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Minnesota Judge: Rules Against Tribes in Electronic Pull-Tabs Dispute

Source: Indian Country Today

Electronic pull-tabs, the source of public funding for U.S. Bank Stadium, survived a legal challenge by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.



A state administrative law judge ruled that the e-pull-tabs offered in bars by charitable organizations don't infringe on the exclusive rights of the state's Indian tribes to operate video slot machines.

The signature element of slot machines is the spinning wheel, Judge Barbara Case wrote, adding: "The mere push of a button is too far attenuated to constitute 'mimicking' of a slot machine."

The judge heard oral arguments in late February 2020.

The Legislature legalized e-pull-tabs in 2012 as part of the deal to build a new stadium for the Vikings. The video pull-tabs were designed to provide the \$30 million needed annually to make payments on the state's share of the

stadium debt and operating costs.

The games caught on slowly. In the first year, fiscal 2013, e-pull-tabs brought in \$16 million. But in the most recent fiscal year that ended June 2019, e-pull-tabs brought in \$596 million.

Led by the Mdewakanton Sioux, several tribes filed a challenge to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board, saying the "open-all" feature of e-pull-tabs threatened their business. With paper pull-tabs, each window must be ripped open.

Under the compacts negotiated with the state three decades ago, Minnesota tribes have exclusive rights to operate slot machines on their reservations.

Native American Smudging

Source: Shayne's Journal May 26, 2020 #4686 * From Pow Wow .com



Native American smudging is an act that illuminates something primordial within people, connecting both smoke with spirituality in remarkable ways. This is a common ceremonial ritual amongst the ingenious people, held closely within these cultures to purify, spiritually cleanse, and bless. So, whether you are a Native American yourself, or simply want to know more about the culture to expand your insights, then understanding smudging is undoubtedly an area to not overlook.

What Is Native American Smudging?

In order to fully grasp the concept and potentially do this ritualized act yourself, first we must take a look at what smudging is exactly. By definition, smudging is a ceremony that consists of burning plant herbs and resins in either a clay or shelled bowl while prayers are being done. This results in a smoke cloud formation that is believed to cleanse the air and those within it.

Smudging is, in fact, the most popular

ritual used to clear people and places of elements that are not serving them any good. As a whole, smudging is used in nearly every native culture within the western hemisphere and has played an active role for centuries.

There are several reasons why someone would conduct a smudging session, but in general, it is to better the lives of people and the places they live. It is the bridge between mortal life and higher realms, bringing in good spirits and eliminating any negative, stagnant ones. It lifts away any sadness, impurities, anxieties, and remedies poor health, leaving nothing but peace and harmony for both individuals and the environment after the cleansing.

Historical Native Americans believed that the power of herbs and healing are the optimal solutions to rid the body or environment of unwanted thoughts, feelings, spirits, and energy to promote a much better wellbeing. The respect of Mother Nature and using the gifts that the earth

GOP Sue California Gov. Newsom, Over His Vote-by-Mail Order



the November 2020 election cycle, read the complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

"This brazen power grab was not authorized by state law and violates both the Elections Clause and Electors Clause of the U.S. Constitution."

The lawsuit claimed Newsom *"has created a recipe for disaster by ordering ballots be sent to everyone registered to vote including inactive voters, arguing that "it invites fraud."*

GOP groups sue California Gov. Newsom, claim vote-by-mail order is 'brazen power grab'

The Republican National Committee, National Republican Congressional Committee and California Republican Party sued Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state's Secretary of State Alex Padilla, claiming an executive order sending mail-in ballots to all registered voters in the state is an "illegal power grab" that invites potential fraud.

Newsom's order, aimed at allowing voters to avoid exposure to coronavirus, will send ballots to all registered voters including inactive voters.

This has led to concerns that ballots sent to people who have moved or died will end up being filled out and submitted anyway unless voter rolls are inspected and cleaned out before ballots are mailed. Many Republicans have expressed concern that Democrats could try using these ballots improperly, to swing races in their favor.

Former Rep. Darrell Issa said on 'Fox and Friends that he's challenging California Gov. Gavin Newsom's executive order for an all mail-in ballot election.

"In a direct usurpation of the legislature's authority, Governor Newsom issued an executive order purporting to rewrite the entire election code for

The Republicans also claimed such large-scale mail-in voting could lead to misconduct involving third-party ballot collectors.

The complaint sought an injunction against the order's enforcement and declaratory judgment from the court deeming it unlawful.

"Democrats continue to use this pandemic as a ploy to implement their partisan election agenda, and Governor Newsom's executive order is the latest direct assault on the integrity of our elections," RNC Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel said in a statement. *"Newsom's illegal power grab is a recipe for disaster that would destroy the confidence Californians deserve to have in the security of their vote."*



Former Rep. Darrell Issa, photo above is the GOP candidate for the 50th Congressional District CA

Pastor Darrell Scott: Donald Trump Is the Most Pro-Black President in my Lifetime

Source: Western Journal y C. Douglas Golden, Published May 23, 2020
Contributed by Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA

Pastor Darrell Scott is on *howe's administration.* HUD Secretary Ben Carhis 12th president, so he knows a bit about the effect they've had on the black community.

And, according to him, President Donald Trump has been the best president for the black community he's experienced in his lifetime.

Scott — pastor of the New Spirit Revival Center in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and a close ally of the president — made the remarks at a roundtable discussion in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

"I said it before unashamedly and I say it again: This president has been — I've lived under 12 presidential administrations,"

Scott said during the listening session with African-American leaders.

"I was born during Eisen-

hower's administration. This president has been the most pro-black President in my lifetime. But when I say 'pro,' I'm saying pro in the sense of being proactive."

"He's been proactive, rather than reactive, to issues concerning minority, underserved and disadvantaged communities than any other president in my lifetime."

"I really believe history is going to be kinder to you, Mr. President, than the fake news media is today,"

Scott concluded. *"Can't be any worse,"* the president joked before thanking Scott.

Scott was one of a number of people in Michigan to discuss the coronavirus' impact on minority communities.

son and Scott Turner of the White House Opportunity Revitalization Council were also in attendance.

"As our nation battles the invisible enemy, African American communities have been hit very hard, including in Detroit," Trump said during the event.

"As you know, it's been a very, very difficult time for certain areas of this country. Detroit happens to be one of them," he said.

"My administration is working relentlessly to rush supplies and resources to these communities and to protect the health, safety and economic opportunity of all African-Americans and all Americans."

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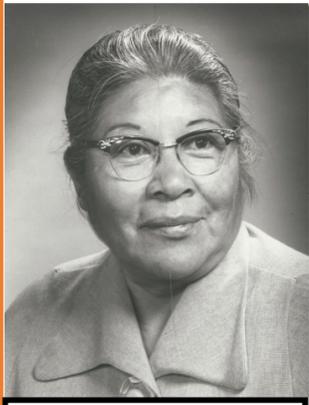
Malki Museum

Est. 1964

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

The 2020 Malki Museum Traditional Memorial Day Celebration Was Cancelled For The First Time in Over 50-Years

Mrs. Jane Penn, a cultural leader on the Malki Cahuilla reservation near the City of Banning, California (which was later renamed Morongo Reservation), in 1958 had visualized a reservation museum and cultural preservation center where she could display her extensive collection of Cahuilla artifacts and educational resource for the tribal members.



May 6, 1910 - March 22, 1980

Being a wise person she understood her shortcomings in her organizational and limited resources, she enlisted the help of her life long friend, Katherine Siva Saubel. Together they were unstoppable as proven by history.

Her vision was beyond the reservation borders, in addition to preserving the culture and for Malki to be the center of knowledge and a place to expose this knowledge, she wanted a place where non-Indians could come and learn that Indian people should be respected.

With the help of Lowell John Bean, who was an anthropology graduate student at that time and a good friend of Katherine Saubel and in 1964 the small group of supporters obtained a non-profit status for the Malki Museum on the Morongo Indian Reservation near Banning, California.

The small group of supporters were Penn's husband Elmer Katherine's and her husband Mariano, Alvino Siva, Jane's brothers, Bill, Walter and Eugene Holmes, Robert Levi and John and Mary Ann Andrea and Anthony "Biff" Andreas.



Mary Ann Martin Andrea later served as the Tribal Chairwoman for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians as well as serving on the Malki Board of Directors.

She is a strong advocate against substance abuse, domestic violence and child abuse.

During the sixties and seventies John and Biff kept the Birds alive as no other group in southern California were singing the Birds. On most occasions Bill, Walter or Gene Holmes (Morongo) accompanied them.

The Malki Museum, was the first non profit museum on an Indian reservation in the Nation and opened its doors to the public in February 1965, and continues to display artifacts from prehistoric times to this day.

The Malki Press, the museum's publishing arm, recently purchased Ballena Press from authors Lowell John Bean and Sylvia Brakke Vane, enabling the museum to continue to publish scholarly works on Southern California's Native Americans.

Saubel's research has appeared internationally in government, academic and museum publications. Her knowledge of Cahuilla ethnobotany and tribal affairs has prompted state and federal legislative committees to seek out her testimony.



March 7, 1920 - Nov. 1, 2011

Past and current governors of California have honored her, and she has been appointed to numerous commissions and agencies.

Most visitors to the annual Malki Memorial Celebration never pay attention to the Ramadas." They are just part of the scenery. Once a year they are covered with fresh palm fans. However, the basic frame structure is constructed with used telephone poles and redwood cross beams.

John and Anthony "Biff" Andreas led a crew of tribal guy from the sounding reservations in the early 70's, over a three day period with the building of the "Ramadas" I think it was in 1972 but my memory never was that good to begin with so I can't blame it on getting old.



To say Mrs. Penn and Mrs. Saubel were highly intelligent and strong women would be an understatement, together they were unstoppable. They will live forever in our hearts and minds and at Malki.



Photo above shows Jane Penn and Katherine Saubel posting a dream and the dream come true below.



The building of the museum facility took a bit longer and John and Biff were front and center. And, Mary Ann wasn't far off. Someone had to be in charge.



Salvador Lopez, a tribal member of the Torres Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla Indians demonstrates the art of fire-eating. I think this qualifies as a "Don't try this at home folks" warning.

Seated is Gene Pablo, Jane Penn's nephew, standing behind him is Kenneth "Candy" Torte from Santa Rosa and standing to his left is Elijah Smith, long time Principal of Sherman Indian School in Riverside CA.

Malki Museum Traditional Memorial Day Celebration

Photo Contributed by Patricia Andreas.

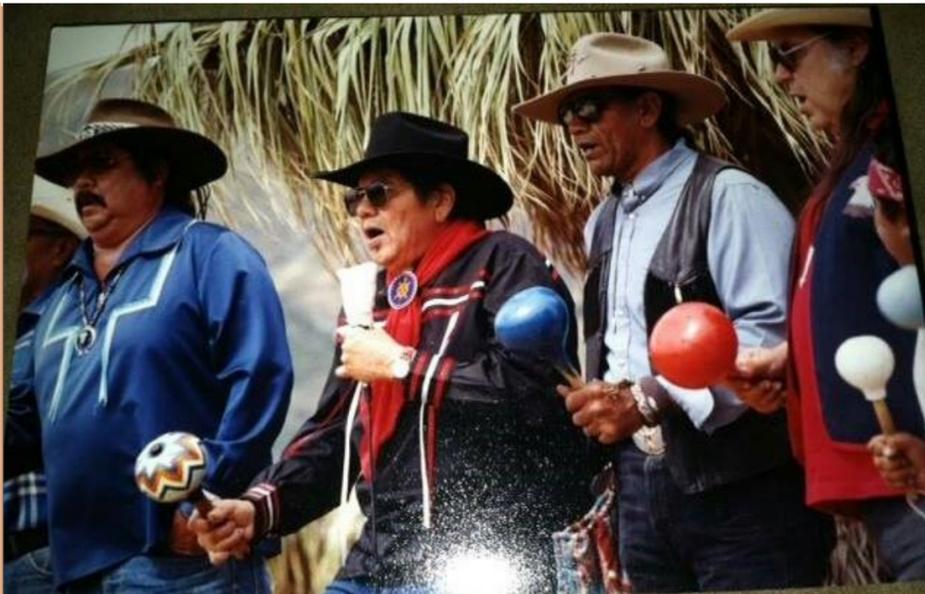
The photo on the right (Mid 70's) of the Cahuilla Bird Singer at the Malki Museum Memorial Day celebration

(Left to right) John and Anthony "Biff" Andreas, Walter (Boyce) Holmes and Paul Apodaca.

During the sixties and seventies John and Biff kept the Birds alive as no other group in southern California were singing the Birds.

On most occasions Bill, Walter and Gene Holmes (Morongo) accompanied them. Alvino Siva (Los Coyotes Indian Reservation) and Robert Levi (Torres Martinez Indian Reservation) also participate with the Andreas brothers. All of them contributed to the establishment of the Malki Museum.

Thousands of people have attended annual celebration over the .years



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The Psychology of Turkeys

This section is dedicated to the insane actions, decisions and policies made by our would be leaders.

My View By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.,

N.Y. Times marks Memorial Day by asking 'Why does the U.S. military celebrate white supremacy?'

Source: By Jack Davis, The Western Journal Published May 25, 2020
Editors Note by Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

The New York Times editorial board painted the U.S. military with the broad brush of racism on Memorial Day weekend in an editorial demanding the armed forces rename any facility that bears the name of a Confederate officer.

"Military installations that celebrate white supremacist traitors have loomed steadily larger in the civic landscape since the country began closing smaller bases and consolidating its forces on larger ones," The Times said Saturday, May 23, 2020.

"Bases named for men who sought to destroy the Union in the name of racial injustice are an insult to the ideals servicemen and women are sworn to uphold – and an embarrassing artifact of the time when the military itself embraced anti-American values. It is long past time for those bases to be re-named," the editorial board said.

Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Rath Hoffman fired back on Twitter. "On a solemn day for remembering those that have given their lives for our country fighting against tyranny and subjugation,

the NYT has more than a million possible stories of the ultimate sacrifice by American patriots that they could tell. But they don't," he tweeted.

"Instead they chose to attack the US military - the most diverse meritocracy in the country and the most powerful force for good in world history," Hoffman said. "We have many stories of valor still waiting to be told this Memorial Day weekend."

The editorial board said the "toxic legacy" of the Confederacy and what it proclaimed as links between the Confederate flag, white supremacy and Nazism "clings to the 10 United States military installations across the South that were named for Confederate Army officers during the first half of the 20th century."

Editors Note by Ernie C. Salgado Jr.: However, the Times article failed to mention that the Southern Confederacy was controlled by Democrats! So my question is that since the Democratic Party were the predominate political party supporting slavery and a hundred years later opposing the Civil Rights Movement into the 70's - should it be disbanded and its members be removed from Congress? After all they represent the hatred, bigotry and racist ideology that drove them to treason as the Time put it.



The Times then attacked Gen. George Pickett, whose famous charge at Gettysburg has made him a legend and for whom Fort Pickett in Virginia is named; Gen. Henry Benning, for whom Fort Benning in Georgia is named; Gen. John Gordon of Georgia, for whom Georgia's Fort Gordon is named; and former Gen. Braxton Bragg, for whom Fort Bragg in North Carolina is named.

It said that the men for whom the forts are named "were traitors. These rebel officers, who were willing to destroy the United States to keep black people in chains, are synonymous with the racist ideology that drove them to treason."

Question for Congress: If wearing a mask is safe, why was the Nations economy shut down?

Gun Control Under Control in Chicago - 49 Shot, 10 Dead

Source: Conservative Institute * May 26, 2020

In addition to the 10 who were killed, another 39 people suffered non-fatal injuries in shootings over the long weekend, the Sun Times reported. Among them were two 15-year-old victims hit in separate attacks, with one of the two known to be in critical condition, according to local media outlet WGN.

However, gun violence in the Windy City is by no means limited to holidays, and it is not unusual for multiple people to be targeted at the same time.

Shootings such as those seen over the Memorial Day weekend are frustratingly common occurrences in Chicago despite the city having some of America's most stringent firearm regulations.

In Illinois, residents must first obtain a license before they can purchase a firearm, and Chicago imposes additional re-

strictions on "assault weapons" and magazine capacity. What's more, although the state began issuing concealed handgun permits in 2013, Chicago continues to make them exceedingly difficult to obtain.

The Chicago Tribune reported that prior to the holiday stretch, Chicago Police Superintendent David Brown launched a "summer operations center" designed to consolidate law enforcement resources in an effort to reduce gun violence over the warmer months.

Given this weekend's deadly developments, however, it looks as though things have not gotten off to a promising start.

Fox News reported that the recent carnage represented Chicago's worst Memorial Day weekend since 2015, when the body count reached 12.

Biden Rules on who is Black!

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, showed how much damage he could do to his own campaign even from the confines of his Wilmington, Delaware, basement. Appearing on influential African-American radio show "The Breakfast Club," Biden went as far as to suggest that African-Americans who don't support him may not be sufficiently melanin-enhanced.

"If you have a problem figuring out whether you're for me or Trump, then you ain't black," Biden said. Biden would later walk back those comments, because of course he did.

In a call with black business leaders, he said that he had been "much too cavalier" in making the remarks, according to Politico.

However, he was also pretty wrong as these things go.

Before the novel coronavirus took an ax to the American economy, it's worth noting black unemployment was regularly reaching historic lows – something that didn't happen under the Obama administration.

When it comes to whether black Americans should support Trump or Biden, Democrats seem to think it's a no-brainer.

And it is – just not the way Democrats would like to think, not only because of Biden's condescending, racist remarks on the matter, but also because of the economic mobility the Trump administration has given voters of color.

But yet, Trump is the racist. Right.

The Unemployed Americans



While Americans line up to get food for their families during the shut down, Socialist Democrat leader, Nancy Pelosi eats \$13-\$15 gourmet ice cream bars in her \$7 million dollar mansion in San Francisco and demands millions for illegals and delays aid for American workers. And Socialist Democrat Governors stall the reopening of the Nations economy. Remember this on November 3, 2020!

Democratic Governors Nursing Home Orders Cause 15,000 to 20,000 of the Covid-19 Deaths

Several news reports have stated that the Democratic Governors, following Governor Cuomo's lead in ordering nursing home to admit people infected with coronavirus may have caused the unnecessary deaths of 15,000 to 20,000 elders.

The nursing homes objected to the orders because they did not have the medical equipment nor the trained staff to provide adequate care for the infected people nor did they have the ability to protect the current residences. Their protect was met with

threats of loss of their licenses, fines and imprisonment. Abuse of power? It would appear so, but it is President Trump that is scheduled for investigation for mismanagement of the coronavirus crisis. Another Russia and Ukraine hoax at a cost of millions of taxpayer dollars. Yet, former Vice President Joe Biden and current Democrat Presidential candidate is shown on national television bragging about how he forcing the Ukraine President to fire the investigator looking into the company that paid his son

\$80,000 a month. And to this day nothing has been done about this illegal action.

Think about this for minute, 15 to 20 percent of the deaths attributed to the covid-19 was caused by the dumb-ass decisions make by the Democrats.

And now they want us to believe that they have their crap together and want to prolong the shut-down by not allowing the American people to go back to work and small businesses not to open.

Wait, let me fix my "Tm a Dummy sign."

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COVID-19 Emergency Help!

Are you recently unemployed OR laid-off due to the CORONAVIRUS crisis?
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Charlie Two Doggs Corner “One Day At A Time”

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

Remember me? My name is Charlie Two Doggs, I was introduced to you in February as your new “Imaginary” American Indian Reporter advocate for the elimination of Alcohol and the Abuse of other drugs and Domestic Violence in Indian Country and the return to Tribal Customs, Values and Traditions.

For clarification, my message on Alcohol and the Abuse of other drugs and Domestic Violence has no racial, sexes or wealth barriers. It’s an equal opportunity disease/illness.

However, for the purpose of this publication I will be dealing with the American Indian Tribal Community.

In Indian Country these issues are as real as it gets as the horrors that many tribal families have endured from Domestic Violence would make Freddie Kruger look like a saint.

Again, my preference is the 12-step program offered by AA and NA.

God granted us free will and understanding this basic concept

we have the power of choice. *higher power to remove our shortcomings.*
 You can chose to get sober or drink your self to an early death.

Almost every town or city in the Country have AA or NA meetings. Check you local paper, church, Internet or ask someone. *Make sure you have a dollar for the offering. If not go anyway, no one cares, everyone is just like you, looking for sobriety.*

The original (AA) Alcoholics Anonymous 12-steps.

- 1) *We admitted we are powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.*
- 2) *Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.*
- 3) *Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God or higher power as we understood Him or it.*
- 4) *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.*
- 5) *Admitted to God or higher power, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.*
- 6) *Were entirely ready to have God or higher power remove all these defects of character.*
- 7) *Humbly asked Him or the*

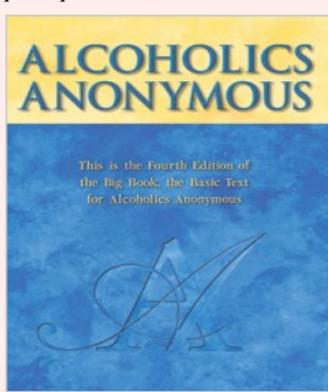
8) *Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.*

9) *Make direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.*

10) *Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.*

11) *Seek through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.*

12) *Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*



Tribes To Distribute CARES Act funds to Tribal Members

Source: Indian Country Today

For Jennie Collins, any financial relief can go a long way in the COVID-19 era. Collins learned that her tribe planned to directly disburse a portion of its relief funds to citizens' pockets.

The aid comes from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act.

Collins, Ponca, had worked for an inventory company before being furloughed and depended on her savings and unemployment dollars to get by. Now, some unexpected but needed dollars are coming from the tribe.

The Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma was one of the first in Indian Country to say it was helping citizens directly with money.

“This council puts the needs of members first,” Carla Carney the tribe’s secretary treasurer, said. *“We strive to help our members all across the country in this time of uncertainty.”*

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the White Mountain Apache Tribe announced similar direct payments to citizens.

Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood of the White Mountain Apache said the council approved the direct payment to it members.

A Harvard study said the Treasury Department relied on “grossly inaccurate” data in deciding how to divvy up the first round of relief money for tribes. The housing block program data was used.

The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe said it was using stimulus funding to give to citizens.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation received \$282 million in funding. Acting Secretary Terra Branson. She said the tribe is vetting the idea of a payment to its 90,000 citizens.

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“What Does Separation of Church and State Mean?”

PragerU * By John Eastman - May 25, 2020 * Contributed by Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA

Almost everyone has heard of the doctrine of the "separation of church and state." Most Americans believe that it's in the United States Constitution.

But there is no such phrase in the Constitution.

And there never was—for a simple reason: The Founding Fathers never intended for church and state to be completely separate. They saw religion—specifically religions based on the Bible—as indispensable to the moral foundation of the nation they were creating.

So, where does that phrase come from? It comes from one brief letter that Thomas Jefferson wrote to the Danbury Baptist Association in 1802.

At the end of a very long sentence in which Jefferson affirms his conviction that religious belief should be a private matter, and that the government should not interfere with such matters, he uses the phrase “building a wall of separation between Church & State.”

And that’s where the phrase lived, undisturbed—lost in Jefferson’s voluminous correspondence—for almost 150 years. But more on that in a moment.

First, let’s discuss what the Constitution actually does say about religion and its role in public life. The answer is found in the First Amendment to the Constitution. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,

or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

It’s plain what those words mean. The federal government could not establish a national religion, the common practice in Europe. The United States was going to be different. Americans would be free to follow the religion of their choice.

When James Madison first proposed what eventually became the First Amendment, his original wording was that "no religion shall be established" by Congress. But that language was later modified after it was pointed out that this might be taken to mean that the government, including the state governments, had no interest in religion at all. The Founders did not want this.

As George Washington said in his Farewell Address, "Religion and morality are indispensable supports of our political prosperity." Washington’s view remained the nation’s view throughout the 19th century and into the twentieth, but that changed in 1947.

In that year, in the case of *Everson v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision that under the First Amendment, neither a state nor the Federal Government could "pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another."

For the first time in American history,

the First Amendment was not only about the prohibition of establishing a national religion, it was also about not giving any encouragement to *any* religion.

The modern “strict separation” view was born. And where did the five Justices look for support for their argument? Not the Constitution, because there was nothing in the Constitution to help them, but to that one phrase Thomas Jefferson wrote back in 1802.

How ironic, that the author of the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the proposition that human beings have inalienable rights from their “Creator,” and not from government, was now being used to separate religion from the public square.

For Jefferson and the other Founders, religion was central to the entire American project. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are just two of countless examples where the government acknowledges its debt to God.

As the famously liberal Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas wrote in the case of *Zorach v. Clausen* just five years after the *Everson* decision, "We are a religious people, whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."

The Founders would certainly have agreed. Following *Everson*, the nation’s moral infrastructure began to crack—at

first slowly and then more rapidly. In 1962, the Supreme Court struck another blow. It ruled in *Engel v. Vitale* that a generic school prayer violated the Court’s new definition of the First Amendment.

Listen to the words of that school prayer: “Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country. Amen.”

The prayer was not specific to Christianity or any religion. Since then, the "separation of Church and State" metaphor has been used to remove God and religion, piece by piece, from American public life. Are we a better society for it? It’s hard to argue that we are. Almost every cultural and ethical indicator—marriage rates, birthrates, the number of Americans giving to charity—has declined since God and religion have faded from American life.

Meanwhile, children without fathers in their lives, behavioral problems in schools, and crime have gone up dramatically. And all because of one vote, in one court case, based on one sentence in one letter. On such things do nations and history turn.

I’m John Eastman, Professor of Law at Chapman University and a Senior Fellow at the Claremont Institute, for Prager University.

Big Bad Don! He Is My President

Contributed by Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA

Just consider this...when you think my President is a jerk;

He’s a New Yorker. He’s crude and can be rude.

He gets his feelings hurt and he’s a hot head.

He hits back; harder. And he should Tweet less.

Let me tell you what else he is. He is a guy that demands performance.

He is a guy that asks lots of questions. The questions he asks aren’t cloaked in fancy “political” phrases; they are “why the hell...” questions.

For decades the health industry has thrown away billions of face masks after one use. Trump asks, “why the hell are we throwing them away? Why not sterilize them and use them numerous times?”

He’s the guy that gets hospital ships readied in one week when it would have taken a bureaucrat weeks or months to get it done.

He’s the guy that gets temporary hospitals built in three days.

He’s the guy that gets auto industries to restructure to build ventilators in a business that’s highly regulated by agencies that move like sloths.

He’s the guy that asks “why aren’t we using drugs that might work on people that are dying; what the hell do we have to lose?”

He’s the guy that restricted travel from China when the Democrats and liberal media were screaming “xenophobia” and “racist.”

Now they’re wanting to know why didn’t he react sooner?

He’s the guy that campaigned on securing the border - protecting America - in the face of screaming Democrats and the liberal media. When he shut down borders in the midst of the coronavirus virus, they screamed louder.

Then the rest of the world followed suit, including the European Union with travel between their member countries

Has he made mistakes? Yes. Everyone I know has and does.

The “experts” wouldn’t and haven’t done any better.

Trump is working harder than I’ve ever seen a President work. Twenty-four hour days. He isn’t hiding in his office; he’s out front - Briefing - every day. When he offers hope, he’s lying and when he’s straight forward, he should be hopeful. It’s a no-win situation, but he’ll not be deterred.

I’ll take this kind of leadership six days a week and twice on Sunday over a “polished, nice guy” politician who reads prepared speeches from a teleprompter and answers pre-scripted questions.

And he doesn’t support ISIS by giving Iran \$500-billion dollars.

Saul Alinsky’s “8-steps to Create a Socialist State

By Eric C. Salgado Jr.

I know it appear that I’m redundant with the continued posting of Saul Alinsky’s “8-steps to Create a Socialist State” that is the bedrock of the American Socialist Democratic Party. But, I believe it’s important for you to understanding want it means.

Who was Saul Alinsky? He was an American community organizer and writer. He is generally considered to be the founder of modern community organizing. He is often noted for his book *Rules for Radicals (1971)* and his “8-steps to topple a nation and create a socialist state” which are as follows: ← →

1) **Healthcare** — Control healthcare and you control the people.

Obamacare was the first step and it remain at the top of the Socialist Democrats agenda. It has nothing to do with the health of the American people. it is the control of the health care that is the goal.

2) **Poverty** — Increase the Poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live.

Look back at the unemployment rate under during the Obama years and the number of people I food stamps. The hundreds of job killing regulation was just one if the strategies used to prevent the creation of jobs. The “Green Movement” is also a major ploy.

And the shut down of American and the resistance of the majority of the Socialist Democratic States to re-open.

3) **Debt** — Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.

The Obama administration increased the National debt over one trillion dollars a year during his 8-years in office. Karl Marks would have been proud of him. AND currently both parties are spending like barroom drunks, with over \$3-trillions and another \$3 more in the hopper. While the solution is simple, let the American people go back to work.

4) **Gun Control** — Remove the ability to defend themselves from the Government. That way you are able to create a police state.

Chicago comes to mind as the best example of the success of gun control. History tells us that every country that has succeeded in “Gun Control” became a dictatorship. Hell just look at the excess of power exercised during the shut down by many of the Socialist Democratic Governors, mayors and judges. And they have even taken away our guns yet.

5) **Welfare** — Take control of every aspect of their lives (Food, Housing, and Income)

You bet, and again just look at what is happening now!

6) **Education** — Take control of what people read and listen to— take control of what children learn in school.

This has been done while America was asleep. The unions took over the education system from daycare to postgraduate. No pledge of allegiants, no prayer, no discipline and no academic competences. Watch the subtle Socialist messages in the cartoons the children watch. It didn’t happen overnight, it has been 60-years in the making.

7) **Religion** — Remove the belief in the God from the Government and schools.

“They cling to their bibles and their guns.” Obama told a group of supporters in San Francisco as part if the demonization of religion in America, The ACLU has used the Constitutional Amendment of separation of church and state to remove any reference of God from the Government facilities and public schools. And during the current pandemic crisis the Socialist Democratic Governors, mayors and judges have come down hard on church’s. But the irony is that many of these church goers will continue to vote for them.

8) **Class Warfare** — Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to tax the wealthy with the support of the poor.

Here is irony at its finest. Only one percent of the population in America are millionaires while fifty percent of the members of congress are millionaires and half are Socialist Democrats.

Class warfare has nothing to do with wealth it is just another way to control the people and the said thong is that they buy onto it lock, stock and barrel. And have been falling for the class warfare ploy for centuries.

Another Question:

Why isn’t Congress investigating Governor Como for his order forcing the convalescent homes in New York to admit elders that tested positive for the coronavirus causing thousands of deaths that may have been prevented?

Yet, the Socialist Democrats in the House of Representatives are in the process of investigating President Trumps handling of the crisis. Is there no end to their insanity?

The answer to this question is yes! On November 3, 2020 we have the opportunity to stop the distraction from the needs of the working American and making America GREATER!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR—JUNE 2020

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June 1st, 2020. • 1pm. *UAII, Native Women in The Workplace Virtual Summit*. This is a 6-part training; all participants must attend all 6 sessions. Additional dates June 8, 15, 22, 29, and July 6. Participation limited to 25 individuals. Register: <https://bit.ly/uaiinwsummit> (213) 202-3970, <http://uaaii.org/>

June 1st - 4th, 2020. • 10am to 11:30am PT. WEBINAR SERIES. *QuaranTICA*, Webinar Series for Tribal In-House Attorneys to address COVID-19 concerns. Register: <https://tica.wildapricot.org/events>

June 1st - 5th, 2020. • *Tuition Free: Tribal Probation Academy*. Event organized by National Criminal Justice Training Center. LOCATION: Fox Valley Tech, Public Safety Training Center, W6400 County Rd BB, Appleton, WI 54914. CONTACT: Greg Brown, (303) 579-7944, browngr@fvtc.edu Register: <https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/training/details/TR00000087/TRI0009774/tribal-probation-academy>

June 1st - 5th, 2020. • *NICWA Virtual Training Institute: Enhancing Basic skills for Tribal First Nations Child Welfare Workers*. Additional dates June 17th - 18th. <http://ow.ly/Xq0s50zuFUF> CONTACT: training@nicwa.org

Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020. • WEBINAR, *“Healing-Centered Engagement & Trauma Informed Care, Dr. Shawn Ginwright, Ph.D.” Two Feathers Native American Family Services - NAFS Virtual Indigenous Speaker Series*. <https://twofeathers-nafs.org/> CONTACT: (707) 839-1933. Live on “Two Feathers-NAFS, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2FeathersNAFS/>

Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020. • 2 pm - 3:30pm. EDT WEBINAR, *“Presidential task force on missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska remote listening sessions.”* Tribes in BIA’s Midwest and Great Plains Regions (*Tribal land located in Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, North Dakota and Nebraska*). Session will include a short presentation about the current activities of the task force, followed by a listening session. Registration: <https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/>. Operation Lady Justice, https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020. • 6:30pm to 8pm. *First Tuesday - Women’s Talking Circle*. Online conference. CONTACT: Mary Crist, (951) 689-0642, mcristusa@gmail.com

June 2nd - 4th, 2020. • *NICWA June Training Institute*. <https://www.nicwa.org/training-institutes/> LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Portland-Downtown Convention Center, 1441 NE 2nd Ave., Portland, OR 97232. CONTACT: Sarah Wittman, training@nicwa.org

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020. • WEBINAR, *“Rewriting the Future, Julian Brave NoiseCat.” Two Feathers Native American Family Services - NAFS Virtual Indigenous Speaker Series*. <https://twofeathers-nafs.org/> CONTACT: (707) 839-1933. Live on “Two Feathers-NAFS, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2FeathersNAFS/>

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020. • 1 pm *“Native American United Methodist Church - Mobile Pantry.”* <http://naumc.org/> The Mobile Pantry is held on the First and Third Wednesday of every month. LOCATION: 800 South Lemon Ave., Anaheim CA 92805. CONTACT: (714) 535-2429. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Native-American-United-Methodist-Church/111535752219283>

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June 4th, 2020. Every Thursday!! 10am -3pm. *Southern California Indian Center Inc. (SCIC), “Diaper Bank.”* LOCATION: SCIC, 10175 Slater

Ave., Suite 150, Fountain Valley CA 92708. CONTACT: (714) 952-6673, <http://www.indiancenter.org/> Facebook: POSTPONED!!! Thursday, June 4th, 2020.

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California - Annual Luncheon. <http://www.aicccal.org/> LOCATION: Autry Museum, Griffith Park, Los Angeles CA. CONTACT: (213) 448-2330

Thursday, June 4th, 2020. • *Southern California Indian Center, Inc., Food Pantry. APPOINTMENT REQUIRED, please call for an appointment.* LOCATION: 10175 Slater Ave., Suite 150, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 CONTACT: (714) 962-6673, <http://www.indiancenter.org/>

JUNE 4th & 5th, 2020. • *Native American Student Advocacy Institute (NASAI) Conference*. The College Board’s NASAI conference is for education professionals who want to make a difference for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander students. LOCATION: Sheraton Grande at Wild Horse Pass, 594 W. Wild Horse Pass Rd., Phoenix AZ 85226. CONTACT: nasai@collegeboard.org

Friday, June 5th, 2020. • *2020 ITS - “11th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser.”* <https://birdease.com/intertribalsports> LOCATION: Journey at Pechanga, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula CA 92592. <https://www.pechanga.com/indulge/journey> CONTACT: Inter-Tribal Sports, <https://www.intertribalsports.org/>, (951) 719-3444 Registration: <https://birdease.com/13293/register>

Friday, June 5th, 2020. • 5pm Pacific Time.

WEBINAR, *Association on American Indian Affairs, “RED HOOP TALK, Native News and Talk: Culture and Survival.”* It’s about news, culture, education, and brings on special guests to talk about what it means to be Indian to support, inspire, and education. *This takes place every Friday.* Association on American Indian Affairs, <https://www.indian-affairs.org/>

June 7th -11th, 2020. • *The 2020 NCAI Mid Year Conference & Marketplace*. LOCATION: Dena’ina Convention Center, Anchorage AK. CONTACT: (202) 466-7767.

June 7th -11th, 2020. • *The 15th Annual Tribal Leader Scholar Forum*. This takes place during the 2020 NCAI Mid Year Conference. <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/initiatives/tribal-leader-scholar-forum> LOCATION: Dena’ina Convention Center, Anchorage AK. CONTACT: research@ncai.org or (202) 466-7767

June 8th - 12th, 2020. • *Tuition Free: Indian Country Homicide and Sexual Assault Training Seminar*. LOCATION: Ernest F. Hollings National Advocacy Center, 1620 Pendleton St., Columbia SC 29201. CONTACT: Delores Johnson (803) 705-5123.

Wed., June 10th, 2020. • 10 am to 11am (PST). WEBINAR, *Prevention: Emerging Topics & Challenges Youth Face. Healthy Native Youth - Community of Practice*. Second Wednesday of every month. HNY welcomes you to join in the Community of Practice monthly virtual gatherings that include new resources and opportunities to engage with topical experts and others. sign up for notifications, or Text HEALTHY to 97779. Watch previously recorded sessions from their website.

Wednesday, June 10th, 2020. • 10am - 3pm (PT). WEBINAR, *“2020 Tribal Consultation with the administration for Children and Families.”* Additional date, June 11. CONTACT: (877) 922-9262, anacomments@acf.hhs.gov, ANA-Commissioner@acf.hhs.gov

Thursday, June 11th, 2020. • 10am - 3pm (PT). WEBINAR, *“2020 Tribal Consultation with the administration for Children and Families.”* <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/2020-acf-tribal-consultation> CONTACT: (877) 922-9262, anacomments@acf.hhs.gov, ANA-Commissioner@acf.hhs.gov

Saturday, June 13th, 2020. • 10am to 12pm.

WEBINAR, *Native American Veterans Association (NAVA) - Breakfast Circle*. Online Zoom Meeting is held the second Saturday of each month. <https://www.navavets.org/events> RSVP: (888) 412-5997,

Tuesday, June 16th, 2020. • WEBINAR, *L.A. City/County Native American Indian Commission, Online Conferencing*. CONTACT: (213) 738-3241, aferguson@wdacs.lacounty.gov contact@lanaic.org

June 17th - 18th, 2020. • WEBINAR, *NICWA Virtual Training Institute: Enhancing Basic skills for Tribal First Nations Child Welfare Workers*. <http://ow.ly/Xq0s50zuFUF> CONTACT: training@nicwa.org

Friday, June 19th, 2020. • 5pm Pacific Time.

WEBINAR, *Association on American Indian Affairs, “RED HOOP TALK, Native News and Talk: Culture and Survival.”* It’s about news, culture, education, and brings on special guests to talk about what it means to be Indian to support, inspire, and education. *This takes place every Friday.* https://www.indian-affairs.org/red-hoop-talk.html?fbclid=IwAR2AtvMMMIV3Vfx5HX_VQvr4TOumwDTpK3oQA8Fbi7iUSacwyx6amvPta-w Association on American Indian Affairs, <https://www.indian-affairs.org/>

July 22nd - 25th, 2020. • *Society of American Indian Government Employees (ASIGE), “17th Annual National Training Program.”* <https://saige.org/> LOCATION: River Spirit Resort & Casino, Tulsa OK.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Society-of-American-Indian-Government-Employees-SAIGE-187641439510/>

June 23rd - 25th, 2020. • *Women are Sacred 2020 Conference*. The WAS Conference is one of the oldest and largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, tribal community members, tribal leadership, law enforcement and tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and children. WAS offers state of the art training opportunities designed to increase the capacity of tribal nations, tribal domestic violence and community-based programs to address violence in tribal communities. Conference presenters include emerging Indigenous leaders and experts in the movement to ending violence. <https://www.niwr.org/> was LOCATION: InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront, 11 E. Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55101. CONTACT: (406) 477-3896, (855) 649-7299, gpackard@niwr.org

Thursday, June 25th, 2020. • 12:30pm - 2:45pm PT. WEBINAR, *“OJJDP Virtual Tribal Consultation.”* Seeking input on increasing tribes’ awareness of and access to juvenile justice funding, and creating a policy for ongoing coordination with tribal nations. CONTACT: OJJDP Tribal Consultation@ojp.usdoj.gov Register: https://events-na8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?connect-session=na8brez23svcbcg8yfy7fdq&scoid=2760853264&campaign-id=010&_charset=utf-8

Friday, June 26th, 2020. • 5pm Pacific Time. WEBINAR, *Association on American Indian Affairs, “RED HOOP TALK, Native News and Talk: Culture and Survival.”* It’s about news, culture, education, and brings on special guests to talk about what it means to be Indian to support, inspire, and education. *This takes place every Friday.* https://www.indian-affairs.org/red-hoop-talk.html?fbclid=IwAR2AtvMMMIV3Vfx5HX_VQvr4TOumwDTpK3oQA8Fbi7iUSacwyx6amvPta-w Association on American Indian Affairs, <https://www.indian-affairs.org/>

JUNE 26th - 28th, 2020. • *California Indian Basketweavers’ Association, 2020 Gathering “Clearing The Path.”* LOCATION: Mooretown Rancheria - Tribal Gym, 1 Alverda Dr., Oroville CA. <https://ciba.org/>

Saturday, June 27th, 2020. • *CSU Los Angeles Powwow and Oral Health & Wellness Fair*. LOCATION: Campus of CSU Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles 90032. Free parking. CONTACT: none provided.



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"America is just like an insane asylum. There is not a soul in it will admit they are crazy." - Will Rogers, 28 April 1935

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If Masks WORK, WHY Do Businesses Need to BE CLOSED?

If They DON'T WORK, WHY Are We FORCED to Wear Them? I'll Give Ya a Minute...

Then all of a sudden: after 80 years and 50 million prescriptions



Democrats began worrying about hydroxychloroquine side effects

I LOVE POOR PEOPLE SO MUCH



I MAKE MORE OF THEM EVERY DAY



Thumper's Memes

BONNIE & CLYDE

Were shot 130 times by The Texas Rangers.

Cause of death: covid-19

MEANWHILE... IN AFGHANISTAN



WTF IS TOILET PAPER?

Stepped on my scale this morning and it said: Please use social distancing, one person at a time. 🤔🤔

I SEE PEOPLE DRIVING ALONE IN THEIR CAR WEARING A MASK AND I WONDER IF THEY



LAY IN BED ALONE WEARING A CONDOM

glad i didn't waste my money buying a planner for 2020



Pelosi stays immune to coronavirus



After 6 weeks of coronavirus home confinement, Mona is unhappy with how she looks



and she takes it out on friends who call on FaceTime.

PLEASE DON'T POISON YOURSELF BECAUSE DONALD TRUMP THINKS IT COULD BE A GOOD IDEA

HILLARY CLINTON



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