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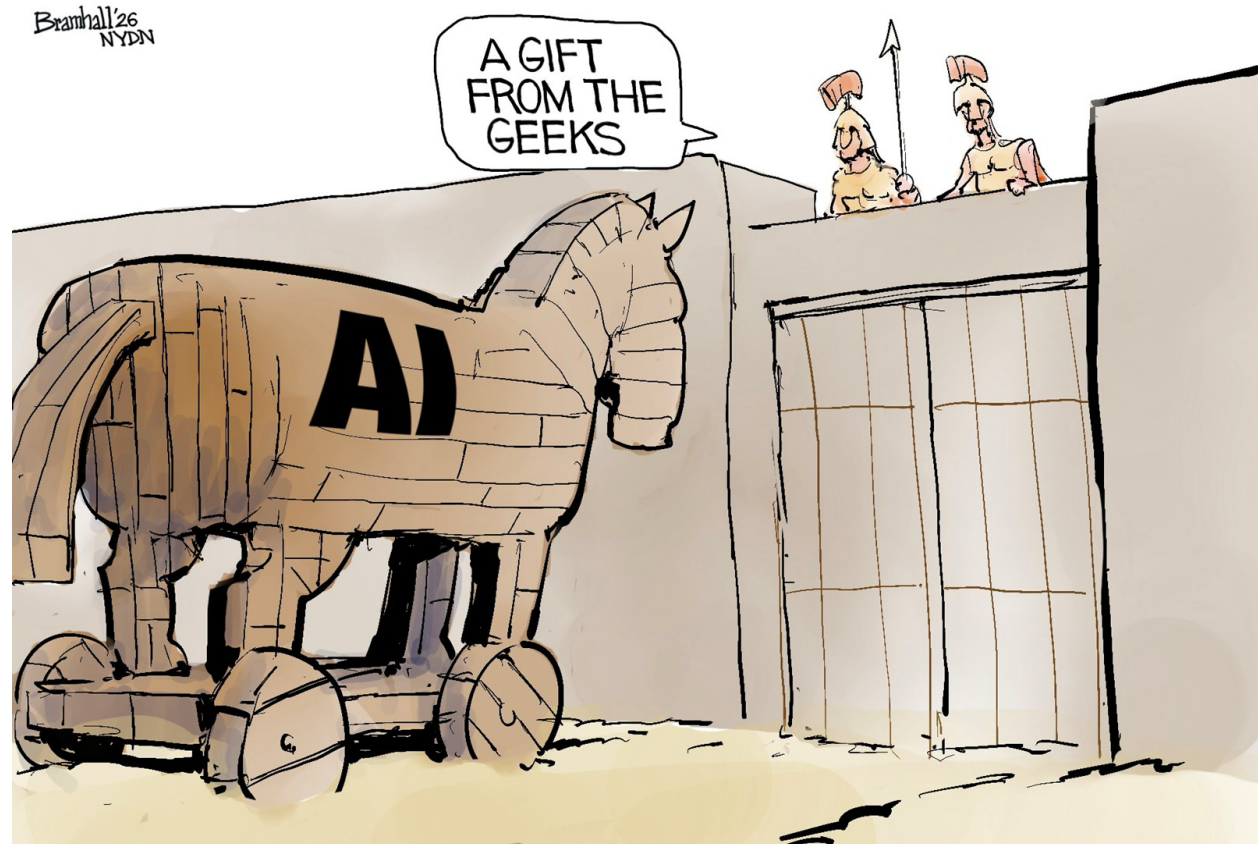
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"The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California announces that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names approved the renaming of General Creek to **dukMé?em wát'a** (Wave Creek) in El Dorado County at its February 12, 2026 meeting, formally restoring a traditional Washoe place name and affirming the enduring cultural and historical connection of the Washoe people to this homeland. The new name has been entered into the Geographic Names Information System and will be reflected on federal maps as they are updated. In alignment with this action, Director Quintero has authorized the renaming of the trail and campground at Ed Z'Berg Sugar Pine Point State Park to **dukMé?em wát'a**, ensuring that visitors encounter and learn from a name that honors Washoe language, heritage, and stewardship of the land. This milestone represents an important step in the recognition and visibility of Washoe Tribal history and culture within ancestral territory."

Thank you!



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Vision Statement of the Washoe Nation

Preserving, reviving and living the Washoe culture and traditions. Where:

Respect for one another and tribal values promote our spiritual, physical and environmental wellness.

Educational opportunities are available for all tribal members and descendants.

A solid economic foundation ensures self-sufficiency for tribal success.

Responsive government promotes teamwork, professionalism, and accountability.

On safe and secure tribal lands.

Quote of the Day

“As a person who’s been living and working and raising a family in this community for decades, people are worried about their future and they’re scared.”

— Teresa Benitez-Thompson, a former Democratic Assembly Majority Leader from Reno, about why she decided to run for the 2nd Congressional District seat

 **Former Dem Assembly leader Teresa Benitez-Thompson to run for Congress**

- Benitez-Thompson (D-Reno) will run in the newly open 2nd Congressional District that spans Reno and rural parts of Northern Nevada, the latest development in the race to replace Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV).
- She is currently serving as chief of staff to Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford (D).
- She said her campaign will focus on the ways last year’s Republican megabill shredded social safety nets, disrupted green energy programs and raised concerns for tribal communities, as well as the persistently high cost of living.

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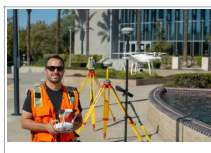
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Nuclear reactors at March base head for Utah in a first-of-its-kind airlift



The modules were created by a nuclear startup in Hawthorne benefiting from President Trump's energy agenda.

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“Libraries are the thin red line between civilization and barbarism.” — Neil Gaiman
“Libraries are everyman's university”, == John Jakes

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**JSYK:**

**OpenAI hires Peter Steinberger**, creator of the AI agent social network OpenClaw, to focus on development of personalized agents ([More](#)) | **What is OpenClaw?** ([More](#))

**Defense officials consider** cutting ties with Anthropic over its terms of use banning monitoring of Americans and autonomous weaponry ([More](#))

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Energy giants like Exxon have been buying land in America's lithium hotspot. Now they've got a new neighbor. [EnergyX acquired the rights to 35k gross acres of lithium-rich land right next door.](#)

Thanks to growing demand, lithium stock prices grew 2X+ from June 2025 to January 2026. \$ALB climbed as high as 227%. \$LAC hit 151%. \$SQM, 159%.

But the real winner may be a stock *not* listed on public exchanges, [EnergyX](#). This \$1B unicorn's [patented technology](#) can recover up to 3X more lithium than traditional methods. That's earned investment from leaders like General Motors. Now they're preparing for commercial production just as experts project 5X demand growth by 2040. They've [announced what could be one of the US' largest lithium production facilities](#) and have rights to approximately 150,000 lithium-rich acres across North and South America.

> **Martian soil analysis suggests** the planet was warm and wet during its Noachian era, roughly 4 billion years ago; findings provide support for scenario countering the theory early Mars was icy and cold ([More](#)) | **Mars 101** ([1440 Topics](#))

> **Researchers develop "liquid battery"** that stores energy from the sun for later use; light causes the substance's molecular structure to change, releasing energy as heat ([More](#))

Museum Internships Available

Kenyon College Internship in Museum Education Cleveland, OH
[Open job preview for: Kenyon College Internship in Museum Education - Cleveland, OH](#)

Anthropology Registration Internship Field Museum Chicago, IL
[Open job preview for: Anthropology Registration Internship - Chicago, IL](#)

Nord Network Junior Fellowship in Conservation Cleveland, OH
Cleveland Museum of Art
[Open job preview for: Nord Network Junior Fellowship in Conservation - Cleveland, OH](#)

UNPAID PART-TIME EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERN Houston, TX
The Children's Museum Houston
[Open job preview for: UNPAID PART-TIME EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERN - Houston, TX](#)

Anthropology Alliance Collections Internship Field Museum Chicago, IL
[Open job preview for: Anthropology Alliance Collections Internship - Chicago, IL](#)

Anthropology, Regenstein Pacific Collections/Conservation Internships Field Chicago, IL
[Open job preview for: Anthropology, Regenstein Pacific Collections/Conservation Internships - Chicago, IL](#)

Anthropology- Boone Scholars Internship Field Museum Chicago, IL
[Open job preview for: Anthropology- Boone Scholars Internship - Chicago, IL](#)

Curator of Public Programs at Alabama Department of Archives and History,
Southeastern Museums Conference Montgomery, AL
[Open job preview for: Curator of Public Programs at Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL - Montgomery, AL](#)

Summer Art Camp Assistant Dallas Museum of Art Dallas, TX
[Open job preview for: Summer Art Camp Assistant - Dallas, TX](#)

Development Internship Summer 2026 Marbles Kids Museum Raleigh, NC
[Open job preview for: Development Internship Summer 2026 - Raleigh, NC](#)

**“What is freedom of expression?
Without the freedom to attend,
it ceases to exist.
- Salmon Rushdie**

On this day
February 15, 1837

Congress Ratifies Treaties Removing Indigenous Peoples From Their Homelands in the Midwest



On February 15, 1837, Congress ratified two treaties removing eight Indigenous nations from their homelands in the Midwest. The treaties extended the western boundary of the United States and added 2,000,000 acres of territory to the state of Missouri, where slavery was permitted.

For hundreds of years, the Platte region—which included the area bordering the U.S. at the northwest corner of Missouri—served as the ancestral homelands for the Iowa, Sauk, and Fox nations, as well as the Oto, Omaha, Missouri, and Santee Sioux, and Yankton Sioux tribes.

In 1830, the federal government promised by treaty to keep the Platte region reserved for Indigenous peoples. However, upon discovering the “first rate lands” of the Platte region near the Missouri River and to accommodate the demand for western expansion by white settlers, Congress passed a resolution to proceed with forcibly renegotiating the treaty with tribal leaders, and President Andrew Jackson—who signed the [Indian Removal Act](#) in 1830—presented a new set of treaties to annex the region.

In addition to removing Indigenous groups, these two treaties altered the Missouri Compromise of 1820 by adding territory to the state of Missouri where slavery was permitted.

As a result of the government forcibly removing Indigenous groups from their homelands to unsettled land in the West, many thousands of Indigenous people died or were killed fleeing their homes in a journey known as the [Trail of Tears](#).

“There are certain emotions in your body that not even your best friend can sympathize with, but you will find the right film or the right book and it will understand you.
—Bjork Guomundsdottir

Missionaries in the Oregon Territory

Congregationalist missionary the Reverend Cushing Eells was born in Massachusetts on February 16, 1810. Eells founded [Whitman College](#)^{External} in [Walla Walla](#), the oldest educational institution in Washington State, when the Washington Territorial Legislature granted a charter to the Whitman Seminary on December 20, 1859. He named the school in honor of fellow missionaries Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, who were killed by Native Americans in 1847. The Whitmans were pioneers who helped open the Oregon Territory to U.S. settlement.



[Wheat Farm, Walla Walla, Washington](#). Russell Lee, photographer, July 1941. [Farm Security Administration/Office of War Information Color Photographs](#). Prints & Photographs Division

In 1836, the Whitmans founded a mission among the Cayuse Indians at Waiilatpu, seven miles west of present-day Walla Walla. In addition to evangelizing, the missionaries established schools and gristmills and introduced crop irrigation. However, their work advanced slowly, jeopardizing funding. In 1842, in response to a letter ordering the Whitmans to leave Waiilatpu, Marcus Whitman journeyed East and convinced the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to continue supporting the work of the mission. Returning the following year, he joined the “Great Migration of 1843”—approximately 1,000 settlers traveling to [Oregon Territory](#). Without Whitman’s aid the caravan might not have reached its goal.

With the sudden influx of settlers, tension between Native Americans and the pioneers escalated. Trouble erupted in 1847 when a measles epidemic killed a disproportionate number of Native American children. A practicing physician, Whitman was accused of using magic to eliminate Native Americans in order to make way for new immigrants. Marcus and Narcissa Whitman and twelve other settlers were killed by Cayuse warriors on November 29, 1847. Known as the Whitman Massacre, this event precipitated the Cayuse War—a conflict that lasted until 1850



Indian women and priest at Pala Mission, group portrait, Pala Indian Reservation, California, June 4, 1939.

[California Gold: Northern California Folk Music from the Thirties Collected by Sidney Robertson Cowell](#). American Folklife Center

Between 1769 and 1823, Spanish Catholics established [twenty-one missions](#) among California Indians. Catholic missionaries competed for conversions among the Cayuse in the 1840s.

Learn More

- Joseph Wilkinson Hines discusses early missions in contemporary Oregon and Washington in Chapter VIII of his memoir, [Touching Incidents in the Life and Labors of a Pioneer on the Pacific Coast Since 1853](#). A full text search in [California as I Saw It: First Person Narratives of California's Early Years, 1849 to 1900](#) on *Walla Walla or Marcus Whitman* will lead to more recollections of pioneer days in southeastern Washington.
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- To learn about another northwestern tribe evangelized by Congregationalist missionaries see the Today in History feature on [Chief Joseph](#) and the Nez Perce.
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- Search [Chronicling America](#) on *Cushing Eells, Marcus Whitman, Whitman College, Cayuse Indians*, and other terms of interest to find newspaper articles on these topics.
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- Search the [Panoramic Photographs](#) and [Detroit Publishing Company](#) collections to see more images, urban and rural, of Washington State.
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- Visit the website of the [Whitman Mission National Historic Site](#), maintained by the National Park Service, to learn more about the Whitmans.
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- Browse [American Indians of the Pacific Northwest Collection](#)*External* on *Whitman, Cayuse, and Walla Walla* for images and documents.
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- Search the [Curtis \(Edward S.\) Collection](#) by keywords *Cayuse and Nez Perce* for photographic images of these Native Americans. Also visit [Edward S. Curtis's The North American Indian](#)*External* to view photogravure plates printed from Curtis's photographs. This collection is held by the [Northwestern University Libraries](#)*External*.
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- Search *mission* in the [Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record/Historic American Landscapes Survey](#) collection to see photographs and drawings of missions in several states.
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- A keyword search on *Nez Perce* in the [Denver Public Library Digital Collections](#)*External*, will yield additional images of this Native American tribe.
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- Browse the [Washington: State Resource Guide](#) to find more resources related to the state of Washington found in the Library of Congress collections, as well as links to selected external websites and a bibliography.

“Libraries are everyman's free university”.

John Jakes

March Powwows

Mar 7 - 8 [Lawilowan American Indian Festival 2026](#) **York PA**

Please Share! Join us for a weekend of family fun and cultural celebration! Experience the vibrant sounds of Native American drumming, singing, and dancing, explore...

Mar 7 [Great Oak Pow Wow 2026](#) **Temecula CA**

Youth Social Pow Wow at Great Oak High School in Temecula,CA. Hosted by the Indigenous People's Club. Bird Singing, Grand Entry, Specials...

Mar 7 - 8 [Apache Gold Intertribal Pow Wow 2026](#) **San Carlos AZ**

Admission: \$10.00 per session; \$25.00 for the weekend Dancer Registration \$10.00 Drum Registration \$15.00 Saturday, March 7th: Gourd: 11am Grand Entry: 1pm...

Mar 13 - 15 [2026 Catawba Pow Wow](#) **Rock Hill SC**

Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm Saturday 12:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday 1:00pm Admission: Children 0-5 Free Youth 5-17 \$5.00 Adults 18-54 \$10.00 Senior 55+...

Mar 20 - 22 [50th Annual Denver March Pow Wow 2026](#) **Denver CO**

Please visit <https://denvermarchpowwow.com/> to find more information about contests, schedules, specials and more! Storytellers: Phillip Whiteman Jr., & Jhane Myers 2025 Denver March...

Mar 21 [Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Pow Wow 2026](#) **Seattle WA**

We are presenting our annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Pow Wow on Saturday, March 21st from 11AM to 5PM at Daybreak Sta

Mar 28 [35th Annual Woodlands & High Plains](#)

[Pow Wow 2026 Moorhead MN 2:00pm-10:00pm Grand Entries: 1:00pm & 7:00pm](#)

[Community Meal 5:00pm Admission: Adults \\$5.00 Elders \(55+\) \\$3.00 Youth \(6-18\)](#)

[\\$3.00 Children \(5 & Under- Saturday, March 28, 2026 12:00pm-10:00pm Grand Entries:](#)

[1:00pm & 7:00pm Community Meal 5:00pm Admission: Adults \\$5.00 Elders \(55+\) \\$3.00 Youth](#)

[\(6-18\) \\$3.00 Children \(5 &..](#)

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## Endangerment' Ruling Repealed

### AI Overview

On February 12, 2026, the EPA finalized the repeal of the 2009 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding, a landmark action overturning the legal basis for federal regulation of GHGs from vehicles. As the largest deregulatory action in U.S. history, it eliminates Clean Air Act requirements for manufacturers to report or control GHGs from cars and trucks.

[Final Rule: Rescission of the Greenhouse Gas ...](#)

## Democrats, community leaders challenge the SAVE America Act

By Naoka Foreman


President Donald Trump is urging Congress to approve another iteration of the bill—the [SAVE America Act](#)—which passed the House this week with a 218-213 vote, and the support of one Texas Democrat, NBC News [reports](#).

The measure would not only require those who participate in federal elections to show proof of citizenship and photo identification, but it would also direct state and local jurisdictions to regularly share voter rolls with the Department of Homeland Security.

If the law is enacted, the Center for American Progress estimates that it would [disenfranchise millions of voters](#) and stifle more than 130 million passport-less Americans' access to the ballot box. Only [56%](#) of Nevadans own passports, and the act would take effect immediately upon passage.

[Read the full story →](#)

*In Loving Memory of*



*Sunrise*  
3/3/1937

*Sunset*  
2/11/2026

**Loretta Jean Garcia**  
**“Jeanie” “Nannie”**

***Viewing/Service***  
2/27/2026 10:00am - 11:00am  
Service begins 11:00am

***Nixon Gymnasium***

***Interment***  
Nixon Cemetery  
Dinner to follow Burial  
Food donations appreciated

***Mass for Repose of Soul***  
3/3/2026  
9:30am

***St. Robert Bellarmine Church***  
625 Desert Shadows Lane  
Fernley, NV 89408

***Reno Viewing***  
2/25/2026  
11:00am - 3:00pm

***Walton's Funeral Home***  
2155 Kietzke Lane  
Reno, NV 89502