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STANDING ROCK DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE PROTESTORS “GET POLITICAL LIP SERVICE”

The brave American Indian Warriors (The *Men, Women and children pictured Right*) continue the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) protests while they received support from over 200 of the Nations tribes. But the question that begs to be asked is: *Where are the other 300 plus tribes?* Right, the BIA Indian always have a reason for not getting involved. There was a time when I would get upset with their lack of support for tribal rights and issues but I have come to understand why they fail to stand with their brethren.

However, it is my hope that as a result of this critical encounter, that a serious political organization will be created with funding from the tribes with only one focus: *to protect the sovereign rights of the Nations tribes and the human rights of their members.*



Currently there are numerous “National Indian Groups and Organizations” that profess to provide services or lobby on behalf of the Nations tribes and their interest but are dependent on “Federal or Corporate Funding” for their existence.

This is a good thing in a way, but a long ways from independence. Even a majority of the Nations tribes are beholden to the Federal Government for their “Bread and Butter” which is no accident and created by political design.

“Power and Control” over the Nations tribes and tribal groups is the ultimate goal of the Federal Government and keeping the tribes dependent accomplishes this goal.

For some mysterious reason the tribal leaders continue to believe that by supporting the Progressive/Socialist agenda they will achieve the goals of political and economic independence while perpetuating their dependency on the Federal Government.

The dependency by the Nations tribes on the Federal

Government is by political design and not by happenstance. “*As long as the Grass Shall Grow and you do as you’re told*” is how the Treaties should read. And let’s not even talk about President Obama’s recent “Political Lip Service” on the Standing Rock DAPL protest or the total silence of our Congressional Representatives.

Again, food for thought: we need a truly political organization that is funded solely by tribal interest with only one agenda, “*To protect the sovereign rights of the Nations tribes and the human rights of their members.*”



TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT!

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 may be the most important Presidential election in the history of the United States of America. We have two very unpopular people seeking the Presidency of the United States of America. One is a career politician and the other is a businessman who has never held public office.

The critical difference between them is one wants to continue the “**Transformation of America**” as promised by President Obama on his first day in office. The “**Transformation of America**” is to change America from a free Country to a “Progressive/Socialist Nation where the Federal Government has total control over every industry and the “**Distribution of the Wealth.**” Obamacare was only the beginning. Over 40 million Americans are on food stamps, the unemployment rate can’t even be measured because so many people are not even looking for work and are not counted. This is a wake-up call for more of the same. And the other candidate wants to allow the free enterprise system to return to America. Which would create jobs?



Hillary Clinton, a Progressive/Socialist and a career politician is the wife of former President of the United States of America, Bill Clinton. President Clinton was impeached by the House of Representative for lying under oath to the United States Congress regarding his sexual relationship with a White House intern. The Senate failed to get the required votes to complete the impeachment which allowed him to stay in office.

The Clinton’s have been under scrutiny and investigations for so many allegations it would be fruitless to attempt to list them. However, the their most current issues seem to be the use of a private unsecured email server during her service as Secretary of State, questionable donations to the Clinton Foundation and her most constant offence: that of fabricating the truth. She is also saddled with the legacy of the Obama administration and Obamacare, “*If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor—If you like your insurance you can keep your insurance.*”

If she is elected the first and second Amendments of the Constitution will be history. She will appoint a liberal Justice to the Supreme Court and America will fall to the **New World Order** under the United Nations. On October 1, 2016 Obama signed over total control of the Internet to the United Nations.

Russel Means, former leader and co-founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM) said “*The people of American are now living under the political policies forced upon the American Indians.*”



Donald Trump, a multi-billionaire real estate developer is based in New York and has business interest worldwide and also has a penchant for verbal self-destruction. As a political neophyte he has a tendency to shoot-from-the-hip without any consideration for self-inflicted recourse.

His boisterous, flamboyant and brass bearing is viewed by many as arrogant, insensitive and self-centered. Dur-

ing the Republican Presidential primary he implemented the famous “WrestleMania” professional wrestling marketing tactics. This was not done by accident since Mr. Trump is an avid wrestling fan and recognized the widespread appeal of the marketing methodology though not original it was pure ingenious. He totally dominated the press coverage and placed himself front and center garnishing 90% of the media coverage at no cost to his campaign. Many politicians including many from the Republican Party found his marketing tactic unflattering but it connected with the average American who view politicians as self-serving corrupt dishonest low-lives.

With regard to his political affiliation in my view he is a “**Political Mutt.**” For example, from 1987 to 1999 he was a Democrat, 1999-2001 he was with the Reform Party, whatever that is or was, and 2001 to 2009 he was again a Democrat and from 2009 to current time he is a Republican. As a fiscal conservative he understands the importance of fiscal responsibility and he also understands that we have a responsibility to help the needy.

He has a plan for the Country for creating jobs, improving the education system, training unskilled workers, and securing our borders. He also supports lowering taxes and fixing the tax codes. He is an outsider to Washington and is not for sale.

My first vote was for Ben Carson, a political newcomer and a truly honest man. Mr. Carson was an early casualty of the Republican primary. He joined the Trump election effort and since I valued his judgement as President I trust his judgement and support for Donald Trump for President. So my vote is for Donald Trump for President of the United States of America. I hope you will join me.



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Yester-Years 1955 Thanksgiving Day - Soboba

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It is 2pm, Thanksgiving Day 1955 on the Soboba Indian reservation at what is today referred to the number one ballfield across the road (*Soboba Rd*) from the home of Nora (*Soza*) Gomez, where her daughter Pat “Boots” Arres (*Resvaloso*) now lives and almost in the front yard of the home of Vera (*Arres*) and Salvador (*Sal*) Vivanco.

It seems like it was just yesterday but in reality it was a life time ago. The baseball field was not like it is today with beautiful manicured grass, enclosed by a four foot fence, state-of-the-art-lighting, shade trees, covered bleachers, a paved parking lot and nice drinking fountains. No, it was a mix of hard sand, dirt, small rocks and weeds. We drank from a community water hose if there was water and if not from a shared empty gallon wine bottle that served as a water jug. Heaven forbid if the politically correct were around in those days.

With Thanksgiving dinner full in our bellies we all, I mean almost the entire reservation population migrated to the baseball field for the traditional annual

football game between the single guys and the married guys.

I don't know how the game came about but as far I knew it was played every Thanksgiving Day from the early 50s to the mid-sixties. It was what it was and we just accepted it. A couple of the older guys acted as the referees and we accepted them as part of the tribal traditions. Age was not a factor as anyone that wanted to play was welcomed.

The team you play for was based on whether you were single or married. It was single guys against the married guys. If you were 17 and married you played with married guys. Marriage was determined by the fact that you were living with someone, you were considered married. I don't know how the criteria was determined and since it didn't pertain to me I didn't care.

The rules were simple and honor bound, no fighting, hell we were already in a somewhat controlled mayhem situation, no sneaky punching, biting, kicking, clipping or cheap shots. We played tackle, no pads, helmets or cleats (*football or base-*

ball). It was brutal, lots of bloody noses, bruises, minor cuts and scrapes. It was intense like we were playing for the world championship and in our minds maybe we were. Bragging rights for sure.

The end zones were the first base line to the south side of the field toward the river and a line drawn in the sand in left field on the north side toward the Vivanco's.

This was my first time to play in the Thanksgiving Football game. I was 14 years old and in my freshman year, I was five foot ten and 175 pounds and played fullback for the JV and my (*Adopted brother*) Augustine “Augie” Hyde was 15 years old, five foot six inches tall, 190 pounds and feared nothing or anybody. Johnny "Cake" Razon, and Leandro "Tato" Silvas were sophomore and both weighted in at 225 pounds and Marion “Bugs” Silvas was a junior. I remember some of the other single guys but not all. Vince "Dugger" Valdez, and Paul Resvaloso had just graduated from high school in June and were home on leave from the Marine Corp having just completing their Basic Training. Clifford

"Tippy" Brittan was recently discharged from the Navy and played for the single guys. He was a very imposing guy at six foot two and 210 pounds and an all CIF football player at San Jacinto. He also held the scoring record of a single game with 35 points. But on Thanksgiving Day 1955 he was just another player. Benny Helms Sr., Rufus “Kooko” Garcia, Robert "Buggie" Bentiste, and Foster Hurtado were some of the married guys.

The game was called to an end when Benny's dislocated his collarbone and Rufus' leg was broken. "Tato" was later diagnosed with a blood clot in his leg. A head concussion was not ever considered a minor injury, you got knocked out they threw a little water in your face and you were good to go as were sprains, bruises and cuts. Like I said it was brutal, frightening and downright scary, but it was incredible exhilarating at the same time. Whether it was a rite of passage or what, I have no Idea, to me it was a game I had the privilege to be a participant and for that I'm eternally grateful and for the memory.

THANKSGIVING DAY-A DAY OF PROTEST OR BLESSING & THANKS?

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Thanksgiving or **Thanksgiving Day**, is an important public holiday, celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States. It originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, after a proclamation by George Washington. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1863, when, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "*Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens*,"

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. This feast lasted three days, and — as accounted by attendee Edward Winslow — it was attended by 90 Americans Indians and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for their blessings.

Much like Columbus Day, Thanksgiving is considered by some American Indians to be a "*national day of mourning*", as a celebration of what is perceived as the cultural genocide and conquest of Americans Indians by colonists. Thanksgiving has long carried a distinct resonance for the American Indians, who see the holiday as an embellished story of "Pilgrims and Indians looking past their differences" to break bread.

Since the early 1960s the California Indian Education Association has protested the celebration of Thanksgiving. As a protest they scheduled their annual meeting on Thanksgiving Day. However, only the most dedicated attended the annual meetings even though their general membership was one of the largest is the Nation.

On November 27, 1969, as another notable example of anti-Thanksgiving sentiment, hundreds of supporters traveled to Alcatraz on Thanksgiving Day to celebrate the Occupation of Alcatraz (*which had started a week earlier and lasted until 1971*) by Native Americans of All Tribes.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) also holds a negative view of Thanksgiving and has used it as a platform for protest, most notably when they took over a *Mayflower* float in a Thanksgiving Day parade. Some American Indians hold "*Un-thanksgiving Day*" celebrations in which they mourn the deaths of their ancestors, fast, dance, and pray. This tradition has been taking place since 1975.

In 1970, the United American Indians of New England, a protest group led by Frank "*Wamsutta*" James has accused the United States and European settlers of fabricating the Thanksgiving story and of whitewashing a genocide and injustice against American Indians, and it has led a National Day of Mourning protest on Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock in Plymouth, Massachusetts in the name of social equality and in honor of political prisoners.

The perception of Thanksgiving among the American Indians is not, however, universally negative. Tim Giago, founder of the Native American Journalists Organization, seeks to reconcile Thanksgiving with American Indian traditions. He compares Thanksgiving to "*Wopila*", a thanks-giving celebration practiced by the American Indians of the Great Plains. He wrote in The Huffington Post: "*The idea of a day of Thanksgiving has been a part of the Native American landscape for centuries. The fact that it is also a national holiday for all Americans blends in perfectly with Native American traditions.*" He also shares personal anecdotes of Native American families coming together to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Members of the Oneida Indian Nation marched in the 2010 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with a float called "The True Spirit of Thanksgiving" and have done so every year since.

All this is understandable and meaningful but Thanksgiving in the world we live in is much more than the origination of Thanksgiving or the mistreatment of our people. It is a special day for families, friends and neighbors to come together in friendship, prayer and giving thanks for Gods blessings. God bless you and you families and have a great Thanksgiving!!!



Ernie Salgado Jr.

FRANCES (SALGADO) DIAZ TO HEAD SOBOBA TRIBAL HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Soboba Tribal member, Frances (*Salgado*) Diaz was retained by the Tribal Council to head the Tribal Housing Department. Frances brings over forty-years of experience in the tribal housing position.

Currently she is serving as the Chairwoman for the All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA). Under her leadership the All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA) in order to meet the challenges of economic changes in Indian County the AMIHA has established a separate department as a non-profit 501(c)(3) to help fill the housing needs of tribal members from the gaming tribes.

This department of AMIHA will allow the coalition of the tribes to consolidate the 184 loan process as well as contract with the HUD Title VI program which

provides funds for the development of the infrastructures such as septic systems, roads, water, electric power and natural gas lines to name a few.

The New HUD 184 home loan guarantee program provides tribal member that receive “Per Capita” from their tribes with an option to buy a home either on or off the reservation. It also provides option to buy a manufactured home or to construct a home on or off the reservation.

The HUD 184 home loan process can be completed within a 45-day time frame. But, getting through the BIA bureaucracy can be a high anxiety experience. However, with Frances and her expertise the BIA process can be reduced to fit within the HUD time frame.

The Soboba Tribal Housing Department is

now approved to conduct the Tribal Survey Report (TSR). (*This is the legal description of the tribal land that the home will be built.*)

Under the new HUD guideline the tribe can manage the development of a consolidated multi housing development at any reservation location. The AMIHA can also do this as well with the consent of the member tribal governing body. For example, if a tribe or a group of tribal members wanted to build homes using the HUD 184 loan program at the same time on a reservation the tribe or AMIHA can put all the proposed home to be built into a single construction project that will meet all the requirement of the HUD program. This process allow for the TSR, loan process, environmental assessment and construction to be completed in a one-stop-shop

procedure.

The Soboba tribe has established a tribal home loan program of its members through the Tribal Credit Department. However, the Soboba tribal home loan program is limited to tribal member under the age of 60 and only for homes on the reservation.

Under Frances’ leadership the Soboba Tribal Housing program can move forward to help tribal members with the sometimes challenging home loan process to getting a home.

Frances can be reached at the Soboba Tribal Administration Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am - 2pm - phone number 951-654-5544 extension 4145; Or on her cell phone at 951-623-4169. e mail address is fdiaz@soboba-nsn.gov.



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TRIBAL STORY BOARD



Soboba's Joseph Burton dazzles European basketball fans in France. Last year he was voted MVP. This is his fourth year as a professional basketball player in Europe.



Young Salgado clan members celebrating the birthday of their late great-grandfather, Ernest Salgado Sr. at his home on the Soboba Reservation. Oct. 16, 1920 - Jan. 11, 2011



Professional MotoX racer, Mica Diaz take checkered flag in a recent race. In her rookie year she has already gaining recognition as a fearless and complete rider.



North Dakota Access Pipeline Protestors at Standing Rock brings together Tribal people from through out the Country in support. Soboba Tribal members participated in the movement. Over 200 Tribes support the protest. Over 300 Tribes are still "Missing In Action." (See Story page 1)



Five generation Left to right: Joseph Burton Sr., Lil Joe, Mother, Dondi Silvas, Grandmother, Yvonne Silvas and Great-Great-Grandfather Joe Becerra. Great-Great-Grandfather Joe will be celebrating his 90th birthday this year. Grandmother, Yvonne Silvas is a tribal members of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. (NOTE: check out Josephs socks!!!)



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ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS DAYS
ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION



Thursday, November 1, 2016 is "All Saints' Day" and Mass and candle blessing for "All Souls Day" will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on the Soboba Indian Reservation.

Friday, November 2, 2016 is "All Souls' Day" or "Candle Day" as we affectionately remember our loved ones that have gone on before of us.

This year with a little luck and a special blessing the Santa Ana winds will remain calm (*unlike winds of the past*) it will be a peaceful time to gather and with family and friends.

Honoring our past helps guide our future and remembering our loved ones and the sacrifices they made keeps us humble. A wise man once said, "Knowing our history protects our future and helps us from making the same mistakes over and over."

If you haven't had a chance to see the latest cemetery improvements and expansion lately you may want to arrive a little early to take a look. Hope to see you and your family at "Candle Night" as we have called it for so long.

Soboba Tribal Elders
Annual Christmas Dinners

The Soboba Tribal Elders are making ready for their Annual Christmas Dinner Christmas celebrations. Raina "Salgado" Masiel is already meeting with tribal staff, caterers and vendors in preparation for the Soboba gathering scheduled for December but no date has been set. The activities will be held at the Tribal Sports Complex on the reservation. According to the planning committee approximately 300 guests are expected to attend the Soboba Christmas dinner.



Frances Diaz 1st
Frank (Pancho) Masiel 1st
Darrel Silvas 4th
Becky (Salgado) Flores 7th
Corryn Salgado-Flores 12th
Leandro (Andy) Silvas III 13th

Happy Birthday!

SOBOBA MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF

On Tuesday, November 18, 2016 Soboba tribal member, Victor Mesa 54 appears to have shot himself in the leg while attempting to clean his rifle according to a family member. It seems that the injury is not life threatening but his may face the loss of his leg.

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Memorial Announcements

TORRES MARTINEZ INDIAN RESERVATION

DIANE CHIHUAHUA: 1960 - October 12, 2015

At age 55 she left her family and friends on the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Reservation to be with her ancestors and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, to be with the community and She was the daughter of Rosalie Jose and Sebastian "Tino" Chihuahua.

Diane served for several years on the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians' Tribal Council. She also served as a Board Member for Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health Inc., All Mission Indian Housing Authority, California Indian Rural Health Board and several others. She is survived by daughter Princess, brothers Michael and Clifford, sisters Annette and Jennifer, six nieces, four nephews, and hundreds of those in our extended tribal family who love and will always remember her.

Please call the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians' Tribal Office for details regarding services.

PECHANGA INDIAN RESERVATION

RAYMOND J. BASQUEZ SR.: January 6, 1936-November 1, 2015.



Raymond was born on and lived on the Pechanga Indian Reservation located in Riverside County, California.

He was a vital community leader, a respected Spiritual Singer and Teacher of Traditional Luiseno Songs and Dances.

He is survived by his wife Linda Basquez; elder sister, Ruth Masiel; older brother Atanacio (Tony) Basquez; 7 children: Raylene Holguin, Raymond J Basquez Jr., Rita Ann Offidani, John Mora, Mary Cordova, Dawn Judd and Ryan Horgos; 22 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren. A traditional Wake will be held on Friday evening November 4, 2016. Graveside Services were held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pechanga Indian Reservation Cemetery. A traditional lunch will follow at the old school house.

PECHANGA INDIAN RESERVATION

FRED "PINKY" MIRANDA: November 17, 1934 - November 6, 2015

"Pinky" was 80 years old when he passed away. He was born on at the Soboba Indian Hospital on the Soboba Indian Reservation to Ruby Miranda. He was a tribal member of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians.

He was preceded in eternal life by his wife, Lillian "Nita" "Bentiste" Miranda and survived by his brothers Carmen "Snooky" and Ruben Miranda; sisters Gloria Sandoval and Carol Miranda; Children Georgina Parra, Francine Miranda, Freda Miranda, Lucille Briones, Fred "Bunner" Miranda, and Damon Miranda Sr.; 25 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was a graduate of San Jacinto High School, Class of 1950. He attended Stanford University on a football scholarship and was a Korean veteran serving with the United States Navy. After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy he worked for Skyline Industries in Hemet for 25 years. After his retirement from Skyline he was the supervisor for the Soboba Tribal Public Works Department for 8-years retiring in 2009. He was a devoted Cowboys fan and enjoyed spending time with his family.



A Memorial Mass will be held at 10am on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on the Soboba Indian Reservation. A traditional lunch will be served at the Soboba Tribal Hall immediately following in Memorial Mass.

SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION

FRANCES "Bentiste" ARRES April 10, 1926—December 23, 2015



Frances was born in Indian Canyon on her grandparents' ranch on the Soboba Indian Reservation. She lived her entire life on the reservation. She was the oldest elder of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians.

She worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant for many years before retiring. Frances was a strong woman with a generous soul who loved her family.

She led a very active life attending birthday parties, sporting and school events, community events and the Soboba casino, rain or shine. She loved bowling and was a member of Daisy Mae Trio Bowling League for 20 plus years. She was an active member of the Soboba Elders Group attending trips, activities and monthly luncheons. She faithfully attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Soboba.

She was preceded in eternal life by her parents, Joseph Bentiste and Lucy "Apapas/Silvas" Bentiste; husband, Norbert Arres Sr.; sisters, Mary Hurtado and Lillian "Nita" Miranda; and brothers, Ernest Salgado Sr. and Robert "Buggie" Bentiste; sons David Bentiste and Norbert "Bud" Arres Jr.; grandsons, Gordon Arres Jr., Joseph Arres, and William "Dusty" Rhodes, granddaughter, Duran Kitchen; great grandchild Nizhoni Arres;

She was survived by sister, Alice Helms; brothers, Henry "Sonny", William "Billy", and Manuel Bentiste; daughters, Carlene Masiel, Victoria Arres, Marilyn Arres, Betty Arres and Millie Arres; sons, Anthony Bentiste, Gordon Arres and Fred Arres. Her extended family included 23 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren, all of whom miss her dearly.

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In Loving Memory





Occupation of Alcatraz November 1969 - 1971

The more famous **Occupation of Alcatraz** began **on** November 20, 1969, with 89 American Indians who called themselves Indians of All Tribes (IOAT). The Alcatraz Occupation lasted for nineteen months when it was forcibly ended by the U.S. government on June 11, 1971.

The **Occupation of Alcatraz** is the most significant achievements in the history of the American Indians and the U.S. Government. It should be declared National Day or Recognition by the 500 plus Tribal Governments. Why, because it changes the tribal relationship between the Tribal Governments and the U.S. Government forever.

However, the first American Indians group to claim Alcatraz occurred on March 8, 1964, by a small group of Sioux demonstrators that occupied the island for four hours. The entire party consisted of about 40 people, including photographers, reporters and Elliot Leighton, the lawyer representing those claiming land stakes. The Sioux activists were led by Richard McKenzie, Mark Martinez, Garfield Spotted Elk, Virgil Standing-Elk, Allen Cottier and Walter Means, Walters nephew, Russell Means who later became one of the American Indian Movement leaders was present at demonstration accord to his autobiography **“Where White Men Fear to Tread.”** 1995.

BACKGROUND: Adam Fortunate Eagle planned a symbolic occupation for November 9, 1969. University student leaders Richard Oakes (Mohawk) and LaNada Means (Shoshone Bannock), head of the Native American Student Organization at the University of California, Berkeley, with a larger group of student activists joined Fortunate Eagle and changed the course of events.

On November 20, 1969 in the early morning hours, 89 American Indians, including students, married couples and six children, set out to occupy Alcatraz Island.

After Adam Fortunate Eagle convinced the owner of the Monte Cristo, a three-masted yacht, to pass by the island when their own boats did not arrive, Oakes, Jim Vaughn (Cherokee), Joe Bill (Eskimo), Ross Harden (Ho-Chunk) and Jerry Hatch jumped overboard, swam to shore, and claimed the island by right of discovery. The Coast Guard quickly removed the men, but later that day, a larger group made their way to the island again, and fourteen stayed overnight. The following day, Oakes delivered a proclamation, written by Fortunate Eagle, to the General Services Administration (GSA) which claimed the island by right of discovery, after which the group left the island.

According to the IOAT, the Treaty of Fort Laramie (1868) between the U.S. and the Lakota, all retired, abandoned or out-of-use federal land was returned to the Native people from whom it was taken. Since Alcatraz penitentiary had been closed on March 21, 1963, and the island had been declared surplus federal property in 1964, a number of Red Power activists

felt the island qualified for a reclamation.

At the height of the occupation there were 400 people. Native and non-native people brought food and other necessary items to the people on the island. The occupation lasted about 19 months but ended peacefully. The protesters, predominately students, drew inspiration and tactics from contemporary civil rights demonstrations, some of which they had themselves organized.

The original fourteen students who occupied the Island were LaNada Means War Jack, Richard Oakes, Joe Bill, David Leach, John Whitefox, Ross Harden, Jim Vaughn, Linda Arayando, Bernell Blindman, Kay Many Horse, John Virgil, John Martell, Fred Shelton, and Rick Evening. Jerry Hatch and Al Miller, both present at the initial landing but unable to leave the boat in the confusion after the Coast Guard showed up, quickly turned up in a private boat. The first landing party was joined later by many others in the following days, including Joe Morris (a key player later as a representative of the Longshoreman's Union, which threatened to close both ports if the Occupiers were removed), and the man who would soon become "the Voice of Alcatraz," John Trudell.

Although she would not receive the same recognition from mainstream media as Trudell and Oakes, LaNada Means, who was one of the first to arrive and one of the last to leave, organized written statements and speeches that outlined the purpose of the occupation. To the media and the federal government, Means made it clear that the occupiers wanted complete Indian control over the island, under the Treaty of Fort Laramie, for the purpose of building a cultural center that included Native American Studies, an American Indian spiritual center, an ecology center, and an American Indian Museum.

The occupiers specifically cited their treatment under the Indian termination policy and accused the U.S. government of breaking numerous Indian treaties. President Richard Nixon's Special Counsel Leonard Garment took over negotiations from the GSA.

On Thanksgiving Day 1969, hundreds of supporters made their way to Alcatraz to celebrate the Occupation. In December, John Trudell (Isani Sioux), began making daily radio broadcasts from the island, and in January 1970, occupiers began publishing a newsletter. Joseph Morris, a Blackfoot member of the local longshoreman's union, rented space on Pier 40 to facilitate the transportation of supplies and people to the island.

Grace Thorpe, daughter of Jim Thorpe (Sac and Fox), was one of the occupiers and helped convince celebrities like Jane Fonda, Anthony Quinn, Marlon Brando, Jonathan Winters, Buffy Sainte-Marie and

Dick Gregory, to visit the island and show their support. Not only did Thorpe bring both national and international attention to the occupation, she also provided supplies necessary to keep the occupation alive. Thorpe gave a generator, water barge and an ambulance service to the island. Rock star, Creedence Clearwater Revival supported the Occupation with a \$15,000 donation that was used to buy a boat, named the *Clearwater*, for reliable transport to Alcatraz. As a child, the actor Benjamin Bratt was in the occupation with his mother and his siblings.

COLLAPSE & REMOVAL: On January 3, 1970, Yvonne Oakes, 13-year-old daughter of Annie and stepdaughter to Richard, fell to her death, prompting the Oakes family to leave the island, saying they just didn't have the heart for it anymore.^[7] Some of the original occupiers left to return to school, and some of the new occupiers had drug addictions. Some non-aboriginal members of San Francisco's drug and hippie scene also moved to the island, until non-Indians were prohibited from staying overnight.

After Oakes left, LaNada Means, John Trudell and Stella Leach were challenged with rebuilding the occupations' worsening reputation. Means, having been in a family that was always active in tribal politics, was comfortable briefing reporters on how reservations operated or directing occupiers on island clean up.

Bob Robertson, a Republican working for the National Council on Indian Opportunity, arrived on the island in 1970, just a week after Yvonne Oakes' passing, Means took the lead in trying to negotiate the grant for the cultural center. Along with Means, Robertson originally met with a group of occupiers to discuss safety and negotiations regarding the occupation. He was surprised that only ten men were present while forty American Indian women were present and active in discussion. When the initial meeting ended, Means had invited Robertson to a private dinner between herself and three lawyers to propose a \$500,000 grant to renovate the island. Robertson, however, refused and would continue to refuse the occupiers' proposals until finally, in May 1970 the federal government began to transfer Alcatraz to the Department of the Interior and the National Park System.

While the Nixon administration did not accede to the demands of the protesters, it was aware of the delicate nature of the situation, and so could not forcibly remove them. Spurred in part by Spiro Agnew's support for Native American rights, federal policy began to progress away from termination and toward Indian autonomy.

LaNada Means attempted to find different routes to support Indians of All Tribes and those still on Alcatraz. Means believed that if she could hire a high-profile attorney to represent their claim for the Treaty of Fort Laramie, However, as she traveled further and further away from the island to find supporters, rumors began that she was offered a screen test with a movie producer, therefore becoming an opportunist. When she returned she had found that Trudell and the occupation's attorney's disagreed with her approach. Ultimately, the remaining occupiers followed Trudell.

By late May 1971, the government had cut off all electrical power and all telephone service to the island. In June, a fire of disputed origin destroyed numerous buildings on the island. Left without power, fresh water, and in the face of diminishing public support and sympathy, the number of occupiers began to dwindle. On June 11, 1971, a large force of government officers removed the remaining 15 people from the island.

Though fraught with controversy and forcibly ended, the Occupation is hailed by many as a success for having attained international attention for the situation of native peoples in the United States, and for sparking more than 200 instances of civil disobedience among the American Indian tribes people.

IMPACT: The **Occupation of Alcatraz** had a direct effect on federal Indian policy and, with its visible results, established a precedent for Indian activism.

In Nixon's July 8, 1970, Indian message, he decried termination, proclaiming, *“Self-determination among Indian people can and must be encouraged without the threat of eventual termination.”* While this was a step toward substantial reform, the administration was hindered by its bureaucratic mentality, unable to change its methodical approach of dealing with Indian rights. Nixon's attitude toward Indian affairs soured with the November 2, 1972, occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Nixon reputedly felt betrayed, and claimed that *“He was through doing things to help Indians.”*

Much of the Indian rights activism of the period can be traced to the Occupation of Alcatraz. the Occupation of Alcatraz was noted as *“the symbol of a newly awakened desire among Indians for unity and authority in a white world.”*

Although the Alcatraz occupation inspired many other Pan-Indian movements to occur, it also showed how gender played a part in Indian activism. Mainstream media had an obsession with documenting the stereotype of the male Indian warrior and as such it was only the men that were highlighted as being the leaders and creators of movements. Women such as LaNada Means, Stella Leach and the other women at Alcatraz receive little attention for contributing to the movement. As a result, the many women who had initiated movements such as Wounded Knee Incident would never be as well-known as Russell Means and other AIM leaders, even though, in the case of Wounded Knee, of the 350 occupiers, just 100 were men. Quoted in John William Sayer's **Ghost Dancing the Law: The Wounded Knee Trials**, John Trudell admitted, in reflection, *“We got lost in our manhood.”*

Though recently many people have claimed that the American Indian Movement was somehow involved in the Takeover, AIM had nothing to do with the planning and execution of the Occupation, though they did send a delegation to Alcatraz in the early months in order offer support.

Always Remember it Started at Alcatraz!



Left. Richard Oaks— Center white shirt, Denis Turner, (Rincon) Current Executive Director Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, Inc., and Right, U.S. Office of Civil Rights Region IX representative. Missing is Ed Castillo who was a Professor at UCLA at age 22 and of Cahuilla decent.



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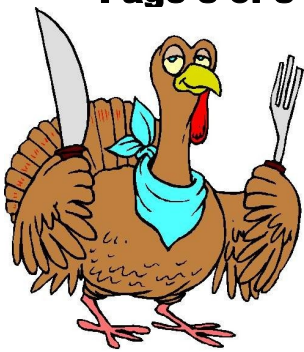
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Christopher Stevens U.S. Ambassador to Libya was an enrolled member of the Chinook Indian Tribe in the State of Washington.

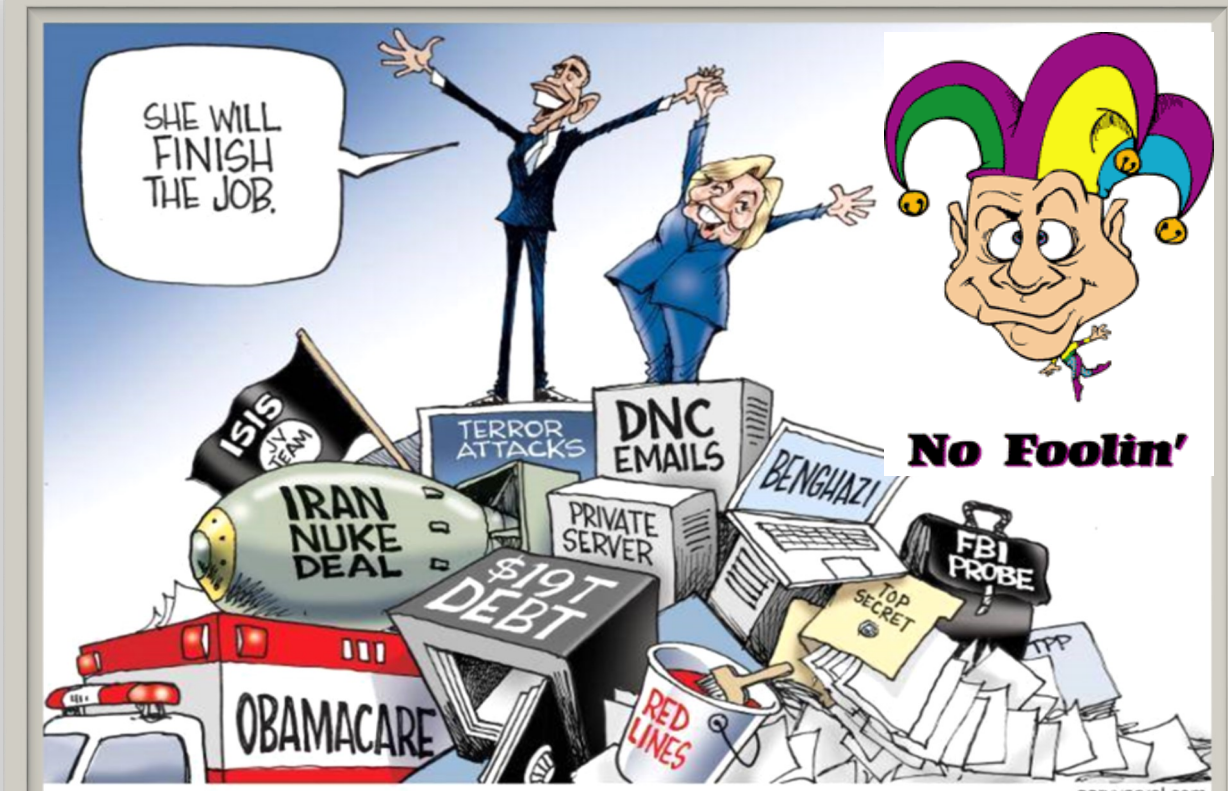
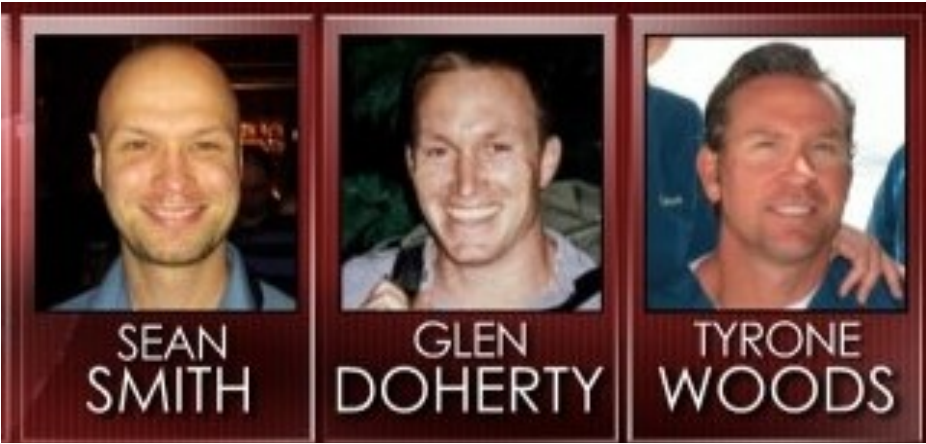
He along with three other brave Americans: U.S. Foreign Service Information Management Officer, Sean Smith and the two CIA contractors, Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods, both former Navy SEALs were abandoned by Secretary, Clinton to be murdered at Benghazi, Libya September 11, 2012 .

But like Secretary, Clinton said, "What difference, at this point, does it make?" during the hearing held by the House on Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington D.C. on January 23, 2013.



And then the lying and cover-up began: “it was a protest about a video.” “It was not a terrorist attack?” (Not said but should have been: “We should know because we watched it live on a video feed from the down we had in the area.) Not mention that she texted her family that it was a terrorist attack.

Now she wants to be President? Libya is now controlled by ISIS so maybe it worked out for the Obama Administration What is sad is that so many of our people buy into her sewage. God help America if she should be elected.



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