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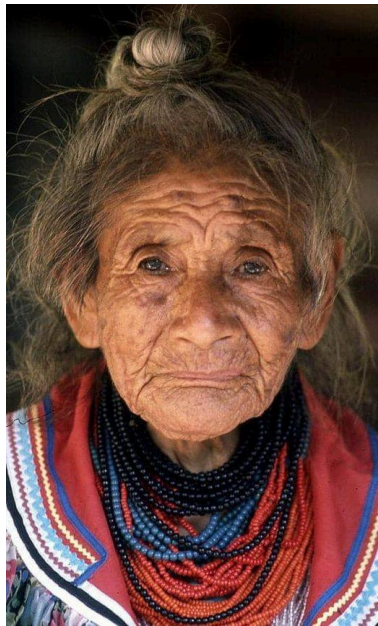
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### **Xindy**

"I am an old woman now. The buffaloes and black-tail deer are gone, and our Indian ways are almost gone. Sometimes I find it hard to believe that I ever lived them.

My little son grew up in the white man's school. He can read books, and he owns cattle and has a farm. He is a leader among our Hidatsa people, helping teach them to follow the white man's road.

He is kind to me. We no longer live in an earth lodge, but in a house with chimneys, and my son's wife cooks by a stove.

But for me, I cannot forget our old ways.

Often in summer I rise at daybreak and steal out to the corn fields, and as I hoe the corn I sing to it, as we did when I was young. No one cares for our corn songs now.

Sometimes in the evening I sit, looking out on the big Missouri. The sun sets, and dusk steals over the water. In the shadows I see again to see our Indian village, with smoke curling upward from the earth lodges, and in the river's roar I hear the yells of the warriors, and the laughter of little children of old.

It is but an old woman's dream. Then I see but shadows and hear only the roar of the river, and tears come into my eyes. Our Indian life, I know, is gone forever."

Waheenee - Hidatsa (North Dakota)



### [Mary Peltola Wins Bid to Serve Full Term in the House for Alaska](#)

Ms. Peltola became the first Alaska Native woman elected to Congress earlier this year when she won a special election in the state.

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## **The US Promised Tribes They Would Always Have Fish, but the Fish They Have Pose Toxic Risks**

*Tony Schick and Maya Miller, ProPublica*

Excerpt: "Salmon heads, fins and tails filled baking trays in the kitchen where Lottie Sam prepped for her tribe's spring feast."

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## **Global Club: Ancient History**

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## **What states offer the best public school systems?**

WalletHub set out to determine which states have the top-ranked school systems from K-12.

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*A book is made from a tree. It is an assemblage of flat, flexible parts (still called 'leaves') imprinted with dark pigmented squiggles. One glance at it and you hear the voice of another person - perhaps someone dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, the author is speaking, clearly and silently, inside your head, directly to you. Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people, citizens of distant epochs, who never knew one another. Books break the shackles of time, proof that humans can work magic.*

*-Carl Sagan, Cosmos*

## **Nevada Women's History Project**

At Friday's Behind The Scenes event, deep in the vault of the Nevada State Museum, curator Anna Camp led us on a fascinating journey of baskets, basket making and so much more. The two hours flew by and we all left a little more knowledgeable and appreciative.

Many thanks to Anna and her assistants for guiding us, the Nevada State Museum for hosting us, and to everyone who made this event possible.



Greetings Relatives!

## **Desert Dogs come to Las Vegas**

An exciting sport based on Indigenous tradition is coming to Las Vegas! Many thanks to the Akwesasne community of the [Strong Roots Charitable Foundation](#) for their support in sharing it with Nevada's Indigenous community! Lacrosse is an ancient sport first practiced by Indigenous Tribes of North America. To the Haudenosaunee, the game is a gift from the Creator, a medicine game for men used for healing and to lift the spirits of the people. A similar version of the game, called "Stickball" is still played by my Tribe and many others!

Join us in welcoming our newest team to Nevada - Las Vegas Desert Dogs Lacrosse!!! The events listed below are open to all Indigenous community members in Nevada. CCSD Indian Education Program will help track RSVPs - **please call 702-799-0303 Option 5** to reserve your seats.

If you are outside of the Las Vegas area and need help with transportation or accommodations to attend, email [Jennifer](#) with Strategies 360 for assistance. Please spread the word and we hope to see you there!

### **1. Youth Lacrosse Clinic**

- *December 3, 2022 @ Las Vegas Sports Park*
- Free to members of the Indigenous community aged 6-17
- No equipment required
- Autograph session with LVDD players following the clinic

### **2. LVDD Opening Night**

- *December 16, 2022 @ Mandalay Bay's Michelob ULTRA Arena*
- Complimentary tickets to all members of Indigenous community
- Would like to facilitate transportation to/from the game
- Wayne Gretzky will be in attendance (he's part-owner of the LVDD)

### **3. LVDD "Indigenous Night" Home Game**

- *February 4, 2023 @ Mandalay Bay's Michelob ULTRA Arena*
- Complimentary tickets to all members of Indigenous community
- Seeking to spotlight Native American culture

Thank you to our sponsors of these events! [Strong Roots Foundation](#) [Las Vegas Desert Dogs](#)



# LAS VEGAS DESERT DOGS

## LACROSSE CLINIC

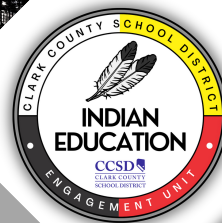
- WHAT:** LAS VEGAS DESERT DOGS FREE COMMUNITY LACROSSE CLINIC
- WHEN:** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 // 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
- WHO:** FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AGED 6-17
- WHERE:** LAS VEGAS SPORTS PARK // 1400 N RAMPART BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89128
- NO EQUIPMENT REQUIRED
  - AUTOGRAPH SESSION WITH DESERT DOGS PLAYERS WILL FOLLOW THE CLINIC

## COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

- WHAT:** LAS VEGAS DESERT DOGS OPENING NIGHT
- WHEN:** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 // 7:30 PM
- WHERE:** MICHELOB ULTRA ARENA AT MANDALAY BAY
- COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS ARE BEING PROVIDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT LAS VEGAS AND THE STATE OF NEVADA.

**RESERVE YOUR SEATS BY CONTACTING US**

-  ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS
-  702-799-0303 OPT 5



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## Native children are still stolen from their families and communities

The Greater Chaco Landscape is a region of great cultural, spiritual, and historical significance to many Pueblos and Native American groups. Yet this incredible landscape is threatened by encroaching oil, gas, and mineral development. Contact your members of Congress today to urge support for the Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act and protect these sacred lands for generations to come. [ACT NOW](#)

For centuries, Native children have been forcefully separated from their families, communities, and cultures.

Indigenous activism secured the passage of the *Indian Child Welfare Act* (ICWA), which prioritizes keeping Native children in their communities. This connection to their culture and identity is essential for children's well-being and their sense of belonging. Child welfare experts agree the gold standard for all protective child services is maintaining ties to extended families and communities.

After 44 years of ICWA being implemented across the US, ICWA has been an important step forward in breaking a long cycle of oppression, and promoting cultural continuity.

But now ICWA is under threat. Earlier this month, our Native communities and allies gathered at the Supreme Court to demonstrate support for ICWA during oral arguments in a crucial court case that will determine the future of this critical law.

[\*\*This Native American Heritage Month, please join the fight to protect our cultures and our children by supporting ICWA, the \*Indian Child Welfare Act\*. Sign now: Stop stealing Native children!\*\*](#)

**ADD YOUR NAME**

This year, at the request of Secretary Deb Haaland, the Department of the Interior released a report detailing how U.S. Indian Boarding Schools abused generations of children, including solitary confinement and forced hair cutting.

For many Indigenous communities, hair is sacred, which added to the pain and trauma upon a recent announcement from Harvard University's Peabody Museum: that they have hair from 700 Native children who were forced into boarding schools.

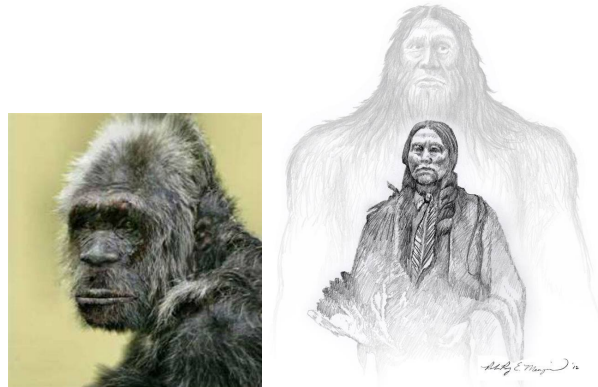
As a Resident Fellow of the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School, I'm standing with Native students on campus who are experiencing trauma and who want to hold the institution accountable.

This horrific legacy continues in the present as part of the U.S. foster care system, where many Native children are still stolen from their families and communities.

Hawwih (*thank you* in Caddo), Judith Le Blanc (Caddo), Executive Director







Jefferson Chief Greywolf

## The Modoc and the Matah Kagmi, Yah'yahaas or Sasquatch

My Grandfather was born in 1853; he later fought in the Modoc War in defense of our Homeland. It was the same story as most defeat, family being murdered and sent away.

Grandfather did not like the Klamath Reservation and soon returned to the part of the country he loved. It was by some very good fortune and help of a white friend in Yreka California he was able to buy some land in the mountains. He built a cabin and lived there from then on until his death in 1935. He fell asleep on a riverbank and never woke up. Grandfather lived a long and eventful life but not always a happy one.

He told me a story when I was a child and never tired of hearing it. His first contact with Matah Kagmi was one evening in the summer of 1897. He was walking along a deer trail near a lake just about dusk, when he saw up ahead something that looked like a tall bush. When he walked closer, he smelled a strong kind of musky odor. He looked closer at the bush and suddenly realized that it was not a bush at all it was covered in a thick coarse hair much like horse hair. He took a step closer but the creature made a sound that sounded like "Nyyaaaah!" Grandfather knew this was what the old ones spoke of "Matah Kagmi".

Although it was growing dark fast, Grandfather was able to see quite clearly two soft brown eyes through all that hair. The creature moved slightly and Grandfather made a motion of friendship and laid down the string of fish he had been carrying. The creature evidently understood this as it snatched up the fish and struck out towards the timber that was nearby. It stopped for a moment and made a sound that my Grandfather never forgot a long low "Aagoooooooooommt".

Grandfather never told anyone outside the family the story, he called them people too. He called them Matah Kagmi.

It was a few weeks after his encounter that he was awakened one morning by some strange noises outside his cabin. Upon investigating, he found a stack of deerskins fresh and ready to be tanned. Off in the distance he heard the strange sound again "Aagoooooooooommt". After this, there were other items left from time to time, wood, acorns, wild berries and fruit.

It was a few years later that he had his second but far more amazing contact with his friend. Grandfather had taken a job with some white men from San Francisco area to help them search for gold that was supposed to be on Mt. Shasta.

Grandfather never much cared for money but times had changed and living off the land was increasingly getting harder and harder. The men had a map and were bound and determined to find that gold they were told was there. Grandfather agreed to show them the area but he could scarcely conceal the fact that he thought all white men were a little crazy that searched for this yellow metal. They stated if he helped them find the Gold, he too would be a rich man. It made no difference to him one way or the other.

After the treasure hunter party had reached the base of Mt. Shasta, they began drinking a lot so Grandfather told them he would go on ahead and explore some of the lower level rock shelves, as they were in no condition to do so themselves. So that next morning he set out up a mountain trail, after a bit of climbing he reached one of the shelves he wished to examine. Then it happened, a timber rattler struck him in the leg without warning.

Grandfather killed the snake and started heading down the mountain trail to a more comfortable spot but soon found it very difficult to continue walking. The best he can remember is that he became sick to his stomach and fainted. When he came too, he thought he must be dreaming for there were three large Matah Kagmi about eight to ten feet tall surrounding him. He noticed they had made a small cut on the snakebite and somehow removed the venom and placed cool moss on the wound. Then one of the Matah Kagmi made a kind of grunting sound and the two lifted him and carried him down a trail he did not know. Finally after some decent down the mountainside they placed him under a low brushy tree and left. Again Grandfather heard their mournful cry “Aagoooooooooummmm”.

After a long while he began to feel better and took his old .44 caliber cap and ball pistol out and began firing off some shots in the air. Finally the gold party found him; Grandfather said nothing about the encounter with the Matah Kagmi.

He was taken back to where the pack mules were tied up and then on to the nearest town where he rested for a few days. He then returned home. Grandfather only told his family about the encounter and after that he would never take any amount of money to go to that region again. He said “it was a Holy Place, Matah Kagmi lives there and they are my friends”.

For many years after that in the still of the evening or sometimes late at night, he would hear the sound he now knew “Aagoooooooooumm” the call of the Matah Kagmi. Grandfather went on to state that they were not vicious but very shy, especially to white men. They generally came out in the evenings and at night. They lived chiefly on roots they dug and berries and only ate meat in the bitterest of cold weather. Their homes are in the deep mountain side Burroughs unknown to any man.

I never grew tired of these stories my Grandfather told me as a boy, he said they were true and I believe him. May his Spirit always know Peace.

*Written by a Modoc Spring of 1970*



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## Thanksgiving Hangover:

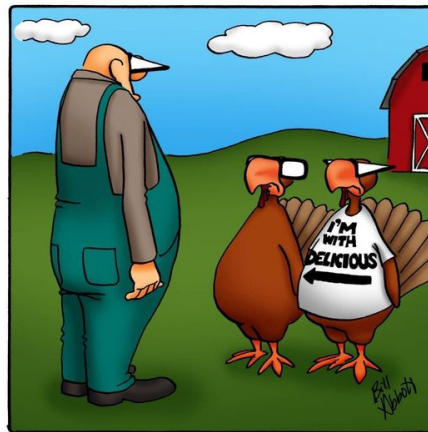
### How some Indigenous chefs observe Thanksgiving -- or don't

In pushing back against the myth of the friendly Indians welcoming the Pilgrims, some Native American chefs are instead celebrating ingredients indigenous to North America and advocating for a return to Native food systems.

Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/AHy1bSO1tRzK2wEpHAKXTSw>

### Native Americans push Thankstaking to reshape a U.S. myth

<https://www.axios.com/2022/11/23/the-rise-of-thankstaking>



### Raccoon Was Once a Thanksgiving Feast Fit for a President

Calvin Coolidge refused to cook the raccoon sent to him, but the critter was a beloved staple for many Americans.

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### How an Unremarkable 'Brunch in the Forest' Turned Into the Thanksgiving We Know

A new Sidedoor podcast dives into the holiday's origins

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## 14 Fun Facts About Turkeys

#8: A turkey's gender can be determined from its droppings

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## 5 Ways to Experience Alaska Native Culture, Heritage and Art

With more than 10,000 years of human history, the state offers boundless opportunities to connect with the living culture of Alaska Native peoples

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### Friday Fun Fact (from “The Current”)

Off the coast of Long Island – the mainland US’ largest and most populous island – are 3 islands known for their mystique and mystery.

The third island – North Dumpling Island – may not even belong to the United States.

In 1986, Dean Kamen – the eccentric inventor of the Segway, among other devices – bought an island for \$2.5M. He wanted to build a wind turbine on it, however local governments prevented him from doing so. To deal with that, he struck a deal with friend and then-president George H. W. Bush: He seceded from the US, and signed a nonaggression pact with the president.

Kamen – who refers to himself as Lord Dumpling – renamed the island North Dumpling Island, and wrote a national anthem, issued a new currency, designed a flag, and adopted a constitution. The island operates on an independent electric grid, fully powered by solar panels and a singular wind turbine.

And in what may have been Dumpling’s most popular move, he appointed the founders of Ben & Jerry’s the island’s Ministers of Ice Cream.

David Hampton planted larch trees in the Douglas fir forest in Oregon to create a smiley face. It returns each fall and makes a happy showing.





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