Still here and still doing it, indeed! This month’s newsletter is another reflection of the variety of conversations, learning, and fun that can be had at the Peabody Institute. The articles below run the gamut from the origin of the Andover town seal to decoding protest signs related to Native American issues. Oh, and a rundown of all the pets that keep us company while working from home. Enjoy!

Missing the Meaning - Understanding the Material Culture of Protest
Contributed by Lindsay Randall
Recently Peabody Curator of Education and Outreach, Lindsay Randall, collaborated with Dr. Miriam Villanueva of the Department of History and Social Science at Phillips Academy to create a new lesson that focused on both the American Indian Movement and the takeover of Alcatraz Island in 1969 by Native activists. Read on to learn more!

Cutshamache and Cochichawick
Contributed by Ryan Wheeler
What is now called Andover, North Andover, and parts of Lawrence, Massachusetts were once Cochichawick. Indigenous leader Cutshamache transferred the land to English colonists, not through a deed, but rather in an agreement. Read more about Cutshamache and the history of Cochichawick land.

Peabody Pets
Contributed by Emma Lavoie
Pets have always played an important part throughout history and there is regular evidence of this in the archaeological record. May 2021 marks National Pet month and what better way to celebrate than to feature the furry friends of the Peabody’s staff! Meet our pets here!

Diggin’ In: Peabody and MAS Digital Lecture Series
Upcoming Episode Date: Season 2, Episode 10 - June 2, 2021
This series showcases live presentations with archaeologists from across the United States who will take questions directly from you! Different topics will be covered during each 30-minute episode, which start live at 1:30 pm (EST) every other Wednesday and will be posted to YouTube afterwards.

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On the Cover
It has been a little over a year since the pandemic began and the Peabody had to close its doors to the public. Although we may still not open our doors or allow people to gather, the Peabody continues to thrive. Our staff continue to work diligently in preserving the collection and bringing our work through education and outreach to YOU! The Peabody has kept busy with many projects such as NAGPRA repatriation, creating and sharing digital resources, and rehousing the collections. Stay up to date on our efforts through our social media and blogs!