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The Nevada Indian Commission will be re-painting the historic Stewart "S" on Saturday, June 2nd beginning at 7:30am. Please join us for this very important project! (*Poster at end of Journal*)

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Our Last Wild Places, and Why They Need to Stay Wild www.fieldandstream.com

by Hal Herring I'm lucky to spend a lot of my time with all kinds of people, from ranchers and tactical firearms instructors to conservation leaders, from liberals to libertarians. I like conflict and argument, and I've never been the kind of person who thought that everybody should agree.....

Wind turbine creates water from thin air [Eoghan Macguire, CNN](#)

Wind turbines have long produced renewable energy but a French engineering firm has discovered another eco-purpose for the towering structures.

Opinion: Examine the costs of leaving Klamath's dams

Commentary by Mike Connor, Redding Record Searchlight

In little more than a month, the Bureau of Reclamation will celebrate 110 years of reclaiming the arid west.

California Sifts Gold Claims; Proposal to End Ban on Riverbed Dredging Prompts Rush of Lawsuits, Objections

Justin Scheck, Wall Street Journal

California is proposing to lift a ban on a once-common method of dredging gold from riverbeds, raising objections from some state regulators and prompting lawsuits against the state by anti-mining and pro-mining groups.

Mom Was Right: Eat Your Fruits and Veggies - Grow Your Own, Too!

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(04/30/12) LAS VEGAS, Nev. - If you're planning your backyard garden, consider putting in a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Dr. Regis Fernandes, a cardiologist with the Mayo Clinic Health System, says you can't go wrong.

"Fruits and vegetables are very low in fat and very low in calories, so they are not harmful for your health. However, they provide an important number of vitamins, minerals, fiber and nutrients."

The [American Heart Association](http://www.heart.org) points out that planting and tending a garden is great physical activity, which is also good for your heart. Plus, Fernandes adds, when you grow your own fruits and veggies, you don't have to worry about the extra sugars and sodium that are often added to the packaged or prepared fruits and veggies bought at the store.

Fernandes says people who regularly eat the daily recommended eight or more servings of fruits and veggies have lower incidence of heart disease.

"When you eat vegetables and fruit, you are less likely to eat empty calories that would arise from foods that don't provide much nutritional value and will give you calories in excess. Calories can lead to obesity, diabetes and heart disease, so by eating vegetables you're less likely to eat other things that are unhealthy."

Consider planting colorful fruits and veggies - red tomatoes, green lettuce, orange carrots - and then challenge yourself to eat a rainbow of fruits and veggies during the gardening season, he suggests. Other heart-healthy tips: Try roasting your veggies or chopping them into bite-sized pieces and dipping them into low-fat or fat-free dressing.

Fernandes says it is best to eat fruits and veggies all day long.

"You add the vegetables to the meal instead of eating them separately. Throughout the day you keep incorporating those vegetables in your meals and in between, and snacks, so at the end of the day you're going to end up reaching that minimum requirement."

For many more tips on making fruits and veggies a healthy part of your life, visit www.heart.org.

Welcome to the Asylum

People collect scraps from a garbage dump in Hyderabad, India.

By [Chris Hedges](#)

When civilizations start to die they go insane. Let the ice sheets in the Arctic melt. Let the temperatures rise. Let the air, soil and water be poisoned. Let the forests die. Let the seas be emptied of life. Let one useless war after another be waged. Let the masses be thrust into extreme poverty and left without jobs while the elites, drunk on hedonism, accumulate vast fortunes through exploitation, speculation, fraud and theft. Reality, at the end, gets unplugged. We live in an age when news consists of Snooki's pregnancy, Hulk Hogan's sex tape and Kim Kardashian's denial that she is the naked woman cooking eggs in a photo circulating on the Internet. Politicians, including presidents, appear on late night comedy shows to do gags and they campaign on issues such as creating a moon colony. "At times when the page is turning," Louis-Ferdinand Celine wrote in "Castle to Castle," "when History brings all the nuts together, opens its Epic Dance Halls! hats and heads in the whirlwind! Panties overboard!"

The quest by a bankrupt elite in the final days of empire to accumulate greater and greater wealth, as Karl Marx observed, is modern society's version of primitive fetishism. This quest, as there is less and less to exploit, leads to mounting repression, increased human suffering, a collapse of infrastructure and, finally, collective death. It is the self-deluded, those on Wall Street or among the political elite, those who entertain and inform us, those who lack the capacity to question the lusts that will ensure our self-annihilation, who are held up as exemplars of intelligence, success and progress. The World Health Organization calculates that one in four people in the United States suffers from chronic anxiety, a mood disorder or depression—which seems to me to be a normal reaction to our march toward collective suicide. Welcome to the asylum.

When the most basic elements that sustain life are reduced to a cash product, life has no intrinsic value. The extinguishing of "primitive" societies, those that were defined by [animism](#) and mysticism, those that celebrated ambiguity and mystery, those that respected the centrality of the human imagination, removed the only ideological counterweight to a self-devouring capitalist ideology. Those who held on to pre-modern beliefs, such as Native Americans, who structured themselves around a communal life and self-sacrifice rather than hoarding and wage exploitation, could not be accommodated within the ethic of capitalist exploitation, the cult of the self and the lust for imperial expansion. The prosaic was pitted against the allegorical. And as we race toward the collapse of the planet's ecosystem we must restore this older vision of life if we are to survive.

The war on the Native Americans, like the wars waged by colonialists around the globe, was waged to eradicate not only a people but a competing ethic. The older form of human community was antithetical and hostile to capitalism, the primacy of the technological state and the demands of empire. This struggle between belief systems was not lost on Marx. "The Ethnological

Notebooks of Karl Marx” is a series of observations derived from Marx’s reading of works by historians and anthropologists. He took notes about the traditions, practices, social structure, economic systems and beliefs of numerous indigenous cultures targeted for destruction. Marx noted arcane details about the formation of Native American society, but also that “lands [were] owned by the tribes in common, while tenement-houses [were] owned jointly by their occupants.” He wrote of the Aztecs, “Commune tenure of lands; Life in large households composed of a number of related families.” He went on, “... reasons for believing they practiced communism in living in the household.” Native Americans, especially the Iroquois, provided the governing model for the union of the American colonies, and also proved vital to Marx and Engel’s vision of communism.

Marx, though he placed a naive faith in the power of the state to create his workers’ utopia and discounted important social and cultural forces outside of economics, was acutely aware that something essential to human dignity and independence had been lost with the destruction of pre-modern societies. The Iroquois Council of the [Gens](#), where Indians came together to be heard as ancient Athenians did, was, Marx noted, a “democratic assembly where every adult male and female member had a voice upon all questions brought before it.” Marx lauded the active participation of women in tribal affairs, writing, “The women [were] allowed to express their wishes and opinions through an orator of their own election. Decision given by the Council. Unanimity was a fundamental law of its action among the Iroquois.” European women on the Continent and in the colonies had no equivalent power.

Rebuilding this older vision of community, one based on cooperation rather than exploitation, will be as important to our survival as changing our patterns of consumption, growing food locally and ending our dependence on fossil fuels. The pre-modern societies of Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse—although they were not always idyllic and performed acts of cruelty including the mutilation, torture and execution of captives—did not subordinate the sacred to the technical. The deities they worshipped were not outside of or separate from nature.

Seventeenth century European philosophy and the Enlightenment, meanwhile, exalted the separation of human beings from the natural world, a belief also embraced by the Bible. The natural world, along with those pre-modern cultures that lived in harmony with it, was seen by the industrial society of the Enlightenment as worthy only of exploitation. [Descartes](#) argued, for example, that the fullest exploitation of matter to *any* use was the duty of humankind. The wilderness became, in the religious language of the Puritans, satanic. It had to be Christianized and subdued. The implantation of the technical order resulted, as Richard Slotkin writes in “Regeneration Through Violence,” in the primacy of “the western man-on-the-make, the speculator, and the wildcat banker.” Davy Crockett and, later, George Armstrong Custer, Slotkin notes, became “national heroes by defining national aspiration in terms of so many bears destroyed, so much land preempted, so many trees hacked down, so many Indians and Mexicans dead in the dust.”

The demented project of endless capitalist expansion, profligate consumption, senseless exploitation and industrial growth is now imploding. Corporate hustlers are as blind to the ramifications of their self-destructive fury as were Custer, the gold speculators and the railroad magnates. They seized Indian land, killed off its inhabitants, slaughtered the buffalo herds and

cut down the forests. Their heirs wage war throughout the Middle East, pollute the seas and water systems, foul the air and soil and gamble with commodities as half the globe sinks into abject poverty and misery. The Book of Revelation defines this single-minded drive for profit as handing over authority to the “beast.”

The conflation of technological advancement with human progress leads to self-worship. Reason makes possible the calculations, science and technological advances of industrial civilization, but reason does not connect us with the forces of life. A society that loses the capacity for the sacred, that lacks the power of human imagination, that cannot practice empathy, ultimately ensures its own destruction. The Native Americans understood there are powers and forces we can never control and must honor. They knew, as did the ancient Greeks, that hubris is the deadliest curse of the human race. This is a lesson that we will probably have to learn for ourselves at the cost of tremendous suffering.

In William Shakespeare’s “The Tempest,” Prospero is stranded on an island where he becomes the undisputed lord and master. He enslaves the primitive “monster” Caliban. He employs the magical sources of power embodied in the spirit Ariel, who is of fire and air. The forces unleashed in the island’s wilderness, Shakespeare knew, could prompt us to good if we had the capacity for self-control and reverence. But it also could push us toward monstrous evil since there are few constraints to thwart plunder, rape, murder, greed and power. Later, Joseph Conrad, in his portraits of the outposts of empire, also would expose the same intoxication with barbarity.

The anthropologist [Lewis Henry Morgan](#), who in 1846 was “adopted” by the Seneca, one of the tribes belonging to the Iroquois confederation, wrote in “Ancient Society” about social evolution among American Indians. Marx noted approvingly, in his “Ethnological Notebooks,” Morgan’s insistence on the historical and social importance of “imagination, that great faculty so largely contributing to the elevation of mankind.” Imagination, as the Shakespearean scholar Harold C. Goddard pointed out, “is neither the language of nature nor the language of man, but both at once, the medium of communion between the two. ... Imagination is the *elemental speech* in all senses, the first and the last, of primitive man and of the poets.”

All that concerns itself with beauty and truth, with those forces that have the power to transform us, is being steadily extinguished by our corporate state. Art. Education. Literature. Music. Theater. Dance. Poetry. Philosophy. Religion. Journalism. None of these disciplines are worthy in the corporate state of support or compensation. These are pursuits that, even in our universities, are condemned as impractical. But it is only through the impractical, through that which can empower our imagination, that we will be rescued as a species. The prosaic world of news events, the collection of scientific and factual data, stock market statistics and the sterile recording of deeds as history do not permit us to understand the *elemental speech* of imagination. We will never penetrate the mystery of creation, or the meaning of existence, if we do not recover this older language. Poetry shows a man his soul, Goddard wrote, “as a looking glass does his face.” And it is our souls that the culture of imperialism, business and technology seeks to crush.

[Walter Benjamin](#) argued that capitalism is not only a formation “conditioned by religion,” but is an “essentially religious phenomenon,” albeit one that no longer seeks to connect humans with the mysterious forces of life. Capitalism, as Benjamin observed, called on human societies to

embark on a ceaseless and futile quest for money and goods. This quest, he warned, perpetuates a culture dominated by guilt, a sense of inadequacy and self-loathing. It enslaves nearly all its adherents through wages, subservience to the commodity culture and debt peonage. The suffering visited on Native Americans, once Western expansion was complete, was soon endured by others, in Cuba, the Philippines, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. The final chapter of this sad experiment in human history will see us sacrificed as those on the outer reaches of empire were sacrificed. There is a kind of justice to this. We profited as a nation from this demented vision, we remained passive and silent when we should have denounced the crimes committed in our name, and now that the game is up we all go down together.

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Nevada to receive \$499,788 in grants from the new health care law for community health centers

Grants from the Affordable Care Act will help build and expand health centers, create jobs, and expand access to an additional 860,000 patients nationwide

Today Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$499,788 in grants awarded to community health centers in Nevada due to the new health care law – the Affordable Care Act. A full list of Nevada grantees can be found below.

“President Obama’s health care law is making community health centers in Nevada stronger,” said Secretary Sebelius. “For many Americans, community health centers are the major source of care that ranges from prevention to treatment of chronic diseases. This investment will expand our ability to provide high-quality care to millions of people while supporting good paying jobs in communities across the country.”

Funding totaling more than \$728 million across the United States will support renovation and construction projects, boosting health centers’ ability to care for additional patients and creating jobs. The awards are part of a series of capital investments that are made available to community health centers through the Affordable Care Act, which provides \$9.5 billion to expand services over five years and \$1.5 billion to support major construction and renovation projects at community health centers.

According to a new report released today, the health care law has already supported the construction and renovation of 190 health center sites and the creation of 67 new health center sites across the country, and will support the construction and renovation of more than 485 health center sites and the creation of 245 new health center sites over the next two years.

Overall, since the beginning of 2009, employment at community health centers nationwide has increased by 15 percent. And, primarily due to the Affordable Care Act and the Recovery Act, community health centers are serving nearly 3 million additional patients today and will serve an additional 1.3 million additional new patients in the next two years.

The announcement made today is for awards from two capital programs for community health centers. One will provide approximately \$629 million to 171 existing health centers across the country for longer-term projects to expand their facilities, improve existing services, and serve more patients. This program will expand access to an additional 860,000 patients. The second set of awards will provide approximately \$99.3 million to 227 existing health centers to address pressing facility and equipment needs.

Health centers improve the health of the nation's communities by ensuring access to primary health care services. Currently, more than 8,500 service delivery sites around the country deliver care to nearly 19.5 million patients regardless of their ability to pay.

A List of Capital Development – Building Capacity Program awards by State can be found at <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2012tables/120501healthcentercapital.html>.

A List of Capital Development – Immediate Facility Improvement Program awards by State can be found at <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2012tables/120501facilityimprovement.html>.

Information on the Affordable Care Act is available at www.healthcare.gov.

For more information on HRSA's community health center program, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/>.

To find a health center in your area, visit <http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>.

from Dennis M:

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On this date in 1877 the *Delphos (Ohio) Herald* reported, “The Nevada Legislature has just made a law which empowers Judges at their discretion to sentence men who assault women, to stand a certain time in a public street, placarded in large letters, ‘Woman Beater’ ”

Candidate for Senate Defends Past Hiring

By [KATHARINE O. SEELYE](#) and [ABBY GOODNOUGH](#)

[Elizabeth Warren](#), the likely Democratic challenger to Senator [Scott P. Brown](#) in the closely watched Senate race in Massachusetts, released statements on Monday night from officials at all of the law schools where she has taught insisting that her hiring was based on merit, not ancestry.

Aides to Mr. Brown have accused Ms. Warren, who teaches at [Harvard](#) Law School, of having misled the public by saying she had American Indian ancestors to advance her academic career at a time when law school faculties were under fire for their lack of ethnic and gender diversity.

The issue has dogged Ms. Warren since Friday, when The Boston Herald reported that Harvard in the 1990s had identified her as a member of a minority group to counteract criticism that its faculty was too white and too male. The Brown campaign seized on the story, casting doubt on her claims of American Indian descent and suggesting that she had unfairly exploited the goals of affirmative action programs.

The Warren campaign confirmed on Monday that Ms. Warren had listed herself as a minority member in a legal directory, but that she had done nothing wrong and that Mr. Brown was creating smoke where there was no fire.

The Warren campaign has offered no hard proof that she is of American Indian heritage. But neither has the Brown campaign proved that she has benefited personally from the claim.

On Monday night, officials involved in her hiring at Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Texas and the University of Houston Law Center all said that she was hired because she was an outstanding teacher, and that her lineage was either not discussed or not a factor.

“To suggest that she needed some special advantage to be hired here or anywhere is just silly,” said Jay Westbrook, chairman of business law at the University of Texas.

Officials at the University of Texas said earlier on Monday that electronic records listed Ms. Warren as white. “Based on a preliminary search of electronic records, her ethnicity group is white,” said Annela Lopez, the university’s open records coordinator.

At a campaign stop earlier Monday, Mr. Brown had sought to distance himself from the controversy while at the same time stoking it. “I haven’t accused her of anything,” Mr. Brown told reporters in South Boston as he encouraged them to continue investigating the matter.

Ms. Warren, who grew up in Oklahoma, has said that her maternal ancestors were members of the Cherokee and Delaware tribes, an assertion that she said was based on “family lore.”

The immediate issue is whether she allowed Harvard Law School to represent her as a minority member in the 1990s when the school was under attack for failing to hire a diverse faculty. The Brown campaign demanded that she “come clean” after it was revealed that Ms. Warren had listed herself as a minority member in a directory of the Association of American Law Schools, a legal reference book, starting in 1986, when she was teaching at the University of Texas, through 1995, when she moved from the University of Pennsylvania to Harvard.

When Ms. Warren was appointed to the Harvard faculty in 1995, The Harvard Crimson hailed the move because she was a woman, with no mention of any ethnic lineage. She became the 10th female professor out of 69 members of the law school faculty, The Crimson said.

The matter erupted Friday when The Boston Herald reported that Harvard Law School identified Ms. Warren in a 1996 article in The Crimson as American Indian in an effort to appear diverse.

Jim Barnett, Mr. Brown’s campaign manager, said Ms. Warren “should apologize for participating in this hypocritical sham.”

Asked whether she disapproved of the law school’s counting her a minority member, Ms. Warren said Friday that she was not aware that it had until “I read it on the front page of The Herald.” She said she was proud of her heritage.

Jess Bidgood contributed reporting.

TECH TALK TAKES OVER AT PAIR OF CONFERENCES

Techies converged on Las Vegas earlier this month for a one-two punch of gizmo-related conventions.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz13298954>

Drought: Will there be a call on the Colorado River?

Janice Kurbiun, Summit Daily News

A compact call looms in the 10th year of sustained drought in the Colorado River Basin. The Upper Basin, which includes all of Colorado, would have to send water downstream, and

would be faced with dramatic curtailment measures.
But will it happen?

Column: Author thirsts for wiser use of water Bill McEwen, Fresno Bee

I expect the audience to develop a love-hate relationship with Charles Fishman when he speaks Thursday at the International Water Technology Conference.

Fishman, author of "The Big Thirst," likely will praise California farmers for saving water and leading the way in using new technologies to grow crops more efficiently.

But he also will make assertions that will be received as heresy by the ag community: Farmers have just scratched the surface of water conservation, water is priced too cheaply and water rights aren't guaranteed. *(click for more)*

JUDGES TROUBLED BY YUCCA SHUTDOWN, UNCERTAIN ON RECOURSE

WASHINGTON - Federal appeals judges indicated Wednesday they were troubled over the licensing shutdown of Yucca Mountain, but they struggled whether the nuclear waste project might be too dead to order it revived.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz13308173>

Opinion - California Water Rights: Fight federal government to keep them
Pat Snelling, The Reporter

As chairman of the House Water and Power Subcommittee, Rep. Tom McClintock of Northern California's District 4 developed a bill with his Republican committee members and brought it to the House floor for a quick discussion and vote.

McClintock's bill steps way beyond established water rights in California. It seeks to give the Secretary of Interior, a federal agency, the authority to issue water contracts and to give the agency "supremacy" over the Bay Delta Planning Commission.

<http://www.nativenewsnetwork.com/56-million-granted-to-76-tribal-communities-by-hud.html>

56 Million Granted to 76 Tribal Communities by HUD

WASHINGTON - Some 76 tribal communities in Indian Country have received more than \$56 million to improve housing conditions, promote community development and to spur local economies with construction projects and jobs.

Historic Stewart "S" Repainting Project



If you would like to donate to the project or volunteer please contact the Nevada Indian Commission at 775-687-8333 or cgibbons@nic.nv.gov



When:

Saturday, June 2, 2012 beginning at 7:30am

Where:

Foothill of Stewart "S" – Intersection of Clearview Ln and Gentry, Carson City, NV

Why:

The Stewart "S" was established and first painted by the Stewart Indian School tenth grade class in 1934 and is a historic and essential component of the former Stewart Indian School. The "S" is in dire need of repainting and maintenance. The Nevada Indian Commission invites you to be a part of the celebration by restoring this piece of history to its full glory!

www.StewartIndianSchool.com