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Giving the Land a Voice - Bruce Gordon's Life in Conservation Aviation

By Bob Hembree
Lake Powell Chronicle

PAGE, Arizona — “We like to think that when we're up there in the air, we're like giving the land a voice,” said Bruce Gordon, founder and chief pilot of EcoFlight, a nonprofit aviation group that blends aerial perspective with environmental education. “It's no longer just a line on the map.”

For decades, Gordon has flown over the American West in small aircraft, offering seats to journalists, scientists, elected officials, and—perhaps most importantly—young people. The goal, he said, is to help people understand the land not through documents or debate, but by seeing it for themselves.

EcoFlight's Mission and Reach

“My organization is called EcoFlight. And we're a nonprofit, a 501 C. And we raise money so that we can help people learn about the environment,” Gordon said. “We do it in a really



Photo by Bob Hembree
Inside EcoFlight's Cessna 210 Centurion six passenger airplane.

unique way. I call it conservation aviation. So, our mission statement is to educate and advocate for the environment using small airplanes.”

Each year, EcoFlight flies hundreds of people, “over 400 organizations last year,” Gordon said, “over 1,000 people last year” in its fleet of six-seater planes. “We accomplish our mission by flying politicians, media representatives, concerned citizens, scientists, anyone we think that will benefit from the aerial perspective.”

The focus, Gordon said, is not on partisan viewpoints. “We pride ourselves on not having

people look at the left side of the window, proverbially, or the right side of the window, proverbially. We want them looking down at the landscape, educating themselves, and then advocating for what they care about.”

Outreach from the Sky

The flights are not just about the view; they're about impact. “So, you know, we fly the media representatives over, let's say, Lake Powell and say, oh, you hear it's 30% down. Well, take a look at this,” he said. “A lot of times, people go, oh, my goodness, this is really, this is more dramatic than

I thought.”

The same goes for lawmakers. “A congressman I'll fly, and he's putting lines out on a map and wanting designations, certain designations based on his maps. And then all of a sudden, he'll go up in the air, and he says, boy, that place is really special. Let's change the designation.”

To Gordon, the key is perspective. “Now you're actually looking at them. You're getting that perspective, that big, all-encompassing perspective.”

From Earth Day Flights to Youth Engagement

The nonprofit also runs an annual student program called Flight Across America, a multiday learning tour designed to immerse young adults in complex environmental issues.

“This whole program got started because many years ago, I flew Congressman (Tom) Foley. He was Speaker of the House. And he fell

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Page City Council Eyes Parking Corridor Behind Safeway as First Step in Downtown Revitalization



Photo by Bob Hembree
Mayor Steven Kidman takes time off from work to discuss his ideas for revitalizing Page with the Chronicle.

By Bob Hembree
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A Centerpiece for Change

The back lot behind Safeway and the neglected strip of asphalt between the shopping plaza and John C. Page Memorial Park may soon become the city's next focal point for investment.

Mayor Steve Kidman's proposal to transform the area into a landscaped parking corridor—complete with improved access, added shade, and visual screening—was the centerpiece of a City Council work-study session held April 2. Kidman and Vice Mayor Mike Farrow had walked the area earlier that day, mapping out what could become the first phase in a broader revitalization effort.

“I zeroed in and I thought, OK, now I know this is an area right here in the middle of the city that needs some work,” Kidman told the Chronicle at the site. “That is a good center project.”

Design and Goals

The proposed plan, still in its early design stages, would cut a new two-way parking lane into the grassy edge of the city park, aligned behind the Safeway building. Angled parking on both sides of the lane could add as many as 95 new spots. A landscaped divider would shield the view of the businesses' rear walls from the park.

“This could make it look much nicer from this direction,” Kidman said, gesturing toward the plaza. “Whether it's located in this divider or right here, that's something to be determined by engineers... I would like to camouflage the

backside of this because it's not the prettiest building.”

The city owns the land, which runs from the back wall of Safeway Plaza into the public park. A narrow breezeway, currently closed, once provided pedestrian access through the middle of the plaza. Kidman said reopening that passage, along with strategic improvements to lighting and trash enclosures, could draw more foot traffic from the park into the commercial area.

Phased Revitalization Approach

The project is one of four “macro areas” Kidman and Farrow identified during their walkthrough. They envision the downtown core—bounded by Lake Powell Boulevard, 6th Street, and South Navajo Drive—broken into zones for phased development, each with its own goals for parking, sidewalks, signage, and public amenities.

“We looked at four areas,” Farrow said. “Macro A is South Navajo. Macro B is 6th Street to Elm. Macro C is the alley behind Safeway. Macro D is that front block by Red's, in front of Ace. Our idea was, if we agree those are all macros, then within the budget there are some micro elements that we can put—sidewalk poles, lighting, ADA ramps, changing the parking angle.”

Grant Funds and Timeline

The funding is real—and so is the deadline. The City of Page has secured a \$5 million grant, initially intended for the controversial “Streetscape” project, matched by \$4.8 million from its own budget. It's

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Annual First Responders Meeting Emphasizes Safety and Coordination Across Colorado Plateau



Photo courtesy of Coconino County
First responders and agency representatives pose for a group photo at the 13th Annual Colorado Plateau First Responders Network Meeting, held at the headquarters of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Page, Arizona, April 17, 2025.

By Bob Hembree
Lake Powell Chronicle

More than 40 representatives from tribal, local, state, and federal agencies convened Wednesday at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area headquarters for the 13th Annual Colorado Plateau First Responders Network Meeting. The gathering was co-hosted by Lena Fowler, the Coconino County Supervisor, and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

The annual meeting

provides a structured opportunity for regional emergency service providers to review past incidents, share updates, and coordinate preparations for the busy spring and summer recreation season.

“Thank you to everyone who participated, collaborated, and continues to serve our communities with dedication and heart,” Fowler said in a public statement following the meeting.

Incident Review

Highlights Boating Safety

A major focus of this year's agenda was a 2024 multi-agency boating incident. District Ranger Grie, Park Ranger Plassman, and Coconino County Deputy Lasky presented a detailed review of the response, emphasizing critical lessons related to vessel weight capacity and water safety enforcement.

As Glen Canyon and Lake Powell attract thousands of seasonal visitors, the review served

as a timely reminder of the risks and shared responsibilities associated with emergency management on the water.

Agency Collaboration and Opening Remarks

Coconino County Supervisor Lena Fowler, Glen Canyon Superintendent Michelle Kerns, and Jessica Barr, the Chief Ranger for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, delivered opening remarks.

Participating agencies included the Coconino

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'use it or lose it' for grant money, so the city must show progress soon.

"We've got to get moving on it," Kidman said. "This is a good project."

Engineering and Amenities

In the meantime, city staff have been directed to issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) from engineering firms to start formal planning. No specific design has been selected yet, but the RFQ will help identify qualified firms and move the project toward buildable plans.

As envisioned, the parking corridor could include upgraded bathrooms near the skate park, electrical hookups for food trucks, improved trash enclosures, and ADA-compliant paths connecting the lot to park and plaza. Kidman is also floating the idea of adding concrete tables for Native American artisans to sell crafts, a concept he saw implemented in Sedona's Oak Creek Canyon. The vendor tables would be located between the parking lot and the park, with signage on Lake Powell Boulevard to promote them.

"I just think this could all be a good synergy," Kidman said. "We want to make it a win-win with



Photo by Bob Hembree

Vice Mayor Mike Farrow is collaborating with Mayor Kidman to steer the city through practical, incremental revitalization plans.

that landlord and figure out how to make it look nice, be inviting for all of this parking and people in the park to come this way to businesses."

Public Input and Design Concepts

The next step is public input. Display boards would be set up in council chambers showing the proposed macro areas and inviting feedback. Residents would be able to drop in, leave sticky notes with suggestions, or submit comments online. Business owners along the proposed corridor would also be contacted directly.

Councilor Amanda Hammond emphasized the importance of including working families and business owners in the public input process.

"We want citizens to be able to come potentially



Photo by Bob Hembree

Kidman and Farrow want to utilize space more efficiently and provide an attractive transition between the park and uptown businesses.

after hours for those that work during the day," she said during the study session. "But I don't want to put that extra burden on staff."

Calls for Beautification and Identity

Councilor Debra Roundtree suggested the city incorporate public art and landscaping into the



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Part of the revitalization plan being considered includes planting trees to conceal the buildings behind John C. Page Park.

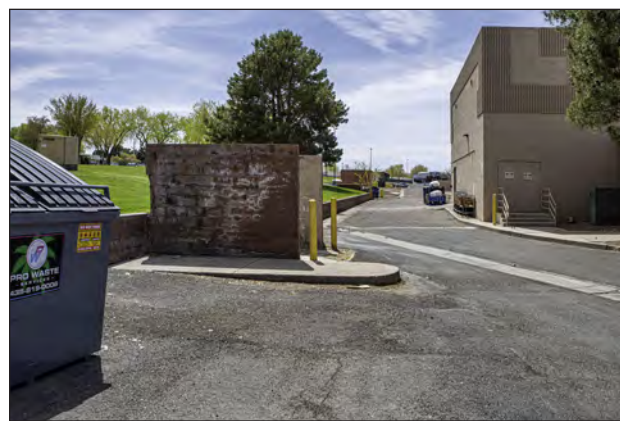


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The City of Page owns the alleyway behind Safeway Plaza and intends to clean it up, widen it, and create additional parking spaces.

Kidman said the idea is to create momentum with a clearly defined first step, rather than letting the perfect delay the practical.

"I haven't come across anybody that thinks it would be a bad upgrade to our downtown area," he told his colleagues. "We can get behind it, we can get moving on it, and then project two through whatever, we make sure that we get them into a

priority list."

Vice Mayor Farrow agreed. "Now we have a course of action that we can immediately solve something," he said. "We walk through and count all the businesses, and what's the greatest impact for all those people."

Council expects to review public input and engineering firm qualifications by early summer.

final layout.

"You immediately respect or go, 'Oh wow, this is going to be a great little town,'" she said, referencing communities that use sculpture and landscaping as visual markers. "I think that would greatly add to the beautification of our downtown."

What's Next?

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Prepares for 2025 Visitor Season

By Bob Hembree
Lake Powell Chronicle

PAGE, Ariz. — The National Park Service is preparing for another busy year at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument, which continue to draw approximately 5 million visitors annually. Superintendent Michelle Kerns confirmed that the park's primary operational areas are now open and ready for the 2025 season.

"All of our major facilities, including visitor centers, marinas, lodges, restaurants, boat rentals, and campgrounds, are open," Kerns wrote in an April 14 letter to park partners. "We look forward to working with area communities as we all strive to provide a world-class experience for visitors to the area."

According to the park's projections, water levels at Lake Powell are expected to remain consistent with last summer. "We anticipate that all ramps open last summer will remain open this summer season," the letter stated.

Several long-term infrastructure projects are also moving forward, with a focus on ensuring continued access and operations under low-water conditions. "Several of those projects are in the design phase, while the



Photo by Bob Hembree

Wahweap Bay as seen from Wahweap Overlook Jan. 28, 2020

park is preparing to move others into environmental reviews, which will include opportunities for public review and comment," Kerns said.

The letter urged visitors to prepare before visiting and observe

safety guidelines while driving, boating, and hiking. "Let's have a great year," Kerns wrote. "Prepare for your trip, be wise as you make plans, make memories and leave no trace."

Kerns ended the letter

with a reminder of the Park Service's enduring mission: "We in the National Park Service are in the forever business and want to provide these experiences for future generations."

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County Sheriff's Office, Page Police Department, Page Fire Department, Big Water Fire Department, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Services, Navajo Nation Police Department, Navajo Nation Fire Department, Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management, National Park Service (including Glen Canyon National Recreation Area), Bureau of Land Management, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Classic Air Medical, Intermountain

Support from Local Business

Canyon-X Tours, a regional tour company based in Page, sponsored lunch for all attendees. The organizers acknowledged the business for its ongoing support of first responders and community events.

Preparedness for Peak Season

With the peak tourism and recreation season approaching, the meeting underscored the significance of real-time communication, interagency relationships, and seasonal coordination. Organizers stated that the Colorado Plateau's remote terrain and jurisdictional complexity render cross-agency training and planning essential.

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asleep. And I said, man, that sort of sucks. I mean, he's not listening. How do I make a difference?" Gordon said.

"So, I said, how about the young people, young people in our life?" Gordon worked with singer-songwriter and aviator John Denver—one of his close friends—on the original idea.

"He and I hatched a plan around Earth Day 2000 to start up in Alaska and fly the plane across the country and end up in Washington, D.C. on Earth Day 2000," he said. "He's going to fly. He'll bring a lot of attention. That'll be good. And each overnight or at certain places overnight, we'd have a little dog and pony show, talk about local issues, et cetera."

Denver began recruiting other celebrity pilots, "Tom Cruise and Harrison Ford and Travolta," Gordon said. "I mean, he knew these people. They were pilots."

After Denver's untimely death, Gordon continued the program in his honor. "I wanted to do something in his memory. And so we created this program, Flying Across America. And we do it every year."

John Denver died in a fatal crash Oct. 12, 1997, when the experimental aircraft he was piloting plunged into the Pacific Ocean near Monterey Bay, California. Denver, an experienced aviator, was flying a Rutan Long-EZ—a lightweight, single-engine plane known for its unconventional design, when the aircraft ran out of fuel mid-flight. According to the



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Left to Right: EcoFlight pilot Gary Craft, Alex Haruas, Georgie Pongyesva, Anna Penner and Zanna Stutz.

National Transportation Safety Board, the plane's fuel selector valve was positioned in a difficult-to-reach location behind the pilot's seat, which may have contributed to the accident. He was 53 years old.

This Year's Route: Aerial Education in the Southwest

The 2025 student flight program focused on tribal lands and energy transitions. "This time, we're down here in the desert southwest doing a lot of tribal work and working on some of these areas that are at risk, with the theme being energy transition."

Students began their flight in Flagstaff before stopping in Kayenta, Farmington, Blanding, Page and over the Grand Canyon. At each stop, they spoke with people impacted by energy policy and landscape change.

"We're talking about renewables, old ways of producing energy. What are the pros and cons about it?" Gordon said. "We've heard about the concerns that a lot of people have with the closing of the coal power plants. We've heard other people say that, you know, this transition, they weren't making any money. It needed to be

closed. And so how do we now get into a transition?"

The group toured solar installations, such as the one replacing the shuttered San Juan Generating Station near Farmington. "They immediately started putting in solar. And the advantage of that place is they have transmission lines already in place. So that seemed to me like a real win-win situation."

From Climber to Conservation Pilot

Gordon's path to starting EcoFlight wasn't straightforward. "I was a climber. I used to climb in the Himalayas," he said. "After the service, I got drafted during the Vietnam process, I went out and was a ski bum and not sure what I wanted to do."

Then he found flying. "I found out that the Veterans Affairs was paying people to learn to be a pilot. And so, I got to do that. And through a series of people I met and ideas, we took our passions for flying and our passions for the environment."

He describes his work today with plain honesty. "We operate totally on tax-deductible gifts, pay ourselves a small salary."

Still Flying

Back in Colorado, Gordon said one of the most rewarding moments



Photo by Bob Hembree

"We pride ourselves on not having people look at the left side of the window, proverbially, or the right side of the window, proverbially," said Bruce Gordon



Photo by Bob Hembree

Aerial view of Glen Canyon Dam from EcoFlight's single engine Cessna. (April 9, 2025)

came when local students presented their aerial experiences to a packed high school auditorium. "It warms my heart to do it," he said.

And while he jokes that some politicians make him want to "throw [them] out of the plane half the time," Gordon has no plans of slowing down. His wife Janie Gordon now serves as EcoFlight's CEO. "Now I have to take orders from the government," he laughed.

When asked for his title, Gordon replied simply: "I'm the founder and chief pilot right now."



Photo by Bob Hembree

The nonprofit also runs an annual student program called Flight Across America, a multiday learning tour designed to immerse young adults in complex environmental issues.

He added, "I have a challenging job in the most exciting and world."

Credit Card Scams evolving, Be Alert



This is a heads up for everyone regarding the latest in Visa fraud. This is happening in the Midwest right now and moving across the country. This one is pretty slick, since they provide YOU with all the information, except the one piece they want.

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a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching, and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address). Is that correct?" You say 'yes'.

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how the scam works - The caller then says, 'I need to verify you are in possession of your card'. He'll ask you to 'turn your card over and look for some numbers'. There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the last 3 are the Security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the last 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, 'That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other

questions?' After you say no, the caller then thanks you and states, 'Don't hesitate to call back if you do', and hangs up. You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the card number. The REAL VISA Security Department says this is a scam and what happens is that once you provide them with the 3 digit security code, a new purchase of \$497.99 (or whatever they said) gets charged. What the Scammer wants is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or MasterCard directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA will

never ask for anything on the card, as they already know the information, since they issued the card! If you give the Scammer your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's more difficult to actually file a fraud report. If you receive a call like this **HANG UP!** and call the number on the back of your card to verify if there has been any suspicious activity on your account. It appears that this is a very active scam, and evidently quite successful... #BlaineCoSheriffIdaho



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A Place at the Table

In Psalm 42:5 (AMPC), the psalmist asked, “Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me and be disquieted within me?” It seems to be that way with many people today. Because of the pressures of everyday life—in our work, finances, our homes, or relationships—there is some form of depression, discouragement, or discontentment in almost everyone you see.

But it really doesn't have to be that way. We do not need to live our lives downcast. We can be content, encouraged, and joyful even in the midst of troubles.

For many years I felt bad about myself because of the abuse I endured for most of my childhood. I felt damaged and ashamed and focused more on what I did wrong than anything else. That is until I came to an understanding of who I am in Christ!

You see, what we think of ourselves has a lot to do with how we feel about ourselves. You don't have to be mad at yourself because you don't do everything right. You can enjoy your life even while you have a problem! The question is can you see yourself the way God sees you—the way He says you are in His Word? Will you trust the Holy Spirit to work in you until you can see it? Don't worry...you don't have to wait until He's done; the work is ongoing. You just need to trust Him.

In a book I read about shepherds and sheep, it talks about how a shepherd will go to the “table lands,” a high plateau that is difficult to reach but where there is good, healthy grass for the sheep to graze. He goes and “prepares” the land by removing any poisonous grasses and

flowers that could harm the sheep. In Psalm 23:5 (AMPC), David says, “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...” And 2 Samuel, Chapter 9 tells a beautiful story that conveys how welcome we are at that table.

Sometime after the death of King Saul and his son Jonathan, David began to search for someone in the bloodline of Saul to be good in Jonathan's memory. Jonathan had been like a brother to David, and he wanted to honor his friend by showing favor to any of his descendants. David found out that Jonathan had a son who was still alive. But he was told that the young man had “issues.” His feet were lame. That was no matter to King David, who sent for the young man, Mephibosheth, to be brought to him.

Of course, Mephibosheth came in fear and shame, bowing and asking, “What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I am?” (v. 8 AMPC). Many of us come to God that way because we do not feel good enough or that we deserve God's love, grace and mercy. I felt this way for a long time, so I understand what it's like. But we don't have to be good enough to come to God. He wants us to come to Him just as we are, and then He will change the things about us that need to be changed as we grow in our relationship with Him.

David assured Mephibosheth, saying, “Fear not, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your father [grandfather], and you shall eat at my table always” (v. 7).

The last verse of that chapter says, “So

Enjoying Everyday Life



Joyce Meyer

Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table, [even though] he was lame in both feet” (v. 13). What a beautiful account of unconditional love, acceptance and redemption!

This is our story as well. The table has been prepared for us in the presence of all our enemies—all our issues and problems. The Lord welcomes us to His table and anoints our heads with oil, which symbolizes the Holy Spirit. The custom in those days was to anoint the body with oil mixed with perfume to refresh and invigorate. In the same way, the anointing of the Holy Spirit refreshes and energizes our hearts.

Another custom was the filling of the cup. As long as the host continued to fill a guest's cup, it meant that the guest was welcome. In Psalm 23:5-6, David says, “... You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over...and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.”

When the Lord is your Shepherd, there is no reason for you to feel insecure, ashamed, or fearful before Him. You will always be welcome at the table in the presence of God!

Harvey Leon Gardner

Harvey Leon Gardner, 93, passed away on the morning of April 11, 2025. He left this life peacefully in his home in Orem, Utah, with his sweetheart of 73 years, Darlene, holding his hand, and with his children at his bedside.

Harvey was born in Lakeside, Arizona on January 9, 1932, to Ralph Harvey Gardner and Helene Fish. He weighed in at almost twelve pounds and bragged that he was always “twice too heavy for my britches.” He started working in the lumber business when he was ten years old. He loved football and moved in with his grandparents in Mesa so he could play for Coach Mutt Ford and the Mesa High School Jackrabbits, winning several state championships. At 20 years old, he volunteered to be the first coach for his hometown football team. Reflecting on the first game he recalled, “The people in the stands were roaring with laughter when we came out...it looked like it was going to be a slaughter, but we were enthusiastic and tough as nails.” Lakeside won 44-12. They were for real. He has often said that his most fervent prayers have been for a first down.

It was truly love at first sight when Harvey met Darlene Earl. She was the new girl in town and they became high school sweethearts. He often said he loved her so much he could hardly breathe. They married on December 19, 1951, in the Mesa Arizona Temple. In 1952, he enlisted in the Seabees, the construction battalion of the U.S. Navy and served with them during the Korean War and afterwards until 1956, making stops in the Philippines, Alaska, and Japan during his service. The “old boilermaker” (as he liked to call himself) had become a skilled welder with the Seabees and took a job on the Glen Canyon Dam construction project creating beautiful Lake Powell. He and Darlene settled and raised their family in the adjacent fledgling town of Page, Arizona, becoming some of its earliest founding citizens. They were pillars of the community there for many years.

In Page he started several small businesses including a dairy distribution, a steakhouse,

an ice company, and his greatest business success: Page Steel. From humble scrappy beginnings, he grew it into a major supplier and fabricator in the western U.S. His son Doug ran the business during Harvey's “retirement years”, but Harvey remained steadfast on his forklift at Page Steel well into his 70's. However, he had resigned himself to only working half days – 6am to 6pm. He used to say that he was over 100 years old, with all the double shifts he had worked.

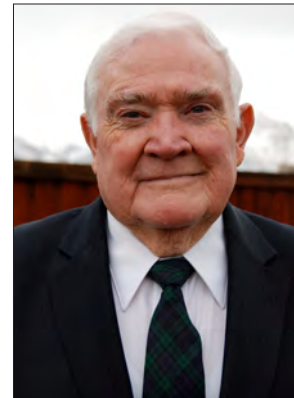
He dedicated his life to serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He knew and loved the Savior deeply and he heeded His admonition to ‘go forth’. He served in many callings from deacons quorum president to bishop, stake president of the Page Arizona Stake (1977-1984), regional representative, mission president in the New Zealand Wellington Mission (1992-1995), and an Area Authority Seventy.

He had a fierce love for the Lamanites. He drove thousands of rugged miles in his truck ministering to them in their homes on the reservation. He encouraged them, rejoiced and wept with them, and was beloved by them. Elder Boyd K. Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said of Harvey, “If you have need of counsel or information regarding the Navajo people, there is one man who knows more about them than any non-Native American I am aware of...He is a ‘been there–done that’ old timer...He is my longtime friend.” He was a generous donor to American Indian Services, providing many scholarships.

He treasured the people of New Zealand and the missionaries with whom he served. He cared immensely about their lives and held regular reunions to stay in touch. Some visited on the tender day of his passing and heard him speak the words one last time: “The Standard of Truth has been erected”.

Harvey believed that everyone has four great hungers: to be loved, appreciated, trusted, and understood. He loved relentlessly and taught that “there is no defense against love.” He was determined to affect positive outcomes for himself and others – there were no passive bones in his body. He was a master at mixing humor and heart-warming personal experiences with gospel principles. The scriptures were his constant companion. Etched in his memory with profound clarity, he had a verse ready for recitation for any occasion, and his love for the hymns and the word of God were contagious. He was joyful, he “lifted up the hands that hang down”, and he shared the gospel of Jesus Christ naturally and with sweet boldness – he feared no man.

Wisely, he recognized the value of his many difficult days and tough jobs and the lessons and growth that came from them. He expressed gratitude and awe for “more than [his] fair share of perfect days”. Some of his “perfect days” were family weddings, missionary farewells and homecomings, 4th of July celebrations, Christmas Eves reciting Luke 2, watching his grandkids



build a 30-foot snowman who they affectionately named “Harvey,” “Big House” family reunions where his children and grandchildren played, laughed, and crafted under one roof, and any day that BYU won a big game.

Generosity was his calling card and he expressed it in many signature forms. Thousands of people in the stakes he visited as an Area Authority heeded his challenge to memorize the Family Proclamation and were gifted CTR tie tacks, pendants, and pocket knives. He took thousands of photos and loved to print them in large formats and include handwritten notes on them. Every Christmas for over 60 years, his neighbors could expect a hand-delivered box of oranges, and making the deliveries became a cherished family tradition. He took his family out to lunch and dinner often. He never gambled a nickel in his life, but he was a high roller at the restaurant table and got a kick out of delighting servers with hundred dollar bills for tips. Luke 6:38 was a North Star for him, “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

He will be remembered forever as a devoted husband, a dedicated and loving father and grandfather, a patriot, a faithful priesthood holder, and a warrior for truth who was valiant in the testimony of Jesus.

He is survived by his precious wife Darlene Earl, and his seven beloved children Lisa (Todd) Roeller, Aven Gardner, Doug (Sherri) Gardner, David (Becky Kaverman) Gardner, Karen (Mark) Madsen, Jan Gardner, Jill (James) Durrant. His 28 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren were blessed to be showered by his unflinching love, encouragement, gifts, and family adventures.

He was welcomed home by his parents Ralph Harvey Gardner and Helene Fish, and his siblings Pearl, Nina, Duane, George, Ida May, Sherry, and Glen.

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Saturday, April 26, 2025

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11:00 AM Funeral (ARIZONA time)

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Prayer & Worship Service 11 am

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Sunday 10 am

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Page 1st & 4th Wards meet at 313 S. Lake Powell Blvd.
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COMMUNITY

Making their mark: How Homeland prints Indigenous identity into youth spaces

By Brandelyn Clark
Cronkite News

PHOENIX — In a crowded auditorium, a group of Indigenous students stood shoulder to shoulder, eagerly waiting their turn to have their clothes screen printed by Homeland. The Native-led creative brand blends culture, music, fashion and community through hands-on workshops and cross-brand collaborations.

Homeland has become a growing pillar of cultural enrichment for Indigenous youths across Arizona in light of recent executive actions from President Donald Trump that aim to restrict diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

On Saturday, during the Phoenix Union High School District Native American Education Program's career expo, Homeland hosted a live screen printing workshop. Students learned how to create their own wearable art while hearing stories from Homeland's founders about life as Indigenous creatives. For many, it was a glimpse into what's possible.

Kayana Tsosie, a member of the Navajo Nation, a senior at Camelback High School and Miss Indian PXU 2024-25, left the event with more than a T-shirt; she left with a sense of belonging.

Her shirt, printed with Homeland's special event design, read "SKO GET JOB DEN," a nod to Native slang meaning "let's get a job then" and a rallying cry for students aiming to get their foot in the door of professional industries.

"It just shows how our Native communities can go out and represent ourselves, even though we don't get the resources," Tsosie said. "Homeland found their own resources that they could provide for (us) ... to put out a positive impact and kept telling us school was important and we have a future for ourselves if we really try."

Homeland's visibility in youth spaces like this aims to serve as a reminder that creativity can be a path to empowerment. By showing up and sharing their stories, Homeland's founders say they are trying to position themselves as role models.

They encourage students to build confidence and recognize that power can exist in many forms, whether on a canvas, on a shirt or in a story.

Jaron Roanhorse, a member of Homeland and



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"The culture that we represent and the communities that we represent are so beautiful to me, ... the more that we can showcase that through any type of Indigenous expression is a plus," Ty LodgePole says at Phoenix Union High School District Native American Education Program's career expo in April.

the Navajo Nation, said what drew him into the collective and continues to resonate with students in the group's workshops is the power of representation. Seeing someone from his community living creatively and confidently shifted the scope of what he believed was possible.

"It was super cool to see someone that's from my community, they're traveling all over the world doing just creative stuff. I would say that was a big inspiration for me. It made me think, 'We're from the same community, who's to say that I can't do that as well?'"

Roanhorse now works behind the scenes doing photo and video for Homeland.

"The whole goal was, for me personally, is to inspire ... young brown kids," Roanhorse said. "All it takes is hard work and staying focused so they could also be in these positions."

Phoenix Indian Center youth programming

In January, Homeland partnered with the Phoenix Indian Center and its Future Inspired Native American Leaders (F.I.N.A.L.) Youth Council to lead a screen printing workshop that combined creativity with community education.

Students on the council were invited to submit their own T-shirt designs, with Homeland selecting one to print and share with the group.

A design by Ciera Toledo, a member of the Navajo Nation and participant on the youth council, was chosen for the workshop. The experience left her feeling empowered, knowing that her artwork would be worn by her peers.

"When we're screen printing our T-shirts, I remember everybody was huddled up. They were excited, and we started mingling. ... They loved

the creativity that was involved because they never got an opportunity to screen print. They're glad they got to take something home with them," Toledo said.

The workshop served as an opportunity for Indigenous students to create something that represented their culture. This reflection incited a flurry of designs as students raced to express their tribal identities.

"Culture is medicine," Toledo said, noting Homeland had inspired her to intertwine her artistic ventures with her Native youth, we're told 'no' often. ... So it was really nice and good to hear from an older Indigenous artist. They taught me a lot, mainly to be proud and to represent."

Phoenix Indian Center's youth programming aims to reconnect teenagers with their tribal heritage. Belén Santistevan, youth development program manager, and Canté Zephier, a prevention specialist, help facilitate safe, intentional spaces for Indigenous youths in Phoenix. Santistevan is a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and Zephier is a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the Navajo Nation.

"Here in the city, a lot of them are very much disconnected from their culture. ... This idea of being connected to culture and being connected to other Native youth is something they are seeking out," Zephier said. "I have repeatedly emphasized with the kids that their voice is important and that it matters. A lot of times, people forget or don't acknowledge that kids and youth ... are an oppressed group in our society."

As DEI initiatives and funding for Indigenous colleges and youth programs are under threat by the Trump administration,



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Homeland members stand behind a table at the Phoenix Union High School District Native American Education Program's career expo in April. From left, Ryan Allison, Jorge Gonzalez, Ty LodgePole and Maryenn LodgePole described their brand journey and the screen printing process before high school students create their own products.

Homeland, Phoenix Indian Center and other cultural spaces are urging students to create a community and band together during this uncertain time.

"A lot of them had created bonds with other students who are not a part of the youth council. They were able to get to know each other a little bit more and feel like they had a place of community," Santistevan said.

That sense of belonging deepened once the students were introduced to Homeland.

"They met Homeland, and they saw this really cool Native collective. All the kids were like, 'Oh my God,'" Santistevan said. "It was really beautiful for them to be involved in every step of the (screen printing) process and see, 'Oh, I can do this, I have the power to do this.'"

According to the nonprofit Aspen Institute, Native youths who feel culturally educated are four times more likely to view themselves as capable of creating an impact than those who do not.

For Indigenous youth who grow up without representation in creative or academic spaces, that visibility can be a life-changing experience. It serves as a reminder that they're not alone.

"Native people are not going away," Santistevan said, noting that over the course of history, Native peoples have battled cultural erasure. "It's important to lift them up and to empower them to be proud of who they are, to continue advocating on behalf of their people."

Homeland's origins

Homeland is born out of Phoenix and the Navajo Nation. Founded in 2023, creators from various tribal nations have expanded from a performance group to an all-around collective that aims to be a hub for Indigenous visionary

whole narrative. The main goal in Homeland ... is to bring in more of our works and to have more eyes open," Gonzales said.

Ty LodgePole of the Navajo Nation is the founder of Homeland. With a deep commitment to uplifting Native voices and challenging barriers in underrepresented industries, LodgePole blends inspiration and purpose as a fashion designer. He uses his platform to show the strength of resilience and the need to carve out spaces where Indigenous people can shine.

"There's nothing more fun than doing what you love to do, with your friends and having some type of intention and purpose behind it. ... Growing up, I never had anybody that looked like me in the places that I wanted to be, such as the fashion industry. A lot of these spaces are very non-colored, non-brown," LodgePole said. "It's a beautiful time to be able to look like us."

Beyond creating physical art and fashion, Homeland aims to navigate spaces that historically alienate minorities and challenge harmful rhetoric against Native communities.

"It just feels like another day in America. We're just trying to continue to just be loud and proud of who we are and what we represent as Indigenous people," LodgePole said. "What we believe in, is culture and what we believe in, is community. There's a lot of power in just moving that way."

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TAKE A BREAK

INGREDIENTS

Servings: 4

- 2 chicken breasts
- 4 tablespoons hoisin sauce, divided
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar, divided
- 2 tablespoons mirin sauce, divided
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil, divided
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 2 heads of Boston lettuce, separated into leaves
- 1 carrot, finely julienned
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 1 teaspoon chili flakes (optional)

Asian-style chicken strips

DIRECTIONS

1. Place the chicken in a bowl or resealable bag, along with half the hoisin sauce, rice vinegar, mirin and sesame oil. Mix well and refrigerate for at least an hour and up to overnight.
2. Heat the remaining sesame oil and vegetable oil in a frying pan. Sear the chicken breasts about 6 minutes on each side, or until cooked through. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing into strips.
3. Prepare the sauce by mixing the peanut butter with the remaining hoisin sauce, rice vinegar and mirin. Add a little water to thin the sauce if it's too thick.
4. Arrange the lettuce leaves, chicken strips, carrots and green onions on a serving platter. Garnish with sesame seeds and chili flakes.



HOROSCOPE

Week of
April 20 to 26, 2025



ARIES

Embrace professional change without hesitation! Taking on new responsibilities will drive your progress and likely lead to a salary increase, even if time becomes an increasingly precious resource.



TAURUS

You may consider embarking on a journey or adventure that requires considerable preparation. Enrolling in a training course or diving into a new field of study could change how you see your future.



GEMINI

To reduce tensions, set aside some time for your loved ones. This time you spend together will help you open up to each other and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges each of you may be facing.



CANCER

You'll finally have time to spend with your partner. You must make minor adjustments to your relationship and free up time to do things with your better half. This will help you resolve many of the issues that have been bothering you.



LEO

You'll hear about a job opening that aligns with your professional goals. You'll need to invest time and work hard to adapt to your new responsibilities.



VIRGO

You'll be surprised to find yourself in the spotlight this week. Your presence will captivate those around you, and you'll receive applause for an impressive feat. You'll perform a heroic act that will boost your self-esteem.



LIBRA

Your family counts on your presence, so you may need to spend part of the week at home. Although your move is still a few months away, start preparing right away to stay ahead of the game.



SCORPIO

You'll know just what to say this week, and your words will resonate far and wide, especially on social media. Prepare for a series of enriching trips.



SAGITTARIUS

Indulge and spoil yourself this week. Take the opportunity to wander through stores and boutiques. You'll find useful items, and also a few goodies to brighten up your daily routine.



CAPRICORN

Prepare for a busy week ahead. Your enthusiasm and perseverance will set you apart. You're also likely to see a significant increase in your income, which will give rise to some wonderful celebrations.



AQUARIUS

Exhaustion is catching up with you, and a sleepless night could jeopardize your progress on certain projects. Embrace a new routine. A balanced diet and regular physical activity could work wonders for your energy levels.



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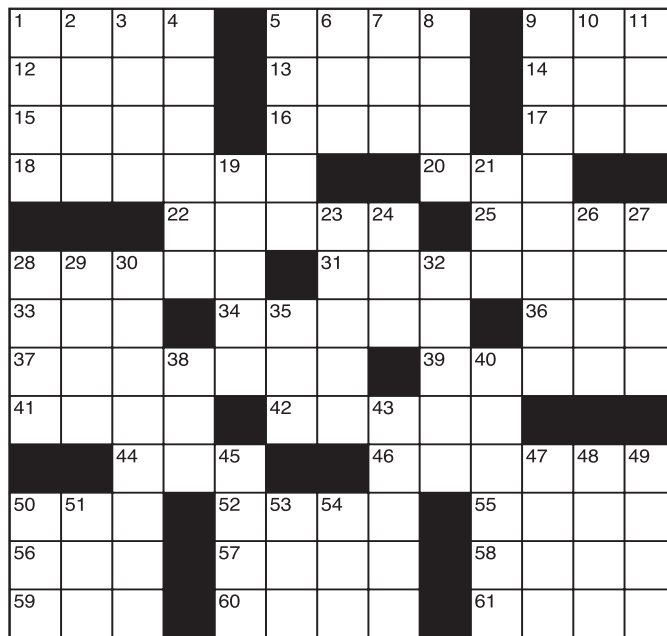
You'll be tasked with organizing a large-scale meeting at work. Your social life will be buzzing with activity. You'll show empathy and innovation this week. Divine inspiration may guide you.

The luckiest signs this week:
ARIES, TAURUS AND GEMINI



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ACROSS

1. "___ Old House"
5. Untidy condition
9. For what ___ worth
12. Sprint
13. Kind of exam
14. Touch-me-___
15. Higher than
16. City auto
17. Bashful
18. Cease
20. ___ your request
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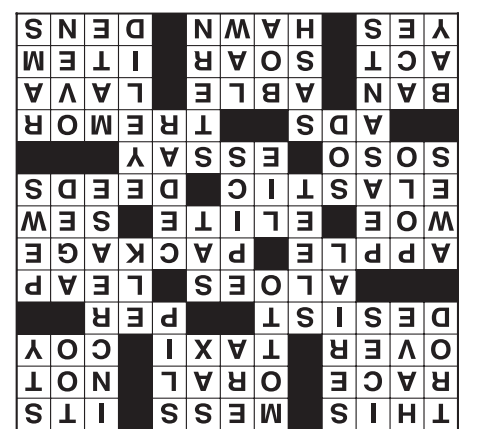
DOWN

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2. Possess
3. Chills
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41. Mediocre: hyph.
42. Literary composition
44. Promos
46. Small earthquake
50. Restrict
52. Up to the task
55. Volcanic flow
56. Appear onstage
57. Glide aloft
58. Separate article
59. Word of permission
60. Goldie ___ of films
61. Animal shelters

4. Done in installments
5. Slogan
6. Historical epoch
7. Jazz instrument, for short
8. Undergarment
9. Grow larger
10. As well
11. Porker's pen
19. Icy rain
21. Forest animal
23. Heroic stories
24. Posed
26. Like some wine
27. Church furniture
28. Fills with wonder
29. Game on horseback

30. Farm laborers
32. Fragrant wood
35. Falsehood
38. Grass-covered ground
40. Facial feature
43. Rigid
45. Soft belt
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54. Decree

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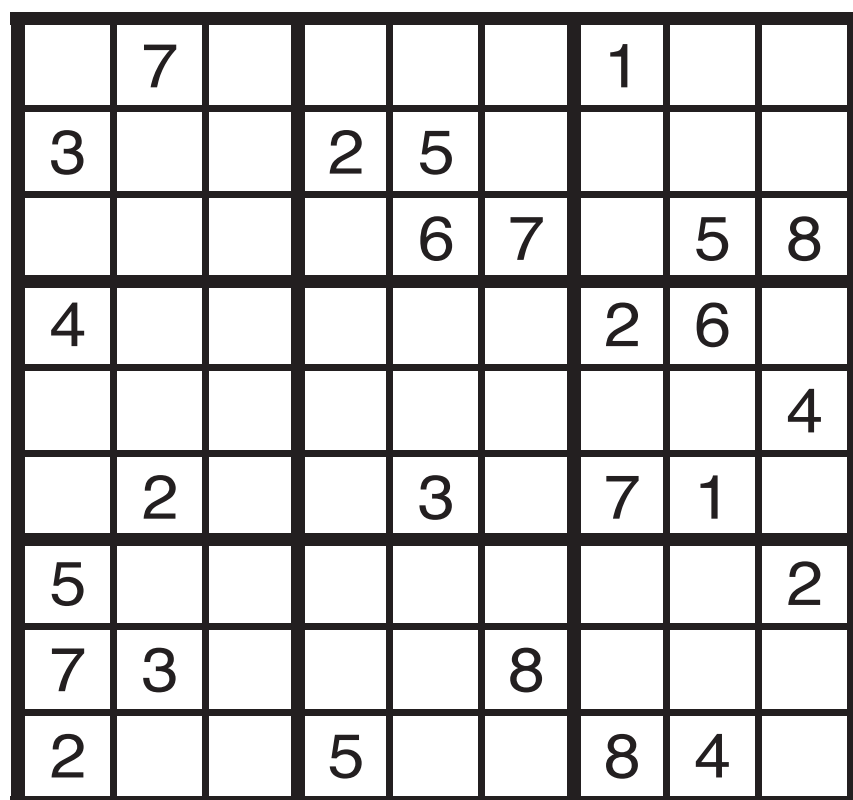


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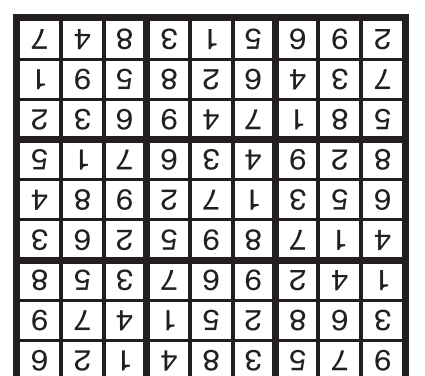
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PUZZLE NO. 1023

LEVEL:
ADVANCED



ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 1023



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 CITY OF PAGE, ARIZONA. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS - DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION AND REVITALIZATION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Statements of Qualifications will be accepted by the City Clerk for the City of Page, Page City Hall, 697 Vista Avenue, Page, Arizona, until 5:00 PM on May 6, 2025. At that time, submissions will be opened and recorded by the City Clerk. RFQ packages may be accessed on the City of Page website at www.cityofpage.org. Questions and other requests for an RFQ package shall be directed to: Kyle Christiansen, Public Works Director, P.O. Box 1180, Page, AZ 86040, kchristiansen@pageaz.gov, 928-645-4302. Submissions must be in the actual possession of the City Clerk's Office on or prior to the exact time and date indicated above. Late submissions shall not be considered and will be returned unopened. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and/or reissue this RFQ. Submissions must be obligated to accept any submission or to negotiate with any respondent. /s/ Cindy Scott, City Clerk. First Pub: 04-16-2025 Last Pub: 04-23-2025 LE 5935

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address of the known place of business is: 915 Coppermine Rd., Page, Arizona 86040. The name and street address of the Statutory agent is: Bryan Ward, 915 Coppermine Rd., Page, Arizona 86040. Management of the limited liability company is vested in a manager or managers. Management of the limited liability company is reserved to the members. The names and addresses of each person who is a member are: Member: Bryan Ward, 915 Coppermine Rd., Page, AZ 86040. Member: Heather Adams, 915 Coppermine Rd., Page, AZ 86040. Member: John Adams, 915 Coppermine Rd., Page, AZ 86040. First Pub: 04-16-2025 Last Pub: 04-30-2025 LE 5937

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Solar panels have more than proven themselves



By Patricia J. Rettig

I'd never heard of "net metering" until my electric bill hit \$600 last February. Desperate for a way to reduce utility costs that skyrocket in the winter because we use electric heaters, I started getting quotes for rooftop solar power.

That's when I learned about a state law that requires Colorado utilities to credit homeowners who send power back to the grid at the same rate they would pay to buy power from the power company. This "net metering" policy made adding solar to my home a good investment. Even though we didn't add batteries, which would have doubled our costs, our solar panels will offset a significant portion of our utility bills.

I'm a fan of net metering because it forces Xcel Energy, which enjoys a monopoly in my area, to discount our bill for any energy our solar panels produce. They do this even though it cuts into their profits. Net metering made the economics of solar power work in my instance, and we save money when the sun shines brightly and

spring days stay cold.

But after watching hurricanes knock out power across large regions of the country, I have a brand-new perspective on net metering. Rather than viewing it as a policy that lets homeowners save on utility bills, I'm thinking of net metering as a way to make where I live more resilient to natural disasters.

My parents live in Asheville, North Carolina which was devastated by Hurricane Helene in September 2024. They were out of town visiting family when the storm struck, but water and power outages kept them from getting home for weeks.

Until 2023, North Carolina had used net metering requirements to encourage solar installation, contributing to its status as the fourth-largest solar power-producing state in the country. But in recent years, power companies successfully persuaded legislators in North Carolina, as well as California, Nevada and Arizona, to switch from net metering to "net billing." That change and other policies now pay solar producers at significantly lower rates.

In those states, utilities argued that net metering hurts homeowners who don't have solar by increasing costs for non-solar power. But analyses, notably those conducted by public power consultant Richard McCann of mcubedecon.com, show that increased solar production saves

billions for non-solar producers in California.

When states move away from net metering—despite the dubious arguments justifying the shift—the pace of solar installations slows dramatically. In California, new solar installations dropped by 56% from 2022 to 2024.

For those of us with solar panels, I think it's time to think about adding storage batteries right from the start, using that extra electricity for battery charging. Batteries make any home more independent from the grid, but here's the catch: The cost can be prohibitive. I'm saving up as solar batteries cost between \$12,000 and \$20,000 for a typical home according to solarreviews.com.

The advantages to battery support, however, are significant. If homeowners use their net metering savings to add batteries to disconnect from the grid during outages, they could still pump water out of domestic wells, run refrigerators, or charge their phones until power is restored during natural disasters.

Normally, I wouldn't advocate for state governments to step in and regulate businesses. But in the case of power companies, I support net metering because there usually isn't a competitive free market for power.

Customers are at the mercy of electric companies that raised power prices 11% in 2022 and 2.5% in 2023,

according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's state electricity profiles. As the same companies were raising prices, they were also fighting to reduce the amount rebated to solar-producing homeowners.

Now that I'm aware of net metering and invested in providing solar power back to the

grid, I'm keeping tabs on any proposal that would reduce net metering in my state.

It's such a wonderful concept—thousands of homeowners selling power back to the electric company—while also reducing their vulnerability to natural disasters such as wildfire. What's even better:

Residential solar power mimics a stand-alone power plant, one that need never be built.

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