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From collecting native seeds to retiring groundwater used for farming, the Walker Basin Conservancy is pulling out all the tools in the toolbox to restore Walker Lake and its fishery.

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<https://www.ecowatch.com/indigenous-peoples-columbia-river-dams-impact.html>

Coming around again.

Cow poop might make cleaner hydrogen gas a reality

<https://www.popsci.com/technology/hydrogen-gas-cows/>

Maureen Chiloquin-Katenay

This is my Great Gramma. In the first pic she's about 40. In the second she's at a rally of some kind where Natives were made US Citizens. She was around 65-70. She was the mother of 9. She outlived all 3 of her husbands. Her name was Mary Elvira Whittle. Sometimes I see her face in my face. (*beautiful face. sdc*)



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Uncover the Surprising History of Hilton Head Island's 16th Century Capital

The Coastal Discovery Museum's upcoming exhibit will highlight the untold story of Santa Elena, the first European Colonial Capital in North America.

Extract: "Beyond its strategic advantages, the cultural narrative of Santa Elena is one of diverse influences, marked by the interactions of Native American peoples, Latino/Hispanic settlers, and African slaves. The complexities of these interactions are central to the story of Santa Elena, as Garniewicz explains: "There's been a lot of work in museums to 'decolonize the colonial history,' to really tell these independent stories from non-European perspectives. This exhibition is an opportunity to tell both sides. It's the first colonial capital, so it is a colonial story — but there were people who were here not by choice. There were enslaved people here; there were also Native people who were sophisticated traders, and who eventually forced the Spanish out of the area."

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/sponsored/uncover-the-surprising-history-of-hilton-head-islands-16th-century-capital-180984097/?spMailingID=49882089&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2722255208&spReportId=MjcyMjI1NTIwOAS2>



This Pride Month, we honor and mourn Nex Benedict, the nonbinary Two Spirit teen who left this world too soon in February 2024 after brutal bullying.

Soon after Oklahoma passed legislation requiring transgender people to use the bathroom for their assigned sex at birth, students began bullying Nex. Then three older students violently attacked Nex in a girls' bathroom at school, and Nex tragically died the next day.

Nex's mother is a member of the Choctaw Nation, which has traditional terms for people who are neither men nor women. Around two-thirds of recorded Indigenous languages on Turtle Island have such words, though many people now use the more recent pan-Indigenous term "Two Spirit."

Since time immemorial, Indigenous communities have honored and protected our Two Spirit people, who were seen as closely connected to the divine in many cultures.

We have much work to do to ensure the safety of our Two Spirit and LGBTQ (2SLGBTQ) relatives: More than 500 anti-2SLGBTQ bills were introduced across the United States last year.

We urgently need federal protections in legislation like the *Equality Act*.

If passed, the *Equality Act* would provide explicit anti-discrimination protections for 2SLGBTQ people in employment, housing, jury service, federally funded programs, credit, education, and public spaces and services -- and the legislation updates the definition of "public spaces and services" to include retail stores, restaurants, transportation services, banks, legal services, and more.

After Nex's death, the Rainbow Youth Project said that calls to their national support hotline from Oklahoma increased by more than 500 percent, with many young people concerned about being targeted themselves.

So far this year, Oklahoma's lawmakers have introduced 54 bills targeting 2SLGBTQ people -- the most of any state. They introduced 35 and passed 3 last year, when the Oklahoma Department of Education also released a video saying that transgender students are a threat to schools.

This hateful rhetoric and legislation endangers young people in Oklahoma and across Turtle Island.

Oklahoma's Superintendent of Public Schools also appointed the head of a far-right hate account (which has been connected to bomb threats and violent attacks on individuals and institutions deemed LGBTQ-friendly) as an advisor to a state library committee. The state superintendent said that together, they're trying "to rid schools of liberal, woke values" such as inclusivity for 2SLGBTQ people.

Nex's death shines a light on the disproportionate harassment and violence against our Two Spirit relatives. Among LGBTQ youth, Native American youth are the most likely to be bullied and to consider or attempt suicide.

This crisis is a direct result of colonization, which imposed patriarchal, transphobic, and homophobic norms on our communities. Colonizing settlers subjected Indigenous peoples to gender violence and robbed Indigenous communities of the important spiritual roles played by Two Spirit people.

Supporting Two Spirit people is part of re-Indigenizing our society and part of honoring all life in accordance with Indigenous values and traditions.

Hawwih (*thank you*) for continuing to support Native communities, including our sovereignty over our bodies and our lands and waters. We support the safety of all people, including 2SLGBTQ people.

For 2SLGBTQ youth in crisis or in need of a safe place to talk, you can call the Rainbow Youth Project at 1-317-643-4888, or the Trevor Project's LifeLine at 1-866-488-7386.

Judith LeBlanc (Caddo)
Executive Director




KIT JULIANTO 

WORKSHOP
INTRODUCTION TO TEXTURAL PAINTING
 Sunday, June 23RD | 1:00PM - 4:00PM
 \$45 | materials included | ages 14 & up | registration required: surrelspcace.ludus.com

VISIT
OPEN STUDIO
 Friday, June 21ST | 4:00PM - 7:00PM | opening honor song by Caylon Hedgepeth
 Saturday, June 22ND | 4:00PM - 7:00PM | opening flute song by Kit Julianto
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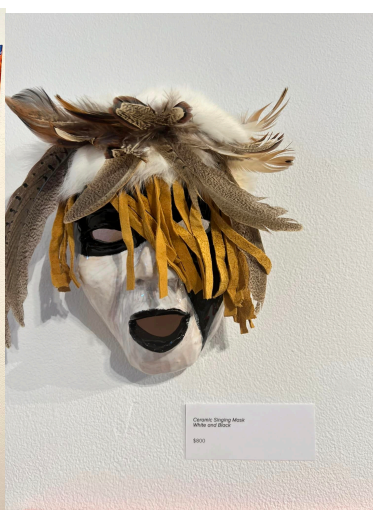
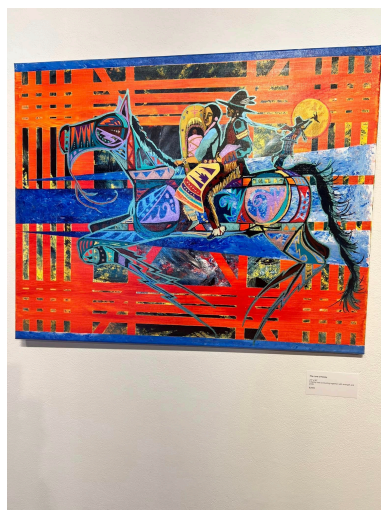
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 Monday, July 8TH | 5:30PM - 8:30PM | opening reception with honor song by Caylon Hedgepeth | closing song with Kit Julianto and Caylon Hedgepeth
 Tuesday, July 9TH | 1:00PM - 7:00PM | Artist Talk at 6:00pm with flute song by Kit Julianto
 Wednesday, July 10TH | 1:00PM - 7:00PM | gallery tour with closing song by Kit Julianto and Caylon Hedgepeth








more information: www.surrelspcace.org Surrel's Place 212 E. 33rd St. Garden City



NO HB385 - PROTECT NATIVE BURIALS & SACRED SITES!

This week HB385 was replaced by yet another harmful version of the bill in an attempt to slash protections of sacred sites in North Carolina.

The new version of HB385 would tie the hands of the understaffed and under-resourced Office of State Archeology (OSA) in dangerous, unprecedented ways. It would flood the agency with projects, while mandating a binding consultation from them that would suspend archaeological protections for three years on any property where OSA did not confirm the possibility of archaeological significance. The new bill even goes so far as to propose OSA then applies for grant funding to purchase land from developers.

HB385 is tied to a single coastal housing development called Cedar Point. Cedar Point developers knowingly started construction before doing their due diligence and receiving a cultural review permit. While digging, they struck human burials and an extensive Native American village site, considered to be one of the most significant sites uncovered in NC in decades, in an area well-known for its archeological and historical abundance.

7 Directions of Service Director Dr. Crystal Cavalier-Keck responds to the changes to HB385:

"The targeting of Native American burial grounds and sacred sites by Cedar Point developers is now in the light. Though we were successful, thanks to public outcry and pressure, to force the removal of one terrible part of HB385, it's only been replaced with yet another disgraceful attempt to gut archeological protections in North Carolina. The bad business decisions and lack of due diligence by Cedar Point should not become the burden of Native American communities, and archeologists trying to do their jobs to protect our state's cultural resources. The House Judiciary Committee must stop HB385, and focus on improving preventative measures to avoid worst-case-scenarios like we're seeing with Cedar Point." Call Senate Judiciary Committee members & demand they **remove section 11 from HB385** before their next meeting on Tuesday June 25.

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30 places across Nevada you can visit for free



The [cost of living](#) continues to rise across the country, forcing each dollar earned to stretch further. While vacations are undoubtedly beneficial for mental health, maintaining savings, paying down debts amid inflation, and regular expenses likely take precedence. Here you can find -and plan- your next highly rated free activity in Nevada on [Tripadvisor](#).

The Ten Commitments



[Koi Nation Shiloh Resort and Casino Sonoma County](#)

After centuries of mistreatment, 59 federally-recognized Native American tribes from Alaska to the Golden State agree: the **Koi Nation of Northern California** deserve to build the **Shiloh Resort & Casino**.

Click below to sign letter of support to end the Tribe's long journey to justice.



59 federally-recognized Native American tribes and 3 tribal communities agree...

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I absolutely love this. All of it ❤️

1. Compliment three people every day.
2. Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
3. Be the first to say, "Hello."
4. Live beneath your means.
5. Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
6. Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
7. Forget the Joneses.
8. Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
9. Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
10. Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
11. Be kinder than necessary.
12. Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
13. Keep your promises.
14. Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
15. Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
16. Leave everything better than you found it.
17. Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.
18. When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
19. Don't rain on other people's parades.
20. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

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Another by Bucky Harjo (Stewart Powwow)

Community Colleges Have Great Stories to Tell

Community colleges across the country offer unique experiences that connect students with work in their communities. Check out the creativity, diversity, and ingenuity of campuses serving today's students close to home.

https://www.luminafoundation.org/telling-a-better-story-about-community-colleges/?utm_id=120208944891120658



Asset-Based Community Development: Shifting Museums' Center of Gravity

For too many years, museums have approached our communities with a deficit mindset. We've looked for some of the worst problems in our community—housing issues, low graduation rates, unemployment—and decided that, through outreach to the less fortunate, we would solve them. In working with partners on collaborative funding proposals, we've essentially required them to denigrate their own communities to garner support. This approach, rather than yielding solutions, has resulted in damaged partnerships and disempowered communities. The ABCD framework, on the other hand, approaches communities from an abundance mindset, with a consideration of their many assets: individuals, associations, institutions, physical space, exchange, and culture/

stories/history. Under this framework, museums can use their own assets to catalyze those community assets, resulting in community development and empowerment.

<https://www.aam-us.org/2023/09/22/asset-based-community-development-shifting-museums-center-of-gravity/>



Consensual Curation and Our Common Future

Olmec Stone vessel (Gulf of Mexico) depicting God of War, with jaguar features, 1500-600 BC. [Tamara Serrao-Leiva](#)

The best thinking about potential futures explores the full span of the Cone of Plausibility. By expanding our understanding of what is *possible*, we expand our choices regarding what is *preferable*. Today on the blog, Tamara Serrao-Leiva, Chief Deputy and Curator of Anthropology at San Bernardino County Museum, makes the case for challenging a false binary that constrains our thinking about repatriation. What are a museum’s choices, beyond “keep it or give it back”? Serrao-Leiva introduces a third option, “consensual curation,” as a way to foster shared spaces and collaborative stewardship.

<https://www.aam-us.org/2024/03/27/consensual-curation-and-our-common-future/>

Effective Exhibitions Should Provoke!

“Restorative History leverages the past to understand the root causes of historical harms and turns to community-based knowledge to define the best path forward.”

<https://www.aam-us.org/2022/11/04/effective-exhibitions-should-provoke/>

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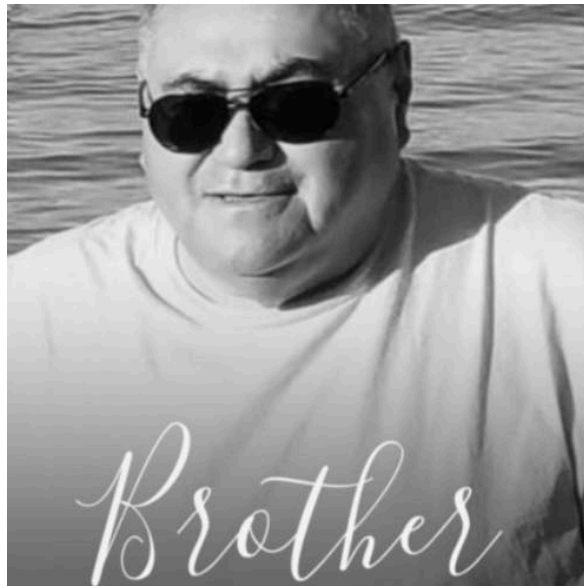


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Patti Zuniga Bennett added a temporary profile picture.
In loving Memory of my big Brother Dave May 18, 1953 - June 18, 2024