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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well folks it's Christmas time again. A time for fun, joy, and sharing with family and friends. And just as a reminder it's the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

As many of you know me on a personal level know that I'm not known for wearing my religious beliefs on my sleeve. With that said, I want to thank the liberal Politically Correct people for reawaking my basic beliefs in God, Country and family.

Like most folks in the country we have a tendency to take all these things for granted until they are threatened and even then we let things slide until we reach the point where we've had enough. Like when we deal with the playground bully.

Granted the U.S. Government has not treated some of our citizens very well but to turn this country into a Socialist Nation just don't make the cut.

All one needs to do is look at the results of the U.S. Governments American Indian Policies for the past 200 plus-years. The Socialist system forced upon the American Indians has not worked and yet Congress has continued to turn

a deaf ear to many of us that want to participate in the capitalist system on the tribal level.

However, the responsibility isn't all on the Government with its 200-years of brainwashing of the American Indian people the changes needed must be at the tribal level.

Tribal Self-Governance is the primary vehicle to self-reliance for the tribes. To bring about these critical changes the tribes must first break the chains of Government dependency. However, the majority of the tribes in the Nation hold fast to this dependency.

In way of example, Public Law 93-638, was enacted in 1975 and is referenced as "The Indian Self-Determination and Education Act" and provided for Indian Tribes to be "Self-Governed." Yet, after 42-years only five tribes out of the 106 California tribes and Rancherias have become Self Governed.

Regardless of all the political garbage Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years to one and all. And thanks you for you support for the **Soboba Indian Reporter**.

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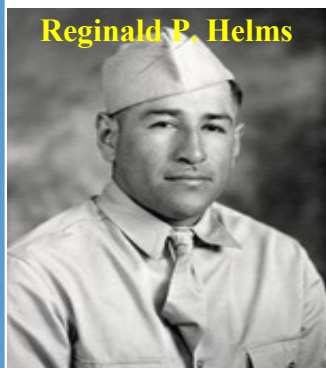
World War II -76 years Ago December 7, 1941 - 1945

On December 7, 1941 America was forced into World War II by the Japanese attack on its military and Navy bases at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Inland of Hawaii is located in the Pacific Ocean about 2,000 mile off the west coast of the United States.

The Second World War actually began in 1939 with the invasion of Poland by German troops. Almost all the major countries in the world were involved in the chaos. President, Franklin D. Roosevelt wanted to join in support of our allies but Congress refused to become militarily involved. Therefore since we as a nation became complacent since Germany took every effort to avoided any conformation with the United States. However, Japan saw America as an eventual threat decided to attack our naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii destroying almost half of our naval fleet.

During the next four years, from 1941 to 1945 a total of 670,846 Americans were wounded and 405,399 Americans lost their lives, three of which were Tribal Members of the Soboba Band of Mission Indians. They were as followed:

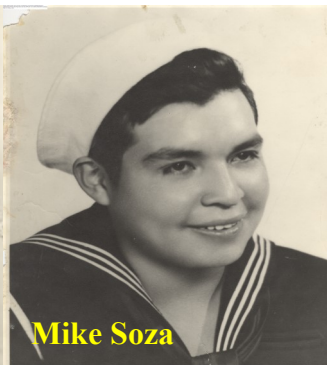
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- ♦ U.S. Navy, Mike Soza (1-21-1924-1941) Killed in Action at sea.



Reginald P. Helms



Romaldo A. Helms



Mike Soza

Listed below are other Soboba tribal members that served in WW II and are buried at the Soboba Tribal Cemetery: Eloy, Frank and William "Willie" Soza (*Mike Soza who was killed in action while serving in the Navy in the Pacific Ocean and is buried at sea.*) Ernest Salgado Sr., their uncle, Frank "Chico" Silvas, Joe "Jody" Silvas, Marcus "Max" Mojado, Mateo "Moot" Apapas, Joe John Lala, Norbert "Norb" Arres, Theodore "T-Bone" Arres and Carmel "Sallie-Buck" Valenzuela.

Non-Soboba members WW II veterans buried at the Soboba Tribal Cemetery are: George Silvas (Soboba/Sioux), Leonard Lubo, (Cahuilla), Senon "Sub" Lubo (Cahuilla), Miguel "Mickey" Briones (Non-Indian), Refugio Garcia (Non-Indian), Pio Morillo (Non-Indian), Richard Macy, (?) and James Navarro (Indian),

CORRECTION: Andrew Jackson, a Korean veteran was listed on page three of the November 2017 Soboba Indian Reporter issue in an article entitled "**Honoring Soboba Veterans**" as non-Indian by mistake. Mr. Jackson was a Pomo Indian from central California.

In the article the veterans that are buried at the Soboba Tribal Cemetery were listed in three categories; 1) Soboba tribal member, 2) Indians from other reservations and 3) Non-Indians. We offer our apology to his family for our oversight.

DENNIS BANKS AMERICAN INDIAN ICON

Mr. Dennis Banks, Co-Founder of (AIM) the American Indian Movement passed away on October 29, 2017. However, his legacy will live forever as a true American Indian "Warrior" of the people.

In our short lives we seldom have the opportunity to meet or know of very few "Distinguished People" that truly grace us with their presents. I am proud to say Dennis Banks was my friend and one of the "Great Men" of our time.

Anyone that ever had the honor of meeting him knew him as an honest, humble and caring person. When he spoke to anyone it was with respect regardless if status, they be a United States Senator or a Reservation Indian it didn't matter.

He put his life on the line to fight racial discrimination, the federal Government and Tribal corruption and the injustice against our people.

He never expressed any regret for the personal sacrifice he endured that included the long separations from his



family, the Government persecution and his incarceration.

He knew the cruelty of the U.S. Government against the American Indian people first hand as he was taken from his family at the age of 7 and placed in an "Indian Boarding School." At the age of 17-years old he escaped a final time and joined the Air Force.

He served our Country in the U.S. Air Force and was honorable discharged after four-years of service most of which was in Japan.

Although he didn't have a formal college education his intelligent was not diminished as he changed to course of history of the American Indian people.

Again, he was a "Great Man" having dedicating his life to the protection and advancement of our people. He will be missed but he left us the road map to freedom.

May God bless Dennis Banks and give him eternal life.

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WOUNDED KNEE MASSACRE

DECEMBER 29, 1890

PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mass grave for the Oglala Sioux Tribal members murdered at Wounded Knee on December 29, 1890.
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December 29, 2017 marks the 127th anniversary of the **Wounded Knee Massacre** on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota. Time should not diminish its memory as it was only one of numerous acts of terrorism and genocide committed against our people.

Just as we celebrate Christmas in honor of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (*At least for many of us believers and not so politically correct folks*) and with the New Year right around the corner let us take a moment to remember and honor our people murdered at **Wounded Knee, South Dakota**.

On that infamous day, December 29, 1890 it is estimated that 275 Lakota Sioux men, women and children were murdered with hundreds more wounded and 25 U.S. soldiers killed and for no other reason than fear! Fear of the "Ghost Dance" was the reason given as if one could justify the incomprehensible murdering and maiming of so many innocent people. Why, because of the political policies at that period in time.

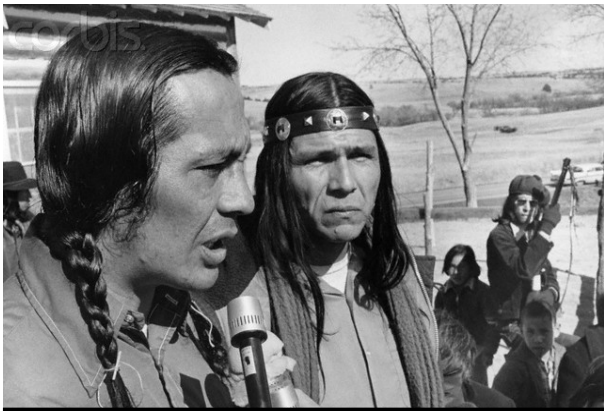
After all what more could the "Indians" want? The Government was going to take care of them as long as the rivers ran and the grass would grow.

Again, on February 27, 1973, **Wounded Knee**, South Dakota became the center of national attention when the American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders, Denis Banks and Russel Means led an armed takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee. The protest followed the failure of an effort of the Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization (OSCRO) to impeach tribal president Richard Wilson, whom they accused of corruption.

The armed occupancy of Wounded Knee which received national attention, ended after 71 days when Lawrence "Buddy"

Lamont, a local Oglala Lakota, was killed by a shot from a government sniper on April 26, 1973. He was buried on the site in a Sioux ceremony. A U.S. marshal was also shot and paralyzed.

After Lamont's death, tribal elders called an end to the occupation. Knowing the young man and his mother from the reservation, many Oglala were greatly sorrowed by his death. Both sides reached an agreement on May 5, 1973 to disarm.



Above: Russell Means and Dennis Banks

Over 200 federal armed law enforcement were joined by local law enforcement and Wilson's private militia, *Guardians of the Oglala Nation* (GOONs).

With the decision made to stop, many Oglala Lakota began to leave Wounded Knee under the cover of darkness walking out through the federal agents lines.

Three days later, the siege ended and the town was evacuated after 71 days of occupation; the government took control of the town.

The stand at Wounded Knee electrified American Indians, who were inspired by the sight of their people standing in defiance of the government which had so often mistreated them. Many American Indian supporters traveled to Wounded Knee to join the protest. At the time

there was widespread public sympathy for the goals of the occupation, as Americans were becoming more aware of longstanding issues of injustice related to American Indians.

AIM leaders Dennis Banks and Russell Means were indicted on charges related to the events, but their case was dismissed by the federal court for prosecutorial misconduct, and upheld on appeal.

With the support of the U.S. Government, Wilson stayed in office and in 1974 was re-elected amid charges of intimidation, voter fraud, and other abuses.

The rate of violence climbed on the reservation as conflict opened between the political factions during the following three years; More than 60 opponents of Wilson's tribal government died violently during those years, including Pedro Bissonette, director of the Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization.

Traditional tribal members blamed Wilson's private militia, Guardians of the Oglala Nation (GOONs).

Shortly following the Wounded Knee standoff 21-year old Leonard Peltier, a young AIM leader was asked by traditional Indian people at Pine Ridge, to help protect them from being targeted for violence by Wilson's tribal GOONs. He went to their aid never to return home to his wife and children.

On June 26, 1975 two FBI agents in unmarked cars followed a pick-up truck onto the Jumping Bull ranch. The families immediately became alarmed and feared an attack. Shots were fired and a shoot-out ensued. More than 150 federal

agents, GOONs, and law enforcement officers surrounded the ranch occupied by 40 Indians.

When the shoot-out ended FBI Special Agents, Jack R. Coler and Ronald A. Williams and American Indian, Joseph Stuntz lay dead. Stuntz's death has never been investigated, nor has anyone ever been charged in connection with his death.

Leonard Peltier was convicted for the deaths of the two FBI agents killed during the shoot-out on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He was sentenced to life in prison where he remains as a political prisoner to this day.

Yet, 60 Oglala Sioux died at the hands of the GOONs after that infamous day and no one was ever investigated, charged or prosecuted. The FBI and GOONs prevailed.

Numerous doubts have been raised over Peltier's guilt and the fairness of his trial, based on allegations and inconsistencies regarding the FBI and prosecution's handling of this case.

Even former U.S. Attorney General, Ramsey Clark served *pro bono* as one of Peltier's lawyers and has aided in filing a series of appeals on Peltier's behalf. In all appeals, the conviction and sentence have been affirmed by the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The sad irony is that 127-years after the December 29, 1890 **Wounded Knee Massacre** on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota very little has changed for the American Indians.

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.



Ghost Dance Founder, Wovoka (AKA Jack Wilson)



Wovoka (AKA *Jack Wilson*) was born in Smith Valley area southeast of Carson City, Nevada, around the year 1856. Quoitze Ow was his birth name.

From the age of eight until almost thirty he worked for a rancher in the Yerington, Nevada area, David Wilson and his wife Abigail, who gave him the name Jack Wilson for when dealing with European Americans. David Wilson was a devout Christian, and Wovoka learned Christian theology and Bible stories while living with the Wilson's.

One of his chief sources of authority among Paiutes was his alleged ability to control the weather. He was said to

have caused a block of ice to fall out of the sky on a summer day, to be able to end drought with rain or snow, to light his pipe with the sun, and to form icicles in his hands.

Wovoka claimed to have had a prophetic vision during the solar eclipse on January 1, 1889. His vision entailed the resurrection of the Paiute dead and the removal of whites and their works from North America. He taught that in order to bring this vision to pass the American Indians must live righteously and perform a tra-

ditional round dance, known as the "**Ghost Dance**", in a series of five-day gatherings. His teachings spread quickly among many American Indian peoples, notably the Lakota.

The **Ghost Dance** movement is known for being practiced by the victims of the **Wounded Knee Massacre**; Indian Agents, soldiers, and other federal officials were predisposed towards a militaristic posture when dealing with a movement that was so antithetical to their views and ideas.

Wovoka's preaching's included messages of non-violence, but two Miniconjou, Short Bull and Kicking Bear, allegedly emphasized the possible elimination of whites which contributed to the existing defensive attitude of the federal officials who were already fearful due to the unfamiliar "**Ghost Dance**" movement.

Wovoka died in Yerington on September 20, 1932 and is interred in the Paiute Cemetery in the town of Schurz, Nevada.



MT. SAN JACINTO TO HONOR LOCAL HERO'S

Local artist, Angela Stedham was at the Hemet Valley Mall in August 2015 when she came across an exhibit displaying photographs of the more than 700 military members from California who were killed in combat in the service of our Country.

The “*Remembering Our Fallen*” exhibit was brought to Hemet to commemorate the 12 local members of the military who had died in action by that time. Stedham is no stranger to military life as her father served in the Navy, the exhibit had a significant impact on her.

After meeting with friends and community members that strongly support the troops and our own home grown hero's the idea of a mural was presented to the Mt. San Jacinto art department. Since there is a mural on the Menifee campus honoring the armed services.

MSJC is the only community college in the state with two veterans resource centers, one on the Menifee Valley campus and one on the San Jacinto campus. The centers provide veterans students with a host of services that include counselors, VA student workers and mentoring

When it was decided to have one painted at the San Jacinto campus, art department Chairwoman Eileen Doktorski was tasked with finding an artist.

Stedham will be memorializing seven area soldiers on a mural she will be painting on the side of the Veterans Resource Center at the Mt. San Jacinto College campus

in San Jacinto. The mural will show the San Jacinto Mountains with the faces of the troops painted in front.

The seven fallen soldiers that will be depicted in the mural are: Army Spc. Joseph Pink, 20, San Jacinto; Army Staff Sgt. Bryan Bolander; Spc. Mary Jane Jaenichen; 20, Temecula; Staff Sgt. Nigel Kelly, 26, Menifee; Sgt. John P. Rodriguez, 23, Hemet; Pfc. Kenny Stanton Jr., 20, Hemet; and Pfc. Aaron Ward, 19, San Jacinto.

Joseph Pink was a tribal member of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. He grew up on the Soboba Indian Reservation and San Jacinto where he attend school.



After graduating from San Jacinto High School he was heavily recruited by many colleges and universities for his athletics and academic abilities, he joined the Army instead.

Joseph is from the well known Brittan family which, has a long history on military service. His father, George Pink was a U.S. Marine Corp, Master Gunny Sergeant.



HOME GARDENING



How does home grown fresh tomatoes (*Big and Small*) chilis, onions, squash, bell peppers and lettuces right out your backdoor sound to you in the middle of November? Saving money aside the quality and flavor will set you free.

Folks have been tending home vegetable gardens for centuries which vary in size and produce however, over the past few decades it has become a thing of the past.

Given the rising prices of fruits and vegetable (*FYI tomatoes is a fruit*) some thrifty folks have

turned to clock back and are reaping the fruits of their labor.

One home gardener told SIR that she started small, with two tomato and chili plants in containers and now I have a farm she said laughing.

When asked how much time she spent on the garden she said. “Not as much as you might think, anywhere from 15-minutes to half hour a day and some days it takes care of it’s self.” “It’s not work, it relaxing and fun.” she added.

She picked a couple of cheery tomatoes, rinsed them off with the water hose and hand me one, Unbelievable!

I just came from the nursery got some containers, potting soil and an instruction book on winter vegetable gardening.



In keeping the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday spirit of sharing and giving the Southern California American Indian Resource Center, Inc., (SCAIR) distributed 250 Thanksgiving “Food Boxes” to the needy American Indian families living within the urban areas of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

SCAIR will distribute another 250 “Food Boxes” in December for Christmas. The effort is funded in part by the Northern California Indian Development Council located in Eureka, California.

During the month of December a traditional Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) will also be held at the SCAIR center.

SCAIR Training Center participants along with their families and SCAIR staff will be celebrating Christmas with activities at the SCAIR Training Center in El Cajon, CA.

In an effort to expand health services to the American Indian community in San Diego County SCAIR has partnered with United Healthcare is San Diego .

The SCAIR Training Center is located in the City of El Cajon and provides Tribal TANF Training, Work Force Training,



Randy Edmonds, (Kiowa-Caddo), SCAIR Senior Advisor.

counseling and tutorial services for American Indian students in grades K-12 attending schools with the San Diego Unified School District. The San Diego Unified School Districts which is one of largest school districts in the state with over 37,000 students that includes approximately 750 self identified American Indian and Alaskan Natives.

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SOBOBA TO DONATE \$1-MILLION TO SAN JACINTO SCHOOLS

The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians will be contributing one million dollars to the San Jacinto Unified School District. The money is in lieu of building fees and taxes that the Tribe would have paid for the construction of its new casino and hotel on the corner of Soboba Rd. and Parkway.

The district will using about 65% of the money for the first phase of construction of the Soboba Aquatic Center.

It’s funny how over time how

things change but stay the same. In way of example, years ago the location of the new casino and hotel was part of the Chambers Ranch and somewhere between Parkway and the golf course boundary on Soboba Rd. was a large reservoir, I’m guessing 100 feet wide and 200 feet long and about eight-foot deep when full. It was nasty and definitely unhealthy by any standards, filled with enough green moss it could have been bailed and an abundance of live creatures none of which were fish. It

matter not because this is where many of us older Rez Dogs learned to swim. I’ll always remember Mr. Chambers for his kindness toward us kids. He never once told us to leave, all he would just say “You kids be careful.”

It’s nice that we, as a Tribe can provide the opportunity for other poor kids to have a place to swim. Maybe we are the Chambers family and it’s our turn to say “You kids have fun and be careful.” Isn’t America Great!

Soboba Woman Murdered in San Jacinto

Anna Mesa 31, a tribal member of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians died from multiple gunshot wounds as she was crossing a street in San Jacinto. Police are investigating the murder and have not released any information related to the homicide.

She was the daughter of Joseph “Gumpy” Mesa,

from Soboba and her mother, Eva Hamilton is from the Ramona Indian Reservation. She also leaves her son, Raymond Masile, a student at the Noli Soboba Tribal school.

On her paternal side her grandfather was Billy Mesa (Soboba) and grandmother, Josephine “Josie” Morreo (Torres Martinez).

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Soboba - U.S. Veterans Administration Sign Housing Agreement

In keeping with the Veterans Day celebration the Soboba Tribal Council and the U.S. Veterans Administration Department in Washington D.C. signed ' an historical housing agreement. For the first time in the history of the United States of American, Soboba tribal veterans will be allowed to use tribal lands to obtain a loan to build or buy a home on the reservation.

Frances Diaz. Soboba Housing Department Manager told SIR. "I'm extremely proud of the hard work the Tribal Council's put into making the veterans loans a reality for the tribal members." "The Council is planning to host a formal signing on the reservation with representative from the U.S. Veterans Administration

Department." "A day has not been set as we need to coordinate the event with the Veterans Administration." She added.

Although the HUD 184 Indian Home loan Program is available to the tribal veterans it requires a 2.25% down payment plus closing cost of about 3%. The VA Home Loans do not require a down payment. The tribal also provides home loans to it members without a down payment but the loans are limited to homes built or located on the reservation and are not available to the veterans over the age of 60.

Seems like the elders just can escape Government discrimination weather it be the federal Government or their own tribal Government.

The reason for the no loans to the tribal members over 60-years of age is because the tribe is not able to obtain insurance because of their age.

It would seem reasonable for the home alone to be the collateral for the loan. With family members to have the option of assuming the loan should something happen to the elder. And should none of the elders family not want ot assume the loan the tribe would assume title to the home nd make it available to other tribal members. The logic may be to simple to comprehend.

Moreover, the Tribal Council is already buying single family dwelling for rental or purchase by tribal members on lands adjacent to tribal lands. Maybe there

is a new tribal "Investment Strategy" system in play here or it's to simple for me to understand. Then again, maybe its more about money than taking care of our own.

Regardless, of all the tribal business nonsense, after almost 100-years of citizenship and to many wars and armed conflicts around the world the Untied States of America is providing the American Indian Veterans with the opportunity to provide adequate housing for their families on their reservation homelands.

Although none of the five members of the Soboba Tribal Council have served in the military they have a long history of family member that have served.

Chairman, Scott Cozart's mother and father were veterans of the Korean Conflict; Vice-Chairman, Isaish Vivianco's father, Louis and uncle, Robert are Viet Nam veterans; Larry "Dee" Boniface, grandfather of Monica Herria was a Korean veteran; Kelly Hurtado's grandfather, Foster Hurtado is a WW II veteran; and Rose Salgado's father, Ernest Salgado Sr., was a WW II veteran and bothers Ernie and Richard are Viet Nam veterans. And the all have uncles, aunts and cousins that are veterans.

Soboba, as are all the America Indian tribes are very proud of the service of their tribal members in the military.

SANTA ROSA DOPE FARM RAIDED

U.S. Federal Agents were joined by Riverside County Sheriffs and State Drug enforcement officers in a drug raid on the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation near the small town of Anza, CA., earlier this week.

Approximately sixty-six thousand marijuana plants were confiscated on 15 to 20 acres of tribal land.

The marijuana cultivation enterprise is believed to be a joint venture between the tribe and a non-tribal company.

The Santa Rosa Tribal Council has been in conflict with the Riverside County Sheriffs Department and Federal officials for sometime now over the tribes sovereignty rights to grow marijuana on tribal lands.

California voters approved legislation legalizing the recreational use of marijuana. However, the reservation is under the jurisdiction of the federal Government and

under federal statues marijuana usage, cultivation and sales is illegal.

So the question that begs to be asked is; Is the federal government going to enforce the federal laws within the State? Or just on American Indian Lands?

SIR will follow up on this issue and kee you informed.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

"It is God who made the universe in beauty, dignity and holiness" Psalm 96

The Tekakwitha Conference is a religious non-profit organization that advocates evangelization among the Indigenous Catholics of North America and to all who desire to walk humbly with God.

The heart of the Vision and Mission is to share God's

Word with our brothers and sisters and live the Gospel message in the spirit of our patroness, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

She is a faithful model as a follower of Jesus. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is known as the patroness of ecology and care for all of God's creation.

The organization invites everyone to visit its website

to learn more about this organization.

It is named in honor of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha who was canonized the First Indigenous Woman of North America on October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome, Italy.

The Annual Tekakwitha Conference, a gathering of All Nations, is dedicated to her as well.

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INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 — NEEDS TRIBAL MEMBERS VOTE

Curranty the Soboba tribal member are not protected against civil violations against them by the tribal governing body or their agents, committees or representatives. Why the Soboba Tribal members need to adopt the **Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968**. We need to include the approval of the **Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968** on the next tribal election ballot in March 2018.

Heaven forbid we should elect a Tribal Council that would treat its political rivals unfairly or practice a double standard. Of course we all know that would never happen.

If not for any other reason that to “Shut the Barn Door before the horse gets out” as a metaphor for than having to deal with a serious infringement on our civil rights for which we would have no recourse. The reality is that we don’t always elect the “Sharpest Knife in the Drawer” wow! I’m full of analogies today, but it’s true we then to be just like white folks, we then to vote for those that will tend to support our interest. Ok, not politically correct, like I care.

However, many of our tribal members have been subject to violations of their civil rights by rhe tribal council. Although it may not have been intentional is not the

issue what is important to understand is that it has happened. History has proven that once a practice of abuse become acceptable other abuses follow.

It only makes good sense for the tribal membership to protect and reserve our tribal customs. Traditions and values.

Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 applies to the Indian tribes of the United States and makes many, but not all, of the guarantees of the Bill of Rights applicable within the tribes. The Act appears today in Title 25, sections 1301 to 1303 of the United States Code.

The H.R. 2516 legislation was passed by the 90th U.S. Congressional session and endorsed by the 36th President of the United States Lyndon Johnson on April 11, 1968.

The impact of ICRA was greatly limited by the Supreme Court by the ***Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez*** court case (1978). *Martinez* involved a request to stop denying tribal membership to those children born to female (not male) tribal members who married outside of the tribe. The mother who brought the case pleaded that the discrimination against her child was solely based on sex, which violated the ICRA. The courts decided that "tribal

common-law sovereign immunity prevented a suit against the tribe."¹*Martinez* ultimately strengthened tribal self-determination by further proving that generally, the federal government played no enforcement role over the tribal governments.

Provisions of the Indian Civil Rights Act:

No Indian tribe in exercising powers of self-government shall;

1. make or enforce any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition for a redress of grievances;
2. violate the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable search and seizures, nor issue warrants, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or thing to be seized;
3. subject any person for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy
4. compel any person in any criminal

case to be a witness against himself;

5. take any private property for a public use without just compensation;
6. deny to any person in a criminal proceeding the right to a speedy and public trial, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witness against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and at his own expense to have the assistance of a counsel for his defense;
7. require excessive bail, impose excessive fines, inflict cruel and unusual punishments, and in no event impose for conviction of any one offense any penalty or punishment greater than imprisonment for a term of one year and a fine of \$5,000, or both
8. deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law
9. pass any bill of attainder or ex post facto law; or
10. deny to any person accused of an offense punishable by imprisonment the right, upon request, to a trial by jury of not less than six persons.

GOD AND POLITICS IN AMERICA

At a resent gathering with some of my Tribal Elders counterpart during a lull in the entertainment, announcements and presentations and as always the conversation got around to religion and politics since most of us old folks still hold to the faith. And that faith extends deeply into mainstream America’s national politics.

This was made very clear at the 2016 Democratic Convention when the delegates chose to vote if they were going to include the word “God” on their platform. It not the usage of the word “God” but that they even had the vote is what’s troubling.

What is clear is that Christianity is not a fundamental component of the Progressive/Socialist Democratic party. Although Christianity is embraced by the Republican party it is not part of the core foundation as it may have been in the past.

Many folks are no longer seeing Republican/Democrat or even

conservative/liberal. What some of us are seeing is establishment vs insurgent and establishment vs newcomer.

To many of the current political Congressional people have been in Washington way too long and are part of the problem, no matter what party they are from. Was voiced by some of the Elder at the gathering.

However, many folks believe that Trump is the last hope for an America in decline. One of the more outspoken Elders that claimed to be registered as an Independent offered. *"I think the powers that be, the elite, the globalists, will do all they can to stop any move Trump makes as far as protecting the country and protecting the people, because they don't want their little red wagon overturned."* *"I think the Democrat and Republican parties are two wings on the same corrupt bird, and it has to be corrected,"* The Elder went on to say. *"What ever it takes, even blowing-up the*

(Republican) party to get the country back in line, that's nothing to me. It's our country that matters to me."

Yet, it seems that many in the county have mixed feelings about Trump. The intra-party tensions became so heated during the 2016 campaign that many people didn’t put Trump signs up in their yards, instead consigning them, out of sight, to a back room. Those tensions still persist one year later.

The distorted coverage by the main stream media only fuels the apprehension. A resent studies at Harvard showed that the main stream media contributes 90 percent of its coverage of Trump to be negative, distorted and untrue.

Our conversation lead to the state of the union which then turned to the Book of Revelations and the word "Globalism" or “One World Order” which has a meaning that extends far beyond trade and economics.

It's perceived as a gateway to the

rise of a one-world government that is a precursor to the coming of the End Times.

"When you say the word "Global" or "One World Order" Christians are automatically wary of it because of scripture," Offered a tribal minister. *"The Book of Revelations speaks of things to come, and it says there is going to be this reassertion of global order. And you see that God is disapproving of man trying to conquer and rule over other man."* She added.

To get a better understand of the "Globalist" or “One World Order” movement one need to look at the core intent of the Federal Reserve and its subsidiary the World Bank.

The Federal Reserve was established by the United States Congress in 1907 and was vested it with unlimited powers to control the money in the United States of America and to print money as its wishes without any Congressional oversight.

To create a “One World Order” through the control of financial access in the long range goal of the people that6 control the Federal Reserve and its subsidiary the World Bank.

The following is paraphrased of the patron founding father of the global Rothchild Banking family, I don’t care who is in power as long as I can control the financing. Currently, the Rothchild Banking family is represented in every country in the world except Iran and Syria.

Sorry folks, but George Carlin had it right in his tirade monologue regarding the unseen powers that control the country. We all laughed, hooted and hollered at his insanity. Why? Because it was or is to disturbing to believe.

One of the most profound studies of the Federal Reserve is the book by G. Edward Griffin, **The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve**, 5th edition.

LET’S TALK EPIC STUPIDITY!

Not to diminish the national effort to curb the epidemic usage of opioids, but it is beyond comprehension that the mental political giants in not only our nations capital but in a growing number of states are so eager to replace one perilous drug for another.

Turning a blind eye to dangers of legalized marijuana as a funding source and labeling it as a “Safe Medication” while being very careful not to call it a “Drug” which gives new meaning to the word “Absurd.” Even a moron understands it to be a drug.

The question that begs to be asked is, why so many people have been sent to jail for selling and using marijuana? And why are there so many more still serving long prison sentences for violating marijuana drug laws. But, since when has political “Double Speak” mattered.

In California alone the state imposed taxes is \$44 per pound on “Trash Marijuana” or remnants of the plant after it has been harvested. That folks in mind boggling as it computes to \$88,000 per ton and a semi truck load at 20 tons tops out at 1.76 million dollars.

The taxes on retail marijuana is currently set at 15% of sales including medical marijuana. The price of a ounce of marijuana

and its by products is anywhere from \$25 to \$300. Using the same truck load analogy we are looking at a lot of truck loads of money.

California State Treasurer, John Chiang recently completed a year long study on how to handle the money generated from the sales of marijuana. He estimated the industry to generate over a billion dollars a year in sales. His main concerns are; 1) How to transport the money from the vendors and 2) where to take it too, as many of the banks have refused to accept these funds for fear of violating federal laws since the sales and usage of marijuana is still against federal law.

In his 32-page report he recommends the establishment of a “State Bank” of the people and expanded contracts with armored truck companies to transport the money from the sales of marijuana.

Does this create a “State Run Drug Cartel” of the people? If not it sure looks like a duck, walks like a duck, it just might be a duck. Wait let’s all get dummy sign’s to hang around our neck.

Now, let’s forget the taxes for a moment and turn our attention to the other “Drug Cartel.”



With the State of California setting the price the “Baja Drug Cartel” isn’t going anywhere. They will roll out the semi’s and corner the market with Wal-Mart sale pricing. And as an added bonus they have the protection of “Sanctuary State” legislation which, prevents law enforcement from questing suspects.

In addition, with the well-established infrastructure for shipping illegal drugs, it’s unlikely that regulations and inspectors from the Bureau of Cannabis Control will be able to halt the transportation of the drug across state lines. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has been trying for 44 years, and we can see how well that’s worked out.

What happened to common sense? What happened to law and order? What hap-

pened to moral standards? What happens to accountability? What happened to American values? When did we become a Socialist State?

The reality is that it’s not all about money, it’s controlling the minds and hearts of the people. The money just make it that much easier.

If a good majority of our state citizens are walking around in a stupor with no more on their minds than maintaining that level of semi-conciseness, the goal of control has already been achieved. All the controllers need to do is get their impaired voters to the polls and cast their vote for those that will allow them maintain their bliss.

It’s anybody’s guess how much smoke Californians can make and for how long. But one thing is certain, we are a generation of “Fools” and “Dopers.”

Our only hope is that President, Trump has the courage to enforce the current federal drug laws. One thing we can be assured of is that we haven’t seen anything in way of protest until and if the federal government enforces the national drug laws.

However, in all fairness alcohol remains the most **dangerous drug** on the planet bar none including OPIOIDS.