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# Soboba Indian Reporter

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## SCOTT COZART SEEKS SOBOBA CHAIRMANSHIP

Former Tribal Chairman, Scott Cozart will challenge incumbent Tribal Chairwoman, Rosemary Morillo for the Soboba Tribal Chairmanship in a special tribal election to be held on June 1, 2016.

The special tribal election was called for by the tribal election committee in compliance with the Soboba Tribal Constitution due to the passing of Robert “Bobby” Salgado Sr., who was overwhelming elected as Soboba Tribal Chairman for a tenth term over a forty year period. He defeated Morillo 163 to 99 with 15 votes for Bobby declared unacceptable.

Cozart’s decision to seek the Tribal Chairmanship is mainly based on the numerous request

from fellow tribal members after the passing of Chairman elect Robert Salgado Sr. He also expressed serious concern in the leadership of the tribe over the last few years. Cozart said he feel confident that the tribal membership will support his efforts in seeking the Tribal Chairmanship.

Morillo has come under serious criticism from many tribal members for everything from lack of leadership, nepotism, favoritism and unfairness. One tribal member said the last election was proof that the general membership of the tribe wants a change in the leadership of the tribe, “When was the last time anyone got smoked like that?” she asked.

Cozart expressed concern over the lack of direction with economic development, tribal services, housing and he feel that the tribal council need to make a stronger commitment to continuing education. He said he plans to continue his higher education on a part time basis as time allows. He currently has earned a Bachelor’s Degree (BA) in business.

He is currently employed with the tribal Public Works Department as a project manager.

Mr. Cozart has lived on the reservation for the past 36 years. He is married for 40 years to Dee “Green” his high school sweetheart and they have two grown sons, Jason and Justin



## Soboba Indian Reporter Supports

## Scott Cozart for Soboba Tribal Chairman

# Water Transference = \$\$\$

The current water crisis the farming industry is experiencing in central California has provided a fantastic financial opportunity for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. Soboba.

The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians is entitled to use up to 9,000 acres feet of water every year as provided in the resent water settlement. If the tribe does not use its allotted 9,000 acre feet of water nothing happens to the excess water. However, the tribe is currently uses less than 500 acre feet of water per year which leave 8,500 acre feet of unused water.

How can Soboba benefit financially from its excess water supply? Water Transference! The process of water transference is not new to many Tribal Governments. Morongo for exam-

ple has been selling water to the City of Banning for years.

Water transference is the process by which a State or Federal agency or Tribal Government has a surplus of water that they will not be using during a given period of time.

The current market value for an acre foot of water is estimated to be \$2,500 thus 5,000 acres feet of water would generate about \$12,500,000 and 8,000 acre feet of water would be 20 million dollars annually Something for the tribe to think about. And it is legal see excerpt below.

**U.S. Bureau of Reclamation:** The Central Valley Project Improvement Act authorizes all individuals or districts who receive CVP water

under water service or repayment contracts, water rights settlement contracts or exchange contracts to transfer, subject to certain terms and conditions, all or a portion of the water subject to such contract to any other California water users or water agency, State or Federal agency, Indian Tribe, or private non-profit organization for project purposes or any purpose recognized as beneficial under applicable State law.

The basic doctrine of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Federal Government to use all practicable means and measures to protect environmental values.

For any proposed Federal action, Federal agencies such as the Bureau of Reclamation

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS— IT IS YOUR BIRTHRIGHT

## Soboba Needs your VOTE!!



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# SOBOBA’S JOSEPH BURTON TAKES FRANCE BY STORM

Soboba Tribal member, Joseph Burton was voted 2016 MVP in his rookie year with the French ALM Évreux Basketball league team. Joseph began his professional basketball career in 2013 with Aalborg Vikings In the Danish Basketligaen, where he averaged 22 points, 12.5 rebounds and 4 assists. For the 2014–15 season, signed with Landstede Basketball. At the end of the regular season, he won the DBL Statistical Player of the Year Award and was named to the All-DBL Team and DBL All-Defense Team. During the 2015–16 season, Joseph played with the ALM Évreux Basket earning the MVP award.

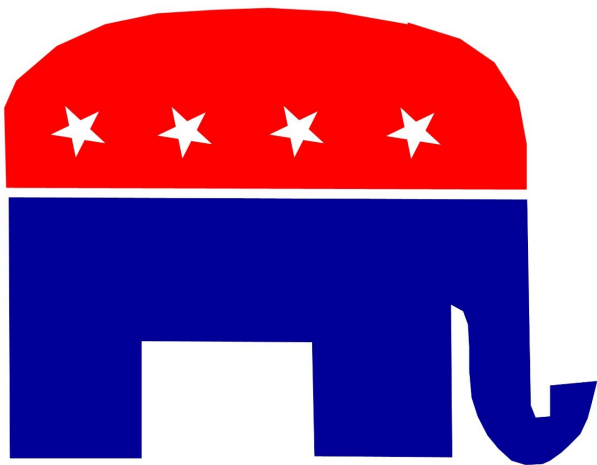
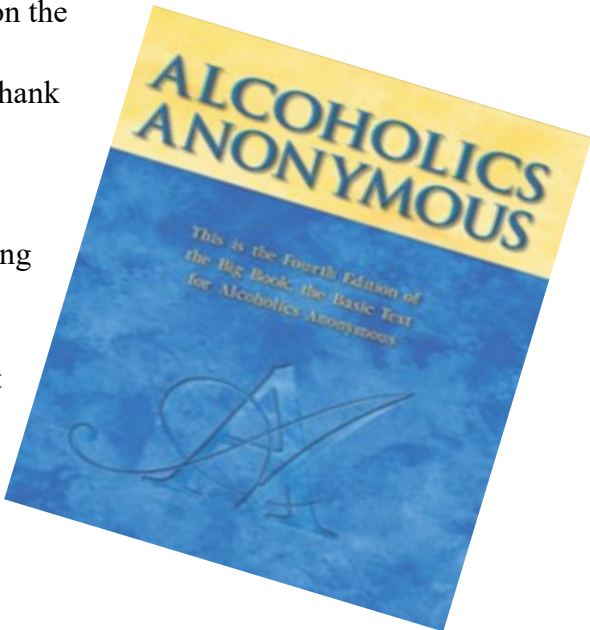
Joseph played collegiate basketball for the Oregon State Beavers. He is the first Native American man to earn a basketball scholarship at a Pac-10 Conference (now Pac-12) school. In Joseph’s senior year at college he averaged 11.0 points per game and 6.4 rebounds per game in 32 games. He is the only Oregon State player to record over 1,000 points, 700 rebounds and 300 assists. Upon his graduation coach, Craig Robinson and his wife established a scholarship fund in Josephs name for American Indians. A living tribute to an outstanding young man.

Joseph is the son of Dondi Silvas and the grandson of Charlie “B-Bop” and Yvonne Silvas. He was born on November 2, 1990 and live his en-tire life on the Soboba Indian Reservation.

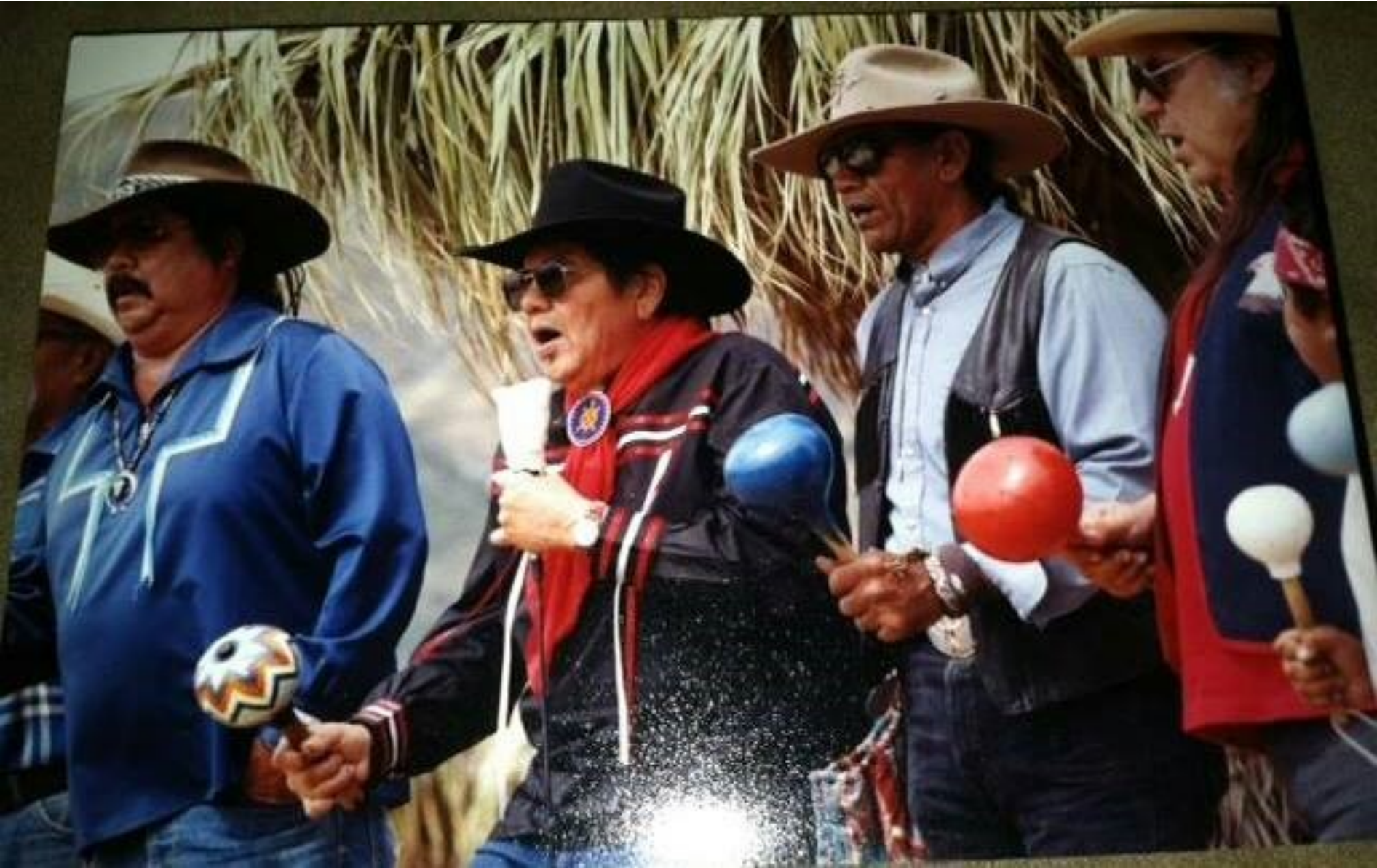
## CHARLIE TWO DOGGS CORNER



Regardless of what anyone tell you alcohol is the most dangerous drug on the planet. Why? Because it is sold legally implying that safe. Did you know that more people have died from alcohol related disease thank any other reason including all the wars. Suicide which is related to mental health, liver disease such as cirrhosis and so many others that it would take all four pages of this newspaper to name them. Diabetes and heart problems top the list and it keeps getting longer. But where is the warning label from the Surgeon General of the United In fact most alcoholics never drink more than two drinks a day. The reason is that is that they don’t count. It’s true ask anyone that is a heavy drinker how many beers they had and the answer will be “a couple”. So where do you start? If you drink anything don’t drive, it’s a start because you are recognizing that you are impaired and you are being responsible. You don’t have to admit to having a drinking problem to attend an AA meeting. More next month.



# I’M THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM



The photo above of the Cahuilla Bird Singer was posted on the internet by Patricia Andreas. (Left to right) John and Anthony “Biff” Andreas and two unidentified individuals. If anyone knows who the other two signers are please let us know and we will re-run the photo again. During the sixties and seventies John and Biff kept the Birds alive as no other group in southern California were singing the Birds. On most occasions Bill and Walter Holms (Morongo) accompanied them. Alvin Siva and Robert Levi also participate with the Andreas brothers.





## The State of American Indian & Alaska Native Education in California 2016 Report is Now Available!

The California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center is pleased to announce that the 2016 State of American Indian and Alaska Native Education in California Report is available online.

The 2016 report is the third and final publication supported by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. The report provides a case study of the implementation of the Native American (Tribal) Initiative at CSUSM as a 21st Century model to recruit, retain, serve, and graduate American Indian students from a public university. In addition, the 2016 report updates all the important K-16 data we reported on in previous publications. We also "mapped" for the first time the K-12 data about high school graduation rates, dropout rates, and student completion of A-G requirements for college entry. This feature is interactive when you click on the link in the report. Our "Swipe Map" uses Geographic Information System technology to analyze AIAN achievement, demographics, and college readiness in California public schools. The "Swipe Map" allows users to click on an Indian Reservation, then swipe the map to see the school district data for students attending from a specific Tribe. I urge you to check it out and explore the data reports for your community.

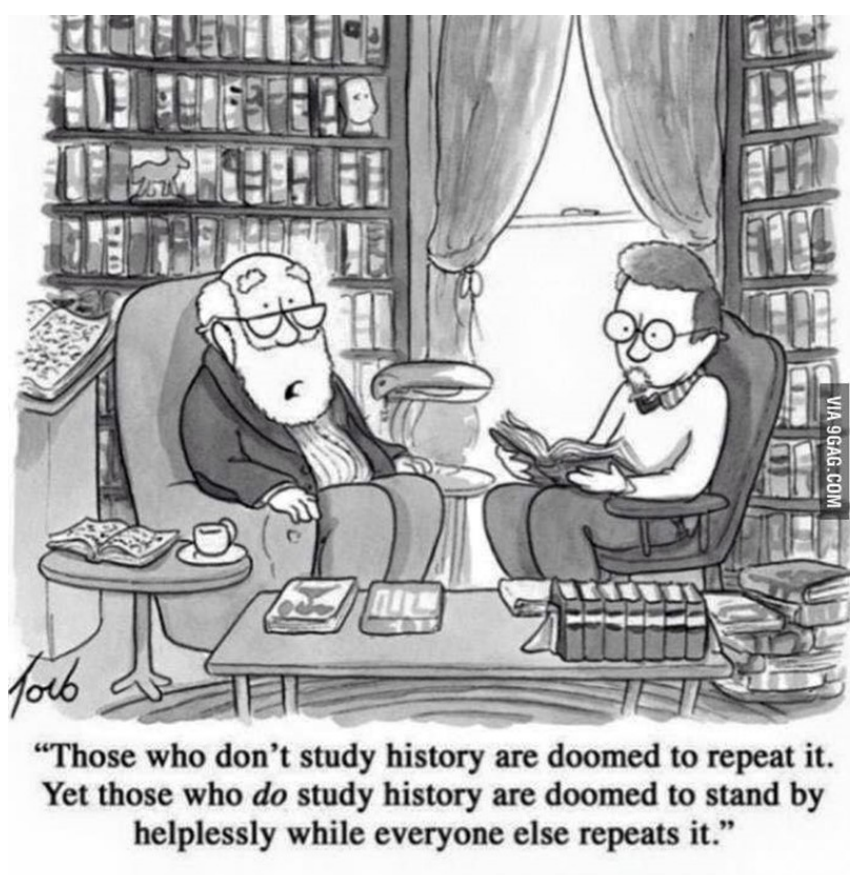
Thanks to a gift from the CSU Office of the Chancellor, the CICSC will provide every tribe in California with a hard copy of the report.

Sincerely,  
*Dr. Joely Proudfit*  
Director, California Indian Culture & Sovereignty Center

## NOLI TO GRADUATE \$\$

The Soboba Noli Indian School 2016 graduation is scheduled for 6pm 2 noon on June 8, 2016 at the Soboba Casino Arena. The graduating class consist of 18 students.

The Noli student body has grown to over 600 students in grades 6 to 12. The majority of the students are from southern California Indian reservation. Noli School principal, Donovan Post was not available for comment.



## YESTER-YEARS

### OLD SAN JACINTO HIGH SCHOOL



## THE POWER OF UNITE



### The Mission Indian Federation

*The purpose and intention of this website is to provide ongoing information and research concerning the Mission Indian Federation. As we expand our content to include additional articles, photographs and oral interviews we welcome new resources for research and the participation of others.*

*Understanding our past and acquiring accurate historical perspectives enables us to preserve the continuing thread of our identity. Who we are is inextricably linked to what we are and the struggle continues for recognition and respect. We are here, now and....."For Always."*





# My View—Your View

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## TRIBAL POLITICAL GENOCIDE

First let me define what I mean by Tribal Political Genocide. It is the political process by which the tribal Governing body whether it be the Tribal Council or the General membership of the tribe established a procedure for the disenrollment of Tribal members for whatever reason.

How this is considered Tribal Political Genocide? Because upon disenrollment it strips the individual tribal member of their legal rights to any benefits as an American Indian as they no longer belong to a recognized Tribe. Yes, they may still have their “Pedigree Documentation” from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) they still are without any tribal affiliation.

Still another more subtle method of Tribal Political Genocide is the establishment of a predetermined degree of “Indian Blood” or “Tribal Indian Blood” This practice is a continuance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reduce the number of the Tribal members. The BIA illegally implemented this practice despite the fact that the relationship between the American Indian Tribes is “Political: and not racial. However, over the decades of brainwashing of the Indian people by the Government many tribal leaders have adopted this misguided philosophy.

It don’t much grey matter to understand that within two or three generation the tribes with predetermined degree of “Indian Blood” or “Tribal Indian Blood” for tribsl membership will either not exist or will be very small in numbers.

I for one fought long and hard during the sixties and seventies for the Tribal Governments to have the right to determine the membership criteria for their tribal membership and not the BIA. I never in my wildest imagination though that the tribes would continue with the “Blood Degree” policies for membership or use its authority to disenrollment of Tribal members for whatever reason. Politics, greed or just whatever reason it is wrong. A sad tribute to all those that supported the proliferation of tribal Governments.

## MARK MACARRO GOES HOLLYWOOD



Long time Pechanga Tribal Chairman, Mark Macarro recently posted on face-book that he had retained or was meeting with a Hollywood talent agent to represent him as an actor.

Macarro is best known for his television appearances as the “Poster Boy” for the Tribal Gaming Intuitive Prop XX in 1990.

Wishing you the best of it Mark, who knows you might be the American Indian Mickey Rooney!



Going fast, we have only 15 of the original 20 ranch size home sites left for you to build your family dream home on the Soboba Indian Reservation. This opportunity has never been offered before on the reservation. This offer allows you to own your own land, built your own custom home and provide for your families security. We have can have it financed all in one easy application. Remember, **YOU SNOOZE YOU LOOSE!!** Financing is available from the Soboba Credit Department or the HUD 184 Home loan program.

Our staff of professional home experts will help you with all the paper work! All home will be custom built and meet the Soboba Tribal Building Codes. The All Mission Indian Housing Authority will provide the oversight for all phases of the construction. Pre-qualifying sessions will be scheduled for you t your conveyance. This is the finest opportunity ever offered for Soboba tribal members to build a custom home on the reservation.

With your families security in mind the entire Pechava Village complex will be enclosed by a 6 foot brick fence. The back yard area of every home will be enclosed with a six foot brick fence for additional privacy. A coded security gate will provide at the entrance to the Village that will only allow residence and their approved visitors access to the Pechava Village. Streets will be paved, curbed and night lighted.

In following the Tribal Traditions, Customs and Values as well as the current Tribal Land Assignment and Leasing Policies and Procedures each property/lot site will be Assigned and Leased to meet the federal requirements to the individual tribal member upon the approval of the loan documents by the Soboba Tribal Council. Rosemary Morillo Rejects Step Down Request

Call or e mail us today for a certified copy of the Pechava Village lot/plot plan. Ranch sizes home sites are from .40 Acre to .87 Acre

**Don’t wait, once all the home sites are taken it’s GAME OVER! First come first serve.**

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## HILARY CLINTON GOES “OFF THE RESERVATION”

Source: Fox News Online

Native News Online columnist Mark Charles said Clinton systemic racism and blatant oppression that has been endured by people of color throughout the entire history of this nation.”

Clinton made the remarks Friday (April 29, 2016) on CNN, saying “*I have a lot of experience dealing with men who sometimes get off the reservation in the way they behave and how they speak.*” Her national political director, Amanda Renteria, sought to walk back the comments that evening.

However, some Native Americans took offense. As Charles writes, Native Americans were herded onto reservations after the “Indian Removal Act” passed in 1830. “When natives are on the reservation,’ it is implied that we are contained, isolated, and controlled,” he said. “When we go ‘off the reservation,’ chaos ensues. We have gone rogue, act unpredictably and are causing trouble.”

Trump said “If I made that statement then there’d be front page headlines,” he said. “I think it’s a very ugly and offensive statement to Native Americans and if I made that statement it would be a big, big story.”



# Wishing a you a Happy Fathers Day!!!