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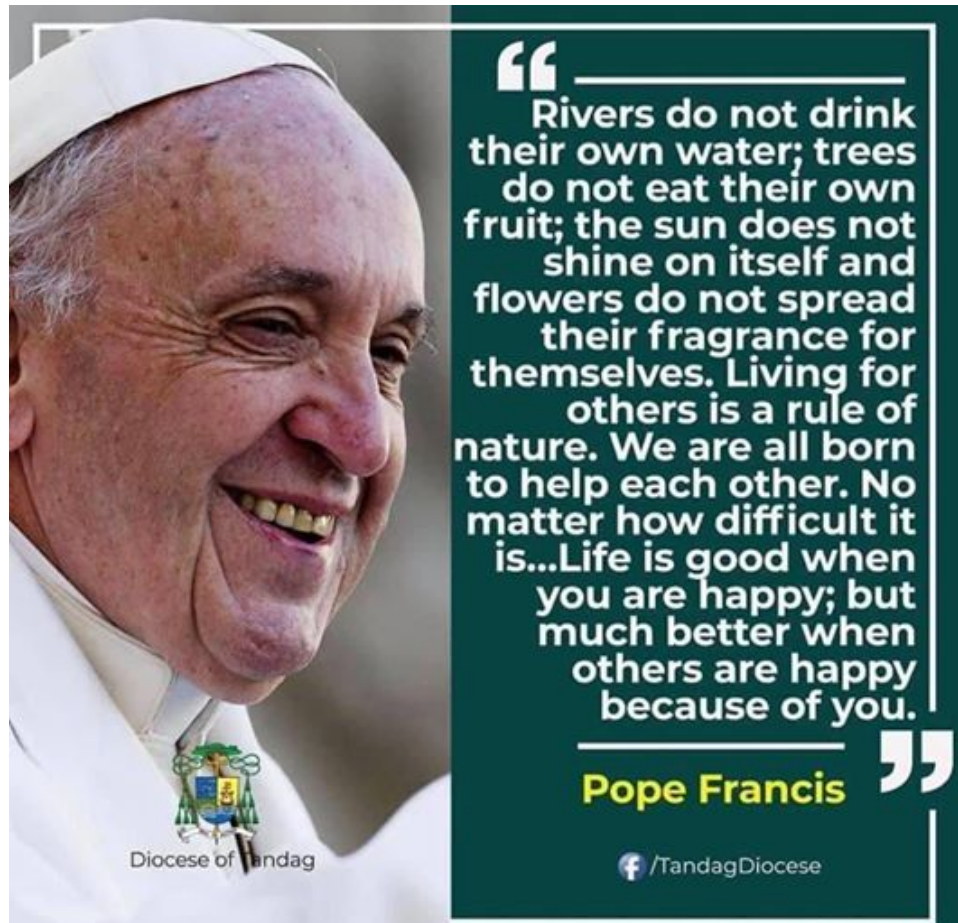
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CURT BROWN



Curtis Dahlin, “Aborigines of Minnesota”/Minnesota Historical Society

His Dakota name, Tawasuota, roughly translates to “Many Hailstones.” But it was just one shot that blasted his name into the history books as the warrior who, most scholars agree, fired the first deadly bullet in the U.S.-Dakota War.

Starving, tired of broken treaties and frustrated by delayed government payments, Dakota leaders decided to go to war in southern Minnesota 158 years ago this week. Tawasuota’s shot came after a violent outburst on Aug. 17, 1862, when four young Dakota hunters killed five white settlers in a dispute that began over a farmer’s eggs in Acton Township in rural Meeker County.

The next day, following Chief Little Crow’s orders, Tawasuota carried a double-barreled shotgun into the reservation store at the Lower Sioux Agency 40 miles northwest of New Ulm on the Minnesota River and fatally shot Kentucky-born trader James Lynd, a man the Dakota considered a friend.

Almost immediately, Tawasuota regretted killing an unarmed man, according to an account published 45 years later. As war erupted in the Minnesota River Valley, the warrior made a secret trek to Faribault, where his wife and two sons had fled with other Indians willing to adopt white people’s ways.

“Tawasuota took each boy in his arms, and held him close for a few moments,” Charles Eastman wrote in “Old Indian Days,” a book published in 1907. “He smiled to them, but large tears rolled down his cheeks. Then he disappeared in the shadows, and they never saw him again.”

Tawasuota rejoined the war raging in the 4-year-old state of Minnesota, the bloodiest six weeks in state history. When it ended, an estimated 600 white soldiers and settlers were dead, along

with more than 100 Dakota fighters. Gov. Alexander Ramsey insisted that the vanquished Dakota “must be exterminated or driven forever beyond the borders of the state,” which had been their home for centuries. In the largest mass execution in U.S. history, 38 Dakota were hanged in Mankato four months after Tawasuota fired that first deadly round.

“There was no glory in it for him; he could wear no eagle feather, nor could he ever recount the deed,” Eastman wrote. “It was dreadful to him — the thought that he had fired upon an unarmed and helpless man.”

Stacks of books have been written about the war, but few mention Tawasuota’s role. “Old Indian Days,” in which Eastman devotes a 3,500-word chapter to Tawasuota, was one of 11 books he wrote in the early 1900s.

Eastman’s story “humanizes and adds nuance to the complicated and complex decisions made during the chaos of war,” said Kate Beane, a distant Eastman relative with a University of Minnesota doctorate who directs Native American initiatives for the Minnesota Historical Society.

Eastman, born in a tepee near Redwood Falls, was only 4 when the U.S.-Dakota War broke out. His family fled to Canada, where he got the name Ohiyesa, or Winner. He eventually followed his father into white society and took the name Charles Alexander Eastman, graduating from Dartmouth College and earning a medical degree in Boston. He became a reservation physician in South Dakota and supervised YMCA programs for Indians in the western United States and Canada.

Beane said Eastman published the stories he’d heard from relatives and told his kids through the years. His wife, Elaine Goodale, a white teacher and writer, “helped shape the narratives to appeal to a white audience,” Beane said. “It’s not historical fiction because these things actually happened, but as with anything, the stories might be embellished.”

Eastman’s story portrays Tawasuota as more than a violent, impulsive instigator of an awful war. Like many Dakota displaced by the war, Tawasuota escaped to Canada, where years later he acknowledged his role in the conflict. He died in 1902 near Birdtail Creek in southwestern Manitoba, according to Mitchell Cody Hunter, 33, another Eastman descendant who lives in Brandon, Manitoba, amid Dakota whose elders fled north in 1862.

“Tawasuota was a great warrior who had earned the respect of his tribe. They even chanted his name,” said Hunter, who has extensively researched his Dakota roots. “Tawasuota lived and died an enemy of the United States, but he was doing what he thought was best for the Oyate [the people].”

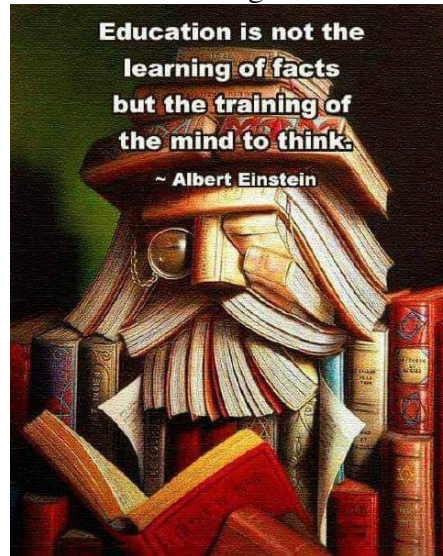
Eastman’s account shows a merciful side of Tawasuota, adding a wrinkle to the story of Andrew Myrick. He’s the white trader who reportedly said, “Let them eat grass,” when Dakota leaders requested credit to buy food until their late annuity payments arrived in 1862.

Eastman wrote that a “nearly nude” Myrick jumped from the roof of a store after the shooting

broke out. Tawasuota could have killed him, but he took an errant shot and yelled at him to “run, run!” They’d been on good terms, but other Dakota fighters shot Myrick as he fled. His corpse was found later with grass stuffed in his mouth.

Curt Brown’s tales about Minnesota’s history appear each Sunday.

Readers can send him ideas and suggestions at mnhistory@startribune.com. His latest book looks at 1918 Minnesota, when flu, war and fires converged: strib.mn/MN1918.



August 26, 5 p.m. (EST) - Seed Saving and Indigenous Seed Sovereignty

August 26 online workshop and conversation on seed saving and indigenous seed sovereignty featuring Mohegan scholar Rachel Sayet and organic farmer Daniel MacPhee

Greenhouse and Agricultural Infrastructure Sessions

This workshop will cover the principles and practices of organic seed production within the contemporary context of seed sovereignty, ethical seed stewardship and regional crop adaptation. Presenters include **Rachet Sayet** (Mohegan), seed saver, herbalist, chef and scholar of indigenous foodways, and Daniel MacPhee, commercial organic seed farmer at **Blackbird Rise** in Palermo, Maine. The conversation will be framed with a discussion of the rich cultural tradition of seedkeeping as well as its widespread appropriation, exploitation and systematic erasure by the industrialized seed system. Grounded by this ethical perspective, we'll dig into the technical aspects of seed production systems including seed sourcing, pollination, isolation, selection, harvest and seed cleaning, as well as the process and benefits of on-farm breeding/adaptation of crops to local conditions. Throughout the workshop we'll share examples and opportunities for new and experienced seed savers, farmers and gardeners to work towards repair of a more resilient and equitable regional seed system-and our relationship to seed, each other and the land. registration at https://mofga.org/MOFGA-Eventshttps://cleanenergyassociation.org/solar-energy-nevada1/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIkvHMivmn6wIVBhLeAB1ecg8-EAEYASAAEgJNwfd_BwE



<https://www.antonbakker.com/momath>

"Old" but well written with pertinent information. sdc

Chaco memorial hits at deeper issues *By Laura Paskus /*

Saturday night, freshman state Rep. Derrick Lente watched one of his first initiatives turn into a showdown on the House floor. Earlier in the session, Lente's memorial to protect cultural and historical sites near Chaco Canyon received bipartisan support and passed through the House State Government, Indian and Veterans' Affairs Committee unanimously. Something changed, though. By the time it reached the House floor, the Democrat's memorial had triggered uncertainty and skepticism from Republicans. That's because there was an elephant lurking in the room, said Lente, who is from the Pueblo of Sandia.

<https://nmpoliticalreport.com/2017/03/17/chaco-memorial-en/>

The Winners, the Losers, and the Landscape That Might Emerge If the Klamath River Dams Disappear

By Stanford University, 8/19/20

The dams' formal name is the Lower Klamath Hydroelectric Project, but locals call them the Klamath dams -- four aging structures straddling the California-Oregon border. By any name, they have been a rallying point for environmentalists, Native groups, and conservation-minded legislators who see the dams' elimination as a landmark for the environmental restoration movement. It would be the largest project of its kind in the United States.

Salmon Are Getting Smaller. Fishing and Ecosystems Are Feeling the Pinch

By Courthouse News Service, 8/19/20

Folks in Alaska have noticed for years that Alaskan wild salmon, one of the most important creatures to Alaska's economic and environmental wellbeing, have slowly been getting smaller and smaller -- and now researchers have begun to understand why. In a state often dominated by wildlife management, commercial fishing opportunities and ocean-to-land resource distribution, few things influence the state of Alaska as much as wild salmon.

Alaska's Salmon are shrinking, impacting coastal communities and ecosystems

Oceanographic Magazine, August 19, 2020

A study of four salmon species across all regions of Alaska -- chinook, chum, coho, and sockeye -- has found that salmon are returning to rivers smaller and younger than in the past.

Question: What can't be burned in a fire nor drowned in water?

Knowing Nevada: The Lahontan Cutthroat Trout

NBC 4 News – Reno, August 19, 2020

The snow along the mountains of Nevada's great basin trickle down when the spring turns into summer. This produces a flurry of wildlife and natural resources in our area ponds, rivers, and lakes. Those bodies of water bring forward the life of some of our state's fish. Along the majestic Truckee River, fishermen would collect thousands of trout from the late 1800's to the 1900's.

The Grizzly Creek fire is threatening the Colorado River and water for the entire West The Colorado Sun, August 19, 2020

As the Grizzly Creek Fire rips through Glenwood Canyon, it endangers vital infrastructure for millions of westerners. Sediment and debris could foul the Colorado River for years to come.

Traditional Walk through Paiute Country

Virginia Lakes to Tuolumne Meadows

Schedule

Sunday, September 6 th	Camp at Trumbull Lake (Virginia area)
Monday, September 7 th	Leave Trumbull Lake, Camp in Virginia Canyon (10miles)
Tuesday, September 8 th	Leave Virginia Canyon, Camp a Glen Aulin (Tuolumne Falls [8 miles])
Wednesday, September 9 th	Leave Glen Aulin for Soda View (7 miles)

Early Dinner at Lee Vining Park @ 3:00

After everyone arrives at Soda View in Tuolumne Meadows, walkers will caravan down to Lee Vining Park and we will have an early community dinner. Everyone will be welcome to join in and eat

*If you are out of shape or physically not well, please do not participate in this walk. You will end up ruining it for everyone else and take the pleasure out of this wonderful trip

*No wearing of masks or social distancing allowed

*No smoking allowed (tobacco or sage)

For more information contact Joseph Lent at 760-616-4591 or email josephlent@mail.com

One Million Pages!

We reached a BIG milestone this week.

Thanks to our community of Citizen Archivists, more than ONE MILLION pages of records are now enhanced by citizen archivist contributions to the National Archives Catalog.

his goal is part of the [National Archives Strategic Plan, 2018-2022](#), which was established as a way to Connect with Customers, encouraging the public to engage with their government and explore American history by contributing unique content to the National Archives Catalog.

All of your contributions—including tags, transcriptions and comments—help improve search results for our records and make handwritten or difficult-to-read text accessible for a wider audience.

Let's keep moving to the next million! Check our latest [citizen archivist missions](#) and get started transcribing today. Every contribution you make helps unlock a piece of history.

New to the citizen archivist program? [Learn how to register and get started](#)

Introducing theNew Presidential Library Explorer

You may remember the launch of our [Record Group Explorer](#) last year, a data visualization tool to help you navigate the universe of records held at the National Archives.

We are pleased to share our second next-generation finding aid: the [Presidential Library Explorer](#)

This tool is a new path into the digitized holdings of NARA's Presidential Libraries, providing a browseable experience that complements the deep dive that search in the National Archives Catalog provides.

The [Presidential Library Explorer](#) provides a visual summary of each Library, featuring:

- a compelling image from each Library at the top,
- a bar that indicates the scanning progress for each Library,
- portals for browsing records within each Library organized by format,
- portals for descriptions that do not have scans online,
- and a call to action for citizen archivists

Give our [Presidential Library Explorer](#) a try! We'd love to hear your feedback about how you may find this tool useful, and how we can further improve it.

The data powering the Presidential Library Explorer will be updated monthly, so check back to see what we have added and any changes we've made. Also stay tuned for future next-generation finding aid projects in the works.

New in the catalogue

We love patents! Thousands of [new patent drawings](#) were added to this series that consists of patent drawings illustrating proposed inventions of various types of equipment containing mechanical components.

[Utility Patent Drawings, 1837 - 1911](#)

We are sure to have some aspiring citizen archivist inventors out there! Do these patent drawings inspire your creativity.

History Hub

Have a question? [Find your answer on History Hub!](#)

History Hub is our support community for researchers, genealogists, history enthusiasts, and citizen archivists. Ask questions, share information, work together, and find help based on experience and interests. Researchers can ask—or answer—questions on [History Hub](#), or search to see if a question has been asked before.

[Citizen Archivists, there's a group just for you!](#) You can share tips and strategies, find new challenges, and get support for y

our work.

Once you've signed up, check out our poll:

[What kinds of records do you like to transcribe?](#) →



washingtonpost.com

[Chiefs ban headdresses, Native American face paint for fans at home games](#)
[The team said in a statement that the measures come as part of ongoing conversations with Native American leaders.](#)

“The important thing is to never stop questioning”. — Albert Einstein

Interesting model for Virtual Career Fair

The Bay Area Council, Bay Area Community College Consortium, Ohlone College and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group are proud to present the first Hire Together Virtual Career Fair.

The career fair will feature some of the Bay Area's top employers. The first hour will showcase ten employers who will speak about their culture, positions, and hiring practices. During the second hour, each employer will host their own room where they will answer questions from the audience and provide further detail about open roles.

We encourage you to upload your resume to each participating employer in advance or the day of the career fair, upload links will be provided in your confirmation email

Participating employers include Amazon Web Services, Bank of the West, Cisco, Dignity Health, Gillig, Raley's, Rambus, Webcor, Wells Fargo, Whiting-Turner, and more!

(Zoom links will be provided closer to the event.) <https://www.seatrobot.com/guest/open-rsvp.html?t=TBi9b1h1xSHYk5vaYAnb&page=tickets&soc=1598216548&z=fals>

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" While there's no telling what might happen on the floor of either party gathering, one thing is nearly certain: It will produce memorable and even historic moments, the likes of which have been captured by moving pictures for posterity since the advent of newsreel. Thanks to the newsreel archive British Pathé, which uploaded its entire collection of 85,000 historic films onto its [YouTube channel](#) in 2014, many candid moments of conventions past can be easily viewed today."

Scholarship will help UNLV business school students amid pandemic

The Homie Scholarship Fund will offer 10 scholarships of \$1,000 each during the 2020-21 academic year and will be awarded by UNLV's Lee Business School.

"The world takes from us relentlessly. It takes our friends and first loves. It takes our parents. It takes our faith. It takes our dignity. It takes our passion. It takes our health. It takes our honesty, and it takes our credulity. To lose so much and still hold on to yourself is perhaps the most complicated task human beings are asked to perform." —Cord Jefferson



Edna "Crunchy" Johnson, Gayleve Ochio Evans, Jeanette Allen, Robert Hunter and Wayne Tobey (click to enlarge)

<https://www.facebook.com/116025626495439/posts/308390260592307/?vh=e&extid=4HvQFHYveb1T9ZhE>

A note on Custer (extract):

One-hundred-and-fifty years ago, on April 9, 1865, a lone Confederate horseman violently waving a white towel as a flag of truce galloped up to the men of the 118th Pennsylvania Infantry near Appomattox Court House and asked for directions to the headquarters of Major General Philip Sheridan. On orders from generals Robert E. Lee and John Gordon, the rider, Captain R. M. Sims, carried a message requesting a suspension of hostilities to allow negotiations of surrender to take place. He made his way to General George Armstrong Custer, who sent the rider back to his superiors with the following reply: "We will listen to no terms but that of unconditional surrender."....

Those present at Appomattox knew this was a historic moment. Over McLean's objections, Union officers snapped up his furniture as trophies, leaving behind gold coins as payment. General Sheridan took the side table, Brigadier General Henry Capehart removed Grant's chair, and Lieutenant Colonel Whitaker obtained Lee's. Sheridan gave the table to Custer as a present

for his wife, Elizabeth, who would also receive from Whitaker a portion of the surrender towel the Confederate rider used earlier that day.

In 1936, Elizabeth Custer, whose late husband is better remembered for his last stand at the Battle of Little Big Horn than his role in the Civil War, gave the side table and her portion of the surrender towel (*back to the Smithsonian to be reunited with the other artifacts*).

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/gentlemans-agreement-ended-civil-war-180954810/?>

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[Oklahoma City Pow Wow Club](#)

Do these pants make me look fat?

Invited by her daughter, Fawn Hunter, and her mother, Lana Hicks, I said goodbye to our dear friend **Lori Pasqua** late this afternoon. Again, with permission from her family, I am writing to share that Lori passed away this evening as the rain fell on the lands of the Washsheshu.

Befitting of Lori's strength of spirit and optimism, this amazing daughter, mom, grandmother, partner, educator, mentor, colleague, and friend continued to show love and concern for everyone around her until she could no longer speak. Even in silence, Lori was comfortable and surrounded by loved ones at her home for her final day.

Understandably, Lori's family is crushed by the abruptness and viciousness of the cancer which caused Lori so much pain. As our beautiful, spunky, and forthright friend has started her journey to the next world, please remember Lori's amazing smile and her unique laugh.

Sincerely, Stacey Montooth <https://nevadaindiancommission.org/staff/lori-pasqua/>



Fawn Hunter

😭 My heart breaks announcing that my grandmother Lana Hicks lost a daughter, my brother and I lost a mother. My Son TY lost a grandma. My mother, Lori Pasqua, has passed surrounded by her loved ones as the rains came down. Thank you my sister cousins coming to support us, & . Thank you friends & Family that visited and sent messages, thank you everyone for all the support during this hard time the family appreciates it.

Those we love, truly never leave us. We will carry her memories with us always ❤️