)

BISHOP, CA — Authorities are offering an up to \$1,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandal or vandals who damaged three petroglyph panel locations at the Volcanic Tableland north of Bishop, according to the Bureau of Land Management.

“Those responsible have destroyed an irreplaceable part of our national cultural heritage,” Bishop Field Manager Sherri Lisius said in a news release Friday. “We have increased surveillance of our sites and are determined to bring the responsible parties to justice.”

The site is protected under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of the most significant rock art sites in the region and has cultural importance to local tribes, according to the bureau.

Violating the act can lead to felony charges, with first-time offenders facing up to \$20,000 in fines and two years in prison, and repeat offenders facing up to \$100,000 in fines and five years in prison, according to the bureau. The law also allows federal or tribal authorities to impose civil fines, the bureau said, adding courts can seize vehicles and equipment used during a violation as additional punishment

Anyone with information about the vandalism is asked to call 1-800-782-7463 or visit www.wetip.com, according to the bureau, which noted tipsters can remain anonymous.



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Overview: The Agua Caliente Cultural Museum is a 48,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility, which includes dedicated galleries, education classroom and garden, rentable meeting rooms, Tribal Library, retail space, the latest in dedicated collections storage and housing spaces, administrative offices, a Tribal Boardroom and Terrace, and outdoor interpretive areas including the Oasis Trail.

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is an historic Palm Springs based federally recognized Native American Tribe with more than 500 members. The Tribe is steward to more than 31,500 acres of ancestral land. The cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Rancho Mirage as well as portions of unincorporated Riverside County span across the boundaries of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation.

Add another to the list:

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11077394/columbia-river-treaty-negotiations-paused-bc-trump>

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[High School Students Get Firsthand Wildfire Training \(kunr.org\) —](#)

High school students near Reno are gaining valuable experience in wildfire management through a hands-on training program. Conducted by the BLM Palomino Fire Station, the program offers insights into fire safety and public-safety careers, enhancing students' future job prospects.

AI nurses are reshaping hospital care. Human nurses are pushing back

The next time you get a call about an upcoming medical appointment you may not be talking to a human. Hospitals are increasingly using AI assistants to handle scheduling, preparation and patient questions about surgeries and other medical procedures. [Read more.](#)

POPULAR MECHANICS

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https://currently.att.yahoo.com/news/life-earth-comes-one-single-140600662.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11&.tsrc=daily_mail&segment_id&ncid=crm_-1295960-20250316-331&bt_user_id=bs4jLadrYGHn8V5QRCOho9EanFUzT4fAn4DIzmEucuoHHe3kc3YKgNHvxixwZf4l&bt_ts=1742118073244

Nevada Treasury opens applications for 2025 Kenny C. Guinn Memorial Scholarship

[\(news3lv.com\)](#) — Applications are open for the 2025 Kenny C. Guinn Memorial Scholarship, supporting Nevada students like those at the University of Nevada, **Reno**. This scholarship aids future educators committed to teaching in Nevada.

Valerie Tutson graduated from Brown University with a self-designed major, Storytelling As a Communication's Art, and a Masters in Theatre.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=747735762868594>

There are so many untold stories.....your turn!

[Sogorea Te' Land Trust](#)

San Francisco Bay Area signatories of the Indigenous Women of the Americas Defenders of



Mother Earth Treaty invite you to join us this Spring Equinox to dedicate 4 Days Without Capitalism between March 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd:

Pick one or all 4 days without spending money

If you can, take public transit, carpool, or stay home

Take a social media fast. AI uses massive amounts of water and energy.

You are encouraged to learn more about mutual aid. Mutual aid will get us all through the difficult times and prepare us for a life beyond capitalism. Consider inviting your friends and family to have a day or days to:



Share stories, meals, climate preparedness practices, mutual aid resources



Invite people to trade items they are no longer using (clothing, food, herbs, seeds, songs)



Be with the land, grow food, garden, visit waterways

We encourage you to share your experience with others on the Indigenous Women of the Americas Defending Mother Earth Treaty Facebook page. We inspire one another!

Capitalism was never part of Indigenous Peoples' original instructions, and neither are the thoughtforms that created separation and segregation amongst communities such as colonialism and white supremacy. We understand that sharing our values of reciprocity and respect are higher values than individualism and greed. We not only seek out these understandings, but recognize the connections that reach deeper within the web of life that bring value to Mother Earth's systems.

Learn more at defendingmotherearth.org

Cougar Cubs Spotted In MI For First Time In 100 Years: DNR

Officials believe the spotted cubs are between 7 and 9 weeks old.



Biologists confirmed the sighting of two cougar cubs on private land in Ontonagon County in the western Upper Peninsula, according to officials. (Michigan Department of Natural Resources)

MICHIGAN — For the first time in more than 100 years, cougar cubs have been found living in the Michigan wild, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Biologists confirmed the sighting of two cougar cubs on private land in Ontonagon County in the western Upper Peninsula, according to officials.

"It's pretty exciting, considering this could be the first known cougar reproduction in modern times in the western Great Lakes states," said Roell, referring to Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. "It really shows that we have a unique place in Michigan where someone has a chance to see a wolf, a moose and a cougar in the wild. It's something that should be celebrated, that we have the habitat to support an elusive animal like this."

Officials believe the spotted cubs are between 7 and 9 weeks old and were photographed by a local resident on March 6. Officials said they were spotted without their mother.

Cougar cubs are highly dependent on their mothers, often staying with them for the first two years of life, according to officials.

The cubs have not been seen since March 6, and without their mother, Roell says there's no guarantee they will survive in the wild.

"Those young cougars are very vulnerable right now," Roell said. "We don't know where they are or if they're even alive. Mother Nature can be very cruel."

Nonetheless, it is the first time cougar cubs have been verified since the big cats were hunted out of existence in Michigan in the early 1900s, said Brian Roell, who large carnivore specialist for the DNR.

Roell, a wildlife biologist for 26 years, led the team that verified the cubs.

The DNR has verified 132 adult cougar reports, Roell said, but DNA testing has confirmed only male cougars to date.

Although cougars are native to Michigan, most of them now appear to be transient animals, dispersing into Michigan from Western states, according to officials.

Officials said cougars are on the list of endangered mammals in Michigan, meaning it's illegal to hunt or harass them. It is also illegal to try and locate their den and to trespass on private property, he noted.

Sightings can be logged in the DNR's [Eyes in the Field](#) reporting system.

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***Hope you are all enjoying the Big Bear Eagle Cam, despite the loss of one eaglet.  
(click on pic)***



***Just a reminder that the Nevada Legislature is in session. Many bill affect native communities although they are not labled “Indian” or “Native American”. If you are a political junkie, the Legislative website ([www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)) has developed over the years to be a fairly transparent source of information but does not go back to 1864.***

***Here's a sample summary from 1999:***

INDIANS (See also [MINORITIES](#))

Children's health insurance program, actions to promote enrollments, [SB 10](#)\*

Domestic violence (See also [DOMESTIC VIOLENCE](#))

Protective orders, enforcement, [AB 473](#)\*, [AB 523](#)

Educational programs for children, appropriation, [AB 357](#)

Historic preservation programs, consultation with Indian tribes, [SB 397](#)\*

Real property, cooperative agreements for sale, lease or exchange by public agencies, [SB 52](#)\*

70th LEGISLATIVE SESSION (1999)

- \*\* Enrolled Bill, Effective Before October 1, 1999
- \* Enrolled Bill, Effective October 1, 1999, or Later
- †† Vetoed by Governor
- † Deleted by Amendment
- ‡ Resolution Approved by Legislature

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***Been a lot of changes since a lobbyist once stood in committee to declare that “if Indians were allowed to sell cigarettes, Safeway would go out of business” And this site doesn’t even take one back through the decades of the 20th and 19th centuries. Congratulations to those that have been part of this journey and those that now ensure competent representation, etc. sdc***

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