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• **The Alabama museum grappling with the 'Gulf of America'**

Last year Karen Poth decided it was time to rename the museum she runs in Mobile, Alabama, to better reflect its unique status.

To do so, she first had to line up support from elected officials and her board of directors before raising money for the project. Next, she needed to update the museum's website, logo and printed materials. Then in April 2024, she finally unveiled the new name in letters stretching 50ft across the eight-storey building: the [National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico](#), the only museum in the world dedicated to the history, folklore and culture of the largest gulf on Earth.

More: https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20250205-the-alabama-museum-grappling-with-the-gulf-of-america?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

Climate Current

A summary of local climate news and developments from the Sierra Nevada Ally

Then, two bills before the Nevada legislature are proposing water-rights buyback programs to reduce over-pumping of groundwater resources in the state.

Citizen Science Campaign Delivers Urban Heat Maps of Reno-Sparks

The [Reno-Sparks Heat Mapping Project](#) has released its results, which provides a snapshot in time of how urban heat varies across the Reno-Sparks community. The study, led by the Desert Research Institute and the Nevada State Climate Office at the University of Nevada, Reno, enabled researchers to create heat maps that show temperature variations throughout the 200-square-mile study area.

The study also demonstrated the value of “citizen science.” Volunteers from more than a dozen local and tribal governmental organizations and community groups contributed data throughout the project’s 2024 campaign.

Learn more about the study, its results and how it’s supporting the development of mitigation strategies for future heat waves in the latest piece from the Sierra Nevada Ally’s Vanesa de la Cruz Pavas.

[Read more on SierraNevadaAlly.org >>](#)



A Prospect from Singing Mountain

By [Michael P. Branch](#) [Authors & Storytellers](#) [December 30, 2024](#)

<https://sierranevadaally.org/2024/12/30/a-prospect-from-singing-mountain/>

A beautifully written story.....please read entire article.



“When Sand Mountain sings, it produces a unique note of between 60 and 105 hertz. Northern Paiute and Western Shoshone people have long honored this distinctive song, which they attribute to Kwansee, their ancient tribal benefactor, who lies buried beneath the dune and who sings for his lost love.”

Big Bird on Chopping Block?



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[https://news.artnet.com > art-world > cancelled-nea-grants-for-underserved-audiences-2606683](https://news.artnet.com/art-world/cancelled-nea-grants-for-underserved-audiences-2606683)

## **NEA's New Grant Rules Imperil Funding for Underserved Arts Programs**

TodayNEA's New Grant Rules Imperil Funding for Arts Programs in Underserved Communities ... the youth-led public art project from Brooklyn's Red Hook Art Project supported by a 2025 Challenge ...

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[https://www.chicagotribune.com > 2025 > 02 > 07 > a-new-directive-for-federal-arts-funding-the-spirit-of-76](https://www.chicagotribune.com/2025/02/07/a-new-directive-for-federal-arts-funding-the-spirit-of-76)

A new directive for NEA's federal arts funding: The spirit of '76

The directives given to the NEA effectively end direct funding of underserved audiences nationwide, after 60 years of the agency and nonprofit arts groups producing and presenting theater, film ...

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[https://deadline.com > 2025 > 02 > trump-national-endowment-for-the-arts-america-250-1236280766](https://deadline.com/2025/02/trump-national-endowment-for-the-arts-america-250-1236280766)

## **National Endowment For The Arts Shifts Grant Priorities In ... - Deadline**

The NEA is placing funding priority on projects "that celebrate and honor the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence." National Endowment For The Arts Shifts Grant ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/general/if-you-have-an-open-nea-grant-collect-it-now-before-it-s-too-late/ar-AA1yf1be>
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### **Assembly member Chris Rogers introduces bill to restore and protect Klamath River fisheries**

“Today, Assembly member Chris Rogers (D-Santa Rosa) introduced his first bill as a member of the California State Assembly. AB 263 is an important measure to protect salmon populations in the Klamath River [watershed](#) and provide local agricultural operations with more certainty on river flows. This measure was introduced in partnership with the Karuk and Yurok Tribes, as well as the California Coastkeeper Alliance. “I’m proud to stand with the fishermen and Tribes of the North Coast to protect California’s fisheries,” said Assembly member Rogers. “We have made tremendous strides to restore the salmon runs in the Klamath River but more must be done further upstream to ensure salmon populations can grow and flourish. This legislation will protect some of the most critical salmon habitat in California and will complement the restoration efforts associated with Klamath dam removal.” ... ” [Read more from the Del Norte Triplicate](#).

### **Work advances on major wetland restoration project in Klamath Basin**

“Ducks Unlimited, in partnership with the Klamath Tribes and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), is pleased to announce a historic breach at the Agency Barnes restoration project in Chiloquin, Oregon. The breach reconnected nearly 14,000 acres of wetlands with Upper Klamath Lake and will revitalize culturally important habitats for endangered fish. On December 20, BCI Contracting, Inc. breached the levee surrounding the project site, allowing water to flow past the dikes for the first time in over 60 years and restoring the connection between wetlands and Upper Klamath Lake. “This breach is tremendously important for fish, wildlife, and people. DU is proud to have helped make this day a reality for the Klamath Basin,” said Jeff McCreary, director of operations in DU’s Western Region. “Reconnecting and restoring wetlands is key to the watershed’s health and a brighter future for the Basin.” ... ” [Read more from Ducks Unlimited](#).

### **Yurok tribe employs innovative approach to ecosystem restoration**

“The Yurok Tribe has begun implementing a critical phase to restore more than 60 acres of Prairie habitat, above Blue Creek. Staff from three of the Tribe’s natural resources departments are hand sowing 900 pounds of native plant seed over Steven’s Prairie as part of an integrated effort to reestablish the grassland ecosystem and renew two miles of salmon and Steelhead habitat in Blue Creek, the most productive Klamath River [tributary](#) on the Yurok Reservation. “Our goal is to restore the meadows to increase plant diversity and abundance that will provide habitat and food for wildlife from insects to Elk. Furthermore, many of the Prairie plants are used by Yurok people for good, medicine and utilitarian purposes. Where our wildlife thrives, we thrive, as members of the ecological community,” says Tara Williams Claussen, the Yurok Wildlife Department Director. ... ” [Continue reading at the Del Norte Triplicate](#).

## Scholarships with March 15 Deadline

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <a href="#">Ecolab Scholarship</a>                                                     | \$2,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Fallen Heroes Fund</a>                                                     | Full-Tuition | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Featherstone College Scholarships</a>                                      | \$3,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Featherstone HBCU Scholarships at Coppin State University</a>              | \$3,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Florence Turner Karlin Scholarship</a>                                     | \$4,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Freedom From Religion Foundation Law Student Essay Contest</a>             | \$4,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Gabby Matthes Memorial Scholarship</a>                                     | \$1,400      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Gabriela Blanco Scholarship for Siblings Childhood Cancer Survivors</a>    | \$2,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">GCSAA Scholarships</a>                                                     | \$10,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">George &amp; Stephanie Suddock Foundation Scholarship</a>                  | \$100,000    | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">George and Lynna Gene Cook Scholarship</a>                                 | \$1,200      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">George H. Nofer Scholarship for Law</a>                                    | \$15,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">George L. Watters Memorial Scholarship</a>                                 | \$1,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Gladys D. Goodson Scholarship</a>                                          | \$10,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Growing Up In America Art, Essay &amp; Video Contest</a>                   | \$1,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Hauss-Helms Foundation, Inc. Grants And Scholarships</a>                   | Varies       | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Haymarket Gallery Emerging Artists Scholarship</a>                         | \$500        | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Heather Robinson Memorial Scholarship</a>                                  | Varies       | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Heidelberg University Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship</a>              | Varies       | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Hendrick Scholarship Foundation</a>                                        | \$15,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Hess Corporation &amp; North Dakota State Fair Foundation Scholarships</a> | \$10,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Horatio Alger National Scholarship</a>                                     | \$25,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Horatio Alger Undergraduate Scholarship</a>                                | \$60,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Hyatt Hotels Fund for Minority Lodging Management Students</a>             | \$2,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">IMEG Engineering Scholarship</a>                                           | \$10,000     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Jane T. Anderson Scholarship</a>                                           | \$800        | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">JEA Journalist of the Year Scholarship</a>                                 | \$4,000      | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Jefferies-Park Scholarship</a>                                             | \$800        | March 15, 2025 |

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| <a href="#">Lady Legacy Scholarship</a>                                | \$16,000  | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Lebanon Valley College Departmental Scholarship</a>        | \$20,000  | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Lebanon Valley College Esports Scholarship</a>             | \$10,000  | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Lebanon Valley College Merit Scholarships</a>              | \$140,000 | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Leonard F. Hartwig Scholarship</a>                         | \$1,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Leonard M. Perryman Scholarship for Minorities</a>         | \$2,500   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Lex Mathews Scholarship</a>                                | \$2,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Lincoln AMA Emerging Marketer Scholarship</a>              | \$1,500   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Louis C. &amp; Amy E. Nuernberger Memorial Scholarship</a> | \$8,000   | March 15, 2025 |
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| <a href="#">M. Verna Butterer Educational Trust</a>                    | \$16,000  | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Mark Kilroy Foundation Scholarships</a>                    | \$4,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Medical Professional Student Scholarship</a>               | \$10,000  | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Mercatus Adam Smith Fellowship</a>                         | \$10,000  | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Michigan Water Environment Association Scholarships</a>    | \$5,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">NACUFS Clark E. DeHaven Scholarship Trust</a>              | \$4,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">NARS Ivan A. Olson Scholarship</a>                         | \$1,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">National Housing Endowment Scholarships</a>                | Varies    | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program</a>             | Varies    | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Navy League of the United States Scholarships</a>          | \$10,000  | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">New Jersey City University Honors Program</a>              | Varies    | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Next Swell Scholarship</a>                                 | \$5,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Norman and Ruth Good Educational Scholarships</a>          | \$2,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Northwestern University Scholarship</a>                    | \$65,216  | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">NRAEF Academic Scholarships for Undergraduate Students</a> | \$10,000  | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship</a>            | Varies    | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">PHN Charitable Foundation Healthcare Scholarships</a>      | \$3,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">PPEF Chairman's College Scholarships</a>                   | \$9,000   | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Protect American River Canyons Essay Contest</a>           | \$500     | March 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Richardson Family Scholarship</a>                          | \$2,000   | March 15, 2025 |

# Celebration of the Declaration of Independence

Center for Native American Youth

<https://www.cnay.org> > merciless-indian-savage

## ["Merciless Indian Savages" - Center for Native American Youth](#)

The **Declaration of Independence** was adopted on the Fourth of July in 1776. We, as **Americans**, are all too familiar with the statement from the **Declaration** which states "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal" — yet, lines below refers to **Native Americans**, who we all know are the first inhabitants and stewards ...

NPR:<https://www.npr.org> > 2021 > 07 > 02 > 1012680822 > examining-a-racist-passage-in-the-declaration-of-independence

## [Examining A Racist Passage In The Declaration Of Independence](#)

Jul 2, 2021 NPR's Ari Shapiro speaks with historian Donald Grinde Jr., a member of the Yamasee Nation and University of Buffalo professor, about the racist passage the Declaration of Independence cont.

## Images for declaration of independence native americans



NPR: <https://www.npr.org> > 2021 > 07 > 02 > 1012438847 > the-declaration-of-independence-brings-mixed-feelings-for-native-americans

## [The Declaration Of Independence Brings Mixed Feelings For Native ... - NPR](#)

Jul 2, 2021 The declaration is both a source of inspiration and a reminder of unkept promises for Black and Native Americans. DAVID TREUER: They're wonderful sentiments that were not put into practice in any ...

<https://ictnews.org> > archive > [the-declaration-of-independence-except-for-indian-savages](#)

## [The Declaration of Independence — Except for 'Indian Savages'](#)

The most sacred document wherein the U.S. celebrates its Fourth of July holiday, the Declaration of Independence, is known for having some of the most revolutionary words in history in regards to the equality of men who at the time had been forever accustomed to having caste-like systems whether it be Empires, noblemen and serfs, or a monarchy rule the American colonialists lived under.





[Seminole Tribe showcases long-lost declaration of independence | Native american words, Native ...](#)

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[The Declaration of Independence and the "merciless Indian Savages"](#)

**Independence**, but both failed to bring up any mention of the statement about **Native Americans**. Declare the Causes: The **Declaration of Independence**, maintained by the National Endowment for the Humanities, accessed March 1, 2024. Larson, Mike and Doug Hyde. The **Declaration of Independence**: Created Equal? Washington, DC: Library of Congress

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["The Ecunnaunuxulgee Document" by John R. Wunder](#)

American Indian Law Review Home; About; FAQ; My Account ; Home > AILR > Vol. 25 > No. 1 (2000) "Merciless Indian Savages" and the Declaration of Independence: Native Americans Translate the Ecunnaunuxulgee Document. Authors. John R. Wunder, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Follow.

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[Why does the Declaration of Independence not address the rights of ...](#)

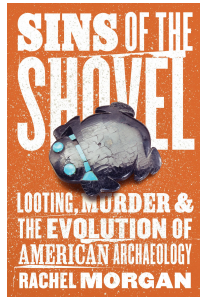
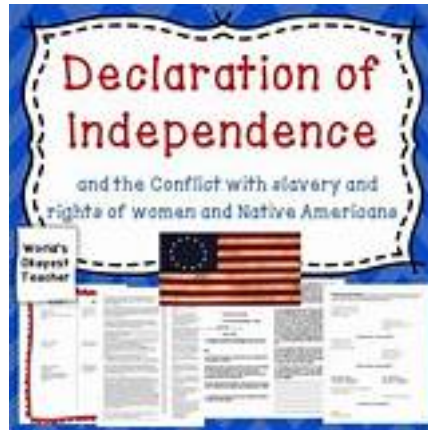
Feb 15, 2024The Declaration of Independence did not address the rights of women, Native Americans, and African Americans because these groups were not considered equal to affluent white men at the time.

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**MSN:** <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/a-native-american-declaration-of-independence/ar-BB1poQYS>

### [A Native American Declaration of Independence - MSN](#)

On November 7, 1785, a group of **Native American** families gathered in a farmhouse near present-day Deansboro, New York—about 15 miles southwest of Utica—and established a new nation, the first ...



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On this episode, Emily Long, Chelsi Slotten, and Kirsten Lopez are joined by Rachel Morgan, author of the fantastic book ‘Sins of the Shovel: Looting, Murder, and the Evolution of American Archaeology.’ We asked Rachel all about her motivations for writing about the history of how American archaeology came to be, along with highlighting a host of unique looters, archaeologists, and reporters along the way. This book is great for non-archaeologists and archaeologists alike!

#### **Links**

**Rachel Morgan’s Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/adventures\\_in\\_archaeology/](https://www.instagram.com/adventures_in_archaeology/)

**Purchase Sins of the Shovel:** <https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/S/bo207945591.html>

**Listen to Sins of the Shovel on Audible:** <https://www.audible.com/pd/Sins-of-the-Shovel-Audiobook/B0CSM2TNFS>

**Give a Hoot don't loot episode:** <https://womeninarchaeology.com/2023/08/30/give-a-hoot-dont-loot-types-of-looting-and-recent-examples/>

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### **NAGPRA Comics 1:**

**Journeys to Complete the Work... And changing the way we bring Native American ancestors home.**

Co-written with Shannon Martin and the [Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways](#) (2017). This issue addresses the NAGPRA 10.11 regulations regarding the return of "culturally unidentifiable individuals," or Native ancestors/human remains that are not associated with a particular Tribe.

There will be an addendum coming to this issue! More info [here](#).



### **NAGPRA Comics 2:**

**Trusting You See This as We Do: Tribal sovereignty and the return of sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony.**

We are pleased to announce that, as of July 2021, Issue 2 is complete, reviewed, and now being shared! This issue was determined to be for community distribution only by community co-authors.