

***Journal #5404                      from sdc                      2.24.23***

***Ward Valley Spirirual Gathering***

***How a Guy From a Montana Trailer Park Overturned 150 Years of Biology***

***Cornell returns Native American remains***

***WNC collaborates with Redwood Materials to develop/pilot training program in battery disassembly***

***Surviving Columbus: The Story of the Pueblo People***

***An Extraordinary Opportunity***

***Maya discussion***

***Meet the People Fighting to Save the Klamath River***

***Why the human genome was never completed***

***Notes from the Field ~ Ryan Pickerill ~ Can Designers be Conservationists?***

***Nevada Senate Bill No. 124. You need to read the notes, not just the bill***

***White Marble***

***President James Madison's SOTU Addresses***

***Pine Nuts with McAvoy Layne: AI is as cold as an untipped blackjack dealer's stare***

***Gordon Dane Garcia***



**Ward Valley Spirirual Gathering.**

## Prayer opening Nevada Senate Ninth Day of NV Legislature

### Blessing by Fred Drye.

Creator, I pray to You today before this group of leaders where matters of importance will be discussed. I pray that discussions will be positive.

We pray that all is well especially with all the rain and snow we have had. Thank You, the moisture is much needed for water, crops, pine nuts and the land.

We pray that our wildlife be protected: eagles (quansants), bear (quahaunt), deer, horses, rabbits, cottontails, sheep, donkeys, et cetera.

We pray that our cultural sites be protected—dwellings, Indian medicines, pine nuts—and the trees, mountains and lands.

We pray that those who are sick heal and get better, and the military return home safely to their families.

Bless that our tribal leaders be strong, and those that are here all return safely. AMEN

## A Love Letter to Libraries, Long Overdue

[https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/14/books/review/library-public-local.html?utm\\_source=pocket-newtab](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/14/books/review/library-public-local.html?utm_source=pocket-newtab)



### **Capture of a historic herd: BLM traps three generations of famous Carson Valley mustang band**

By Frank X. Mullen

February 21, 2023

Federal agents lured 18 wild horses into traps in the Carson Valley during the first two months of this year, sparking outrage among wild horse advocates who have documented generations of that free-roaming historic herd.

***“The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.”***

**— Albert Einstein**

*For no reason - just found this a fascinating article. sdc*

## **How a Guy From a Montana Trailer Park Overturned 150 Years of Biology**

[https://getpocket.com/explore/item/how-a-guy-from-a-montana-trailer-park-overturned-150-years-of-biology?utm\\_source=pocket-newtab](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/how-a-guy-from-a-montana-trailer-park-overturned-150-years-of-biology?utm_source=pocket-newtab)

## **Cornell returns Native American remains**

[https://enewspaper.eastbaytimes.com/infinity/article\\_popover\\_share.aspx?guid=9309942b-10c0-4c50-866f-4e53a249ac4e](https://enewspaper.eastbaytimes.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=9309942b-10c0-4c50-866f-4e53a249ac4e)

## **Governor's Office of Economic Development**

CARSON CITY — Western Nevada College, in collaboration with [Redwood Materials](#), will develop and pilot a training program for new hires assigned to battery disassembly. The trainings will be offered on the Redwood Materials campus utilizing WNC's Mobile Manufacturing Lab.

## **Surviving Columbus: The Story of the Pueblo People**

[https://](https://americanarchive.org/catalog/cpb-aacip_508-td9n29q276)

[americanarchive.org/catalog/cpb-aacip\\_508-td9n29q276](https://americanarchive.org/catalog/cpb-aacip_508-td9n29q276)

**This record is featured in “Native Narratives: The Representation of Native Americans in Public Broadcasting.” This record is featured in “Vision Maker Media Documentaries.”**

## **An Extraordinary Opportunity**

When describing a patient with quadriplegia who received an electrode array implanted in his motor cortex, Professor Anca Dragan said, “What he wants to do is pour himself a glass of water and drink it. And what we’d love to be able to empower for him ... is the ability to think and have a robotic arm move as an extension of his body.”

Dragan was one of several speakers on Sept. 23 at the groundbreaking for the Gateway , the future home of the Division of Computing, Data Science, and Society. Slated to open in 2025–26, this interdisciplinary space will bring together more than 1,300 faculty, students, and staff to research and collaborate on climate change, advances in health and biomedicine, and issues in human welfare and social justice. The Gateway will also respond to growing interest in data science among undergraduates who want to change society, yet need data techniques to enter the workforce, whether in public health, engineering, or economics. This building will provide all students with space and opportunities to connect and put their visions in motion.

Carol T. Christ, Chancellor, UCB

click on pic



***In “cleaning “ files, found this note from Emily W. in “recovered” files, so do not know if were ever shared (and apologies to Emily):***

Hi! I saw in journal 5301 that you linked to a documentary called "The Mystery of the Maya." I didn't pay for the full documentary, but the description and trailer raise some red flags for the documentary supporting a hyperdiffusionist theory about Atlanteans being responsible for the creation of the Maya civilization (I can expand on why I think this). Here are a couple of articles about how harmful these theories can be: [article](#) [article](#). I googled the creator, Freddy Silva, and found a summary of one of his [books](#) where he says that "indigenous people the world over...will state that, 12,000 years ago — during a period called the Younger Dryas — another culture lived alongside them. Described as unusually tall, fair-skinned, red-haired or blonde, these ‘gods’ knew how to bend the forces of nature, enabling them to built extraordinary megalithic temples and develop a comparatively advanced civilization." This really sounds like the creator of the documentary supports the idea popular among white supremacist hyperdiffusionists that Indigenous people could not build their civilizations without the help of advanced "fair-skinned" people. I can send more articles/ information about hyperdiffusionist theories or the history of connecting the Maya with Atlantis if that would be helpful. - EW

***All of this underscores why one must be careful with the plethora of articles/U-tubes available.***

~~~~~  
***Another “recovered”; including for the record.***

**[Meet the People Fighting to Save the Klamath River](#)**

Dams, record-breaking drought, climate change, and overuse have pushed the Klamath Basin to its limit. Meet the people fighting to save one of the greatest watersheds in the West

Read in Field & Stream: <https://apple.news/A7P96TKp-SfCZVke3vuPOWA>

~~~~~  
***Another no reason, just interesting.....***

***Why the human genome was never completed - BBC Future***

[https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20230210-the-man-whose-genome-you-can-read-end-to-end?utm\\_source=pocket-newtab](https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20230210-the-man-whose-genome-you-can-read-end-to-end?utm_source=pocket-newtab)

~~~~~  
***And another:***

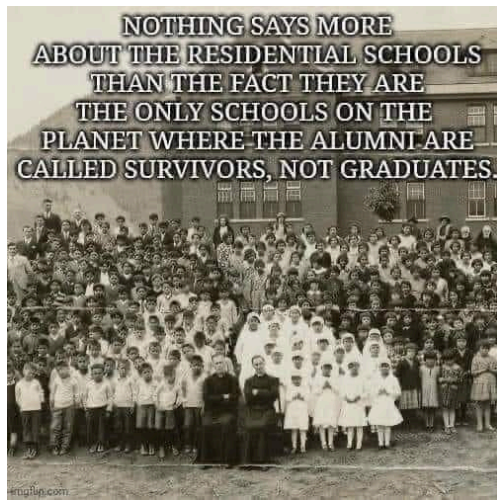
***Notes from the Field ~ Ryan Pickerill ~ Can Designers be Conservationists?***

Last summer Project Coyote welcomed five interns to our pack. Ryan Pickerill joined us as a landscape architecture intern and took up the task of researching wildlife crossings in the heartland of the United States to inform the rewilding efforts of our Heartland Rewilding initiative. In this *Notes from the Field* blog, Ryan shares with us how landscape architecture can help connect habitats and protect all wildlife.

<https://projectcoyote.org/can-designers-be-conservationists/>

~~~~~  
For legislative/policy/mining junkies, you should read the Senate Journal from the 8th day regarding [Senate Bill No. 124](#). You need to read the notes, not just the bill. Follow thatr with 10th day discussion/controversey. Bill now on way to Assembly.





### [Donna Cossette](#)

Great great uncle Bowean "Skinny Dave" had a claim on the white marble in Dave canyon. Makes me wonder if this white marbel came from their. This moohoot effigy was found in toi and/or koope ticitta territory. Makes me think this was a ceremonial item involving the spirits, atleast that's how I feel when I'm thinking about it.

### [Melvin G. Brewster](#)

Depends on context quarry who was there before. Historically who had utilized the wwry knos a out it. Some wonder how far Lovelock Culture may extended but I located an effigy when I was s kid near the Dumps at Schutz. It has long ago been tractored but thr Owl was made of the same material as Allen Springs rock.

### [Donna Cossette](#)

[Melvin G. Brewster](#) the rock from Etza Pah aka Allen Hot spring also appear in the 40 mile there are large pockets of clay under the greasewood mounds and when they blow away the clay bakes in the hot sun and turns to baked clay, it sounds like pottery when tapped against eachother. As far as Lovelock Culture, the remains from the cave, they have been determined to be Paiute when Eske Wilerslev did their mitochondria DNA in 2016. So does that make "Lovelock Culture," Paviotso Culture?





around 1900

### **James Madison's First SOTU Address (Extract) 8 November 1808.**

“With our Indian neighbors the public peace has been steadily maintained. Some instances of individual wrong have, as at other times, taken place, but in no wise implicating the will of the nation. Beyond the Mississippi the Ioways, the Sacs and the Alabamas have delivered up for trial and punishment individuals from among themselves accused of murdering citizens of the United States. On this side of the Mississippi the Creeks are exerting themselves to arrest offenders of the same kind, and the Choctaws have manifested their readiness and desire for amicable and just arrangements respecting depredations committed by disorderly persons of their tribe. And, generally, from a conviction that we consider them as a part of ourselves, and cherish with sincerity their rights and interests, the attachment of the Indian tribes is gaining strength daily - is extending from the nearer to the more remote, and will amply requite us for the justice and friendship practiced toward them. Husbandry and household manufacture are advancing among them more rapidly with the Southern than Northern tribes, from circumstances of soil and climate, and one of the two great divisions of the Cherokee Nation have now under consideration to solicit the citizenship of the United States, and to be identified with us in laws and government in such progressive manner as we shall think best.”

[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Thomas\\_Jefferson%27s\\_Eighth\\_State\\_of\\_the\\_Union\\_Address](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Thomas_Jefferson%27s_Eighth_State_of_the_Union_Address)

~~~~~

***Second address concentrates on “belligerent” actions of foreign powers while US remains a “neutral” nation. 5 December 1810***

“The embarrassments which have prevailed in our foreign relations, and so much employed the deliberations of Congress, make it a primary duty in meeting you to communicate whatever may have occurred in that branch of our national affairs.”

“With the Indian tribes also the peace and friendship of the United States are found to be so eligible that the general disposition to preserve both continues to gain strength.”

**Third address (5 November 1811)** also concerns itself with “foreign” affairs and the impact on the US.

“The receipts into the Treasury during the year ending on the 30th day of September last have exceeded \$13.5M, and have enabled us to defray the current expenses, including the interest on the public debt, and to reimburse more than \$5M of the principal without recurring to the loan authorized by the act of the last session. The temporary loan obtained in the latter end of the year 1810 has also been reimbursed, and is not included in that amount.”

**Fourth Address (November 1812)** focuses on war entanglements with Europe.

One little sentence: “The Indian tribes not under foreign instigations remain at peace, and receive the civilizing attentions which have proved so beneficial to them.”

### **James Madison's 1813 State of the Union Address December 7, 1813**

**Extract:** “The cruelty of the enemy in enlisting the savages into a war with a nation desirous of mutual emulation in mitigating its calamities has not been confined to any one quarter. Wherever they could be turned against us no exertions to effect it have been spared. On our southwestern border the Creek tribes, who, yielding to our persevering endeavors, were gradually acquiring more civilized habits, became the unfortunate victims of seduction. A war in that quarter has been the consequence, infuriated by a bloody fanaticism recently propagated among them. It was necessary to crush such a war before it could spread among the contiguous tribes and before it could favor enterprises of the enemy into that vicinity. With this view a force was called into the service of the United States from the States of Georgia and Tennessee, which, with the nearest regular troops and other corps from the Mississippi Territory, might not only chastise the savages into present peace but make a lasting impression on their fears.

The progress of the expedition, as far as is yet known, corresponds with the martial zeal with which it was espoused, and the best hopes of a satisfactory issue are authorized by the complete success with which a well-planned enterprise was executed against a body of hostile savages by a detachment of the volunteer militia of TN, under the gallant command of General Coffee, and by a still more important victory over a larger body of them, gained under the immediate command of Major-General Jackson, an officer equally distinguished for his patriotism and his military talents.

The systematic perseverance of the enemy in courting the aid of the savages in all quarters had the natural effect of kindling their ordinary propensity to war into a passion, which, even among those best disposed toward the United States, was ready, if not employed on our side, to be turned against us. A departure from our protracted forbearance to accept the services tendered by them has thus been forced upon us. But in yielding to it the retaliation has been mitigated as much as possible, both in its extent and in its character, stopping far short of the example of the enemy, who owe the advantages they have occasionally gained in battle chiefly to the # of their savage associates, and who have not controlled them either from their usual practice of indiscriminate massacre on defenseless inhabitants or from scenes of carnage without a parallel on prisoners to the British arms, guarded by all the laws of humanity and of honorable war. For

these enormities the enemy are equally responsible, whether with the power to prevent them they want the will or with the knowledge of a want of power they still avail themselves of such instruments.

In other respects the enemy are pursuing a course which threatens consequences most afflicting to humanity.

A standing law of Great Britain naturalizes, as is well known, all aliens complying with conditions limited to a shorter period than those required by the United States, and naturalized subjects are in war employed by her Government in common with native subjects. In a contiguous British Province regulations promulgated since the commencement of the war compel citizens of the United States being there under certain circumstances to bear arms, whilst of the native emigrants from the United States, who compose much of the population of the Province, a number have actually borne arms against the United States within their limits, some of whom, after having done so, have become prisoners of war, and are now in our possession. The British commander in that Province, nevertheless, with the sanction, as appears, of his Government, thought proper to select from American prisoners of war and send to Great Britain for trial as criminals a # of individuals who had emigrated from the British dominions long prior to the state of war between the two nations, who had incorporated themselves into our political society in the modes recognized by the law and the practice of Great Britain, and who were made prisoners of war under the banners of their adopted country, fighting for its rights and its safety.”

*Fifth previously published*

***Sixth 20 September 1814***

Continuation of war chronicles

**Seventh James Madison SOTU 5 December 1815**

“In conformity with the articles in the treaty of Ghent relating to the Indians, as well as with a view to the tranquillity of our western and northwestern frontiers, measures were taken to establish an immediate peace with the several tribes who had been engaged in hostilities against the United States. Such of them as were invited to Detroit acceded readily to a renewal of the former treaties of friendship. Of the other tribes who were invited to a station on the Mississippi the greater number have also accepted the peace offered to them. The residue, consisting of the more distant tribes or parts of tribes, remain to be brought over by further explanations, or by such other means as may be adapted to the dispositions they may finally disclose.

The Indian tribes within and bordering on the southern frontier, whom a cruel war on their part had compelled us to chastise into peace, have latterly shown a restlessness which has called for preparatory measures for repressing it, and for protecting the commissioners engaged in carrying the terms of the peace into execution.”

***Much discussion of US financial status.***



## **Eighth SOTU address by James Madison 3 December 1816**

“The Indian tribes within our limits appear also disposed to remain at peace. From several of them purchases of lands have been made particularly favorable to the wishes and security of our frontier settlements, as well as to the general interests of the nation. In some instances the titles, though not supported by due proof, and clashing those of one tribe with the claims of another, have been extinguished by double purchases, the benevolent policy of the United States preferring the augmented expense to the hazard of doing injustice or to the enforcement of justice against a feeble and untutored people by means involving or threatening an effusion of blood.

I am happy to ad that the tranquillity which has been restored among the tribes themselves, as well as between them and our own population, will favor the resumption of the work of civilization which had made an encouraging progress among some tribes, and that the facility is increasing for extending that divided and individual ownership, which exists now in movable property only, to the soil itself, and of thus establishing in the culture and improvement of it the true foundation for a transit from the habits of the savage to the arts and comforts of social life.

As a subject of the highest importance to the national welfare, I must again earnestly recommend to the consideration of Congress a reorganization of the militia on a plan which will form it into classes according to the periods of life more or less adapted to military services. An efficient militia is authorized and contemplated by the Constitution and required by the spirit and safety of free government. The present organization of our militia is universally regarded as less efficient than it ought to be made, and no organization can be better calculated to give to it its due force than a classification which will assign the foremost place in the defense of the country to that portion of its citizens whose activity and animation best enable them to rally to its standard. Besides the consideration that a time of peace is the time when the change can be made with most convenience and equity, it will now be aided by the experience of a recent war in which the militia bore so interesting a part.”

***This being the longest SOTU to date contains much about addressing all the administrative needs/recommendations that had been put aside with all the war efforts.***

~~~~~

***As I previously stated, these SOTU addresss should be read in entirety as they provide a glimpse of the context and thought of the times.***

***One can also have the addresses of the first four presidents read to them at:  
[https://archive.org/details/state\\_union\\_addresses\\_1790-1816\\_1609\\_librivox](https://archive.org/details/state_union_addresses_1790-1816_1609_librivox)***

*A movie script if there ever was one.....*

## **The dinosaur feud at the heart of palaeontology**

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20230119-the-dinosaur-feud-at-the-heart-of-palaeontology>

*Extract:*

“Outside the realms of their squabbling, both men committed palaeontological crimes on a much larger scale. Their most active years coincided with the intense conflicts between Native Americans and European settlers. Many expeditions – Marsh's early work in particular – were undertaken alongside military escorts. Cope, with fewer government connections, usually went unaccompanied. Marsh, typically, turned to politics to establish influence, [publicly supporting the Oglala Lakota leader Red Cloud \(Maḥpíya Lúta\)](#). His actions may have been guided by his desire for the fossils in Red Cloud's lands, as well as the publicity that came with weighing into public debate. "He was not enthusiastic about Native American culture," says Wallace.

Besides their considerable monetary value, Adrienne Mayor describes the [rich significance of the fossils among Native American tribes](#), who told creation stories about how these creatures turned to stone, passed down for generations.

As well as [dispossessing Native American lands of vast quantities of fossils](#), both Cope and Marsh subscribed to popular racist ideas of the time that held the white male to be the pinnacle of evolution. In one letter, Cope eagerly described robbing a Native American grave to examine the human remains in this light. Marsh, too, would plunder graves for the same reason.”

~~~~~  
*And because it is Friday..... (And for non-Nevadans, McAvoy Layne channels Mark Twain)*

## **Pine Nuts with McAvoy Layne: AI is as cold as an untipped blackjack dealer's stare**



• [By McAvoy Layne](#)

With the omnipresence of Artificial Intelligence or AI, I feel compelled to wrap myself in the 19th century, and make myself at home in the Sandwich Islands of 1866. Presently, I'm on my surfboard, along with a few Hawaiians, awaiting the perfect wave.

Every sixth wave is near perfect, and then along comes the Big Kahuna. I'm in the perfect place to catch it and ride it to its tubular end, but so is the Hawaiian surfer at my side, and as there is not room for the both of us, he gives me a gentlemanly nod, and off I go on the ride of my life.

All the information I needed for this ride came with a courteous nod, and I bought that Hawaiian gentleman a Primo at the end of our afternoon together. A Shaka sign is a communication that can never be duplicated by artificial intelligence, “artificial” being the operative word.

AI can be programed to disseminate misinformation, so it remains irrevocable that resulting information is no better than the programmer.

I ask you, what sort of AI program could understand the following scenario from 1866, when Mark Twain offered his sage advice to prospective visitors.

“And just here I would caution those of you who intend to visit this archipelago, against bringing wines and liquors with your baggage, lest you provoke the confiscation of the latter.

I was asked by the customs agent what I had in my small bag; I told him, ‘Pajamas.’ He took the liberty to inspect the bag and discovered therein a small bottle of scotch whiskey, which he held up on high. ‘Pajamas!?’ he asked. I stuck to my story: ‘My night cap.’”

Let AI try to work that one out.

And, let us return for a moment to 1866, when Mark Twain described a scene that AI could never get its head around.

“The missionaries pointed out to their congregation that it’s hard enough to get into heaven fully clothed, but to attempt it naked might seem like blasphemy. Then they imported a quantity of hats, bonnets, neckties and other wearing apparel, distributed them, and begged these descendants of Adam & Eve not to come to church naked next Sunday as usual.

And they didn’t. But being a generous people by heart, they divided up with the neighbors. So on the following Sabbath, in the midst of the reading of a hymn, a stately dame would stalk in with nothing in the world on but a stove-pipe hat. Another would arrive with a flourish, with the sleeves of a bright calico dress tied around her waist — the rest of the garment dragging behind like a peacock’s tail...off duty.”

Good luck with that one, AI.

AI has its merits, like fighting diseases, but for me it’s as cold as an untipped blackjack dealer’s stare. No, you can go ahead and access Jasper Chat. Me? I’m going to ask a librarian.


— *To listen to this and other McAvoy Layne columns, [go here](#). For more than 30 years, in over 4,000 performances, columnist and Chautauquan McAvoy Layne has been dedicated to preserving the wit and wisdom of “The Wild Humorist of the Pacific Slope,” Mark Twain. As Layne puts it: “It’s like being a Monday through Friday preacher, whose sermon, though not reverently pious, is fervently*



~~~~~American."

< **Gordon Dane Garcia** ...

**01/02/93 ~ 02/17/23**



**Sunday, February 26,  
Ross, Burke & Knobel  
2155 Kietzke Ln  
Reno, NV**

**11am viewing 12pm service  
cremation will follow  
internment at a later date**