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PIPE FINDS RIGHTFUL PLACE By JOHN REINAN • jreinan@startribune.com

BOUGHT AND RETURNED Sacred pipe carved by a Dakota chief went to anonymous bidder for \$40,000.

A sacred pipe given as a peace offering by a Dakota chief to a U.S. soldier has been returned to the tribe by an anonymous donor who paid twice what it was expected to bring at a recent auction.

"We are humbled by and grateful for this honorable act," said Shelley Buck, Tribal Council president of the Prairie Island Indian Community in Red Wing, Minn. "Pidamayaye [thank you] to the donor for your respect and generosity."

The pipe was carved of pipestone, also called catlinite, by a Dakota chief named White Dog while he was being held prisoner after the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. He gave it as a gift to a Lieutenant King, one of his captors.

The pipe features designs made with lead inlay depicting birds, animals and arrows, including a large thunderbird.

The pipe, which had been owned by a Boston family since the 1880s, was put up for auction last week over the objection of the Prairie Island nation, which regarded it as a sacred object.

The auction went ahead as scheduled on Saturday, with the pipe expected to fetch \$15,000 to \$20,000, according to the auction catalog. But when the hammer fell on the bidding, the pipe was sold to an anonymous bidder for \$39,975.

Shortly after the auction ended, the tribe learned that the winning bidder intended to return the pipe to the tribe.

Possession of cultural artifacts by collectors and museums has become controversial in recent decades, as representatives of native cultures have called for the return of relics often taken by force or without proper payment.

"That pipe, as a sacred item, would fall into the category of cultural patrimony: a significant item that the tribe could be using for spiritual practices today, or be properly caring for that item," said Jill Doerfler, head of the American Indian Studies Department at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

Arranging for the return of culturally significant items can be a long and complex process, Doerfler added.

"Museums have for the last several decades been returning items slowly," she said. "This is a very interesting case where somebody obviously saw this coming up for auction. I can't imagine this happens very often at all."

War between the Dakota and white settlers raged fiercely for six weeks in the late summer of 1862. More than 600 white soldiers and citizens died, along with about 100 Dakota soldiers and an unknown number of Dakota citizens.

After the Dakota surrendered, they were forced to leave Minnesota. On Dec. 26, 1862, 38 Dakota men, including White Dog, were hanged in Mankato. It remains the largest mass execution in U.S. history.

The Prairie Island Tribal Historic Preservation Office, along with tribal spiritual leaders, will receive the pipe and handle it "through ceremony and community," Buck said.

That would be a fitting fate for the pipe, which the tribe would see as having a life of its own, Doerfler explained.

"In English, objects are generally inanimate," she said. "But in a lot of native cultures, that pipe has its own being, its own entity, and it has to be cared for.

"So with items like a pipe or a drum, items of cultural significance, the person who is the holder or the keeper of that object has a responsibility to care for it and to utilize it properly."

Today's selection -- from This Is Your Brain on Parasites by Kathleen McAuliffe.

Revulsion and disgust at physical things -- such as overflowing toilets -- shares much of the brain's circuitry with moral outrage. They are both associated with the brain's anterior insula and amygdala. This may explain why moral judgments are so often coupled with disgust:

"Visceral disgust -- that part of you that wants to scream 'Yuck!' when you see an overflowing toilet or think about eating cockroaches -- typically engages the anterior insula, an ancient part of the brain that governs the vomiting response. Yet the very same part of the brain also fires up in revulsion when subjects are outraged by the cruel or unjust treatment of others. That's not to say that visceral and moral disgust perfectly overlap in the brain, but they use enough of the same circuitry that the feelings they evoke can sometimes bleed together, warping judgment.

"While there are shortcomings in the design of the neural hardware that supports our moral sentiments, there's still much to admire about it. In one notable study by a group of psychiatrists and political scientists led by Christopher T. Dawes, subjects had their brains imaged as they played games that required them to divide monetary gains among the group. The anterior insula was activated when a participant decided to forfeit his own earnings so as to reallocate money from players with the highest income to those with the lowest (a phenomenon aptly dubbed the Robin Hood impulse). The anterior insula, other research has shown, also glows bright when a player feels that he has been made an unfair offer during an ultimatum game. In addition, it's activated when a person chooses to punish selfish or greedy players.

"These kinds of studies have led neuroscientists to characterize the anterior insula as a fountainhead of prosocial emotions. It is credited for giving rise to compassion, generosity, and reciprocity or, if an in-dividual harms others, remorse, shame, and atonement. By no means, however, is the insula the only neural area involved in processing both visceral and moral disgust. Some scientists think the greatest overlap in the two types of revulsion may occur in the amygdala, another ancient part of the brain.

"Psychopaths -- whose ranks swell with remorseless cold-blooded killers -- are notorious for their lack of empathy, and they typically have smaller than normal amygdalae *and* insulae, along with other areas involved in the processing of emotion. Psychopaths are also less

bothered than most people by foul odors, feces, and bodily fluids, tolerating them -- as one scientific article put it -- 'with equanimity.'

"People with Huntington's disease -- a hereditary disorder that causes neurological degeneration -- are similar to psychopaths in having shrunken insulae. And they, too, lack empathy, though they don't exhibit the same predatory behavior. Possibly owing to damage to additional circuits involved in disgust, however, the afflicted are remarkable in showing no aversion whatsoever to contaminants -- for example, they think nothing of picking feces up with their bare hands.

"Interestingly, women rarely become psychopaths -- the disorder affects ten males for every one female -- and they have larger insulae than men relative to total brain size. This anatomical distinction may explain why they're the sex most sensitive to disgust, and it may also have bearing on yet another traditionally feminine characteristic: as befits women's role as primary caretakers, they score higher than men on tests of empathy -- a very useful trait for gauging when a cranky baby has a fever or needs a nap.

"Why moral and visceral disgust became entangled in our brains in the first place is harder to explain, but British disgustologist Valerie Curtis puts forward a scenario that, while impossible to verify, certainly sounds plausible. Evidence from prehistoric campsites, she notes, suggests that our ancient ancestors may have been more concerned about hygiene and sanitation than commonly assumed. Some of the earliest artifacts from these sites include combs and middens (designated dumpsites for animal bones, shells, plant remnants, human excrement, and other waste that might attract vermin or predators). Early humans, she strongly suspects, would have taken a dim view of peers who were slobs about disposing of their garbage, spat or defecated wherever they pleased, or made no effort to comb the lice out of their hair. These inconsiderate acts, which exposed the group to bad odors, bodily waste, and infection, triggered revulsion, and so, by association, the offenders themselves became disgusting. To bring their behavior into line, Curtis thinks, they were shamed and ostracized, and if that failed, they were shunned -- which is exactly how we react to contaminants. We want nothing to do with them.

"Since similar responses were required to counter both types of threat, the neural circuitry that evolved to limit exposure to parasites could easily be adapted to serve the broader function of avoiding people whose behavior endangered health. Complementing this view, Curtis's team found that people who are the most repulsed by unhygienic behavior score higher than average on a test of orientation toward punishment -- that is, they are the most likely to endorse throwing criminals into jail and imposing stiff penalties on those who break society's rules.

"From this point in human social development, it took just a tad more rejiggering of the same circuitry to bring our species to a momentous place: We became disgusted by people who behaved immorally. This development, Curtis argues, is central to understanding how we became an extraordinarily social and cooperative species, capable of putting our minds together to solve problems, create new inventions, exploit natural resources with unprecedented efficiency, and ul-timately lay the foundations for civilization." Sign Up Here

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Canadians build tiny homes as part of a protest against the Trans Mountain Expansion pipeline project.

"We feel like it's a matter of life and death. We've depended on this land for tens of thousands of years. That's the risk that we're facing with the pipeline. And the uncertainty is whether our kids are going to be able to drink this water in 50 years." –Kanahus Manuel, an activist who helped launch Tiny House Warriors, a group that plans to build tiny houses along the route of a proposed Canadian pipeline expansion. The homes are part of indigenous-led protests in British Columbia, where residents feel that the pipeline will upset the environment. <u>*The Guardian*</u>



Lois Kane passed away last night (5.8). She wanted to go home and she was prepared for her passing.

Lesley Williams is with Loika Kane. and so... being involved with teaching or preserving our culture takes strong discipline. Why do I say this? because even though you are giving a part of yourself to your people and tribe there are those out there who are tearing you down or putting roadblocks in your way. Lois was one of these strong individuals. She wanted so much for her people to learn their ways... their language... their songs. Dedicating much of her time and effort into ensuring our ways are sustained. I watched the women and girls drumming for her last night and I thought, "oh what a legacy"... how she was honored by those whose lives she touched. I thought back to her Eagle Wing Dancer recruitment... going to various reservations to invite those who wanted to be a part of this group to join. I remember her saying don't just sit there get out here and dance... get around the drum and sing. What a woman was she! A great one... one who still wanted those who visited her to keep teaching... to keep our ways alive. Please if you know, teach your ways... if you don't, learn your language. We should all be a part in preserving our culture! Lois George Kane... remember her name... remember her songs... remember her heart! ki tamme sukwa nasoomawa! Oosoo mogone'e tubetse pesa! Pesakwaetumea... Lois. May Creator carry you home. ~Les