

# CLOUDTHROAT

*October Headlines*

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## I.

Words You'll **Hear**: Indigenous Peoples Day

The history behind Columbus Day and

Indigenous Peoples Day

Indigenous Peoples' Day: A Growing **Cry** Against Columbus

'Indigenous Peoples' Day' Movement Continues to**Grow**

## II.

Saturday: Fried Spam with eggs, toast, OJ, and Folgers for Mom and Dad. As for me? Alvin and the Chipmunks. From my pillows and blankets and stuffed animals nested in front of the TV, I looked Mom and Dad over at the kitchen table, their faces masked by newspaper.

During commercial break I'd curl on Dad's lap and ask what he was reading about as he rustled through *The Arizona Republic*.

"Just bad news," he'd say.

This is how the world is introduced to children.

### III.

American Indians gather to **celebrate**  
Indigenous Peoples' Day in **Salt Lake City**

**Kentucky** city to celebrate its first Indigenous Peoples' Day

**Alaska** celebrates first permanent Indigenous Peoples Day

**Berkeley** celebrates 25 years of Indigenous Peoples' Day

**Charlottesville** to Celebrate Indigenous People's Day

**Portland** observes Indigenous Peoples Day

**East Lansing** marks Indigenous People's Day in lieu  
of Columbus Day

**Santa Fe** celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day amid  
tensions

New Yorkers **Call** for Indigenous Peoples' Day &  
Removal of Columbus Statue

**Should** Detroit change Columbus Day to  
Indigenous Peoples Day?

Goodbye, Columbus.

Hello, Indigenous Peoples' Day

Indigenous Peoples' Day not recognized in

**Cincinnati again:** Councilmembers, mayor called hypocrites

## IV.

*Piki* bread is what my Hopi grandfather dipped in coffee while reading his Sunday funnies. Assembling *Piki* bread is a laborious process of fining corn kernels into meal which is then mixed with ash and water. The gray, soupy batter is spread across flat stoneware heated by sweet-smelling cedar set aflame. Instantly, the batter bubbles. Fingertips peel the crisp layer off the scalding flat-stone and is rolled into a crunchy scroll.

I haven't had *Piki* bread since Grandpa was alive. That was over 25 years ago.

*Piki* recipes are searchable over the web now.

V.

Indigenous Peoples Day: **4** Things to Know

**5** Young Native Americans On What Indigenous Peoples Day Means To Them

**6** Conflicting Feelings I Have About Indigenous Peoples' Day as a Native Woman

## VI.

Auntie and her wife raise three hellraisers, twins and a boy. They drove across the Arizona border to exchange vows in California where it was legal at the time. When Grannie died, it was a reminder to prepare for the future. But Auntie couldn't legally list her wife as a spouse because it was Arizona, back then, before marriage equality.

In 2015, Auntie's marriage is recognized by Arizona and forty-nine states, Washington DC, and

US territories except for American Samoa and some reservations, including ours, because tribal sovereignty permits authority for tribes to legally govern themselves. This means Auntie hates her job at the tribal casino and hotel for medical benefits the family requires. Tribal healthcare is free for tribal members and their opposite-sexed spouses and children.

Someone will write about this. The headline will read: *3 Hellraisers Raise Hell for Good.*

## VII.

Columbus, your **ship may have sailed**: Indigenous Peoples Day picks up steam

Public weighs in on **changing** holiday to Indigenous Peoples' Day

Why these major cities **celebrate** Indigenous Peoples Day

Should Syracuse school board **replace** Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day? **You vote**

The history behind Columbus Day  
and

Indigenous Peoples Day

Columbus Day

**vs.**

Indigenous People's Day; exploring the controversy

Columbus Day has been controversial since it was established, and its history is even more **gruesome** than you realize

The Columbus Day holiday is **under attack**, and so are statues honoring the famed explorer

In Los Angeles, Columbus Day is **toppled** like a Confederate statue

Just before Columbus Day, journal pulls controversial article **defending colonialism**

**The case for colonialism** Third World Quarterly Vol. 0, Iss. 0,0

## VIII.

My other auntie was a rez school teacher and one hell of a Vin Diesel fan.

And during her teaching tenure, she was raped.

Mom bawled as she told me this story when I was too young to understand: Auntie confronted her rapist eye-to-eye, warning him he desecrated Hopi traditions, sacred norms that outlasted colonial darkness. Auntie never reported her rapist to tribal police. Instead, she let the bastard fight tooth and nail against himself, sentencing him to a long life of guilty ownership that ate him alive. There were no headlines.

## **IX.**

Indigenous Peoples' Day? Italians Say **Stick with Columbus**  
**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS STATUE COVERED ON**  
**LA'S FIRST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

American Indians **Need Help** Not Indigenous People's Day

**Today Is Indigenous Peoples' Day—Here's How You Can Celebrate**

Indigenous Statue **Vandalised** With Red Paint On Columbus Day

Why 'Indigenous Peoples' Day' Is **Far Worse** Than Columbus Day

Replacing Columbus Day with 'Indigenous People's Day'? **Why Not Just Scream 'I Wish I Was Never Even Born!'**

Columbus Day  
and  
Indigenous Peoples Day,  
**the original odd couple**

X.

I toiled over sun-beat rocks and found two circles etched on a boulder. Sweat stung my eyes but it was clear as day: two sun-shaped petroglyphs drawn exactly how I doodled potato people, like two wide lumps with a few squiggle lines.

These petroglyphs are common across the Southwest. Villagers gossiped this is where George Lucas got the idea of a two-sun Tatooine. Others argued it's a sketch of the supernova explosion of CE 1054.

Who to believe, I don't know.

XI.

