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Trump administration eliminates reservations at Yosemite National Park this summer

Environmental groups say crowding, long lines, and traffic jams are likely

Arizona Republicans urge Interior Secretary to withdraw Colorado River cutbacks over economic risks

“Republican Congressman Juan Ciscomani and other members of Arizona’s House delegation sent a [letter](#) Interior Secretary Doug Burgum, asking for the withdrawal of proposed Colorado River operating guidelines. The letter states that strategies from the Bureau of Reclamation that were published in January, would impose “drastic reductions” on Arizona’s water supplies. Ciscomani says the seven basin states must share the weight of cuts and that current strategies put more pressure on Arizona than other states. “What we’re advocating for is to have that shared responsibility with all the others involved as well and [in] this case, the upper basin has the advantage but also the other states are not taking the hit that we are,” he said. ...” [Read more from Arizona Public Media](#).

Arizona pushes back on Post-2026 Colorado River plan

“Arizona water leaders are pushing back against federal Draft Environmental Impact Statement proposals for post-2026 Colorado River operations. The Central Arizona Project warns that several alternatives could disproportionately reduce Arizona’s water supply compared to other basin states, raising concerns about compliance with the Colorado River Compact and the long-term stability of Lake Mead and Lake Powell operations. On January 26, 2026, the Central Arizona Project released a public statement responding to the federal Draft Environmental Impact Statement for post-2026 Colorado River operations. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement, prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, outlines potential operating rules for Lake Powell and Lake Mead after the current guidelines expire in 2026. ...” [Read more from Western Water](#).

Arizona, Lower Basin partners, commit to continuing efforts to find common ground on new Colorado River operations rules

“As Colorado River negotiations broke down just prior to the federal government’s Feb. 14 deadline, Arizona’s chief negotiator repeated his commitment to seeking a collaborative solution to river management. “Arizona remains committed to compromise and accommodation,” said ADWR Director Tom Buschatzke. “The negotiations may be at an unfortunate stalemate, but they are not at an end – not, at least, if our river partners in the Upper Basin accept the reality that Arizona cannot be asked to sacrifice its water security while receiving virtually nothing in return.” ...” [Read more from the Arizona Department of Water Resources](#).

Nevada’s main water negotiator talks about the bumpy road ahead in the Colorado River discussions

“Water negotiations between the seven Colorado River basin states are at a stalemate. Talks remain stalled despite the Bureau of Reclamation’s Feb. 14 deadline. Nevada’s representative in those negotiations — John Entsminger, general manager for the Southern Nevada Water Authority — gave an update to KNPR’s State of Nevada. Some key takeaways: The main sticking point: The upper basin states (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming) disagree

with the conservation guidelines of the lower basin states (California, Arizona, and Nevada) — the latter being the biggest water users among the basin states. ... ” [Read more from Nevada Public Radio.](#)

How a water war is brewing over a drying lake in Nevada

“Water rights exceed water supply across much of the western United States. With many watersheds failing to deliver enough water for local needs, the suit is being watched by attorneys, state water managers, and federal agencies. It could potentially set a precedent in revising how states across the West regulate access to water. The Nevada case, filed by the Walker River Paiute Tribe and Mineral County, may also present an opportunity for a win-win solution, in which nonprofits and government entities purchase private water rights from willing upstream sellers and dedicate them to downstream public benefit. Without public-private intervention and the changes in state water law that the suit seeks, geologists and environmental experts agree the future is bleak for Walker Lake, a 13-mile long terminal lake about 75 miles southeast of Reno near the California state line **in rural, sparsely populated Mineral County.** ... ” [Read more from Zero Hedge.](#)

Utah’s first ‘juicy’ winter storm fails to reverse months of snow drought

“Utah finally got its first meaningful snowstorm of the winter season, bringing much-needed moisture to a dry desert landscape — but the state still faces major snowpack deficits. ARC Salt Lake spoke to Jon Meyer from the Utah Climate Center about the storm’s impact on the Beehive State. He talked about the new concept of a “snow drought” and what needs to happen through the rest of the seasons to keep Utah’s water levels above critical levels. Meyer did say the state desperately needed the snow Wednesday. “Unless you’re stuck in traffic or one of your reporters out storm chasing today, I think the general attitude is jubilation,” he said. “We see the lift cameras out there, and boy, you can just see some of the relief that folks are seeing – crossing their minds as they’re getting some what we love here in the state, which is the white stuff.” ... ” [Read more from KUTV.](#)

Threat of a Colorado River lawsuit looms. Here’s how Utah is preparing.

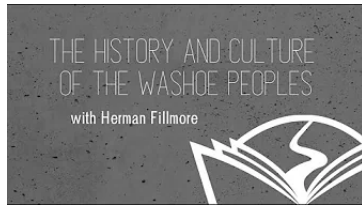
“Utah leaders are preparing for a legal fight over the Colorado River as the seven states that share the dwindling water supply remain at odds. Utah lawmakers have requested roughly \$6 million to be earmarked for litigation over the Colorado River. “It’s really, really critical to our state,” Rep. Rex Shipp, vice chair of the House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee, said about the river during a committee meeting on Feb. 11. About 40 million people across Utah, the Southwest U.S. and northern Mexico rely on the Colorado River for drinking water and agriculture. Over two decades of drought and an exceptionally warm and dry winter this year have pushed the river system near a breaking point: Lake Powell may reach power pool this year, cutting off electricity generation and unleashing infrastructure challenges at Glen Canyon Dam. ... ” [Read more from the Salt Lake Tribune.](#)

Experts anticipate major US reservoir could reach critical level by end of 2026: ‘Efforts have been productive’

“Lake Powell is again in the danger zone. The chronically water-hungry reservoir could reach “minimum power pool” by December because of drought conditions. What’s happening? The

lake, which is predominantly located in Utah and crosses the Arizona border, would not be able to produce electricity, according to a monthly Bureau of Reclamation study, [KNAU](#) reported. The [two-year projection](#) shows that the water level is rapidly approaching 3,490 feet of elevation, below which the Glen Canyon Dam is unable to generate power. Under the worst-case scenario, this would happen by August. ... ” [Read more from The Cool Down](#).

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A Must Read [Stop Steve Pearce](#) by [Jim Pattiz](#) and [More Than Just Parks](#) The most consequential public lands confirmation fight in a generation is here.

On Wednesday, February 25th, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a confirmation hearing for Steve Pearce, Trump’s nominee to run the Bureau of Land Management.

Let me put that another way. The agency responsible for safeguarding 245 million acres of your land — one in every ten acres in the United States — is about to be handed to a man who has spent his entire career arguing those acres shouldn’t be public at all.

https://morethanjustparks.substack.com/p/stop-steve-pearce?utm_source=share&utm_medium=android&r=5z4zi5&triedRedirect=true

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# National Automobile Museum

You're Invited: Grand Opening of Our New Podcast & Production Studios, February 24th, from 4 to 6 pm.

The National Automobile Museum is proud to announce the launch of our brand-new Podcast & Production Studios—an exciting opportunity for businesses, organizations, clubs, and creators throughout Reno-Sparks.

Have you ever wanted to start a podcast but felt discouraged by the high cost of professional equipment and production support? We've made the investment, so you don't have to. Our studios provide everything you need to produce a polished, professional show—without spending thousands of dollars on technology.

#### What We Offer:

- Two state-of-the-art studios located inside the National Automobile Museum
- Professional visual and audio production capabilities
- Three cameras, studio lighting, microphones, and comfortable studio furnishings
- An on-staff engineer to guide you through the process and deliver a fully produced final product

Whether you want to promote your company, highlight your industry, share your organization's story, or educate and inspire your audience, our team is here to help bring your vision to life. We can incorporate images, video elements, and on-screen graphics—creating a dynamic multimedia experience that goes far beyond audio alone.

#### Affordable Production Packages

We offer some of the most cost-effective studio options in the region. Choose from 10-minute, 30-minute, or 60-minute fully engineered productions. In fact, you can produce two 25-minute shows—fully edited and ready to publish within 72 hours—for as little as \$100.

#### Join Us for the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Celebrate the official launch of our Podcast & Production Studios on February 24th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the National Automobile Museum. Tour the studios, meet our production team, step in front of the cameras, and experience the professional setup firsthand.

This is your opportunity to step into the spotlight, share your message, and connect with the community in an entirely new way—all from one of the country's premier automobile museums.

For more information or to schedule a studio tour, contact us at [podcast@automuseum.org](mailto:podcast@automuseum.org) or call (775) 333-9300.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*“Libraries are everyman’s free university.”*

*— John Jakes*

National Geographic:

This past January, nearly 300 people and 300 head of cattle traveled a century back in time for the Great Florida Cattle Drive—a **living history reenactment that pays homage to the state's once-thriving cattle industry**. Participants dressed as cowboys of yore moved cattle dozens of miles, braved surprisingly frigid weather, and saw a version of Florida before humans altered the land. Photographer Carlton Ward Jr. managed to capture the joyful chaos of the long journey and the scale of such a grand reenactment.



Herding cattle led to the creation of America's once favorite pastime: rodeos. National Geographic spent a season behind the chutes in the 1990s. From adoring fans to bloody injuries, you can feel the highs and lows of the sport in photographer William Albert Allard's vibrant images. **Read our archival piece to dive into the secret world of cowboys.**

**Pathways for future chefs:** Nevada Dairy Farmers has reintroduced culinary scholarships, offering up to \$20,000 for Nevada residents 17 and older in culinary programs. Applicants submit a dairy recipe, photos and a video -- [see eligibility and requirements](#).

*When I was young we couldn't afford much. But, my library card was my key to the world.*  
—John Goodman

## Can A.I. Already Do Your Job?

“Vibecoding,” or using artificial-intelligence tools such as Claude Code to generate code for websites or apps, is the newest A.I. trend, and it could transform the software-development industry.

Kevin Roose, a technology columnist for The New York Times, takes us inside the process.

Guest: **Kevin Roose**, a technology columnist for The New York Times in the San Francisco Bay Area and a host of the Times tech podcast, “Hard Fork.”

Background reading:

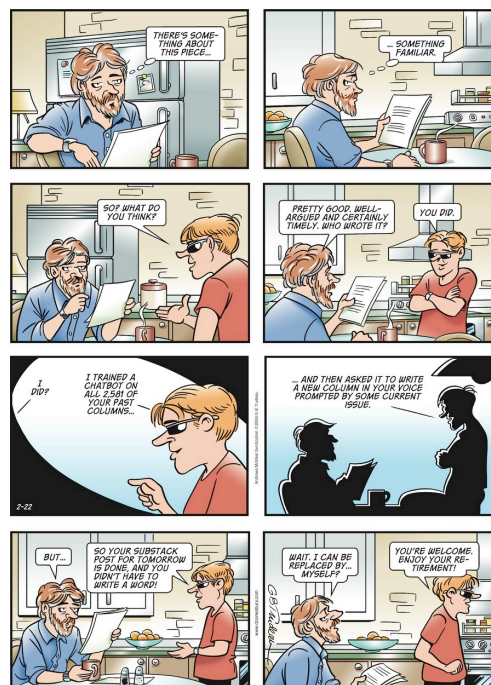
- Here is the website Kevin and Natalie built during the episode.
- Here are five ways people are using Claude Code.
- With “vibecoding,” A.I. can help anyone build an app.

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## [The Oaklandside](#)

### **Sogorea Te' Land Trust and city of Oakland protect Sausal Creek headwaters**



Read article

So much information to begin understanding the original inhabitants of the East Bay. <https://sogoreate-landtrust.org>

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### **UC Berkeley cuts ties with nonprofit focused on diversity amid Trump administration pressure**



Read article

AP Extract:

### **Recent clashes between Kristi Noem and Native American reservations**

There is a history of tension between the Oglala Sioux and DHS that dates back to when Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem was governor of South Dakota. In 2024, Star Comes Out [banned Noem](#) from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota after Noem [said](#) — without evidence — that cartels were infiltrating reservations in the state.

During her time as governor, Noem was banned from most of the nine reservations in the state.

[Noem told federal lawmakers](#) that a gang calling itself the Ghost Dancers was affiliated with drug cartels and was committing murder on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Star Comes Out said at the time that he took deep offense at her reference, saying the Ghost Dance is one of the Oglala Sioux’s “most sacred ceremonies,” and was used by Noem “with blatant disrespect and is insulting to our Oyate,” using the Lakota word for “people” or “nation.”

At the time Noem said Star Comes Out’s decision was “unfortunate” and that her focus was on working together.

## Controversial collaborations with immigration agencies

The controversy between the Oglala Sioux Tribe and ICE comes as some Native American tribes with contracts with Homeland Security are rethinking those agreements.

A tribal business entity associated with the [Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation](#) ended [a nearly \\$30 million](#) federal contract signed in October to come up with an early design for immigrant detention centers across the U.S, [after the deal was derided](#) online as “disgusting” and “cruel” by tribe members. Many questioned how a tribe whose own ancestors were uprooted two centuries ago from the Great Lakes region and corralled on a reservation south of Topeka could participate in the Trump administration’s mass deportation efforts.

In Alaska, Indigenous shareholders penned an op-ed in [the Anchorage Daily News](#) advocating that the Bering Straits Native Corporation — owned by thousands of Native American shareholders in Alaska — divest from all immigration detention centers across the country.

A spokesperson for the company didn’t respond to an e-mailed request for comment.

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### Presidential Actions *Executive Orders*

[Continuing the Suspension of Duty-Free De Minimis Treatment for All Countries](#)

February 20, 2026

### Ending Certain Tariff Actions

February 20, 2026

[Promoting the National Defense by Ensuring an Adequate Supply of Elemental Phosphorus and Glyphosate-Based Herbicides](#) February 18, 2026

### Proclamations

[National Angel Family Day, 2026](#) February 23, 2026

[Imposing a Temporary Import Surcharge to Address Fundamental International Payments Problems](#)

February 20, 2026

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### History Bits

**1642 Feb 25** Dutch settlers in New Netherland (New York) massacred members of the Hudson Valley tribe who came to them for shelter against Mohawks.

**1802 Feb 22** Indian Agent Fred Spriggs denied that there was smallpox on the Pyramid Lake reservation and also denied that there was a quarantine in force.

**1851 Feb 27** An Act established all laws then in force regulating trade and intercourse with Indians over those tribes living in the Territories of Utah and Arizona.

- 1859 Feb 28** Congress carved Nevada out of Utah Territory and Dakota Territory out of Nebraska Territory.
- 1865 Feb 23** Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed the Unitah Reservation.
- 1866 Feb 26** Lincoln County, Nevada, was created , after having previously been a part of New Spain, Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah territories.
- 1877 Feb 28** Another treaty was broken by the U.S. when the Black Hill were seized from the Lakota.
- 1891 Feb 28** Congressional act to ammend the General Allotment Act of 1871 to allot each Indian an 1/8 section.
- 1897 Feb 24** **Gourd Rattler** baptizd Episcopal.
- 1903 Feb 24** **Gourd Rattler** died (smallpox?).
- 1911 Feb 26** The “last Indian uprising” occurred when a band of Indians led by Shoshone Mike allegedly killed four stockmen in northern Washoe County in January. State police and sherriff’s posse broke up the band and killed Shoshone Mike west of Paradise Valley.
- 1937 Feb 27** Washoe Indians issued a coporate charter and became formally “recognized”.
- 1943 Feb 24** 3,919.37 acres were purchased for McDermitt under IRA.
- 1944 Feb 24** President Roosevelt signed Excutive Order 9426 authorizing the Secretary of War to take possession of lands and facilities of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in California and Nevada.
- 1959 Feb 24** John Ciandi of the *Satruday Review*; “A savage after all, is simply a human organism that has not recieved enough news from the human race.”
- 1973 Feb 27** Native Americans took control of a richly symbolic settlement at Wounded Knee Creek on South Dakota to protest federal treatment of Native Americans alnd alliances between federal officials and entrenched tribal leaders..
- 2001 Feb 23** A federal appeals court upheld rulings that the U.S. government has mismanaged funds held in trust for Native American tribes.

*Ed note: please feel free to start a History Bit for your community and if you life, share some of the dates with me.*

In Loving Memory of  
*Estella "Mouse" Pancho*



*September 29, 1941 - February 15, 2026*

Services

Saturday - 11 am  
February 28, 2026  
Nixon Gym - Nixon, NV

Handgamers

Please bring your  
drums/sticks

Burial

Nixon Cemetery

Dinner to Follow

Nixon Gym

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by February 25th

Thank You Frank and Lea