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**TRIBE WITH STATION CASINOS AGREEMENT GAINS OK FOR PROJECT**

A California Indian tribe that has a nearly decade-old management agreement for Station Casinos to operate an off-reservation casino, received federal approval late Friday to build the project on 305 acres near Fresno.

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Global water crisis: too little, too much, or lack of a plan?

[http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Global-Issues/2012/1202/Global-water-crisis-too-little-too-much-or-lack-of-a-plan?cmpid=addthis\\_email#.ULzculZxA3E.email](http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Global-Issues/2012/1202/Global-water-crisis-too-little-too-much-or-lack-of-a-plan?cmpid=addthis_email#.ULzculZxA3E.email)

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In last month's column, we looked at the advantages and disadvantage of debt versus equity, or borrowing money versus having investors. This month, we'll look at **possible investors for your business**. The first two are within the reach of most businesses, while the latter two are options for a very specific - and small - group of businesses.

**Friends and family**

Friends and family are the low-hanging fruit of investors. It may be easy to talk Mom and Dad, your siblings, etc., into investing in your business, and to do so with minimal paperwork. If your business does not perform to plan, however, it's also easy to imagine the awkward discussions at the holidays when they ask about how your business - and their investment - is doing.

## **Crowdfunding**

Crowdfunding looks to a large number of people - often strangers found via the Internet - to provide funding for your business. Still in its infancy, two models of crowdfunding are evolving. The first is reward-based, where people give you money in exchange for a gift or a product of some sort. This model may also provide a way to estimate your potential market and perhaps pre-sell a large number of a new product.

With the second model, people give you money in exchange for an ownership interest in your company. Two caveats: First, the Security and Exchange Commission is still setting the rules by which you can offer this type of equity. Second, each "owner," no matter how little they own, may feel entitled to your time via the phone or email. You can imagine a worst-case scenario where you have a thousand "owners" vying for your attention. Crowdfunding sites include [www.kickstarter.com](http://www.kickstarter.com) and [www.crowdfundinglive.com](http://www.crowdfundinglive.com)

## **Angel Financing**

"Angels" are individual investors who form investment clubs and look for LOCAL high-growth investment opportunities. Given the need for high returns needed to offset the high risk of their investments, angels seldom invest in low-growth businesses such as retail or restaurants, but instead look for businesses likely to grow exponentially. And, unlike the early days when angels invested in ideas, angel groups now look for businesses that are already generating significant revenue. Angels typically invest in the \$100,000 to \$1 or \$2 million range. Northern Nevada's angel groups are the Reno Angels ([www.RenoAngels.org](http://www.RenoAngels.org)) and the Sierra Angels ([www.SierraAngels.com](http://www.SierraAngels.com)).

## **Venture Capital**

Venture Capital (VC) is the top of the equity food-chain, and is usually an investment fund pooled from sources of money such as high-net worth individuals, foundations, pension funds, etc. VCs typically invest at least \$1 million and look for established companies ready to take the next large step. Like angel investors, VCs are looking for high-growth companies offering very high potential returns.

Next month, we'll look at possible ways to borrow money.

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[Wind-powered beasts that are works of art - "Sunday Morning" - CBS News Video  
www.cbsnews.com](http://www.cbsnews.com)  
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\*The monumental momentum, power, and energy by our sd brother [Chase Iron Eyes](#) and his lovely wife Sara Jumping Eagle who rallied successfully to save Pe'Sla can be an eyeopener to what we all can do..So proud of you two, incredible momentum,..pilamayuu..

[Weve been in aljazeera - USA today etc but when our people \(si...](#)

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[Amy Wynn](#) Proud to also thank my brother Gerald Sherman's Indian Land Capital Company,

who put up the earnest money to hold this property for the tribes.

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## **Workshop Spotlight - MCN Pro Series**

### ***Workshop 1: Creating a Museum Video Channel***

**December 11th @ 11:30 am - 2:00 pm EST**

Whether you're thinking about putting content on YouTube, iTunes U, Vimeo or ArtBabble, this virtual workshop will teach you how to successfully get your videos out there. Learn the different platforms, key technical factors including resolution, framerate, compression, as well as other important areas to master like organization, branding and analytics.

This engaging workshop will be introduced by MCN President Allegra Burnette, and hosted by Neal Stimler, Associate Digital Asset Specialist, The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Two of your peers will lead the 2 1/2 hour hands-on-workshop: David Hart, Media Producer, The Museum of Modern Art & Emily Lytle-Painter, Digital Media Project Manager, Indianapolis Museum of Art. Come ask the hard questions, learn best practices and earn digital badges for your participation!

Register now!

## **2013 Museums & Mobile Survey Closes Dec 21, 2012**

### ***WATER***

We invite you to contribute to the fourth Museums & Mobile Survey. We are collecting data on what museums are doing, scoping and planning now and in the future with mobile technology. Tell us about your experiences so we can share with the museum community what we learn about uses, barriers, successes, and technologies in building great mobile programs.

Please consider participating in the survey - it closes on Dec 21st.

Click here to begin – it will only take 5 minutes!

## **Oh Freedom! Conference      February 6, 2013**

Explore teaching Civil Rights through Smithsonian collections with curators, experts, and educators

in live presentations, demonstrations, and moderated forums in an engaging and free online conference.

Presented by the Smithsonian American Art Museum & the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, this unique online event is for students and teachers everywhere.

And you can earn digital badges too - the more you participate, the more you can earn!

Register today!

## **Upcoming Events**

MCN Pro Workshop 1      December 11, 2012

Museums & Mobile Survey      Closes December 21, 2012

Smithsonian's Oh Freedom! Online Conference      February 6, 2013

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In today's selection -- the world is now more urban than rural, and the **century of the megacity has begun**. In 1950, there were two cities with a population of more than ten million. By 1975, there were three. As of 2007, there were nineteen, and by 2025, the United Nations estimates that there will be twenty-seven.

There are ninety cities in China alone that have a population of greater than one million.:

"[Since 2008], for the first time ever, we have more people living in cities than out on the land. For the first time, most of us have no substantive ability to feed or water ourselves. We have become reliant upon technology, trade, and commerce to carry out these most primitive of functions. Sometime in 2008, the human species crossed the threshold toward becoming a different animal: an urban creature, geographically divorced from the natural world that still continues to feed and fuel us. ...

"The reason that the world's rural people are moving into cities is that they can make more money in town. This is partly because of the described growth of urban economies, and partly because demand for farm labor falls as agriculture commercializes, mechanizes, and becomes export-oriented. Worldwide employment in agriculture is falling fast and in 2006, for the first time ever, it was surpassed by employment in the services sector. ...

"This urban shift is driving major demographic changes around the globe. City dwellers are projected to roughly double in number by 2050, rising from 3.3 billion in 2007 to 6.4 billion in 2050. However, the geography of this is not uniform. Urban majorities came to Europe and America decades ago, in the 1960s, 1950s, or even sooner. These places are already more than 70% urban today. This new trend is most dramatic in the developing world, especially Asia and Africa, the most populous places on Earth.

"For the last two decades, cities in the developing world have been growing by about three million people per week. That is equivalent to adding one more Seattle to the planet every day. Asia is only about 40% urban today, but by 2050 that number will top 70% in China, with over one billion new city slickers in that country alone. Already, places like Chongqing, Xiamen, and Shenzhen are growing more than 10% annually.

"About 38% of Africans live in cities today, but by 2050 more than half will. While Africa will still be less urbanized than Europe or North America today, this is nonetheless a profound transformation. When combined with its fast population growth rate, this means that Africa will triple the size of its cities over the next forty years. At 1.2 billion people, Africa will hold nearly a quarter of the world's urban population. ...

"The century of megacities has already begun. From just two in 1950 and three in 1975, we grew to nineteen by 2007 and expect to have twenty-seven by 2025. Furthermore, in sheer size alone our global urban culture is shift-ing east. Of the eight new megacities anticipated over the next fifteen years, five are in Asia, two in

Africa, and just one in Europe. Zero new megacities are anticipated for the Americas. Instead, this massive urbanization is happening in some of our most populous countries: Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Pakistan. New York City was the world's second-largest metropolis in 1977, when Liza Minnelli first sang the hit song 'New York, New York' (later popularized by Frank Sinatra) to Robert De Niro in a Martin Scorsese movie. By 2050, the 'City That Never Sleeps' will be struggling just to stay in the top ten."

**World Megacities of Ten Million or More (population in millions)**  
2008 report by the United Nations Population Division

**1950**

New York -- Newark, USA (12.3)  
Tokyo, Japan (11.3)

**1975**

Tokyo, Japan (26.6)  
New York -- Newark, USA (15.9)  
Mexico City, Mexico (10.7)

**2007**

Tokyo, Japan (35.7)  
New York -- Newark, USA (19.0)  
Mexico City, Mexico (19.0)  
Mumbai, India (19.0)  
Sao Paulo, Brazil (18.8)  
Delhi, India (15.9)  
Shanghai, China (15.0)  
Kolkata (Calcutta), India (14.8)  
Dhaka, Bangladesh (13.5)  
Buenos Aires, Argentina (12.8)  
Los Angeles -- Long Beach -- Santa Ana, USA (12.5)  
Karachi, Pakistan (12.1)  
Al-Qahirah (Cairo), Egypt (11.9)  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (11.7)  
Osaka -- Kobe, Japan (11.3)  
Beijing, China (11.1)  
Manila, Philippines (11.1)  
Moskva (Moscow), Russia (10.5)  
Istanbul, Turkey (10.1)

**2025**

Tokyo, Japan (36.4)  
Mumbai, India (26.4)  
Delhi, India (22.5)

Dhaka, Bangladesh (22.0)  
Sao Paulo, Brazil (21.4)  
Mexico City, Mexico (21.0)  
New York -- Newark, USA (20.6)  
Kolkata (Calcutta), India (20.6)  
Shanghai, China (19.4)  
Karachi, Pakistan (19.1)  
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (16.8)  
Lagos, Nigeria (15.8)  
Al-Qahirah (Cairo), Egypt (15.6)  
Manila, Philippines (14.8)  
Beijing, China (14.5)  
Buenos Aires, Argentina (13.8)  
Los Angeles -- Long Beach -- Santa Ana, USA (13.7)  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (13.4)  
Jakarta, Indonesia (12.4)  
Istanbul, Turkey (12.1)  
Guangzhou, Guangdong, China (11.8)  
Osaka -- Kobe, Japan (11.4)  
Moskva (Moscow), Russia (10.5)  
Lahore, Pakistan (10.5)  
Shenzhen, China (10.2)  
Chennai, India (10.1)  
Paris, France (10.0)

The World in 2050: Four Forces Shaping Civilization's Northern Future  
by Laurence C. Smith by Plume, Penguin Group  
Paperback ~ Release Date: 2011-10-25 Pages: 30-34

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### **\$500 Grants for Youth to Help End Childhood Hunger in Your Community!**

More than 16 million children live in food insecure homes, not always sure where their next meal will come from. That's why YSA and Sodexo Foundation are calling on young people to "take hunger personally" and join the fight to end childhood hunger.

Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants of \$500 grants are available for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees and other community members to address childhood hunger. U.S. young people, ages 5-25, are eligible to apply. Projects will take place on or around Global Youth Service Day, April 26-28, 2013. Learn more and apply at: [www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth](http://www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth)  
Submit your application early to receive feedback! Submit your application by December 16th and YSA will preliminary review your application and give you feedback by January 4th.

**Need project ideas? Here are 10 Ways You Can Help End Childhood Hunger:**

1. Find ways to put surplus food to better use.
2. Organize food drives or fundraisers.
3. Plant or spruce up a school or community garden.
4. Volunteer at a local food bank, pantry, shelter, or community kitchen.
5. Start or support a backpack feeding program.
6. Support and raise awareness of summer feeding programs.
7. Increase use of SNAP (formerly called food stamps) and/or Free and Reduced-Price School Meals programs.
8. Help teach families about healthy eating and cooking.
9. Raise public awareness of childhood hunger in your community.
10. Advocate for policies and programs that will help end childhood hunger in your community.

For additional details and examples of past GYSD projects, visit [www.YSA.org/blog/2012/11/15/10-ways-you-can-help-end-childhood-hunger](http://www.YSA.org/blog/2012/11/15/10-ways-you-can-help-end-childhood-hunger). Questions? Please contact [grants@ysa.org](mailto:grants@ysa.org)

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*When the Masculine and the Feminine work together harmoniously, Miracles happen. Now is the time for Us to bow to each other, to share our Gifts with each other and to Work for the Upliftment of the Human Race.*

*Shannon Port l Artwork: "Teachings of the Sweat Lodge" by Aaron Paquette*

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**SABER-TOOTH CATS FOUND TO BE PART OF LAS VEGAS' PAST**

Researchers digging in the hills north of Las Vegas have unearthed the bones of a saber-tooth cat – an iconic predator – and solved an ice age cold case.

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**The Gift of a Sustainable Economy**

By Ralph Nader, Reader Supported News 02 December 12

As the end of the year approaches, so does the biggest consumer rush of the year, as millions flock to the stores and online vendors for the latest TVs, gadgets, trendy toys, clothes and more. The Friday after Thanksgiving, now popularly known as "Black Friday" has, in recent years, been hyped beyond the bounds of decency by marketers hoping to motivate thousands of people across the country to line up outside of stores in the wee hours of the morning in hope of securing discounts on big ticket items. One could even make the case that Thanksgiving is now overshadowed by the next-day shopping extravaganza -- in some communities, stores even opened on Thursday night, so intrepid shoppers could leave their holiday festivities and get right to it. And don't forget about "Cyber Monday" just days later, for those inclined to get their deals online.

The holidays, once considered a sacred time for family and celebration, have been hijacked by big companies sending out a message to the American people, playing on an endless loop from as early as November 1st all the way to the New Year: "Buy, buy, buy!" Think of all of those products that millions of Americans are purchasing as gifts for their friends and family. Where were they manufactured? Who profits from their sale? What happens to them when they break or become obsolete?

Winsted, Connecticut, where I grew up, once had about a hundred factories and fabricators -- manufacturing such things as appliances, clocks, electrical equipment, clothing and more. They were the town's lifeblood -- the gears that spurred the local economy and provided jobs and goods for the town's 10,000 residents. Almost all the factories are gone now. Someone looking for a well-paying job likely has to commute an hour to Hartford, the nearest major city.

The local economy, once the bread and butter of the United States, has been traded away in favor of the national economy -- namely, an economy driven by unpatriotic multinational corporations. The idea of a thriving Main Street has largely become a quaint relic of the past -- drive along any major roadway in the United States today and you'll see the big, bright signs of Walmart, Target, and Best Buy, one right after another. These stores and online retailers such as Amazon are the thriving businesses of today. But how does their success help most of the country?

Because so many big multinational companies ship jobs and industries abroad, the lack of well-paying jobs has become a serious issue for American workers. Millions of blue-collar jobs moved to countries that won't cut into a company's profit margin with requirements such as basic worker's rights and a minimum wage. (Consider the recent [factory fire in Bangladesh](#), where 112 workers died due to lax safety standards. The factory produced clothes for Walmart, Sears and Disney, among other American companies.) Many white-collar jobs have also gone overseas -- how often do you call a customer support hotline only to reach someone in India or the Philippines? The evidence of this great job migration is all around, depressed small towns with empty factories, fewer and fewer family-owned small retail businesses, big banks over community banks, supermarkets over grocery stores. While American workers enjoy more rights and privileges than their overseas equivalents, there is still much work to be done. For instance, the federal minimum wage is three dollars less than what it was, adjusted for inflation, back in 1968. Hundreds of American Walmart workers walked off the job on Black Friday to protest low wages and poor working conditions. Poverty is increasing.

Despite the iron grip of major corporations on the consumer dollar, local businesses have managed to maintain a foothold in local economies, as many consumers grow weary of the processed foods and goods the retail chains provide. Farmer's markets, community gardens, small shops and cooperatives are trendy now, and many are springing up in cities and towns across America. One example -- Weaver Street Market in Carrboro, North Carolina -- is a cooperative owned by 10,000 consumer-owners and 90 worker-owners. It uses locally grown and produced foods to supply its various restaurants and stores, and reports that 50 cents on every dollar spent remains in the local community. (In comparison, 15 cents on every dollar stays local at most big chain stores.) Seeking out such businesses when doing holiday shopping can result in your dollars going much further, in tangible ways, in your local community. Visit



greenamerica.org for a directory of such businesses and for more information on cooperatives and sustainable economic strategies.

Another problem, accentuated by the perverse overload of holiday commercialism, is the enormous amount of waste we produce. How many of the gifts that Americans buy this holiday season -- the computers, the TVs, the cell phones, the tablets -- are broken or obsolete after a few years? What happens to all these big-ticket items? Many end up discarded. And the goal of the companies that manufacture them is simple. By planning product obsolescence, enticing consumers to spend more and more on increasingly disposable products, customers will keep buying more, year after year.

For change to occur, Americans have to become more aware about what manufacturers are doing and why, and expand the use of second hand, reuse and material exchange programs. Annie Leonard's [Story of Stuff Project](#) has done an admirable job of bringing attention to the vast amount of production and consumption waste in our throwaway economy. Patagonia -- the environmentally-conscious clothing company founded by Yvon Chouinard -- recently started a pledge with a [simple goal](#): "Don't Buy What You Don't Need." As of now, nearly 40,000 people have signed up. Across the ocean, Holland has seen the recent emergence of "Repair Cafes," where people can take their broken appliances to be repaired instead of tossing them and buying a brand new one.

This holiday season, instead of venturing out to the big retail chains to do your shopping, try thinking alternatively. Ask yourself what you, your friends, your neighbors and your family really need. There are real benefits to establishing local self-reliance -- both short and long term. By supporting local shops, businesses and co-ops that have a tangible investment in the local community -- far more so than the powerbrokers running national retail giants -- and by encouraging new ideas and programs that focus on sustainability, you'll do far more good for your community. What's a better gift than that?

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*LAS VEGAS CONFAB FOCUSES ON SENSE OF PLACE*

Sociologists, environmental historians, historical preservationists and others came to Las Vegas from all over the nation Saturday to tell stories about how they preserved a sense of place.

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### **Assessing the equality of Indians and African Americans**

[Thomas Jefferson to Marquis de Chastellux](#) [June 7, 1785.](#)

[Manuscript Division](#) (153) In this letter, Jefferson offers an additional glimpse into his struggle to make sense of racial differences and similarities. As part of his reply to the charges of French scientists that plant and animal life, including humans, degenerated in America, Thomas

Jefferson asserted: "And I am safe in affirming that the proofs of genius given by the Indians of N. America, place them on a level with Whites in the same uncultivated state . . . I believe the Indian then to be in body & mind equal to the whiteman. I have supposed the black man, in his present state, might not be so; but it would be hazardous to affirm, that, equally cultivated for a few generations, he would not become so."

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**[Urine-powered generator unveiled at international exhibition](#)**     [news.yahoo.com](http://news.yahoo.com)

Four African girls have created a generator that produces electricity for six hours using a single liter of urine as fuel. The generator was unveiled at last week's Maker Faire in Lagos, Nigeria, by the four teens Duro-Aina Adebola, Akindele Abiola, and Faleke Oluwatoyin, all age 14, and Bello Eniol...

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*As Roger Doiron said, "Food is at its best when it's delicious, but also when it is shared as part of a community. I think gardens can get some of that community vibe back."* [https://](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a)

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**[Building Community Through Food Systems](#)**

Healthy Communities Coalition is working with many partner groups and volunteers to create a regional "healthy food hub" because local and regional food systems create additional economic opportunities for farmers and food entrepreneurs, expand healthy food access and meet growing customer demand. Our healthy food hub...

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**[Utah Hunters Criticize Market Approach to Licenses and Conservation](#)**

By FELICITY BARRINGER

More than any state in the West, Utah has expanded hunting opportunities for the well-to-do and has begun to diminish them for those seeking permits directly from the state.

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Following a year-long renovation, the **[LBJ Presidential Library](#)** will reopen to the **public** on Dec. 22, 2012, in honor of what would have been Lady Bird Johnson's 100th birthday. The renovated library will feature 60 of President Johnson's [telephone conversations](#), recorded in the Oval Office and Executive Residence, including candid conversations about the Vietnam War, [the assassination of President John F. Kennedy](#), and a civil rights discussion between Johnson and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. New exhibits also include an interactive look at legislation passed by the 36th president.

The library, open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except Christmas), houses 45 million pages of historical documents, 650,000 photos, a million feet of film, oral histories and 5,000 hours of recordings from the public career of Lyndon Johnson.

In dedicating the library in May 1971, Johnson said, "It is all here: the story of our time — with the bark off... This Library will show the facts...not just the joy and triumphs, but the sorrow and failures, too."

Listen: <http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/prestapes/ladybird.html>

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**DEVIL'S HOLE PUFFISH ON THE BRINK**

Ted Koch, new supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Nevada, said last week that despite millions of dollars and decades of work, it's unclear the Devil's Hole pupfish can be saved from extinction.

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**Minda Brewster (1951 - 2012)**

Minda Ruth Greenfield Brewster, the widow of Elmer Brewster, Jr., died Sunday, November 18, 2012 in Gaithersburg, MD. Minda was born on December 10, 1951 in New Brunswick, NJ. She attended Highland Park High School and Livingston College at Rutgers University, graduating in 1973. She also studied Social Work at Arizona State University where she met her husband of 36 years. Minda's husband Elmer was a Native Nevadan and a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, he died June 17th after a courageous battle with cancer. Survivors include their son, Samuel Brewster and their daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Brad Forrest. Minda is also survived by her brother, Alan Greenfield (Paul) her sister, Donna Greenfield Belser (Burkey) her in-laws Valerie Sanders, Brent Foshie (Julie), Pam Collins, Harding Brewster (Jona), Celana Wasson (James), Melvin Brewster, Brian Brewster and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Brewster was employed by Interfaith Works, which serves the needs of the poor and homeless in Montgomery County, Maryland. Donations may be made to this agency, Interfaith Works, 114 W. Montgomery Ave, Rockville, MD 20850. A private family service will be held in the spring.