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**Athena Brown said it best:**

**“Let us walk softly on the earth with all living beings great and small.**

**Remembering as we go, the same Great Spirit, our creator, kind and wise, loves all.”**



**Sacred Stone Camp, pic by [Hoyekeyapi Win](#)**

**Click to enlarge.**

*So here we are at another 00 issue where I ask (plead) with you for feedback.*

*I look at my standard welcome message which I have for the last few year:*

This newsletter started (in the last century) when I was the Nevada coordinator for a five-state tribal library project which focused on archives, museums and cultural centers, moving on to include information about my passions: empowerment, education, environment and economic development. Archives are at [www.shaynedel.com](http://www.shaynedel.com). (With many thanks to the The Indian Reporter, California Indian Network, [californiaindianeducation.org](http://californiaindianeducation.org), Ernie Salgado and website-wizard Gary Ballard for hosting this blog.) *(Ernie has promised to bring site current).*

I follow water because water is life; I follow environment because that is what created and influences culture. I follow other topics at reader request and often throw in general articles which I find of interest and stimulating for development ideas, as a well of a douse of occasional humor.

*Over the last decade and half, we have seen the internet take over our lives (this Journal started with fax distribution!), and news become instantaneous with Facebook and other platforms. Additionally, search engines have become very sophisticated and more and more collections digitized and easily found online.*

**Public News Service reports:** Today's news is faster paced than ever, and 92% of American use multiple platforms. 61% of the population go online for news every day; and while local TV has the highest numbers, radio alone is responsible for providing news and information to over 54% of the population.

*So there are days in which I wonder if this activity is relevant and of any use anymore.*

- 1. Content - are appropriate topics included (shall we keep following salmon)? Are others needed?*
- 2. Do you prefer articles teasers and links or prefer the whole printed article?*

*At this time, I also invite you to forward names/eaddresses of persons whom you think should have access to or would use Journal content.*

*I would be remiss to not thank you for the occasional comment and/or submission but would like to recognize those who have made consistent contributions: Eliabeth Nicolson, Martha Micks, Chris Sewall, Carolyn Harry and Bucky Harjo.*

*Happy New Year! It is going to be bumpy but “interesting” . Keep your own Journal - you don't need to write volumes; just jot a word or phrase about the day.....years later you will be able to recall volumes about that day/incident by your one word. If you do write volumes, remember you are writing for seven generations hence, so do not spare the little details. sdc*

## **These are the indigenous-led climate movements to watch out for in 2017.**

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### **Beyond 2016: Five Stories to Carry With Us Into the New Year**

**Mike Ludwig, Truthout:** 2016 often felt hopeless, but it also saw some of the fiercest resilience on display. While the dominant media focused on demagogues, people on the margins found a powerful voice in uprisings against police violence, a national prison strike and Native resistance to the Dakota Access pipeline, among other struggles.

**[Read the Article](#)**

### **Twenty Photos: My Seven Months Living at Standing Rock**

**Desiree Kane, YES! Magazine:** I arrived at Standing Rock in the very last days of May. The life that we have built here has taught many how to live a large-scale sustainable, decolonized, anti-capitalist lifestyle that until now academics, sociologists, theoreticians and greenies alike have only been able to hypothesize. **[Read the Photo Essay](#)**

[http://www.ecowatch.com/trudeau-trump-keystone-xl-2160411968.html?utm\\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\\_campaign=1dbef3fe6f-MailChimp+Email+Blas&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_49c7d43dc9-1dbef3fe6f-85895669](http://www.ecowatch.com/trudeau-trump-keystone-xl-2160411968.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=1dbef3fe6f-MailChimp+Email+Blas&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-1dbef3fe6f-85895669)

### **Armand Richardson**

Now charge those responsible with false arrest and SUE them for damages. As long as this kind of suppression of the 1st amendment continues unabated NOTHING changes. Sue the cops who obeyed an illegal order,sue those who gave the order and just watch this kind of harassment stop!

### **Judge throws out charges against journalist who covered Dakota Access Pipeline**

A North Dakota prosecutor alleged that Amy Goodman participated in a riot.... motherjones.com

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### **Indigenous Environmental Network**

This **billboard has been live in Times Square** since Dec. 24th and will be there for the New Year's Celebration!

Indigenous Environmental Network, Honor the Earth...**[See More](#)**

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### **Shootings on Backwater Bridge**

### **By Four Arrows, Speakout | News Analysis**

Late afternoon on December 27, "Lunatic Outpost" released a video showing a group of about "20 to 50" Water Protectors who, while returning from a prayer walk along the Cannonball River, were chased down by armed security from DAPL and Morton County Sheriff's Department. A helicopter and tracked vehicles were involved in the pursuit. Behind the images of the large number of police and security dotting the snow-covered terrain played, background radios from the Standing Rock medics could be heard. "We need a medic team. We need a team ready to roll now." Then the narrator says "Four women were taken away in a red paddy wagon of some sort.**[Read more...](#)**

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[Germany Grapples With Its African Genocide](#) By NORIMITSU ONISHI

Tens of thousands of Namibians were killed in what historians call the 20th century's first genocide, and Germany is finally close to recognizing it as such.

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[318 WORDS FOR SNOW](#)

BY LORRAINE BOISSONEAULT

The connections between endangered Arctic languages, untranslatable words, and climate change.

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[STRANDED ON THE ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS](#) BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

Get the true story of Juana Maria, the inspiration for Scott O'Dell's young adult classic.

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**What's Missing in Media Coverage of Canada's Pipeline Debate** | DeSmog Canada

<https://www.desmog.ca/2016/12/22/whats-missing-media-coverage-canada-pipeline-debate>

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**Arctic Drilling Ban Reveals Crucial Difference Between Obama and Trudeau on Climate** | DeSmog Canada

<https://www.desmog.ca/2016/12/23/arctic-drilling-ban-reveals-crucial-difference-between-obama-and-trudeau-climate>

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**01/14/2017 (Sat) from 1:00pm to 3:00pm** Coyote Hills: Visitors Center Price: Free

Ages: 8 and up Gender: Coed Spaces: Unlimited openings

COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK - Walk one-half mile through vibrant marsh habitat to a more than **2,000 year-old Ohlone village site**. Learn about Ohlone cultures, past to present. Tour a reconstructed shade structure, pit house and sweat house. Meet at the Visitor Center. Parking fees apply where charged. No registration required; Drop-in program only. For information, call (510) 544-3220.

**Notes: Parent participation required**

**More Information**



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**Thanks to YOU**, Native Seeds/SEARCH has continued that tradition in 2016 through:


- Giving Seed Grants to over 120 deserving community projects, including **Hiaki High School**. [Read their story and try their Yoeme Squash recipe.](#)
- Donating seeds to over 550 families through the Native American Seed Request Program.
- Introducing over 2 dozen seed varieties from the seed bank collection to the public, including 11 previously unreleased varieties of Chiltepin Peppers.
- Growing abundantly on our Conservation Farm in Patagonia, with the help of our 3 Native American interns, and a targeted growing strategy.
- Increasing the seed supply of several rare arid-adapted bean and squash varieties. There are now hundreds of pounds of seed for beans: (Wild Cocolmeca, Pinacate Tepary, Yoeme Purple String, and Four Corners Runner Bean); and squash: (Gila Pima Ha:l, Acoma Pumpkin, Yoeme Cushaw, Navajo Hubbard, and Sonoran Big Cheese).
- Producing [Saving Seeds in the Southwest](#), a 70-page guide to regional heritage seeds, growing conditions, and seed-saving traditions.
- Providing seed saving and aridlands gardening workshops to over 400 individuals.

Recently Tucson was recognized as our country's first "World City of Gastronomy" by UNESCO. To some, gastronomy might mean fancy or edgy restaurants, but it is so much more. It is a celebration of all foodways -- and Tucson, the home base of Native Seed/Search, has a rich and diverse history around food.

Residents have grown crops here for the last 4,000 years, making it one of oldest continuously framed landscapes in the US. Tucson's food traditions have been influenced by many people who have lived here, including Tohono O'odham and Yoeme farmers, Spanish Settlers and Mexican Americans. The traditional foods of the Tucson area include l'itoni onions, tepary beans, chiltepin, cholla buds, nopales and White Sonoran Wheat.

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**Norm Cavanaugh** shared [Anti Bullshit's video](#).

**A story about Wovoka's dance ceremony** that many have heard called, the Ghost Dance. It was a ceremonial dance wearing white unsmoked buckskin which spooked the Dukasos (black shirts) soldiers, which resembled the perception of Ghosts. The Lakota Leaders were hoping for Spiritual protection according to Harold, Elder I interviewed for the GBIA program a few years ago 

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**[A warning: California to run out of water within 20 years, food ...](#)** Catholic Online

There is nothing in the universe as important as *water*. Without it, nothing we know of can live. This cosmic understanding is appreciated in *California's* Central ...

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**[Supporters Rejoice at Gold Butte Monument Designation](#)**

December 30, 2016 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

[Play Audio in Browser Window](#)

GOLD BUTTE, Nev. - Native American leaders and other supporters are celebrating [President Obama's declaration of a national monument at Gold Butte](#), sparking opposition from some



conservative leaders who view the move as an eleventh-hour abuse of presidential power.

Supporters have been pressing for national-monument status for the 350,000-acre area outside of Las Vegas for many years, to protect the ancient rock wall art, artifacts and fossilized sand dunes from vandals. Fawn Douglas, a member of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, said the area is considered sacred, so the designation comes as a big relief.

"I'm overjoyed, that's for sure, because it's been a long time coming," she said. "It's been the past 15 years that many people have been working on this. It is wonderful to see everybody's hard work and dedication finally pay off."

The area has long been steeped in controversy. In 2014, armed anti-government protesters upset about grazing fees forced a standoff with the Bureau of Land Management, as the agency tried to remove illegal cattle belonging to the Bundy Ranch from federal land.

Opponents of the monument hope the Trump administration will move to undo the designation, but that would likely lead to a protracted court battle.

Frank Adams of Mesquite, a lifelong area resident and former executive director of the Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs Association, said he hopes the Trump administration will see the benefits that monument status brings.

"This will add some resources and add a management plan to it," he said, "and perhaps we can protect those areas that are so important to our heritage here in Nevada."



Obama also declared a national monument at Bear's Ears in Utah, prompting Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes to threaten a lawsuit. Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt didn't go that far, but called the move a "unilateral land grab" that will add another layer of federal control to the state.

The Gold Butte monument designation document is online at [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov).

***Bullet holes mar the petroglyphs at Gold Butte. Supporters are praising President Obama's designation of the area as a national monument. (Justin McAfee/Friends of Gold Butte)***

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## Upcoming Dinner and Home Hosting Opportunities

### **French Environmentalists on January 19 or 20 (Dinner Hospitality)**

A delegation of two French environmentalists will visit Reno to learn about US efforts to combat climate change. They would like to be hosted for dinner on January 19 or 20.

### **Judicial Delegation from Various Countries for Dinner on January 27-30**

A delegation of thirteen judges and lawyers from Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestinian Territories, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, and Tunisia will be in Reno to learn about the rule of law in the US. They would like to be hosted for dinner on January 20, 21, 22 or 23.

### **Librarians from Belarus for Dinner on January 27-30**

A delegation of seven librarians from Belarus will visit Reno to learn about library management. They would like to be hosted for dinner on January 27, 28, 29, or 30.

### **Judges from Saudi Arabia for Dinner on February 16 or 17**

A delegation of nine judges and lawyers from Saudi Arabia are looking for a hospitality dinner on February 16 or 17.

**Contact Carina Black at [cblack@unr.edu](mailto:cblack@unr.edu) if you are interested in hosting!**

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## **5 No-Brainers for Helping out Animals Near and Far**

December 28 was the 43rd anniversary of the Endangered Species Act.

According to the Center for Biological Diversity, the act has been a huge success, saving at least 227 species from extinction. Yet worldwide, at least 16,306 species are endangered, and some of our consumer decisions here in the United States are having a huge impact on animals in remote corners of the world.

**[Here are five steps you can take to give animals near and far a fighting chance.](#)**

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## **[Peabody Energy and Native Americans in Dispute Over Mining in Arizona](#)**

By LESLIE MACMILLAN

Navajo and Hopi leaders support the coal company, whose mine has provided jobs on reservations, but other tribe members say an expansion would destroy burial grounds.

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**A Story of Encounters - Exploring more than 150 years of interactions between members of Nevada's native tribes and the non-native population**

The story of encounters between the indigenous communities and non-native inhabitants of Nevada is complex and varied. Within decades of the first recorded meetings of Euro-American explorers and the native tribes of the Great Basin, Nevada became a U.S. territory and then a state. Very quickly, its native peoples faced a rapidly changing environment in which it became a challenge to continue their traditional way of life.

For their part, American and European settlers, faced with cultures and beliefs vastly different from their own, greeted the unfamiliar with a spectrum of responses ranging from outright hostile to deeply sympathetic. Many found it difficult to incorporate members of the Washoe, Western Shoshone, Northern Paiute, Mojave, and Southern Paiute tribes they met into the world they knew and the state they hoped to build. Others did their best to help Nevada's diverse communities thrive together.

Over the next 150 years and more, these groups of people encountered each other in a variety of roles: as antagonists and peace-seekers; as employers and workers; as researchers and subjects; as teachers and students; as artists and audiences; and as colleagues, neighbors, and friends. Although not strictly chronological, the four categories of encounters discussed here follow a rough but overlapping progression through time.

**From the Nevada One site.** Photographs courtesy of UNR Special Collections  
This section supported by a grant from the John Ben Snow Foundation.



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## **Delanceyplace.com End of Year: A few encores on Presidential Inaugurations.**

**Today's encore selection -- from *American Lion* by Jon Meacham.** On Andrew Jackson's Inauguration Day, in 1829, crowds of well-wishers overwhelmed the White House reinforcing the idea that -- for better or worse -- the United States was truly becoming a democracy. The Founding Fathers had intentionally crafted the Constitution to be a republic, but not a complete democracy with only members of the House of Representatives directly elected by the people. Further, there were property and religious voting tests in many jurisdictions. But by 1828 that was all beginning to crumble away, and Jackson a 'westerner', and the first President elected who was not from either Massachusetts or Virginia, was widely viewed as a product of this newer, more democratic spirit, as he defeated John Quincy Adams to take the presidency:

"Angry with Adams for the attacks on [his recently deceased wife] Rachel during the campaign, Jackson had refused to call on his predecessor, and so President Adams had moved out the night before and made no public appearances on Inauguration Day. ... It is possible that Jackson's failure to communicate directly with Adams helped lead to the disaster that followed, a legendary scene in American history that has forever linked Jackson with the image of a crowd trashing the White House. 'No arrangements had been made,' [local socialite Mrs. Smith] noted, 'no police officers placed on duty, and the whole house [was] inundated by the rabble mob.'

"The reception Jackson had planned turned chaotic, with his enthusiastic followers filling the house past capacity. '*The Majesty of the People* had disappeared, and a rabble, a mob, of boys, negroes, women, children scrambling, fighting, romping' replaced it, said Mrs. Smith. ... The household staff's attempts to serve the guests only made things worse. 'Orange punch by barrels full was made, but as the waiters opened the door to bring it out, a rush would be made,' said a congressman from Pennsylvania, 'the glasses broken, the pails of liquor upset, and the most painful confusion prevailed.'

"Standing in the mansion, Jackson was nearly crushed by the visitors. His aides formed a protective ring around the president and spirited him back to Gadsby's Hotel. Mrs. Smith thought of the sacking of Versailles -- an excessive allusion, for the worst damage she could detect, she admitted, was that 'the carpets and the furniture are ruined.' The cost of the destruction was limited to a few thousand dollars, but the scene was further proof, if any were needed, that the armies of democracy were pitching their tents in Andrew Jackson's White House.

"[Jackson's niece and unofficial First Lady] Emily Donelson, was apparently horrified. The melee was the kind of thing that embarrassed Emily, who, as a newcomer to the highest levels, was, like her uncle, sensitive to making a good appearance and leaving the rougher elements of frontier life -- even life in the frontier aristocracy -- where she believed they belonged: back on the frontier, not in Washington. ... [She] knew that the sight of a crowd climbing through the windows of the White House for cups of spiked punch was the last thing her family needed."

**AMERICAN LION: Andrew Jackson in the White House**      **Author: Jon Meacham**  
Publisher: Random House Trade Paperbacks   Copyright 2008 by Jon Meacham   Pages 61-63

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## **Financial Aid For Native American Students**

This page provides information about financial aid for Native American students...[finaid.org](http://finaid.org)

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## **A Message to Social Studies Educators of the US in the Coming Trump Era**

**Peter McLaren, Truthout:** Social studies as a field is best equipped to expose the fundamental destitution and injustice of the ruling capitalist order. Educators in the Trump era must break away from the codependency on capital and reintroduce a pedagogy to bring about social and economic justice.[Read the Article](#)

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## **It Wasn't All Bad: Five Signs of Positive Change in 2016**

Saturday, December 31, 2016 By [Sarah van Gelder](#), [YES! Magazine](#) | Op-Ed

It was a year blown up by the election results. There are now two very different 2016s -- the one before and the one after we learned that Donald Trump would become president of the United States.

Before Nov. 8, most assumed that Hillary Clinton would be elected and would lead the nation more or less in the footsteps of Barack Obama. From Nov. 9 onward, though, we entered a different world. The ideologues and billionaires appointed to the cabinet, coupled with the president-elect's own tweets, clear up any doubts that disastrous policies will soon follow. Most recently Trump's tweet about restarting a nuclear arms race gives the dangers a terrifying immediacy.

And we know from watching the campaign that Trump is poised to use his presidency to direct hate and blame at people of color, immigrants, religious minorities, LGBTQ people, women, journalists, and anyone else who fails to get in line. We are about to enter a time of uncertainty and danger.

To make it through the Trump presidency we'll need to clear away any remaining illusions that the solution is a return to the Democratic establishment status quo.

We are living on a planet with a carbon-saturated atmosphere, in a time of increasing inequality and terrifying violence. Trump's administration won't get us where we need to go, but neither would the Democratic Party's corporate-friendly policies.

So, even as we enter a time that could be quite dark, we should focus not on finding a way back to an Obama/Clinton past, but on how to move forward by nurturing the seeds of real change that began to germinate in 2016.

### **1. We Gained a New Respect for Mother Earth**

The most dramatic new possibilities in 2016 came out of a North Dakota tribe: the Standing Rock Sioux, the people of Chief Sitting Bull. The vision and courage coming from the Native peoples gathered at Standing Rock are rippling out across the country. Natives and non-Natives are learning lessons about humility, nonviolent power, thinking about the seventh generation and

about our ancestors, off-the-grid communities, and about protecting Mother Earth, one place at a time.

Elsewhere too people see that progress cannot proceed at the expense of Mother Earth.

Contaminate the water and the soil, and we poison ourselves. And we poison our own souls when we demean the animals who are our relatives. This wisdom, long part of the indigenous worldview, is permeating the broader society.

Meanwhile, the people of Flint, Michigan, and other cities are stepping up the fight for clean, safe water. Movements led by Native people, farmers, and neighborhood leaders are fighting pipelines and fossil fuel infrastructure across the country.

## **2. We Learned How to Heal Violence**

The water protectors at Standing Rock flipped the notion of what it means to be a courageous warrior. It is no longer about the capacity to inflict violence; being a warrior now means the courage to stand unarmed in the face of danger, to protect vulnerable people and places, and to be willing -- as the veterans at Standing Rock said -- to take a bullet to protect the sacred.

Courage also means the willingness to apologize and forgive. Veterans and clergy alike made history at Standing Rock by apologizing for the role of the military and the church in the atrocities committed against Native peoples.

## **3. We Acknowledged the Leadership of People of Color**

Black Lives Matter continued to force onto the national agenda the issue of police shootings of people of color and, more generally, the continued issues around White, male, straight, cis-gendered violence and exclusion. And they were able to get through to both Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. Despite the backlash of the Trump election, or perhaps because of it, there is a growing awareness that the issues and leadership of people of color must be central to progressive change.

## **4. We Embraced a Presidential Campaign Based on Economic Justice**

The surprising strength of Sanders' insurgent presidential campaign showed the passion of many Americans for authentic economic populism. While the Democratic Party establishment glossed over the hardships faced by low-wage workers, the underemployed, and unemployed, Sanders acknowledged the hardship.

Trump also acknowledged the hardships, but he touted policies based in xenophobia as the answers to middle-class fears. Sanders, on the other hand, showed that the systems that concentrate wealth and power can be changed and that everyone in the 99 percent could benefit.

By filling stadiums with tens of thousands, raising millions with average contributions of \$27, and mounting a powerful campaign in the face of Democratic Party obstruction, Sanders showed that the grip of the oligarchy can be challenged. This authentic economic populism is an important step to countering Trump's form of ultra-right populism, which would quickly have

collapsed into its own absurdity were it not for a compliant media and the continued legacy of racism in the United States.

## 5. We Witnessed the Start of the Fight for Real Science

Trump has chosen to surround himself with climate deniers. But actual climate scientists and others who believe in the reality of the climate crisis are not sitting still. Instead they are downloading research data on the changing climate from U.S. government servers and safeguarding them so they will remain available for further research no matter whom Trump appoints. Preserving these invaluable data sets will enable scientists to continue to refine their understanding of what is happening to the habitability of the planet, and that could be life-saving. Their moral courage in the face of possible retaliation is an example of the sort of quiet heroism that we'll need to make it through the Trump years.

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The acts of courage at the camps on a frozen plain at Standing Rock, in the nondescript offices of climate scientists, and among citizens in cities and towns throughout the country offer hope.

**I was at Standing Rock on the day after the election, and I asked tribal leaders for their reactions. We're accustomed to living under bad presidents, they told me. We'll get through this, too.**

By protecting the most vulnerable people and the Earth, supporting each other, and nurturing the seeds of healing and rebirth, we can use this time of disruption to transform our society. Even the children of Trump supporters might someday thank us.

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