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HAPPY FATHERS DAY



June 2: Indian Citizenship Act

On this date in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge signed into law the Indian Citizenship Act granting full US citizenship to America's indigenous peoples. Native American teaching resource collection at: [FCIT.USF.EDU/PROJECT/ICA](https://fcit.usf.edu/project/ica)

The American Indian people were granted American citizenship on June 2, 1924 as opposed to July 9, 1868 with the adoption of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution simply because it specifically excluded them, plain and simply. The reason for the exclusion was that the federal government did not have full jurisdiction over Native American tribes, which govern themselves and make treaties with the United States.

The U.S. Government was still in the process of forcing the American Indian people to adopt the European culture through the education process which began with day schools on tribal lands, and continued with the establishment of Indian Reservation and the infamous boarding schools where the inhumanity that took place within these "Indoctrination Centers" have been covered up for over 15-years. "Kill the Indian, save the man" was the motto of the day.

American Indian Boarding Schools first began operating in 1860 when the Bureau of Indian Affairs established the first on-reservation boarding school on the Yakima Indian Reservation in the state of Washington. Shortly after, the first off-reservation boarding school was established in 1879.

The first and only investigation of the number of American Indian child that died while attending the Indian Boarding Schools was released May 2022.

Although the investigation was limited to the number of Indian children's

deaths which stated, "500 Boarding School Children's grave sites found in 19 of the 408 Boarding Schools." (Pg 9) Given these figure an estimated 10,000 to 11,000 American Indian children may have died at these boarding school. The report also recommended that the investigation be continued and the scope be expanded.

It has been almost a century since the American Indian people were granted American citizenship and the individual Tribal Members still does not have Civil Rights protection provided to all other American citizens by the U.S. Constriction, in their relationship with their Tribal Government. The supreme court ruling states that the Government to Government relationship with the Tribes "precedes the U.S. Constitution," which is bogus because Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution: "The Congress shall have the Power To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." I guess this Article in reference to Commerce didn't meet "preceded criteria."

However, the individual American Indian Tribes have the option to allow its member protection under the Constitution but the odds of that happening are slim to none, simply because the tribal leaders promote the narrative that it would "Diminish Tribal Sovereignty." And until the Nations tribal memberships become better educated the accountability of tribal leaders, inconsistencies in mores and

norms will rule the day. In all fairness the Majority of the tribes in American follow their tribal traditions, customs and values. Yet again, if history has taught us anything is that power can be very dangerous if left unchecked.

And let us not forget the mountain of ever growing taxation, specifically Federal income taxes which didn't exist until it was introduced under the Revenue Act of 1861 to help pay for the Civil War. Again, I guess it doesn't meet the "preceded criteria" either.

Going back to the "Educational Indoctrination," in California for example, a great majority if the tribal people maintained their tribal language even though they were forbidden from speaking it, they learned to read and write the English and Spanish languages and practiced ways of the dominate cultures and economic system.

California, which became the 39 State in 1950 but the educational indoctrination of the Indian people was already underway under the rule of the Mexican Government and the Catholic Mission system.

Below is a group photo of the Mission Indian Federation. The organization consisted of tribal member from all the southern California American Indian Tribes and from tribal groups central California, Arizona and Nevada.

The organization began to meet as early as 1910 however, it wasn't until 1920 that it was officially established.

The Federation's motto, "Human Rights and Home Rule" was the core of their fight for civil rights and Indian autonomy on the reservations. At the time of the formation of the organization, Native Americans were not citizens of the United States. MIF members argued that it was unjust for native-born Americans to be denied U.S. citizenship rights when immigrants could become citizens after just a few years in this country.

However, the Bureau of Indian Affairs viewed the organization as a threat and sought to destroy it to the extent that it convinced the Department of Justice to file false charges against 57 tribal leaders of the Mission Indian Federation stating that they were promoting "Bolshevistic Doctrines." The basis fact that the Federation's Constitution clearly states that the organization recognizes the rights of the "Individual Tribal Members," which is the recognition of the individual, a right that has never or ever will be recognized by any "Bolshevistic Doctrines." (Socialist, Marxist ect)

The charges were dropped but the damage was done. However, the Mission Indian Federation survived for 45-years and their values are still in practice with many tribes.

Yet, the conflict over the rights of the American Indian Tribe continue to this day and the tribes are still fighting within the political system to force the U.S. Government to honor the Treaties and agreements made with the American Indian Tribes.



THE MISSION INDIAN FEDERATION

Riverside, California 1920

Indian Federation Convention

The Psychology of Turkeys

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

My View By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.,

"Biden Let The Cat Out Of The Bag" Steve Forbes Calls Out POTUS' "Confessor" Steve Forbes, Forbes Staff -

This past month in Asia, President Biden let the cat out of the bag. He said *higher gasoline prices are an unfortunate necessity in making the transition from fossil fuels to alternatives like windmills and solar panels. Give our commander-in-chief credit for candor.*

But, as this episode of What's Ahead explains, the Biden approach is profoundly wrong. It would immensely damage the economy, blighting the lives of tens of millions of people. It would be an environmental disaster, leaving the earth a poorer, uglier planet.

More fundamentally, given current technology, his goal is utterly unattainable.

Instead of vague platitudes about battling climate change, the Biden Administration should provide a detailed roadmap and timeline of how it intends to achieve this alleged nirvana of sufficient supply from alternative energy resources.

Voters should demand nothing less. An honest examination will be a White House embarrassment.



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In ordinary terms, Biden's woke economic policies boosted demand and shackled supply.

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

Larry Kudlow: Joe Biden doesn't want Americans to understand the real root cause of inflation

Wages for production workers were up 6.5% over the past year. That's still 2 percentage points below the inflation rate. So, falling real wages — what my pal Rick Santelli called "canaries in the coal mine," warned that the economy may be turning sour. That's what high inflation does.

The result: higher inflation. This happened a year before Vladimir Putin was massing troops on the Ukraine border and in the year before Putin, inflation took off, as did gasoline prices, food prices and virtually every other price.



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‘Anyone shocked?’ DC jury acquits Michael Sussmann of lying to the FBI over phony Trump-Russia link. An Obama appointed Judge & 8 jury members that were Clinton donors & supporters



May 31, 2022

John Legend suggests critics of Chicago’s violent crime are ‘racist’, floats Wyoming as more dangerous.

You can’t make this stuff up, and if it wasn’t so sad, it would be hilarious!



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Why would bacteria on Mars be considered "proof of life" when a heartbeat on Earth isn't?



Washington Examiner

Opinion by Quin Hillyer

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Biden fires wildly gun manufacturers and kills all logic instead

It is no surprise that President Joe Biden is broadly wrongheaded and also flagrantly dishonest on the subject of guns. On a simpler level, though, he is just flat-out illogical.

First, rather than belabor the "flagrantly dishonest" part of the equation, please let me refer you to today's piece by Dan McLaughlin at *National Review Online*. He demonstrates beyond any doubt — as a matter of fact, not opinion — that Biden lied in claiming that gun manufacturers have "special protections" as "the only industry in this country" that has immunity from lawsuits when, in McLaughlin's words, "its product is lawfully sold and used as designed."

As McLaughlin shows, numerous industries enjoy such explicit protections. More importantly, though, every industry, "under the ordinary principles of tort law," implicitly enjoys such protections

anyway. Here's where Biden's supreme defect of logic comes in.

Product liability suits are not supposed to succeed against legal products that are not defective and for which the company's marketing has not been deceitful. If a non-defective product is legal and the manufacturer has not encouraged its use in illicit ways or lied about its dangers, well, that's why it is, yes, *legal*. It is not the fault of the manufacturer that a buyer uses it incorrectly or maliciously.

There is absolutely no reasonable logic to the contrary. By Biden's logic, victims of motor vehicle wrecks could sue Honda and Ford for the sins of people who drive drunk. Kitchen utensil makers could be sued if a crackhead stabs a pedestrian. Drug companies could be sued by relatives of people who use sleeping pills to commit suicide. And so absurdly on. Then again, if we are to assign legal blame, upon

penalty of massive damage payments, for the originator of any product or service that ends up causing harm, maybe we could all sue Biden. He manufactured massive inflation where there had been none for 40 years, causing a declining standard of living for almost all of us. And unlike the gun companies, Biden is the one who actually pulled the trigger on the inflationary policies now plaguing us.

And if he doesn't have the money to make each of us whole, maybe he can tap the wealth his son Hunter was given by Chinese firms, some of which apparently were intended for himself as the "big guy."

For those who want liability to attach to someone with actual "deep pockets," well, forget about gun manufacturers, and file papers on the man in the Oval Office.

There's real logic for you. Or, at least it's better than Biden's mental, anti-gun misfire.

Food is a National Security and a Crisis is Coming

CHINA'S INTEREST IN US AGRICULTURE POSES SECURITY THREAT, FEDERAL REPORT WARNS

Source: FPX News by Kristi Noem



I first drove the semi on my family's farm when I was around 12 years old. My dad and I were leaving the field with a full load of corn, when he told me to take the wheel, giving his only advice before climbing down: "Make your corners wide."

From my family's farm to the State Committee for the USDA Farm Service Agency to the House Agriculture Committee, I have worked in agriculture in some capacity since I could walk. Now as South Dakota's governor, I serve alongside a third-generation cattle rancher, Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden. We are the only farmer-rancher pair to lead a state's executive branch, and we are both deeply concerned: America's food supply system is at risk.

To keep our food supply consistent and affordable for all families, it is essential that no one else controls it. When another nation controls your food, it controls you. Our leaders recognized this threat and put in place risk management tools and programs to ensure Americans would never go hungry because of a foreign entity's influence.

But for years now, foreign countries have been investing in our food supply chain, buying up the chemical and fertilizer companies that make American agriculture possible. Purchasing processing facilities, they have introduced vulnerability into the food supply chains Americans rely on to eat. Today, China is buying up millions of acres of land across the United States, following the same blueprint they have used in other countries for years.

While Americans have awakened to China's military

expansion and its grab for critical minerals worldwide, *we have not yet realized our strategic vulnerability when it comes to our nation's food supply.*

The beef industry offers a telling example: Over time, the beef processing industry has consolidated into four mega-packers that now control 85 percent of America's beef supply. That's bad for competition and leads to higher prices at the grocery store. But now consider that two of these companies are based out of Brazil, and that one of them is JBS Foods. When JBS was hacked last May, 20 percent of America's beef supply went offline overnight. That's a strategic vulnerability that shouldn't happen, but it did, and it will again if we don't act to fix it.

Food production facility fires are also enormously disruptive events. A 2019 fire at the nation's second-largest beef packing plant in Holcomb, Kansas shuttered the facility for four months; at that time, the plant was responsible for six percent of total daily beef slaughter. Whether 2022's incidents are anomalous or the result of something more sinister, the point is we need more information.

Mainstream media outlets are busy attempting to lampoon anyone who expresses even the remotest concern about incidents at food processing facilities today. The repeated refrain is *'there's no evidence of any wrongdoing, so drop it.'* But absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.

Coming at a time of shortages in such everyday essentials as fuel, semiconductors, and even baby formula, the American people have every right to be

skeptical and to demand answers about the incidents shutting down food facilities. Americans deserve to have their leaders treat disruptions in our food system – from foreign interference to fires to shortages – with concern.

Unfortunately, they've gotten the exact opposite from the Biden administration. U.S. AID Administrator Samantha Power even seemed to celebrate fertilizer shortages that will force farmers to "hasten transitions" to "natural solutions, like manure and compost." Shockingly, she also said the quiet part out loud: "Never let a crisis go to waste."

Congress needs to exercise its Article I power of the Constitution and hold hearings to investigate the security of America's food supply. We need our trade agreements honored and antitrust laws enforced. We need policies that prioritize domestic production. We need to ensure that America's food can't be held hostage by anyone.

As governor, I have worked with producers and health regulators to cut anti-competitive red tape and let South Dakota's producers ship across state-lines and invest in production facilities close to home. We need more of these common-sense, defensive measures at the national level.

America is much closer to the possibility of widespread food shortages than we think. Food security is our next crisis – and it may already be here.

Department of Justice's American Gestapo Above The Law And No Accountability

Source: FOX News by Jason Chaffetz

Surprise! The Biden Justice Department, led by Attorney General Merrick Garland, will not be prosecuting law-breakers within its ranks.

The Inspector General (IG) for the Department of Justice (DOJ) released its semiannual report to Congress of cases for which the IG recommends prosecutions.

But in case after case, the DOJ is declining to prosecute its own. The one notable exception is Bureau of Prisons (BOP) personnel, who still have reason to fear repercussions if they break the law.

But if you are in the FBI or DEA, you can be virtually assured you will not be prosecuted, based on the long list of cases DOJ has declined to prosecute. Apparently, if you work for the right agency, anything goes.

Just how serious are the allegations of lawbreaking? Here are a few examples from Inspector General Michael Horowitz's report:

"...while working for the FBI overseas, multiple then-FBI officials solicited, engaged in, and/or procured commercial sex. It was also alleged that one of the FBI officials provided another official a package containing approximately 100 white pills to deliver to a foreign law enforcement officer. The investigation was presented for prosecution on August 17, 2018, and declined on January 17, 2020."

"...after receiving information from the FBI alleging that a then-Supervisory Special Agent may have committed time and attendance fraud during a 6-month period. The investigation was presented for prosecution on June 27, 2018, and declined on March 15,

2021."

"...a then-senior official with the DEA gave preferential treatment to a particular pharmaceutical company by prioritizing the company's requests for drug quota increases over other pending requests. The allegation further stated that the pharmaceutical company's requests to the DEA had been made by a former DEA official then employed by the pharmaceutical company. The investigation was presented for prosecution on June 16, 2015, and declined on August 26, 2021."

Given the lack of accountability within federal law enforcement, it's no wonder federal agents are willing to misuse their authority. This may also help explain why DOJ has a deepening problem with public perception and low morale. There are many committed professionals at the 110,000-person agency, but when those who cut corners are allowed to thrive and suffer no consequences, it sends a message. The corruption grows.

Beyond the OIG report, we have another reprehensible example of DOJ's failure to self-police in the case of USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar, whose pattern of abusing patients was allowed to continue unchecked thanks to FBI malfeasance.

The original IG report on this case documented a pattern by Nassar of "widespread sexual assaults of over 100 victims." Nassar's possession of child pornography led to convictions in both federal and state court, and resulted in jail sentences totaling over 100 years.

The report concluded that *"the Indianapolis SSA ultimately drafted an interview summary 17 months after the in-*



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terview of Gymnast 1 that contained materially false statements and omitted material information."

Tragically, the mishandling of this case by the FBI had devastating consequences for victims. *"According to civil court documents, approximately 70 or more young athletes were allegedly sexually abused by Nassar under the guise of medical treatment between July 2015, when USA Gymnastics first reported allegations about Nassar to the Indianapolis Field Office, and September 2016."*

Three times there were recommendations to charge the two senior members of the FBI for their blatant lack of action and "lack of candor" (what we in the real world call "lying") to federal agents. DOJ confirmed last week they will not charge anyone for these crimes.

This failure speaks volumes. Hundreds of victims. A predator allowed to continue to prey upon young girls because of the FBI. But no one will be held accountable? Even worse, they just have to retire, and they can count on full, taxpayer-funded benefits for the rest of their lives.

DOJ officials should be held to a higher standard. We might even settle for just holding them to the same standard as the rest of us. But this unwillingness to hold their own accountable undermines faith in federal law enforcement and signals a tolerance for misbehavior.

Six months from now we will read about a similar report. Something needs to change. But clearly, President Biden and his Democrat majorities have little interest in reining in federal law enforcement.



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“The Past, Present and Future Belong to the Seventh Generation”



There are some readers who may remember reading the comics in the newspaper and seeing Dick Tracy and his fantastic wristwatch which also doubled as a walkie talkie.

We have arrived and more. Watches now track your steps, gather other health statistics, serve as telephones, cameras and laptops and can be programmed to do a variety of other household tasks.

What was seen as almost science fiction in the 1950's is a part of our daily lives.

What will another 50-70 years bring?

From drones that fly in sync with one another to autonomous ships navigating the ocean (Hyundai) - electric air taxis and high rise buildings that have their windows cleaned by high climbing robots to robots robos pocket sized wind turbines and hydrogen powered engines that only with 22 pounds to farm “bots” that water, weed and harvest - “insane ideas” have become real phasic manifestations of perceptions of what might be created. There is even a major dam being built in Yangqu, China, by robot.

Even our reality is shifting (and some say manipulate) : A Queen Elizabeth hologram riding in her Coronation Coach , the totally immersive experience of the Van Gogh exhibit.....

We're burning trash for electricity and building cyborgs with skin. The new physician office design includes a series of kiosks/robots that perform one's entry triage and then provide the physician with feedback within 10 minutes as well as a variety of desk top technologies with which to do deeper examination.

New words are entering the vocabulary such as quantum duress. It can become overwhelming.

Yet, this is the world of the youth who are completely at home within the technology. **What is their reality?**

The importance of this questions not only impacts the design of education programs to give them the skills with which to gain a secure, healthy livelihood, but those who are becoming more marginalized from daily activities that are dependent on these “new” technologies that will become part of the daily infrastructure of the next decade.

It begs the obvious question. Are you including youth in all of your planning processes? Is their vision of the future consistent with yours?

Probably not. The realities of older generations are based on their parental teachings and life experience. Youth

are often dismissive of parental preaching and rooted in the “now” of their existence. They have dreams and visions that come from a different life experience.

Inter-generational differences are nothing new but now it is critical for each to share their visions and concerns to forge a strong community path forward. There is no need for divide and conquer here. It is and opportunity to be creative and innovative.

I often opine in these pages that while technology appears to displace jobs, it really does not....it merely shifts the job skills needed and the daily tasks to be accomplished. Someone who was a car mechanic had to transit to being able to use electronic diagnostics.....but the repairs still needed to be made! A doctor's office may put you in a chair that measures height, weight, BMI, blood pressure, etc. instead of having an intake nurse do this triage, but the results still need to be interpreted and a plan for wellness is to be made with the patient.

Thus the voices of all generations need to be melded into plans, policies, investments, contracts and grant proposals.

Techno-aversion must be addressed. Continuation of tribal values, practices and legacies can be included in almost every aspect of planning, policy and education but only if those from 9-90 are included in the process.

“Education” is a life long process. We are never finished. A degree may render one able to make job applications in institutions that certainly need tribal representation. A agree may provide one entry to certain social circles that could use the education.. A degree may indicate skill competence (at the moment) but it doesn't end there.

Traditional knowledge transmits information that is not recorded elsewhere but within the community; traditional knowledge transmits **“the other side of the story”** of history and experience that is need to analyze this.

I think I have mentioned it before.

A cherished memory is that of being in the basement of the Smithsonian (where above there was chaotic frenzy because Tom Selleck was donating his PI Magnum shirt to the Institution) at a meeting of the technology planning committee for the National Museum of the American Indian. (NMAI).

I had explained my concept of NMAI as the hub of a wheel with the spokes reaching out and touching all the tribal

communities across the country with both “canned” and live programming from NMAI. Conversely, all communities would be able to send their programming down the spokes to the hub which would have a giant wall somewhere within the edifice.

Any visitor, particularly those from overseas, who could not or would not have the time/opportunity to visit all the communities would be able to go to this wall, locate a tribal name, punch a button and be able to view live or “canned” programming from them in comfort from a viewing station at NMAI.

Another tribal rep stated that could not be done because he didn't know how to run a VCR. Since this was an elder and so many of us were taught to speak in deference, I tried to couch an acceptable response by saying, “I cannot either (true then; true now), but every three year old I know, can. The museum won't be built and open for another decade or more. So I think we just have to plan for technological possibilities.”

Some thirty years or so later I was reminded of this last night while attending a small dinner party. The hosts had a gigantic tv screen in their family room. One of the guests had brought two precocious daughters, one a year and half and the other of three year old vintage. They wanted to turn on the tv and watch it.

The host's response was “we've forgotten how to turn the tv on” and went about doing the business of getting dinner served outside (on a temperature perfect, smokeless evening).

But, “gosh, dum”, the next time an adult came back into the house, those little girls had the tv up and running. (They were also not paying it any attention, however, being more stimulated by one “playing” the piano next to the tv, while the little one whirled around and around in some primal dance responding to the “music”).

VCR's may now be a thing of the past - technological artifacts. The ability of young minds, the innate desire and ability to figure something out, however, still remains.

This is the ultimate challenge for tribal leadership. One has to keep up with all the technological evolutions, deciding what to adopt, what to reject, what to put in abeyance.

Just think about the changes around you or how you organize your day compared to 10 years ago. Think of the

floppy discs you now need to toss, the selectric typewriter you never use, the push button phone stored in a closet and all the apps that demand a smart phone.

You may be annoyed by not getting a human on the line, but do you like the convenience of email/FB/Instagram messaging? Or the robot that can sweep your floor? Or the system that measures each plant to determine how much water to deliver to it with a punch of a button?

Examples of the above include communities that have decided to address their carbon footprint by reducing vehicular traffic by providing more community transit and/or encourage members to ride bikes, also creating bike lanes.

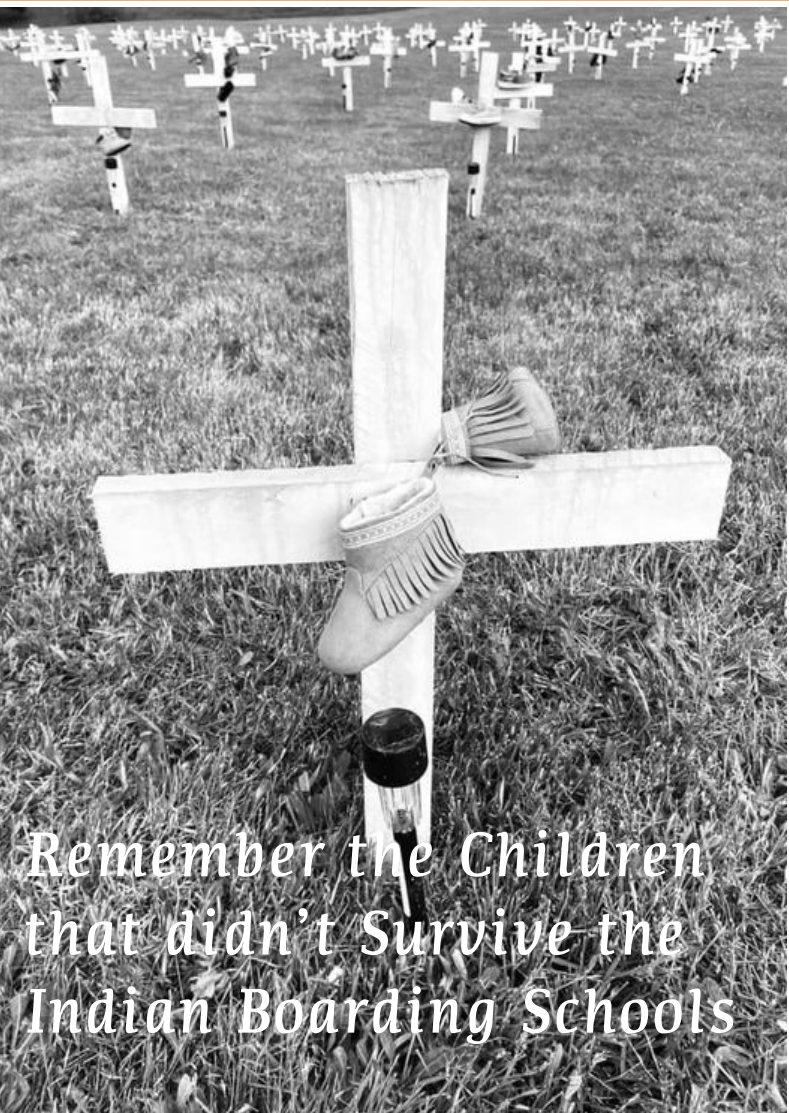
Reducing lanes of traffic also includes examining speed zones and the licensing of driverless cars. While bicycles are popular, particularly in fair-weather areas, what happens to those that cannot ride a bike.....are we creating bike lanes for golf carts and elder scooters? (And whatever happens to horses, a technology that defined the success and survival of some tribes but also became too complicated for modern transportation needs of the masses).

Obviously one of the biggest controversies is the adoption of bitcoin, other emergent electronic currencies and the block chain industry. These groups need massive units of water to operate. Where are they going to get it? From you?

There is the issue of job obsolescence. However, I firmly believe that for every job displaced because of technology today, another job is created around programming, maintenance, upgrading, security, etc., etc. So the older ones may not want to acquire these skills but their responsibility is to make sure their children have a rudimentary understanding of them, have access to skill development in their curriculum, and a career path that embraces them.

The millennia of successful survival of so many tribal groups has been due the innate ability to **“figure it out”**, to adapt, to create something new on the part of tribal membership. To be sure, there are many tragic stories of those that could not/would not make the transition.

But have you ever pondered what a forebear, seven generations before you did in their world so that you might be reading this today?



Racism By Any Name is Sinful

“...indigenous. "Native" is MUCH more than the color of your skin. “

By Stefanie Marchand Reuben
Source: Shayne's Journal #4266 - Oct. 16, 2018

Meet my little sister, Taelor. She has lighter skin, lighter hair, but is also an ENROLLED tribal member too.

She chooses not to dance with me at powwows because she has experienced so much prejudice her entire life.

The same people who enjoy watching me dance, tell her she doesn't belong and bully her.

Little do people know, we are of the same blood/family. We were raised the SAME way, we were taught our culture heritage and family tradition together.

We were given our Indian names at the same time, and by our same elders.

Growing up we were both afraid to kill ANYTHING because dad would make us eat it, together.

We grew up in the sweat lodge, together. We learned how to act in ceremony and how to gather roots & berries TOGETHER.

Don't accept me if you don't accept my sister, we are BOTH beautiful and indigenous.



"Native" is MUCH more than the color of your skin.

Next time you see somebody a little different dancing at a Powwow, thank them for their prayers too!

Embrace the differences and empower your community. And since you're reading this post, let my sister know she doesn't have to hide who she is and how much you'd love to see her dance again after so many years of being afraid!! WE are the SAME!



A LITHIUM RUSH IS ON AT CALIFORNIA'S SALTON SEA: WHO ARE THE PLAYERS?

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Geothermal brine is at the center of California's lithium rush.

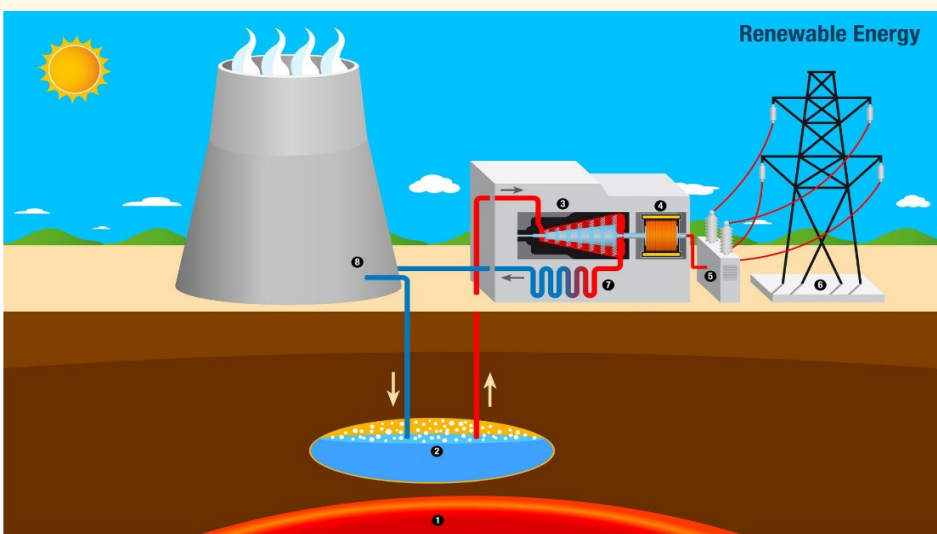
Some of the players involved in the Geothermal brine is at the center of California's lithium rush Salton Sea lithium rush are entities in which retail investors can't buy stock, such as private companies and nonprofit organizations.

Two huge publicly traded companies have exposure to the Salton Sea lithium exploration and development activities: Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and General Motors.

There's also a company that doesn't seem to currently be involved in the Salton Sea lithium rush, but looks poised to be a possible player: Ormat Technologies. It designs, builds, owns, and operates geothermal power plants, and is involved in other facets of the renewable energy space. It has a federal land lease in the Salton Sea vicinity for geothermal exploration.

The Torres Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla Indians owns a considerable amount of land around the Salton Sea but it is not known if or to what extent the Tribal Government will be involved in the proposed development.

Fast-forward 174 years from the start of the California Gold Rush in 1848 and zip southeasterly about 460 miles from the location that sparked that frenzy, and you'll land at the Salton Sea in 2022. This Southern California locale, being dubbed Lithium Valley, is home to a lithium rush.



GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

KEY POINTS

- ♦ The strong demand for lithium is being heavily driven by the electric vehicle revolution.
- ♦ Record lithium prices are spurring a gold rush-like "lithium rush."
- ♦ Geothermal brine is at the center of California's lithium rush.

Demand has been soaring for the metal that's used in the lithium-ion batteries that power electric vehicles (EVs). These batteries are also used in other applications, such as energy-storage systems and consumer electronics. Supply has been struggling to keep up, which has jolted lithium prices skyward. Record prices are spurring an even more-robust lithium rush than what occurred about six years ago when lithium prices jumped significantly.

Domestic EV makers are surely cheering on the lithium rush that's underway

across the United States. Only an estimated 1% to 2% of the lithium produced in the world is mined in this country (by lithium giant *Albemarle* in Nevada), which threatens the hardness of EV supply chains.

Lithium for commercial use is currently obtained from just two source types: brine (salty water) beneath dry salt beds in arid and elevated regions, mostly in South America; and hard-rock containing lithium-bearing minerals. Most hard-rock lithium mines are in Australia and China.

California's lithium rush is centered on the Salton Sea Geothermal Field (SSGF) – also called the Salton Sea Geothermal Resource Area – which is believed to contain one of the largest lithium deposits in the U.S. This field has 11 geothermal power plants along the southeastern shore of the Salton Sea, the state's largest inland lake.

Geothermal power production generates a waste stream of brine that contains various minerals, including lithium. Many entities, some assisted by government funding, are developing technologies to efficiently extract the lithium from these brine waste streams before they're reinjected into the ground.

Advantages of using geothermal brine as a lithium source

Extracting lithium from geothermal brine would have at least two key advantages over the current sources of commercial-scale lithium.

- It occupies a smaller production footprint.
- It improve the economics of producing geothermal power, as plant owners would generate revenue from sales of the lithium byproduct. This factor could accelerate the growth of geothermal power, which in 2021 accounted for almost 6% of California's utility-scale electricity generation, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Karen Weintraub, USA TODAY

Diabetes drug helps patients lose never-before seen amounts of weight, new study shows

The drug, called **tirzepatide**, works on two naturally-occurring hormones that help control blood sugar and are involved in sending fullness signals from the gut to the brain.

On May 13, the Food and Drug Administration approved **tirzepatide**, under the trade name **Mounjaro**, for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

Tirzepatide is not yet available for weight loss, but Lilly hopes to submit data to the FDA later this year, Emmick said.

Before approving the drug for weight loss, the regulatory agency may first want Lilly to complete other studies underway examining tirzepatide in people with obesity and diabetes and the

addition of lifestyle changes to the drug regimen.

An previous study of **tirzepatide in diabetes** showed that half the participants who were early in the course of their diabetes went into remission while taking the drug.

For most of the trial participants, side effects from tirzepatide were not serious, said Jeff Emmick, vice president of product development for the diabetes division of drug giant Lilly, which makes the drug.

Weight loss of 15% to more than 20% also has the potential to change the way doctors treat diabetes, Gabbay said, from focusing on reducing blood sugar to aiming for total remission.

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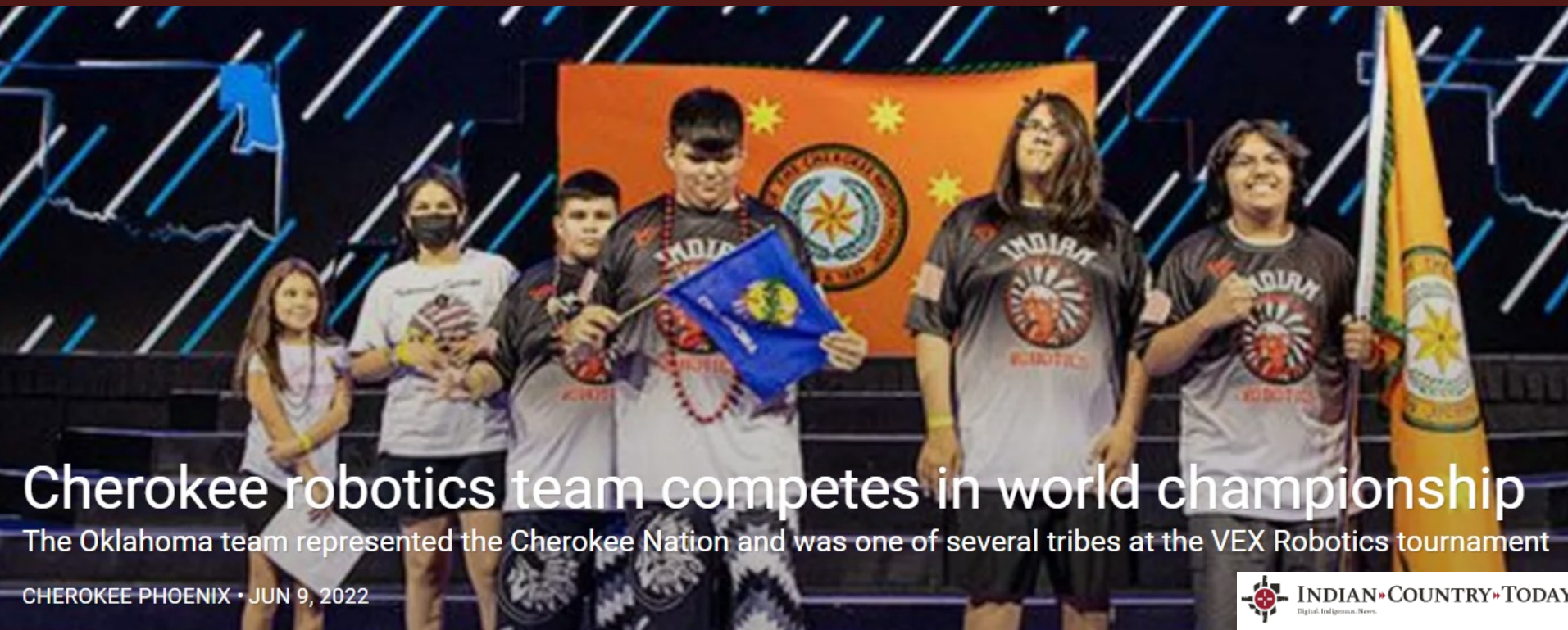


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Registration for the WRRC 2022 Annual Conference is now open! This year’s conference, Arizona’s Agricultural Outlook: Water, Climate, and Sustainability, will take place over three days, July 12-14. Day One will be held in person at the University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom on Tuesday, July 12 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Arizona time. Two mornings of virtual programming, 9:00 am to noon, will follow the in-person event. The agenda reflects the diversity of Arizona agriculture, including large-scale irrigated operations, specialty agriculture, ranching, dairy farming, Tribal farms, and traditional practices. The program will highlight innovations, sustainable practices, the impacts of drought and climate change, and the conditions that shape agricultural activities. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, standard registration for the in-person day is only \$60, and we are pleased to offer \$25 registration for students. For those who are unable to attend in person on July 12, we are offering non-interactive livestreaming at no charge. We are also offering free registration for the two partial days of virtual programming (July 13-14), which will be interactive.

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Inflation strikes twice for many retirees, It's Time to Repeal Taxation on Social Security

Source: Politico June 5, 2022 * Title Edited by Ernie C. Salgado, Jr., American Indian Reporter
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Spiking inflation is helping push up taxes on a group that lawmakers are loath to cross: the elderly.

While Social Security benefits increase along with rising prices, and seniors just received a fat cost-of-living adjustment, the threshold at which they can begin to owe taxes on that money is not adjusted for inflation — and hasn't been changed since the Reagan administration.

Since 1984, Social Security recipients have become subject to tax on their benefits when they make more than \$25,000 as individuals and \$32,000 for couples.

Now, government forecasters say surging inflation is pushing more people over those limits.

It's a big reason why the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office sees the share of Social Security benefits subject to tax growing by 10 percent this year and another 10 percent next year. It predicts total income taxes paid on those checks will jump this year by 37 percent.

That could come as a surprise to some seniors and create a headache for Democrats, already under fire over rising prices.

Many congressional leaders have been concerned about the tax bite on seniors, which effectively rescinds a portion of their benefits, and a key lawmaker has proposed raising the "outdated" tax thresholds. Many have endorsed legislation by Rep. John Larson (D-Conn.) that would hike those limits.

But lawmakers are unlikely to act anytime soon.

In the meantime, that is giving Republi-

cans a new opening in their drumbeat of criticism over the administration's response to the worst inflation in decades.

"Inflation is a tax and hits seniors on fixed incomes especially hard thanks to President Biden," said Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, the top Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee.

"Higher fuel, food, utilities and now higher taxes on their Social Security benefits are punishing the elderly with no end in sight."

In January, Social Security beneficiaries received their biggest annual cost of living adjustment — 5.9 percent — in nearly 40 years, thanks to rising prices.

While most of the federal tax code is indexed for inflation, some parts are not, including Section 86, which stipulates when recipients must pay. That has remained frozen in time for decades — something that was done deliberately by lawmakers, on a bipartisan basis, to shore up Social Security's finances.

Back in 1983, when the tax was created, the program was facing a major funding shortfall. Lawmakers agreed to impose the first-ever levy on benefits, with the stipulation that the money raised would be plowed back into the program.

The idea was to not only raise needed cash, but also equalize the tax treatment of Social Security and that of private pensions, which were taxable, said Nancy Altman, head of the advocacy group Social Security Works.

"Seniors hate it," she said. *"But as a policy matter, it makes some sense."*

Lawmakers started out small, applying the tax only to those with higher incomes. The \$32,000 threshold for couples equals about \$95,000 in today's dollars. Initially only about 10 percent of beneficiaries paid.

But by leaving the tax unpegged to inflation, lawmakers ensured the tax would gradually hit more people and raise more money.

By 1993, when Congress expanded the levy, about 18 percent of recipients were paying at least some tax. By 2014, about half were owing.

Now, the runup in inflation is accelerating that trend, according to CBO, though it did not parse how much of the increase in taxable benefits is due to inflation versus other possible factors.

The tax is based on a complex formula that is keyed to people's total income, including Social Security benefits and other earnings. As incomes go up, so does the tax bite.

In 2020, someone making between \$30,000 and \$40,000 paid an average of \$239 on their benefits, according to the official Joint Committee on Taxation. Those between \$75,000 and \$100,000 owed \$1,872, according to the agency, and people making more than \$1 million paid \$12,129.

Last year, taxes on Social Security benefits generated \$37 billion, according to a report released Thursday by the Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees.

Because it increases people's incomes, the cost-of-living adjustment awarded earlier this year will also increase their exposure to the tax. So too will inflation

-driven gains in other earnings, such as those from private pensions, which often automatically grow with prices.

Seniors can also be hit by the tax because of increases in income that have nothing to do with inflation — if they decide to withdraw more money from individual retirement accounts, for example.

On Thursday, June 2, 2022 Biden administration officials said inflation is proving so strong that Social Security recipients could potentially receive an 8 percent cost-of-living increase next year, though they cautioned that won't be determined until later this year.

The fraction of Social Security benefits that is crossing the taxable threshold is growing faster than overall program spending, CBO figures show.

In 2020, the portion of people's checks that had to be reported on tax returns increased by 5 percent. Last year, it grew by 12 percent. This year it will increase by 10 percent, CBO says, with another 10 percent increase in 2023.

By comparison, CBO sees total Social Security spending growing by 6 percent annually during that time.

Next year, almost 40 percent of benefits will be taxable, CBO anticipates.

It's unclear how that translates for individual seniors' checks.

CBO calculated only aggregate taxes on benefits, not changes in the average person's check. Seniors typically receive about \$1,650 per month.

Mom who raced into school to save Her kids claims police used probation threats to keep her from speaking out

MY VIEW Ernie C. Salgado, Jr., American Indian Reporter: *"Texas Law Enforcement is an Embarrassment to the Real Law Enforcement Community in America. Thank God for the "Badass" Border Patrol Agents"*

* Source of article: American Wire, June 3, 2022 * Original report: CBS News' Lilia Luciano reported Thursday, June 2, 2022.

A frustrated Uvalde mother who's been speaking out against law enforcement's inaction during last week's mass shooting at Robb Elementary School was reportedly threatened with a probation violation for speaking to the press

"She's on probation for some charges from about a decade ago, and she received a call from someone in law enforcement telling her that if she keeps talking to media, or if she keeps sharing her story, that she might face some kind of violation for obstruction of justice," CBS News' Lilia Luciano reported Thursday, June 2, 2022.

Because of the threat, *"she was holding back from sharing her story until now,"* Luciano said, adding that when the judge presiding over her case heard about the threat, he *"told her that she was brave and that her probation would be shortened."*

"So that gave her the courage to talk to us," according to Luciano.

And with that courage, Angeli Rose Gomez, the mother of two boys, is now telling the full story, and it's an incredible

one that involves her rushing straight to the school after hearing about the mass shooting, only to be put in cuffs for allegedly being *"very uncooperative"* and threatening to run into the school to find her sons.

"Right away as I parked, [a] U.S. Marshall started coming toward my car saying that I wasn't allowed to be parked there. And he said, well, we're gonna have to arrest you because you're being very uncooperative," Gomez told Luciano in the clip above.

"I said, well, you're gonna have to arrest me because I'm going in there, and I'm telling you right now I don't see none of y'all in there. Y'all are standing with snipers and y'all are far away. If y'all don't go in there, I'm going in there. He immediately put me in cuffs."

Uvalde Police Department officers, to their credit, then apparently told the U.S. Marshall to uncuff Gomez. As soon as she was uncuffed, she then darted off into the school to do their jobs for them.

"As soon as they uncuff me, I jumped that first gate fence, and once I jumped it, I went to my son's class and then knocked on the door," she said.

Once she'd determined he was safe, she ran off in search of her other son, retrieved him, and brought him out as well.

Throughout the whole ordeal, she reportedly encountered zero law enforcement officers within the school.

"There was not one officer inside the school while I ran to my second son's class. There was not one officer," she said.

"You could hear the gunshots. It was still active. The gunshots were still active. They [law enforcement] were not in there. There was no one in there. If anything, when I pulled up, my car was closer to the school than where the snipers and everybody that was laying on the ground were," she explained.

When asked how she'd felt when she'd learned that law enforcement had waited 75 minutes before taking action, she grew emotional.

"I was just thinking that they could have saved many more lives. They could have gone into that classroom and maybe two or three would have been gone, but they could have saved their whole class. They could have done something — gone through the windows, sniped them through the window, but nothing was being done," she said.

"If anything, they were being more aggressive on us parents that were willing to go in there. And, like, I told one of the officers, I don't need you to protect me. Get away from me. I don't need your protection. If anything, I need you to go in there with me to go protect my kids. And if anything, they were being more aggressive on us. They're more [concerned with] on keeping us back than getting into that school."

Gomez's remarkable story is yet another dent in local law enforcement's already battered reputation.

The Uvalde Police Department, in particular, has faced intense criticism for allegedly doing nothing as victims of the mass shooter kept calling 911 begging for help.

Nancy Pelosi Backs Anti-American Racist in New Mexico Running Against American Indian Rep. Yvette Harrell

MY VIEW by Ernie C. Salgado, Jr.,



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is supporting Gabe Vasquez, a far-left extremist who attacked the U.S. as "AmeriKKKa" and called for the deconstruction of the police and economy. He is also a "Race Carder."

Vasquez won the Democratic nomination for New Mexico's second congressional seat. He will be unseat incumbent Rep. Yvette Harrell, a Republican, in November.

Never mind that Rep. Yvette Harrell is an American Indian woman tribal citizen of the Cherokee, Nation.

Vasquez also called for a "fundamental power shift" in the government starting on racial lines and made the claim that as "long as white folks (mostly men!) dominate this nation's wealth [and] preside over our nation's governing bodies [and] judicial systems, the racism, killing [and] injustice will continue."

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Lakota elders helped a Non-Indian preserve their language. Then he tried to sell it back to them. Tribal Council Said NO!

By Graham Lee Brewer, NBC News *June 3, 2022
Edited by Ernie C. Salgado, Jr., American Indian Reporter



Ray Taken Alive (*Photo above*) had been fighting for this moment for two years: At his urging, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council was about to take the rare and severe step of banishing a nonprofit organization from the tribe's land.

The **Lakota Language Consortium** had promised to preserve the tribe's native language and had spent years gathering recordings of elders, including Taken Alive's grandmother, to create a new, standardized Lakota dictionary and textbooks.

But when Taken Alive, 35, asked for copies, he was shocked to learn that the consortium, run by a white man, had copyrighted the language materials, which were based on generations of Lakota tradition. The traditional knowledge gathered from the tribe was now being sold back to it in the form of textbooks.

"No matter how it was collected, where it was collected, when it was collected, our language belongs to us. Our stories belong to us. Our songs belong to us," Taken Alive, who teaches Lakota to elementary school students, told the tribal council in April.

On May 3, the tribal council voted nearly unanimously to banish the Lakota Language Consortium — along with its co-founder Wilhelm Meya and its head linguist, Jan Ullrich — from setting foot on the reservation. What the council took into consideration wasn't just the organization's dealings with the Standing Rock Sioux; it turned out at least three other tribes had also raised concerns about Meya, saying he broke agreements over how to use recordings, language materials and historical records, or used them without permission.

Meya denies this. A spokesman shared letters of support for Meya's work from five tribes and tribal schools, though in recent interviews and statements to NBC News, officials with four of those tribes said they had concerns about Meya's methods.

Native Americans have been mined for financial benefit and academic accolades for centuries. Information collected on Native Americans has rarely been taken with their consent or been used to serve

their communities, whether through research done on Indigenous remains robbed from gravesites or on blood samples used without permission. Still, there are Lakota people who support what the consortium is doing: They say preserving the endangered language is paramount.

This work has been lucrative for Meya, who started the Lakota Language Consortium in Indiana in the early 2000s. He's also the CEO of The Language Conservancy, a nonprofit organization he founded soon afterward that works to revitalize other Indigenous languages.

In tax filings for 2020, Meya reported an annual salary of about \$210,000 from his two nonprofit groups, according to tax disclosure documents. That kind of money bothers some in the Native American communities he's worked in; on the Standing Rock reservation, the median income is just over \$40,000.

Meya's organizations have received more than \$3.5 million in federal grants over the past 15 years for language revitalization projects with tribes across the country, records show. The Department of Health and Human Services alone has paid the Lakota Language Consortium nearly \$1 million to create some of the textbooks the organization sells for \$40 to \$50 apiece.

Meya says his work is a vital tool in preserving the Lakota language, which did not previously have a standardized written form. He estimated that there are fewer than 1,500 fluent Lakota speakers left and that over the last decade and a half, the organization has helped add 50 to 100 more.

"Just because money is involved in it does not inherently make it an evil thing," Meya said in a recent interview with NBC News. Most of the products his organizations make are free, he said, but the cost of printing textbooks has to come from somewhere. "That tends to be sometimes part of the rhetoric, 'Oh, there's money involved. It must be, you know, part of the overall colonization effort.' Well, you know, that's just not realistic."

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In the middle of all the dysfunction wanders a frustrated — and whiny — Joe Biden.

BH Boston Herald *Opinion* by Grace Curley

Curley: Media finally catching on to Biden’s dysfunctional presidency

The legacy media have finally started publishing palace-intrigue pieces about the flailing Biden White House.

It is about damn time.

After four years of hearing about the supposed chaos that permeated the Trump administration, journalists treated Biden’s transition into 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. a little differently.

When the 46th president took over, the slobbering puff pieces were comical.

Last October, The New York Times described Biden as a man “obsessed with getting the details right” who had little patience for advisers who could not “field his many questions.”

Eight months and countless calamities later, even the most fawning Democrat cheerleaders in the press can’t bring themselves to publish that kind of blather.

These liberal outlets are starting to cover the breakdown of the Biden

presidency, not because they want to, but because the cone-licker-in-chief’s undeniable failures have left them no choice.

The emperor has no clothes and state-run media’s crack scribes are reporting on it — as they did with Hunter Biden’s laptop, the efficacy of masks and Hillary Clinton’s multiple FBI-enabled Russia hoaxes — two years too late.



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Stacey Abrams sits on board of foundation awarding millions to promotion of CRT, anti-capitalism, abolishing cops and prisons

Stacey Abrams evidently has some ‘splainin’ to do after she was outed for sitting on the board of a foundation that has awarded millions of dollars to woke professors who are anti-capitalists, support CRT, and advocate for the abolition of prisons.

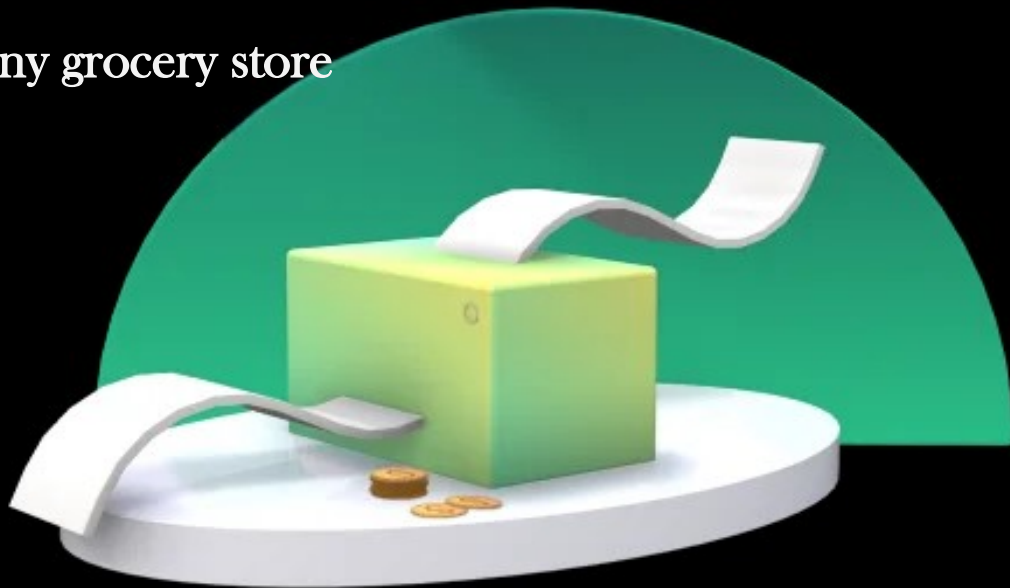
Abrams is currently running for governor in Georgia for a second time against Republican Governor Brian Kemp and the results of that face-off may be even worse for her than last time.

She was a strong Democratic voice decrying conservative voter integrity laws in the state, claiming it was a return to the “Jim Crow” era. Unfortunately for Abrams, her statement was debunked when a record turnout of voters showed up on primary day.

She is a board member of the Seattle-based Marguerite Casey Foundation, named after Marguerite Casey, the sister of UPS founder James Casey, Fox News is reporting. It is a private grant-making foundation with a distinct woke tilt favoring leftists. She joined the board in 2021.

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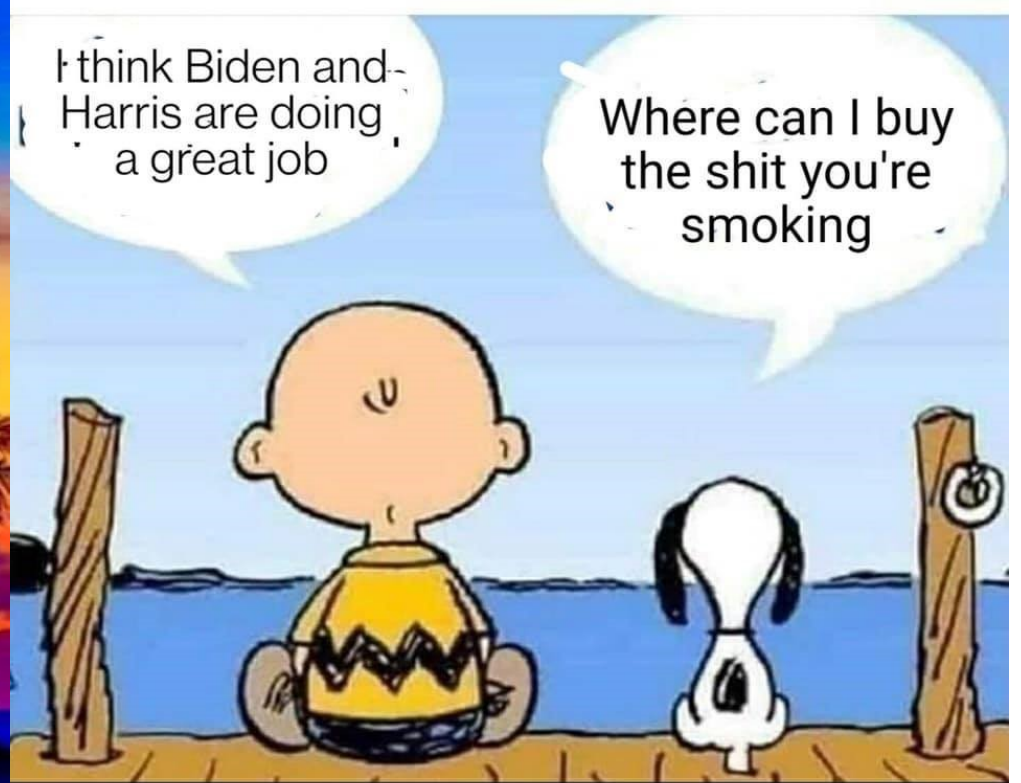
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