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U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii

This month, large ancient Hawaiian petroglyphs were exposed along the shoreline on Oahu's west side. Usually covered by sand, they haven't been seen for years and are believed to be more than 1,000 years old.

The petroglyphs are on a beach fronting a U.S. Army recreation center and were uncovered when sand and sediment shifted because of the waves and current. "This is a natural process that uncovers, and eventually recovers, these glyphs and others located around the island," Nathan Wilkes, external communications chief for the U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii, told SFGATE in an email.

Wilkes said the Army has a team of specialists and archaeologists who manage and steward cultural resources within the Army's installations, such as these petroglyphs.

Carved in sandstone, the petroglyphs were first documented in 2016. In total, there are 26, with the majority being anthropomorphic stick figures. Notably, two large ones have fingers, which is uncommon to see. The largest is over 8 feet tall and nearly 8 feet wide. Other petroglyphs are designed in geometric or abstract shapes. The exact meanings of the petroglyphs are unknown but are sometimes interpreted.

"When I looked at the petroglyphs here, I seen a very significant petroglyph. That was with the one with the fingers going down. Or the one going up," Native Hawaiian Glen Kila said in a 2017 interview with the U.S. Army. His family can trace its ancestry on this coastline to "the beginning of time and from the time of the first migration [of Polynesians to Hawaii]."

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"My interpretation, just by looking at it was interpretation of Maui, the demigod, Maui," Kila continued. Maui is a legendary figure in Hawaiian mythology known for his large size and strength. With his magic fishhook, he pulled the Hawaiian Islands out of the ocean in one story and snared the sun in another.

"Because he played a role in our moolelos [stories] over here. And the reason why I say that because the way the fingers are from the east is like the rising sun to the setting sun. So it's a religious symbol. Like what we have for Christianity, the cross or the other symbols."

The shoreline is publicly accessible, but parking at the Army's recreation center requires military ID. As Wilkes pointed out, the petroglyphs will invariably be covered by the ocean and sand once more, until the next time they make another appearance.

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#### **A year into return of Upper Sioux land, tribe and local governments look to region's future**

<https://www.minnpost.com/greater-minnesota/2025/07/a-year-into-return-of-upper-sioux-land-tribe-and-local-governments-look-to-regions-future/>

**Minnesota tribes could lose nearly \$700 million in federal funding**  
<https://www.minnpost.com/national/washington/2025/07/report-minnesota-tribes-waiting-on-nearly-700-million-in-federal-funding/>

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## Food then VS now 🍌

🌽 Sweet corns ancestor is a grass plant called teosinte which was a single stalk with only a few kernels that were really tough and hard to chew.

🍅 Tomatoes started out really small and mostly yellow. Thanks to ancient farmers like the Aztecs who selectively bred for larger and better flavored fruit, we now have over 10,000 tomato varieties today that come in all different sizes, shapes and colors!

🍏 The original apple is very similar to a crabapple. Tiny, bitter and extremely sour. By carefully picking only the largest, sweetest apples and selective breeding, farmers have been able to give us a delicious crisp apple that we all enjoy today.

🍉 Cave paintings and Egyptian artwork shows us that watermelon used to look entirely different. Pale flesh, swirly insides and more seeds than fruit. Once again, throughout thousands of years of selective breeding we now have more vibrant flavor, more flesh and even seedless varieties thanks to gout medicine.

🍌 Bananas used to be filled with huge seeds, a lot less flesh and a huge outer rind. They've been bred to be nearly seedless, a lot easier to peel and full of creamy berry goodness.



<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1771426557063368>

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## *And in Berkeley:*

**A plan to rebuild the fountain in Civic Center Park [has unraveled amid a dispute between the city and two Indigenous artists](#).** It's the latest twist in a 34-year-long effort to replace the fountain with a monument commemorating Native people.

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On Jul 25, 2025, at 10:53 AM, Richard Schwartz <[richard@richardschwartz.info](mailto:richard@richardschwartz.info)> wrote:  
Dear Muwekma Nation,

I am forwarding a copy of an email I just sent last night (see below) when I learned about a proposed 8-story development on a site that I had sent the State notice that a burial was found on this very site in 2004. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you feel I can help you in this matter.

My Best, Richard Schwartz      <http://www.RichardSchwartz.info>

**Subject: A Native Burial at a proposed 8-story construction project in Downtown Berkeley**

**To:** "Brown, Farimah F." <[FBrown@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:FBrown@berkeleyca.gov)>    **Date:** July 24, 2025 Hi Farimah. I just found out there is a proposed high-rise project at **2138 Kitteredge, Berkeley, CA 94704.**

I sent a record of a Native American burial at that very address to C.H.R.I.S. in 2004. This burial of a woman was unearthed quite close to the surface grade of the soil. It is possible the site has still not yet been processed by C.H.R.I.S. and given a Primary or Trinomial State site number, but it was sent.

There are other cultural remains (including other burials) in the vicinity I informed C.H.R.I.S. of over the years, within hundreds of feet of 2138 Kitteredge, as well. Some of these do have Primary and/or Trinomial site numbers as the records have been processed and I was sent the numbers.

This makes the entire vicinity, along both sides of Strawberry Creek, a very archaeologically intense, rich, and culturally sensitive area. I am unaware if the City or the developer conducted a record search, or if a CEQA records search/study is still required under **SB35** or **how far that search must expand to**. However, I needed to alert the City as soon as I became aware of the project, which is this evening. Please feel free to contact me if you need to.

The foundation for this proposed eight-story project at 2138 Kitteredge, given the density of Native American cultural remains, including at least one burial at 2138 Kitteredge (and likely more on that address and given the large size of the actual larger site area and other confirmed and recorded burials nearby), would disturb or destroy (removal of soil) a significant portion of this known and recorded Native burial area. There would be no recovery of the cultural and burial history and cultural respect should the site be excavated. There would be no going back.

The location of an archaeological site(s) is not to be made public by law. (There are some exceptions, but I trust you know all this much better than I).

Some of the sites I sent to C.H.R.I.S. have been designated official CA "P" or Trinomial site numbers, but I am unsure about others at this moment I am emailing, even though I sent 523a records/ and or other communications to C.H.R.I.S.

I hope this helps the City fulfill its responsibilities in navigating all this. Thanks for being there. I trust that you will handle this information expeditiously, thoroughly, and confidentially. Thanks for your help with all this, Farimah. I hope it helps.

My Best, Richard Schwartz

<http://www.RichardSchwartz.info>

To clarify and avoid any confusion, I sent the State notice of the burial in 2004. The burial of this woman was unearthed in 1955.



**Architect of the Capitol visits Reno to select 2025 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree ([kolotv.com](http://kolotv.com))**  
— Reno is in the spotlight as federal officials select the 2025 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This event marks a historic moment for Nevada, inviting locals to contribute handmade ornaments to adorn the tree.

**Extract:** This is the first time in history, the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree will come from Nevada.

Nevadans are also invited to contribute up to 10,000 handmade ornaments for the tree and its companion displays. Ornament submissions are due by Sept. 15, 2025.

[Click here](#) for more information.

*If each Nevada tribe contributes 10 ornaments.....*

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### **Key player in California's water wars embraces controversial pact**

“After decades of deterioration and ecological collapse in the heart of California’s water system, state regulators today embraced the Newsom administration’s controversial plan to overhaul how farms and cities take water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and rivers that feed it. It’s a major development in a long-running battle over how much water must flow through the Delta for the survival of iconic Chinook salmon, sturgeon and other species — and how much can be tapped for tens of millions of Californians and vast tracts of Central Valley farmland. On one side are conservationists, the fishing industry, Delta communities and Native tribes: They want stringent rules requiring cities and farms to take less water from the imperiled watershed. ...”

[Read more from Cal Matters.](#)

Here’s what State agencies, Voluntary agreement participants, Salmon groups, and other stakeholders had to say. [Read this post at Maven’s Notebook.](#) (No tribal statements)

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### **Ninth Circuit revives Arizona wells caught in tribal water quarrel**

“Four privately owned wells along Arizona’s Gila River may be reopened after a Ninth Circuit panel found little likelihood that the wells extract a significant amount of [surface water](#) federally reserved for the Gila River Indian Community downstream. The federal appeals court reversed a lower court order to seal the four wells, which feed eight parcels of land owned and operated by a group of ranchers who the indigenous tribe says are in violation of a nearly century-old agreement that reserves the entirety of the Gila River’s surface water for the tribe. Because of a complicated legal distinction between river subflow — underground water classified as surface water — and surrounding groundwater, the three-judge panel says it’s unclear how much water granted to the tribe is actually eaten by the wells. Thursday, citing a low likelihood that the wells take a notable amount from the river itself, the Ninth Circuit panel declared the order sealing the wells to be an overly broad remedy, sending the litigation back to the trial court for further factfinding. ...” [Read more from the Courthouse News Service.](#)

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### **Trump’s AI action plan waives federal environmental rules in the development of data centers**

“Some of the most exclusive seats at President Donald Trump’s inauguration in January were reserved for the leaders of Big Tech companies like Meta, Amazon and Google. While the mega-rich have long had an outsized role in U.S. national politics, many saw the inaugural display as a

tell-tale sign of the influence the tech industry would have in Trump's second term after Silicon Valley pledged newfound support to his administration. On Wednesday, that support paid off. The administration announced its plans to speed the development of artificial intelligence in the U.S. by allowing companies to build the technology and related infrastructure with minimal federal oversight. Among the actions outlined: waiving some environmental regulations for data centers and determining in concert with the industry any other rules that "unnecessarily hinder AI development or deployment." ... " [Read more from Inside Climate News](#).

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Why are data nerds racing to save US government statistics?

"After watching data sets be altered or disappear from U.S. government websites in unprecedented ways after President Donald Trump began his second term, an army of outside statisticians, demographers and computer scientists have joined forces to capture, preserve and share data sets, sometimes clandestinely. Their goal is to make sure they are available in the future, believing that democracy suffers when policymakers don't have reliable data and that national statistics should be above partisan politics. "There are such smart, passionate people who care deeply about not only the Census Bureau, but all the statistical agencies, and ensuring the integrity of the statistical system. And that gives me hope, even during these challenging times," Mary Jo Mitchell, director of government and public affairs for the research nonprofit the Population Association of America, said this week during an online public data-users conference. ... " [Read more the Marin Independent Journal](#).

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### **The 'Lilo and Stitch' backlash reveals how little America understands Hawaiians**



<https://www.sfgate.com/hawaii/article/lilo-stitch-ending-hawaiian-cultural-practice-20349307.php>

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How Molok Luyuk Got Its National Monument Designation (and Not Windmills)

From a ridgeline east of Clear Lake, a hiker today can see the country as did the Patwin, Pomo, Wappo, and Miwok peoples, who walked it for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. This is Molok Luyuk—"Condor Ridge," in the Patwin language. [Free Read »](#)

Under Trump Administration Pressure, National Park Gift Shops Could Remove Books on Slavery and the Civil War Jake Spring / The Washington Post



National Park Service employees were required to report items for review by last week. (photo: Getty)

Among the books flagged for possible removal were “The 1619 Project” and a book about former Interior secretary Deb Haaland.

National parks employees have raised the idea of removing books on slavery, Native Americans and George Washington from their gift shops as part of Trump officials’ efforts to scrub these popular sites of “corrosive ideology” that [disparages Americans](#), according to internal records reviewed by The Washington Post.

Agency employees were required to report items for review by last week. The inventory of books possibly running afoul of the administration’s directive includes “The 1619 Project” on the history of slavery in America and a picture book about former Interior secretary Deb Haaland, the first Native American Cabinet secretary. Those works are sold at the Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie and Liberty Square park stores in Charleston, South Carolina, along with three other books on slavery and the Civil War that were flagged.

President Donald Trump issued an executive order in March that instructed the Smithsonian and the national parks to remove “improper ideology,” which could include discussions of historic racism and sexism.

Since then, the Interior Department, which oversees the Park Service, has issued policies instructing agency staff [to report any information](#) that might be out of compliance, including gift shop merchandise, signs, educational films and websites. Visitors were also invited to submit comments.

“This effort reinforces our commitment to telling the full and accurate story of our nation’s past,” Interior said in a statement. “As part of an internal process to assess which content may require review, staff at the park can submit materials identifying specific exhibits and interpretive panels.”

The department did not respond to questions about the gift shops or specific items under review.

Parks advocates have criticized the Trump administration’s directives as an attempt to whitewash history that has hurt morale among park staff who fear losing their jobs if they do not follow the directive.

“Our history is complex and, as national park advocates, we trust national park staff to navigate those complexities and do their jobs without interference,” said Alan Spears, senior director for cultural resources at the National Parks Conservation Association, an advocacy group.

“Great countries don’t hide from or sanitize their history,” he added.

Staff also flagged a book at the Washington Monument’s gift shop that discusses the first president as “an enslaver” as a potential violation of Trump’s order.

One park employee reported a book called “Wives, Slaves, and Servant Girls: Advertisements for Female Runaways in American Newspapers 1770-1783,” saying “the park is flagging it out of an abundance of caution.”

Employees at the Charles Pinckney Historic Site in South Carolina reported half a dozen books on slavery, plantation life and Black history. Pinckney was an enslaver who helped draft the U.S. Constitution.

A Junior Ranger children’s booklet at Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial, will be reviewed for saying that Lee broke his promise to serve in the U.S. military and instead chose to fight for slavery.

The national park inventory system also includes staff reports on signs and other informational items that were submitted for review. A previous call for visitors to report problematic signs yielded thousands of comments largely supporting the parks or opposing the administration’s cuts to park staff and budgets.

Most of the items flagged by parks staff highlighted references to slavery, the Civil War or civil rights without commenting on what should be done about them. Some employees flagged signs that reference climate change, such as a note about sea-level rise at Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina.

Another employee flagged a reference to the “Gulf of Mexico” at Emerald Mound along the Natchez Trace Parkway in Mississippi.

While many parks reported very little to the administration, some appeared to take a more cautious approach in flagging items.

In one instance, an employee reported a sign next to a statue of President Franklin D. Roosevelt at his memorial in Washington for discussing his paralysis from polio.

“I recommend keeping it but am concerned that it may be seen by some as disparagement,” the comment reads.

Others appeared to support changes. One staffer wrote “replacement needed” for a sign at Russian Bishop’s House at Sitka National Monument. The sign explains that missionaries worked to destroy indigenous cultures and languages across Alaska.

In response to the administration’s actions, a group of historians, librarians and data experts at the University of Minnesota at Twin Cities has launched a [“Save our Signs” project](#), encouraging people to post images of signs to preserve information that could be removed.

“Real history is not just happy stories,” the website reads.

<https://www.rsn.org/001/under-trump-administration-pressure-national-park-gift-shops-could-remove-books-on-slavery-and-the-civil-war.html>

Watch out for your history! And a good time to works with NPS personnel to enhance their holdings/interpretations.

History Bits

- 1863 Jul 30** **Treaty of Box Elder** signed to insure “a firm and perpetual peace shall be hencesforth maintained between the said bands and the US” (years later U.S. encouraged tribe to move to Fort Hall in violation of 1869 treaty reserving it to the Bannocks).
- 1865 Jul 31** Lt. Wm. G. Seamonds anf troops patrolling north of Ft. Ruby stumbled onto **Chief Zelauwick** who fled from Cottonwood Canyon, Zelauwick was surrounded by soldiers who fired bullet after bullet.
- 1889 Jul 30** After a visit to the Pyrami Lake reservation, US Secretary of the Interior, Carl Schurz was quoted claiming that Native Americans would never be happy on reservations; he would try to convince Congress to allocate 25 acre plots to Indians.
- 1890 Aug 1** McDermitt reservation allotted under the Homestead Act.
- 1917 Aug 1** Native American labor organizer **Frank Little** (who opposed WWI and was working with Montana copper miners to protect them against Anaconda Copper) was kidnapped from his boarding house and luynched from a railroad trestle near Butte.
- 1966 Aug 2** Reno-Sparks Indian Colony motions to establish a housing authority.
- 1971 Aug 2** The US Senate Selcet Committee on Indian Affairs approved legislation transferring water rights and 2640 acres of federally managed land to the Fallon Indian Reservation.
- 1999 Jul 28** Archeological excavation began of Island Mountain, Nevada, a Chinese mining camp that was a living community from 1873 to 1915.
- 2007 Jul 28** **Jacob Elibury** signs with the Boston Red Sox.

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**Science Says the Most Successful Kids Have Parents Who Do These 9 Things**

<https://getpocket.com/explore/item/science-says-the-most-successful-kids-have-parents-who-do-these-9-things>

**Want to Raise Successful Kids? Science Says Do These 5 Things Every Day**

<https://www.inc.com/bill-murphy-jr/want-to-raise-successful-kids-science-says-do-these-5-things-every-day.html>

[Want to Raise Successful Kids? Science Says These 5 Habits Matter Big-Time](#)

[Want to Raise Successful Kids? These 13 Simple Habits Pay Off Big-Time](#)

## Executive Orders

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| <a href="#">Promoting The Export of the American AI Technology Stack</a>      | <a href="#">July 23, 2025</a> |
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| <a href="#">Preventing Woke AI in the Federal Government</a>                  | <a href="#">July 23, 2025</a> |
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Memoranda/Proclamations

Made in America Week, 2025	July 25, 2025
Captive Nations Week, 2025	July 25, 2025
Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Security with Respect to Sterile Medical Equipment	July 17, 2025
Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Further Promote American Energy	July 17, 2025
Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Chemical Manufacturing Security	July 17, 2025
Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Iron Ore Processing Security	July 17, 2025

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[Ozette: The US' Lost 2,000-Year-Old Village](#)

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Projects should support one or more of the following America250 goals:

- Celebrate what unites us as Americans
- Teach about democracy, history, and the Constitution
- Promote civic engagement and volunteerism
- Enhance Nevada’s heritage and culture
- Support tourism and visitation
- Collect data on tourism impact
- Employ historical content that is evidence-based, accurate, authentic, and reliable

Examples of Eligible Projects: Historical content development (e.g., consulting, research)

- Event promotion
- Tour design, materials, equipment, and staffing
- Video and podcast production
- Graphic design and branding
- Audio/visual production, photography, and promotional materials
- Data collection tools
- Familiarization Tours

Please remember that every state has a commission or similar operation. Check out yours!

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