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**Horses from the Montgomery Pass herd in spring 2024. Photo/Craig Downer**

<https://renonr.com/2025/07/03/the-historic-montgomery-pass-wild-horse-herd-needs-to-be-saved-from-elimination>

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## Ancient DNA Reveals Who the Maya Really Were — And Why They Collapsed



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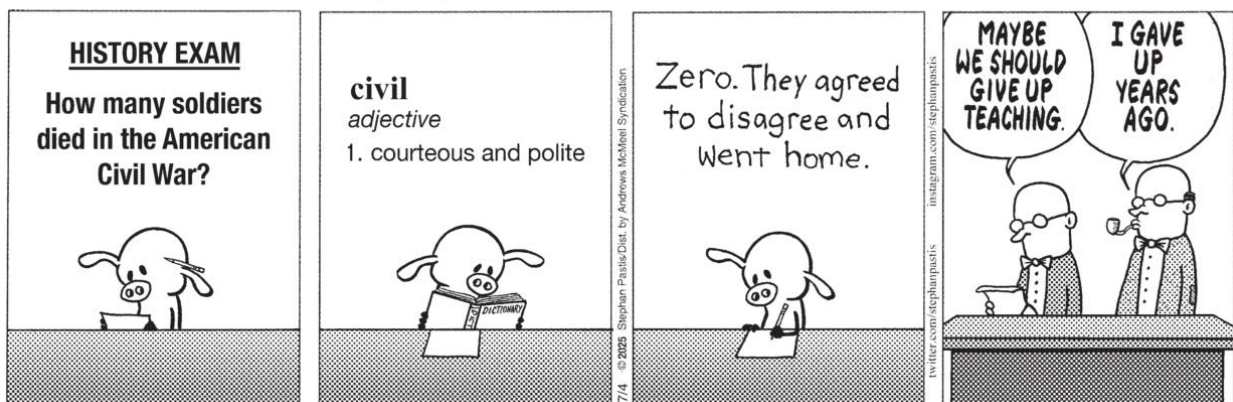
<https://www.pbs.org/video/alaska-wild-harvest-qbdmw7/>

<https://www.pbs.org/video/juneau-whitehorse-sister-cities-b0iuyu/>

<https://www.pbs.org/video/alberta-canadas-changing-heartland-0nzhkr/>

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For the musicians: <https://levysheetmusic.mse.jhu.edu/sites/default/files/collection-pdfs/levy-162-089.pdf> (Buffalo City Guards Parade March)

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE: By Stephan Pastis







## **Farmworkers Heal Climate-Scarred Land With Native Seeds**

At California's Hedgerow Farms, specialists produce seeds to revegetate burned areas, reestablish wetlands, and transform drought-prone farmland.

### **“Native Seeds to the Rescue**

Research has shown that native plants play a [powerful role](#) in slowing climate change and restoring ecosystems. They create wildlife habitat, sequester carbon, limit dust and erosion by stabilizing soil, and deter future wildfires by preventing highly flammable invasive grasses from taking root.”

<https://civileats.com/2025/07/07/farmworkers-heal-climate-scarred-land-with-native-seeds/>

### ***From a prodigious reader:***

Interesting artifact. I have several issues to take up with you regarding indigenous factors. I just sent you an article on Mayans, chronology, chromosome findings. I will also be sending you a video on Northeastern indigenous chromosomes. I would like to comment on the Younger Dryas event and Clovis culture extinction.

Concerning this stone artifact, the chronology is highly questionable. Because it is not organic stone it cannot be carbon dated. I find the Japanese artifact mention to be more accurate at 10 K years. I also found the British Stonehenge to be likewise inaccurate chronologically.

**A secret stonehenge under Lake Michigan is baffling archaeologists** Stone circles are the stuff of ancient rituals and druid mythology. Read in BBC Science Focus Magazine: <https://apple.news/AksjmqHmWTo2NO-EiUJeY9A>

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May I suggest the documentary 'Ice Bridge' a Paramount production streaming on Paramount platform.  
It delineates the controversial Solutrean theory regarding initial Indigenous population. There is also very interesting DNA analysis of all the initial populations. Both Asian and European pre-Holocene. I have articles from Wikipedia on these issues, and also some thoughts. There is also online information.

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**Minnesota's diminishing wild rice harvests feed a debate over the best response**

[https://www.startribune.com/minnesotas-diminishing-wild-rice-harvests-feed-a-debate-over-the-best-response/601362687?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=best\\_of\\_the\\_week&utm\\_term=Best%20of%20The%20Week?utm\\_source=gift\\_email](https://www.startribune.com/minnesotas-diminishing-wild-rice-harvests-feed-a-debate-over-the-best-response/601362687?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=best_of_the_week&utm_term=Best%20of%20The%20Week?utm_source=gift_email)

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**Regulatory watchdogs slam Trump push to cut public out of rulemaking**

“Regulatory experts are raising red flags about a potential sea change in federal rulemaking that is being quietly implemented by the administration, giving President Donald Trump more authority to act without public input or accountability. The Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, a nonprofit alliance of over 200 consumer, labor, scientific, research and public interest groups, found that Trump is trying to take more action quickly to limit effective oversight. “In its unlawful and unprecedented push to cut the public out of the regulatory process, the Trump administration’s goal is ensure that the public will have no say when it rolls back regulations that protect them,” said Sam Berger, author of the report and consultant to the coalition. ... ” [Read more from the Courthouse News Service.](#)

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**An Ancient Law Could Shape the Modern Future of America's Beaches. Here's How.**

The growing battle over how to manage sea level rise turns partly on a legal principle set down in Roman times.

[https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/19/climate/beach-erosion-sea-walls.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=1.Xk8.5vju.zXRfd9a40zqu&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/19/climate/beach-erosion-sea-walls.html?unlocked_article_code=1.Xk8.5vju.zXRfd9a40zqu&smid=url-share)

**Archaeologists Discovered an Underground Inca Labyrinth, Confirming a Centuries-Old Rumor**

Here's what you'll learn when you read this story:

- The existence of a tunnel network under the ancient Peruvian city of Cusco had been rumored for centuries.

- At times stretching more than a mile, the labyrinth connected the Temple of the Sun to key points, such as a fortress.
- Incan builders made use of what's known as the cut-and-cover method of crafting tunnels.

The Incan Temple of the Sun in Cusco has long been a visual and cultural jewel of the ancient [empire](#). But there's even more to admire below ground. Recently, archaeologists confirmed a long-held rumor: the existence of a labyrinth of underground tunnels extending out from the temple, sometimes over a mile in length.

First hinted at in historical texts that date as far back as the 16<sup>th</sup> century, researchers have wondered if this [labyrinth](#)—known as a chincana—was real. Turns out, it is.

Archaeologist Jorge Calero Flores [announced](#) the findings at a press conference, and said the research team found a main branch connecting the temple to the fortress of Sacsahuaman, just over one mile away. The system is made up of three smaller branches—one near the Church of San Cristóbal, another to an area near the [fortress](#), and a third to an area known as Callispuquio.

The Peru Archaeologists Association [said](#) that the tunnels were created by the Inca people. They first dug trenches, and then supported them with stone [walls](#) and carved-beam ceilings. Calero Flores said that the tunnel system is roughly 8.5 feet wide and 5.2 feet high. “We suspect that the Inca could have been carried in litters through there,” he said, [according](#) to the *Jerusalem Post*.

The path to finding the ancient labyrinth started with Jesuit texts from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. An anonymous Spanish Jesuit individual wrote about a tunnel in 1594 that connected the bishop's housing to the Cusco Cathedral, alluding to the fact the tunnel originated at the Temple of the Sun. A later document from chronicler Anello de Oliva also discussed multiple [underground](#) passages in the city. The texts noted that, during construction in the area, workers ensured they did not disturb the tunnel network—one that started at a cave in the fortress. That was enough, Flores said, to give archaeologists “an idea” of where to look.

Before probing the ground, the team used acoustic prospecting to find hollow areas. That data gave them a better understanding of where to use ground-penetrating [radar](#) to create a more specific map of the chincana.

Archaeologist Mildred Fernandez Palomino said that the next step in learning more about the [tunnels](#) is getting inside them. “Now we have to excavate at key points to be able to enter the chincana,” she said, [according](#) to *IFL Science*.

Researchers believe that the tunnel system was an underground representation of the above-ground street network of the ancient Incan city of Cusco. Located about 130 miles from Machu Picchu, Cusco was once a thriving hub for the Inca Empire. Now, it's a popular tourist spot and an [archaeological](#) marvel.

For video: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/archaeologists-discovered-an-underground-inca-labyrinth-confirming-a-centuries-old-rumor/ar-AAIIQHso>

## Archaeologists Discovered an Underground Inca Labyrinth, Confirming a Centuries-Old Rumor

Now to see where it goes.

Read in Popular Mechanics: [https://apple.news/AWG4T8e3PQiyi2\\_2DrAEKRw](https://apple.news/AWG4T8e3PQiyi2_2DrAEKRw)

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*Caught part of this interview on NPR.....if you can find it, it is provocative.*

## City Arts and Lectures: Eve Ewing & Alejandro Heredia

Eve L. Ewing is an associate professor in the Department of Race, Diaspora and Indigeneity at the University of Chicago and the author of four books including “Original Sins: The (Mis)education of Black and Native Children and the Construction of American Racism.”

Alejandro Heredia is a queer Afro-Dominican writer working at the intersection of literature and activism. His debut novel “Loca” explores migration, identity and the queer experience.

<https://thetriibe.com/2025/02/eve-l-ewing-examines-how-the-education-system-is-designed-to-hurt-black-and-indigenous-students/>

Repeating TUE 10pm, WED 1am

**Date:** Wednesday July 30th

**Time:** Doors 6:00pm, Presentation 6:30pm

**Location:** Teamsters Local 533  
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**Join the Nevada Environmental Justice Coalition for our 2025 Legislative Recap! Learn about what environmental justice bills became laws during this year's legislative session, which lawmakers were champions for the people & planet, and learn what's on the horizon for our movement in Nevada. Enjoy a free meal and panel discussion as we celebrate our collective victories! Sign up to reserve your seat today!**

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Wildlife Photography of the year 🙌🙌🙌❤️🐻 Polar Bears are one of three predators that roam this beautiful Mother Earth that consider humans as direct prey ! The other two are Big Cats & Crocodiles/Alligators! Here is the read 📖📖📖📖 on this incredible capture ! <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/news/2024/february/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year-59-peoples-choice-winner-announced.html> Polar Bears are going extinct due to melting of ice caps & glaciers ... [#savepolarbears](#) [#preventwildlifeextinction](#) 🐾🌱❤️🙏 Dr Purnima

Wildlife Photographer Of The Year has been won by amateur photographer

An amateur photographer from the UK has won a prestigious Wildlife Photographer Of The Year award 🏆

Nima Sarikhani captured the image of a sleeping polar bear on an iceberg off Norway's Svalbard archipelago.

The picture, titled Ice Bed, has been crowned the winner of the Natural History Museum's Wildlife Photographer Of The Year people's choice award, after being whittled down to a shortlist of 25 from almost 50,000 entries from around the world.



## History Bits

- 1793 Jul 22** British explorer Alexander Mackenzie's expedition reached the Pacific Ocean near Vancouver, the first transcontinental crossing by a European that preceded Lewis and Clark a decade later.
- 1847 Jul 24** The Northern Utes never saw the impact of events coming when Brigham Young muttered the now famous words, "This is the right place."



- 1892 Jul 26** New Orleans Creole Homer Plessy was arrested for violating the state Separate Car Act by sitting in a railroad car restricted to whites only. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld segregated facilities in Plessy v Ferguson.
- 1914 Jul 25** The Orr Ditch complaint was amended.
- 1915 Jul 22** A flash flood caused by a cloudburst in the hills swept down near Dayton NV, washing away a Native American encampment, irrigation ditches and a railroad bridge abutment.
- 1924 Jul 24** The special Master proposed findings (tentative decree) in written notice for the Orr Ditch Decree.
- 1936 Jul 20** The people of McDermitt adopted their constitution.
- 1970 Jul 20** The people of the Las Vegas Colony adopted their constitution.

**President Trump calls for Commanders to go back to old nickname, threatens to block D.C. stadium deal if they don't**

The president even threatened to block the Commanders' impending move back to D.C. and their new stadium if they fail to revert to their former nickname.

**Cleveland Guardians respond to Trump's post about restoring former team...**

President Trump posted that he believes the Guardians and Commanders should return to their former names. Here's the..

Any attempt to distract by invoking our names and purporting to speak for our communities is an affront to Tribal sovereignty and is not taken lightly. For seventy-five years, NCAI has held an unbroken voice: Imagery and fan behaviors that mock, demean, and dehumanize Native people have no place in modern society. NCAI will continue to stand in support of the dignity and humanity of Native peoples.

—NCAI President Mark Macarro



## NCAI Condemns President Trump's Call to Reinstate Harmful Mascot Imagery

**Washington, D.C.** — In response to President Donald Trump's public threat to block a new stadium deal unless the Washington Commanders reinstate their former name and his demand that the Cleveland Guardians also revert back, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) unequivocally opposes any effort to revive racist mascots that demean Indigenous communities. Since 1950, NCAI's priorities have included the eradication of harmful, unsanctioned Native "themed" mascots and propaganda.

"Any attempt to distract by invoking our names and purporting to speak for our communities is an affront to Tribal sovereignty and is not taken lightly. For seventy-five years, NCAI has held an unbroken voice: Imagery and fan behaviors that mock, demean, and dehumanize Native people have no place in modern society. NCAI will continue to stand in support of the dignity and humanity of Native peoples," said NCAI President Mark Macarro.

In May of this year, [NCAI Executive Director Larry Wright, Jr., responded](#) to a mascot-related decision by the Department of Education, noting "our youth deserve to see themselves treated with dignity, not as punchlines or cartoonish relics of the past. The continued defense of these mascots is a refusal to confront racism. Enough is enough."

In July 2020, [NCAI commended the Washington Commanders](#) for "eliminating a brand that disrespected, demeaned, and stereotyped all Native people." In July 2021, [NCAI commended the Cleveland Guardians](#) for "[taking an] important step forward in healing the harms its former mascot long caused Native people, in particular Native youth." Our position and that of Indian Country broadly — rooted in unanimously passed resolutions reflecting the perspectives of hundreds of Tribal Nations — has not changed.

Tribal governments have been outspoken and unambiguous on this issue for generations. Contrary to President Trump's assertion that "[o]ur great Indian people, in massive numbers, want this to happen," Indian Country has repeatedly come together to condemn the unsanctioned use of harmful Native "themed" mascots, particularly those which sexualize, stereotype, or dehumanize American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Conditioning federal policy or development deals on the revival of racist language contradicts the government's responsibility to uphold tribal rights and dignity, threatens the integrity of lawful governance, and opens the door to further discriminatory policy demands. We are not your mascot. We are not your distraction

<https://www.ncai.org/news/nci-condemns-president-trump-s-call-to-reinstate-harmful-mascot-imagery>

## Critical Minerals

[https://join1440.com/topics/critical-minerals/r/the-lithium-triangle-where-chile-argentina-and-bolivia-meet?user\\_id=66c4c6935d78644b3ab73873](https://join1440.com/topics/critical-minerals/r/the-lithium-triangle-where-chile-argentina-and-bolivia-meet?user_id=66c4c6935d78644b3ab73873)

- WCSD has a new partnership with RTC, and while it's not the same as the yellow school bus system, students under 18 can ride the [public buses for free](#). Whether they need reliable transportation to school, summer programs, jobs, or other opportunities. As of June 7, students can [download the pass](#) onto their phone, which is valid until June 31, 2026.

[Read the full article](#)

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The Las Vegas Indian Center is [accepting school supply donations](#) through July 31 for its back-to-school fair [being held Aug. 31](#).  
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### **Dakota Medicine Garden is new project for Golden Valley Garden Club**

[https://www.hometownsource.com/sun\\_post/community/newhope\\_goldenvalley/dakota-medicine-garden-is-new-project-for-golden-valley-garden-club/article\\_e040fa38-a6ac-451a-b5e8-c46d73ec33f9.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.hometownsource.com/sun_post/community/newhope_goldenvalley/dakota-medicine-garden-is-new-project-for-golden-valley-garden-club/article_e040fa38-a6ac-451a-b5e8-c46d73ec33f9.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)

## **Financial Help for Nevada's Nuclear "Downwinders" Renewed**

Beginning in the 1950s and going through 1992, the Nevada Test Site was host to nearly 1,000 nuclear tests. One hundred of those took place above-ground, the first of which was called "Shot Able," a 1-kiloton bomb.

The goal of the Nevada Test Site was essentially to give the U.S. government a place to test nuclear weapons and capabilities during a time of heightened Cold War tensions, in a mostly remote area of the country. The problem is that this wasn't a fully remote area. There were communities—and people—"downwind" from where these tests took place. The fallout that blew their way caused many to get sick or even die.

After these atomic weapons tests were carried out, several lawsuits were filed against the United States to warn more people of the dangers of exposure to these radioactive materials. While the suits were dismissed by appellate courts, Congress created a program that gave partial restitution to these affected people. The payouts range from \$50,000 for downwinders to \$100,000 for uranium miners.

That program is called the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, and it was enacted in 1990

Essentially, for downwinders, if you worked or lived in a specific area of Nevada, Utah, or Arizona for a set period of time and later developed one of the covered illnesses, you could get that compensation. The program also pays for health screenings and community outreach, particularly in underserved, rural areas.

You can learn more about the program on the latest episode of Ally Audio.

[Listen Now](#)

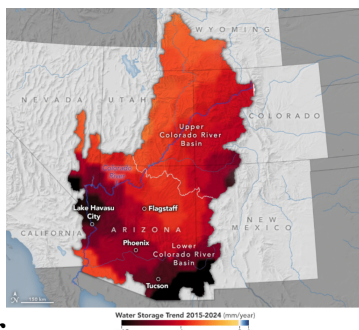
## Warren Buffett Says the Biggest Measure for Your Success in Life Comes Down to 1 Word

At the end of your life, only one thing will truly matter, according to Warren Buffett.

[www.inc.com/marcel-schwantes/warren-buffett-biggest-measure-success-in-life-1-word/91215385?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://www.inc.com/marcel-schwantes/warren-buffett-biggest-measure-success-in-life-1-word/91215385?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

## Lake Tahoe keeps warming, sees fewer freezing days and less snow, report finds

“Lake Tahoe is getting warmer, rainier, and seeing less snow, according to the new State of the Lake report, released on Thursday by UC Davis researchers. Scientists have been studying the lake for over 50 years, and their latest data from 2024 shows long-term changes that affect the environment and the people who live there. The report shows that over the last century, Tahoe has lost 27 days of freezing weather each year. That means more rain, less snow, and snow melting earlier in the season. ... ” [Read more from KUNR](#).



## Arizona's declining groundwater

“By measuring the gravitational pull of water for more than two decades, NASA satellites have peered beneath the surface and measured changes in the groundwater supplies of the Colorado River Basin. In a recent analysis of the satellite data, Arizona State University researchers reported rapid and accelerating losses of groundwater in the basin's underground [aquifers](#) between 2002 and 2024. Some 40 million people rely on water from the aquifers, which include parts of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. The basin lost about 27.8 million acre-feet of groundwater during the study period. “That's an amount roughly equal to the storage capacity of Lake Mead,” said Karem Abdelmohsen, an associate research scientist at Arizona State University who authored the study. ... ” [Read more from Earth Observatory](#).