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In a nation that tried to diminish Indigenous women for centuries in their own land.

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By Native News Online Staff
January 09, 2021

WASHINGTON — After the storming of the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday by pro-Trump supporters that resulted in violence that contributed to five deaths, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Administrative Board Officers met in response to the events surrounding the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and released the following statement:

“This week, as hundreds of thousands of Americans continue to die on a daily basis and millions more suffer the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the President of the United States chose to incite his supporters to launch a violent and uncivilized attack on our democracy, which led to destruction of public property and unfortunately the death of several American citizens. The actions of those who breached the U.S. Capitol building put the lives and liberties of many in danger. These actions, incited by President Trump and his enablers, are rooted in systemic and acute racism and hate, and represent direct attacks on our democracy.

As leaders of our own tribal nations, we understand the sacred duty undertaken by those chosen to serve their people to uphold the rule of law and the will of the people. Above all else, we value the sanctity of life. No nation should tolerate a leader who obstructs or brings harm to the peaceful democratic process and the citizens we are sworn to protect. We also understand that as leaders we have an obligation not only to our citizens today, but also to the future generations. The actions of the current President and the forces that brought him to power will have impacts for generations to come.

We commend Congress for resuming their work under unthinkable circumstances to perform their Constitutional duty and accept the certification of the free and fair election of President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris. As the Congress and the new Administration lead us through a period of national healing and beyond, we urge those responsible for this week’s events to be held accountable under the fullest extent of the law, including President Trump. No one is above the law.

We also call for a return to civility in our political discourse, and also for a true reckoning regarding the forces of racism and hate that have led us to this current moment.

Our prayers go out to the lawmakers, journalists, police officers, and many staffers who were put in harm’s way at the U.S. Capitol this week.”

- NCAI President Fawn Sharp, President, Quinault Indian Nation
- NCAI Vice-President Aaron Payment, Chairperson, Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- NCAI Recording Secretary Juana Majel Dixon, Traditional Councilwoman, Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians
- NCAI Treasurer Shannon Holsey, President, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

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Spotlight on Collections: Expanding Both What We Know and What's Available Online

January 24th, 2020 BY Maria Galban

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Since there have been substantial presidential article, this is just for fun:

George Washington Saw a Future for America: Mules

A newly minted celebrity to the world, the future president used his position to procure his preferred beast of burden from the king of Spain



Washington, who tended to favor surprisingly silly names for his animals—his dogs answered to Sweetlips, Drunkard and Madame Moose—went literal when it came to the mule, who he called Royal Gift. (Photo illustration by Meilan Solly / Photos via public domain, iStock/sjharmon)

By Alexis Coe

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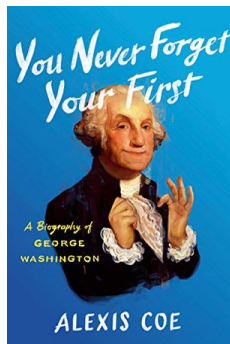
General George Washington, hero of the American Revolution, was world famous in the 1780s, which was exactly the clout he needed to get what he was *really* after: Spanish ass.

The best donkeys in the world came from Spain, but because of their equine superiority, the Spanish monarchy made them illegal to export without royal exemption, a source of great frustration to Washington. Mules—a cross between a male donkey and a female horse—could do an equivalent amount of work as horses with less food and water, and Washington was convinced they were the future of American farming.

While he had retired from public life after the war (spoiler: it wouldn't stick, and he'd go on to become the first president of the United States), he still wished to quietly contribute to the infant nation's success—and his own. Mount Vernon, the Virginia plantation where he enslaved hundreds of people, had suffered from wartime scarcity, inflation and crop failure during the eight years he'd spent away, and mules would help him get back on track.

But Washington faced two big problems. He knew of only one path to get a donkey out of Spain, at least legally: By order of Spain's Charles III, and the process wasn't cheap. So Washington, who was cash poor and operated from a penny-wise, pound-foolish disposition, had gone about

procuring one like a somewhat shameless modern day influencer would, working his mutual connections.



You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington

At first, Washington's gambit looked promising. Don Juan de Miralles, one of Charles' agents in the nascent U.S., seemed eager to satisfy Washington, but then he died. Washington struck out for the next four years until William Carmichael, the U.S. chargé d' affaires at the Spanish court, let Charles know about his mule mania. According to Thomas Jefferson, then U.S. minister to France, the king was thrilled to order "two of the very best to be procured & sent you as a mark of his respect." It was an ideal conclusion: Washington was going to get his mules, and he didn't have to spend a dime to do it.

The donkeys (the "Jacks," as Washington referred to them) were set to arrive in Boston with Spanish handlers, and Washington sent his overseer at Mount Vernon, [John Fairfax](#), to ensure the trip down to Mount Vernon went smoothly. But Washington, ever the anxious person, didn't stop there; he micromanaged Fairfax with lengthy instructions:

- "The Jacks must not be hurt by travelling them too fast, or improperly."
- "Settle all the necessary points for your journey: that is, your hour for setting out in the morning, which let be early; taking up in the evening—number of feeds in the day, & of what kind of food—also the kind & quantity of Liquor that is to be given to the Spaniards in a day....I would not debar them of what was proper, any more than I would indulge them what is not so."
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- "Let the Jacks be put separate & with no other Creatures, lest they should get kicked, & hurt themselves or hurt others."
- "If it is necessary they should be cloathed, (which you must know before you leave Boston) provide Blankets or such other cloathing as their keepers think best, at that place."
- "If there is a Stage which passes thro' Hartford in Connecticut, & so along the post road to Boston; it will be better to pursue this rout than to go by the Stage-boat from New York to Providence."
- "As soon as the Stage gets to its Quarters at night, immediately engage your passage for the next day—lest you may be too late & thereby detained a day or two for its return."

When Fairfax arrived in Boston, he discovered that only one of the donkeys had survived the voyage across the Atlantic, but luckily for him and the ass, the nearly month-long journey to Mount Vernon was without incident. Washington, who tended to favor surprisingly silly names for his animals—his dogs answered to Sweetlips, Drunkard and Madame Moose—went literal when it came to the mule, who he called Royal Gift.

Washington was eager to share his present far and wide, and ran ads in papers offering the stud's services. He had plenty of takers who were, at first, disappointed by Royal Gift's lukewarm libido. America's mares just didn't seem to do it for the donkey because, Washington joked to a nephew, Bushrod, "he seems too full of royalty, to have anything to do with a plebeian race."

But Washington believed in Royal Gift, and after careful study, figured out what got the donkey off: Female Donkeys, two at time. If Royal Gift had a clear view of them together, "by way of stimulus, when he is in those slothful humours," he would successfully perform with female horses. For a small price, of course; ever the capitalist, Washington charged five guineas a season.

Royal Gift wasn't long for the New World. He arrived in 1785, but by 1793, he'd been left stiff and lame after being driven too hard by a handler, and he died three years later. He left behind a son, Compound, who Washington found to be a bit easier to please. Fifteen years after Royal Gift arrived, boasted a herd of nearly 60 mules who spent their days pulling wagons and plowing the fields of Mount Vernon. While they never took off in the North, where farmers preferred horses and oxen, mules remained the draft animal of choice in the agricultural South, where they could plow 16 acres a day.

Alexis Coe is the author of [You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington](#).

Community-Researcher Collaboration Reveals Ancient Maya Capital in Backyard
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In 1800, the **Library of the Congress** was created when President John Adams approved \$5,000 to buy books for legislators to use. Today, it's the largest library in the world, with more than 170 million items in its extensive collections.

[Learn about how library visits stacked up with trips to the movie theater in the U.S. in 2019.](#)

"Members of the Missoula City Council on Wednesday placed their support behind christening a new Higgins Avenue bridge with a Native American name, one that recognizes the historic presence of the Salish-Kalispell people."



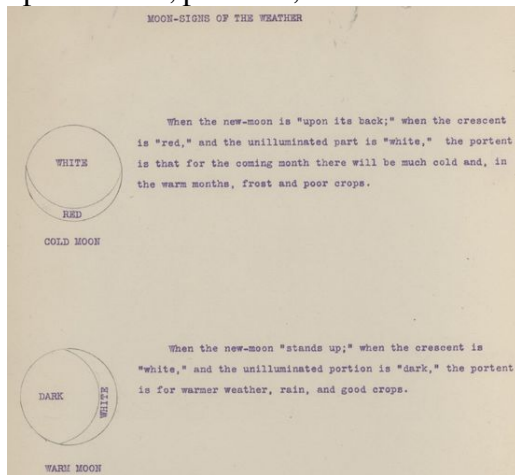
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[City supports christening new Higgins bridge with Native American name](#)

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Heidi Barlese

Grandma Minnie said when the moon fills up (fills up from a 🌙), it will rain. The water will fill up the moon, pour out, and rain. ❤️



Joshué Manriquez

[Paiutie' Language 101 Words/laughter/Community events/Information](#)

The Sun & Moon Teaching

As told by Captain Louie Crook, Wada Tika'a Paiute.

I was not entirely sure how to translate “namamanaga,” which occurs several times. I know “managa” can mean something like “to measure.” Apparently it can also mean “predict,” perhaps? That’s the word I used in my translation. Anyone got a better way to translate it?

I found this story in an archived document along with this image on how to “read” the moon to predict the upcoming weather.

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Oosoo Taba-ta’a ka teepu unu pasakena koo o boonena,

*The sun, when seeing that the earth was getting very dry,*

Ka toodooamu sootuhina, ka paoomabetu.

*pitied the children and brought the rain.*

Oosoo Muha-ta'a, ka tommo tuukwabetu.  
*The moon is the one who brings the winter snow-storm.*

Esoo-ta'a Muha ka tuukwaba namamanaga.  
*This is the one, the Moon, who predicts the snow-storm.*

Oohoo ka tuukwakwuse  
*Thus she desires the snow-storms.*

Oo-ta'a Numu o sopedakwatoo.  
*That is how the People know it.*

Esoo numu nanatunetsooeba oohoo manepunne.  
*This is how the People's stories are.*

Yaeshewa maka Muha, masoo Taba-wa yadooe,  
*So apparently the Sun spoke with the Moon, saying,*

"U sakwa no'okosoo hemma namanagakute," me'ewa.  
*"You should predict all things," he said.*

O'nohoo yaeshe, oosoo Muha ka oohoo nama o o managakute  
*So at that time, the Moon predicts by her own self*

Ka ka mu numu poonekuna  
*as the People look at her.*

"U sakwa oka poohedyako managaketu,  
*You should predict the plants,*

Yaeshe sakwa oosoo hee poohedya'yoo-no'o  
*Then should [predict] the plant season...*

Sakwa ka seake heedoee tzooga'adooe  
*and the coming of the leaves, the kowse thing,*

heedoee pasegoo'oo-dooe oohoo managakute.  
*And the camas thing, predict.*

O'no-sa'a esoo Numu o tukadooa.  
*So then later the People might eat them,*

Ka hemma poee no'okosoo ka pezha o seakena."  
*the berries, all of it, the good coming leaves.*

Yaeshe ka no'okosoo namamanagakute umu



*Then all of it, she predicts for them,*

Numu toodooamu pooneku-katuna.

*For the People's children as she appears [sitting in the sky].*

Oohoo yaeshe mu Numu ka o boonena.

*Thus the People see her [in the sky].*

Oone'yooohoo, oo-pena, nanakwayatoosoo a natunetsooe

*This is the kind of teaching from far back,*

Ka edyahoo Muha ohoo nama o managakute.

*About this Moon there predicting by herself*

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"Members of the Blackfeet Tribe have contacted the park's superintendent to begin discussions about re-opening the entrance, which is in the Blackfeet Reservation."



[kxlf.com](http://kxlf.com)

**East entrance to Glacier National Park remains closed**

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**Montana Tribes Hard-Hit by Covid-19 Brace for Republican Takeover**

*Miranda Green, The Intercept*

Green writes: "When Montana's legislature met at the end of December to vote on whether visitors to the state capitol building should have to wear masks, one lawmaker gave an impassioned plea." **READ MORE**

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**The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Will Not Face Mass Oil Drilling - for Now**

*Rasha Aridi, Smithsonian Magazine*

Aridi writes: "For the last 40 years, politicians, oil companies, environmentalists, and Indigenous peoples have clashed over whether or not the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) - the largest stretch of intact wilderness in the United States - should be opened up for drilling."

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As we watch Trumpers storm the capital with guns. Just a reminder, this is what America did to Native protesting for clean water.



[Meena Puri](#) ·

**Advice from María Sabina, Mexican healer and poet** - “Heal yourself with the light of the sun and the rays of the moon. With the sound of the river and the waterfall. With the swaying of the sea and the fluttering of birds. Heal yourself with mint, neem, and eucalyptus. Sweeten with lavender, rosemary, and chamomile. Hug yourself with the cocoa bean and a hint of cinnamon. Put love in tea instead of sugar and drink it looking at the stars. Heal yourself with the kisses that the wind gives you and the hugs of the rain. Stand strong with your bare feet on the ground and with everything that comes from it. Be smarter every day by listening to your intuition, looking at the world with your forehead. Jump, dance, sing, so that you live happier. Heal yourself, with beautiful love, and always remember ... you are the medicine.”



[hrc.org](http://hrc.org)

[Trump Administration Launches 11th Hour Attack](#)

[This is the latest action since Trump and Pence took office that grants HHS recipients a license to discriminate.](#)



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**2021 LEGISLATIVE POLICY PREVIEW**

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The Boston Massacre was 249 years ago today. The British gunned down five people. This is taught in every classroom

By comparison, American soldiers murdered over 400 Shoshone men, women, and children during the Civil War at the Bear River Massacre. This is not taught at all



[APTN National News](#)

After the Christmas break on Monday, Isabella's parents and siblings walked her to school. On this walk many supporters joined from a distance wearing ribbon skirts.



[aptnnews.ca](https://aptnnews.ca)

[Supporters of girl criticized at school want to establish national ribbon skirt day](#)  
[Bella Kulak's experience wearing a ribbon skirt during formal day has sparked a broad solidarity movement in response.](#)

## National Archives: Native American Photographs Tagging Mission



More than 18,000 photographs from the Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are now available in the Catalog. **We are looking for Citizen Archivists to add specific topical subject tags to each photograph in the Record Group.**

Adding tags will help increase access to these rich records

[Join the mission and get started tagging!](#)

If you are interested in other topics, got to: [https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/missions?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newyearrecords-jan2021](https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/missions?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newyearrecords-jan2021)

Ready to start tagging and transcribing? We've curated these topical missions to help you jump in and contribute! Click on a topic that interests you, and it will bring you right to those historical records in our Catalog. Tagging and transcribing makes these records more accessible to everyone. New missions are added and updated regularly, so check back often to see what's new.

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### Stopping Trump's Last Pipeline Will Take All of Us

A report from occupied Palisade, where Water Protectors confront a dying, but still deadly, energy behemoth.

### Native Pathways

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