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## Inside the Biggest Art Fraud in History

A decades-long forgery scheme ensnared Canada's most famous Indigenous artist, a rock musician turned sleuth and several top museums. Here's how investigators unraveled the incredible scam

www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture/inside-biggest-art-fraud-history-180983692/

For generations, Native sacred places have borne the brunt of neglect and destruction, all in the name of progress and development.

But today, we stand at a crossroads where the choice is clear: continue down a path of irreparable damage or choose a future where we honor the cultural heritage of Native communities.

# The *Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act* is a landmark bill that aims to revolutionize the way we manage public lands by establishing a national system of culturally significant sites.

At the heart of this act is the recognition of Tribal Nations' sovereign rights – a declaration that these communities are not mere stakeholders but rightful custodians of their sacred sites. By empowering Tribes to co-manage and protect these lands, we're not only preventing further degradation but also honoring their inherent and legal right to govern themselves.

#### <u>Please send a message to your members of Congress: Protect Native sacred places and</u> <u>Tribal sovereignty by passing the Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act now.</u>

The need for the *Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act* is evident here in South Dakota. This state, with its rich Indigenous heritage and sacred landscapes like the Badlands and the Black Hills, stands as a vivid reminder of the profound connection between Native peoples and their ancestral lands.

The *Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act* would ensure these places receive the respect and protection they deserve, marking a significant step towards honoring the sovereignty and cultural resilience of Native tribes in South Dakota and beyond.

More than just a protective measure, it's a commitment to righting the wrongs of the past by prohibiting harmful development practices, such as mining, that impair these areas' cultural values.

Places of Indigenous foods, medicines, ceremonies, burial sites, and creation stories must be preserved for generations to come and the *Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act* is our chance to make this vision a reality.

#### <u>Tell Congress it's time to protect Native sacred places and Tribal sovereignty by passing</u> the *Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act* now.

Thank you for working to protect sacred sites and affirm our commitment to justice, respect, and dignity for all. -Rick, Rick Weiland, Founder <u>TakeltBack.Org</u>

https://ballotpedia.org > Takeitback.org Takeitback.org - Ballotpedia

**Takeitback.org** was co-founded in 2015 by Rick Weiland, who ran for a Senate seat as a Democrat from South Dakota in 2014. [1] The other co-founder is Drey Samuelson, the former chief of staff to Senator Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) [1] According to its website, the group was founded with three specific goals, which were as follows: [1]

# **\$2 Billion Community Change Grants: New Information!**

EPA's <u>Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR)</u> has updated and modified two important documents for the <u>Community Change Grants (CCG) Notice of Funding</u> <u>Opportunity (NOFO)</u>. Applications for the CCG NOFO must be submitted by November 21, 2024.

#### **Updated FAQs**

On February 1, 2024, EPA posted a comprehensive <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</u> <u>document</u> on the <u>Community Change Grants website</u>. The FAQs address many of the questions OEJECR has received about the CCG NOFO. Please review the FAQs as you prepare your applications and before sending questions to the <u>CCGP@epa.gov</u> mailbox. The FAQs address many common questions!

In addition to the FAQs, EPA will continue to host webinars to provide information on the CCG NOFO and take questions from attendees. To learn about upcoming webinars, visit: <u>https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program#Engagement</u>.

#### **Modified NOFO**

EPA issued a modification to the NOFO on February 12, 2024 to clarify certain areas of the NOFO. The modified NOFO is available thru <u>Grants.gov</u> and can be found on the <u>Community</u> <u>Change Grants website</u>. Please note applications for the CCG NOFO must be submitted by November 21, 2024.

#### **Technical Assistance**

Don't forget there is technical assistance at your fingertips! This technical assistance provides support when preparing your application for the CCG NOFO. Learn more about CCG technical assistance (CCTA) here: <u>https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/community-change-grants-technical-assistance</u>.

In addition, EnDyna, EPA's technical assistance contractor, will lead with EPA participation, a series of informational webinars on CCTA. Webinars will occur **every Tuesday** through at least March 2024. These webinars will provide information on the content and requirements of the CCG Notice of Funding Opportunity, available technical assistance, and answer questions about the grant application process.

#### **Register for Upcoming CCTA Informational Webinars**

More information on upcoming CCTA webinars, plus recordings and meeting materials from previous webinars, will be available here: <u>https://communitychangeta.org/past-webinars</u>.

In the elevated Indus Valley of Pakistan, you'll find some of the **world's most intricate and diverse petroglyphs. Specifically, the ancient Shatial glyphs** along the Karakoram Highway in the Gilgit-Baltistan region stand out. Dating back to the Stone Age, these glyphs adorn rocks and boulders, extending for over 100 kilometers. Encompassing various languages, religions, and the symbolism of peoples spanning 10,000 years, these remarkable writings and designs face potential threats from modern hydropower projects planned in the Indus Valley. #IndusValleyArt #ShatialGlyphs #CulturalHeritage #PreserveHistory



# Native Americans Fear Woke Efforts by Kansas City Chiefs/Taylor Swift to Erase Heritage

https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/native-americans-fear-woke-efforts-by-kansas-city-chiefs-boy-scouts-and-taylor-swift-to-erase-heritage/ar-BB1ivlnf? ocid=socialshare&pc=HCTS&cvid=bcca1540bb534a9d91f26750cdf0e1e3&ei=49

#### Tribal colleges receive \$5 million in science grants

https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article\_popover\_share.aspx? guid=4095b577-dc8d-43de-9044-a38cf8cfe0ca&share=true

#### Where to Celebrate Native American Heritage in the US

https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/tripideas/where-to-celebrate-native-american-heritage-in-the-us/ss-BB1h7ZVD?ocid=socialshare&cvid=cf78df3dad6648d88896fb6ae3c52f1d&ei=59

"We have two lives, and the second begins when we realize we only have one." — Confucius  $\$ 

#### What is the *dismantle*. Contest? https://dismantlecontest.org/

The *dismantle*. contest is an opportunity to welcome ideas from young voices about how we can deconstruct systems of oppression and create something new and empowering instead.

#### Mission

To create a platform that supports young people as they create cultural change that dismantles systems of oppression (aka the "-isms").?

#### Vision

A world where systems of oppression do not dominate our culture, where everyone is encouraged to embrace their full humanity, no matter what that looks like.

#### Valuesm

Young folx possess an endless reserve of insight, brilliance and creativity to help shape their own future.

#### What are "-isms"?

Systems of oppression, or the "-isms", are systemic and interconnected. They do not happen in isolation. When we talk about racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, and other forms of oppression, we must understand that they operate at various levels. They happen at the personal level (an individual makes a homophobic comment), the interpersonal level (an educator expects lower academic achievement from Black students), the institutional level (a state law banning transgender students from school sports teams), and the cultural level (native children sent to boarding schools where they were punished for speaking their own language). These "-isms" dehumanize, disempower, and contribute to the erasure of people who don't ascribe to these beliefs—too often, this is done with violence.



# Arizona GOP Members Challenge Biden's Monument Designation

(ConservativeInsider.org) – Days after creating a new monument near the Grand Canyon, <u>President Biden faced legal action</u> from Arizona lawmakers Warren Petersen and Ben Toma. They argue the monument, established last summer, oversteps his authority under the 1906 Antiquities Act.

<u>The lawsuit claims</u> that Biden's decision to designate the new monument, named Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni, goes beyond the Act's scope because it is not limited to preserving objects of historic or scientific value. They also argue that the designation does not configure the protected area to "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected."

The 4,046-square-kilometer monument lies north and south of the Grand Canyon National Park. The designation fulfills a long-held goal of Native American tribes and environmentalists, but it faces opposition from Republican lawmakers and the uranium mining industry in the area.

Petersen criticized Biden's decision, saying it was "incredibly disingenuous" and had nothing to do with protecting real artifacts. He claimed that the designation is intended to stop mining, ranching, and other local uses of federal lands important for energy independence, food supply, and economic strength.

The White House and the U.S. Department of the Interior did not comment on the lawsuit. However, Mohave County and the northern Arizona communities of Colorado City and Fredonia also join the legal challenge. They are concerned about losing tax revenue and having their land value decrease because of the monument designation's restrictions on land use.

Notably, in 2012, the Interior Department put a 20-year moratorium on new mining claims around the national park because of concerns about water contamination. No uranium mines are currently operating in Arizona, but the Pinyon Plain Mine, located just south of the Grand Canyon National Park, has been under development for years.

Interestingly, <u>shortly after Biden's designation</u>, a federal judge in Utah ruled in favor of President Biden, dismissing a lawsuit that challenged his restoration of two national monuments that former President Donald Trump downsized. The judge upheld Biden's authority to restore Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, which are both sacred lands to many Native Americans. Copyright 2024, <u>ConservativeInsider.org</u>



#### Donna Cossette Great great grandmother Mary Dave.

This article says she had many children but only mention two, great grandmother Annie and Birdie. Her son Juan was assaulted so bad in a jail cell by the local Sheriff he succumbed to his injuries inflicted on him. Mary keept true to our Paiute custom by not saying the name of our dead. That's why non of her grandchildren never know of her son Juan. Not till I found Mary's letter she wrote to Washington DC demanding justice for her murdered son. Ultimately she was never given an answering.

Mary was the first person on the Lovelock Colony to buy a car and have a driver's license. I was born the same day as her death.



they would go to the top of Lone Mountain and spend the nights. There the wind always blew a cool breeze. Lone Mountain's Indian name is "Wah-pung'haben" which means mosquito bed. Mary told of many trips she took on horseback and



Mary told of many trips she took on horseback and wagon to hunt with the family for deer and antelope, wild game that wasn't found in the Lovelock area. She told of rock formations about 60 miles northeast of Lovelock. Food was plentiful in Lovelock they discovered on these hunting trips. Berries grew everywhere. Along the rivers there were buckberries and many other wild berries. Choke cherries were plentiful in the canyons. There were jack rabbits, ducks, geese, fish, ground squirrels and groundhogs. There were also plenty of wild vegetables to pick: wild onions, sweet potatoes, tule shoots and came.

The Indians got their sugar in Lower Valley. Some of this sugar cane still grows along the ditches. In the fall they went to gather pinenuts in the East Range. The Indians always returned to Lovelock to spend their winters. They made pinenut soup and when it was cold they put

<u>Cathie Bryant</u> contributed to the album: <u>MARY DAVE</u> in <u>History of Lovelock Nevada</u>. Such a great history article about Lovelock from Mary Dave. I need to post the rest of the article. If you want a photocopy of it you can get it at the Lovelock Library for .10cents a page.

#### Anne Willie Susan is at Phoenix Film Festival.

What an evening, went to the Arizona Jewish Film Festival in Scottsdale. We watched "Vishniac," a film of Roman Vishniac, a man who traveled to various Jewish villages prior to 1936 and took pictures that showed the people and their lives. These areas were wiped out, and only pictures then taken reflect what was. Ash and I were a bit hesitant as there were armed guards protecting the theater . We both were treated well and told that the native story is like their story. Ash and I respect all cultures and we wanted the opportunity to learn and not be a part of history being repeated. I used to take pictures growing up of elders that now have passed. This experience made me think of collecting pictures from the community and putting a book together of what once was for our families and for generations to come.



John E Conklin •

Mountain Spring Walker 3rd place Nevada State Wrestling Championships! So proud of you Girlie, my neice has done our family proud! Congratulations!



Harrison Eben

NIAA 1A West Regional champs! Jobs not done yet ladies. Keep putting in that work. Proud of you ladies!!! On to State tournament next week! #defendingstatechamps



## These 3,000-Year-Old Treasures Were Forged From Meteoritic Iron

New research reveals that two Bronze Age artifacts from the Treasure of Villena contain iron from a meteor that hit a million years ago

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/this-famous-spanish-treasure-actually-contains-metal-from-space-180983788/?

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# GREEN HOUSE This student-built eco-house is so efficient inhabitants would never have to pay an electricity bill

https://news.ucr.edu/ucr-magazine/winter-2024/green-house

Berkeley must pay \$4M after illegally blocking housing project at Ohloneshellmound sitehttps://www.berkeleyside.org/2024/02/16/court-ruling-1900-fourth-street?goal=0 aad4b5ee64-514900e2ca-33380833&mc cid=514900e2ca&mc eid=9a443e4f7b

**Photos of the last remaining uncontacted tribes on earth** (*Who wrote this headline - where's the editor?! sdc*)

https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/photos-of-the-last-remaininguncontacted-tribes-on-earth/ss-BB1iBaiB? ocid=socialshare&pc=HCTS&cvid=f29f86ccfdab40eab7188fe0265d66c3&ei=1 2

This little factoid didn't make yesterday's Journal: President Tyler wins the prize for being <u>the most prolific</u> of all American presidents - he had 15 children.

Symposium | Can Women Save America?

## Women of Color: The Fastest Growing Voting Group

Extract: American Indian women have had a 29 percent increase in vote eligibility since 2000, including 9 percent in New Mexico and 14 percent in Alaska. Political campaigns often ignore these voters while politicians set up practices that suppress their vote. Native women led decades of organizing, legal challenges to gerrymandered districts that favor white candidates, and harnessed the anger in reaction to slurs leveled against Native people. In 2018, Native women voted at higher rates than during the 2014 midterms, ushering in historic wins of the first two Native Congresswomen.

A recent report found that the 2018 turnout that elected a new slate of courageous, principled women of color to Congress, flipped seats across the country, and ultimately won the House of Representatives for the Democrats was fueled by women of color. This is a group that talks to and encourages their friends and family to vote. Black women led the way with 84 percent mobilizing friends and family, followed by 76 percent of AAPI women, 72 percent of Native American women, 70 percent of Latinas, and 66 percent of white women.

More: https://democracyjournal.org/magazine/57/women-of-color-the-fastest-growing-voting-group/

AACE International Competitive Scholarships	\$2,500	March 05, 2024
Alabama Golf Association Women's Scholarship Fund	\$20,000	March 05, 2024
Doris Kallina / 'Nez Muhleman Scholarship	\$25,000	March 05, 2024
ECF Fellowship Partners Program	\$15,000	March 05, 2024
Melanie Foundation Scholarship	\$10,000	March 05, 2024
YCF Scholarships	\$8,000	March 05, 2024
AFA Scholarships	\$3,250	March 06, 2024
Army ROTC Scholarships	\$3,000	March 06, 2024
ASHG DNA Day Essay Contest	\$1,000	March 06, 2024
Udall Scholarship	\$7,000	March 06, 2024
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program	\$5,000	March 07, 2024
CDM Constructors Inc. Workforce Development Scholarship	\$5,000	March 07, 2024
Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Scholarships	\$28,000	March 07, 2024
Alvin A. and Hattie Mae Bush Accounting Scholarship	Varies	March 08, 2024
AMS Named Scholarships	\$10,000	March 08, 2024
Association of Information Technology Professionals	Varies	March 08, 2024
Scholarship Boone Foundation Scholarship	Varies	March 08, 2024
Eda and Cliff Viner Community Scholarship		March 08, 2024
Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program		March 08, 2024
Future Mental Health Professional Scholarship Program		March 08, 2024 March 08, 2024
Jake Jones Memorial Scholarship	Varies	March 08, 2024
Linda Norton Good Neighbor Scholarship		March 08, 2024
PAF's Scholarships for Survivors		March 08, 2024
Progress Software Mary Székely Scholarship		March 08, 2024
Stephen J. Roy Memorial Scholarship		March 08, 2024 March 08, 2024
Teachers Federal Credit Union Scholarship		March 08, 2024 March 08, 2024
Tucker Community Foundation Scholarships		March 08, 2024
<u>UWF Elmira K. Beyer Scholarship</u>		March 08, 2024 March 08, 2024
Women's Western Golf Foundation Scholarship		March 08, 2024 March 08, 2024
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# Scholarships with March 5-14 Deadlines

Foundation for Community Health High School Scholarships	\$2,500	March 09, 2024
America's 911 Foundation, Inc. Scholarship	\$2,000	March 10, 2024
California Credit Union Student Scholarship	\$1,000	March 10, 2024
Chicago Roofing Contractors Association Scholarship	\$5,000	March 10, 2024
Deja Family Memorial Scholarship	\$750	March 10, 2024
Flip Foundation Scholarship	Varies	March 10, 2024
JEA Journalist of the Year Scholarship	\$3,000	March 10, 2024
The Opus Group Scholarship Program	\$2,500	March 10, 2024
David R. Parsley Scholarship Fund for Supply Chain Management		March 11, 2024
Irene Runnels-Paula McStay Scholarships		March 11, 2024
Lady Legacy Scholarship	Varies	March 11, 2024
NRAEF Academic Scholarships for Undergraduate Students		March 11, 2024
PFund Scholarship	\$12,000	March 11, 2024
TESOL Scholarship	\$2,500	March 11, 2024
WSIA Derek Hughes Scholarship Program	\$5,000	March 11, 2024
Michigan Impact Scholarship	Varies	March 12, 2024
Morris J. and Betty Kaplun Foundation Essay Contest	\$1,800	March 12, 2024
New Beginnings Scholarship	\$7,500	March 12, 2024
NIADA Foundation Regional Scholarships	Varies	March 12, 2024
Ann-Marie Ogletree Child Development Scholarship	\$1,000	March 13, 2024
D.J.'s Hero Scholarship Awards	\$12,000	March 13, 2024
United Methodist GBHEM General Scholarships	\$2,000	March 13, 2024
Women at Microsoft Scholarship	\$20,000	March 13, 2024
Doodle for Google Scholarship	\$30,000	March 14, 2024
FEEA Scholarship	\$5,000	March 14, 2024