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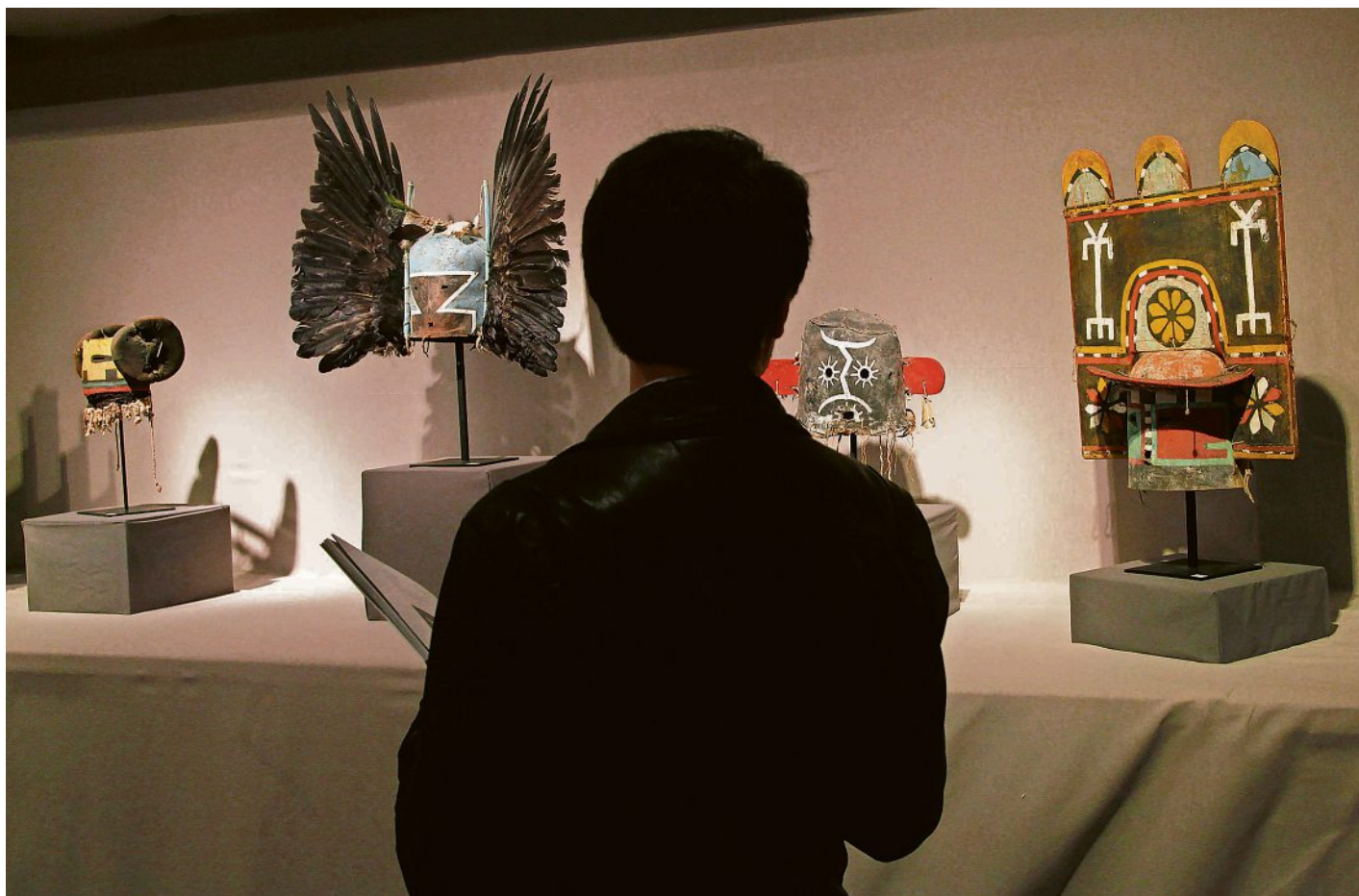
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## Universities still hold Native remains, artifacts



A visitor looks at Native American tribal masks at an auction house in Paris in 2013. Universities and museums across North America and Europe face the same question: How will they address the legacy of colonialism in their collections? JOHN SCHULTS/REUTERS

## Decades after repatriation law, progress remains slow

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Many universities and museums in the United States have long held Native American burial artifacts, other sacred objects and even human remains.

Most of these collections were acquired in the late 19th and 20th centuries. They came from grave excavations, anthropological research and other practices carried out without the consent of Native American communities.

In 1990, Congress passed the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or NAGPRA. This law requires federally funded institutions, including museums and universities, to identify Native American artifacts, consult with tribes and return them to descendants, tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Some institutions, like the University of California, have publicly committed to returning Native American artifacts and remains to the proper communities, in a process known as repatriation. But progress has been slow, and many sacred objects and remains are still held in collections.

As a scholar of Native American genocide, memory and justice, I think repatriation is about more than merely returning items taken without permission.

It's about how universities and other institutions are confronting the histories that produced these collections in the first place.

### The case of the University of California

The University of California is not the only institution confronting this issue of repatriation. But it is one of the country's most visible university systems, with 10 campuses across the state.

The University of California has publicly stated in a detailed policy document and other places online that it is "committed to the repatriation of Native American human remains and cultural items." It publicly tracks its work on returning Native American items and remains via a searchable database.

As of this February, the university repatriated 9,303 human remains, 476,592 items used for burials, and

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Yup'ik masks are displayed at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington. PROVIDED BY KERRI J. MALLOY/THE CONVERSATION

## GA hopefuls vie to be 'more MAGA'

### Republican race heads to June 16 runoff election

**Irene Wright**  
USA TODAY

The Georgia Republican gubernatorial runoff election is set.

Current Lt. Gov. Burt Jones and health care CEO Rick Jackson have been battling it out for months in a crowded Republican primary field for the top seat in the state. Both have painted themselves as fighters for President Donald Trump in Georgia, and they have leaned into the MAGA base even as the president's approval ratings reach historic lows.

They took the top two spots in the primary election May 19, but neither crossed the 50% threshold needed to claim the nomination outright. The runoff will be held June 16.

The battle now continues to see who will take on Democratic former mayor of Atlanta, Keisha Lance Bottoms, in November, and whether the candidates' close ties to the president

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## Lawyers aim to derail Roundup settlement

**Maureen Groppe**  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - Lawyers behind a Supreme Court case about whether the makers of Roundup can be sued over cancer claims are trying to derail a pending \$7.25 billion class-action settlement with the company that could resolve many of the lawsuits.

The lawyers called the settlement a "sweetheart deal" for the company that won't adequately compensate people who believe they've been sickened by the herbicide while offering too much protection for Monsanto.

They also filed papers on May 22 to move the case from state court to federal court, where it could be taken over by a judge who has criticized the deal.

"This class action was filed not to litigate active claims, but to launder a liability-management scheme through the courts," the lawyers wrote.

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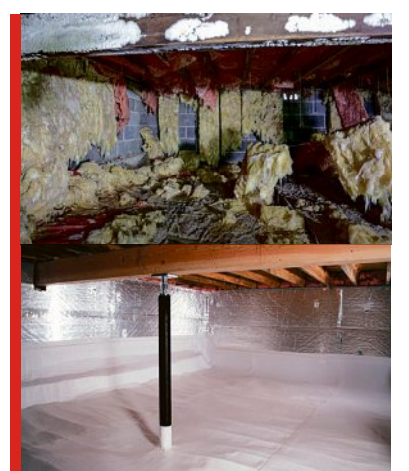


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