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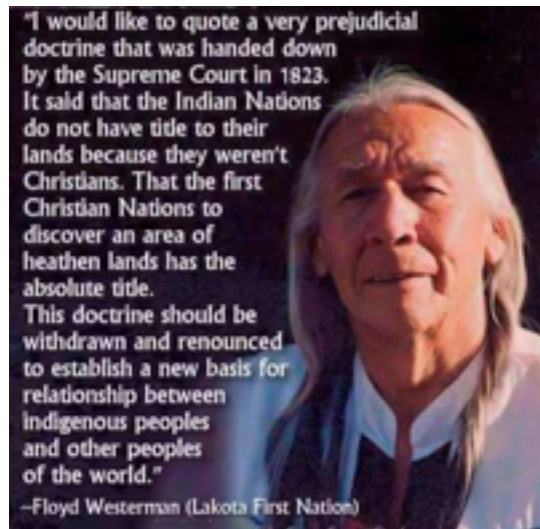
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## Great Basin Indian Archives - DOCUMENT COLLECTION: Paiute...

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## Gardening      **This Week in NWF History: Creating Wildlife Habitat in Your Yard**

*Since 1936, the National Wildlife Federation has worked to conserve the nation's wildlife and wild places. As part of our 80th anniversary celebration, we are recognizing important moments in our history that continue to make an impact today.*

Gardening for wildlife is one of the easiest ways to attract and help wildlife to your area. In 1973, the National Wildlife Federation started the Backyard Wildlife Habitat program – now known as [Garden for Wildlife](#) – to encourage people to turn their yards into suitable habitat for wildlife such as pollinators, songbirds, and small mammals.

When people create wildlife-friendly gardens or landscapes, the National Wildlife Federation will recognize them as [Certified Wildlife Habitats](#). Each Certified Wildlife Habitat has the five essentials for a wildlife-friendly garden: food, water, cover, a place for wildlife to raise their young, and sustainable gardening. Whether you have an apartment balcony, a 20-acre farm, or an average suburban yard, you can create a garden that attracts beautiful wildlife and helps restore habitat in commercial and residential areas.

Since its start over 40 years ago, the Garden for Wildlife program has certified close to 200,000 gardens throughout the United States with a majority of these being in home yards. The program has also expanded to include certifying schoolyards, places of worship, farms, and even entire communities or cities!

Some sustainable gardening tips to get started:

- Use plants native to your area in your garden. Because they are indigenous to a specific region, native plants usually require less maintenance and are welcomed by wildlife, serving an important role in the local ecosystem.
- Make your own fertilizer. You can create your own nutrient-rich soil supplement by turning food wastes you would otherwise throw in the trash into compost for your garden.
- Eliminate pesticides in your garden. Instead, you can should try to select and maintain pest-resistant plants adapted to your area and learn to recognize and care for natural pest controls, such as ladybird beetles, beneficial wasps, birds, toads, and many others.

- Conserve water by planting natives and drought tolerant plants and reducing your lawn space. You can mulch planting beds with newspaper, leaves, bark, or wood chips. Mulching helps retain soil moisture and improve soil quality.
- Find more tips on NWF's [Garden for Wildlife](#) website.

You can also attract local wildlife by building or buying a bird house, bat house, toad abode or other wildlife-friendly product from the [Garden for Wildlife gift guide](#). Additionally, those that certify their habitat within the next year will help contribute to the [Million Pollinator Garden Challenge](#).

**[Have the necessary components for a wildlife-friendly garden? Then certify your yard today!](#)**

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**[Lois Lopez](#)**

Found this on **Vickie Simmons** page, she's a strong environmentalist for the Paiutes. You don't always see her on TV or mentioned by the media but if you go way back to the very beginning of most causes you will find her name there with a few others grunting it out against all odds when most thought the causes good but would be a losing battle, like Gold Butte, Solar Power, taking on the NV Coal Plants etc... she found her calling and is a strong force for the environment. I applaude her strength, intelligence nd hard, hard work. I hope she continues to fight the good fight for Mother Earth! JMT



**[Obama's Next National Monument Could Ignite "Fierce" Land Battle In The West](#)**

The president has set aside more public lands than any administration in...

[www.buzzfeed.com](http://www.buzzfeed.com) | By Jim Dalrymple IIIBy [Jim Dalrymple](#)

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### **Ghengis Kahn's inspiration:**

Today's selection -- from *Fields of Blood* by Karen Armstrong. In the sixth century BCE, Cyrus of Persia (now Iran) created the largest empire the world had yet seen. He did it in no small part because, instead of humiliating and deporting his new subjects as the Assyrians and Babylonians before him had done, he allowed those he conquered to keep their religions and customs:

"In 559 BCE Cyrus, a minor member of the Persian Achaemenid family, became king of Anshan in southern Iran. Twenty years later, after a series of spectacular victories in Media, Anatolia, and Asia Minor, he invaded the Babylonian empire and astonishingly, without fighting a single battle, was greeted by the population as a liberator. Cyrus was now the master of the largest empire the world had yet seen. At its fullest extent, it would control the whole of the eastern Mediterranean, from what is now Libya and Turkey in the west to Afghanistan in the east. For centuries to come, any ruler who aspired to world rule would try to replicate Cyrus's achievement. But he was not only a pivotal figure in the politics of the region: he also modeled a more benign form of empire.

"Cyrus's victory proclamation claimed that when he arrived in Baby-lonia, 'all the people ... of Sumer and Akkad, nobles and governors, bowed down before him and kissed his feet, rejoicing over his kingship, and their faces shone.' Why such enthusiasm for a foreign invader? ...

"Cyrus's vast multilingual and multicultural empire needed a different mode of government, one that respected the traditional rights of the conquered peoples and their religious and cultural traditions. Instead of humiliating and deporting his new subjects, and tearing down their temples and desecrating the effigies of their gods as the Assyrians and Babylonians had done, Cyrus announced a wholly new policy, preserved in the Cyrus Cylinder, now in the British Museum. Cyrus, it claimed, had arrived in Babylonia as the harbinger of peace rather than of war; he had abolished the corvée, repatriated all the peoples who had been deported by Nebuchadnezzar, and promised to rebuild their national temples.

"An anonymous Judean exile in Babylonia therefore hailed Cyrus as the messiah, the man 'anointed' by Yahweh to end Israel's exile. This prophet, of course, was convinced that it was not Marduk but Yah-weh who had taken Cyrus by the hand and shattered the bronze gates of Babylon. 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel, my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title, though you do not know me,' Yahweh had told Cyrus. A new era was at hand, in which the earth would be restored to its primal perfection. 'Let every valley be filled in, every mountain laid low,' cried the prophet, clearly influenced by the Zoroastrian traditions of his Persian messiah, 'let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley.' "

### **Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence**

Author: Karen Armstrong

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<http://www.counterpunch.org/2016/03/09/a-century-of-theft-from-indians-by-the-national-park-service/>



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Any update?

[History Teacher Denies Native American Genocide, Native Student Disagrees, Gets Expelled - First...](#)

A Native American student at Cal State Sacramento University was told by her history teacher that there was no genocide against the indigenous population of... first-americans.com

- [Sac State president: neither side at fault in confrontation over term 'genocide'](#)  
[Sacramento State President Robert Nelsen has concluded a history professor did not violate university policy last month in a classroom confrontation with an American Indian student over the use of the word "genocide" – an exchange that made national news.](#)  
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[Guenter Lewy, who for many years taught political science at the University of Massachusetts, has been a contributor to Commentary since 1964. His books include "The Catholic Church & Nazi Germany, Religion & Revolution, America in Vietnam," and "The Cause that Failed: Communism in American Political..."](#)  
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<http://leadingedge.rosenbergfound.org/leading-edge-fellows/morning-star-gali/>

Leading Edge Idea: Restoring justice for Indigenous Peoples Morning Star Gali has been deeply involved with the cultural, political and spiritual activities of her nation and urban Indian communities in the San Francisco Bay Area from a very early age. She grew up listening to stories of injustice,... leadingedge.rosenbergfound.org

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[Abbe Museum](#)      [March 5 at 1:30pm](#) ·

Congratulations to Sarah Sockbeson, Penobscot, who won Best of Division in Traditional Baskets and Best of Class in Baskets at the Heard Museum Indian Fair and Market! (*This was yesterday's last picture*)

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**Saying goodbye to "Doc":** The irascible Richard "Doc" Briggs was sent on his final journey with appropriate and loving words by Jeanetter Allen, Johnny Christie and Shawna Kirsten. Chelsea O'Daye provided a powerful "Amazing Grace" and Toby Stump's Honor and Traveling Songs cemented the strength and majesty celebrating the journey between the ages and generations.

<http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/35139-beyond-survival-a-native-reflection-on-reclaiming-justice>

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## Spring Breakers Swap Parties For Public Service

March 9, 2016 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

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LAKE MEAD, Nev. - Instead of partying during spring break, this year dozens of college students will head out to the Nevada countryside and spend their week off giving back as part of the Alternative Spring Break program.

The sixth annual event, run by the nonprofit Friends of Nevada Wilderness and the National Park Service, recruits university students and even some in high school, to work on environmental service projects in the Spirit Mountain and Bridge Canyon Wilderness areas along Lake Mohave within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Grace Larsen, southern Nevada stewardship coordinator for Friends of Nevada Wilderness, helped organize the event.

"We're going to be working to restore some roads that the National Park Service is decommissioning," says Larsen. "And so we'll help provide some more habitat for local species, bighorn, the desert tortoise."

The public service is unpaid, but the entire trip is free, including the camping gear, food and transportation. It is made possible by a \$20,000 grant from Barrick Gold Corporation.

More than 80 percent of Nevada is public land and Larsen says the program hopes to inspire more people to make a career in environmental science.

"We absolutely need these type of people for Nevada's future," says Larsen. "Nevada has a lot of public land and it's a great place to start a career in environmental science. And Nevada's always looking for more people to help do that."

There are still a few slots left in the program and there's a meeting Thursday night at UNLV.

For more information go to [nevadawilderness.org](http://nevadawilderness.org).

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Time is almost up !

**Tour Around Nevada** is back by popular demand! Vote for your favorite town (previous winners are NOT eligible) and we'll write a story in the May/June 2016 issue of *Nevada Magazine*. Send your vote to [editor@nevadamagazine.com](mailto:editor@nevadamagazine.com) by Friday, March 11, 5 p.m. PST.

**DO NOT** vote for previous winners. Read their stories here:

[Carson City](#) \* [Ely](#) \* [Virginia City](#) \* [Tonopah](#) \* [Sparks](#)  
[Minden/Gardnerville](#) \* [Laughlin](#) \* [Elko](#)



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## **Tuesday, March 22 / 6:30 - 8 pm - Songbird: Telling the Paiute Story**

Churchill County Museum presents *Songbird: Telling the Paiute Story*, a performance by Christina Thomas. Thomas is an accomplished traditional singer and dancer of Paiute, Shoshone, and Hopi descent who grew up on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Reservation. The **Churchill County Museum** is located at 1050 South Maine Street in Fallon.

*This event is presented through Humanities on the Road, a program of Nevada Humanities, in partnership with the Churchill County Museum. Nevada Humanities is Nevada's nonprofit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.*

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**Will Natives Get a Fair Chance to Vote in 2016? Not According to Many Lawsuits** The voting rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives have been eroded. indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com

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Friends: Please consider nominating your own organizations or another organization!

It would be terrific to see applications from organizations involved in Native language literacy efforts. The application process is not onerous: fill out a form; get 2 reference letters; and write a 3 page essay. The application provides more details on what you should address in the essay. The Awards recognize work that has been done. In addition to the three award recipients, the project also recognizes best practices.

"The Library of Congress Center for the Book is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the **2016 Library of Congress Literacy Awards**. These awards are given to outstanding organizations working to promote literacy, both in the United States and worldwide. The awards seek to recognize organizations doing exemplary, innovative and replicable work over a sustained period of time and to encourage new groups, organizations and individuals to become involved. All groups that work to promote literacy are encouraged to apply. Applications from groups that have applied before are welcome.

The application rules and a downloadable application form may be accessed at [www.read.gov/literacyawards/](http://www.read.gov/literacyawards/)<<http://www.read.gov/literacyawards/>>. Applications must be received no later than midnight on March 31, 2016.

Last year, the awards went to First Book (Rubenstein Prize-\$150,000), United Through Reading (American Prize-\$50,000) and Beanstalk (International Prize-\$50,000).

More information about these organizations and 14 other literacy leaders is available in "Library of Congress Literacy Awards 2015: Best Practices" at [read.gov/documents/BestPractices2015.pdf](http://read.gov/documents/BestPractices2015.pdf)<<http://www.read.gov/documents/BestPractices2015.pdf>>.

Please share this information with any organizations that you think might be interested in applying for these awards. Questions may be directed to [literacyawards@loc.gov](mailto:literacyawards@loc.gov)<<mailto:literacyawards@loc.gov>>."

Cheers, Lorie Roy

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**from U.S.-Canada Joint Statement on Climate, Energy, and Arctic Leadership  
(edited)**

**A shared Arctic leadership model**

Beyond deepening cooperation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions – which will have an outsized impact on the long-term health of the global Arctic – President Obama and Prime Minister Trudeau are announcing a new partnership to embrace the opportunities and to confront the challenges in the changing Arctic, with Indigenous and Northern partnerships, and responsible, science-based leadership. Arctic communities rest on the territories of Indigenous peoples, who possess a wealth of knowledge, distinct ways of life, and a richness of cultural diversity. It is home to natural marine, land and air migrations that know no borders. It is also the frontline of climate change. Acting for a shared future, we call on all Arctic nations and those with Arctic interests to embrace a new future for Arctic leadership, with our four objectives:

*Conserving Arctic biodiversity through science-based decision making.* Canada and the U.S. reaffirm our national goals of protecting at least 17% of land areas and 10% of marine areas by 2020. We will take concrete steps to achieve and substantially surpass these national goals in the coming years. Specifically, we will work directly with Indigenous partners, state, territorial and provincial governments to establish this year a new, ambitious conservation goal for the Arctic based on the best available climate science and knowledge, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike. We will also play a leadership role in engaging all Arctic nations to develop a pan-Arctic marine protection area network.

*Incorporating Indigenous science and traditional knowledge into decision-making.* Canada and the U.S. are committed to collaborating with Indigenous and Arctic governments, leaders, and communities to more broadly and respectfully include Indigenous science and traditional knowledge into decision making, including in environmental assessments, resource management, and advancing our understanding of climate change and how best to manage its effects.

*Building a sustainable Arctic economy.* We confirm that for commercial activities in the Arctic - including shipping, fishing, and oil and gas exploration and development - we will set a world-class standard by basing development decisions and operations on scientific evidence. Further, commercial activities will occur only when the highest safety and environmental standards are met, including national and global climate and environmental goals, and Indigenous rights and agreements. Canada and the U.S. will work to develop this year a shared and science-based standard for considering the life-cycle impacts of commercial activities in the Arctic

• *Low impact shipping corridors:* We will work together to establish consistent policies for ships operating in the region, taking into account important ecological and cultural areas, vessel traffic patterns, Indigenous and Northern Arctic input, and increased cooperation of our Coast Guards. The two countries will also work together to share assessments of navigation data quality and capacities for supporting safe and low-impact shipping in the Beaufort Sea. In

addition, we will determine with Arctic partners how best to address the risks posed by heavy fuel oil use and black carbon emissions from Arctic shipping.

- *Abundant Arctic fish:* The leaders call for a binding international agreement to prevent the opening of unregulated fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean to preserve living marine resources and promote scientific research in the region. Canada offers to host the next round of negotiations, to continue momentum and build on a precautionary, science-based principle to commercial fishing that both countries have put in place in their Arctic waters.
- *Science-based approach to oil and gas:* If oil and gas development and exploration proceeds, activities must align with science-based standards between the two nations that ensure appropriate preparation for operating in Arctic conditions, including robust and effective well control and emergency response measures.

*Supporting strong Arctic communities.* We commit to defining new approaches and exchanging best practices to strengthen the resilience of Arctic communities and continuing to support the well-being of Arctic residents, in particular respecting the rights and territory of Indigenous peoples. All Indigenous Peoples in the Arctic are vital to strengthening and supporting U.S. and Canadian sovereignty claims. We commit to working in partnership to implement land claims agreements to realize the social, cultural and economic potential of all Indigenous and Northern communities. With partners, we will develop and share a plan and timeline for deploying innovative renewable energy and efficiency alternatives to diesel and advance community climate change adaptation. We will do this through closer coordination among Indigenous, state, provincial, and territorial governments and the development of innovative options for housing and infrastructure. We also commit to greater action to address the serious challenges of mental wellness, education, Indigenous language, and skill development, particularly among Indigenous youth.

In moving forward, we welcome the upcoming White House Arctic Science Ministerial this fall, which will bring together Science Ministers from nations with Arctic interests, and the twentieth anniversary of the Ottawa Declaration, which established the Arctic Council in 1996. Canada and the U.S. commit to a regular bilateral dialogue to ensure progress towards the realization of these

objectives, to continuing their strong cooperation on scientific work and research, and to advancing our shared Arctic leadership model through the Arctic Council.

