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↳ @egoodsoldier "One day, when I was a little girl, my brother and I were on the playground. We saw a beautiful little blond haired girl and we went to play with her. She told my brother 'go home and wash your skin, you're dirty'. My little brother and I ran home crying to our Unci (grandmother). She laid a blanket down and said "Iyotakapi Takoja' (sit down grandchildren) she sat down with us and took a pinch of dirt from the ground and rubbed it into my arm. As it blended into my arm she said 'This is where you come from Takoja, -Unci Maka (Grandmother Earth) This is who we are. You are Lakota and as a Lakota person you are the foundation that holds everything." -Unci Marie Randall

Photo by: Deborah Anderson  
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returning 12,000  
acres to Leech Lake  
Band of Ojibwe  
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**The federal government  
wrongfully seized the  
popular recreation  
land in the 1940s.**



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### [Ignored and Infuriated, Pawnee Stop Illegal Fracking Plans on Tribal Lands](#)

*Jessica A. Knoblauch, Earthjustice*

Knoblauch writes: "It was a typical summer day in 2015 when Walter Echo-Hawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, discovered fracking operations near his home on Pawnee lands about 55 miles west of Tulsa." [READ MORE](#)

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### [Indigenous Group Sues Exxon, Energy Majors Over Fracking Waste](#)

#### [Contamination in Patagonia](#)

*Lorraine Chow, EcoWatch*

Chow writes: "A major indigenous group in the Argentine Patagonia is suing some of world's biggest oil and gas companies over illegal fracking waste dumps that put the 'sensitive Patagonian environment,'

local wildlife and communities at risk, according to Greenpeace." [READ MORE](#)

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A must watch: **You Are Stealing Our Future: Greta Thunberg, 15, Condemns the World's Inaction on Climate Change**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzeekxtyFOY&feature=youtu.be>

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### [New Estimate Finds Less Fresh Groundwater in U.S. Than Previously Assumed](#)

A new study, published in the journal Environmental Research Letters, looked at the depth at which fresh groundwater encounters saltier reserves that are less useful for drinking or irrigation. The analysis demonstrates that fresh groundwater, in eastern states as well as those west of the Mississippi, is shallower than previously thought and thus less abundant.

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### **Jigger Bob**

Jigger Bob was a Paiute Indian who worked for the [Pyramid Lake Police](#). His father was from Pyramid Lake and his mother was from the area that later became [Gerlach](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

In 1918, Jigger Bob was in the Indian Service Police and paid \$20 per month.<sup>[2]</sup>

Park uses Jigger Bob as a source in his ethnographic notes on the Northern Paiute.<sup>[1]</sup>

Mergen<sup>[3]</sup> repeats two stories told by Jigger Bob to Frank McCulloch and recounted in Nevada Magazine in 1947<sup>[4]</sup>. Mergen also includes a portrait of Jigger Bob by Robert Caples.

### **Birth Year**

His birth year has been reported as 1822 and as 1857, below is a discussion of his birth year.

- The 1900 Census reports that he was 50 years old and married to Juda Bob, age 40. <sup>[5]</sup>
- The 1910 census reports that he was 62 years old (birth year estimated as 1848) and married to Judy, age 50.<sup>[6]</sup>
- The 1918 Indian Census has Jigger Bob being born in 1857.<sup>[7]</sup>
- The 1920 census has Jigger Bob being 63 and Juddy being 59.<sup>[8]</sup>
- In 1933, he was claiming that he was over 100 years old.<sup>[1]</sup>

- Hermann states that there was a cross with the name Jigger Bobb on it and the date August 24, 1936 in the [Nixon](#) cemetery.<sup>[9]</sup> However, the October 10, 1935 newspaper states that he had died before that date. <sup>[10]</sup> The Nixon Cemetery Findagrave site does not list him.<sup>[11]</sup> Hermann states that that he lived until 114! <sup>[12]</sup>
- An October 10, 1935 newspaper article states that Jigger Bob died at the Stewart Hospital, presumably at [Stewart Indian School](#), south of Carson City. The article states that he was said to have met Fremont's expedition in 1945. The article states that there are some doubts his claim of being born in 1822, it states that about 15 years previously (ca 1920), Major Creel (father of [Cecil Creel](#) of the agricultural extension service) spent several days on the reservation looking for an Indian who may have witnessed the 1860 battle where Major Ormsby was killed. Creel reported that he only found one, who at the time was a boy of 12.<sup>[10]</sup>

### **Jigger Bob vs. Jigger Bobb**

There is some question as to whether his last name was Bob or Bobb. Most sources use Bob <sup>[5]</sup> <sup>[13]</sup> <sup>[6]</sup> <sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[7]</sup> <sup>[8]</sup> <sup>[10]</sup> <sup>[1]</sup> <sup>[12]</sup> <sup>[14]</sup> <sup>[15]</sup> <sup>[16]</sup> <sup>[17]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup>, though some use Bobb. <sup>[18]</sup> <sup>[19]</sup> <sup>[9]</sup>

### **Was Jigger his last name or first name?**

The Reno 1920-21 directory lists his name as "Jigger, Robt" <sup>[20]</sup>

### **Why Jigger?**

Websites associated with buckaroos report that a Jigger Boss was the second in command.<sup>[21]</sup> Jigger Bob was at one time perhaps Dave Numaga's right hand man, but this could just be a coincidence.<sup>[14]</sup>

### **Jigger Bobb Canyon**

Jigger Bobb Canyon was named for Jigger Bob.<sup>[18]</sup> In 1979, the name was determined to be Jigger Bobb Canyon, not Jigger Bob Canyon.<sup>[19]</sup>

The Sutcliffe 1957 map is the earliest map that shows Jigger Bob Canyon. <sup>[15]</sup>

### **Photos**

There are at a few photos and drawings that mention Jigger Bob.<sup>[16]</sup> <sup>[17]</sup> <sup>[22]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup> <sup>[13]</sup> <sup>[23]</sup>

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Lake in 1822; Washoe Co.; Nev.; sec. 1, T 25 N, R 20 E, Mount Diablo Mer.; 40 03'37" N, 119 41'30" W. Not: Jigger Bob Canyon"

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### **Western American Literature - *At Pyramid Lake* by Bernard Mergen (review)**

- [Jeffrey Chisum](#)
- [Western American Literature, University of Nebraska Press, Volume 50, Number 1, Spring 2015 pp. 88-89 10.1353/wal.2015.0030](#)

In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content:

Reviewed by:

Jeffrey Chisum  
Bernard Mergen, *At Pyramid Lake*. Reno: U of Nevada P, 2014. 312pp. Paper, \$26.95. Situated not far from Reno, Pyramid Lake—the remnant of an ancient glacial lake called Lahontan—is a surreal oasis on the western edge of the Great Basin, a desert cousin to the alpine beauty of Lake Tahoe. In *At Pyramid Lake*, Bernard Mergen, professor emeritus of American studies at George Washington University, provides a comprehensive, sometimes personal, and always impassioned examination of this



peculiar body of water, which derives its name from the large, 360-foot pyramidal limestone formation on one of its islands.

Mergen opens with an account of the Indians of the lake and proceeds in a roughly chronological direction, covering the arrival of white settlers into the area, water politics, conflicts involving multiple government agencies (both state and federal), environmental issues, media depictions of the lake, theatrics, and mysticism. Throughout, he is a thoughtful but passionate defender of the [End Page 88] lake. On the question of the usage of water from the Truckee River, which feeds into Pyramid Lake, Mergen clearly favors the lake rather than the farmers, ranchers, and other interests in the nearby towns of Fernley and Fallon, which also rely on the water. Similarly, he depicts the lake's Indians (Kuyuidokado, or "cui-ui eaters," after a species of fish native to the lake) as protagonists in the lake's history, management, and meaning: "The people and the fish are inextricable," Mergen writes (9).

*At Pyramid Lake* is very much a Nevadan book (Mergen lived at the lake growing up), and the emotional and intellectual thread running through the text puts it in the same family as other Nevada books like Wilbur Shepperson's *East of Eden*, *West of Zion* or perhaps even Frank Bergon's *Wild Game*—books that have a deep affinity for the place but are tempered and deepened by a wry sense of humor and a hardscrabble sentimentality. For this reason portions of the book that might have dragged—the bits on the conflicts between the Bureau of Land Management and various other government agencies, for example—instead become subtly funny parables about misguided ambition, greed, and the consequences of bureaucracy.

But Mergen is at his best when he's reflecting on the lake's ineffable aspects, most notably in the later chapters, where he discusses artistic and spiritual engagement with the lake, including a powerful story in the epilogue told to journalist Frank McCulloch by an elderly Paiute man called Jigger Bob. Mergen's coverage of the work of Walter Van Tilburg Clark, Idah Meacham Strobridge, Robert Dawson, and other artists is particularly effective, as is his chapter-long discussion of *The Misfits*, which he argues is "the great film about the myths of the West that have shaped many of the interpretations of Pyramid Lake" (244). Mergen writes in the epilogue that he "cannot claim to have found the meaning of Pyramid Lake" (260), but his book certainly can lay claim to providing the deepest and most thorough treatment ever of this liquid and mercurial jewel in the western desert. [End Page 89]

Jeffrey Chisum, University of Southern California  
<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/584652/summary>

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**GOP representative is only person blocking bill to address violence against Native American women**

<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2018/12/18/1819854/-This-GOP-Rep-is-the-only-person-blocking-a-bill-to-address-violence-against-Native-American-women>

December 18, 2018  
Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada and All 27-Nevada Tribes  
680 Greenbrae Drive Sparks, Nevada 89431

Dear Indigenous Member Tribes,

We cordially invite the indigenous members of the Western Shoshone, Goshute, Washoe, Northern/Southern Paiute and all tribes to join with us and lead us during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reno Women's March. The hand drums, songs, solidarity and native people have created a greater awareness of the missing and murdered indigenous women within Indian country and adjoining countries. The awareness needs to grow!



Last year, Jingle Dancers and indigenous women lead over 10,000 people in our march. Therefore, it would be our honor to have you lead us in the March again. We are also requesting that you provide recommendations for speakers and their contact information as soon as possible so we can contact them directly with the details for our Rally at the City Plaza.

The March will start at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Reno Arch on Commercial

Row and North Virginia Street. It will proceed to City Plaza at 1st and Virginia Street where a short program is planned. There will be a number of events throughout Reno that will lead us up to the march. Please inform your community as soon as possible so they can make plans, ready their hand drums and ribbon skirts! Please circulate the attached Women's March flyer. Please contact Matt Fonken at (479) 595-3764, Mylan Hawkins at (775) 232-9825, or Beverly Harry at (775) 857-7737.

In Solidarity,

Reno Women's March Organizers

Beverly Harry (PLAN)

Matthew Fonken

Mylan Hawkins

Native Community Organizer.

Reno Woman's March

Women's March Nevada

**American Indian/Alaska Native communities commitment** – Last November, Wells Fargo announced a five-year, [\\$50 million commitment to American Indian/Alaska Native communities](#) to help address their unique economic, social and environmental needs including down payment assistance and other programs to advance homeownership as well as affordable housing development.

Request for help RE: Cultural Stipends for upcoming Powwow

I am writing on behalf of a Two Spirit Pow Wow in California in February 2019 that is offering cash Cultural Stipends that can be used for travel expenses to our Pow Wow.

Can you help us get the word out about this opportunity to the Great Basin Paiute community?

For more information, see attached Word Document or visit this Google Doc:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yD1FFp5ngyDDqRE\\_HJaEhCXpp1gw\\_ejHxVb\\_mFVUpIM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yD1FFp5ngyDDqRE_HJaEhCXpp1gw_ejHxVb_mFVUpIM/edit?usp=sharing)



Thank you for your help.  
[kitten@playajoy.org](mailto:kitten@playajoy.org)

Sincerely, Kitten Calfee, Comfort & Joy, 415-760-2352

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### **‘Finally Some Good News Out of Washington’: Nation’s Capital to Go 100% Renewable by 2032**

<https://www.ecowatch.com/washington-dc-renewable-energy-2623831126.html>

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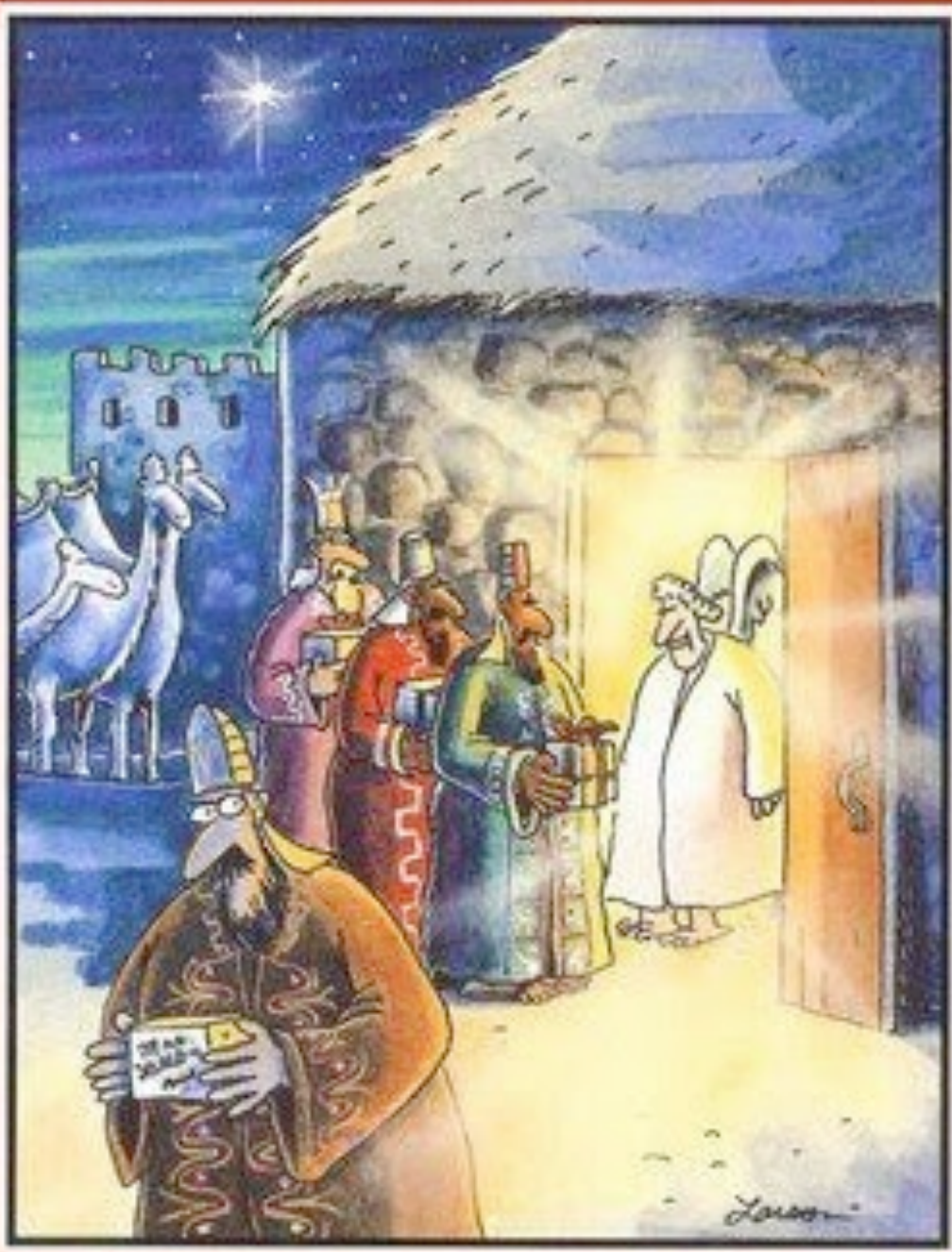
### **DeVos's Response to School Shootings? Make School More Like Prison**

MIKE LUDWIG, TRUTHOUT

A new report from a federal school safety commission formed in the wake of the Parkland shooting dismisses gun control laws and an Obama-era guidance for protecting students of color and students with disabilities from discrimination. Civil rights groups are furious and accuse the Trump administration of twisting the issue of gun violence into a justification for militarizing public schools. [Read the Article →](#)

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**Retiring House Republican is holding up bill aimed at protecting ...**<https://www.nbcnews.com / politics / politics-news / retiring-house-republica...> - 627k - 18 hours ago - [similar pages](#)18 hours ago ... Bob Goodlatte is **blocking** legislation by North Dakota Sen. Heidi Heitkamp to reduce the number of **Native American women** from going missing or murdered. ... D., is interviewed at Amvets Club **in** Bismarck, North Dakota **on** Aug. ... "Right now **one** congressman is holding this up, and **one** congressman ...



Unbeknownst to most theologians, there was a fourth wiseman, who was turned away for bringing a fruitcake.