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Cabin in the Sky - another Wungnema work

The Cabin in the Sky (Cabin) was a Northern Nevada landmark from the time it opened in 1968 until it was closed in 1990 by the IRS. It's located on the way to Virginia City, Nevada.

This restaurant and bar was known for excellent food and was generally host to a full house of people from around the area. The owner of the Cabin, Joe Conforte (Google him for more information), was quite that character, one demanded the best in workmanship and materials when building the Cabin. Thus, when it came time to build the Cabin, he hired Randall Wungnema to do all the masonry including the bar and the fireplace adjacent to the bar.

The Cabin has a rich history, a history that began even before it was built. Locals say that the Cabin was built on the site of an old mining cabin and that it is haunted.

In 1977, Joe Conforte used the Cabin as bail collateral for his employee, Ross Brymer, who was accused of shooting Argentinian heavyweight, Oscar Bonavena, at the Mustang Ranch.

The Cabin has been closed since 1990, except for a brief stint in 2002 – 2004 when it was re-opened. However, the re-incarnation was short lived and the property was put back on the market.

Today, the Cabin is owned by the Comstock Mining Company, who is working with the Virginia City Convention and Tourism Authority to remodel the building and use it as a visitors' center.

In the summer of 2017, Zach Spencer, Director of External Relations for Comstock Mining, graciously opened the Cabin in the Sky for a tour of the facility. There were approximately 20 people on this private tour, including Randall's children and grandchildren. Randall's children had fond memories of playing on the site while their father worked on the Cabin (remember, the Cabin was built in a pre-OSHA time!).



The building is without power, yet we could clearly see the disappointment on their faces in the dim light as they saw what had been done to Randall's stonework. And, having seen the mastery of his stonework, we understood their disappointment.

Note: all photographs were taken using only natural light & camera flashes.





The brick surrounding the fireplace had been painted brown with the mortar painted gold and a gold gilt

overlay, while the wallpaper is red velvet giving off an Early American Brothel vibe. Sadly, there are no known photographs of the fireplace prior to being painted.

While the fireplace has been defaced (for lack of a better word), the bar Randall built has been left essentially intact and is a testament to his skill as a mason. The bar is absolutely beautiful, a glorious mix of stones including Wonder stone.

[The Epoch Times](#)

"My name is Jose Garcia Acosta. I am a United States Navy Chief.

I am also Apache as my grandfather is from the Mescalero Apache tribe.

Someone said it is disgraceful for me to wear a uniform for the USA if I am Native American.

Let me tell you this. I am Apache and American. We do not come up with excuses not to serve or go to battle for our people."

Photo via: Native American History



The Entire Global Economy Is Complicit In The Destruction Of The Amazon

Name any fast-food restaurant, personal care product or home good you have bought recently, and chances are it contributed to the deforestation of the Amazon. Now name a big bank — any big bank, really. More than likely it has helped finance that destruction. Furniture companies like IKEA and La-Z-Boy, and footwear giants like Nike, Adidas and New Balance, are customers of Chinese manufacturers that source leather from Brazilian cattle ranches. Palm oil, produced in Brazil and elsewhere, is used in ...

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Amazon Fires Threaten 'World's Most Endangered Tribe,' Campaigners Say

August 30, 2019 A Record Number Of Fires Are Burning In Brazil's Amazon Rain Forest Fires in the Amazon rain forest are threatening the Awá people—an indigenous group non-profit group Survival International has described as the "most endangered tribe" in the world. Around 80 isolated individuals of this group live in the Araribóia Indigenous reserve in the Brazilian state of Maranhão. This reserve—located in the eastern Amazon—has been already been heavily deforested and now fires have been

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Indigenous Organizations Demand Action to Halt the Destruction of the Amazon

DEVIN BEAULIEU, INTERCONTINENTAL CRY

While fires rage on in the Brazilian Amazon, equally devastating wildfires have destroyed nearly 1 million hectares of forest in Bolivia during the past three weeks. Not content to wait for change from the political system, Indigenous organizations have called for direct action to halt the destruction of the Amazon and demand accountability from both Bolivian President Evo Morales and Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro for their roles in stoking the fires in the Amazon.

[Read the Article →](#)

The Amazon's Indigenous Warriors Take on Invading Loggers and Ranchers

Fabiano Maisonnave, Guardian UK

Maisonnave writes: "Threatened by fire, deforestation and invasion, the Xikrin people of the northern Amazon are fighting back." [READ MORE](#)

MEETING WATER DEMANDS DURING DROUGHT YEARS

By Edhat Santa Barbara, 8/29/19

Water. It's perhaps the biggest issue in the American West. It has inflamed passions and driven ambitious projects for the past century. Now an economist at UC Santa Barbara has investigated how we might be able to mitigate the stress of droughts by changing the incentives for water storage and use. The results appear in the journal *Nature Sustainability*. Humans use water for a variety of different ends, but rivers also need water flowing through them to ensure the survival of fish and other wildlife. In fact, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires a minimum stream flow in certain rivers to protect threatened fish. In Oregon's Willamette River this is also tied to the fishing industry. No water means no salmon, and no salmon means no fishing.

Seaweed 'forests' can help fight climate change

By National Geographic, 8/29/19

AS THE AMAZON burns, there's growing interest in cultivating forests that absorb planet-warming

carbon emissions, but that are fireproof. That's because these forests are underwater. An increasing body of research is documenting the potential of seaweed farming to counter climate change as deforestation decimates rainforests and other crucial carbon sinks. Fast-growing oceanic jungles of kelp and other macroalgae are highly efficient at storing carbon.

High School Giving Circle is Recruiting Members

Do you know a teen who would enjoy learning about philanthropy and being part of a group that recommends \$10,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations?

Watch this short video at right and learn more from the circle members.

Please send them the High School Giving Circle Application. Applications are accepted until September 13. [High School Giving Circle Application](#)

Statement from the AHA on Domestic Terrorism, Bigotry, and History (August 2019)

The American Historical Association expects the following statement to stimulate more questions than answers. The Association hopes these questions make their way into classrooms, libraries, museums, city council meetings, community centers, and even coffee shops, wherever people are trying to connect with each other to make historical sense of our current moment.

Shortly after the November 2016 presidential election, the American Historical Association noted with dismay the “continuing evidence of polarization to the point of harassment seldom seen in recent American history. Historians can say with confidence that this is not our nation’s finest hour. Language previously relegated to the margins has moved out of the shadows, emboldening elements of American society less interested in a more perfect union than in division and derision.”

That was the first time the AHA had issued a statement in response to an election. We were well aware of the dangers of seeming to be entering a political realm, venturing beyond our mission of promoting historical work, historical thinking, and the professional interests of historians. But we were equally aware of the responsibility we bear as part of the institutional matrix of civil society. As teachers, researchers, and citizens, historians bring to civic culture the values of “mutual respect, reasoned discourse, and appreciation for humanity in its full variety” that we emphasized in our 2016 statement. *As historians*, we recognized the dangers on the horizon, given what we have learned and taught about the histories of bigotry and its implications in the United States and elsewhere in the world.

And now, in the wake of mass homicide in Pittsburgh, El Paso, and elsewhere, our fears are being realized. These events rest on a long history of racist and xenophobic domestic terrorism, evident when taking a historical perspective but too seldom recognized in public discourse. Too few Americans, for example, frame the Ku Klux Klan within the context of a history of racially oriented terrorism that must be named and contextualized if we are to learn from the past and do better in the future.

The lack of public awareness of domestic terrorism’s place in American history stands in stark contrast to frequent contemporary references to immigration and immigration policy. The United States has traditionally prided itself on being “a nation of immigrants.” This phrase is aspirational, but the historical reality is more complicated. Other than relatively recent immigrants, African Americans’ ancestors were brought here by force, and enslaved for generations. For many other people, the United States has been a land of hope and opportunity. Millions have come to our shores since the 16th century, some of them fleeing poverty and oppression, others displaced by war or economic collapse. Some intended to stay, some wanted only to earn enough to return to their home countries with added resources. Their struggles for respect and inclusion, although often marked by hostility and bigotry, have expanded and democratized our country’s definition of what it means to be American.

Increasingly in recent years, policy makers, political commentators, and even terrorists themselves have been drawing on and twisting history to oppose the expansive democracy immigration has helped to build. Many of them adopt the dark vision of early 20th-century exclusionist politics, which insisted that some people could never be real Americans. Some of them create a mythic “white” past rooted in a misreading of medieval Europe. And to one extent or another, many replace the nation’s complex experience of migration with dangerous talk of “invasion,” language that led directly to the El Paso assault and the deaths of 22 people. The rhetoric also elides the history of North America’s indigenous people, who are the only residents who can legitimately claim to have been “invaded.”

As the largest organization of professional historians in the world, the AHA condemns the recent deployment of histories invented in the interest of bigotry, violence, and division. Many critics of white nationalism have admirably insisted that “this is not who we are.” If the statements of white nationalists do not reflect who Americans are or want to be, they do compose an undeniable part of our collective past. Those aspects of the nation’s heritage should be exposed and overcome, rather than ignored or celebrated. Knowledge of history can help Americans achieve that goal.

The following affiliated societies have endorsed the above statement:

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| American Academy of Religion | American Anthropological Association |
| American Catholic Historical Association | American Folklore Society |
| American Journalism Historians Association | American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies |
| Association for Computers and the Humanities (ACH) | |
| Association for Jewish Studies (Executive Committee) | |
| Association of College & Research Libraries | Business History Conference |
| Chinese Historians in the United States | Committee on LGBT History |
| Conference on Latin American History | Coordinating Council for Women in History |
| Council on Asian History | Dance Studies Association |
| Disability History Association | Immigration and Ethnic History Society |
| International Society for the Scholarship on Teaching and Learning in History | |

Labor and Working-Class History Association	Latin American Studies Association
Medieval Academy of America	Middle East Studies Association
National Council on Public History	North American Conference on British Studies
Oral History Association	Organization of American Historians
Rhetoric Society of America	Shakespeare Association of America
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference	Society for Austrian and Hapsburg History
Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era	
Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study	Society of Civil War Historians
Southern Historical Association	World History Association

National Congress of American Indians formally condemns Trump's use of 'Pocahontas' as slur against Warren © Aaron Schwartz

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Wednesday [formally condemned](#) President Trump in a statement for his "continued use of the name 'Pocohantas' as a slur" when referring to Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.).

"NCAI condemns the President's continued use of the name 'Pocahontas' as an insult for political gain," NCAI CEO Kevin Allis said in the statement. "Not only does it disrespect Pocahontas' legacy and life, it likens her name to a slur."

Allis referenced numerous slurs Native people have faced for hundreds of years "that the forces of racism and intolerance deploy to dehumanize our people, mock our cultures, and interfere with our inherent right to control our own lands and destinies."

He added that those terms "dismiss our rightful place as this country's First Americans, and ignore the immense contributions that tribal nations and peoples have made and continue to make to America."

Trump has frequently referred to Warren as "Pocahontas," seizing on the 2020 candidate's previous claim of Native American heritage.

Warren took a test last year that demonstrated she was between 1/64th and 1/1028th Native American and has since apologized multiple times for the confusion caused when she identified herself as Native American.

Trump swiped at Warren again Wednesday while complaining that the media gave [too much coverage to her crowd](#) size at recent campaign events.

Trump earlier this month [promised to "revive"](#) the nickname he refers to Warren as, doing so as she climbs in the polls.

The statement from NCAI concluded with a call to all Americans to "denounce the continued use of such terms and the sentiments they express."

[A New Definition of "Museum" Sparks International Debate](#)

The International Council of Museums will vote on a new definition of museums in September. The proposed change includes language about "social justice, global equality and planetary wellbeing." Critics say the text is too political for most museums to employ.

[California Tribe Hopes to Conquer Climate Woes — With Fire](#) **[By The Revelator, 8/28/19](#)**

More and more land in California is going up in flames. The area in the state burned by wildfires has increased by a factor of five since 1972, according to a recent study, which identified human-caused warming the likely culprit. So what's to be done? The Karuk Tribe wants to fight fire with fire. This summer the tribe, one of the largest in the state, released a climate-adaptation plan that calls for a return to a more natural fire regime. According to the plan, using prescribed burns at appropriate times of the year in place of the current policy of fire suppression would reduce the possibility of high-severity fires, which have proven deadly and costly for California in recent years and are expected to worsen as the climate warms.

[Trump Administration Moves to Limit Public Input, Environmental Review](#) **[By Public News Service, 8/27/19](#)**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — National forests, including California's Los Padres and many more, may see more commercial projects in the near future if a new rule change proposed by the feds goes through. The public comment period on changes to the National Environmental Protection Act ended Monday, and more than 36,000 people flooded the site, overwhelmingly condemning the move to limit environmental review and public input. B.J. McNanama, organizer for the Indigenous Environmental Network, said she's convinced the Trump administration just wants to fast-track certain types of projects.

[California Governor Signs Bill to Protect the Mojave Desert](#) **[By PlanetWatch, 8/27/19](#)**

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill (SB 307) that prevents proposals to export desert water without state review. The bill goes into effect on January 1, 2020. The bill protects federal and state lands, including Mojave National Preserve and Mojave Trails National Monument. It effectively stops the Cadiz Water Project which would extract water from an underground aquifer in the Mojave Desert and export it. Developed by Cadiz Inc., the project proposes to pump 16 billion gallons of water a year from the Mojave Desert aquifer.

[Water Stress Could Affect Half the World's Population in Just 5 Years](#)

Jordan Davidson, EcoWatch

Davidson writes: "World Water Week kicked off this week in the shadow of a frightening reality that nearly one-fourth of the world's population is living under extreme water stress and in just five years, half the world's population will live in water-stressed regions." [READ MORE](#)

"Care is a state in which something does matter; it is the source of human tenderness."
Rollo May, Psychologist

WashoeCaregivers.org is Connecting More People to Needed Services

Have you seen the *Washoe Caregivers Guidebook* in your local pharmacy? CVS, Walgreens, and Raley's pharmacies are now making them available for their customers. You are welcome to share one with a caregiving friend.

Almost 500 people a month check in with WashoeCaregivers.org for needed links to services, important documents and information. This is up from less than 20 in late 2017 and more than doubled our growth goal for 2019. Information and service providers are updated every six months, keeping WashoeCaregivers.org relevant and useful.

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[How Did Food Stamps Begin?](#)

The program was designed to aid American farmers and businesses—as well as the hungry—and had its largest expansion under a Republican president.

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Does your community garden needs seeds? Community Seed Grants support the work of educators and those working to enhance the nutritional, social, economic, or environmental health of people in our region. **Next Deadline: September 6, 2019, 5:00 PM** [Find out more>>>](#)

World Water Week 2019

As an official media partner with [SIWI's World Water Week](#), Circle of Blue has spent the week covering the conference and interviewing numerous water experts. You can follow Circle of Blue's social media accounts on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) for coverage throughout the week and visit Circle of Blue's website for full-length interviews with experts such as [Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director of SIWI](#).

Dior thought a 'Sauvage' perfume ad with Native Americans was a good idea. Not everyone agreed.

The text was paired with an image with a Native American dancing on a Western bluff as the sun set behind him. The perfume's name? Sauvage, which means savage in French, a racial stereotype with a long history of use against Native Americans.

Read in The Washington Post: https://apple.news/ATjcfSpeZRnalhV_S2fVSOg

The New Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo, and American Memory | The New Yorker

<https://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/joy-harjo-the-poet-laureate-of-american-memory>

The Village on Sage Street Is OPEN!

[Enjoy the photos from the Village on Sage Grand Opening Celebration held August 20th.](#)

In just under a year a man camp trucked in to a donated 4-acre site on Sage Street has been transformed into a comfortable, safe dorm-style community for up to 216 people.

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George Bernard Shaw*

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