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[Sacha Baron Cohen Is Making A Movie About Cecil Chao, Who Offered \\$65 Million To Get A Man To Marry His Lesbian Daughter](#)

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From Deadline, this will be either amazing or terrible: Sacha Baron Cohen and his Four By Two Films will develop a feature for Paramount Pictures inspired by Cecil Chao, the Hong Kong billionaire who offered \$65 million to any man who succeeded in marrying his lesbian daughter. Chao's offer made international headlines last week following [...]

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[Why Mitt Likes to Say 'I Like'](#)

The Nation – 2012-10-08

From: Leslie Savan Leslie Savan Since Romney claims to like so many things—grits, firing people, lakes, Big Bird—you have to wonder what he's really saying.

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[To Build A Bridge in Kashmir: A fable by Abhijit Dutta](#)

Kafila – 2012-10-06

Guest post by ABHIJIT DUTTA Once upon a time, a young politician – young enough to have a ‘baba’ appended to his name – came to Kashmir to build a bridge in Srinagar. Now as anyone who knows Srinagar knows, the city is filled with bridges. Some are famous, like Gawkadal, some are pretty, like [...]

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Indigenous Peoples Issues and Resources – 2012-10-09

Guyana: Paruima Village Honours Pioneers In Heritage Celebration Amerindian Heritage celebrations were brought to a close in several villages on September 30, 2012, including the Mainstay and Tapacuma, Region 2, and Paruima, Region # 7, the latter reportedly being the only Arecuna- speaking village in Guyana. Paruima village, in their heritage activity honoured the pioneers of the community with the unveiling of a monument. The fenced monument has a rock from the near-by mountain range and has...

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[Saakashvili's Chance to Save His Legacy as a Democratic Reformer](#)

The Atlantic – 2012-10-03

Having civilly conceded defeat after a bitter campaign, the Georgian president may be able to begin the work of keeping history on his side.

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[Why Have Gas Prices Skyrocketed in California?](#)

TruthDig – 2012-10-09

Here's some not-so-good news for California motorists at the beginning of the workweek: Gas prices in the Golden State have soared to record levels, rising 50 cents in the span of seven days. On Monday, the average price of a gallon of regular gasoline was \$4.67, a record high in the state and much, much higher than anywhere else in the country. So what gives with the higher prices at the pump? For starters, gasoline in California is usually more expensive than in other places thanks...

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[Fukushima Nuclear Crisis Update for September 28th to October 1st, 2012](#)

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Here's the latest of our news bulletins from the ongoing crisis at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. Nuclear Politics in Japan In his new book, whose title translates to "What I Must Say Even If I Were to Be Criticized," Yukio Edano, head of the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI), says that nuclear power should be eradicated as soon as possible, since the danger it poses is far too great and because "Japan is not fit to hold the risk of nuclear power plants."...

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[Fundie Eruptions: Birth Control Pill Use Causes “teh gay” + Obama’s Turning CIA, FBI Homo](#)

Firedoglake – 2012-10-03

Honestly, I guess the professional anti-LGBT movement has to completely go off the rails in order to stay in business. The level of hysteria and junk science bleating to the shrinking base of people willing to write them a check to stay fat and happy is necessary. Take this bizarre video that tries to link the use of oral contraceptives to the creation of promiscuous homosexual men. (Huff Po):

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[Debatable Relevance: How to Make Politics Understandable](#)

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If you didn't really understand what Obama and Romney were talking about, you aren't alone. Read about what it will take for clarity.

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[Stiglitz: 'American Dream Has Become a Myth'](#)

CommonDreams.org – 2012-10-03

In an interview published Tuesday with German newspaper DER SPIEGEL, noted Columbia University economist and 2001 Nobel Prize winner Joseph Stiglitz says that "the American dream has become a myth" and calls Gov. Romney "emblematic of the top one percent." read more

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[Five points on the future of nuclear power in India](#)

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[What's So Terrible About Calling Vaginas "Yonis?"](#)

AlterNet.org – 2012-10-03

In the last several weeks, the mainstream feminist blogosphere has been destroying Naomi Wolf's new book, "Vagina: A New Biography." Much of the criticism centers around her central thesis that our brains and our vaginas are connected. Critics note that Wolf merely reprinted some Women's History 101, relies heavily on questionable neuroscience that reinforces gender roles, and completely ignores gay and transgender people. 100% co-signed. But what is causing the loudest chuckles is...

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[Time to elect the BBC Trust?](#)

Open Democracy – 2012-10-09

In the wake of the ourBeeb NHS report, how do we create accountability in the BBC? Few licence fee payers know about or understand the audience councils or the role of the BBC Trust - is it time to end government appointments and have BBC elections? "Click on the link to the audience councils, and you get a 'page not found' notice. Which tells you everything you need to know about their accountability." Last week ourBeeb published an explosive report into the failure...

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Indigenous Peoples Issues and Resources – 2012-10-10

International: Funds Crunch Skews Aichi Targets On Biodiversity Keya Acharya, 2012 The United Nations 11th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Biodiversity (COP 11 CBD), underway in this southern Indian city, is lost on where to garner the billions of dollars needed to implement the 'Aichi targets,' due to be met by 2020. "Decisions made here will lay the foundation for achieving the Aichi targets," said India's minister for environment and president of COP 11,...

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[Peaceful activism: 1, billionaire oil company: 0](#)

Greenpeace – 2012-10-05

It's not often that one of the world's richest companies doesn't get what it wants. But today in a Dutch court, Shell not only failed to win the sweeping injunction it applied for, but was told in quite forceful terms that it must accept the consequences of its reckless plans to drill for oil in the Arctic. Here's what the judge said:"A company like Shell, that is taking actions... that are controversial in society and which many people will object to, can and should expect that...

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[Christian Right Goes Gangsta: Lesbian Mom Claims Shady Fundamentalists Helped Abduct her Child](#)

AlterNet.org – 2012-10-08

It's a tale of two mommys, and a lovely little girl who ended up in Nicaragua with one mommy who is wanted by Interpol. 10-year old Isabella Miller-Jenkins appears to have gotten caught up in the turmoil of bitter American culture wars. It all started with a civil union between Lisa A. Miller and Janet Jenkins, who decided to add to their family when the couple opted to have a child through in vitro using a donor egg. According to the New York Times, that union turned sour when Miller was...

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[When Worlds Collude: The Press and Political Consultants](#)

Firedoglake – 2012-10-07

It's too easy to criticize the political press. So easy that when something goes wrong with one's candidate or cause, it's typically the press that gets the blame. Fish in a barrel, reporters are. I don't much like this game, in part because I used to cover politics for big-city newspapers. I know and admire many great political writers. I wish sometimes I were still part of the profession. But Matt Taibbi's take-down of the pundit response to the first presidential debate raises...

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