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**The Wave in South Swepeton, Arizona**

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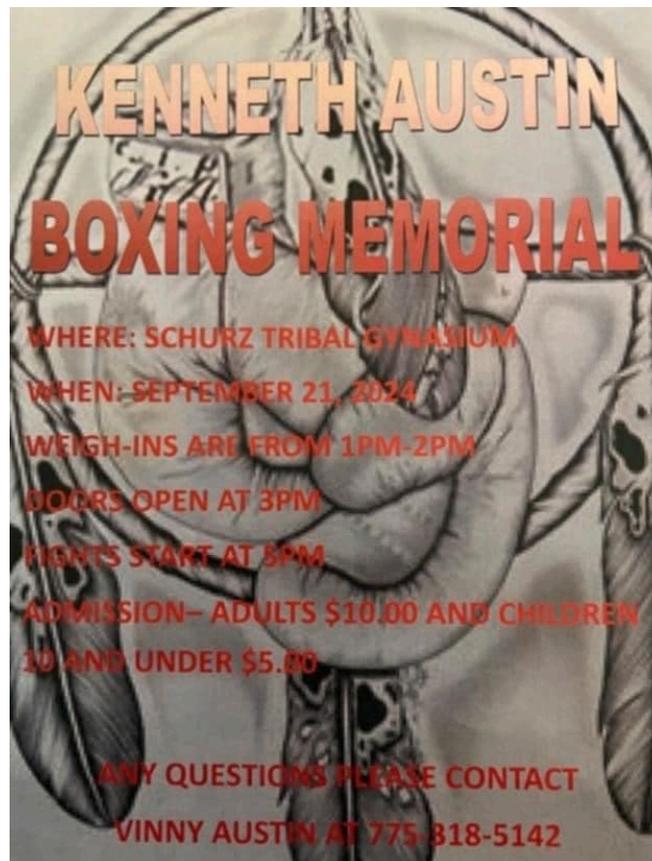
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### **Extract:**

Indigenous Californians are part of the project. The Russian River was traditionally the home of the Pomo people, and Sonoma County Ag + Open Space is working with two tribes on cultural stewardship. “The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria made a financial contribution toward the project already,” Arias said.

Coastal redwoods, which grow only in a narrow band [from extreme southwestern Oregon south to Big Sur](#), can live up to 2,000 years. They currently occupy only about 5% of their historic range.



## **The Secret of Arctic ‘Survival Parenting’**

For centuries, Sámi reindeer herders have used a unique parenting philosophy to prepare their children for survival in the Arctic. Here’s what we can learn from them.

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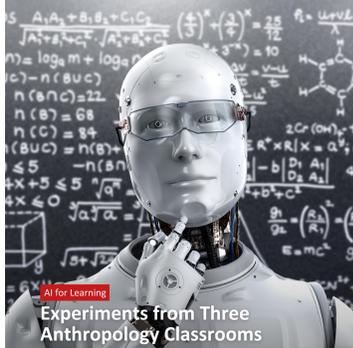
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## [American Anthropological Association](#)

As the premier hub for anthropologists and anthropology enthusiasts, AAA opens doors to a diverse community of scholars, practitioners, and thinkers eager to unravel the complexities of human existence.

From thought-provoking publications to enlightening research opportunities, our membership offers benefits for those hungry for knowledge and eager to make a difference.

Read more here: <https://bit.ly/aaa-ailearning...>



[anthropology-news.org](https://anthropology-news.org)

[AI for Learning: Experiments from Three Anthropology Classrooms - Anthropology News](#)  
[How have you encountered AI today? Perhaps you listened to music recommended by an AI algorithm, used a navigational app to check AI-predicted](#)

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## [U.S. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign](#)

[Traffickers exploit people experiencing vulnerabilities, including financial hardship, homelessness, and language or cultural barriers.](#)



[dhs.gov](https://dhs.gov)

## [Know the Signs](#)

[While human trafficking can occur to individuals of any age, gender, sexuality, nationality, and socio-economic class, Native American and Alaskan Native communities are disproportionately impacted by this crime.](#)

[#ad From virtual patients to AI tutors, explore how AI is reshaping education and unlocking our metacognitive potential.](#)

[theatlantic.com](http://theatlantic.com)

[Rethinking Education in the AI Era](#)

[AI is Playing a Central Role in Reshaping How We Learn](#)



Peru is the world centre of potato diversity. Our group visited Potato Park, a long drive with many hairpin bends through the mountains via Pisac.

**The Incas ensured their communities - everyone, not just leaders - always had seven years worth of stored food** as security against natural disasters like El Niño droughts, La Niña floods, war and earthquakes.

Dried, powdered potato can be stored in this high altitude, low oxygen environment without losing its nutritional value for 25 years. Survivalists take note.

In this cool temperate highland climate, contemporary guardians of global food security conserve 3,500 cultivars of potato mostly amassed by the Incas since 500 BC.

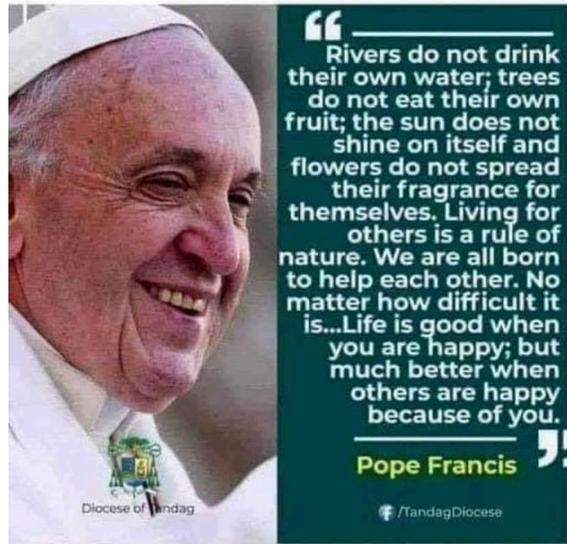
Who peels potatoes in the 21st century? Just over 50% of all the nutrients in a potato are in the body of the tuber. Peeling potatoes removes the remaining nutrients plus - importantly - it removes their fibre which is extremely valuable for gut health.

Yes, we taste tested some. But if you tried a new cultivar every day it would take just under eleven years to try all 4,000 held in the national conservation collection in Lima.

Some look like nothing I have ever seen in books or documentaries.

Jerry Coleby-Williams, Director, Seed Savers Network 21st August 2024 [www.seedsavers.net](http://www.seedsavers.net)

I absolutely LOVE this quote from Pope Francis!



Teachers! Sign up to participate in the **NASA TechRise Student Challenge** with your students in grades 6th-12th grade. Your school could win \$1500 to build an experiment with engineering support from awesome TechRise mentors and have it launched on a NASA-sponsored high-altitude balloon flight. No experience needed. Proposals are Due by Nov 1, 2024.

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[FUTUREENGINEERS.ORG](https://www.futureengineers.org)

[Join the NASA TechRise Student Challenge](#)



[Mel Irokromo](#)

Like the trees that sway with the wind or the rivers that carve their paths, our lives are meaningful just by existing, by being a part of the intricate tapestry of life. We are here to witness, to feel, to connect, and in doing so, we fulfill a deeper, more profound purpose—one that transcends material goals and taps into the essence of our shared humanity.

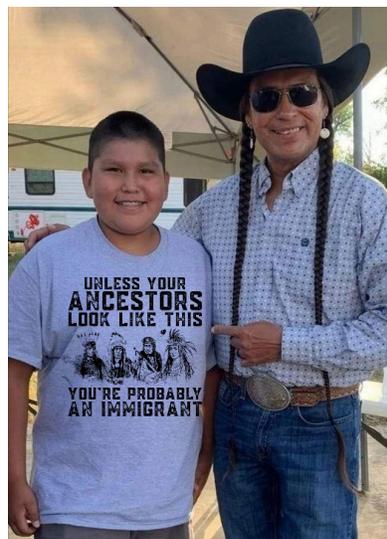
**Moses J. Brings Plenty** (born 4 September 1969) is an Oglala Lakota television, film, and stage actor, as well as a traditional drummer and singer.

He is best known for his portrayal as "Mo" in the Paramount Network series *Yellowstone*. Moses Brings Plenty was born on the Pine Ridge Reservation, in South Dakota. He is a direct descendant of Brings Plenty, an Oglala Lakota warrior who fought in the Battle of Little Big Horn. His wife is Sara Ann Haney-Brings Plenty. His nephew Cole Brings Plenty portrays Pete Plenty Clouds in two episodes of *1923*.

As an actor, he has played bit parts in *Hidalgo*, *Thunderheart*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. He also played Quannah Parker in the History Channel documentary *Comanche Warrior*, which was filmed on the Wild Horse Sanctuary in the southern Black Hills, and Crazy Horse on The History Channel's *Investigating History* documentary "Who Killed Crazy Horse" and the BBC documentary series *The Wild West*. He acted in *Rez Bomb*, considered to be the first movie with a universal storyline set on a reservation. *Rez Bomb* has been part of the international film festival circuit instead of playing strictly to Native American film festivals, which is a major breakthrough for Native cinema.

In addition to doing theater work in Nebraska, he also portrayed an Apache warrior in the 2011 science fiction western film *Cowboys & Aliens* and a character named Shep Wauneka in *Jurassic World Dominion* in 2022.

Brings Plenty is concerned about providing accurate representations of Native peoples in mass media. He says, "Young people told me they don't see our people on TV. Then it hit me, they are right. Where are our indigenous people, people who are proud of who they are?" Brings Plenty also works behind the scenes on *Yellowstone* and its spin-off prequels *1883* and *1923* as Taylor Sheridan's American Indian Affairs Coordinator to make sure that each show appropriately represents Native culture."





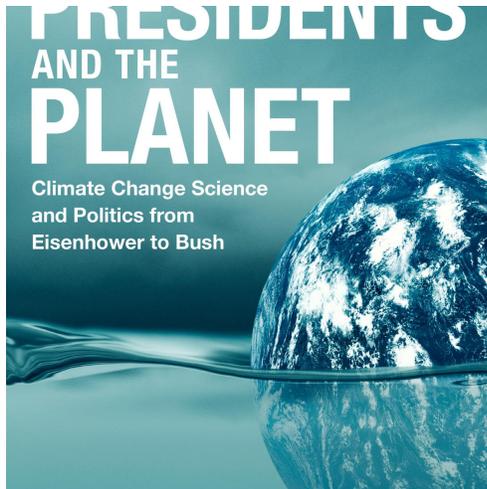
## **From Forest Floor to Fungus Amongus: The Life Cycle of the Bridge Slime Mold**

<https://diaryamazing.com/from-forest-floor-to-fungus-amongus-the-life-cycle-of-the-bridge-slime-mold>

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### **LSU Press**

**“An indispensable political history of climate change... deeply researched, comprehensively detailed, nimbly written, and animated by new discoveries and inside dirt. As haunting as it is revelatory.”—Nathaniel Rich**



[lsupress.org](https://lsupress.org)

### **Presidents and the Planet**

[The Presidents and the Planet recounts the story of the world’s greatest environmental dilemma through the eyes of early climate change pioneers. It begins...](#)

*(Doesn’t go back far enough!)*

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### **Foreign teachers having an outsized impact in one rural county school district**

<https://thisisreno.com/2024/08/foreign-teachers-having-an-outsized-impact-in-one-rural-county-school-district/>

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### **How to Take Your Kids out of School and Travel**

Teaching your kids with the world as your classroom can take them further than any textbook. This is definitely not “home” schooling.

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## Native American Legislative Update

*August 2024*

### **Opportunities for Advocacy After August Recess**

The Senate and House are in recess for August. Members of Congress have returned to their home districts to connect with constituents and prepare for the election season. We in DC welcome this break from the hectic summer season as we prepare to advocate when Congress reopens!

When Congress resumes in early September, we will begin the final advocacy sprint before the Nov. 5 elections. Congress will have an extremely limited time to work. It will be focusing on necessary legislation for government operations, such as appropriations, or funding bills. That means September is a key month for congressional advocacy!

This month, we're highlighting the many opportunities for advocacy related to the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act (H.R. 5444, S. 1723).

On September 30, our friends in Canada will commemorate the [Orange Shirt Day](#) as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, a federal holiday. In the US, it is only the Orange Shirt Day. Canada's Indigenous advocates and their allies worked hard for the recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

In the United States, Orange Shirt Day serves as a reminder of the work that still needs to be done to ensure truth and healing. Unlike Canada, the US government does not recognize the day as a holiday. It has not even apologized for the harms of the boarding school era

### **Ways You Can Get Involved**

#### **1. Get Educated**

Learn more about the history of Indian Boarding Schools through the [National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition](#), FCNL's key partner in this work.

You can reach out to your local meeting or yearly meeting to learn more about Quaker involvement in Indian Boarding Schools. [Towards Right Relationships](#) and [Decolonizing Quakers](#) have gathered much of this information.

You can track our journey by reading [FCNL's legislative ask](#) and our regular [blog posts](#). This monthly NALU newsletter will also help you keep abreast of Native American issues.

## 2. Reach out to your legislators

[Congress must hear our voices in support of this bill.](#) FCNL staff lobbying together with constituent advocacy can make real change on Capitol Hill. You can email and call your legislator through our website. Make sure you follow up with the office; consistent advocacy is key

## 3. Organize your community

Now that you've acted, work with others in your community to fight for truth and healing. While we're working on federal accountability, beginning the process in our own communities is key.

If your local meeting or church has not adopted a minute on Indian Boarding Schools, [that's a good place to start](#). You can drop by your legislator's local office to share the importance of passing H.R. 5444 or S. 172. Or you can set up a meeting with local [candidates running in November](#) to discuss the legislation.

Every day without a Truth and Healing Commission is another day that the survivors of boarding schools and their communities are left without answers or acknowledgement for the suffering inflicted on them by the U.S. government.

September is crucial for grassroots advocacy in support of truth, justice, and healing.

## What We're Reading

- [Department of the Interior Releases Volume II of The Federal Boarding School Investigative Report](#)
- [Catholic Boarding School Documents Staying in Montana](#)
- [Navajo Leaders Voice Their Opposition Against Uranium Mining | Sovereignty](#)

In Peace, Racheel Overstreet, Legislative Representative for Native American Advocacy  
Friends Committee on National Legislation

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***Reader note: I was registering voters at a high school yesterday. A Yankton Sioux tribal member with his Mpls address wanted to register as he will be 18 years old in September, but he couldn't do it online. I called Secretary of State office to see why and I was told MN will only let him register on Election Day.***

***I asked if it was because his tribe was an out of state tribe. They couldn't answer that one, but I saw in MN statutes in state tribal members are treated differently.***

## Two Versions of the Story of How the U.S. Purchased Alaska From Russia

The tale of "Seward's Folly" must also be seen through the eyes of Alaska's native populations  
<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/why-russia-gave-alaska-americas-gateway-arctic-180962714/>?

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[Janine Winnemucca](#)

[59 years old and she's still climbing trees.](#)

[#madrespectCalifornia Pine-nuts.](#)



[Created by Teresa M. LeBeau, Rouse- Pitt River/Hupa](#)

I was taught as well as many others how to climb a CA Pine tree to obtain their green Pinecones. I'll share the process.

I'll give an offering, like food or water. I wear a skirt or dress because the CA Pine trees that produce the CA Pinecones that produce CA Pinenuts are female trees. I give respect to the female tree by doing so. I climb barefoot so I do not disturb the bark of the tree, if I had shoes on, I would have scared her. I would climb by grabbing and standing on the strongest branches without breaking them. I climb until I reach the green Pinecones safely. Once I do this I would either hit the CA Pinecone with a stick, twist the CA Pinecone until it loosens, or cut the CA Pine cone loose. I then climb down slower than I climb up. Again, not to harm the bark of the female tree.

A kind reminder, my immediate family and I do not cut down a CA Pine tree just to get the CA Pinecones. Live trees are untouchable to us. We do not cut down live trees of any kind. We do harvest trees during the winter for firewood, and yes it snows in the Pit River homelands, and we use the wood to heat our house with a wood stove, however, we harvest the trees that are lying down on Mother Earth, yes, the trees that had died of natural causes.

Thought I'd share because I get super excited when I come across a Female Pine tree that I have the honour to climb.

Today I turn 59 years old, and I'm honored and grateful we decided to create the [California Pine-nuts. Created by Teresa M. LeBeau, Rouse- Pitt River/Hupa](#) page for you all. Thank you all for your dedication, patience, communication, support and comments. Let continue another year with healthy dialogue and safe space for each other.

“The Love, Respect and Power Of CA Pinenuts: The Medicine

## More states enact salary transparency laws to fight gender, racial pay gaps

To combat gender and racial wage gaps, nearly a dozen states recently have enacted pay transparency laws that require employers to be more open about the wages and benefits they offer.

Extract: Women on average **earn** about 84 cents for every dollar that men earn, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Federal **data** also shows a racial pay gap: Latino, Black and Native American workers on average earn from 73 cents to 77 cents for every dollar a white worker earns.

Read in Stateline: <https://apple.news/A-hdc19jcRva5RqwEW0xQow>

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### [Tashunke Witko Tiwahe/Crazy Horse Family/ECF](#)

Crazy Horse's first cousin, Touch the Cloud, was there with Crazy Horse at the end. He helped carry him into the adjutant's office with Hump 2 and Spotted Eagle to die in peace after he was stabbed at Fort Robinson. He also carried him out in a buffalo robe over his shoulder in a night ceremony right under the noses of the guards while the elders smudged a deer, cut up to resemble Crazy Horse's body and wrapped in a heavy buffalo robe to fool the soldiers into thinking his body was still under their watch. Their mistake was they granted us a short time to mourn in private. We took the body in a wagon to bury him. Some Indian police showed up later to follow us. So we took two wagons. One drove into the creek, leaving no tracks, and the other went a different direction that was easy to follow. The police followed the easy to follow wagon and found a lone driver with an empty wagon. Someday we will tell where he is buried. But it is still too early. For greater details directly from our oral history can be found in our book "Crazy Horse the Lakota Warriors Life and Legacy" here:



## Remembering William Terry Saul, Native elder, journalist and cosmically cool musician

Bill Saul, tsigesv, was born in Oklahoma and spent his final years in Oakland, where he was an active member of the San Francisco Bay Area community of Cherokees.

by [Terri Saul](#) Aug. 28, 2024, 4:00 p.m.



*William Terry Saul, 1943-2024, in his backyard in 2022. Credit: Terri Saul*

William Terry Saul, tsigesv, a Cherokee and Choctaw elder who was an accomplished journalist, musician, photographer and educator, as well as a loving family man and steadfast friend, passed away Aug. 6, 2024, in Palo Alto, CA, after a battle against cancer. He was 81. (The Cherokee word “tsigesv” is added to the name of a deceased loved one — similar to “the late” in English.)

Born in Vinita, Oklahoma, in 1943, Bill grew up in Bartlesville, where he graduated from high school. Bill, a Cherokee Nation citizen, and his wife, Suzanne, an artist also born and raised in Oklahoma, met at Oklahoma University and married in Cushing.

They came to California in 1967. There, he embarked on a career in journalism and she became an art teacher in the Glendale school system. They were married for 59 years and had two children, John and Terri.

After obtaining a master’s of journalism from UCLA, Bill worked as a journalist for the Glendale News-Press and the Los Angeles bureau of the Associated Press, where he covered a wide range of stories and mentored other journalists. He subsequently worked in public relations at ABC Television and the Walt Disney Company before teaching photojournalism in high school.

After retiring from teaching, Bill and his wife Suzanne moved to Huchiun (the Ohlone word for the East Bay). They landed in Oakland in 2009, to be closer to both of their children and to their Oakland-born grandchild who all lived in the Bay Area. In addition to spending more time with family, Bill and Suzanne were drawn to the Bay’s foggy breezes and to the nearby dusty oak- and chaparral-scented parklands. Their new home was watched over by turkey vultures and red-shouldered hawks. Bill preferred the scent of mugwort, manzanita, and sagebrush to the congestion of Los Angeles.

Bill and Suzanne's Oakland hills home planted them in between the nearby [landback parcel](#) of Rinihmu Pulte'irekne (Sequoia Point) and Skyline High School. The now Indigenous-stewarded site in their Skyline neighborhood is five acres recently returned by the City of Oakland and Sogorea Te' Land Trust to both the inter-tribal land trust itself and to the Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation.

It was a good place for two longtime educators to land because, while they had ready access to Oakland Hills habitat restoration projects, and eclipse-watching at the Chabot Space and Science Center, they could also walk downhill, in the spring of 2019, to march in a picket line for public educators. With over 40 years of combined teaching experience between them and an understanding of underfunded California schools, Bill and Suzanne were proud to stand with the Oakland teachers union, the Oakland Education Association, which went on strike to demand better wages, working conditions and improvements to services for their K-12 students.

Bill, right, with younger brother J.B. Saul, bundled up in New Jersey around 1953. Credit: Courtesy of Saul family

Bill, right, and son John Saul in 1981, displaying yellowtail they caught on Catalina Island. Credit: Courtesy of Saul family

Bill always honored his Native heritage and was part of the San Francisco Bay Area community of Cherokees, often participating in tribal picnics and cultural events. His father, Chief (Carl) Terry Saul, tsigesv, was a Choctaw Nation painter, commercial artist, muralist and director of the art program at Bacone College in Muskogee. His mother, Anna Laura Saul, tsigesv, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, was a nurse at the Claremore Indian Hospital.

Toward the end of his life, Bill attended community events in Oakland, including Good Medicine, an all-Native stand-up comedy night at the Oakland Museum of California, and this summer's Many Nations One Land arts and culture festival. There, he enjoyed dancing to a Native-led blues band, The Bobby Young Project, and eating an Indian taco with all the fixings.

A loving partner, sibling, father and doting grandfather, he often wore, as his friend, writer and musician Joe Christiano said, an "ever-boyish smile." Bill, also known as Dobro Bill and Sweet Willie Saul, a lifelong music lover, was known by his friend, musician Amyellyn Kessler, as a gracious "prince among men" and for his "cosmic cool."

A beloved member of the Bay Area [HOOT!](#) family of musicians, his dobro accompaniment and incredibly broad song repertoire was in demand. As his Used to Be Strangers bandmate Eric Hughes said, "every lick and every lyric" was treasured. Bill learned how to play the dobro as an adult, and became proficient enough to play and sing with multiple generations of his family. He later requested country and blues music during his final hours, saying one of his last words "Dobro!" as he tapped his foot to old-time tunes.

Although sometimes nervous on stage, Bill was known for staying calm in a crisis. An accomplished journalist, Bill spent several years in the Los Angeles bureau of The Associated Press, where he worked on many major stories, including the 1974 kidnapping of heiress Patty

Hearst by a band of urban guerillas calling themselves the Symbionese Liberation Army. An AP colleague, Steve Fox, credits Bill with saving his life during an intense gunfight between police and the SLA.

“I was pinned down in the crossfire,” Fox recalled. “I had a two-way radio and was communicating with Bill at the bureau. As the gunfire became more intense, I panicked and almost got up and ran, which in retrospect I believe would have drawn fire from the SLA and gotten me killed. Bill’s voice, calm and soothing, persuaded me to stay down and stay where I was. I think he saved my life.”

Bill’s music friend Joe Christiano also remembered his “true-as-a-handshake voice,” saying in a goodbye note, “So long, sweet one. Go teach the angels the blues.”

A backyard musical memorial will be held on Dec. 1, 2024, in Oakland for friends, family and fellow musicians. Please send donations in lieu of flowers to the [Native American Health Center](#) in Oakland and the [Scleroderma Research Foundation](#).