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Paiute. A term involved in great confusion. In common usage it has been applied at one time or another to most of the Shoshonean tribes of west Utah, northern Arizona, southern Idaho, eastern Oregon, Nevada, and eastern and southern California. The generally accepted idea is that the term originated from the word *pah*, 'water,' and *Ute*, hence 'water Ute' ; or from *pai*, 'true,' and *Ute* 'true Ute'; but neither of these interpretations is satisfactory. Powell states that the name properly belongs exclusively to the Corn Creek tribe of south west Utah, but has been extended to include many other tribes. In the present ease the term is employed as a convenient divisional name for the tribes occupying south west Utah from about the locality of Beaver, the south west part of Nevada, and the north west part of Arizona, excluding the Chemehuevi.

With regard to the Indians of Walker River and Pyramid Lake reservations, who constitute the main body of those commonly known as Paiute, Powell claims that they are not Paiute at all, but another tribe which he calls Paviotso. He says: "The names by which the tribes are known to white men and the department give no clue to the relationship of the Indians. For example, the Indians in the vicinity of the reservation on the Muddy and the Indians on the Walker River and Pyramid Lake reservations are called Pai or Pair Utes, but the Indians know only those on the Muddy by that name, while those on the other two reservations are known as Paviotsoes, and speak a very different language, but closely allied to, if not identical with, that of the Bannocks" (Powell and Ingalls in Ind. Alf. Rep. 1873). The Indians of Walker River and Pyramid lake claim the Bannock as their cousins, and say that they speak the same language. The different small bands have little political coherence, and there is no recognized head-chief. The most influential chiefs among them in modern times have been Winnemucca, who died a few years ago, and Natchez. As a rule they have been peaceable and friendly toward the whites, although in

the early sixties they several times came into collision with miners and emigrants, hostility being frequently provoked by the whites themselves.

The northern Paiute were more warlike than those of the south, and a considerable number of them took part with the Bannock in the war of 1878. Owing to the fact that the great majority of the Paiute (including the Paviotso) are not on reservations, many of them being attached to the ranches of white men, it is impossible to determine their population, but they may be safely estimated at from 6,500 to 7,000. In 1906 those on reservations all Nevada were reported to number, at Walker River res., 486; at Moapa reservation, 129; at Pyramid Lake reservation, 554; at Duck Valley (Western Shoshoni agency), 267; not under an agency (1900), 3,700. In Utah there were 76 Kaibab, 154 Shivwits, and 370 Paiute not under an agency; in Arizona, 350 Paiute under the Western Nevada School Superintendent.

As a people the Paiute are peaceable, moral, and industrious, and are highly commended for their good qualities by those who have had the best opportunities for judging. While apparently not as bright in intellect as the prairie tribes, they appear to possess more solidity of character. By their willingness and efficiency as workers they have made themselves necessary to the white farmers and have been enabled to supply themselves with good clothing and many of the comforts of life, while on the other hand they have steadily resisted the vices of civilization, so that they are spoken of by one agent as presenting the "singular anomaly" of improvement by contact with the whites. Another authority says: "To these habits and excellence of character may be attributed the fact that they are annually increasing in numbers, and that they are strong, healthy, active people. Many of them are employed as laborers on the farms of white men in all seasons, but they are especially serviceable during the time of harvesting and haymaking." Aside from their earnings among the whites, they derive subsistence from the fish of the lakes, jackrabbits and small game of the sage plains and mountains, and from piñon nuts and other seeds, which they grind into flour for bread. Their ordinary dwelling is the wikiup, or small rounded hut, of tule rushes over a framework of poles, with the ground for a floor and the fire in the center, and almost entirely open at the top. Strangely enough, although appreciating the advantages of civilization so far as relates to good clothing and to such food as they can buy at the stores, they manifest no desire to live in permanent houses or to procure the furniture of civilization, and their wikiups are almost bare of everything excepting a few wicker or grass baskets of their own weaving.

Following are the Paiute bands so far as known:

Hokwaits
Movwiats
Parumpaiats
Tsuwarits
Ichuarumpats
Nauwanatats
Parumpats
Uainuints
Kaibab
Nogwats
Paspikaivats

Uinkarets
Kwaiantikwokets
Nuaguntits
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Handbook of American Indians, 1906

NUCLEAR WASTE

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<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz13616640>

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#### **[N.R.C. Nomination Shines Spotlight on Waste-Disposal Issue](#)**

By MATTHEW L. WALD

For the first time, a geologist has been chosen to serve on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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#### **[The High Stakes of Rio+20](#)**

**Achim Steiner, Op-Ed:** “With just weeks to go before the Rio+20 Earth Summit, many are speculating about how many world leaders will show up and what kind of agreements they might reach on the key agenda items: creating a “green economy” and establishing an “international framework for sustainable development.” It is no coincidence that these two items appear side by side.”

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### [\*\*Using Old TV Parts and Sun to Clean Water\*\*](#) [\*\*Sean Nealon, UC Riverside Today\*\*](#)

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### [\*\*SAA Membership Hits New All-Time High!\*\*](#)

In May 2012, SAA reached a new all-time high of 6,044 total members. Thank you to all of our members, new and "old," for your ongoing support. Remember, there's strength in numbers!

### [\*\*Action Alert: Stop the Fiscal Disaster for Historical Records in the United States!\*\*](#)

If your Senator is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, please contact him or her — **before close of business on Friday, June 8**— to ask for support of funding of at least \$5 million (level funding) for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. For more information, including a list of Appropriations Committee members, click [here](#).

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## **SAA Council Adopts "Guidelines for Reappraisal and Deaccessioning"**

The SAA Council on May 23 adopted *Guidelines for Reappraisal and Deaccessioning* as an SAA standard. The new *Guidelines* outlines general steps, problems, and solutions geared to ensuring responsible and ethical reappraisal and deaccessioning decisions in archival repositories. The *Guidelines*, which originated with the SAA Acquisitions and Appraisal Section, will be available on the [SAA Standards Portal](#) soon.

## **Guidelines for Security and Theft in Special Collections Endorsed**

In a May 23 vote the SAA Council agreed unanimously to endorse as an external standard the *ACRL/RBMS Guidelines for Security and Theft in Special Collections*, developed by the Rare Book and Manuscript Section Security Committee and approved by the Association of College and Research Libraries of the American Library Association. The Council agreed that the *Guidelines* should be accompanied on the [SAA Standards Portal](#) by an "Introduction for Archivists" prepared by the SAA Security Roundtable.

## **June 2012 Council Meeting Agenda**

The SAA Council's June meeting agenda and materials are [now available](#).

## **Information Architecture Course Now Available Online**

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## **Correction: NHPRC Funding Article**

SAA made an error in the May 22 issue of *In The Loop* by stating that, "The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has urged Congress to provide at least \$5 million (level funding) for the grants program in the 2013 fiscal year." NHPRC is not permitted to lobby Congress. The National Humanities Alliance (named in the article) and SAA—as well as many organizations involved with cultural heritage—do, in fact, support a funding level of at least \$5 million for NHPRC.

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## **North Dakota Considers Eliminating Property Tax**      By MONICA DAVEY

If a ballot measure is approved, North Dakota would become the first state to abolish the property tax.

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## **Greek Antiquities, Long Fragile, Are Endangered by Austerity**

By RANDY KENNEDY

Greek budget cuts are affecting archaeology, where scholars fear irreparable losses in their field.

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Jackie Matte's work for the MOWA Choctaw

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The great difficulty with the Indian problem is not with the Indian, but with the Government and people of the United States. Instead of a liberal and far-sighted policy looking to the education and civilization and possible citizenship of the Indian tribes, we have suffered these people to remain as savages.

[Publications of the Bureau of American Ethnology](#)

The publications of the Bureau of American Ethnology consists of Contributions to North American Ethnology, Annual Reports, Bulletins.

[Introduction to the Study of Mortuary Customs Among the North American Indians](#)

Early beliefs concerning the nature of human existence in life and after death and the relations of the living to the dead are recorded in these customs.

### **[The American Indian as Participant in the Civil War](#)**

The Indian alliance, so assiduously sought by the Southern Confederacy and so laboriously built up, soon revealed itself to be most unstable.

### **[Indian Linguistic Families of America North of Mexico](#)**

A single language is called a stock or family when it is not found to be cognate with any other language. Languages are said to be cognate when such relations between them are found that they are supposed to have descended from a common ancestral speech.

### **[Sign Language Among North American Indians](#)**

This is the book to read to learn how our Ancestors communicated with other tribes

### **[History of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan](#)**

History of the last race of Indians now existing in the State of Michigan, called the Ottawa and Chippewa Nations of Indians.

### **[A Sketch of the Pottawatomie, Last of the Illinois](#)**

The final struggle of the Pottawatomie and Illinois tribe in Illinois. Names on schedules can be Chippewa, Ottawa, Potawatamie.

**[Schedule A, 1833 Treaty](#)** (contains lots of names)

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### **[Champlain's Expedition Of 1615 Against The Onondagas](#)**

A look at the authenticity of the expedition of 1615

### **[The KE NA PO MO CO, Eel River, The home of Little Turtle](#)**

History of Little Turtle of the Eel River Miami

### **[The Midē Wiwin or Grand Medicine Society](#)**

The Ojibwa is one of the largest tribes of the United States, and it is scattered over a considerable area, from the Province of Ontario, on the east, to the Red River of the North, on the west, and from Manitoba southward through the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

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*Archbishop Tutu writes: "For the sake of our planet, a conversation that needs to be heard is the one between generations, between elders and young people around the world - and those who are in between. I leave you with this Kenyan proverb a young activist from Dubai sent us: 'The world was not given to you by your parents; it was lent to you by your children.'"*

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## **Trees: Our first line of defense**

By Ursula Carlson Nevada Appeal

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Tree worship is in my blood. As a Latvian girl, I knew that the linden tree, graceful and lithe, its delicate yellow blossoms fragrant as jasmine, represented all that is feminine and beautiful. The oak was the epitome of manliness. This devotion to trees was undoubtedly a product of our pagan heritage, and maybe it helps to explain why Latvia's terrain is 44 percent forests.

That manly oak (especially the oaks of Ireland) and the California redwoods are sometimes referred to as supertrees because they, like human beings who reach the age of 100 or more, appear to have extraordinary genes. When these supertrees begin ailing, it's a signal that we'd better start paying more attention to our environment because as the trees go, so we go.

One of these supertrees is our own Nevada ancient bristlecone pine, which has been dying due to not only the infestation by the pine bark beetle but also because it is succumbing to white pine blister rust, an Asian fungus. This is an unusually deadly combination of pest and disease for the bristlecone, and the outlook is grim. Ponderosa pine in Montana have also been destroyed by the same pine beetle, as have lodgepole pine. In fact, at all higher elevations throughout the West, trees are in serious trouble. In British Columbia, for instance, more than 40 million acres of trees are either dead or dying.

What, we may well ask, is the reason for this blight? Generally, our warmer climate, especially where its effect is most dramatic: in northern climes (as Alaska and Siberia) or at higher elevations (as in the American West). Warmer temperatures at higher elevations result in a longer growing season, which in turn gives insects time to reproduce more than once a year. Not only that, but entomologists point out that whereas once insects found temperatures at 9,000 feet inhibiting, those same insects are having no trouble living at elevations of 11,000 to 12,000 feet.

After reading an article on trees by Jim Robbins, who writes for Scientific American, Smithsonian, Audubon, Discover and the New York Times, I think we are woefully ignorant about all the benefits we derive from trees.

Robbins points out that decades ago, a Japanese marine chemist discovered that when leaves decompose, they leach acids into the ocean that help fertilize plankton. When plankton do well, so does the rest of the food chain. As a result, fishermen who have replanted forests along the coasts and rivers in order to bring back fish and oyster stocks have actually succeeded in doing so.

We know that trees "clean the air," but did we know that more trees in urban neighborhoods correlate with a lower incidence of asthma? That, I learned from Robbins, as well as the fact that

trees also clean the water by serving as filters that clean up the most toxic wastes, including explosives, solvents, and organic wastes because of a process called phytoremediation.

Trees also serve as preventative “medicine.” Robbins cites Japanese researchers who have long studied what they call “forest bathing,” which is simply walking in the woods. This reduces the level of stress chemicals in the body and increases natural killer cells in the immune system which fight tumors and viruses.

Trees release, and I cite Robbins again, “vast clouds of beneficial chemicals.” One of these is taxane, which comes from the Pacific yew tree and which has been a powerful treatment for various cancers for a number of years now. Aspirin's active ingredient comes from willows. The point is that these beneficial chemicals are many and varied. Some help regulate the climate; others are anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-viral. We have barely scratched the surface of everything that trees offer us.

We need to look at trees as more than building material, fuel for a campsite, potential paper or welcome shade. Trees are essential for our environment's well being, for the health of Earth itself. For instance, Robbins points out how trees could be used as “eco-technology.” Trees could absorb some of the excess phosphorus and nitrogen that run off farm fields and help heal the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico. In Africa, millions of acres of parched land have been reclaimed through strategic tree growth.

Worshipping trees is not enough. We must protect, reclaim, and clone.

• Ursula Carlson, Ph.D., is professor emerita at Western Nevada College.

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Hello everyone, we are looking for a volunteer organizer to work with us on a nationally televised Off-Road Race on July 8th. The the race are donating money to local charities and really working their tails off to make this a big annual event. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at [rpease@probisreno.com](mailto:rpease@probisreno.com)

Thank you all for doing what you do to make a difference! [rpewase@probisreno.com](mailto:rpewase@probisreno.com)

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**NOMINEE PLEDGES TO RETURN 'COLLEGIALITY' TO NUCLEAR AGENCY**

Senators eager to turn the page on a divisive chapter at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Wednesday welcomed President Barack Obama's choice to become the new chairman. Allison Macfarlane was happy to comply, pledging to restore "collegiality" to the troubled agency.

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