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Loving a drug addict or an active alcoholic is the hardest thing you will ever do. Watching someone you love, who has fought so hard to beat addiction, throw everything away and sink back into a life that will most likely lead to jail or death, is one of the hardest things you will ever do. All you wanted was to help them back to a clean and sober life but you realize by doing this, as you have before, will now just be enabling them because it will show them that you will always be there to bail them out. You want to grab and shake them and say "What are you doing?!?!"

But, at some point you realize that it wouldn't make a difference. So you sit back and watch the tragedy unfold, as if you are watching a movie. Feeling helpless to stop it, feeling like you haven't done enough to help, even though you know only the addict can help themselves. Having to disconnect yourself from them to save yourself from plunging into the abyss with them. It's one of the hardest things you will ever experience. You love them from afar and keep praying that they will find their way. Battling a drug and/or an alcohol addiction is a beast for the person addicted and the ones who love them.

So I am asking you to stand with me in prayer for every family member and friend who has lost or is losing their battle with drugs and alcohol and those who continue to conquer it! September is National Recovery Month! Put this on your page for one hour if you know someone who has or had an addiction. Many will be hesitant to!!! Some of you won't, but I think I know the ones who will.

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### **AT&T agrees to settle case over abandoned lead cables beneath Lake Tahoe**



“AT&T on Wednesday signaled it will resolve a yearslong legal struggle over abandoned telecommunication cables contaminating Lake Tahoe, and remove the disused lines. The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance filed suit in 2021 over the cables that it said were leaching toxic lead into the lake that bridges California and Nevada. The two cables, about 8 miles long, are at the bottom of the lake and contain over 68 tons of lead. The federal case was advancing through court when both the alliance and AT&T on Wednesday filed documents in support of a consent decree. A hearing on that decree is set for Nov. 7. “This is a monumental win for the environment, the communities who drink Lake Tahoe water, and people with lake-dependent livelihoods, and the millions of annual visitors,” said

Chris Shutes, executive director of the alliance, in a statement. ... ” [Read more from the Courthouse News Service](#).

## **Diridon: Fight the water thief by Special to San José Spotlight**

September 18, 2024



*Anderson Reservoir is pictured in this file photo.*

Earth’s most valuable asset is potable water. So we store every drop we can capture in massive reservoirs like Shasta, Trinity, Folsom, Hetch Hetchy, Meade and a dozen more. But a thief has been stealing increasingly more amounts of that community wealth every summer for the past half century. That’s like your family income entrusted to a greedy custodian who skims off more each year.

That frightening news was broken by Don Bader of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that manages the reservoirs. Bader declares that during the first nine days of July, 2.2 billion gallons [disappeared from Shasta Lake](#) while Trinity and Keswick Lakes had nearly 3 billion gallons stolen — by a very angry Mother Nature who is trying to tell us something.

Global warming caused by climate change, brought on by the accumulation of carbon vapors in the upper atmosphere, has saddled our generations with some of the warmest temperatures in recorded history. [Last year was the warmest](#), with next year projected to be even hotter. [Heat records were broken throughout California](#) in July. The obvious result has been a rampant and expanding forest fire season, water rationing, price increases especially impacting the cost of agricultural products and health hazards for all life, notably the oldest and youngest.

Our macro challenge is to eliminate carbon combustion by the mid-2030s, as is the legislative objective of California. Fortunately, solar and wind energy are coming online rapidly enough to replace the need for petroleum and coal generated energy. And the public is realizing that electric cars, busses, trains and in-home electric energy is much less expensive to use and maintain than



the dirty carbon-based alternatives. But science declares that maximum societal effort may take decades, even centuries, to normalize back to mid-1900s airborne carbon and temperature averages.

In the interim, life on Earth must survive by protecting water from increasing heat. Ideas that have been discussed are to [cover the lakes and expansive canal systems with solar panels](#). And creating systems to pump water, both winter runoff and added reclamation — reverse osmosis, added clean water drainage capture, etc. — via a system of piping back into the reservoirs and by natural percolation and direct injection into our depleted underground aquifers.

Covering lakes with solar panels is a technical challenge and runs afoul of the recreation users of those resources. Placing floating solar panels near the dams, where security prohibits public access, might be viable as would covering portions of the vast canal systems that distribute water throughout the state. The revenue from that electricity should allow the program to be self-funded.

The capture of added water and recharge of underground aquifers have potential and are done to a limited extent. As those underground reservoirs are replenished, protected from the heat of the sun, the added water allowed to be taken from that underground storage could be priced to pay for the recharge program.

For certain, our serious need for water in the future cannot allow evaporation to pilfer such a vast and increasing quantity of that pivotal natural resource. We must prove to Mother Nature that, as we finally strive toward the existential ethical imperative of curing ourselves of our carbon addiction, humankind is still worthy of continuing to care for her planet by protecting the most dear of her gifts: life-giving water.

*Rod Diridon, Sr. is former chair of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, chair emeritus of Silicon Valley League of Conservation Voters, chair emeritus of SV Ethics Roundtable and chair emeritus of the California High Speed Rail Authority.*

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Organism new to science found in Mono Lake's water

“Researchers at the University of California, Berkeley discovered a new organism living in Mono Lake’s water—a species of choanoflagellate they named *Barroeca monosierra*. Choanoflagellates are single-celled, microscopic organisms that primarily feed on bacteria. Scientists have found that *B. monosierra* is unique because instead of only consuming bacteria, the organism forms large colonies that contain live bacteria and form a stable relationship with them. “To our knowledge, this is the first report of such an interaction between choanoflagellates and bacteria,” reads the researchers’ paper, which was published in the *American Society for Microbiology*. ... ” ... ” [Read more from the Mono Lake Committee](#).



RSIC LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM PRESENTS:

RSIC NATIVE DAY



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

RENO RSIC GYM

*Registration starts @ 4pm
Native Pride March starts @ 5pm*



- > Pan Bread Contest
- > Longest Hair Contest
- > War hoop contest
- > Youth Hand Drum Contest
- > Adult Hand Drum Contest

*Come dressed to impress.
Ribbon Skirts & Shirts encouraged
Free Native Day T-shirt*

*Hovia Edwards
Flautist, singer*



*Scan to view Hovia's
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Healthy habitat for hitch Partnerships with tribe, state, others, critical to efforts



“Recovering populations of Clear Lake hitch isn’t just a goal for the Robinson Rancheria Pomo Indians of California; it’s critical to their culture and way of life. Luis Santana, a fish biologist with Robinson Rancheria explains the importance of this species as subsistence to the tribe with his own personal challenge to eat what is genetically good for his body. “My ancestors are from central Mexico, and so when I did my genetic analysis on what I should be eating it came back – venison, a lot of zucchini and a lot of berries, and I do eat that stuff, but not often enough,” he said. While historically a form of subsistence, Santana acknowledged the multiple cultural benefits of the fish to the tribe. “Getting back to more fish would obviously help because it’s a lot healthier and better for the people, but what I’d like to emphasize is how critical our efforts are now and in the future to preserving the hitch for future generations for the mental and spiritual benefits to the tribe.” ... ” [Read more from the US Fish & Wildlife Service.](#)

This is life in America’s water-inequality capital. It might be about to change

“In the Navajo Nation—a sweeping landscape of red-rock canyons and desert that takes in the Four Corners—water is not taken for granted. Here, more than 1 in 3 Diné, as Navajo people call themselves, must haul water to their homes, often across long distances. The Diné use the least amount of water per person of anyone in the U.S., and pay the most. Eighty miles away, residents of Utah’s Washington County rely on essentially the same water supply, yet pay less for that water than almost anyone else in the U.S. and, until recently, consumed the most. The contrast reflects not only inequities of power and access. It also carries a warning that reaches beyond two arid communities. ... ” [Read more from Time Magazine.](#)

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[San Jose State University launches new college to focus on tech, AI](#)

This fall, San Jose State University launched a brand-new college with the goal of educating students for the future of AI and tech

[Noowuh Knowledge Center](#)

Ruby Valley Treaty Conference Registration CLOSES September 20, 2024.

To register, please visit <https://www.noowuhkc.org/ruby-valley-treaty-conferences>

Workshop and meal accommodations are only available to those who register for the event until we reach capacity. Only want to drop in for a lecture presentation? Participants can register at the event until we reach room capacity.

Hope to see you there!

Mary Gibson

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Tlingit & Haida ·

During a two-day celebration in Craig, Alaska, on September 13th and 14th, the Craig Tribal Association hosted Craig's first Haida pole in their community, with master carver Reg Davidson. As the pole raised, you can feel the united positive energy for this monumental moment on Kaigani Haida land. **Video on Facebook**

[USDA's decision to contract with just one distributor to supply critical food aid programs has triggered food shortages among tribal residents and low-income seniors, reports POLITICO.](#)

**Use your native
language everyday,
no matter how much
or how little you
know..**

**Your ancestors will
hear you. 🙌**

May be late in publishing message but it holds, no matter the date. sdc

Today (9.15) is the **International Day of Democracy**, recognized annually around the world after passing the United Nations General Assembly almost 20 years ago.

As the United Nations writes: *"The International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world," defining democracy as "a universal value based on the freely-expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems, and their full participation in all aspects of life"*

Native peoples understand democracy, with generations of experience collectively self-governing our lands and communities. Here at Native Organizing Alliance, when we talk about the importance of achieving sovereignty and treaty rights for Natives in the United States, we're really talking about building a much more deeply multi-racial democratic political system where everyone can participate in the decisions that impact our lives.

This election year, we're engaging more Native people in the political process to create better conditions for all marginalized groups to be heard. We're not only protecting Native voting rights, but joining with all those who are being denied the right to vote. Only by standing together will we overcome racist voter suppression

Our movement helped turn out the Native vote in record numbers in 2020 and following elections, which has meant not only that we've elected more Natives to office, but also that more elected officials from all backgrounds are listening to Native communities and seeing us as politically significant.

Unfortunately there's been a backlash to this progress, with right-wing state lawmakers and judges attacking and suppressing voting rights at record speed -- on top of the discriminatory barriers we already face when voting, like the fact many states require a residential address for voter registration. This poses a significant barrier for Native peoples, especially those living on Tribal lands or in rural areas where many homes do not have physical mailing addresses.

So we're doubling the number of "moccasins on the ground" for 2024's elections, growing our Natives Vote Campaign to register and turn out our communities. Focusing on 12 target states with high Native populations, we're coordinating with Tribal leaders

and Native community groups to train 200 Organizing Fellows and help ensure Native peoples can exercise their right to vote.

Engaging communities in the political process is year-round, so these Organizing Fellows will continue working with their Tribes and community groups beyond the 2024 elections. Together, we're helping build grassroots movements for Native self-determination and political power -- an essential part of expanding the United States' tattered democracy to ensure it works for all people.

Ahéhee' (thank you in Navajo) for making our work possible and expanding rights for all people. Tremayne Nez (Navajo), Policy Directo

BUILD NATIVE POWER

"KINGS OVER THE NECESSARIES OF LIFE": MONOPOLIZATION AND THE ELIMINATION OF COMPETITION IN AMERICA'S AGRICULTURE SYSTEM

Yesterday, we released the centerpiece of our [Agriculture Consolidation Data Hub](#): an in-depth research report, ["*Kings Over the Necessaries of Life*": Monopolization and the Elimination of Competition in America's Agriculture System](#).

The report, authored by antitrust attorney Basel Musharbash, reveals how dominant corporations up and down the food chain have gained unprecedented power and profits off the backs of farmers, workers, and consumers through decades of mergers and acquisitions. This means that just a handful of dominant corporations dictate who farms, what they farm, and what Americans eat.

"This report makes it crystal clear that we face a time for choosing," said report author Basel Musharbash. "The bad news in this report is that a handful of corporate executives have managed to monopolize power over our food and our agriculture. The good news is that the American people have fought against would-be corporate masters before — and won," he continued. "The choice before us today is whether we will accept central planning by this self-appointed oligarchy or stand and fight for freedom like Americans have done before."

Hear more from Basel at our [virtual briefing on this report](#) on September 26, 2024, at 01:00 PM ET. Check out more details below.

READ THE REPORT

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Farm Action Fund joined R-CALF USA and 29 groups requesting that U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai help restore the mandatory country of origin labeling for beef, as [covered](#) by the Oklahoma Farm Report.

FARM ACTION APPLAUDS USDA EFFORT TO ENSURE PROTECTIONS FOR AMERICA'S FARMERS AND RANCHERS

This week, Farm Action [submitted a public comment](#) commending the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for its [Fair and Competitive Livestock and Poultry Markets](#) proposal, which clarifies that farmers are protected under the [Packers and Stockyards Act](#) (P&S Act) from unfair practices that harm the individual farmer or the entire market. Thank you to the 870+ Farm Action supporters who also submitted a public comment using our action alert!

Farm Action's comment asserts that producers must be able to hold large meatpackers accountable. Farm Action has long advocated for USDA to propose a rule clarifying its long-standing position that farmers and ranchers only need to demonstrate harm to an individual (i.e., unfair payment) — not the entire industry — to bring a P&S Act claim.

This proposed rule is a meaningful step toward ensuring this right for producers.

Farm Action is encouraged by USDA's continued efforts to strengthen the 100-year-old P&S Act and restore it to the statute's original goal of protecting livestock and poultry producers from unfair monopolistic market practices. This proposed rule marks the fourth such rulemaking, and we look forward to reviewing the upcoming fifth rulemaking pertaining to transparency in the cattle industry.

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[‘About Place’ at the de Young showcases new contemporary works by Bay Area artists](#)

In “About Place: Bay Area Artists from the Svane Gift” at San Francisco’s de Young Museum, local artists explore climate change and shifting ideas about home and heritage. Indigenous artist collective Postcommodity’s “Going To Water,” a multi-channel video and sound installation, fronts the show. The permanent exhibition runs through Nov. 30, 2025, with free access on Saturdays for locals.

[Read more](#)

Urban Roots is taking applications for its Gardening for All program until Friday, Sept. 20.

Participants receive comprehensive gardening support, including materials such as redwood, soil, seeds, seedlings and irrigation materials. “At Urban Roots, we see gardening as a powerful tool to educate and unite our community, but not every individual or entity is equipped to successfully start,” said Jenny Angius, executive director of development and operations. “We are honored to have grown this program and look forward to awarding and building more gardens in Northern Nevada this year.” To apply or get more information, head to www.urgc.org/gardening-for-all.



Bucky Harjo

If you're ever stuck in the middle of a situation, stabilize yourself and hang in there, beautiful things will happen. Look at this plant, growing on the side of a rock, these are the ways the creator speaks to us, creator speaks in many different languages.

