



## **Chipeta: Queen of the Utes**

By Cynthia S. Becker and P. David Smith



Chipeta originally became famous as Ute Chief Ouray's wife and she was trusted confidant and a beautiful, faithful companion. Later she was to blossom in her own right. Although the title was first used as a derogatory remark, Chipeta eventually became "queen" of both the whites and the Utes (even though she was born a Kiowa Apache). She was even talked about by the press and elite of Washington, D.C. and met with President Taft. Chipeta was often a silent presence when Ouray met with the other Ute chiefs, and after his death many Utes still sought her opinion, welcomed her presence at important meetings, and even recommended her to represent them as a delegate to lobby the United States Congress.

Chipeta outlived Ouray by almost half a century. During part of this time she was ignored, forgotten, and even cheated by the whites, although immediately after Ouray's death many suitors had courted her and men wrote poetry about her. Then in her old age whites honored her again on many special occasions. Although she could not have children of her own, she "adopted" many orphaned Utes. Chipeta played the guitar well, sang beautifully in three languages, and was well known for her exquisite beadwork. Perhaps her greatest legacy was that through all that happened to her, she did not become embittered and remained a humble, caring, loving person. Chipeta was a special individual that we would all do well to emulate.



### Tacos

Carne Asada ~ marinated with parsley and lemon 3

Adobado Pork ~ marinated with red chili adobo and pineapple 3

Grilled Chicken ~ marinated with lemon, garlic and parsley 3

Beef Cheeks ~ steamed with herbs 3

Grilled Fish ~ marinated with butter and soy sauce 3

All tacos are served with beans, lettuce or cabbage, onion, cilantro and pico de gallo  
choice of sauces ~ cilantro and tomatillo sauce or  
avocado jalapeño sauce or tomato and red chili sauce

### Sushi Rolls

Spider Roll ~ with avocado, cucumber, mango and tobiko 14

Spicy Tuna Roll ~ with avocado, mango, cucumber and kaiware 16

Spicy Salmon Roll ~ with cucumber, avocado, kaiware and peanut miso sauce 16

Veggie Roll ~ with broccolini, cucumber, kaiware and avocado (6 pieces) 12

Crab Roll ~ with apple, avocado and tempura crunches 14

### Drinks

Mexican Coke 3

Sprite 2

Diet Coke 2

Ginger Ale 2

Cucumber Cocktail 8

Mango Cocktail 8

Mojito 10

\* These items may be served raw or under cooked based on your specifications, or contain raw or under cooked ingredients. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.