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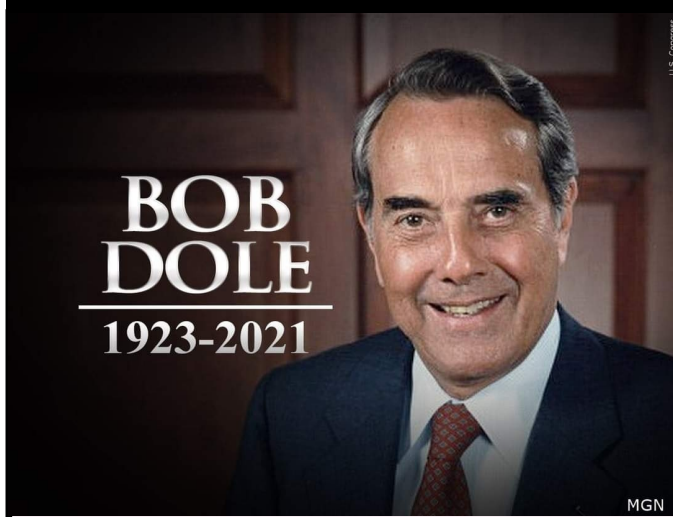
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BOB DOLE
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Sen. Bob Dole's final column:

'Too many of us have sacrificed too much'

This is Sen. Bob Dole's final op-ed. He began drafting it, with pen and paper, in October and finished it on Nov. 23, 2021. He died on December 5, 2021.

Bob Dole represented Kansas in the House of Representatives from 1961 to 1969, and then the U.S. Senate from 1969 to 1996, including as Senate Republican leader, and was the 1996 GOP presidential nominee. He co-founded the Bipartisan Policy Center in 2007.

Source: USA TODAY * Contributed By Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA

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

Dwight Eisenhower said America is best described by the word "freedom." It's an all-purpose sort of word, one that we salute like the flag on the Fourth of July, even if no two of us define it in exactly the same way.

This gives rise to a perpetual tug of war between those on the left who look to an activist government to broker economic security and a level playing field without which democratic capitalism can degenerate into mere survival of the fittest, and those on the right who pursue freedom from – especially from heavy-handed dictation, stifling taxes or overregulation that can smother individual initiative and discourage social mobility.

Conservatives put their faith in the marketplace, even while conceding its imperfections. When I was growing up in Dust Bowl Kansas, drought didn't wear a party label. I saw too many decent, hardworking people, exponents of rugged individualism, who played by the rules but were denied prosperity by actors beyond their control – or Washington's.

In the U.S. Army, I submitted to the temporary regimentation required to ensure an Allied victory. It didn't erode my self-reliant values. But it did reinforce my belief in teamwork.

None of this is easy – any more than finding a definition of freedom with which 330 million Americans can agree. This much we know.

Too many of us have sacrificed too much in defending that freedom from foreign adversaries to allow our democracy to crumble under a state of infighting that grows more unacceptable by the day.


Take it from Eisenhower and the dwindling band of brothers who fought under his command: ***"Together we must learn how to compose differences, not with arms, but with intellect and decent purpose."***

And take it from me: Our history is rich with political debate and deep divisions, but collectively we share a common purpose for a better America. We cannot let political differences stand in the way of that common good.

And that is why teamwork is needed in Washington now more than ever. During my years in Congress, Democrats and Republicans were political combatants, but we were also friends. I learned that it is difficult to get anything done unless you can compromise – not your principles but your willingness to see the other side.

"Those who suggest that compromise is a sign of weakness misunderstand the fundamental strength of our democracy."

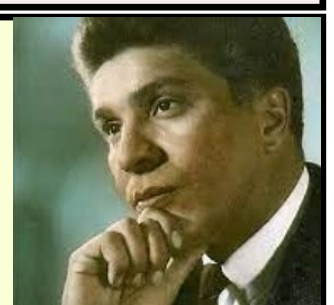
President Harry Truman famously observed that the chief function of the modern presidency is persuasion. But what if our leaders, whatever their politics, find themselves shouting into the wind in a culture incapable of working across a partisan political divide?



ERNIE STEVENS, SR., ONEIDA

AN AMERICAN INDIAN ICON

My View By *Ernie C. Salgado Jr.,*



The italic and bold text below was copied from the Native American Hall of Fame website page in honor of Ernie Stevens, Sr., 2021.

"Ernie Stevens, Sr., Oneida, served numerous leadership positions including as executive director of the Los Angeles Indian Center, the Institute for Community Anti-Poverty Corporation, the Inter-Tribal Council of California, the Indian Action Project in Arizona, the American Indian Policy Review Commission and served on the LA Human Rights Commission. He was First Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians and the first Staff Director to the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs."

He advocated for sovereignty, self-determination, self-governance and Native rights for nearly half a century. Serving with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Stevens was integral to changing the course of Indian Policy from an era of termination to tribal self-determination.

He was awarded the Leon Grant Spirit of the Community Award by the Phoenix Indian Center in 2017."

A U.S. Marine Corps combat veteran, serving during the Korean War, he earned the Korean Unit citation and the Korean Service medal with three battle stars.

The commentary of Mr. Stevens' accomplishments are commendable to say the least. However, to get a better understanding of the momentous significance of many of his organizational actions one must understand the political status of the American Indian tribes and people the 1950's and 60's which was almost non-existence.

After his discharge from the USMC at the age of 23-24 and little or no opportunities on his Reservation he headed to Los Angeles under the ***"Indian Relocation Program."***

Shortly after his arrival in LA he found himself abandoned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) with no support system.

He found other American Indians facing the same issues of assimilation to life in the big city.

Given his leadership skills, he brought like-minded Indian people together. And from day one he was labeled a **"Troublemaker"** by the BIA.

Again, this was over a decade before Alcatraz, Wounded Knee and the American Indian Movement (AIM). Many so-called **"Troublemakers"** often ended up in prison for various reasons or dead. Stevens was well aware of these perils but forged ahead in defiance of the odds.

The establishment of the Los Angeles Indian Center, the Institute for Community Anti-Poverty Corporation, the Inter-Tribal Council of California were revolutionary in the day.

He had the vision, the vision of self-governance and empowerment for the American Indian people. He also had the leadership skills and determination to bring about the advancement of our people.

On a personnel level I had the honor of meeting Mr. Stevens in 1961, shortly after my arrival in Los Angeles at the young age of 19 a few months short of my 20th birthday. I attended some of the tribal community gatherings he was sponsoring. To say he was inspiring would be an understatement.

In my most humble opinion Mr. Ernie Stevens, Sr. is truly one of the greatest Tribal Leaders of our time.

The Psychology of Turkeys

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

My View By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.,



George Soros' Los Angeles District Attorney: "Criminals are the Real Victims!"

Source: Washington Examiner * Contributed by Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA * Edited by Ernie C. Salgado, Jr., AIR

You can't make this insanity up!

"Gun control is for civilians, not criminals." "The criminal justice system should view criminals as victims." These are the guiding lights of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

On the same day that an 81-year-old woman was shot to death in a home invasion robbery, Gascon sent out a fundraising email decrying the use of sentencing enhancements. Enhancements add prison time for violent crimes for a number of reasons, from gang affiliation to the use of guns.

But Gascon thinks we shouldn't be too hard on criminals. Gascon did

not add a sentence enhancement to the charges against the woman's killer, a man who, of course, had an extensive criminal history and was recently released on parole in September. The enhancement would add 25 years to his sentence.

Gascon said that this is because sentence enhancements are disproportionately used against minorities. It's a dubious claim at best, but it ignores the real question: Does this individual, a repeat criminal who tried to rob another house after shooting a woman to death, deserve a sentencing enhancement that would keep him behind bars?

It would seem like a pretty simple

decision for a Democrat in charge of the criminal justice system as Gascon is in Los Angeles to take a hard-line stance on crimes committed with a gun. Democrats are the party of gun control, and Gascon is a proponent of it as well. But, like other liberal district attorneys, he is convinced his primary goal should be to keep criminals out of jail rather than have them face justice. That magical word "equity" is the goal, not safety.

In a normal world, people such as Gascon would be nowhere near the district attorney's office. But Los Angeles chose to support this by electing him in the first place, just as

San Francisco did with Chesa Boudin and Philadelphia did with Larry Krasner. "Social justice" is what prevails in cities dominated by Democrats. If you want real justice, you will have to look elsewhere.

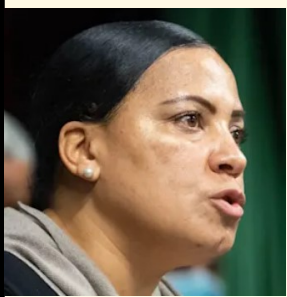
In California shoplifters can't be prosecuted unless it can be proven that they intended to steal before they entered the business.

When someone takes something that don't belong to them, that is stealing regardless when they decided to steal it. That's common sense.

This insanity has to be stopped. We are heading for a real awakening in America and if we don't start paying attention our freedom will be lost.

"LET'S GO BRANDON"

Race, Gender and Political Ideology Trump Competence For Democrats



Massachusetts U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins' prosecution history is coming under scrutiny after the Senate confirmed her nomination.

Rollins was voted in as the U.S. attorney for Massachusetts on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 with Vice President Kamala Harris casting the tie-breaking vote.

Rollins' past policies of refusing to prosecute minor offenses has been a source of concern for Republicans.

As district attorney, Rollins refused to pursue charges for a number of nonviolent charges, including: trespassing, shoplifting, disorderly conduct, receiving stolen property,

minor motor vehicle offenses, breaking and entering a vacant property or for the purpose of sleeping or seeking refuge, threats excluding domestic violence, minor possession of alcohol, drug possession and resisting arrest in cases when the resistance is the only charge - according to cataloging by the Heritage Foundation.

Why wasn't she vetted before the senate voted her into the position? And, why is no one is taking her to task or even acknowledging her racist attitude? She is a racist, and there is no place for her racist ideology any where in our government, plain and simple.

She is nothing more than another George Soros protégé to undermine the judicial system in America. Just like in the cities of Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, St. Louis, Philadelphia and New York to name a few.



Oregon governor signs bill removing reading, writing, & math requirements for high school kids, to help 'students of color'

More Absurdity:

The driver of the car that plowed into a Christmas Parade killed five people and injured over eighty others complained that the media is demonizing him by calling him a Monster! And duh! What's his point? Oh, sorry, maybe he thinks we should follow the Democrat, BLM and other Marxist in making him a "Hero," like George Floyd, who died from a drug overdose but it was blamed on an over zealous policeman. What ya think?



This is what **IGNORANCE, INTOLERANCE** and **HATE** looks like.

Biden in Denial as Approval Tanks

As of December 2021 more than two-thirds of Americans (69%) disapprove of how Biden is handling inflation (only 28% approve) while more than half (57%) disapprove of his handling of the economic recovery.

Partisan splits for inflation show expected negativity in Republican views (94% disapproving), but the survey also reveals weaknesses from Biden's

own party with only a slim majority of Democrats (54%) approving.

Biden's orbit is also hemorrhaging independent voters, with 71% disapproving of his handling of inflation.



Uh Joe, If You Cant Get OPEC To Produce More Oil You Might Check With Texas, Oklahoma Or Alaska. Rumor Has It They Have Some...

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Dr. Kassie Silvas to Serve as North Idaho College Interim Provost



Dr. Kassie Silvas, a former North Idaho College dean will be returning Monday, December 5, 2021 to temporarily fill the shoes of two retiring vice presidents.

Interim President Michael Sebaaly has hired Dr. Silvas NIC's former retired dean of career, technical and workforce education, to return to the college in an interim provost position.

"I've been around here for a long time and I care deeply about our community and the role that our college serves," Silvas said. "I'm happy to come help."

Sebaaly said the interim provost position was created to help the college transition through the retirements of Vice President of Student Services Graydon Stanley on Jan. 3 and Vice President for Instruction Lita Burns on Jan. 4.

"This is not something unique," Sebaaly said. "It's been done when it's needed."

Dr. Kassie Silvas is Hemet High School graduate in southern California and her husband Danial Silvas is a Tribal member of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians.

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Music Video

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ABOVE AND BEYOND, Dr. April Lea Go Forth leads the RISE Indian Education Center in increasing the awareness of the "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women." The plan is to produce another video to increase the awareness that will include the participation of other Tribal Organizations and Tribes. Dr. Go Forth can be reached at PO Box 1878, Alturas, CA 96101 or thozwomenz@citlink.net.

The video above can be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/6959884> - This is a very serious crisis in Indian Country and we all must come together to protect our women!

Edward Shames, last of the 'Band of Brothers,' dies

Col. Edward Shames, the last surviving officer of the historic World War II parachute infantry regiment of the US Army known as Easy Company, died Friday at the age of 99.

During World War II, Shames "was a member of the renowned Easy Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division now known globally as the 'Band of Brothers,'" according to the obituary. The story of Easy Company was later immortalized in the HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers," based on The New York Times bestseller by Stephen E. Ambrose.

Shames *"was involved in some of the most important battles of the war. He made his first combat jump into Normandy on D-Day as part of Operation Overlord,"* according to the obituary.

Shames "gained a reputation as a stubborn and very outspoken soldier who demanded the highest of standards from himself and his fellow soldiers," it said.



"In Germany, he was the first member of the 101st to enter Dachau concentration camp, just days after its liberation," said the obituary.

After the war, Shames worked as an expert on Middle East affairs with the National Security Agency. He later served in the US Army Reserve Division and retired as a colonel.

A graveside service was held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, Virginia, according to the funeral home.



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Shout out and congrats to Logan Fryberg (Tulalip) who was selected to play at AT&T Stadium in Texas on April 10th in the 13U All American Future Stars All Stars Game.

#NativePreps #Tulalip



Posted on the Internet by Steve Sun, Colorado. Steve is the grandfather of TV show Grays Anatomy's newest star, Robert Mesa. Mr. Sun is also a tribal member of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians.

I Was Killed In
Vietnam



Agent Orange

I Just Have Not
Died Yet



Christmas will still be
Christmas even if retail
shelves are empty!



Jesus is the reason
for the season!

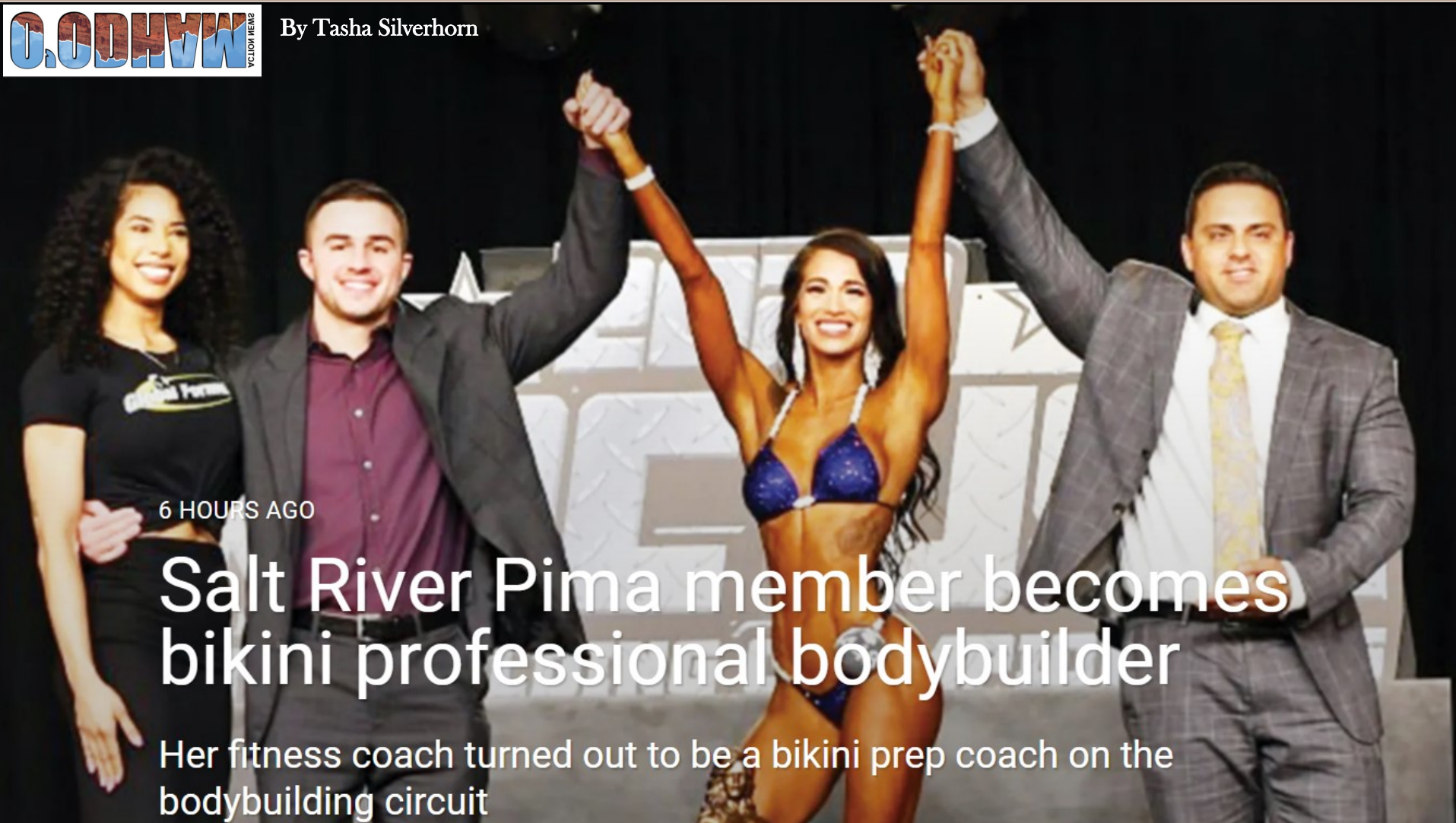
Should Illegal Immigrants Be Eligible
for Social Security Benefits?

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By Tasha Silverhorn



6 HOURS AGO

Salt River Pima member becomes bikini professional bodybuilder

Her fitness coach turned out to be a bikini prep coach on the bodybuilding circuit

SRPMIC member Leanne "Amiee" Velasquez turned her regular routine to the gym into an entire new journey into body building. Photo courtesy of Leanne "Amiee" Velasquez

Leanne "Aimee" Velasquez, a 27-year-old Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member, was working as a registered nurse when she decided to change up her routine of going to the gym in February 2020. Feeling intimidated and lost, she hired a fitness coach to help her get a new routine down. Her coach turned out to be a bikini prep coach on the bodybuilding competition circuit. Now Velasquez competes as an International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness (IFBB) bikini bodybuilder.

"He just was talking me up, telling me how I have amazing genetics and my body loves the muscle and all these things," said Velasquez about how she was convinced to start training for fitness competitions. *"He threw me into my first show at the Legends Classic in February 2020 in Las Vegas."*

In that show, Velasquez competed in the True Novice Division, winning first place and overall winner. She also received first place and overall winner in the Novice Division and second place in the Open Bikini Division, which qualified her for the Universe and Nationals fitness championships.

Prior to those competitions, Velasquez decided to take her training more seriously. She moved on with a new coach knowledgeable in Olympics training.

"She helped me with my physique. I stepped onstage in November 2020 at the San Antonio Classic and took first place in the Open Bikini Division. A week later I went to Universe Nationals and took fifth place in the Open Bikini Division," said Velasquez.

Velasquez started out at 5'2" and about 97 pounds; now she weighs about 113 pounds, gaining muscle and definition.

"[With this fitness routine], my confidence, self-esteem, motivation, drive and self-discipline [are like] night and day compared to where it was before I started," said Velasquez.

Not only did she have to physically train, she also had to change how she eats. She explained that it was hard to gain weight because she had to eat enough food—if she just ate a little, those calories would burn off easily because of her increased muscle. So, she had to consume more calories than she was burning to make sure she gained muscle.



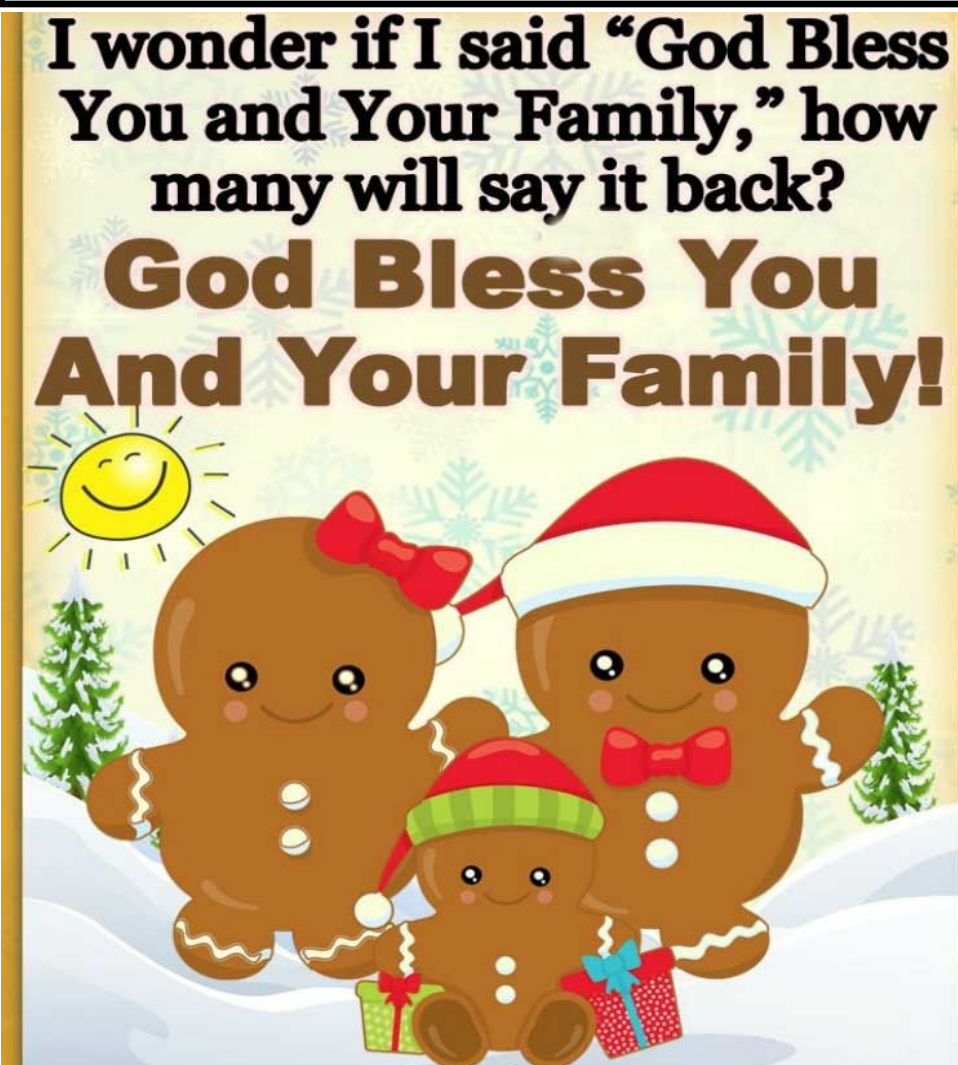
Photo courtesy of Leanne "Amiee" Velasquez

ories would burn off easily because of her increased muscle. So, she had to consume more calories than she was burning to make sure she gained muscle.

"People look at it and they're like, 'Oh, I don't want to eat healthy; I don't want to eat this, it sounds horrible,' but you've got to really find things that you enjoy," said Velasquez. *"If you like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, that's good, just eat whole-grain bread and a natural peanut butter, and instead of getting jelly, you can get strawberry preserves that are sugar-free and it's real fruit. So, you can always have alternatives to foods and not just think one way."*

Velasquez has her own website where she does online coaching and blogs about her fitness journey. She would like to invite SRPMIC members to visit and ask her any questions about health, fitness and bodybuilding. You can visit her website at www.fitnessbyaims.com or reach her at [fitnessbyaims](https://www.facebook.com/fitnessbyaims) on Facebook and Instagram.

She advises those interested in starting a fitness routine to visit a gym and just take some time to look things over. *"Find a cardio machine (treadmill or elliptical) that looks out over the weight equipment, and while you are using it just watch how the weight machines work and plan your workout. For example, you will know where to go for your arm workout and then go on to legs and so on,"* said Velasquez. *"Just kind of feel out your little program and know where to go so you don't feel too lost. That helped me a lot in the beginning and when I was working out at new gyms. If you feel stuck, get a coach and a meal plan. Just get comfortable in the gym and be consistent."*



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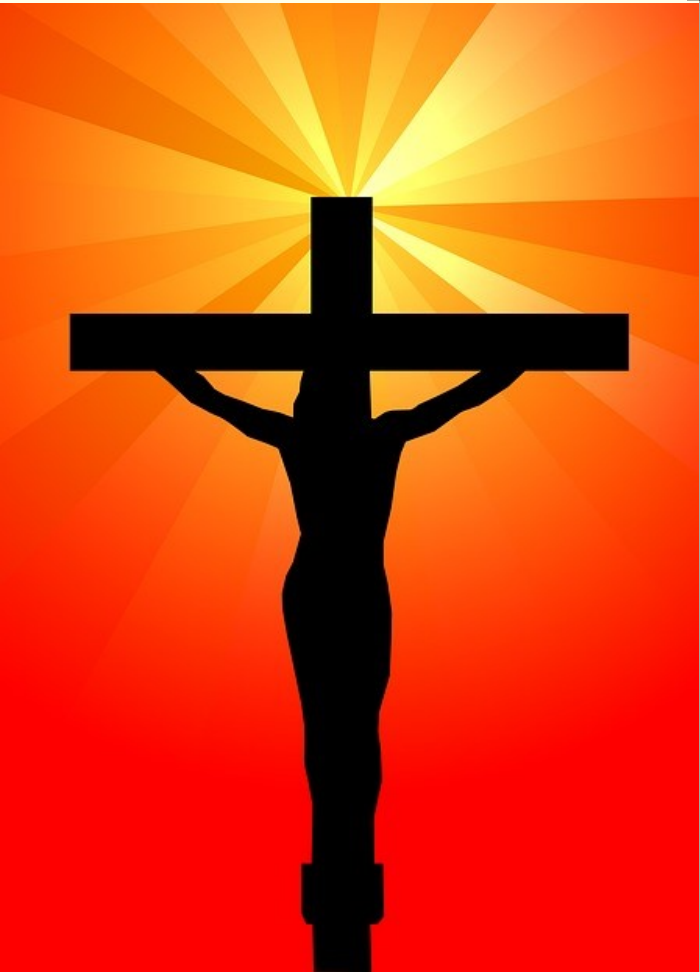
Biden 'forcing' people to abandon faith for 'radical gender-identity ideology'

'It's a legal conflict that goes to the heart of what it means to be free'



By Shannon O. Royce Real Clear Religion * *WND Editor's note:*
This story originally was published by [Real Clear Religion](#).

Contributed by Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA * Edited by Ernie C. Salgado, Jr., AIR



Suppose for a moment that President Joe Biden wakes up tomorrow morning and decides that stealing isn't wrong. Thus persuaded, he has the Federal Bureau of Investigation post on its website that stealing is now officially okay – not only *legal*, but henceforth *required* by law.

That being the case, the doors and windows of homes and businesses are to remain unlocked. Security systems are to be shut down. Law enforcement officers are not only forbidden to interfere in robberies and burglaries, but are in fact expected to take willing part in them – and to seize every opportunity to encourage people in their community to steal.

TRENDING: I miss Melania: Jill Biden unveils horrible Christmas decorations for White House
Of course, inevitably, a few old sticks-in-the-mud will hold to the conviction that stealing is wrong. Maybe they've seen the economic impact or realize how easily people could begin losing items they cherish and resources on which they depend.

Maybe they just take seriously their religious convictions and what their parents and grandparents taught them.

It doesn't matter. The federal government has now decided what is orthodox and unorthodox, and people are expected to quietly submit their deepest religious beliefs, common sense, and better judgment to its moral authority.

Yes, it's a ludicrous scenario. But for religious employers and healthcare providers, it is one not far removed from the aggressive position this administration is taking on policies that have upended religious, legal, and historical norms and reinterpreted sex to include gender identity in federal laws.

On President Biden's first day in office, one of the first things he did was sign an executive order instructing federal agencies to reinterpret "sex" in Title IX and other statutes to include gender identity. That reinterpretation had a massive and cascading effect and led to two federal mandates directly affecting religious employers and health care providers.

The first requires most of these employers – including Christian nonprofits and for-profits – to provide insurance coverage for gender transition surgeries, procedures, affirmative counseling, and other treatments. The second compels most medical professionals to provide those services, even in violation of their own ethical concerns and personal religious beliefs.

Remarkably, these mandates did not benefit from congressional debate or formal legislative procedure. Nor did the president notify or solicit comments or feedback from a spectrum of religious leaders or even the general public. He simply directed the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Department of Health and Human Services to unilaterally redefine sex. They did so, and immediately his administration's moral impulse became the perceived law of the land.

If you happen to be one who brings sincere religious convictions to debates about gender identity, it's disturbing to find suddenly that the deepest beliefs you hold are forfeit to government overreach.


Make no mistake, the cost of those beliefs comes high. Not only do the mandates direct nearly all private and religious employers to cover the exorbitant costs of insurance coverage for procedures that conflict with their conscience and religious beliefs, they require virtually all medical professionals to talk positively about procedures that these professionals may not actually consider to be in their patients' best interest. What's more, the mandate even compels some to perform procedures they believe do egregious physical harm on those who look to them for medical care.

That's a lot to ask of any citizen in a country founded on religious liberty and freedom of speech. Indeed, it's far too much. Which is why attorneys with Alliance Defending Freedom filed a lawsuit on behalf of my organization, the Christian Employers Alliance.

The legal challenge will concentrate on whether religious employers who decline to provide insurance coverage for controversial gender transition procedures are in violation of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act (which says employers can't discriminate on the basis of sex) – and whether religious health care providers who decline to perform and affirm those procedures are in violation of the Affordable Care Act (which says certain healthcare providers can't discriminate on the basis of sex).

The current administration is forcing the idea that those who have religious convictions cannot live in alignment with those beliefs if it goes against the radical gender identity ideology. Compelling religious people to violate their personal faith and professional ethics is in itself a flagrant exercise in religious discrimination and coercion – one prohibited by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, if not the Constitution itself.

It's a legal conflict that goes to the heart of what it means to be free, what it means to hold to one's own moral conscience and religious convictions, and even against the dictates of the government itself. In a nation so long dedicated to the priority of personal liberty, that shouldn't be a difficult question to resolve.

 The Washington Post December 2, 2021 by Taylor Telford * Contributed by Andrea Marquez, Soboba Indian Rez., So. CA

Poll finds Inflation causing financial strain for nearly half of U.S. households

Roughly 45 percent of households are being hurt by price increases, according to a [survey](#) of nearly 1,600 people conducted Nov. 3 to Nov. 16. About 1 in 10 said that hardship was severe enough to affect their standard of living, while 35 percent described the hardship as “moderate.”

The effects were most acute in lower-income households, with 71 percent of those making less than \$40,000 a year saying they experienced hardship, compared with 47 percent for middle-income households and 29 percent of those considered upper-income.

“Most low-income households are already hurting,” said Mohamed Younis, editor in chief of Gallup. *“You can only imagine what that’s going to look like in the next few months if this continues to get worse.”*

Surging inflation is challenging families and policymakers alike, as booming consumer demand collides with snarled supply chains, driving up prices throughout the global economy. The picture is further complicated by a widespread labor shortage and the revolving door of pandemic threats, including the uncertainty surrounding the highly mutated omicron coronavirus variant.

The inflation pain seems to cut across partisan lines, with 53 percent of Republicans saying they’re feeling the effects of price increases compared with 37 percent of Democrats, according to Gallup. But the number of households experiencing severe financial hardship was fairly even across the political spectrum.



Prices jumped more than 6 percent in October, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the largest annual increase in about 30 years. As a result, Americans are spending more on necessities, from groceries to fuel to housing.

The nation’s median rent swelled 17.8 percent from January to November, according to the Apartment List’s National Rent Report. The median sales price of a single-family home hit \$353,900 in October, according to the National Association of Realtors, up more than 13 percent year over year. Beef prices are up 20 percent in the same period, according to the BLS, and the cost of a carton of eggs has risen nearly 30 percent. On Thursday, the national average for a gallon of gas was \$3.37, according to AAA, compared with \$2.15 a year ago.

On December 1, 2021 Biden [called](#) surging prices “a worldwide challenge” and a “natural byproduct” of a global economy that’s rebounding from the pandemic. But he stressed that the average American family is financially better off now than it was before the pandemic, despite the strain from inflation.

“Prices are still out of sync as the world comes back,” Biden said Wednesday in remarks about the supply chain. *“But as we continue to overcome these obstacles, the more price pressures will ease.”*

The rising prices are hitting families just as the holiday shopping season gets into full swing. Americans are still planning to spend big, even though their dollars won’t go as far: The average consumer plans to spend \$785 this year, according to NPD Group’s Holiday Retail Outlook. That is more than 13 percent higher than last year and 6 percent more than 2019.

PNC’s Christmas Price [Index](#) — which has tracked the cost of the items from the “12 Days of Christmas” for 38 years — shows a 5.7 percent increase compared with 2019, for a total of \$41,205.58. While admittedly the cost of partridges and golden rings is not indicative of most family’s holiday purchases, the “lighthearted [take on the BLS Consumer Price Index](#)” nonetheless shows that inflation has become tough to avoid.

MARJORIE TALLCHIEF

WORLD NOTED NATIVE AMERICAN BALLERINA

(1926 - 2021)

Source: Shayne's Journal, December 7, 2021 #5086 * By Russell Tallchief
Edited by Ernie C. Salgado, Jr., American Indian Reporter



I'm so sad to share that our aunt Margie passed away. I'm happy that she is reunited once again with family. From her sons Alex and George and family: Marjorie Tallchief (1926 - 2021), renowned as the first Native American "première danseuse étoile" at the Paris Opera Ballet, died on November 30 at her home in Delray Beach, Florida. She was 95. Ms. Tallchief was born October 19, 1926, in Denver, Colorado. Her parents were Alexander Joseph Tall Chief, a member of the Osage Nation, and his wife, Ruth Porter Tall Chief.

Ms. Tallchief's paternal great-grandfather had helped negotiate with the U.S. government for oil revenues that brought the Osage Nation incredible wealth. Ms. Tallchief grew up on the Osage Reservation in Fairfax, Oklahoma, not far from a house that had been firebombed as part of the Reign of Terror, a period lasting from 1921-1931 when murderers targeted Osage members for their headrights to oil revenues. Ms. Tallchief's family moved to Los Angeles so Ms. Tallchief and her sister, Maria, who would become one of the United States' most famous prima ballerinas, could pursue dance training. Ms. Tallchief accepted a position of leading soloist in the Colonel de Basil's Original Ballet Russe.

Ms. Tallchief would later note that the Ballet Russe, a traveling company, brought ballet to small towns across America. From there, she joined the Nouveau Ballet de Monte Carlo, later renamed the Grand Ballet Du Marquis de Cuevas in Europe. She then became the first American and Native American to be "première danseuse étoile" of the Paris Opera Ballet. She performed to great acclaim in Annabel Lee, Romeo and Juliet, Camille, Pastorale, and Ariadne. Ms. Tallchief performed for U.S. Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, and for French President Charles de Gaulle.

Ms. Tallchief married George Skibine in 1947. Skibine was a choreographer and Ms. Tallchief's dance partner. They remained married until his death in 1981. Ms. Tallchief moved back to the United States from France in 1965 to become a leading dancer with the Harkness Ballet in New York City. She subsequently taught at the Dallas



Moscelyne Larkin, Yvonne Chouteau (center, on floor), Marjorie Tallchief, and Rosella Hightower in photo above from around 1957. Credit: The University of Tulsa, McFarlin Library, Department of Special Collections & University Archives. Featured in The New York Times.

Civic Ballet Academy and acted as a dance director for the Dallas Ballet. She also taught at the Chicago City Ballet School and was dance director at the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton, Florida. She retired to Delray Beach, Florida, where she was a fixture at the local yoga and Pilates studios well into her nineties.

Ms. Tallchief was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. She and her sister Maria, along with Native American dancers Moscelyne Larkin, Rosella Hightower, and Yvonne Chouteau, were named Oklahoma Treasures at the Governor's Arts Awards. These five Native American ballerinas from Oklahoma are known as the Five Moons and are honored with bronze sculptures in Tulsa and the Flight of Spirit mural at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

In 2021, the Five Moons Dance Festival, presented by the University of Oklahoma's School

of Dance, celebrated their impact on ballet. The University of Oklahoma School of Dance offers a scholarship in Tallchief's honor. *"We are happy to honor the amazing accomplishments of Maria Tallchief and Marjorie Tallchief in this way,"* said the Director for the OU School of Dance. *"Our hope is that others will join us to provide a lasting legacy and support future generations of dancers."* *"I think it's important for us to remember that Maria and Marjorie and all five of the ballerinas came out of Oklahoma, from small rural reservation communities,"* said Russ Tall Chief, who helped to plan the Five Moons Dance Festival. *"To have these women of color, representing not just American Indians, but America, on the ballet stage was profound."*

Ms. Tallchief is survived by her sons, Alexander and George Skibine, and her grandchildren, Alexandre, Nathalie, Adrian, and Trevor Skibine.



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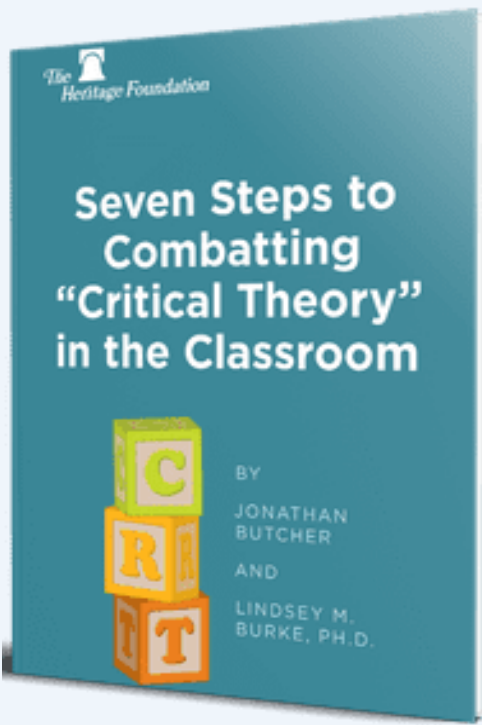
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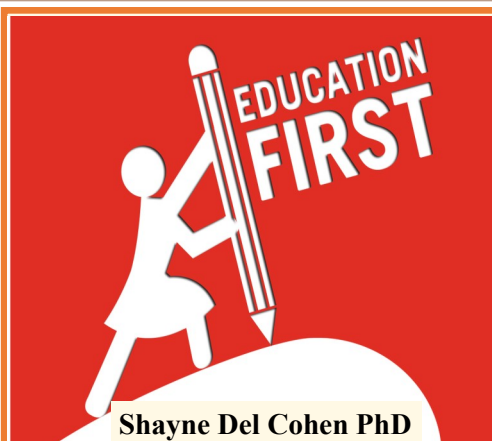
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“The White House Tribal Nations Summit demonstrated the bridge between two epochs.”



Because of obvious careful planning as well as a minimum of technical difficulties, the Summit made it possible for anyone who was interested to see it live or in the replays.

The meant that tribal members from any point in the country (except those without broadband access) could attend and see/hear information directly.

As many of the presenters were executives of different cabinet offices, it was a first time opportunity for audience to “meet” those who create or manage federal policy and budgets “close-up and in-person”.

Beyond analysis of body language and rhetoric in general, viewers had the opportunity to personally watch those whose administration will affect their community lives, in other words to watch the words (promises and challenges) flow out of the mouths at the head of the table that are recorded and can be used in holding those individuals true to their words.

Each speaker was questioned by several previously chosen tribal representatives whose questions focused on what they had previously accomplished or been challenged by during the former administration and what is now possible.

The First Lady shared remarks on the importance of cultural retention and language restoration.

The President historically stopped by, not only to emote, but to sign an Executive Order on Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People, directing the Departments of Justice, Interior, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services

to create a strategy to improve public safety and justice for Native Americans and to address the epidemic of missing or murdered Indigenous peoples. The DOJ, DOI, and DHS were also tasked by the President with addressing specific law enforcement issues, as well as providing support for Tribal Nations to implement Tribally-centered responses. He also directed HHS to develop a plan for prevention and survivor support initiatives.

Signing of bills and executive orders are usually done with small groups of invited guests and some press, generally in the President's office. Strategic planning and timing as well as public archiving has allowed thousands of persons the become personally involved and witness to this event. This extension of public engagement and communication can only serve to strengthen presenters knowledge and appreciation of Indian Country but also provide the viewing public with greater insight as to Department responsibilities and the challenge of being an executive of a program/agency.

While both speakers and questioners related that they missed the intimacy of conference organization and time to meet personally, the format of the 2021 Summit provided wider public participation.

One would hope that more and more conferences adopt some of techniques and viewing attributes for a variety of meetings. It would save travel costs big time, as well a providing more flexible options for coveted presenters to attend.

One would also hope that some face-to-face encounters be preserved so that individuals can build the person-to-person relationships and

trust as well as stimulate exchange or ideas and concepts that can only happen in casual settings.

Needless to say, the importance of tribal members having access to policy making and budget groups through communication technology became stark within a small period of time. Fortunately, funds are available in several departments to get “the last mile” to tribal residents as well as related infrastructure in bills recently signed by the President.

For these that missed it:

White House Tribal Nations Summit Agenda.pdf

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Location: Virtual from the White House

Date: Monday (11/15)

Start Time: 11:00 AM Eastern Time

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Day 2

Location: Virtual from the White House

Date: Tuesday (11/16)

Start Time: 11:00 AM Eastern Time

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December is an exciting month, the Shalako Ceremonies at Zuni, NM. People celebrate Hanukkah, Saint Nicholas Day, Winter Solstice, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. Whatever you celebrate, enjoy your time with the family and your loved ones. Celebrate life.

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What is Agenda 21?

Who was Karl Marx?

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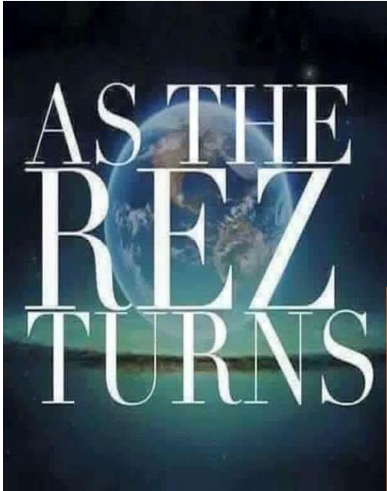
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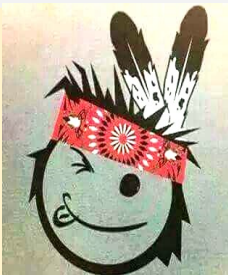
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“America is just like an insane asylum. There is not a soul in it will admit they are crazy.” - Will Rogers, Rogers was an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. Shayne’s Journal # 4677 May 13, 2020



It was good to know that Ghislaine Maxwell wasn’t a close friend of the Clintons 'so I guess we can assume she somehow crashed the wedding. Maybe she was posing as a journalist like the Antifa guy at the Washington D.C. December 6, 2021 protest. My bet is she was an honored guest! What you think?



Hey girl! It's Hilly. Was just checking to see if you wanted to hang later tonight?



The reason I’m not a liberal is because I’m happy, have an IQ higher than a potato chip, and I’m not batshit crazy.

When people do their own research before purchasing a house or a car, they're considered a SMART CONSUMER.

When you do your own research before putting something in your body, you're called a Conspiracy theorist.

People ask "Do I really need Jesus to go to Heaven?"

Bro, you need Jesus just to go to Walmart.

Migrants who are supposedly fleeing hunger now threatening to go on a hunger strike! Priceless



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