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How The U.S. Government Keeps The American Indians In Poverty While They Have Over 1.5 Trillion Dollars In Marketable Assets

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr., American Indian Reporter - Source: Wall Street Journal

From the day the American Indian tribes signed their respective Treaties with the U.S. Government the Government assumed the total control over ever aspect of their lives. It forced them to live in an isolated location on land that no one wanted. Many of which were later designated as Indian Reservations. .

A special agency within the Department of War was established to implement the Indian policies which was later transferred to the Department of Interior as the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) where it remain to this day.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs became the sole government authority over the American Indians with unrestrained dictatorial power that demands conformity to the dominate society.

As “*Wards of the Government*” and to this day in 2020 the BIA is still responsible for looking after the best interests of the tribes. All of tribal assets must be managed by BIA government bureaucrats.

Every aspect of the tribes decision making process requires approval. And over the past two centuries the government approval process has becomes overwhelming burdened with mountains of regulations.

In its efforts to bring about conformity, simulation and compliance the BIA forcible removed Indian children from their parents and homes as young as 5-years of age and place them in boarding school until the age of 17 or 18. Many of them never saw their parents again.

The governments education policy at the boarding schools was “*Kill the Indian, save the man.*” The number of Indian children murdered at these boarding schools has never been disclosed by the government.

How well has this work? It didn’t, one only needs to look at the poverty, life expectance and education level of the American Indian.

The federal governments management of Indian affairs by all accounts has failed to live up to this responsibility.

As a result, the American Indian reservations are among the poorest communities in the United States. Here’s how the government keeps Native Americans in poverty.

Indian lands are owned by the tribes and held in trust and managed by the federal government.

Chief Justice John Marshall set Native Americans on the path to poverty in 1831 when he characterized the relationship between Indians and the government as “*resembling that of a ward to his guardian.*” With these words, Marshall established the federal trust doctrine, which assigns the government as the trustee of Indian affairs. That trusteeship continues today, but it has not served Indians well.

Underlying this doctrine is the notion that tribes are not capable of owning or managing their lands.

The government is the legal owner of all land and assets in Indian Country and is required to manage them for the benefit of Indians.

But because Indians do not generally own their land or homes on reservations, they cannot mortgage their assets for loans like

other Americans. This makes it incredibly difficult if not imposable to start a business in Indian Country.

Again, this is a point of contention since land ownership is based on English doctrine that ownership is set on a “*bundle of rights*” to use property. The American Indians tribes reservation lands meet this criterial and the trust responsibility does not alter this premise.

Even tribes with valuable natural resources remain locked in poverty. Their resources amount to “*dead capital*” because it is unable to generate growth for tribal communities.

Nearly every aspect of economic development is controlled by federal agencies.

All development projects on Indian land must be reviewed and authorized by the government, a process that is notoriously slow and burdensome.

On Indian lands, companies must go through at least four federal agencies and “**49 steps**” to acquire a permit for energy development. Off reservation, it takes only four steps. This bureaucracy prevents tribes from capitalizing on their resources.

It’s not uncommon for years to pass before the necessary approvals are acquired to begin energy development on Indian lands, a process that takes only a few months on private lands.

At any time, an agency may demand more information or shut down development. Simply completing a title search can cause delays. Indians have waited six years to receive title search reports that other Americans can get in just a few days.

The result is that many investors avoid Indian lands altogether.

Indian Gaming, State and Federal Oversight and Regulations Regulation.

Even with a boatload of State and Federal regulations with “Oversight Commissions” consisting of political appointee, the tribal gaming industry has been highly successful.

Yet, many gaming state’s elected officials have found their “Taxing” or “Fees” as they call it are demanding more Taxes or Fees.

Not only has the gaming provided goods and services for the tribal community it has given them hope.

Reservations have a complex legal framework that hinders economic growth.

Thanks to the legacy of federal control, reservations have complicated legal and property systems that are detrimental to economic growth. Jurisdiction and land ownership can vary widely on reservations as a result of the government’s allotment policies of the nineteenth century. Navigating this complex system makes development and growth difficult on Indian lands.

One such difficulty is fractionated land ownership. Federal inheritance laws required many Indian lands to be passed in equal shares to multiple heirs. After several generations, these lands have become so fractionated that there are often hundreds of owners per parcel. Managing these fractionated lands is nearly impossible, and much of the land remains idle.

Energy regulations make it difficult for tribes to develop their resources.

Darrin Old Coyote, chairman of the Crow Tribe in Montana, puts it plainly: “*The war on coal is a war on our families and our children.*” Coal provides the greatest economic opportunity for the impoverished tribe, but regulations are making it hard for the tribe to capitalize on their natural resources. Some are even trying to prevent the tribe from exporting coal to Asia.

The federal government has repeatedly mismanaged Indian assets.

Tribes historically had little or no control over their energy resources. Royalties were set by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but the agency consistently undervalued Indian resources. A federal commission concluded in 1977 that leases negotiated on behalf of Indians were “*among the poorest agreements ever made.*”

When development does occur, federal agencies are involved in every detail, even collecting payments on behalf of tribes. The royalties are then distributed back to Indians, that is if the government doesn’t lose the money in the process. Which has been the case this the “**Indian Trust Fund**” which was unable to account for billions of Indian funds and the Government has refused to approve and audit as requested by the tribes.

Unfortunately, it hasn’t gotten much better. A recent class action suit alleged that the government mismanaged billions of dollars in Indian assets.

The case settled in 2009 for \$3.4 billion which was far less than what was lost by the feds.

The Obama administration forced the tribes to settle for pennies on the dollar which was estimated because he also refused to permit an audit.

According to government estimates approximately twenty percent of the Nations natural resources, gas, oil, uranium and coal are located on Indian Reservations with an estimated market value of 1.5 trillion dollars

However, almost all of these resources remain undeveloped because the governments bureaucratic incompetence.

Tribal Chairman Crossguns of the Blackfeet Tribe echoed the views of a majority of the tribes saying. “*We say yes or no. I don’t think the outside world should come out here and dictate to us what we should do with our properties.*”

As long as tribes are denied the right to control their own resources, they will remain locked in poverty and dependence.

But if tribes are allowed meaningful self-governance they deserve, they will have the opportunity to unleash the tremendous wealth of Indian nations.

Currently President Trump has an American Indian Advisory Council consisting of highly qualified tribal leaders.

Streamlining the approval process and deregulation have had a positive impact for many tribal economic development programs.

The Tribal Advisory Council is investigating alternatives for economic development of tribal lands and protecting tribal sovereignty.

One of the primary alternatives under consideration is “Privation” of Indian land which has been met with mixed views by the Nations tribal leaders. The primary concerns center around the protection of tribal sovereignty, control and management and distribution of profits.

Members of the Presidents Advisory Council expressed confidence that these issues can be addressed to the satisfaction of the tribes. The final analysis is not if the “Privation” of Indian lands will come about, it’s when. The reason simply that there is to much money at stake. And it doesn’t matter who wins the election on November 3, 2020.

Over the past three years many of the restrictive regulations have been removed by the Trump administration many of which were environmental raising the opposition from some tribes, environmental groups and government bureaucrats who have used their authority to undermined the development of the tribes natural resources.

Many tribes have the leadership and professional capabilities to conduct and manage sophisticated business venture while a great majority lack the leadership and find it extremely difficult to break the chains of dependency, including many of the gaming tribes.

However, as the number of tribes become more experienced and the education levels increases among the tribal members and as their political awareness and influence increases they will become less dependent.

Oe important lesson the tribal governments need to have earn from the Federal Government is that the establishment of a bureaucracy run by bureaucrats does not work for the benefit of the people.

A business model based in Peter Drucker’s management theory would be a better fit for the tribes.

The self-termination policy of “Blood Degree” which is nothing short of political genocide of the American Indian Tribes must end.

The concept of “Blood Degree” was mandated in the **Indian Reorganization Act** of June 18, 1934, or the **Wheeler-Howard Act**. The primary purpose of the “*1/2 Degree of Indian Blood*” for government recognition as an “Indian” was made clear by the framers of the legislation, to bring about the termination of the “*Indian Problem*” as quickly as possible.

Ironically, the U.S. Government, for over 250-years has done everything they could to end the existence of the American Indian people without success, however many tribes have set an end time for their tribes by adopting the “*Blood Degree*” policy which meets the termination goals of the government.

We have more American Indians serving in Congress than any time in our history. And in many of the State the number of American Indians elected to the legislator continues to increase.

Fifty-years ago it was Alcatraz and the American Indian Movement, today it is Self Governance, a Cultural Renaissance Grassroot Tribal Education and Economic Development.



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Pelosi: Shows No Class

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.,



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi rips up President Trump's 2020 State of the Union address on Feb. 4, 2020



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“How Could This happen?”

By Ernie C. Salgado, Jr. “He who does not know his history is doomed to relive it.” Aristotle. a Greek philosopher 384-322 BC

The photo right is of the wedding bands taken from Holocaust victims who were mainly Jewish people when they arrived at the concentration camp, which was one of many. Over 6-million Jewish people were executed or died from starvation, disease or other causes.

Each ring represents a family, a mother, a father or a newly wed, a family that was destroyed simply because of their race and to promote the ideology of Nazism.

The question I grew up hearing since I was a child was; “How could this happen?” The answer my friends is simple, no one was paying attention, or cared because they were trying to survive themselves and those that tried to warn the world of the threat posed by Hitler’s Nazi Socialist Democratic Party were publicly criticized, demonized or sanctioned. Winston Churchill comes to mind.

The horrors these people suffered is indescribable, children abused and used for scientific experiments along with their parents and other adults and the systematic murdering of over 6-million Jewish men, women and children.

And as if this inhumanity isn’t enough for the survivors and their decedents, today we have elected congressional representative, college/university professor and civic leaders professing that it never happened.

Again, the old question, “How could this happen?” And again, nobody is paying attention and to speak out is “Politically Incorrect” and “Offensive” resulting in public criticism, law suit and in some cases loss of employment.

The stock market in the United States crashed on October 24,



1929. The impact in America was dire: And in Germany millions were thrown out of work and several major banks collapsed.

Hitler and the Nazi Party saw the opportunity and prepared to take advantage of the emergency to gain support for their party.

They promised to repudiate the Versailles Treaty, strengthen the economy, and provide jobs.

The moderate political parties were increasingly unable to stem the tide of extremism and the German referendum of 1929 helped to elevate Hitler’s Nazi ideology.

Adolf Hitler rose to power as the chancellor of Germany in 1933, and as Führer in 1934.

During his dictatorship from 1933 to 1945, he initiated World War II in Europe by invading Poland on September 1, 1939.

Winning the hearts and minds he promised “A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage.” With

the world economy in shambles, the lack of leadership and his appeal to one of our basic human needs, food was the words from God himself and the car was unbelievable.

But, with the help of many of his wealthy supporter he delivered on his promises. Food became plentiful, work was created by the Government similar to Roosevelt’s works programs.

Volkswagen the “Peoples Car,” was crested and mass produced by Ferdinand Porsche the manufacture of the sports cars and Mercedes Benz. He was one of Hitler’s strongest supported.

From 1933 to 1945 during the reign of the Hitler’s totalitarian Nazi Party, the Third Reich with him as the sole Dictator.

He committed suicide on April 30, 1945 to avoid capture by American and Russian troops taking control of Berlin, Germany to end World War Two in Europe.

Worldwide, over 90-million people died as a result of Hitler’s attempt to rule the world.

Upon taking power he declared a national emergency then implemented “gun control” by confiscating all the guns, banned free speech, tore down the statues, took control over all the industries and blamed the failed economic condition on the Jewish people. Sound familiar?

Recently, Bernie Sanders, a Socialist Presidential candidate told his supporters that the first thing he will do if elected President is declare a national emergency.

In addition, some of his campaign staff were caught on video discussing the need to establish “Re-education Camps” for the American people that resist. Echoing Bill Ayres without adding the 25 million American people that would need to be exterminated because they would not comply to the new Socialist Government. Ayres only concern was how they would dispose of the bodies.

History has a way of repeating its self and in way of example, one only needs to compare the actions of the American Socialist Party in 2020 and the Nazi Party in 1930.

In 1930 the Nazi Party had elected representative in the Germany Government but not enough to control but had influence.

And, in 2020 the Socialist Party has a significant number of elected members of the United States Congress but not enough to control, but have a serious presents.

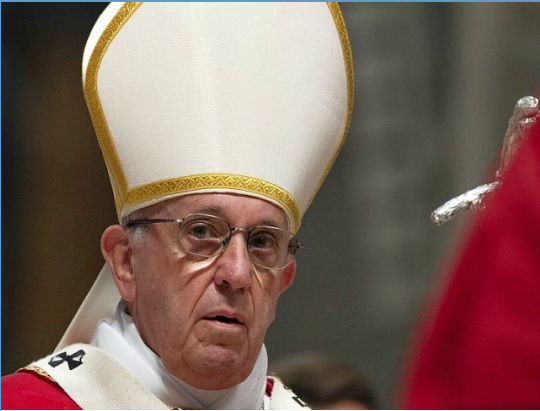
The point is that the Socialist Party has made significant progress over the past 40-years.

For example, no school prayer, no salute to the American flag in the schools, no public display of Christianity, “Political Correctness” which is limited speech, “hate speech”, another form of limited speech, gun control, an open challenge to the second amendment of the U.S. Constitution, open borders, multi genders, increasing the national debt which Obama was successful in doubled to 19-trillion dollars, control of the news media, the street thugs, Antifa model after Hitler’s Brown Shirt, and blaming the “rich” for their failed economic policies.

If the examples above are not enough for you to think about, look at the policies of the controlling States Governments of New York, California, and Virginia.

The American Indian people can relate to Hitler’s “Final Solution,” of genocide, isolation and prison camps. The genocide of the Indian people is call “Indian Wars” and our isolation and prison camps, are called Reservations.

“How could this happen?”



Pope Francis Calls for Wealth Redistribution

Source: Thomas D. Williams, Ph.D - Breitbart
Contributed by Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA

He said according to the frequently used “international poverty line,” people are considered to be in “extreme poverty” if they live on less than \$1.90 per day or its equivalent.

In the world today, less than 10 percent of the global population lives in extreme poverty, whereas just 30 years ago (1990), some 37 percent of the world lived in extreme poverty. Two centuries ago, nearly everyone in the world lived in extreme poverty.

While in the year 1800 almost 90 percent of the world’s population subsisted on less than \$1 a day, that percentage had been constantly falling, dropping below 20 percent in the year 2000 and below 10 percent in the present day.

It is not only “extreme poverty” that is falling, however. The global poverty rate has been falling across every single poverty line, whether the bar is set at \$1.90 a day or \$10 a day.

In his address Wednesday, the pope lamented that the per capita annual income in the world this year will be \$12,000 “according to official reports.”

According to data from the World Bank, however, annual per capita income worldwide has been increasing dramatically year by year and in 2018 was \$17,948. Furthermore, the World Bank reveals, global per capita income has increased by over 200 percent since 1990 and is now more than three times higher than its 1990 level of \$5,498.

This does not suggest that poverty is not a problem or that poverty reduction is not a worthy and important goal. It does mean, however, that global poverty is not increasing but is decreasing rapidly. In free market economies that favor wealth creation such as the United States, “extreme poverty” has virtually been eradicated.

For example, in 2005, 78.3 percent of households living in “poverty” (by U.S. standards) had air conditioning, whereas in 1970, 36.0 percent of all households had air conditioning.

“If extreme poverty exists in the midst of wealth (also extreme) it is because we have allowed the gap to widen to become the largest in history,” the pope said. “The world’s 50 richest people have \$2.2 trillion worth of assets. These fifty people alone could fund the health care and education of every poor child in the world, whether through taxes, philanthropic initiatives, or both.”

It must be acknowledged, however, that no such “gap” exists between the wealthy and the poor, since the vast majority of people live somewhere in the middle.

There is not a cluster of ridiculously rich people followed by an immense mass of very poor people. The majority of people are neither very rich nor very poor.

EDITORS NOTE: Yet, he never mentioned the redistribution of the wealth of the church. And as exposed in the article he is wrong.

The White Supremacy of Elizabeth Warren

By Twila Barnes Mar 4, 2019



Edited By Ernie C. Salgado Jr., American Indian Reporter

Elizabeth Warren has exhibited a wide-ranging pattern of dishonesty and contempt for Indigenous communities that disqualifies her candidacy for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination

If you're confused by the controversy over Elizabeth Warren's lack of documented Indigenous ancestry, it's easy to understand why.

The saga of Senator Warren's long history of self identification as a Native American has percolated in political media outlets for almost seven years, splashing into the news cycle at once sporadically and persistently in an awkward, jerky tempo that has yielded an abundance of misinformation and optical dissonance surrounding both the senator herself and her record of conduct toward tribal peoples.

The serialized manner in which



the most disturbing details about Warren have leaked into salient press coverage coupled with conscious efforts by the senator to alternately dodge the flap and leverage it to her advantage have obscured a wide-ranging pattern of dishonesty and contempt for Indigenous communities that disqualifies her candidacy for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination.

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American Indian Hero Passes Navajo Code Talker, Joe Vanderer, Sr.



Mr. Joe Vandever Sr., passed away at age 96. He was one of the few remaining of the original 29 Navajo Code Talkers who used the Navajo language to confound the Japanese in World War II.

Tribal leaders called Vandever a "*great warrior*" and a "*compassionate family man*," and asked Navajos to keep his spirit and his family in their prayers.

Vandever was among hundreds of Navajos who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, transmitting messages using a code based on the Navajo language.

The code developed by an original group of 29 Navajos was never broken.

Bills To Allow Native Students To Wear Regalia At Graduation

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON – Native American students would be able to wear tribal regalia and items of cultural significance at their graduation ceremonies under two bills moving through the Legislature. Some school districts in Washington don't allow students to wear any kind of decorations on their gown and caps, said Sen. John McCoy, a member of the Tulalip Tribes who supports the bill. "This is a rite of passage and they want to be able to be identified as Native American when they're going through that passage," he said.

House and Senate committees both passed bills Friday prohibiting public schools and universities from preventing Native American students from wearing tribal regalia.

Missing and Murdered American Indian Women and Girls Activists Join National Women's March to Gain Awareness

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr., - Sources: Indian Country Today & (Photo by Jourdan Bennett Begaye)



Thousands gathered in cities across the country Saturday, January 18, 2020 as part of the nationwide **Women's March** rallies focused on issues such as climate change, pay equity, reproductive rights and immigration.

In Washington D.C. a large group of American Indians lead the march in 31-degree weather and snow. A number of the women had a handprint painted across their mouths to represent the missing and murdered American Indian women and girls.

Hundreds showed up in New York City and thousands in Washington, D.C., for the rallies, which aim to harness the political power of women, although crowds were noticeably smaller than in previous years. Marches were scheduled Saturday in more than 180 cities.

Organizers of the Washington march faced criticism from some local African American activists for failing to focus on local issues and damaging the ability of local activists to organize.

"Local D.C. is a domestic colony and the actions of national organizers have to recognize that," Black Lives Matter D.C. wrote in a letter this week to Women's March organizers. **"Here in D.C., these unstrategic mass mobilizations distract from local organizing, often overlook the black people who actually live here and even result in tougher laws against demonstration being passed locally."**

The American Indian activist also failed to acknowledge the resent executive order issued by President Trump establishing funding and task force in an effort to address the missing and murdered American Indian women and girls.

It tends to distract from the primary issue of the missing and murders American Indian women and girls. It shows political bias.

Single mindedness as demonstrated by the leadership of the racist group, Black Live Matter in their letter to the Women's March group.

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Partnership encourages Native Americans to pursue health care careers

UC Davis joins with other institutions to boost Native enrollment in medical school, health sciences

The UC Davis School of Medicine has joined with two other universities and a regional health board in a collaborative effort to increase the number of Native Americans practicing health care.



Erik Brodt, M.D., of Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), with student Jacob Smith.

The joint project, called Reimagine Indians into Medicine, or RISE, stands to substantially increase the total number of Native medical and health science students nationwide, which in turn can decrease health disparities and improve public health.

"The UC Davis School of Medicine is firmly committed to reducing health disparities, and one of the most successful ways to achieve that is to matriculate more students from diverse backgrounds," said Allison Brashear, dean of the UC Davis School of Medicine. "Studies show that students who belong to underrepresented

minority groups are drawn to careers in medicine where they can care for underserved populations – which also happen to have the greatest health disparities."

The Indian Health Service (IHS) has found Native populations suffer disproportionately from heart disease, diabetes, alcoholism, mental health conditions, asthma, chronic liver disease and intrahepatic bile duct cancer. Among other factors, these health disparities can be attributed to a shortage of Native physicians and other health care professionals. Practitioners with knowledge of and sensitivity to the traditions of these communities can improve the health care that is delivered.

This makes efforts like the new partnership between the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Oregon Health & Science University, University of California Davis School of Medicine and Washington State University Health Sciences and its Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine critical.

The collaboration is supported by a nearly \$1 million, five-year grant from IHS's Indians Into Medicine Program, as well as more than \$1 million in financial and in-kind contributions from project partners.

"This initiative will allow the UC Davis School of Medicine to help identify, prepare, enroll and train a greater number of Native American students, each of whom is likely to make a tangible difference in

achieving health equity in their home communities where health disparities continue to persist," Brahsear said.

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The project will build on the early success of the OHSU Wy'east Post-Baccalaureate Pathway, a 10-month program that offers citizens of federally recognized tribes a pathway to improve their academic skills and be successful in the medical school admissions process. UC Davis School of Medicine and WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine will join Wy'east, with the three medical schools collectively admitting 18 students to the pathway. Upon successful completion of Wy'east, students will receive conditional acceptance from the medical schools.

Fewer than 1% of all working U.S. physicians are Native American. Just 44 of the 21,863 enrolled medical students nationwide this year identified as Native American alone, including two at UC Davis. If

all 18 Wy'east students go on to study medicine, they could increase the total number of Natives enrolled in U.S. medical schools by about 40%.

Another key aspect of the joint project is creating summer academies, six-week enrichment programs in biomedical sciences and MCAT exam preparation for undergraduate or recently graduated Native students wanting to attend medical school. Project partners will also expand the pre-existing Pacific Northwest American Indian/Alaska Native Medical School Applicant Workshop, which helps the region's Native students prepare to apply for medical school.

Finally, the four partners also will encourage Native youth and adolescents to pursue medical careers through targeted digital and social media outreach, as well as hands-on health profession enrichment activities.

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90-Year Old Alaskan Native First To Be Counted in 2020

Sources: Shayne’s Journal #4611 February 11, 2020



Ms. Lizzie Chimiugak, 90 years old Alaskan Native, is the very first person in the United States to be counted for the census, which is taken every 10 years.

Alaska is always the first state to be counted and Chimiugak’s small town of Toksook Bay, located on the edge of the Bering Sea, was the bureau’s first stop this year.

There is an estimated 327-million people citizens plus in the U.S.A. The honor of being the first to be counted in the 2020 Census going to Ms. Lizzie Chimiugak of Toksook Bay, Alaska. Only in America.



There is tension amongst some Native individuals toward the United States government and it has been building up over time like a slow fuse ready to explode. This tension stems from the historical underrepresentation the government and census bureau have given Native communities by disproportionately undercounting them.

According to James Tucker, the vice-chair of the Census Bureau’s National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations, in 2010 Alaskan Natives were undercounted by an estimate of 8 percent, while American Indians living on reservations were undercounted at a 4.9 percent. This may not seem like much, but these groups are the most undercounted people and these lost percentages have a huge and lasting negative impact.

“I want to tell every American Indian and Alaska Native to be counted as an act of rebellion because this census is designed not to count you.”

Natalie Landreth, Advocate senior attorney for the Native American Rights Fund,

Najiah Knight, A 13-Year Old Young Lady & American Indian Bull Rider

Source: Indian Country Today * Edited By American Indian Reporter

Najiah Knight has been riding animals that want her off their backs immediately for several years. Starting at the age of three, she watched her dad ride the big bulls so she asked to do the same thing.



(Photo by Missi Knight)

At just 13-years-old and as the only girl, Najiah’s appearances in the Mini Bull Riders circuit has gained her international attention.

She is Yahooskin Paiute, and enrolled with the Klamath Tribe. The Klamath are a con-

federation of three tribes: Klamaths, Modocs and Yahooskin Paiute.

In the past few weeks, Najiah, who sometimes wears a long braid, or lets her locks flow — while adorned in the coolest western attire to include a large cowboy hat and boots — has been featured in *VOGUE*, *The New York Post*, *PEOPLE*, *Access Hollywood*.

Najiah says that all of the media attention she is getting is “amazing.” And though she is the only girl in the Mini Bull Riders, she isn’t worried about any competition from boys. She maintains she is capable of handling her own.

“Yes, sir,” she said regarding boy competitors who might have an attitude toward her competing, **“They get sassy towards me, so I get sassy back.”**

“Najiah Knight is just like any rider competing on the Mini

Bull Riders circuit: tough, not afraid to get take a few shots and get dirty, and relishing every opportunity to climb aboard a bull,” the organization wrote in an emailed statement. **“The only difference is the long, dark hair cascading from underneath her helmet.”**

Najiah also said she is thrilled to see Native representation in the Professional Bull Riders. One such example is Keyshawn Whitehorse who received rookie of the year recently.

“I think it’s amazing that he’s made it this far and that he got rookie of the year as a Native,” said Knight. **“And Stetson Lawrence and Ryan Dirteater, they all made it to the PBR.”**

One of her many cousin Raedawn Weiser, who works for the Klamath Tribes, said that her family and the community were glad to see the attention she was getting. **“We are really proud of her,”** she said.

Andrew Giangola, a spokesper-



son for the Professional Bull Riders, is glad Najiah is trying to make it in PBR, and observes she seems able to meet a tough challenge.

“Bull riding is an extremely challenging sport. Those around it for a long time say the sport is 90 percent mental, and Najiah has a great head on her young shoulders,” Giangola said. **“She’s adorable but beneath the easy smile and ever-present, kind politeness is one tough and committed young lady. Everyone in the western sports world is root-**

ing for her as she develops as an athlete with very big dreams.”

Najiah Knight is not only unafraid of the big bulls charging out of the gate trying to buck her off their backs, but she is also unafraid to pursue her dreams.

“I believe that girls can get anything and everything they want. And if you love it, just go for it. Don’t let anybody hold you back. I would say just go for it. Do it for themselves. Just have fun,” says Najiah. **“I will be the first girl in the PBR.”**

Charlie Two Doggs Corner “One Day At A Time” *By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.*



For clarification, 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.

My name is Charlie Two Doggs, I was introduced to you last month 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.

What is not fiction is my message on Alcohol and the Abuse of other drugs and Domestic Violence. 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.

Domestic Violence in 99.9 percent of the cases is a direct result of Alcohol and the Abuse of other drugs.

As a recovering alcoholic my insight will be helpful in providing information, resources and often the brutal realities of the of the damage caused as a result of the degenerate behavior. As Charlie Two Doggs I will be providing current information on the “Red Road” to sobriety and

a broad spectrum of resources such as Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) to name two if the most successful down to earth self treatment programs.

There are many different recovery treatment programs that have proven successful result. Some are free but the majority come with a healthy price tag.

The reality is in the final analysis that it all up to you. No one can do it for you, they can only provide support and special drugs to help with the withdrawals. However, these drugs can be fatal if not followed as prescribed.

First, Alcoholism has been described as a progressive disease or “ailments” by those into semantics, for which there is no medical cure. Yes, let that sink in for a while. No cure! How on earth can that be true? We can go to the moon, replace vital body organs or drop a bomb in a dime 10,000 mile away by remote control and getting closer to finding a cure for cancer.

More facts, almost every health issue suffered by American Indian people can be traced to substance abuse. Not all, but the percentage is alarmingly high.

Sobriety is not without change, sacrifice or commitment. The change in life style can be terrifying and challenging at best coupled with the numerous sacrifices like not drinking or using, loss of friends and taking responsibility for yourself and the commitment of staying clean.

The first step to recovery is **“Self Honesty”** Do you really want to change your life? The question in not do you want to quit drinking or using other drugs? Because **“Recovery”** is life changing.

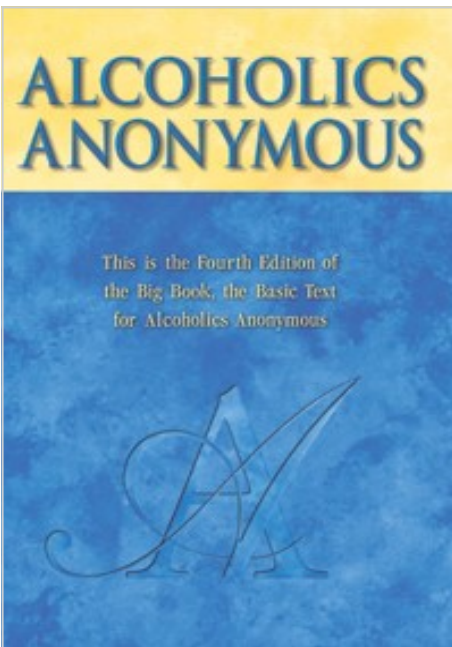
I’ve seem numerous alcoholics deciding to quit drinking by **“Cut Down,” (Lay Off the Hard Stuff)** or just do it on the **“Weekend”** which is certainly not **“Self Honesty.”**

Abstinence is the only known treatment for alcoholism and in the case of heroin addiction a replacement drugs such as Methadone is provided in a controlled environment.

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

Below are the original 12-steps as published by Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):

- 1) *We admitted we were 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 higher power to remove our shortcomings.*

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

9) *Made 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) *Sought 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.*



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Assembly Member Ramos Appointed to Chair Special Homelessness Legislature Committee by Assembly Speaker

SACRAMENTO CA: Assembly Member James C. Ramos today was named chair of the newly created Select Committee on Homelessness in San Bernardino County by Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon.

“I am excited to continue my longtime efforts to reduce homelessness as leader of this new committee,” Ramos said. *“As a county supervisor for San Bernardino, I chaired a similar committee. We worked to find local and creative solutions to reduce homelessness. I also worked to assist homeless youth by working with area schools and co-authored bills, like AB 216, to create regional funding in a streamlined manner for cities and counties to provide homeless resources.”*

“Assembly Member James C. Ramos is a knowledgeable and thoughtful leader and the right person to tackle the crisis of homelessness in San Bernardino County,” said Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the Assembly. *“As a former county supervisor dealing with the multiple and tangled issues that create and affect this crisis, Assemblymember Ramos has demonstrated his leadership and willingness to collaborate with community members, other stakeholders, and elected officials at both the state and local level. I look forward to working with him to solve this statewide emergency.”*

In December, Ramos joined Gov. Gavin Newsom in announcing \$650 million in [emergency homeless aid](#). The funding can be used for local projects such as the Loma Linda Veterans Village which connects homeless veterans to mental health, job and other supportive services.

“We can only resolve California’s homeless crisis through state and local partnerships. Homelessness affects us in our communities, but it is a statewide problem needing a strong network of communication, resources and joint ventures.”

Ramos said he expects the committee to hold information and town hall meetings in committee member districts about issues such as homeless youth, affordable housing, mental and behavioral health assistance including substance abuse disorder treatment, supportive transitional services and other issues affecting homeless individuals. San Bernardino will receive \$36 million of the state aid package announced in Loma Linda.

“We want to hear from local communities through meetings and fact-finding tours, and then introduce legislation as appropriate,” Ramos said.

Other select committee members have yet to be selected. The Assembly also has Select Committees on the issue for Los Angeles and Orange County.

Ramos Legislation AB 1968: Public Educational & Cultural Institutions to Recognize California Tribes’ Historical Guardianship of Land

SACRAMENTO CA: Public schools, parks, libraries, and museums may begin recognizing the past tribal guardianship of lands where their organizations are located under a measure introduced recently by Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-Highland). This practice of land acknowledgement would inform Californians and others about the history and treatment of the state’s original people.

“We cannot begin to remedy past injustices without acknowledging and educating ourselves of the history of settler immigration to California and the forced removal of people from the lands where they lived and worked,” Ramos said.

AB 1968, the Tribal Land Acknowledgement Act of 2020, encourages public educational, cultural and recreational institutions to adopt land acknowledgement processes through such means as printed statements, plaques, websites and social media.

Ramos stated, *“Cultural institutions have a duty to present accurate historical information that concedes past wrongs and broadens cultural understanding.”* *“Had the 18 original treaties with California Native American tribes been honored by state and federal governments, the state’s tribes would possess more than 7.5 million acres of land,”* he noted. *“California tribes today collectively possess only about seven percent of the territory they originally occupied,”* Ramos said.

Advocates of the bill argue federal and state governments and agencies eroded the stewardship and visibility of California Indian people. Nevertheless, Native Americans remain actively engaged in cultural revitalization, resource protection and self-determination across the state. Systematic denial of indigenous knowledge, cultural authority and historical experiences has resulted in the practical erasure of Native American history and civilization, according to bill proponents.

“AB 1968 would encourage us all to consider the past and what it means to occupy lands that were initially, and still are, inhabited by Native Americans,” Ramos said. He added that Indigenous people already practice land acknowledgment among tribes to establish a respectful routine and a habit of offering reconciliation tribes and those currently occupying the physical space.

The California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center and California Indian Museum and Cultural Center are sponsors of the proposal. AB 1968 will be heard in the Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media Committee.

Ramos Legislation AB 2404: To Reform 53-Year Old Critical Mental Health Act

SACRAMENTO CA : The measure introduced, would enact recommendations from the State Auditor after its study of a 53-year old statute designed to provide short-term, community-based intensive treatment to individuals with mental health disorders who are dangerous to themselves or others, or who are gravely disabled.

The audit was requested in June 2019 to better understand the application of the law in order to identify its effectiveness in delivering mental health services to those who need it by stakeholders such as the National Alliance for Mental Health California, California Hospital Association, California Police Chiefs Association, Los Angeles County, California Psychiatric Association, the Steinberg Institute and the California Emergency Room Physicians.

A concern has been that many individuals who struggle with debilitating mental health issues have no intervention treatment or shelter because of the many varying interpretations of the law.

“By introducing AB 2404, I am hoping to move the auditor’s recommendations forward thoughtfully and promptly to help ensure California updates and improves care and treatment for our involuntary patient population,” said Assembly Member James C. Ramos, the bill’s author. Ramos said the findings by the auditor who reviewed the landmark Lanterman-Petris-Short Act of 1967, are expected in March. The statute has been unchanged since its enactment.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, in his role as co-advisor to the Governor’s Statewide Commission on Homelessness & Supportive Housing, noted that in oral history comments, the late Sen. Nick Petris, one of the Act’s authors, had concerns about the direction it had taken. *“He lamented that the act had sent the pendulum swinging dangerously off kilter in another direction, condemning vulnerable people to suffer and die on the streets because they were too sick to reach out for help,”* Steinberg said. *“It’s time to update the LPS Act so that the most vulnerable among us are provided the care they need, when they need it most.”*

LPS allows for involuntary commitment of persons living with a mental health disorder so debilitating that they are unable to care for their basic needs. Under the law, individuals may be placed on a 72-hour involuntary hold which may be extended for 14 days. An additional 30 days or more can be added with court approval.

The audit’s scope included a review of the LPS Act, its rules and regulations, and county-by-county implementation.

“The data and recommendations will be critical to humane treatment of our mentally ill and will assist in future state planning and help communities respond to their local needs,” Ramos said. The Steinberg Institute is sponsoring the proposal.

Ramos Legislation AB 2112: Legislator proposes Office of Suicide Prevention to buttress state efforts at stemming mental health crisis among vulnerable groups - AB 2112 will target youth, veterans, LGBTQ, senior populations

SACRAMENTO CA: The proposal, AB 2112, introduced by Assembly Member James C. Ramos (D-Highland), would enhance state efforts to reduce suicides, particularly among vulnerable groups such as adolescents, older adults, veterans and LGBTQ youth and adults. The legislation would create an Office of Suicide Prevention as recommended last year by a state mental health oversight commission.

“Suicide is a horrific tragedy that affects too many, and now we are seeing youth at a much younger age taking their own lives,” Ramos said. *“AB 2112 will assist California to renew our efforts to prevent suicide and stem the devastation.”*

Ramos said California’s Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission submitted a report, *“Developing a Strategic Statewide Suicide Prevention Plan.”* It recommended that the state establish an Office of Suicide Prevention to create visible, state-level leadership on the dilemma.

“We know how critical this effort is when we see that more than 4,000 Californians die by suicide every year according to the strategic plan’s research,” Ramos said. He added that the data also revealed thousands more contemplate ending their lives.

Ramos stated he is especially concerned that suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people ages 15-24 according to a 2017 study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Also, CDC released *1991-2017 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data* which reported that 1 in 6 high school students stated they seriously considered ending their lives and more than 1 in 12 reported attempted suicide. *“In 2014, 3,575 children were hospitalized for non-fatal self-inflicted injuries among children and youth ages 5-20 in California. That is heart breaking,”* Ramos said. *“We can’t let those numbers stand. Those are children dear to their families, classmates, and friends.”*

If the measure is approved, the new office would be created within the Office of the Surgeon General and charged with recommending best practices to prevent suicide, especially for those populations with acute suicide risk – young people ages 15-24, veterans, older adults, and LGBTQ youth and adults

Oklahoma Governor Sets Dangerous Potential Threat To Gaming Tribes

By Ernie C. Salgado, Editor AIR with excerpts from Indian Country Today article by Ben Pryor, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, researches American politics and political behavior and The Associated Press contributed to this report and from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Every tribe in the Nation should take the political actions of the current Governor of Oklahoma against the gaming tribes on the state as a warning of could happen in their own home state.

And what make his attack on the tribes even more disturbing is that he is a tribal citizen of the Cherokee Nation. This is not a misprint. A real present day “Judas” since the Tribal Nations of Oklahoma helped to get hm elected.

Granted, the Nations gaming tribes have a national organization, the National Indian Gaming Association but for some mysterious unknown reason we have heard nothing from this group. Above my pay-grade I guess.

Oklahoma Governor, Kevin Stitt asked the federal court to declare tribal casinos Class III electronic games illegal. The request by the governor includes ordering tribal casinos across the state of Oklahoma to stop offering the majority of electronic and table games.

The court filing by Stitt is an escalation of the conflict and a direct response to a lawsuit filed by tribes in the state, namely the Chickasaw, Cherokee, and Choctaw Nations.

“Regardless of what Governor Stitt’s plan and intent might have been, his approach to the Tribes has motivated deeper and stronger inter-Tribal cooperation here in Oklahoma, and all

things considered, that’s a pretty cool bright-side byproduct of his starting this ill-advised fight,” said, Stephen Greetham Senior counsel for the Chickasaw Nation.

In a tweet, Cherokee Nation Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. wrote, **“Gov. Stitt’s bewildering and isolated position on gaming compact renewal continues. Asking the court to effectively cripple a vibrant industry hurts all 4 million Oklahomans and squanders our chance to be a top 10 state. #UnitedForOklahoma”**

A recent study by Oklahoma City University economist and director for the Center for Native American and Urban Studies, Kyle Dean estimates that in 2017, tribal activities accounted for **\$12.9 billion and nearly 100 thousand jobs for the state.** Including exclusivity fees, tribal contributions totaled more than \$198 million to education, \$26 million to government, \$5 million to history and culture, \$3 million to health and wellness, and \$12 million to a number of other sectors.

In tandem with the federal Indian Health Service, tribal nations provide health care for tribal citizens. Low-income citizens on Medicaid that receive treatment at tribal clinics, saved taxpayers \$88 million in FY-2018 since the state is not required to match the costs.

In addition to the educational assistance from exclusivity fees, tribes contributed \$80.5 million in 2017 to education in Oklahoma, funding that benefits Native and non-Native residents.

Tribes have contributed more than \$200 million to transportation since 1980, funds that would have come from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and taxpayers.

This relationship aides the state’s ability to bring in further revenue from federal grants, in the form of the Tribal Transportation Program. This program covered 75 percent of Oklahoma and brought in \$42.5 million on transportation projects.

Tribes spend a significant amount of funding both rural road and bridge repairs and the busiest interstates in the country. The Chickasaw Nation funded \$13.5 million in repairs to I-35, while the Citizen Potawatomi Nation gave \$8 million to improvements to I-40.

In 2017, Oklahoma tribes were the 9th largest industry in the state and the 11th largest employer. The total economic impact to Oklahoma is \$12.9 billion and provides over 96,000 jobs, with a payroll of over \$4.6 billion to their workers. And these numbers continue to increase.

Oklahoma tribes make around \$4.5 billion a year from gaming.

From that, it’s estimated that **tribes paid nearly \$1 billion to the state in taxes and fees in 2017.**

“As of now, it is unclear how this issue will shape state and tribal relations moving forward.” The Director of Oklahoma Public Relations, Kristina Humenesky stated. **“Separate from the litigation, regular operation of the tribe requires ongoing communication between different parts of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and various state agencies. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma continues to work to build and strengthen relationships between CNO and various state agencies and entities.”** She added.

Another issue that may need to be reviewed by the tribes is the motive for the Governors actions against the tribes given his questionable business history.

In way of example in 2009, his company Gateway was listed in a *Business Insider* article as one of the fifteen shadiest lenders in the government-backed mortgage industry. According to the article, the company originated nearly twice as many bad mortgages as its competitors.

An article published by the *Oklahoman* newspaper on August 19, 2018, highlighted the inaccuracies of the *Business Insider* article, reporting that **“in the Illinois case, a consent order states that**

the Illinois banking agency investigated a Gateway loan originator for an 'alleged real estate, appraisal, and mortgage fraud scheme.' Gateway fired the employee, asked for a hearing and then agreed to what investigators found. Gateway agreed to a \$10,000 fine...”

Stitt campaign spokeswoman, Donelle Harder said. **“...the license in Illinois was never revoked. The state agreed after the appeal not to revoke the license.”**

NEWS9 also said that according to Georgia's Department of Banking and Finance, Stitt was banned for five years and the company was banned for life from origination mortgages in Georgia. According to an *Oklahoman* article.

A Gateway corporate attorney said that there were misrepresentations and insufficient background checks attributable to employees in the Georgia office but that Stitt was not involved.

The employees were terminated and Gateway paid a \$2,000 fine. The state overturned the lifetime ban on Gateway, effective November 2017. Gateway is able to do business in all 50 states.

At best this is an area that may need to be looked into by the tribes. If for no other reason than to make sure their isn’t more motive than getting more money into the state coffers.

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“Freedom is not something to be secured in any one moment of time. We must struggle to preserve it every day. And freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.”

President, Ronald Reagan



Rep. Ilhan Omar: FBI Looking at Fraud Allegations

Source: Conservative Institute

Numerous allegations of fraud and other crimes have been reported against Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) over the past several years.

The most resent legal concern is the January 2020 Campaign Committee filings released show Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., political campaign fund paid a total of \$525,000 from January 1 to December 31, 2019 to a firm run by Tim Mynett who is alleged to be her live-in boyfriend.

Allegations that she committed immigration, marriage, and tax fraud by marrying her biological brother.

However, several news reports have surfaced in recent weeks that several federal law enforcement agencies may be taking a closer look at those accusations.

Some of those early reports have now received additional confirmation by way of the *New York Post*, which reported that, in addition

to as many as two other federal entities, the FBI is conducting a review of claims lodged against the congresswoman.

Following an earlier report by *TheBlaze*, the *Post* reported that FBI probing marriage fraud allegations against Rep. Ilhan Omar.

In October 2019 two FBI agents met with a “concerned party” and received a “trove of documents” relating to Omar’s marriage in 2009 to a man named Ahmed Nur Said Elmi, who has been alleged to be Omar’s biological brother.

Central to that allegation is the claim that Omar married Elmi (*Her Brother*), a citizen of the United Kingdom, so he could get a green card and attend college in the United States.

The agents who received the documents reportedly informed the “concerned party” that the information would be shared with both U.S. Immigration and Customs

Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Department of Education.

However, there has not been any commitment by any of the agencies to launch a full-fledged investigation and none of the three agencies would confirm or deny the existence of any probe when queried by the *Post*.

If the allegations are true and if federal probes have been opened into the allegations against Omar, she could face charges of violating of immigration laws and committing education and student loan fraud, marriage fraud, tax fraud, and even perjury.

The bulk of these allegations stem from Omar’s marriage to Elmi (*Her Brother*) in 2009, whom she wed after splitting with her first husband, Ahmed Hirsi, whom she unofficially married in their “faith tradition” in 2002 and with whom she had two children.

Omar and Elmi (*Her Brother*) reportedly remained together

until 2011, while they both attended North Dakota State University, but while they may have split in 2011, they were not officially divorced until 2017.

Meanwhile, Omar and Hirsi reportedly reconciled in 2012, had a third child together, and were officially married in 2018, only to legally divorce in 2019.

Raising eyebrows amid all of this is the evidence suggesting that Omar and Hirsi and Elmi (*Her Brother*) all lived together at the same address during the years spanning 2009 and 2011.

Matters have been further complicated by Omar’s filing of joint tax returns with Hirsi in 2014 and in 2015, even though she was still officially married to Elmi (*Her Brother*) at that time.

If even half of what has been alleged against Omar is verified as true and federal investigators are looking closely at her, the



congresswoman could be facing a world of trouble.

But for her part, Omar denied it all and dismissed such claims as baseless conspiracy theories.

However, for now we will simply have to be patient and await further evidence of federal action to see if Omar will indeed be called to account for her allegedly criminal actions.

Still, the question is how much protection will the Socialist/Democratic Party provide her?

It has been four months since the FBI visited the “concerned party” and we have heard nothing.

Paulette Jordan, Runs For U.S. Senate Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member, Idaho



Paulette Jordan age 40 (born December 7, 1979) is an enrolled citizen of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in Idaho. She is a Native American politician who served in the Idaho House of Representatives as a member of the Idaho Democratic Party from December 1, 2014 until February 14, 2018.

She previously served on the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council, its sovereign government. During her final term she was the only Democrat serving in the Idaho Legislature from North Idaho.

She was the Democratic nominee for Governor of Idaho in the 2018 election against Lieutenant Governor Brad Little.

Although she lost her bid for Governor she remained a diving force within the party. On February 7, 2020, she announced her candidacy for the United States Senate against incumbent Senator Jim Risch (R).

However, she must first win the primary election against three other Democratic candidates to face incumbent Senator Risch (R).

"We're excited to see a primary with four Idaho Democratic candidates for this race. Idahoans are ready for a change in our leadership and ready to hold Senator Risch accountable for his actions in Washington," said Lindsey Johnson, communications director of the Idaho Democrat Party. *"We look forward to supporting all the candidates over the next few months."*

Paulette was born into a ranching and farming family in northern Idaho, where she still holds timber and farmland.

She is an enrolled citizen of the Coeur d'Alene tribe. She also has Sinkiuse (known as the Moses-Columbia Band of the Colville Confederacy), Nez Perce, and Yakama-Palus ancestry. She is a descendant of the 19th century chiefs Moses and Kamiakin, and 20th century Colville leader Lucy Friedlander Covington.

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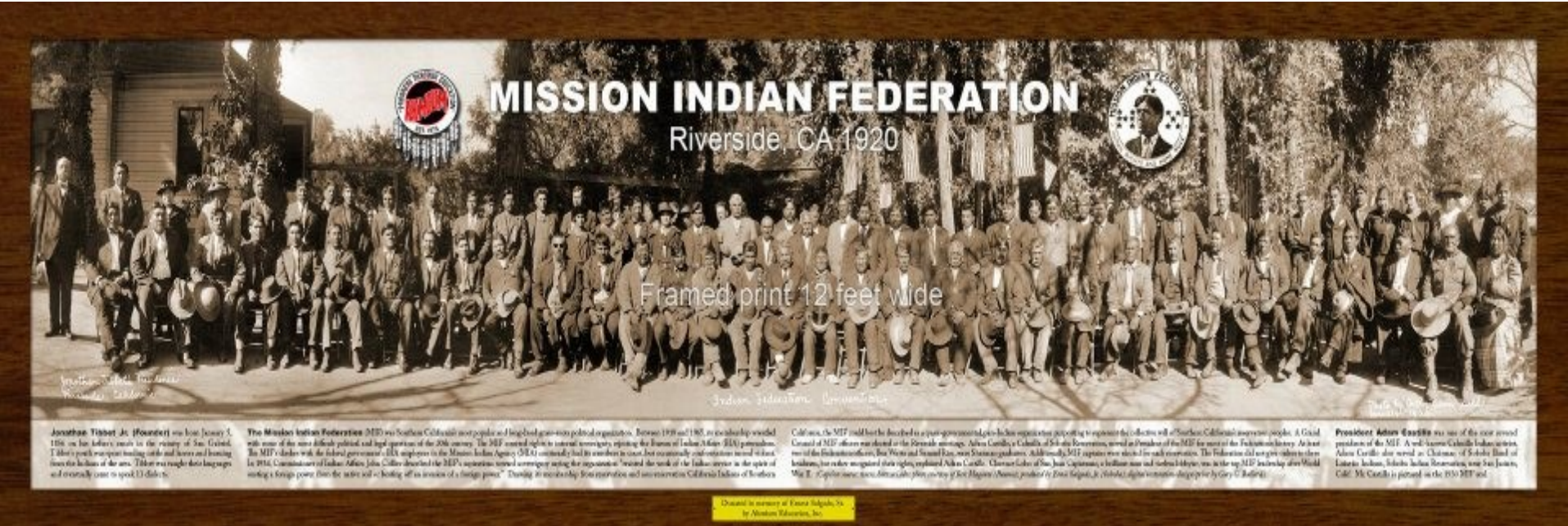


California Tribal Chairperson's Association



The California Tribal Chairperson's Association, Inc., (CTCA) celebrates its first year Anniversary. The organization represent over 2/3 of the tribes and rancherias in the state. **"It's all about tribal unity, to speak as one voice so that we will be heard."** Bo Mazzetti, CTCA Board of Directors Chairman and Rincon Tribal Chairman (So. California) told the American Indian Reporter.

Photo below shows the Mission Indian Federation 100-years ago in 1920 at meeting held in Riverside, California. Many of the members of the CTCA are descendances of Mission Indian Federations members. As the old saying goes, **"The fruit don't fall far from the tree."**



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The Southern California American Indian Resource Center, Inc., (SCAIR) officially opened its coastal resource center in Ventura, California with a fourth of July bang!

Almost 300 people from the Ventura Tribal Community and service agencies attended the Grand Opening ceremony and luncheon at the SCAIR Resource Center.

Jennifer Whitmore, Federal Project Officer, United States Department of Labor, Washington D.C. attended the grand opening and gave a brief overview of the program.

Representative from the Santa Ynez Indian Reservation, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, Inc., (SCTCA) in San Diego and the Owens Valley Tribal TANF in Bishop attended to grand opening.



Tekla Diaz, a world class Pow Wow Shaw Dancer from the Soboba Indian Reservation in Riverside County thrilled the attendees with her performance.

The Ventura Resource Center will serve as the central office for the SCAIR NativeNetworks Training Program services for the seven coastal Counties of San Benito, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Monterey and San Luis Obispo.

Several people were honored for their contributed in the establishment of the SCAIR Resource Center. Francis Diaz and Sonny Flores and were honored.

“Wanda Michaelis, SCAIR Executive Director said. *For the past 23-ty.” “It is our goal to continue to provide the same quality of services range of educational and cultural for the coastal communities.” She services for the American Indian and Alaskan Native urban Tribal*

Communities in San Diego County.” “It is our goal to continue to provide the same quality of services

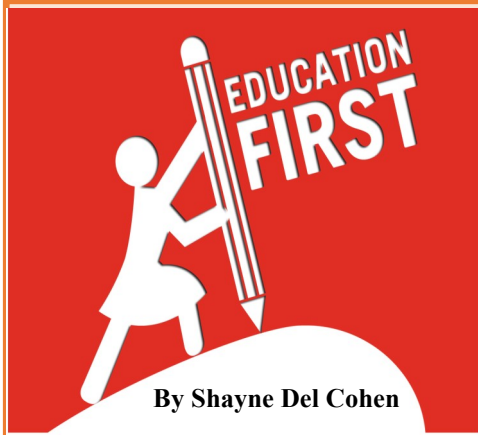


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San Diego American Indian Warriors Association Honor Carla Tourville for Her Community Service

San Diego California - On Feb 12, 2020 the American Indian Warriors Association members honored Carla Tourville at the STAR Dancers Workshop for her tireless service and support of our Indian youth. American Indian Warriors Association President, William Buchanan (Left) along with AIWA members Joaquin Sandoval and Juan del Rio. They presented Carla with a Certificate of Recognition, a beautiful blanket and a custom-made wand along with love and smiles all around. *“Congratulations for this well deserved recognition and Thank you, Aho for all you do for our Indian children and families.”* Buchanan told Tourville during the presentation.



Shayne's Journal

“Words of Wisdom From The Mind of Shayne Del Cohn”



In *(the)* January (2020 issue of the *American Indian Reporter*), Mr. Salgado (*Publisher/Editor of the American Indian Reporter*) paid me a high compliment with these words:

“I would like to take the opportunity to thank Shayne Del Cohn for her monthly contribution to the American Indian Reporter. And although Shayne and I do not share the same political views she has the intelligent to understand another point of view. Once only one political ideology is allowed we, as Indian people will have once again lost our freedom.

Again, thank you Shayne for understanding our mission, to provide the American Indian people with a wide range of information and views that may help to better understand the current tribal issues and the changing world in which we live.”

It is true. Anyone who reads my Journal, probably understands that Mr. Salgado and I do have different views.

Views are a result of education and experience. They are also formulated in the geographical and historical components in which we are raised and live. We all come from different places, different times, different experiences.

So most people have different views. *(I am always fascinated that those of us that spent six years in the same*

room with the same teachers remember information imparted and incidents differently, if at all.)

What is critical, then, is that individuals take the time to listen to others, to determine how and why the other has come to whatever belief or precept is the topic.

Sometimes new or additional information can be provided, stereotypes exploded. In this age of information, so much material is available....instantly.....but is it all true?

In the times where the National Archives alters historical documents to please the president, when governors destroy office documents, when anyone with too much time on their hands can photoshop pictures, one needs to be extremely cautious with materials they obtain.

Reverting to high school journalism, everyone would do well by learning the “5Ws”: who, what, when, where and (*why*) how. Not only do those five words provide the means for finding factual information, they often blunt the blows of “mis-information”.

In the same January issue, I quoted Albert Einstein: *“Education is not the learning of facts but, the training of the mind to think.”*

Thus tribal communities, in educating their constituencies, have the challenge of creating a thinking communi-

ty, one in which there is respectful dialogue, enabling good decision making to evolve. *(Remember the “old days” when a Council meeting might last all night so that all would have a chance to speak and deliberate? No time clocks to punch in the morning, a small example of “change”.)*

To do this, students need to have a clear picture of who, what, when, where, and how the community lived and thought in the past, how “things” changed and/or were impacted by emergent technologies, population explosions and the homogenization of society around them.

In today’s world, that also means a world view. What happens to tribal people all over the globe probably will have an impact on the homefront.

Each one of you is an educator, bringing the stories of your experience to the tapestry of life. Your journey may be an “unintended consequence”, an example of a new direction, or the validation of an ethic. In any event, it matters.

Constituents also require broad exposure to trends, political and scientific, the buffet of opportunities that abound but also evaluation of the “unintended consequences”. Educators from tribal communities have a great burden and a great impact to make. Support them.

IRS Doctor Gets 5-Life Sentences For Sexual Abuse of Tribal Boys

Source: Wall Street Journal By Christopher Weaver February 10, 2020
Contributed by Andrea Marquez, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians

In an article by the Wall Street Journal on February 10, 2020 reported that a former Indian Health Service pediatrician, Stanley Patrick was convicted of sexually abusing young Native American boys in his care over two decades and became an emblem of the federal agency’s (Indian Health Service) long-term failures was sentenced Monday to five lifetime prison terms

The Journal reported that Stanley Patrick Weber, 71, groomed and abused Native American boys as young as about 9 years old on reservations in Montana and South Dakota between 1995 and 2011, according to court documents.

His supervisors in the federal government buried their own suspicions about his conduct, tried to silence others who raised concerns, and transferred the doctor from one reservation to another after managers concluded he might have molested his patients, The Wall Street Journal and the PBS series Frontline reported last year.

The agency’s handling of Weber revealed broader dysfunction at the U.S. agency that provides health care to 2.6 million Native Ameri-

cans, often in some of the nation’s poorest and most remote communities.

The Journal and Frontline later reported that the agency had hired dozens of doctors with track records of malpractice, licensure sanctions and even criminal convictions who went on to harm patients at IHS hospitals.

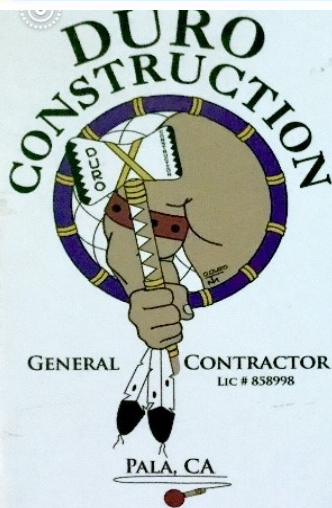
Weber was convicted in South Dakota in September of abusing four of his patients at the IHS’s Pine Ridge hospital and his government housing unit there. One victim testified at the trial that Weber had used narcotics to subdue him before sexually assaulting him, and another described escalating assaults during a series of visits in hospital exam rooms.

And since the tribes, which doesn’t have jurisdiction over non-Native American offenders, passed the lead on to investigators at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which in turn enlisted the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of the Inspector General. Those federal agents then identified a series of other victims spanning the two states.

**Obama called me a clinger.
Terrorists call me an infidel.
Hillary calls me deplorable.**

Trump calls me 

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And their monster is part of the 1.4 percent of women-owned businesses that are owned by Native women, according to the 2019 State of Women-Owned Business report by American Express.



Another creative American Indian owned business. We don’t any data but the photo is great!
Source: Shayne’s Journal

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Tribal Casino's Basic Economics 101

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

Let's start with a basic overview of business and its purpose. The primary and only purpose of business is to make a profit, period. What is profit? Profit is what is amount of money that is left after all the cost of doing business are paid.

Cost includes a lot of thing of which wages and salaries, loans for money used to build a new casino (*Called Debt Service*) and hotel, cars, vans and buses and taxes (*Yes, I know tribes don't pay taxes but they pay the State fees for allowing the tribes to have gaming and for a host of other things including fees for the non-gaming tribes which I call taxes which really don't matter it is still an cost*).

Profit, again is what is left for usage and distribution by the tribal administration. Many tribes have a profit sharing (*This is called Per Capita on the Rez*) plan, economic development, healthcare and tribal administration which all receive a percentage of the profit.

Now, a little resent history. From 2000-2008 under the Bush II administration and carried over into the Obama Presidency, which officially ended on February 20, 2017, the Nation suffered one of the worst financial crisis and recession since the great depression in the 1930's. Financial leadership was absent.

During this 16-year period unemployment reached a historical all time high, as did home forecloses and the national debt rose from 6-Trillion to over 19-Trillion dollars.

Tribal casino's as well as many of the Las Vegas and Atlanta casinos closes or suffered serious financial losses.

And those that were able to stay in business suffered losses as high as 20 to 35 percent in business profits.

My point is that if people are not working business suffers. .

What causes high unemployment? A lot of thing but mainly high business taxes, prohibitive regulations and Government interference.

From 2000 to February 20, 2017, the Nation economy suffered under Presidents Bush II (Socialist-Lite) and Obama (Socialism).

And in less than three years President Trump has restored the financial prosperity and stability to the Nations economy. The American people are working, spending and business is booming.

If your business is not prospering you might want to look ar your management. Basic Business 101.

This year in November we have a choice between Socialism, Socialist-Lite and keeping a thriving economy. It's not that hard of a decision:



Do you want to return to the pre-Trump era or keep what you have?

Oh, I forgot, green energy to save the plant. Try selling that to the birds that are dying at an alarming rate from the windmills and solar energy panels.

Birds follow the air currents which takes then directly into the wind turbines. And the refection from the sun on the solar panels appear to be water and as the birds fly toward the "Water" they are systematically evaporated by the intense heat.

But, the environments are blaming the reductions of the bird population on insecticides. Which, I'm sure account for a significant number of bird deaths. Yet, they won't even acknowledge the windmills and solar panels as a contributors.

Anyway it's your decision, if want to keep your per capita or not.

I chose prosperity and a healthy economy and believe we can be more environmentally responsible.



Some Words of Wisdom

"We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom. The world henceforth will be run by synthesizers, people able to put together the right information at the right time, think critically about it, and make important choices wisely."

"Humanity today is like a waking dreamer, caught between the fantasies of sleep and the chaos of the real world. The mind seeks but cannot find the precise place and hour. We have created a Star Wars civilization, with Stone Age emotions, medieval institutions, and godlike technology. We thrash about."

We are terribly confused by the mere fact of our existence, and a danger to ourselves and to the rest of life."

-----E.O. Wilson



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Van Jones:
Demos Have Pummeled Themselves With
“3-Years of Fantasy-Football Politics”

Source: By Joe Kovacs Published February 9, 2020 - WND “A Free Press for a Free People”

CNN analyst and former Obama adviser Van Jones (*And Self proclaimed Communist*) is blowing the whistle on his fellow Socialist Democrats for wastefully spending “three years of fantasy football politics” with the impeachment of President Donald Trump and his alleged collusion with Russia instead of focusing on African-American voters.

Appearing on CNN’s “SE Cupp Unfiltered” on Sat. (February 8, 2020), Jones said:

“I would accuse my party at this point of having engaged in three years of fantasy-football politics where we said, ‘OK, don’t worry. Trump is never going to be seated because the Electoral College won’t seat him.’ Remember that?”

“Don’t worry, Bob Mueller is going to take him out of the White House in handcuffs.’ Remember that? ‘Oh, don’t worry. He’ll be impeached and removed.’

“After three years of all of that fantasy football, guess what we have? Trump is still in the White House, and we still don’t have a candidate.”

Jones continued his verbal assault on Democrats, saying: “The way we’ve developed our issues may or may not even serve us.”

“Had we spent past three years accepting reality that a bunch of people who voted for Obama twice voted for Trump, hard to

call them Nazis, and listen to them, in addition to our own constituencies, and figured out what they needed, we might be in a position to have Trump on the run. The reality is all the blood, sweat and tears over impeachment, Bob Mueller, has not done anything (to) dent Trump, he’s higher in the polls than he’s ever been, and we still don’t have a candidate.”

After President Trump’s State of the Union address Tuesday (February 3, 2020) night touting record-low black unemployment, rising wages, criminal justice reform and school choice, Jones warned Democrats to “wake up,” because the president is “going after enough black votes to cause us problems.”

“What he was saying to African-Americans can be effective,” Jones told a CNN panel, the Daily Caller reported.

“You may not like it but he mentioned [historic black colleges and universities],” he continued. *“Black colleges have been struggling for a long time, a bunch of them have gone under: He threw a lifeline to them in real life in his budget. He talked about this. He talked about criminal justice reform. He talked about Opportunity Zones.”*

A new Rasmussen poll shows black voter support for President Trump has doubled in the last year to an astonishing 42%.

In November, polls by both Ras-

mussen and Emerson showed Trump had a remarkable 34% approval rating among black voters, compared to the 8% he received from blacks in the 2016 election.

An analysis by the Washington Examiner in November showed the dramatic rise in support by blacks could make the difference in the 2020 election

Boosting his percentage among blacks in November to between 10% and 15% could be enough to put him over the top, said pollster Jonathan Zogby of Zogby Analytics at the time.

Zogby found at that time that Trump was receiving 12% of the black vote against Joe Biden, 14% against Sen. Bernie Sanders and 17% against Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

Those levels are the best for a Republican president or presidential candidate since 1968.

Senior Trump campaign official Katrina Pierson said in November that, “Trump’s support among blacks is going in the right direction.”

Pierson noted Trump had respect in the black community long before he ran for president, with Don King and Jesse Jackson counted among his friends.

But when he ran for the presidency, she said, the Democrats smeared him as a “racist,” and it has taken time to overcome that.



“He couldn’t understand it at power,” he said, the New York Post’s Page Six reported. *“But it came with the baggage of running as a Republican.”*

“It went through a couple of years, during the campaign, where Trump’s a racist, he hates brown people, but yet he’s doing all of these things that the first black president never did for black people, and so you kind of have this new perspective on who Donald Trump is,” she said.

In November 2019, after confirming his faith in Jesus Christ, superstar rapper Kanye West affirmed his support for Trump and advised black Americans in an appearance in New York City not to vote Democrat.

“Own your power. Your power is not to just vote Democrat for the rest of our lives. That’s not the

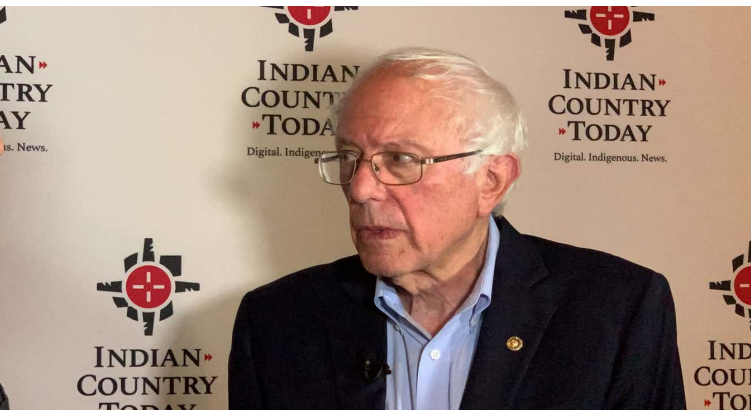
In an interview one week earlier, he said black Americans have been “brainwashed by Democrats who are making them abort their children.”

West was asked about his support for Trump. *“I’d rather deal with somebody who call me the N-word to my face than a person that signed me for a lifetime deal on a 255-page contract,”* West replied. *“I’d rather know what I’m dealing with.”*

The radio host asked if he was worried his support for Trump could be viewed as endorsement of “racism.”

“The most racist thing a person can tell me is that I’m supposed to choose something based on my race,” West said.

Socialism vs Communism



The difference between Socialism and Communism is how they come to power, the ideology is the same as proclaimed by Karl Marks.

Socialism takes over a government through the democratic electoral process as defined by Saul Alinsky in his 8-steps to a Socialist Government.

Communism comes to power by force, Cuba is a good example and Russia under the guidance of Bolshevism, which again in the same ideology.

Over the past 60-years the Socialist/Progressive ideology has been expanded by the liberal political left a small step at time as manifested by the Karl Marks doctrine.

Today the youth at our colleges and universities are being indoctrinated with the Socialist ideology. Freedom of speech is almost non-existent with only .015 percent of the higher education providers allowing free speech.

The undermining of the traditional family structure, the rejection of Christian values, class warfare and the exploitation of racism, gun control and abortion are only the tip of the Socialist ideology.

The honesty of Bernie Sanders is terrifying simple because so many American citizens support his Socialist proposals for our Country.

And, although he may not be electable in a general election may be comforting but that he is even considered is reason enough for even the most uncaring person has to see the **RED FLAG** of what is still to come.

Socialism don’t work, just look at the past history of the American Indian people.

Although gaming has been good for many of the American Indian Tribe they are still under the control of the U.S. Government and the State Governments who hold regulatory and licensing authority.

Again, this is troubling as some of the gaming tribes are currently experiencing in Arizona and Oklahoma.

Not all the American Indian Tribes have casinos for many reasons but mainly because of their isolated locations.

Over 60 percent of the Nations Tribes still live below the poverty level.

The U.S. Government still has control over 99.9 percent of the Indian Tribes. A small number of Tribes have declared their independence.

Again, Government control over all aspect of our lives is not a good thing.

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American Indian Mascots are Dehumanizing & Must be Banned

Source: Indian Country Today

As a Native American woman, I am regularly confronted with mascot images that dehumanize Native Americans as hostile and aggressive.

These images are usually cartoonish depictions of our traditional dress and lifestyle from the 1800s.

With two major league baseball teams using offensive monikers and the NFL pre-season starting this week, the onslaught to ridicule Native Americans through mascots is difficult to avoid in professional sports.

On the local level, Native American youth are exposed to these harmful images by attending public schools.

After years of calling for the change, this week the use of the Killingly, Connecticut high school “Redmen” mascot was finally slated for elimination.

As a twelve-year-old, I attended a middle school in Topeka, Kansas where our mascot was “The Redmen” (now the Ravens). As a sixteen-year-old, I attended a high school in Atchison, Kansas where “The Redmen” is still the mascot.

I had no choice in where I went to school as it was based on my parents’ residences. The chants and cheers both against and in support of the schools’ sports teams made me feel powerless to defend who I am as a Native person.

Dishearteningly, the next generation of Native youth continue to deal with this public ridicule without the ability to defend themselves. The time to ban these mascots and start truthful conversations on the history of the United States is now.

On May 17, 2019, Maine became the first to ban state-wide the use of Native American mascots at public schools and all colleges and universities.

Both state and federal laws are called for to remedy this oppressive use of Native American images and mascots in educational and sports activities at every level.

On a daily basis, American Indian youth experience negative stereotypes and microaggressions. Native American mascots are dehumanizing and need to be banned. These same youth have the **highest rates of suicide**, alcohol related deaths, and the lowest quality of life in the nation.

The Center for Disease Control reported in March 2018 that American Indian/Alaska Native suicide rates have been increasing since 2003; between 2004 and 2015 showing, 35 percent of those who have died by suicide were between the ages of 10-24 years old.

Where do Native American youth learn to think of themselves in less than positive ways? The most prevalent places occur in neighborhood school systems and in mainstream sports with derogatory “**Indian**” mascots that are imposed on Native people against their will.

As an undergraduate at Stanford University in the early 1990s, I began to speak out when alumni attempted to bring back “**the tomahawk chop**” at sports events after the former derogatory “**Indians**” mascot had been put to rest in 1972 when a petition was presented to the University president by 55 American Indian students and staff at Stanford. The petition identified the mascot as mocking American Indian culture and religion.

As recently as November of 2018, the “**Thanksgiving Day**” NFL match pitted the Dallas “**Cowboys**” team play the (Washington) D.C. “**Redskins**” team. What was nostalgia for

them amounted to dehumanization for me.

When our ancestors entered into treaties with U.S. officials that provide title to public and private lands, they did so for the benefit of future generations of American Indians, not for our people and youth to be the butt of sports jokes for centuries to come.

Being bombarded in mainstream media, sports broadcasts, and local educational activities amount to an enormous amount of microaggressions for Native youth.

There are also the macroaggressions such as the recent incident at Colorado State University where Native youth on a campus visit were interrogated by police when the mother of another potential student on the tour thought they looked suspicious.

The two young men had driven from New Mexico to go on the campus tour, but due to the police investigation did not complete the tour and instead drove back home seven hours away.

This type of negative stereotyping is particularly insidious in educational institutions as it:

- 1) normalizes the dehumanization of Indigenous people allowing for all levels of sports to use us as mascots and
- 2) engrains in our youth that they do not belong in the educational system.

In 2001, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights issued a press release calling for the elimination of “**Native American images and nicknames**” by non-Native schools.

In August 2005, the NCAA took positive steps to limit member schools’ tournament play displaying Native American stereotypes by a vote of 17-0 by the Executive Committee. Still, the preva-

lence at elementary, middle, and high schools continues on leading to each generation of children accepting that it is perfectly fine to “**play Indian**” at sports events and on Halloween.

The argument that sports mascots honor Natives is hollow and untrue.

Suzan Harjo, Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee, the 2014 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, has spent decades fighting to remove the Washington “**Redskins**” name.

In a 2017 opinion piece for news source Indianz.com, she stated: “**Far from an honor, the team’s name is the worst thing we are called in the English language. It refers to the practice of skinning Native people, a tradition started in the centuries when companies, colonies, territories, and states issued bounty proclamations for dead Indians.**” She also noted that these mascots harm the self-esteem of Native youth.

Through centuries of forced assimilation in which our children were kidnapped for civilization training and all manner of abuse, our traditions, customs and ways of life have been regarded as inferior by U.S. governmental policies.

Yet, our images have been taken and used as fighting and hostile to justify the dispossession of our lands and the genocidal acts of violence against us.

In June 2019, Congresswoman Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, introduced a bill to formally retract the 20 medals of honor awarded for the gunning down of unarmed men, women and children at the village of Wounded Knee in December of 1890.

Four Hotchkiss machine guns



were used to open fire on the rounded-up Lakota people and after the massacre a pit was dug to throw in the bodies of those killed.

The truth of our humanity continues to be suppressed as Indian mascots are paraded on sports fields across the nation.

In a December 2018 decision by the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC), Brad Gallant, a member of the Qalipu Mi’kmaq First Nation Band, prevailed against the city of Mississauga in a settlement requiring the removal of all Indigenous-themed mascots in sports facilities and public spaces.

As in the NCAA example, this one decision has not yet led to the thorough removal of these insidious negative images of Native people. Federal, state and public officials are called upon to acknowledge and take action to remove dehumanizing mascots of American Indians.

Fighting the use of Indian mascots has been like shadowboxing – the images are pervasive and everywhere. Pinning down one violation has not resulted in the wholesale abandonment of this racist practice.

Racism against American Indians should not be America’s favorite pastime. I will keep fighting alongside Native American parents and community leaders for our youth to have equal opportunity in the home of the free spirits of our ancestors. Too much is at stake for us to give up this fight, the lives of our youth are on the line.



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Thursday, March 12, 2020. • **6pm to 8:30pm. Soaring Eagles Powwow Dance Class and Community Night.** **LOCATION:** Balboa Park, Santa Fe Room, 2144 Pan American Rd. San Diego CA 92101. **CONTACT:** Melisa Aleman, (619) 234-1352, ext. 151, melisa.aleman@sdaihc.com

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March 18, 2020 Wednesday, • 8pm to 9:30pm. **Caltech Watson Lecture Series, "Megasupramolecules: When Disaster Leads to Discovery."** <https://www.caltech.edu/campus-life-events/master-calendar/watson-lecture-202003> This is a free event, and open to the public. Requires registration due to limited seating. **LOCATION:** Beckman Auditorium, Caltech Campus, <https://www.caltech.edu/map/campus/beckman-auditorium> **CONTACT:** events@caltech.edu

Thursday, March 19, 2020. • **6pm to 8:30pm. Soaring Eagles Powwow Dance Class and Community Night.** **LOCATION:** Balboa Park - Santa Fe Room, 2144 Pan American Rd. W, San Diego CA 92101. **CONTACT:** Melisa Aleman, (619) 234-1352, ext. 151, melisa.aleman@sdaihc.com

March 23 & 24, 2020. • **Mental Health & Substance Abuse Maagement Summit.** <https://brinetwork.com/mental-health-substance-abuse-management-summit/#registrernow> This conference will bring together some of the leading national experts responding to this ever-increasing public health crisis to provide insights on policy, operations, and management of mental health strategies to reduce the impact of mental and substance use disorders on America's communities. Join your peers to shape the future of mental health and hear how to address the opioid epidemic, collaboration with community partners, treating co-occurring disorders, value-based care, workplace wellness, social determinants and more. **LOCATION:** Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, 14100 Bonnet Creek Resort Lane, Orlando FL 32821. **CONTACT:**

March 25 - 27, 2020. • **Facilitator Certificate Training for Fatherhood is Sacred, and Motherhood Is Sacred.** **LOCATION:** Sonoma county Indian Health Project, 144 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa CA 95401. **CONTACT** (480) 833-5007, training@aznaffa.org

March 25 - 29, 2020. • **CWLA 2020 Conference: 100th Anniversary Year, Sharing Ideas that Strengthen Families and Engage Communities to Promote Child Well-Being.** **LOCATION:** Hyatt Regency Washington On Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington DC 20001. **Registration:** <https://www.cwla.org/cwla2020/>

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March 29 - April 1, 2020. • **The 38th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.** <https://www.nicwa.org/conference/> **LOCATION:** Denver, CO. **CONTACT:** (503)222-4044, info@nicwa.org **Registration:** <https://www.nicwa.org/cost-registration/>

March 30th & 31st, 2020. • **Southwest Veterans Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Training.** <http://wellnesscourts.org/events/?a=694> **LOCATION:** Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa, 1300 Tuyuna Trail, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004. **CONTACT:** (323) 650-5467.

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Arizona to Hold Tribal Gaming Hostage for Water Rights Water for New Gaming Compacts?

Sources: The Associated Press - Indian Country Today, January 20, 2020
Edited by American Indian Reporter

The Arizona Republican legislative leaders following the lead of Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt to force more concession from the gaming tribes have introduced legislation to require tribal governments in Arizona to resolve longstanding water disputes with the state before negotiating new gambling pacts.

Co-sponsors of the legislation, House Bill 244-7, include House Speaker Rusty Bowers, (R-Mesa), and Senate President Karen Fann, (R-Prescott), according to an Arizona Republic reports.

The bill's chief sponsor, Prescott Republican Rep. Steve Pierce, said it would help speed up the state's complex and lengthy negotiations with tribes over water rights because tribes want to retain the economic benefits of gambling casinos.

"It needs to be resolved for the tribes and for the state," Pierce said of the water disputes.

In recent years Republican Governor Doug Ducey has been negotiating new tribal gambling compacts, potentially overhauling them.

Terms of the state's compacts with individual tribes dictate how much gambling revenue is shared with state and local governments.

Ducey during his January 13, 2020 State of the State address thanked tribal leaders for the negotiations, and said a deal was **"close."** **"It's been a give and take,"** he said. **"We owe it to our tribes and our citizens to get it done."**

Under the proposed water legislation, **"This state may not enter into, negotiate, execute, extend or renew any tribal-state gaming compact with a tribe that is a party to litigation regarding water rights in which this state is an adverse party."**

Pierce told the Republic that he hadn't heard from Ducey's office about the water bill but that he expects initial opposition from tribes. That's understandable but the bill would help the tribes, Pierce said. **"The sooner they get things resolved, the bills from the lawyers' offices go down."**

Sen. Jamescita Peshlakai, Navajo, (D-Cameron) said. **"It's certain the tribes will oppose the measure."** **"They are going to consider it an attack on their very**

existence. And it really is, the issues were individually important."

"This bill would try to merge them together to address an Arizona state water crisis that the state itself has not prepared for. Each of those issues needs to be addressed on their own," Peshlakai said.

Sarah Porter, director of the Kyl Center for Water Policy at Arizona State University's Morrison Institute, said a problem with the bill is that tribes don't hold all the cards in the water disputes.

"It is not really in the tribes' power to settle," Porter said. **"They could deeply desire to settle, but there are lots of other parties and entities that have to participate."**

Porter said. **"for example, a tribe could have a gambling compact tied up as the parties in a water settlement wait for approval from the federal government."**

"This bill would change the balance of power and give the other parties to a potential water settlement also power over tribes ability to negotiate a gaming compact," Porter said.

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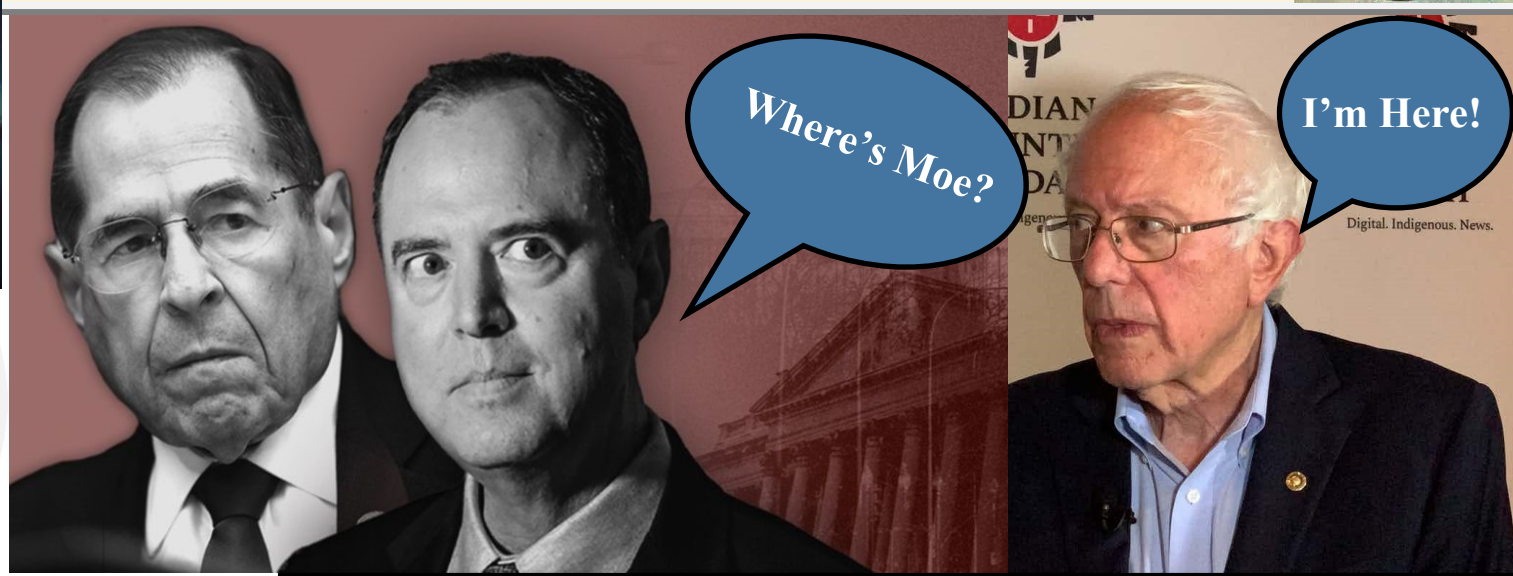
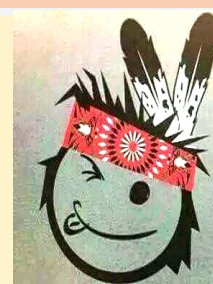
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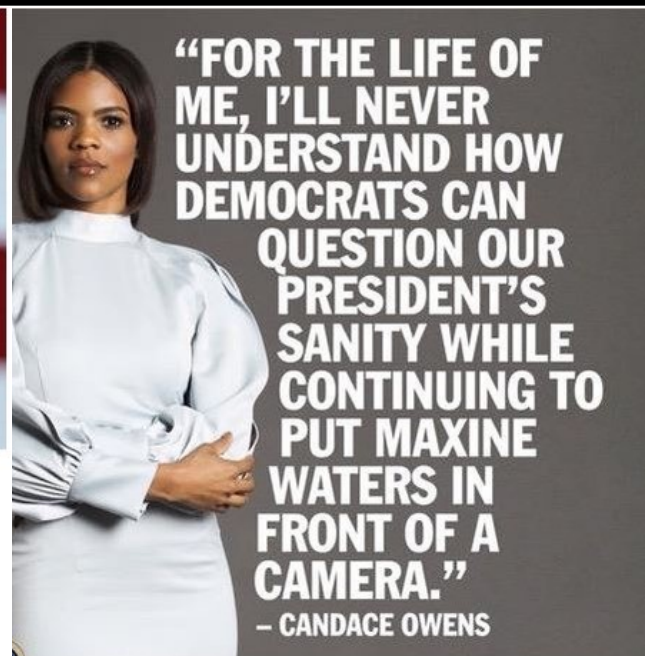


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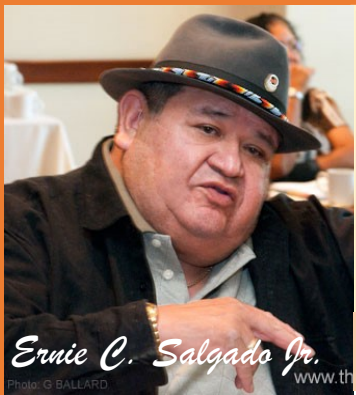
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How a Democrat lunatic could be elected president in 2020

David Kupelian lays out the battlefield and explains Democrats' secret weapon

As we look back at an extraordinary and often surreal 2019 and prepare to step into the fateful year of 2020, one mind-numbing reality emerges: we look back at an extraordinary and often surreal 2019 and prepare to step into the fateful year of 2020, one mind-numbing reality emerges

Despite the Democrats' nonstop hysterical obsession with reversing the 2016 election, Donald J. Trump is still president, the stock market is at an all-time high, unemployment at an all-time low, America is again respected internationally ... and the Democratic Party, including its propaganda wing called the **"mainstream media,"** have gone stark raving mad.

And with their farcical impeachment charade seemingly backfiring – just the latest phase of their ongoing coup against Trump, preceded by the multi-year Russia-collusion hoax, the worst political scandal in U.S. history – Trump appears to be heading into the 2020 in a fairly strong position for reelection

And of course, one can reasonably wonder how Americans could possibly elect any of the Democratic Party's certified lunatics currently running for president?

Consider that Sen. Bernie Sanders, still running strong in the polls, insists that convicted terrorists (*he specifically cited Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev who in 2013 slaughtered three and maimed close to 300 with nail-filled pressure-cooker bombs*) should be allowed to vote. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who lies about virtually everything – starting with her longtime claim to being *Native American*, the most high-profile case of actual *"cultural appropriation"* of our generation – introduced a bill in June that would grant reparations for homosexuals. Yes, really. And Joe Biden and his son Hunter are guilty of precisely the *"high-crimes"* type of extreme political corruption that his party falsely accuses Trump of committing! Remember, with the left, **EVERYTHING** is projection; they accuse you of the very evils they themselves are guilty of committing.

Meanwhile, if you're a Trump supporter, these lunatic candidates and their supporters regard you and me as ignorant bigots and racists at best, and see President Trump as evil, deranged, mentally ill and a dangerous criminal indeed, as another Hitler, who locks innocent children in cages, hires Nazi-like guards (*that's how they characterize ICE, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement*) and forces women and children to drink from toilets. All outrageous lies, of course.

And yet, one of these candidates (*or else Hillary Clinton, if she jumps into the race at the Democratic Convention, as many increasingly expect*) could actually be elected president of the United States a few months from now!

If that happens – I'm sorry, but you can kiss your beloved country goodbye.

Am I exaggerating? If you pay attention to the news, you know that I am not.

.But how, you might well ask, could such a deranged person as any of the top Democratic presidential candidates possibly win, seeing as they all support suicidal and frankly idiotic policies like open borders, free healthcare for everyone in the world, emptying out our prisons and so forth? How could American voters possibly choose one of them?

Well, consider the formidable forces arrayed on their side: America's educational system, almost entirely in leftwing hands, is busily indoctrinating the next generation from our colleges and universities down through high school, middle and elementary school, all the way to pre-school, where toddlers are regularly subjected to demonic **"drag queen story hour"** indoctrination sessions.

Then there's the entire elite news media, the bureaucratic Deep State, the permanent elite ruling class in Washington, D.C., the entertainment media, **"woke"** corporations like the NBA, and on and on

And then – as if this battle wasn't already lopsided enough – consider that people of this same radical elitist leftwing mindset have stealthily taken over the internet through their megamonopolies of Google, Facebook, Amazon and others.

As a result, vital prolife, conservative and Christian voices, including WorldNetDaily as we have long documented are banned, daily de-monetized, deplatformed, suppressed and otherwise made to **"disappear."**

Free speech and a free press are most definitely **NOT** leftwing values.

Perhaps most concerning right now: Leaders of Google, the most powerful company on earth, consider Trump's 2016 electoral triumph to have been a huge failure on their part, they just didn't try hard enough on Hillary Clinton's behalf.

And we know, thanks to multiple courageous ex-Google whistleblowers, that Google fully intends to get the job done right this time. That's right: They mean to make sure Trump loses in November 2020 and that one of their lunatic neo-Marxist candidates ends up as leader of the free world. One of Google and Facebook's most crucial strategies for making sure this happens is to silence powerful voices of truth that expose their schemes and lies and effectively rally true-blue Americans to preserve, protect and defend their great nation.

WorldNetDaily, long in the forefront of this effort, has been severely hurt by Big Tech, which as you may know has destroyed the advertising-based business model for independent online news while simultaneously suppressed and defamed America's oldest independent news site (*founded in 1997*) every way possible.

As Jefferson wrote in his 1823 letter to Lafayette, **"The only security of all is in a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted when permitted freely to be expressed."**

Unfortunately, Big Tech is intent on America not having a free press, in shaping public opinion in its leftist image, and in suppressing dissenting voices.

And that's the only way any of the current crop of Democratic presidential candidates could possibly win in November 2020.

Bottom line: Big Tech's two most urgent tasks right now are:

- 1) defeating Donald Trump in the 2020 election and
- 2) making dissenting voices disappear. They're still kicking themselves for failing during the 2016 election and don't intend to make the same mistake again.

Incredibly, says top Google researcher Dr. Robert Epstein (*formerly editor-in-chief of Psychology Today*), Google is now poised to swing as many as 15 million votes in next year's presidential election toward the Democratic candidate!

But hopefully that won't happen if the truth is shouted from the rooftops and from sea to shining sea!

We fully intends to continue to sound the alarm and expose the totalitarian left's efforts to take over America everything from Big Tech's voter manipulation and suppression of truth, to the Democrats' election-time specialty of voter fraud (**especially the registration and voting of non-citizens**), to the leftwing indoctrination of young voters at America's progressive brainwashing centers called colleges, to the Democratic Party's utterly dishonest, rolling coup d'etat against the president, to the lies of the idiotic **"mainstream news media."**

Thank you and God bless you.

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