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Unsettled (At the Nevada Museum of Art)

August 26, 2017 - January 21, 2018

Unsettled amasses 200 artworks by 80 artists living and/or working in a super-region we call the Greater West, a geographic area that stretches from Alaska to Patagonia, and from Australia to the American West. Though ranging across thousands of miles, this region shares many similarities: vast expanses of open land, rich natural resources, diverse indigenous peoples, colonialism, and the ongoing conflicts that inevitably arise when these factors coexist.

The specific geographic focus of *Unsettled* begins in Alaska and continues down the west coast of North America, through Central America, concluding in Colombia. Works included span 2,000 years, ranging from Pre-Columbian to modern and contemporary art. Organized by Curatorial Director and Curator of Contemporary Art JoAnne Northrup with Collaborating Curator, iconic Los Angeles artist Ed Ruscha, *Unsettled* makes connections among the diverse cultures and artistic practices of this super-region.



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Nahko & Medicine for the People- 'A Call to Action'

Nahko (Nahkohe Parayno) was born in Oregon under some difficult circumstances but fortunately adopted by a loving family while he was still a baby. He struggled early on with identity issues, being a mix of Apache, Puerto Rican and Filipino cultures, but music gave him an outlet for that pain. Early piano lessons and singing at church showed that he had real natural talents. When he was older, a music gig in Alaska helped show him there was a whole big world outside of Oregon and he started really learning what he wanted to do with his music.

After traveling around the world for a bit, and gaining a little more musical experience, Nahko formed the five member group Nahko and Medicine for the People in 2008. Their most recent album, HOKA , was released just last year. [READ MORE](#)

Young Medicine Spreads Positivity through Music and Culture

Curt Young is an award-winning artist from George Gordon's First Nations in Saskatchewan. He is also a part of the musical duo Young Medicine, who has performed across the globe in such places as China, Peru, New York, Hawaii, and many communities & schools across Turtle Island.

Young loves working with youth in the community because he grew up with a learning disability and believes that music, culture, and dance helped him get his education. "Be your own person and live in a positive way" is something he always tells the kids.

Here's a video from a recent school performance. Looks like the kids had a blast!

[New curt Young School/Community Video](#) [READ MORE](#)

Artist Louie Gong Brings Authentic Native American Art To Mainstream Business

One of our favorite Native entrepreneurs was recently interviewed by NPR station KUOW and featured on All Things Considered! In the interview, he talks about the importance of helping other Natives navigate through the business world, be it social media marketing or collaborating with non-Native entities.

"In native communities, we have art, and we have culture. What we don't have in our community are business skills or good examples of creative artists who have been successful." [READ MORE](#)

Native Hope to Raise Awareness of Trafficking at Sturgis Rally

Native Hope is a nonprofit organization that's doing important work to empower young Native Americans through programs that provide education, protect at-risk youth, and honor cultural heritage. One of the projects they've been highly involved in is bringing awareness to sex trafficking, something that affects Native women and girls. Read more about this important issue!

About the Campaign

"Each year the Sturgis Rally draws more than just tourists. Criminals see the event as a prime opportunity—for sex trafficking. And the sad reality is that 40% of sex trafficking victims in South Dakota are Native women and girls.

We at Native Hope think this is unacceptable. We won't stand by and let it happen, right in our backyard, so we're taking action again this year. [READ MORE](#)

Young Teen Embraces and Celebrates Her Aztec Roots

I saw this great short clip of a teenager Itztli Xochitl Arteaga who is part of the Danza Azteca Xochipilli group out of California.

In this video by Fierce, she talks about the importance of her culture and remembering her roots.

To find out more about [Danza Azteca Xochipilli](#), visit their Facebook page.

[READ MORE](#)

Catawba Pottery and Basket – Keith Brown and Faye Griener

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture sponsored a tour of local artisans and farms during June, called the [Ag + Art Tour](#). The tour took place over several weekends in different South Carolina counties.

Kelli and I loaded up the car and took off June 17, 2017, and headed to Lancaster County. We made 5 stops on the Lancaster County tour including Dixie Bee Supply, Craig Farm, and Benford Brewery. Our first stop of the morning was at the [University of South Carolina Lancaster's Native American Studies Center](#). We were very excited to visit the center. I've lived in South Carolina almost my whole life and hadn't heard of it or visited.

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[**Virginia Lawsuit Challenges Eminent Domain for Oil Pipelines**](#)

s.e. smith, Care2: Property owners allege that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is overstepping its bounds in allowing the Mountain Valley Pipeline to seize property along its proposed route. If the lawsuit succeeds, the court case will force the oil company to prove that it's using eminent domain fairly in an appeal. [Read the Article](#)

Newport United Methodist Church to return sacred rock to the Dakota

The groups have yet to disclose what Red Rock's future will be, but Methodist Bishop Bruce Ough said there will be plans to move it.
<http://strib.mn/2vnurrT>

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\$14 million Amount North Dakota is [asking the federal government to reimburse it for costs associated with protests](#) against the Dakota Access oil pipeline. The protests were largely driven by concerns about water contamination. *Associated Press*

\$10 billion Cost of an LCD flat-screen factory planned for southeastern Wisconsin. Environmental groups warn that the project could harm wetlands as the state considers [legislation that would waive certain permit requirements related to wetlands and waterways](#). *Reuters* studies, and Reports

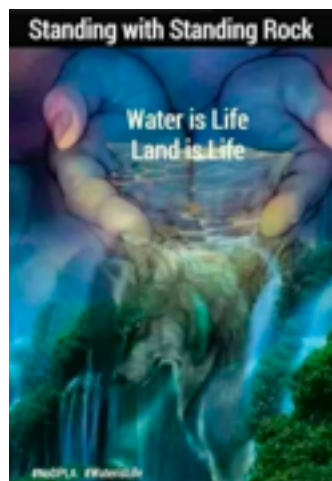
A new study by researchers at the University of Michigan [details how lead was able to leach into water supplies in Flint, Michigan](#), triggering a public health crisis. The study confirmed that the contamination was caused by a failure to treat the city's water with substances that control metal corrosion, allowing lead to leach from service lines into the drinking water. As a result, approximately 36 micrograms of lead per liter of water flowed into homes during the crisis, researchers found. *PBS NewsHour*

In context: [Expert council recommends eliminating lead drinking water lines.](#)

Nutrient pollution is once again set to fuel large blooms of toxic algae in Lake Erie and create a massive, low-oxygen “dead zone” in the Gulf of Mexico this summer. Voluntary measures to address these issues, however, [are “not even making modest dents in nutrient pollution.”](#) writes Donald Scavia, a professor of environmental engineering at the University of Michigan.

The Conversation

In context: [World stands by as algae and dead zones ruin water.](#)



Federal Water Tap:

53: Senators voting to confirm a former California farm lobbyist and Interior Department solicitor as second in command at the Interior Department. The “yes” votes for David Bernhardt, who has lobbied for Westlands Water District, a power player in the Central Valley, included four Democrats. ([Senate](#))

BLM Fracking Rule Reversal

The 180s continue. The Bureau of Land Management [moved to rescind an Obama administration rule](#) that governed hydraulic fracturing on public lands managed by the federal government. The rule established guidelines for well construction, handling of the brine and fluids that flow out of a fracked well, and reporting the chemicals used in the process. The BLM now feels that the rule “unnecessarily burdens industry with compliance costs and information requirements that are duplicative of regulatory programs of many states and some tribes.”

The rule never went into effect, first being suspended by a federal judge then invalidated. Environmental groups are appealing that ruling. The BLM, however, told the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Tenth Circuit in a [March filing](#) that the rule “does not reflect” the priorities of this administration.

Public comments are being accepted through September 25.

WOTUS Repeal

Weeks after announcing it, the EPA and the Army Corps [published a notice in the Federal Register](#) that states their intent to repeal the Obama administration’s definition of which water bodies are regulated by the Clean Water Act.

Publication in the Federal Register initiates the public comment period, which runs through August 28. That is a quick turnaround for one of the most contentious federal environmental rules in recent memory.

The second step in the administration’s plan is to propose a new rule. The agencies have not yet done that.

Republicans, meanwhile, are targeting the rule on a second front. A [section of the Defense Department spending bill](#) (page 277, line 12) allows the administration to revoke the rule with no strings attached — strings being requirements for public consultation.

Florida Nuclear Plant Waste Injection OK’d

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing board [ruled that underground waste disposal from a pair of proposed reactors near Miami will not harm drinking water resources](#).

Florida Power and Light Company is seeking approval for two additional reactors at the Turkey Point nuclear plant, in Homestead, Florida. Even with a license the company might not proceed with construction if the cost of construction is too high.

Two green groups — National Parks Conservation Association and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy — challenged the NRC’s environmental review, claiming that injecting wastewater from the cooling towers could pose a risk to groundwater, if the contaminants were to move upward into a zone. The wastewater will be injected to a depth of 3,000 feet. The Upper Floridan Aquifer, which stretches between depths of 1,010 feet and 1,450 feet, is classified as a potential drinking water source.

The board concluded that contaminants are unlikely to move upward and, if they do, their concentrations will be lower than EPA standards.

House Committee Passes Drinking Water Bill

The Energy and Commerce Committee advanced a bill that makes small adjustments to the Safe

Drinking Water Act that will, perhaps, provide more money to communities, improve data reporting, and result in cleaner water.

The [Drinking Water System Improvement Act](#), developed in bipartisan negotiations, includes a number of provisions. Among them:

- A gradual increase in authorized contributions to an infrastructure loan fund, in total \$US 8 billion over five years. But remember the dictum: authorization does not equal appropriation. Congress could still deliver less money during the annual budget process.
- Expanding the uses of the loan fund to include “preconstruction activities” — the design and planning stage.
- Extending the loan repayment period for poor communities to 40 years.
- Requiring that utilities, in their annual water quality reports to customers, include additional information about violations and send electronic versions.
- \$US 5 million per year for a grant program to replace school drinking water fountains with lead in the plumbing.

“It’s a start for some needed improvements,” Alan Roberson, executive director of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, wrote to Circle of Blue in an email, while also noting that the legislative path through the House and Senate, is still long.

Firefighting Chemicals and the Military

A couple news items in what will be a long-running story to deal with groundwater contamination near military bases because of firefighting foams.

The House passed a [Defense Department spending bill](#) that includes \$US 60 million for the Air Force and Navy to clean up groundwater contaminated by the chemicals PFOA and PFOS, which were used in firefighting foams on military bases.

Air Force investigators, meanwhile, [released a report](#) that indicates that foams are the source of groundwater contamination near Peterson Air Force Base, in Colorado.

Trump Orders Infrastructure Council

By executive order, President Trump [established an advisory council](#) that will produce a report on prioritizing, accelerating, and financing infrastructure projects. The council will have no more than 15 members, appointed by the president. Public interest groups had sued over the administration’s use of informal advisers on infrastructure matters.

Rise and Fall of Government Infrastructure Investment

A [Congressional Research Service report](#) tracks the ups and downs of local, state, and federal non-military infrastructure spending. Total government investment on structures — generally roads, bridges, water, and sewer systems but also some energy spending — peaked in the late 1930s at roughly 4.2 percent of GDP. In the current decade, total government investment has fallen to about 1.6 percent of GDP, most of which is state and local spending combined with federal grants.

Senate Water Security Hearing

Their House colleagues have adjourned until after Labor Day, but the Senate is still at work. An Environment and Public Works subcommittee [meets on August 1](#) to discuss oversight of the Superfund program.

An Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee holds a [hearing on August 2](#) on preparing for drought through improvements to infrastructure and management.

Global Waters Website

The U.S. Agency for International Development is [promoting a new website](#) as a platform for sharing ideas about water and sanitation successes and failures. The page is populated mostly by USAID resources, but the site is looking for contributions.

DOL Seeking Members for Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion

U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta is inviting nominations for individuals to serve on a new Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion.

The Task Force is being convened as part of the Department's efforts to implement President Trump's [Executive Order](#) to expand apprenticeship in America.

The Task Force is responsible for identifying strategies and proposals to promote apprenticeships, especially in sectors where the current number of apprenticeship programs is insufficient. It will also submit to the President a final report detailing these strategies and proposals. [Click here](#) for more information about the Task Force.

Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the Task Force. **Nominations are due by August 8, 2017.** [Click here](#) to view the Federal Register notice soliciting nominations for the Task Force.

Last week, the Women's Bureau announced the availability of nearly \$1.3 million in grant funds to boost women's participation and success in skilled jobs. The WANTO Technical Assistance Grant Program is designed to help employers and labor unions recruit, train and retain women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations. This year, grant funds will be awarded to up to four community-based organizations to provide one or more of the following types of technical assistance:

- Developing pre-apprenticeship or nontraditional skills training programs;
- Providing ongoing orientations for employers, unions and workers; and/or
- Setting up support groups and facilitating networks for women.

Grantees may work with employers and labor unions in the full range of industries in which women are traditionally underrepresented or disproportionately concentrated in lower-wage occupations, including advanced manufacturing, energy, healthcare, information technology, and transportation.

Applications are due August 23, 2017. [Click here](#) to view the solicitation for grant applications. Find answers to frequently asked questions [here](#).

To learn more about resources and opportunities for women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations, check out the Women's Bureau's [Women Build, Protect and Move America](#) portal.

Nuclear Thoughts *(One point of view):*

[David Lopes](#) *Technology brought us the Atomic Age and the Birth of the Nuclear Industry, the Evil of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Failures of Reactors from Chernobyl to Fukushima, the Poison in the air we breath and in the soil beneath our feet, the Killing of both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and 30 seconds to Midnight on the Doomsday Clock with the Mental Instability of those with their fingers on Nuclear Weapon activation triggers and a Unstable Mind in possession of Launch Codes..*

Technology... Pure Unadulterated Evil...

The Real answers remain with and have always been in the hands of the Original Caretakers who hold the Truth and the only way to a sustainable future for both humanity and the Mother of ALL things Living....

Controlled Technology is a Corportate Tool Mechanism specifically put in place to cause impairment and control over the masses in a materialistic world....

It has never been a path to the future, it has become the evil that prevents the future from happening....

Technology can Always be Bought and placed in the hands of the Wrong people..

Indigenous People's Traditional Knowledge can NEVER be purchased..It is the Creator's Gift to Humanity, it is NOT FOR SALE to the Elite Few but knowledge for all to learn....

And Another:

The Nevada Terawatt Facility - Training Students in the Field of High-Energy-Density Science with Dr. Aaron Covington: A briefing on the University of Nevada-Reno's "Terawatt Facility" (the NTF), which performs high quality research in the area of high-energy-density (HED) physics; that is, the study of matter under extreme conditions of temperature and density. The Facility is part of the Department of Energy's "National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)" Science Centers and a key participant in DOE's nuclear stockpile stewardship programs.

Graduates of the UNR program are conducting critical (and often highly classified) research at a number of the nation's major laboratories, including Sandia, Lawrence Livermore, and Los Alamos, as well as in specialty fields, including Astrophysics, detection and modeling of neutron sources, and "Proton Deflectometry" of Z-pinch Plasmas for the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Covington demonstrated how the UNR facility is assisting the NNSA in its mission of assuring the reliability of US nuclear weapons, without actually testing those weapons. Much of the analysis and testing is done through science and engineering simulation and by conducting sub-critical experimentation (no blast). Covington (see attached slides) provided an overview of the key mission of the NTF, making "high-energy density plasmas". That is accomplished by quickly dumping a high volume of electrical energy into a material target, or by focusing the light on a target using a lasing medium. These extreme plasmas have high temperatures, densities and strength like those found in nuclear explosions. Professor Covington also discussed the major HED Plasma Research machines in use at the NTF, including the Zebra Z-Pinch, the Leopard Laser and the Cheetah Laser.

We encourage everyone to take a close look at the Vu-Graphs (attached) that Dr. Covington used in his presentation. And, for those who want a “close and personal” look at the NTF, we will be arranging tours for our NSF members in the near future.

A great program on a most interesting topic, with the critical research being conducted here at the UNR Terawatt facility at the former Stead AFB. Dr. Covington is a professor of physics at the University of Nevada-Reno and Director of the Terawatt Facility.

Follow the link to the presentation: **[The Nevada Terawatt Facility](#)**

Goodbye Nuclear Power. Construction of Two of Four Remaining Planned US Plants Just Canceled

Harvey Wasserman, The Progressive

Wasserman writes: "Two of the last four commercial nuclear power plants under construction in the United States-both of them at the V.C. Summer site in South Carolina - have been cancelled. A decision on the remaining two, which are in Georgia, will be made in August." [READ MORE](#)

Beautiful! Movie Review: New Film 'Wind River' Takes Place on a Native

Reservation, Features Native Stars <http://buff.ly/2wj30Mp>

‘Wind River’ has an all-star Native cast, including Gil Birmingham, Graham Greene, Martin Sensmeier, Tantoo Cardinal! indiancountrymedianetwork.com

Invited Proposal: August 31, 2017 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (USDA)

Maximum of \$10MM available for 170 awards - - This U.S. Dept. of Ag. program seeks to co-invest with partners in innovative, workable & cost-effective approaches to benefit farming, ranching, & forest operations, local economies, and the communities and resources in a watershed or other geographic area. Partnering organizations design, promote, implement, and evaluate the project outcomes. **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Agricultural or silvicultural producer associations or other groups of producers; States or units of local government; Indian Tribes; farmer cooperatives; water districts, irrigation districts, rural water districts or associations, or other organizations with specific water delivery authorities to agricultural producers; municipal water or wastewater treatment entities; institutions of higher education; & organizations/entities w/established history of working cooperatively w/producers on agricultural land. <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/?cid=nrcseprd1309629>

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<https://m.dailykos.com/stories/2017/8/2/1686263/-WH-correspondent-cronies-Native-Indians-should-go-back-to-your-country?detail=emaildkre>

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"When the people fail to run their government, it will run them." — Capt. William E. Simpson

Bob Tregilus

Eastern Oregon total eclipse projected visitor update: Yesterday I wrote to the rangers at John Day Fossil Beds National Monument inquiring if they have any sense of expected crowds, particularly at the Painted Hills Unit where I have been planning to go for over a year now. I thought surely not many folks would go way out there? But after yesterday's back and forth here on FB I thought I'd investigate further. Here's what the ranger's response was:

"Greetings,

"You're right. Many people already know that Eastern Oregon is predicted to be one of the best total eclipse viewing areas in the country. We anticipate very large crowds August 15th - 22nd; expect traffic delays, congested parking lots, and areas that are normally open may be closed and/or open to foot traffic only. **At John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, we are expecting about 50,000 people which is about 1/3 or 1/4 of our annual visitation.**

"Estimates are that in Oregon, along the path of totality, will see 1 million visitors. Our best guess is that it will be crowded anywhere along the path of totality. Many people mistakenly believe that going to remote, rural Eastern Oregon is a way to beat the crowds but unfortunately, all the crowds have the same idea!

"Please make sure that you are coming prepared for the eclipse. Services in Eastern Oregon are limited. Cell service is spotty out here, roads are winding, gasoline, food, and water may be limited. I have attached to files that will help you in your planning in addition to the park's website. As new information becomes available, we will be updating our eclipse page, go.nps.gov/JODAEclipse.

"Have a safe totality! I'm sorry you were unable to reach us via phone. Our phone systems have been off and on lately."

Nevada Business News

Solar forum to shine light on business opportunities

The benefits for businesses installing solar energy systems is the focus of a forum to be held the afternoon of Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at the University of Nevada, Reno's Innevation Center, 450 Sinclair St., Reno. [Learn More](#)

InNEVator 'bootcamp' will propel development of young companies

A bootcamp for startups in the Internet of Things space will give several young companies a unique opportunity to accelerate development of their concept and business this fall. InNEVator 2017, hosted through The Innevation Center University of Nevada, Reno, will be an intensive and active six-week program. [Learn More](#)

How Nevada's Department of Business & Industry Helps Small Businesses

Join us on August 23 as Director Bruce Breslow details how Nevada's Department of Business & Industry can help you start or grow your business in Nevada. Bruce will provide an in-depth looks at the wide range of resources and information offered by Nevada's B & I. [Attend the Biz Bite](#)

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“Water is the source of our life. There’s no fish anymore in the [River] Corrientes. [People who buy this oil] should know where it comes from.” – Daniel Saboya, president of the FEPIAURC indigenous federation in Peru, commenting on [oil operations that have contaminated rivers and streams in the country’s northern Amazon](#)

[region](#) to the detriment of indigenous communities. It could cost \$1 billion to clean up the area. (*Guardian*)

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Groundwater depletion has contributed to the [loss of more than 560 kilometers of streams in the Great Plains](#) of the United States, and it could cause nearly 300 kilometers more to be lost by 2060, according to researchers at Kansas State University. The disappearance of streams is changing fish communities, which could in turn disrupt the larger food web, they found. *Science Daily*

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Use the following link to get to a 4-minute plus story: [Modern Native American Dancing: Stepping For The Family](#) which aired on KUNR in conjunction with the closing night of Artown. If you are so inclined, please share. <http://www.rsic.org/rsic-in-the-news/>