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Movie Road, Alabama Hills, Eastern Sierra. Photo by CEBlmagery

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Field trip Contest! Don't miss out! Inspire your kids to answer the question "What does America mean to you?"

Field Trip Contest!

SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK OR ESSAY

**'WHAT DOES
AMERICA MEAN
TO YOU?'**



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[America's Field Trip Student Contest - Learn more today!](#)

[This contest invites students in grades 3–12 to share their perspectives on what America means to them — and earn the opportunity to travel for field trip experiences at some of the nation's most iconic historic and cultural landmarks.](#)

Want Free Marketing for the Good Sh*t You Do?

We're giving away up to \$125,000 in pro bono marketing services to organizations that Do Good Sh*t. To ensure alignment and maximize impact, we are inviting potential partners to share more about their organization, goals and marketing needs. All services will be donated in The Abbi Agency's time, resources and marketing services.

Application opens: Monday, March 3

Application deadline: Friday, April 4

Review and selection will depend on the number of applicants. Applicants will be notified if they have been selected no later than May 5.

https://theabbiagency.com/do-good-shit/?utm_id=120216846774490262

"It can't keep up with the sheer quantity of [executive orders](#), policy changes, and personnel announcements. "Muzzle velocity," to use the phrase Steve Bannon likes, refers literally to the speed at which a bullet leaves a gun. Once the trigger is pulled, a victim is shot faster than people are capable of reacting. "

<https://katiecouric.com/news/opinion/government-shutdown-democrats-opinion/>

[Wild horses could be sold for slaughter in Trump budget plan](#)

[pbs.org](https://www.pbs.org)



Fun stuff to see as San Mateo County History Museum hosts Free First Fridays

A restored courtroom from 1910 (the oldest courtroom in the county); “Land of Opportunity,” with information on immigrant groups that settled in the county; and “Nature’s Bounty,” which examines how residents from the Ohlone to Americans have used the region’s natural resources to support daily life and how the same resources helped develop San Francisco; are among the museum’s other current exhibitions.

<https://localnewsmatters.org/2025/03/04/fun-stuff-to-see-as-san-mateo-county-history-museum-hosts-free-first-fridays/>

Lake Tahoe Basin recreation staff to be cut by 33%, New York Times reports

“Firings, dismissals and budget freezes could close nearly 4,000 campsites in California’s 18 national forests this summer, including in the Lake Tahoe Basin, the New York Times reported Wednesday. Those potential cuts include a 33% reduction of staff in the Lake Tahoe Basin area, and the lone full-time wilderness ranger for the Desolation Wilderness National Forest southwest of Lake Tahoe. The proposed budget was detailed on an internal U.S. Forest Service spreadsheet reviewed by New York Times reporters. The newspaper noted that the Forest Service adds up to 50 seasonal workers each summer, but it remained unclear whether the agency would be able to hire any for 2025. ... ” [Read more from the Reno Gazette-Journal.](#)

Trump’s E.P.A. to rewrite rules aimed at averting chemical disasters

“The Trump administration has moved to rewrite rules designed to prevent disasters at thousands of chemical facilities across the country. The Environmental Protection Agency filed a motion in federal court on Thursday pulling back the safety regulations, introduced last year under former president Joe Biden. The rules, which took effect in May, require sites that handle hazardous chemicals to adopt new safeguards including explicit measures to prepare for storms, floods and other climate-related risks. They also require some facilities to scrutinize their use of particularly dangerous chemicals and switch to safer alternatives as well as to share more information with neighbors and emergency responders. In addition, facilities that have suffered prior accidents also must undergo independent audits. ... ” [Read more from the New York Times](#)

"It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do." — Jane Austen
Secrets About

Pepsi That Will Astonish You

grubfeed.com/secrets-about-pepsi-that-will-astonish-you/

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Donald Trump's Favorite Drink Will Stun Most Americans

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"The past was erased, the erasure forgotten, and lies became truth." - George Orwell, 1984.

The National Forest Logging Scam—And Who's Profiting From It

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Blast from the past: Nevada's bizarre nuclear testing culture



(Public Domain)

It's been 62 years since some of the country's most notable nuclear weapons tests lit up the Nevada skies, fascinating tourists and locals in Las Vegas and up to 100 miles away. The [Atomic Testing Museum](#) (located at 755 E. Flamingo Road) has educational, entertaining, and interactive exhibits that take visitors on a journey through the Silver State's nuclear history and its lasting effects.

[Read more about our nuclear history](#)

March 25 - Office of Indian Education's STEM Educator's Showcase. For more info, click [here](#).

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| Clark Atlanta University Institutional Scholarships for First-Year Students | Varies | April 15, 2025 |
| Clark Atlanta University State of GA HOPE Scholarship | \$18,272 | April 15, 2025 |
| Clark Atlanta University Undergraduate Studies Scholarship | \$10,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| CLIC Scholarship | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Colorado Hospitality Scholarship Program | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Scholarships | \$2,500 | April 15, 2025 |
| Credit Union of Colorado Foundation Scholarships | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| David Barrett Memorial Scholarship | \$12,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| DeNise Scholarship Fund | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Don Diego College Scholarships | \$10,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Don Diego Fund Employee Scholarship | \$10,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Don Diego Vocational Education Scholarship | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Dr. Barbara Odom-Wesley Spirit of Achievement Scholarship | \$3,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Elizabeth River Crossings Good Citizen Scholarship | \$6,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Emily M. Hewitt & Stephen Stocking Memorial Scholarships | \$3,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| EnerGIS Scholarship | \$3,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Financial Literacy Scholarship Competition | \$1,250 | April 15, 2025 |
| Folded Flag Foundation Scholarship | \$7,500 | April 15, 2025 |
| Folsom Garden Club Scholarship | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Frank O'Bannon Grant | \$12,400 | April 15, 2025 |
| Gale Osterloh and Wilbur Woodrow Walton Memorial Scholarship | \$2,500 | April 15, 2025 |
| Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes | \$10,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Gloria Barron Wilderness Society Scholarship | \$25,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Jim Gainey | \$2,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Governor's Urban Scholarship Program | \$4,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Great Khalid Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship | \$10,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Hagan Business Machines of Meadville, Inc. Scholarship | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Hatfield Foundation Scholarship | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarships Program | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
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| <u>Illinois Engineering Initiative Scholarship</u> | \$2,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Incight Scholarship</u> | \$500 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award</u> | \$10,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Jeffery Isaiah David Memorial Foundation Education Scholarship</u> | Varies | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Jennifer Casey Alderman Legacy Scholarship</u> | \$10,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Jessamine S. Henderson Foundation Scholarship</u> | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>John Cowan Memorial Scholarship</u> | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>KCAF Scholarships</u> | \$8,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Kenneth & Margaret Deane Scholarship</u> | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Kentucky Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) Scholarship</u> | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Kris Paper Legacy Scholarship For Women In Technology</u> | \$1,500 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Larry F. Ball Memorial Scholarship</u> | \$4,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>LEAGUE Foundation Scholarships</u> | \$3,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund</u> | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Leslie A. Ebert Legacy of Life Scholarship Program</u> | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Manchester University First Year Student Scholarships</u> | \$96,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Manchester University Transfer Scholarships</u> | \$72,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>March of Dimes Graduate Nursing Scholarships</u> | \$10,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Margaret Ann Frans Brady Scholarship for Arts</u> | \$10,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Marina Landscape Scholarship</u> | \$2,500 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Mary and Lucian Cassetta Memorial Music Scholarship</u> | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Mary Hill Davis Ethnic/Minority Scholarship</u> | \$2,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>MD & DC Credit Union College Scholarship</u> | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>MOASPA-STL Educator's Scholarship</u> | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>Monarch Awards Foundation, Inc. Illinois College or University Scholarship</u> | Varies | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>NADONA LTC Stephanie Carroll Scholarship</u> | Varies | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>National Association Buffalo Soldier & Troopers MC</u> | \$5,000 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>NDS Dairy Shrine/DMI Education & Communication Scholarship</u> | \$1,500 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>NDS DMI Milk Marketing & Dairy Products Scholarship</u> | \$1,500 | April 15, 2025 |
| <u>NDS Iager Scholarship</u> | \$1,000 | April 15, 2025 |

To register for the Virtual STEM Educator Showcase, click [here](#).

March 28-29 - 19th Annual Westwood Pow Wow, Westwood High School, 945 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Mesa. Friday, Gourd Dancing begins at 4 pm, and Grand Entry at 7 pm, Saturday, Gourd Dancing 11 am and 5 pm and Grand Entry at 1 and 7 pm. For more info contact Jaden at jebird@mpsaz.org or call (480) 472-4606.

April 3 - Arizona Public Health Association's 2025 Conference: Modernizing Public Health Practice: Building an Innovative and Inclusive Infrastructure for the Public Health of the Future. Desert Willow Conference Center. For more info, click [here](#).

April 4-6 - ASU Pow Wow at the Financial Arena, Tempe. For more info, click [here](#).

April 5 - Association of American Indian Physicians' Haku Healthcare American Indian Student Summit, for Native American, pre-health professions, ages 18 and over. Held at UC Santa Barbara. For more info, or to register, click [here](#).

April 8-10 - 2025 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference "Cultivating Biomedical Practices to Advance Health Equity", Isleta Casino and Hotel in Albuquerque. For more info, click [here](#).

April 11 - 21st Annual American Indian Disability Summit, 8:30 am-4 pm. In person at Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. For more info, [click here](#).

April 12 - 5th Annual Indigenous Youth Disability Summit. For more info, click [here](#).

April 12 - Mesa Community College's Youth Mentorship Gourd Dance and College and Career Fair, 1833 W. Southern Avenue in Mesa at the MCC Clock Tower Lawn.

April 22- Ak-Chin Indian Community's Mother Earth Day. Ak-Chin Casino Resort, Maricopa. 10 am-3 pm. For more info, contact Ross at (520) 568-1146.

April 27-28 - Office of Indian Education's Indigenous STEM Symposium at the Arizona Science Center. For more info, click [here](#) .

May 6 - Office of Indian Education's STEM Professional Panel - Virtual. For more info, click [here](#).

June 11-14 - Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID) 35th Annual Conference: Celebrating 35 Years of Navigating and Strengthening Our Indigenous Presence in Dentistry. Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona. For more info, click [here](#).

September 14-17 - 7th Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition, Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, MN. For more info, click [here](#).

From the Capital Bureau Chief:

During a hearing last month on how possible federal cuts to Medicaid could affect Nevada, I tried (and failed) to access digital copies of presentations being given to lawmakers.

The reason? The Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) had designated some of the materials as “[unavailable online due to copyright issues.](#)”

To get a digital copy, I needed to call or email the legislative library. I was under deadline, so I posted my [dissent](#) and moved on.

But that instance wasn't an outlier. LCB admits the new policy change has resulted in an “undeniably large number of exhibits” not available online.

Interim Legislative Counsel Bureau Director Diane Thornton said the policy is a way to avoid violating federal copyright laws and noted the agency has received at least two copyright claims in the current two-year budget cycle.

“The fair use doctrine generally permits the use of copyrighted material for a live presentation at a hearing or for creating an accurate record of that hearing,” Thornton said. “It is not clear that making such materials permanently and freely available on the Legislative Department's website separate from such a hearing or the record of that hearing is permitted under the fair use doctrine.”

LCB resolved one of the claims by removing the copyright holder's material from NELIS. In the other case, LCB could not verify that the person making the complaint held a copyright, so Thornton said LCB did not take any action.

But the broad application of the policy has resulted in innocuous material not being available on the Legislature's website.

Examples: a [handout](#) from Assm. Selena La Rue Hatch (D-Reno) on her regional rail task force measure [AB256](#) (copyright issue: images of trains) and a [presentation](#) from the Nevada Secretary of State's Office that contained (gasp!) graphs without attribution.

Those in legislative circles are frustrated by the policy, which they say hinders transparency, makes it harder for the press to share information and increases the challenges to participating in the legislative session.

Nevada Open Government Coalition board members Bob Conrad and Alexander Falconi called the policy a “major overreaction” and “a huge step backward.”

“Requiring members of the public to individually request each supporting document or watch hourlong videos of meetings to gather the information is unacceptable and throws a massive shroud over the work of our elected representatives,” Conrad and Falconi said.

One lobbyist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid jeopardizing a good working relationship with the agency, said “LCB is making a ridiculous presumption that any graphic in written testimony, even if labeled as created by the submitter themselves, is potentially copyrighted.”

“They say the same material can be viewed in hearing videos, so apparently they are encouraging the public to bring large poster boards of their charts,” the lobbyist added.

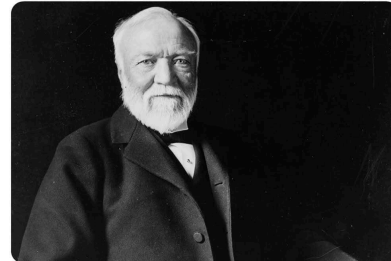
Another lobbyist granted anonymity for the same reasons said telling people to come to the library in Carson City when most of the population lives in Las Vegas and the legislative process itself has been more virtual is absurd.

“The comical thing is, you've heard [lawmakers] open every hearing saying, ‘Oh, don't worry about us being on our devices, we're looking at the information ... Do not take that as a sign of disrespect,’” the lobbyist said. “What information are you looking at that's not available to me because I can't see any of it?”

As always, please send us your questions, thoughts and suggestions. You can reach me at tabitha@thenwindy.co

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never

Andrew Carnegie, the original billionaire who gave spent 90% of his fortune creating over 3000 libraries worldwide because a free library was how he gained the education to become wealthy.



failing spring in the desert.” — Andrew Carnegie

Many libraries offer a plethora of resources over and above book lending. From resume writing to 3_D printing, from topical seminars to little people activities, there is always something to do. One of the fastest growing activities is oral history. We all say wee’re going to do it, but.....

It used to be a laborious process when having to be handwritten; now longer does one even need fancy video and recording material to do it. Use your smart phone or I-Pad. Start with a topic close to the interviewee’s heart (ie, how did you become involved with this committee or art form) which will lead the discussant or you to bring up more questions/answers, the last being “What do you want future generations to know?” Keep the interview short, but capture something of that person. Five minutes for anyone who wants to participate should provide a quick glimpse of your community in 2025 (that could be enlarged with more of your time!)

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My favorite quote from the 1999-2001 five State Library Project:  
**“Every time an elder passes, a library is lost.”**  
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A blue vertical poster for the Future Wavemakers competition. At the top is the logo 'FUTURE WAVEMAKERS'. Below it, in yellow text, are the prizes: 'Top Student Wins: \$5,000 Education Grant' and 'Top School Wins: \$10,000 Grant'. The deadline is listed as 'April 2, 2025'. At the bottom is the website 'FUTUREWAVEMAKERS.ORG'.

[Future Wavemakers](#) · [Save the Ocean with Your Superpowers!](#)

Calling All Ocean Superheroes, it's time to join forces. Submit your ideas to protect the ocean and marine life today in our 2025 Future Wavemakers Competition!

What It's Like to Live in a California Ghost Town

To be an off-season caretaker of Bodie, California (winter population: 5), you need a high tolerance for cold, solitude, and two-hour grocery runs.

https://getpocket.com/explore/item/what-it-s-like-to-live-in-a-california-ghost-town?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

Professor's TED Talk warns of AI's hidden water costs

“While artificial intelligence, or AI, is transforming industries, its environmental impact is often overlooked. Shaolei Ren, an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering at UC Riverside, took to a TED Talk stage last fall in Vienna, Austria, to discuss a hidden consequence of AI's rapid expansion. In his talk, “AI Consumes a Lot of Water – But Why?,” Ren explained how the growing demand for AI-powered computing is driving significant water usage, particularly in cloud-based data centers. Such facilities can require millions of liters of water to cool the servers that power AI models, often straining local water supplies. ... Addressing water consumption is integral for advancing AI infrastructure responsibly, as extended droughts are becoming a norm. Ren emphasized that AI companies must take responsibility for their water footprints. He proposed a simple but effective solution: timing AI training during cooler hours to reduce water evaporation. “We don't water our lawns at noon because it's inefficient,” Ren explained. “Similarly, we shouldn't train AI models when it's hottest outside. Scheduling AI workloads for cooler parts of the day could significantly reduce water waste.” ... ” [Read more from UC Riverside.](#)

<https://tomsonhighway.ca>

[Home - Tomson Highway](#) <https://tomsonhighway.ca>

Tomson Highway is the proud son of legendary caribou hunter and world championship dogsled racer, Joe Highway, and artist-in-her-own-right (as bead-worker and quilt-maker extraordinaire), Pelagie Highway. A full-blood Cree, he is a registered member of the Barren Lands First Nation, the village for which is called Brochet (pronounced "Bro-shay") and which village is located in northern ...

<https://macleans.ca > culture > arts > in-conversation-with-tomson-highway>

[In conversation with Tomson Highway - Macleans.ca](#)

Tomson Highway, the Cree playwright and author whose gripping works about life on the reserve brought him international fame, membership to the Order of Canada and saw him named one of the 100 ...

<https://www.huffpost.com > archive > ca > entry > tomson-highway-has-a-surprisingly-positive-take-on-residential-s n 8787638>

[Tomson Highway Has A Surprisingly Positive Take On ... - HuffPost](#)

Tomson Highway is a Cree storyteller, so it's fitting that the playwright, novelist, classical pianist and Order of Canada recipient's bio begins like the opening line of a tale: "Tomson Highway was born in a snowbank on the Manitoba/Nunavut border to a family of nomadic caribou hunters."



Washington, D.C. | The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) proudly announces Mary Parker as our new Director of Communications. With over a decade of experience in public affairs, strategic messaging, stakeholder engagement, and tribal consultations, Ms. Parker brings a wealth of knowledge and a proven track record that will strengthen NCAI's commitment to serving as the unified voice for Indian Country.

Ms. Parker joins NCAI following over six years at the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), where she served as Public Affairs Manager and official spokesperson. In this role, she led public affairs initiatives, oversaw media relations, and managed the agency's brand identity. Her leadership extended to supervising cross-functional teams and leading instructional design efforts to ensure clear and effective communications with Tribal Nations and the broader public.

Ms. Parker is a recipient of multiple leadership awards recognizing her dedication and impact, including being named to the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's prestigious "40 Under 40" list in 2020. Ms. Parker has an impressive academic background as well. She holds a Master's degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma and is a doctoral candidate in Instructional Systems Design and Technology at Sam Houston State University. Her research focuses on digital equity and Native American education, reflecting her commitment to advancing educational opportunities and access for Native communities.

"Mary's experience and deep understanding of tribal affairs, combined with her energetic and innovative approach to communications, make her a valuable new addition to our leadership team," said NCAI Executive Director Larry Wright Jr. "We are excited to welcome her to the NCAI team and look forward to her insightful leadership in communications as we all continue our work to protect tribal sovereignty and uplift Indian Country."

In her new role, Ms. Parker will lead NCAI's Communications Department, shaping the organization's strategic messaging, strengthening media engagement, and ensuring NCAI continues to provide timely and impactful information to Tribal Nations, policymakers, and the public. Ms. Parker is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Please join us in welcoming Mary Parker to the NCAI team!

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