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**Repeating:** Reno Earth Day 2012 is on!! Vendor booths start at \$25... Co-Sponsored by the Reno-Sparks Local Business Co-Op & GREEN Business Chamber of Commerce, presented by Mercury Fundraisers...

**[Reno-Sparks Local Business Co-Op - Reno Earthday 2012](http://livelocalrenosparks.com)** [livelocalrenosparks.com](http://livelocalrenosparks.com)

**Vendors, performers and those looking for a good time:** <http://livelocalrenosparks.com/reno-earthday-2012>

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**Reminder:**

**[Department of Agriculture](#)**

**The Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge** provides support for the provision of technical assistance to develop rural communities' capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or economic and community development. Activities eligible for support include the following: providing resources for professional services (e.g. architectural, engineering, or legal); purchase of office equipment and software directly related to technical assistance; providing training and resource material on developing strategic plans, board operations, management, financial systems, and information technology; and hiring of staff to implement technical assistance related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. The application deadline is May 9, 2012.

Funds for Anti-Poverty Initiatives to Help Underserved Populations Build Assets

**[Department of Health and Human Services](#)**

**The Assets for Independence Demonstration Program** provides support for community-based organizations to offer Individual Development Accounts (matched savings accounts), financial education, and related services to low-income individuals and families, in order for them to accumulate savings and invest in appreciating assets such as a first home, small business, or higher education or training. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate close collaboration with entities that are serving families with young children, families in the child support system, children and families in the foster care system, people with disabilities, refugees,

Native Americans, and survivors of domestic or intimate violence. *Note: Webinars are offered through the Assets for Independence (AFI) Resource Center to assist with designing an AFI project and navigating the application process; visit the [Calendar of Events](#) to register.* The application deadline is May 25, 2012.

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **H**

#### **[Hallie Q. Brown Scholarship](#)**

For African American women who have a minimum C average, and can demonstrate financial need.

#### **[HBCU Study Abroad Scholarship](#)**

Provides travel opportunities for students of color who are traditionally under-represented in such programs.

### **J**

#### **[Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship](#)**

Minority high school students are invited to apply for scholarships, internships, mentoring, and more.

#### **[Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program](#)**

Provides fellowships to students who excel in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

#### **[Javits-Frasier Teacher Scholarship Fund](#)**

To increase diverse students' access to talent development opportunities through teacher training.

#### **[Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund](#)**

For low-income women who have a vision of how their education will benefit themselves and their community.

#### **[Joe Francis Haircare Scholarship](#)**

For cosmetology and barber school students who can demonstrate a financial need.

### **K**

#### **[KFC Colonel's Scholars Program](#)**

For college-bound students who can demonstrate financial need, and have a GPA of at least 2.75.

### **L**

#### **[Lincoln Forum Scholarship Essay Contest](#)**

A writing contest pertaining to the life and times of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era.

### **M**

#### **[McKesson Pharmacy Scholarship](#)**

Designed to assist pharmacy students who plan to continue their education.

### **N**

#### **[National Achievement Scholarship](#)**

Established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding African American high school students.

**National Black Police Association Scholarships**

For students pursuing careers in law enforcement, criminal justice, and other related areas.

**National Institute of Grants For Women**

Designed to help women and girls find funding for college education, and more.

**National Institute of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship**

For students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are pursuing science and health-related research.

**National SMART Grant**

Available to full-time students who are majoring in science, math, technology, engineering, and more.

**P**

**PMI Educational Foundation Scholarships**

Established for students in the field of project management or a project management related field.

**R**

**Ronald Reagan College Leaders Scholarship**

Seeks to recognize outstanding young people who are promoting American values on college campuses.

**S**

**Siemen Competition**

Competition for individual or team research projects in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology.

**T**

**Tri-Delta Scholarships**

For students who excel in chapter and campus involvement, community service, academics, and more.

**Tylenol Scholarship**

For students pursuing a career in health care who can demonstrate leadership and academic qualities.

**U**

**United Negro College Fund Scholarships**

Administers 400 different scholarship programs so low-income families can afford college, tuition, and books.

**U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship**

For high school seniors planning to enroll or college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors already enrolled.

**USDA/1890 National Scholars Program**

For students seeking a Bachelor's degree in agriculture, food, or natural resource sciences and related majors.

## V

### [Vanguard Minority Scholarship Program](#)

Provides merit-based scholarships to minority students studying business, finance, economics, and more.

## W

### [William B. Ruggles Right To Work Journalism Scholarship](#)

Available to undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring in journalism or a related field.

### [Writer's Digest Annual Short Story Competition](#)

Contest for writers who can compose the best fictional short story, written in 1,500 words or less.

## X

### [Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship](#)

For academic high-achievers in science, engineering, and information technology.

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## **The System Isn't Broken, It Was Built This Way**

**By Carl Gibson, Reader Supported News**

**04 April 12**

Where in the world can we go to get an accurate picture of where capitalism will inevitably lead us 20 to 30 years down the road?

Communist China, [ironically](#).

When referring to sheer numbers, China's economy has grown to the point of invincibility. The unemployment rate is incredibly low at [4.1%](#), GDP [climbs significantly](#) nearly every quarter, and more and more industries are locating to China to produce their goods. China's population is exploding, meaning [more tax dollars and productivity](#). Many American businesses talk of adapting to the "[Chinese Model](#)" of doing business. But how has China become the shining beacon of capitalism the world over?

[Foxconn](#) may have taken up the bulk of the news coverage, but they're merely one of many examples of China's business culture. Unions are unheard of in China, as is anything resembling a living wage, adequate benefits packages or labor regulations. Companies like Foxconn can pay their employees as little as they wish, make them work unbelievably long hours, employ them at very young ages, hold them to unrealistically high standards, and sap their employees' physical and mental health until they work themselves to exhaustion or injury, even to the point of [threatening mass suicide](#) at the workplace.

Environmental standards for Chinese businesses are similarly deplorable. In some parts of China [air quality](#) is so bad that being outside requires wearing a mask to avoid breathing in dangerous particulates emitted by coal plants, unrestrained by any clean air regulations. Groundwater in rural Chinese communities and big cities alike has been shown to [cause cancer](#) through consumption, as [70% of lakes and rivers](#) are polluted. Conditions are unlikely to change, because the Chinese government refuses to impose regulations on the companies that employ a bulk of their people. Their excuse is to "[help enterprise pass the Winter](#)."

The Chinese model has prevailed. American labor unions have lost their last bit of influence and the halls of Congress are completely filled with corporatists eager to undo a century's worth of regulations to enrich their campaign donors' bottom lines. Reversing corporate funding of elections would require an [amendment to the United States Constitution](#) that would not only have to pass through both halls of Congress and be signed by the president, but also ratified by three-fourths of the states. Such a plan would take decades to succeed, which is longer than we have to radically change society.

Our current problems are all rooted in greed and inequality - corporate greed, Wall Street greed, and greed of the top .001%, who now own over [970 times more](#) than the bottom 90 percent. Such greed has led to staggering inequality even greater than the inequality that preceded the economic crash of 1929. Nearly all income is flowing to a very tiny minority in a country of over 310 million people. And even though the size of the US economy has tripled since 1960, middle- and lower-class wages have actually [gone down](#). And those at the very top can't make up for the lost economic activity of the bottom 90%. This has inhibited the rest of the country's ability to create new wealth, rendering more and more once middle-class people to become [dependent on government assistance](#) just to meet daily costs of living.

In the years it would take to enact positive campaign finance reform, new rules for lobbying, term limits for lawmakers in carefully gerrymandered districts, a new generation of organized workers, carbon-emission limits, nationwide green-energy infrastructure, universal healthcare, elimination of wasteful corporate tax loopholes and subsidies for big corporations, and meaningful tax reform that will redistribute wealth from the top .001% to the rest of us through conventional political means, the middle class will be long gone and our planet's health will have deteriorated beyond the point of no return. Lasting change has to come through not reforming our broken and corrupt system, but through implementing a new system entirely from scratch.

[The Venus Project](#) calls for the elimination of a currency-based economy and the implementation of a resource-based economy. TVP's ideal society would be powered by sustainable housing and communities, renewable energy, and would use scientific developments and state-of-the-art technology to automate everything necessary for the continuation of the human species. Everything from production, manufacturing, inventory, distribution and transportation would be automated, as we have the technology now available to do so. And because it would be powered by clean energy generated from the sun, wind, hydroelectric and geothermal sources, humans would need only to set these systems up, and as a species, begin a new, sustainable lifestyle.

Questions that TVP raises:

- Are our lives really only about acquiring an education, developing a skill, earning money, paying taxes and procreating, to make our kids live the same lives as cogs in a capitalist/consumerist machine?
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- Should humanity be about celebrating being human and living in a way that preserves our resources, or about earning money, consuming resources, and providing for your family?
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- What if, instead of spending 8 hours a day (realistically more like 12-14 for a lot of us) at a job to earn money, if money was no longer an issue and everyone had enough resources to live comfortably on, because resources were our economy?
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- What if we had a system where we did away with corporations like Monsanto and Cargill, and food was organically grown through new technology?
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- Do we want to keep up our lifestyle and economy until gas hits \$20/gallon and creates mass hysteria, or do we want to start working toward a system where gas prices are irrelevant?

Such a system, critics say, would be rendered irrelevant by the greed inherent in human nature. That's where a concept like the [Equal Money System](#) comes into play - it guarantees an equal income for all people, from birth to death. Greed is born out of fear that there may not be enough one day, so those feeling the human urges for self-sufficiency and survival will grab and hoard all they can, with little regard for the needs of others. An equal money system will negate that fear, eventually leading to the elimination of greed several generations down the road.

Such solutions are radical, but so are the problems we face as a species. Our goals must be to create these systems on our own and render irrelevant the corrupt authority currently in power, or we run the risk of letting mutant capitalism take hold, like it already has in China.

*Carl Gibson, 24, of Lexington, Kentucky, is a spokesman and organizer for [US Uncut](#), a nonviolent, creative direct-action movement to stop budget cuts by getting corporations to pay their fair share of taxes. He graduated from Morehead State University in 2009 with a B.A. in Journalism before starting the first US Uncut group in Jackson, Mississippi, in February of 2011. Since then, over 20,000 US Uncut activists have carried out more than 300 actions in over 100 cities nationwide. You may contact Carl at [carl@rsnorg.org](mailto:carl@rsnorg.org).*

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## **EPA New Rules Come Up Short for Older NV Coal Plant**

Public News Service-NV

<http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/25712-1>

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(04/04/12) LAS VEGAS - The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed new air pollution limits for the Reid Gardner coal-fired power plant, but opponents say they fall far short of protecting public health.

William Anderson, chairman of the Moapa Band of Paiutes, says the proposal is another in a long line of disappointing rulings, from both federal and state agencies. In this case, he says, the EPA is proposing the bare minimum for new pollution controls for nitrogen oxide emissions for the 45-year-old facility.

"We were hoping it would be more, tighter regulations. We're trying to go ahead and promote clean energy and breathe clean air. To me, it's nothing new. I was hoping something would be better - but unfortunately, it didn't turn out the way we wanted."

The EPA proposes installing "non-catalytic reduction controls" at Reid Gardner, which it says will reduce emissions. Anderson says his tribe will ask the state Public Utilities Commission to simply retire the plant instead.

If the old plant is to be allowed to keep operating, says Jane Feldman, conservation chairwoman for the Sierra Club's Southern Nevada Group, it should be required to use more modern, "selective catalytic reduction" technology.

"If they would use the best technology available, they could clean it up three times more than what Region 9 is telling them is OK. So, we are incredibly disappointed."

If the new regulations go forward, Feldman says, the end result will be spending more money on an old plant which will continue to emit pollution at levels high enough to affect people's health.

[Click here to view this story on the Public News Service RSS site and access an audio version of this and other stories: http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/25712-1](http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/25712-1)

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### **[Koch-Funded ALEC Behind State Attempts To 'Reclaim' Your Public Lands](#)**

**Public Lands Team, News Analysis:** "State legislators are introducing bills that demand Congress to turn over millions of acres of public lands to the states or face a lawsuit. Utah has taken this idea the furthest, where two weeks ago Governor Gary Herbert (R) signed a bill into law demanding that Congress give 30 million acres of federal land located in Utah to the state by 2015 or it will sue."

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### **[Measure Progress in Happiness, Not Money, Bhutan Urges](#)**

**Haider Rizvi, News Analysis:** "Which is more important in human life: money or happiness? Can money buy happiness? According to the tiny Himalayan nation of Bhutan, the time has come for the world to pay closer attention to this age-old question. Reflecting on the fact that the Himalayan kingdom introduced the new ways of looking at national prosperity, Vinanda Shiva, a leading human rights and environmental activist from India told IPS, 'It's an important event. It cannot be ignored.'"

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Tubbee, Okah, b. 1810 or 11 and  
Allen, L. L. (Lewis Leonidas)

### **[A Thrilling Sketch of the Life of the Distinguished Chief Okah Tubbee Alias, Wm.](#)**

[Chubbee, Son of the Head Chief, Mosholeh Tubbee, of the Choctaw Nation of Indians](#)

New York: [s.n.], 1848. 43 p.

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### **Senate Bill 2109 Seeks to Extinguish Navajo and Hopi Water Rights**

Ed Becenti in Native Condition

*posted April 4, 2012*

**TUBA CITY, ARIZONA** – Senators Jon Kyl, Arizona - R, and John McCain, Arizona - R, will be in Tuba City on Thursday, April 5, 2012, to persuade Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribal leaders to give up their peoples' aboriginal and Treaty-guaranteed priority Water Rights by accepting a "Settlement Agreement" written to benefit some of the West's most powerful mining and energy corporations.

They are doing so by trying to persuade the Navajo Nation and Hopi leaders to support and endorse Senate Bill 2109.

Senate Bill 2109 45; the "Navajo-Hopi Little Colorado River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2012" was introduced by Kyl and McCain on February 14, 2012, and is on a fast track to give Arizona corporations and water interests a "100 th birthday present" that will close the door forever on Navajo and Hopi food and water sovereignty, security and self-reliance.

S.2109 asks the Navajo and Hopi peoples to waive their priority Water Rights to the surface waters of the Little Colorado River "from time immemorial and thereafter, forever" in return for the shallow promise of uncertain federal appropriations to supply minimal amounts of drinking water to a handful of reservation communities.

The Bill - and the "Settlement Agreement" it ratifies - do not quantify Navajo and Hopi water rights - the foundation of all other southwestern Indian Water Rights settlements to date - thereby denying the Tribes the economic market value of their water rights, and forcing them into perpetual dependence on uncertain federal funding for any water projects.

Senators Kyl and McCain know well that without water, life is not possible. Yet, their Bill and the "Settlement Agreement" close the door forever to any possibility of irrigated agriculture and water conservation projects to heal and restore Navajo and Hopi watersheds (keeping sediment from filling downstream reservoirs) to grow high-value income and employment-producing livestock and crops for Navajo, Hopi and external markets; and to provide once again for healthy, diabetes - and obesity-free nutrition and active lifestyles for all future generations of Navajo and Hopi children.

Senators Kyl and McCain demand that the Navajo and Hopi people waive and give up all their rights to legal protection of injury to surface and ground water supply and quality in the past, present, and future - yet the Navajo and Hopi peoples do not even know the full extent and nature of the rights they are being pressured to waive because the details of the "Settlement Agreement" are not being shared with the public.

### **This is wrong.**

Navajo and Hopi water and public health have already been damaged severely by past uranium and coal mining in and upstream of Navajo and Hopi communities. Senators Kyl and McCain are trying now to take away all rightful legal protections against the present and real danger of such contaminations occurring again.

S.2109 and the "Settlement Agreement" deny the Navajo and Hopi people the resources and means to assess comprehensive long-term water needs of every community, village, and



watershed; and deny the resources and means to plan for, and develop sufficient domestic, municipal, industrial and agricultural "wet water" projects essential to the permanent well-being, prosperity and health of their homelands and children's children. This is absolutely counter to the U.S. Supreme Court's 1908 Winter's Doctrine that explicitly reserves and safeguards the water needed for that permanent well-being and prosperity.

S.2109 and the "Settlement Agreement" deny the Navajo and Hopi people the resources and means to bank their own waters, or to recharge their aquifers depleted and damaged by the mining and energy corporations that S.2109 benefits. S.2109 and the "Settlement Agreement" require Navajo and Hopi to give Peabody Coal Mining Company and the Salt River Project and other owners of the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) tens of thousands of acre-feet of Navajo and Hopi water annually - without any compensation - and to force the extension of Peabody and NGS leases without Navajo and Hopi community input, or regard for past and continuing harmful impacts to public health, water supplies and water quality - as necessary pre-conditions to Navajo and Hopi receiving Congressional appropriations for minimal domestic water development.

This is coercive and wrong.

*Ed Becenti, Navajo, has lived on the Navajo Reservation his entire life. He grew up on tradition and culture taught by his elders in the Navajo language. Mr. Becenti serves as a spokesperson Navajo people in the political environment challenging sensitive Native issues in local, state, and national government. Presently, protecting sacred tribal water rights has become personal priority for him; not only on behalf of Navajo people, but for the neighboring Hopi Nation. He resides in Window Rock, Arizona.*

*posted April 4, 2012*

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### **Bees: The Threatened Link in Food Security**

Esther Manilla, National Radio Project: "Honey bees help pollinate 1 in every 3 bites that we eat ... They are vital in our agricultural industry and essential for the survival of the almost 7 billion people who inhabit this planet. And, as the world's population continues to grow, so does our reliance on honey bees. Unfortunately, most pollinating insects throughout the world are endangered today, including the honey bee."

[Read the Article and Listen to the Radio Show](#)

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"Everything is Global" summit

**April 18, 2012 8:00am-Noon**

**Where: Joe Crowley Student Union, 4th Floor, University of Nevada, Reno:**

[Map](#)

Free Parking at West Stadium Parking Garage

More Info: Carina Black, PhD, Northern Nevada International Center  
775-784-7515 x 221

As a business person, you know the importance of thinking bigger in order to grow your business. You also know that in an increasingly global economy you have to expand your skills and strategies to remain competitive.

The "Everything is Global" summit brings together local and national experts in the fields of economics, commerce, international trade, social media, and medicine. Conference topics include:

- Entering Emerging Markets
- Global Pandemics and Population Control
- Building Networks in the New Communication Age
- Globalization and its Discontents
- Doing Business with our Neighbors to the South
- The Euro Crisis: Can it Affect Us

Presenters include Dr. Robert Barone, Dr. Vijay Mahajan, Dr. Trudy Larson, Gerold Dermid-Gray, Prof. Todd Felts, Dr. Yvonne Stedham, Dr. Elliott Parker, Dr. Tom Cargill, Dr. Federico Guerrero, Cheryl Woehr, Luis Navarro, and special guest speaker, Marlen Marroquin, Executive Regional Director of the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

For full program schedule and speaker bios, click [here](#)

**Registration is \$20** and includes a continental breakfast. [Click Here to Register](#)

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Sponsored by American Express and in conjunction with the 2012 National Conference on Volunteering and Service, Points of Light is pleased to offer the **American Express Leadership Academy**, developed and delivered by the Center for Creative Leadership. This program offers 24 emerging leaders an opportunity to participate in a marquis leadership development program that includes a feedback-intensive learning environment, including hands-on activities to enhance leadership capacity.

A complete application <http://www.volunteeringandservice.org/schedules-and-highlights/leadership-academy.cfm> and supporting documentation must be received on or before Friday, April 13, 2012. Acceptance and declination notices will be distributed via email on April 23, 2012. Please submit any questions to Frank Brown at [fbrown@pointsoflight.org](mailto:fbrown@pointsoflight.org).

Summer Service Scholars Internship Program  
June 4th – August 10th  
Siena College in Albany NY  
Priority deadline April 1st

Website: <http://www.siena.edu/ace> (click on Summer Service Scholars)  
contact: Ruth Kassel ([rscipione@siena.edu](mailto:rscipione@siena.edu)) 518-782-6951

\*All internships are with local nonprofits in New York's state capital

\*Most interns qualify to receive one of two AmeriCorps awards used towards current tuition or existing student loans

\*Students participate in a seminar series that examines best practices in community development, the role of nonprofits in this process and focused reflection on the internship work that they are doing.

3-6 credits "ADTV480: Internship in Sustainable Community Change"

\*Priority Deadline is April 1st at <http://www.siena.edu/ace> click on Summer Service Scholars

For internship placement descriptions, FAQ,s and to apply visit <http://www.siena.edu/ACE> (click on Summer Service Scholars) or contact Ruth Scipione-Kassel at [rscipione@siena.edu](mailto:rscipione@siena.edu).

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[http://theindigobridge.blogspot.com/p/news\\_30.html](http://theindigobridge.blogspot.com/p/news_30.html)

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## **Once Upon A Time in Big Mountain, A world as We've not known: New Native Youth ActivISM Deserve to K**

sheepdognationrocks.blogspot.com

Native American history has been re-written for the purpose of patriotism toward capitalist-aggression. The former, indigenous America, had the intellect, scholarship and self-governing but spirituality was always supreme. This Blog hopes to present thoughts and discussion based on such awarenesses.

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[Woodland Indian Educational Programs's photo.](#)



### [Wall Photos](#)

Native American history is part of every American's identity - Keep it in our children's classrooms!

By: [Woodland Indian Educational Programs](#)