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SOBOBA INDIAN REPORTER: ERNIE C. SALGADO JR., PUBLISHER/EDITOR

## KEYERA "FLORES" CAMERON Placed 2nd in the NFL 8-9 Year Old Pass, Punt and Kick Division Championships



Nine year old Keyera "Flores" Cameron a fourth grade student at Ramona Elementary in Hemet finished second in the National Football League 8-9 Year Old Pass, Punt and Kick Division Championships finals at the Pro Bowl in Orlando, Florida on January 27, 2017.

Bobby Salgado a friend of her late grandfather, Martin Flores became her coach during the 2015 season. After only a few month under the intense coaching by Bobby her skills and attitude exceeded even his expectations. Keyera is the daughter of Maria Flores and the granddaughter of the late Martin Flores a former football stand-out at San Jacinto High School in the early fifties.

Maria, a single mom said "it's just us two and I'm so proud of her." When asked about travel and lodging expenses Maria said, "*The Chargers pay for everything we just have to have our own spending money.*"

Congratulations Keyera on your super championship second place win as the National Football League 8-9 Year Old Pass, Punt and Kick Division Champion!!!

## SOBOBA TRIBAL WATER RIGHT

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr



Robert J. Salgado Sr.

Long before Standing Rock the American Indian tribes including Soboba have been fighting the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), powerful Government agencies, Cities, and States to protect the tribal water rights.

Many tribe even had to file law suits against the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for their failure to protect our water rights which was their responsibility. Many of the BIA agencies went so far as to side with the people that were infringing on the tribal water rights.

Soboba for example, in 1990 was awarded damages by the federal courts against the BIA as part one for failure to protect the Soboba tribes water rights. "Negligence." is what the court labeled It. But it should have been criminal as the BIA administration forced an entire generation to live without an adequate

domestic water supply while trying to force the tribe give up their water rights the local water district.

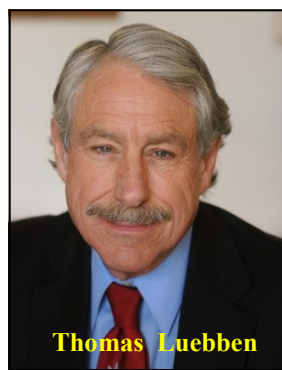
The people of Soboba were forced to haul water from the nearby City of San Jacinto when the water usage on the reservation exceeded underground water level which was set at a depth of 100 feet. Request by the tribal leader to lower the domestic water wells pump to allow for the production of more water was continually denied by the BIA. And although the tribe had funds allocated and available to increase the ground water supply for the reservations residence it refused to allow it. For over 30-years.

In 1975 U.S. President, Richard M. Nixon signed Public Law 93-638, the American Indian Self-Determination and Education Act into law. The legislation provided for input into the development of the regulations for the implementation of the Act by the tribes. The landmark legislation provided for the first time in history for the tribal Government to manage their own affairs and to enter into agreements with the United States Government and its agencies to administer pro-

grams and services for their own people.

To fully understand and appreciate the significant of this legislation one must realize that up to the passage of this legislation the tribal people has no voice or authority in the management of their tribes.

One of the first thing the Soboba Tribal Council did was to hire our own tribal attorney, Thomas (Tom) Luebben (Photo Below). Although Tom was a newcomer to Indian Law he had earned the respected of many tribal leaders within "Indian Country" including AIM. Hiring Tom not only became our attorney he also became our friend and his hiring proved be good for Soboba.



Thomas Luebben

The second thing was to request the transfer of the water funds held by the BIA on behalf of the tribe for the development of a domestic water system. The BIA refused to release

the funds to the Tribal Council stating that the Council members were not qualified to administer nor were they able to construct an adequate domestic water delivery system for the reservation.

However, The Soboba Tribal Council under the leadership of Chairman, Robert Salgado Sr. was successful in obtaining the release of the funds. And, in less than a year after gaining the release of the water funds Soboba had a fully operational domestic water system.

The tribe is now at the point that it needs to expand the domestic water delivery system to include the entire reservation.

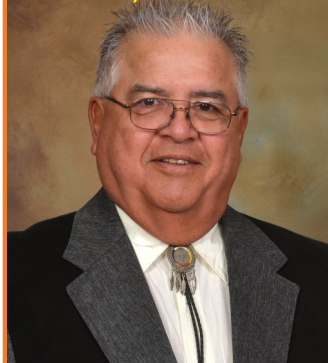
This expansion must also include roads, home sites and advanced training in not only maintaining the system but to insure the quality and integrity of the water and for the administration of the domestic water system.

The development and management of a human waste system demands to be addressed to protect the ground water from contamination.

This would also fall under the administration of the domestic water system.

## SOBOBA CHAIRMAN, SCOTT COZART ATTENDS PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION.

CHAIRMAN, SCOTT COZART



While in Washington D.C. he also met with other tribal leaders, BIA officials and congressional Representatives.

"It has been a while since I've been in Washington DC" He said in a phone interview with SIR "But it seems somethingsnever change."

He attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) meeting in Washington D.C. The meeting was held to allow Tribal Nations to express their views and concerns to the incoming administration.

"The issues that were at the forefront several decades ago are still at the top of the list for most Tribal Leaders, water rights, sovereignty, land into trust, to name a few." He said "

The Trump Administration promises less government but the Tribes want to make sure that they do not lessen their Trust obligations. we'll have to wait and see what happens.

"Overall the trip was informational and rewarding to see the presents of son many tribes that are active" he said.

## FAREWELL TO FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN, SHIRLEY PETTIS

Former Congresswoman, Shirley Pettis (R) passed away at age 92. A majority of our tribal members most likely won't have a clue who Shirley Pettis was or how she helped the Soboba people.

She was elected to the House of Representative is 1975 following the death of her husband, Jerry Pettis. Jerry Pettis was the representative for our area from 1966 until he was killed in an airplane accident in which he was flying in 1975.

Only four month after the death of her husband, Jerry She entered the Congressional race to succeed her husband in representing the district. The contest was not without controversy as she faced 12 opponents including people from her own party. She was demonized for

her lack of experience and for her gender. Regardless of all the negative comments she won by a landslide and was re-elected for a second term and retired in 1979.

Both Jerry and Shirley Pettis were good friends of the tribe and strong supports of our water rights and gave us voice in Washington D.C. when we had little or no support especially from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In 1976 during our conflict with the BIA over the release of the funds for the development of a domestic water system on the Soboba reservation Congresswoman, Shirley Pettis played a major role in getting the funds released to the tribe.

Go in peace and God bless you Congresswoman, Pettis.



Tribal Chairmen from the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, Inc., attended the Presidential Inauguration on Friday, January 20, 2017 in Washington D.C.

The delegation also met with President Trump in a private meeting to discuss tribal issues that have been pending for decades. The President assured the SCTCA representative that his administration will take positive measures to insure the removal of the numerous Government regu-

## MEET WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP



lations that prevent the Nations Tribal Governments from economic development ventures that would benefit the tribes.

It was noted that California represents 20% of the Nations 500 Tribal Governments with 105 tribes within the State and over 20% of the total American Indian population with almost 500,000 according to the 2010 census.

Currently the majority of the California tribes are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that has been become almost non-functional over the past 40-years.

Maybe we have a President who is willing to listen to our concerns.

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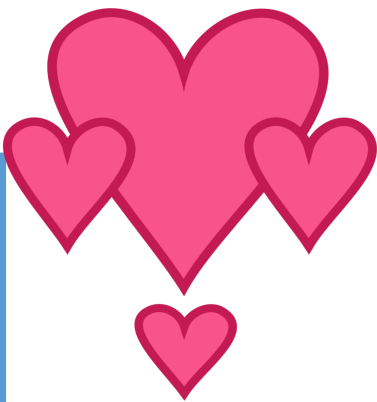
# MEMORIAL SERVICES 2017

**ROBERT "BOBBY" SALGADO, SR.**  
SEPTEMBER 25, 1942 — MARCH 6, 2016



Traditional graveside services will be held for Robert "Bobby" Salgado, Sr. at 11am on March 11, 2017. The one-year anniversary memorial will consist of the blessing of the headstone at the Soboba Tribal Cemetery located on the Soboba Indian Reservation. The Traditional Memorial Lunch will follow the blessing of the headstone memorial service at the Soboba Sports Complex.

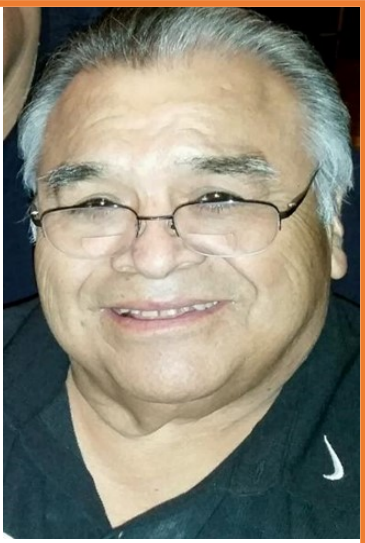
Memorial service for are pending and have not been planned. We will keep you informed.



**SHIRLEY LOUISE (FITE) SILVAS**  
OCTOBER 18, 1948 – APRIL 19, 2016  
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION



**ANTHONY "TONY" BENTISTE**  
MARCH 2, 1946 — MAY 30, 2016  
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION



**DARREN (BIG D) KITCHEN**  
NOVEMBER 18, 1986—AUGUST 31, 2016  
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION



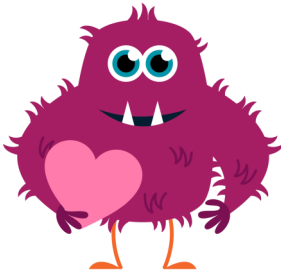
**WILLIAN "RODDY" RHODES**  
JANUARY 21, 1960—AUGUST 5, 2016  
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION



**AMANDA ROSE "NANNY" LUGO**  
APRIL 7, 1961—JULY 16, 2016  
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION

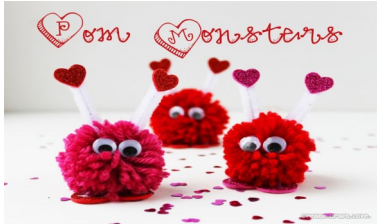


**JEROME SALGADO JR.**  
MAY 17, 1979 – MAY 20, 2016  
CAHUILLA INDIAN RESERVATION



**BENJAMIN A. MAGANTE SR.**  
"THE LEGEND"

JUNE 1, 1935 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2016  
PAUMA INDIAN RESERVATION



**ANTHONY DAVID "ANT" RESVALOSO**  
AUGUST 17, 1989—NOVEMBER 29, 2016  
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION



**NOTE: Please let us know if we have missed someone or have any misinformation. Thank you SIR**







PATRICIA TURNER & DENIS TURNER JR.

February 2, 1969 - January 8, 2017

February 1, 1971 - January 7, 2017



PATRICIA (GONZALEZ) TURNER, 47, OF PAUMA VALLEY

Patricia Trisha” (Gonzalez) Turner, a resident of Pauma Valley, died at Palomar Hospital on January 8, 2017. She was surrounded by her family and friends and remembered eternally in our hearts.

Mrs. Turner was born in Escondido, California on February 2, 1969. She became a hair stylist following her graduation from Orange Glen High School. She married her best friend,

Witaqa Denis Evans Turner, on May 31, 1997. Together, they lived life to the fullest.

Survivors include her children: Vincent Gonzalez, Tuviicha Temet Turner and Wiyaala Turner; grandson Jackson Gonzalez; parents: Vince and Rosie Gonzales; brother David Gonzalez; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many cousins.

DENIS TURNER, 45, OF PAUMA VALLEY AND TRIBAL MEMBER OF THE RINCON BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS

Witaqa Denis Evans Turner, a resident of Pauma Valley and citizen of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians, died at his

home of natural causes on January 7, 2017.

Mr. Turner was born in La Jolla, California on February 1, 1971. He worked for more than 20 years as an Indian Affairs Consultant to local San Diego County tribal governments. He married Patricia Gonzalez (Turner) on May 31, 1997, and together they raised two beautiful chil-

dren: Tuviicha Temet Turner and Wiyaala Turner.

Mr. Turner is survived by his grandmother, Mary Reyes; mother, Mary Reyes Turner; father, Denis Turner; Siblings: Dennis Turner Walsh, Timothy Turner, Michael Hunwut Turner, Tish-mall Turner, Anthony “Boone” Gonsalves, Timothy Pellam, Dancy Panther Turner and Tuff Turner; and several nieces and nephews.



Joint Services were held at St. Bartholomew Church on the Rincon Indian Reservation, on Thursday, January 12, with the viewing at 6 pm and a rosary at 7 pm.

On Friday, January 13 the funeral Mass was held at 10 am with the Graveside services after the Mass and the traditional lunch following at the Rincon Tribal Hall, at 1 West Tribal Road, on the Rincon Indian Reservation.



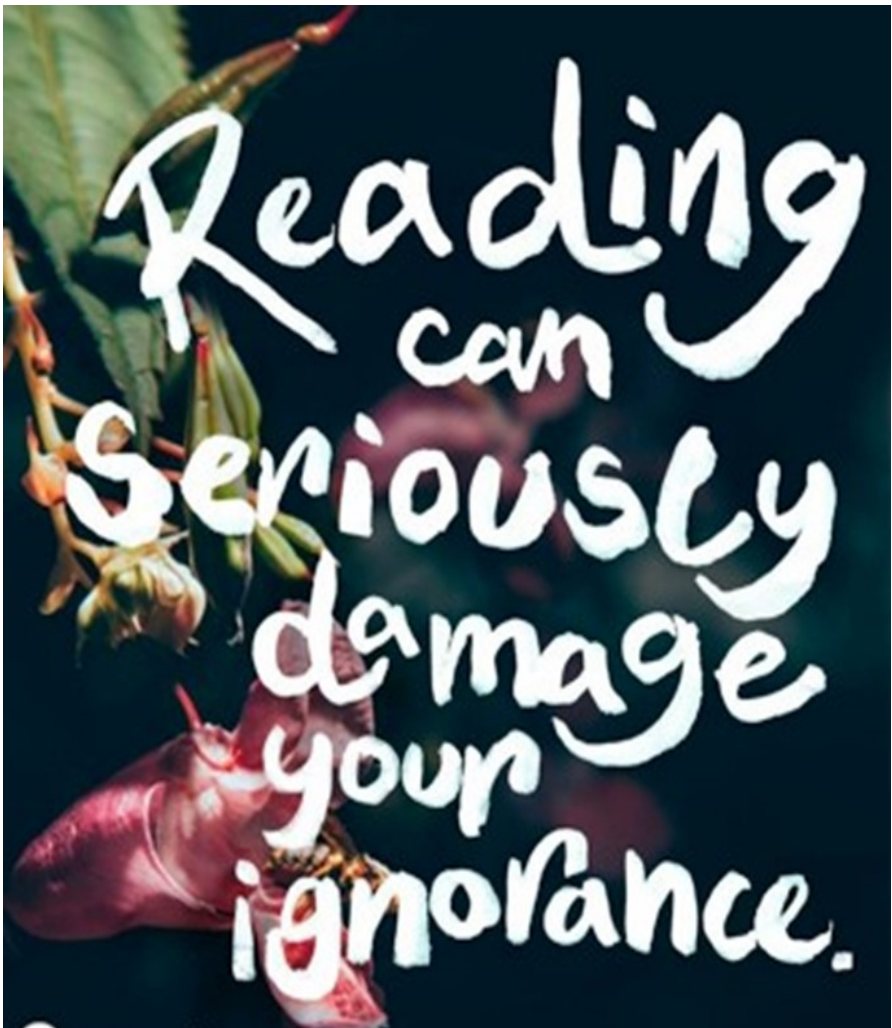
PRAYERS FOR DAVID DIAZ



Soboba tribal member, David Diaz has fallen ill and needs our prayer. David in in the hospital at Fountain Valley CA.

David has been living in Huntington Beach for the last several years with his wife, Cherl.

David is the son of the late Francis “Frannie” Diaz, (Pala) and Frances “Salgado” Diaz, (Soboba). We are praying for you David, get well soon.



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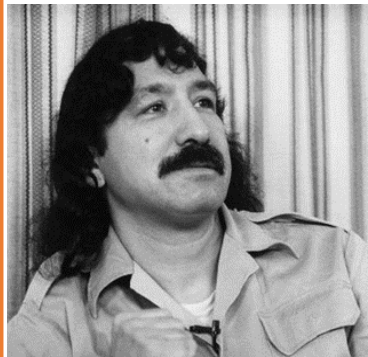


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## OBAMA DENIES LEONARD PELTIER CLEMENCY

*By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.*



January 18, 2017, in a letter sent to Leonard Peltier's lawyer, the Obama administration formally denied the request to grant clemency to Peltier.

He is an American Indian rights activist and member of the American Indian Movement (AIM), and has been incarcerated since 1976. At 72-years of age Leonard Peltier is considered to be in poor health.

Although there is overwhelming evidence that he did not commit the crime/s for which he was convicted and imprisoned he has not been able to gain the opportunity to present it to the court.

Peltier's struggle to gain freedom has crossed the globe and supporters include the likes of Mother Theresa and Desmond Tutu, whom have all called for his clemency.

Recently, the lead prosecutor in the Peltier case, former United States Attorney James H. Reynolds, called on Obama to grant Peltier clemency stating Peltier's release would be, "in the best interest of justice in considering the totality of all matters involved."

Fast forward forty-years and we are at Standing Rock, North Dakota and the American Indians are still trying to seek justice guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States of America.

The Leonard Peltier case is more than about protest of one man, Wounded Knee it is about the Civil and Constitutional rights of the American Indian people. Leonard Peltier is in prison for the crime of exposing the corruptness of the Bureau of

Indian Affairs, the local Tribal Government and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

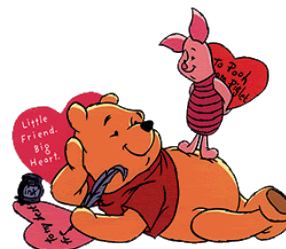
As a matter of proof In 2003 (fourteen years ago), the judges of the 10th Circuit stated: "Much of the government's behavior at the Pine Ridge Reservation and in its prosecution of Mr. Peltier is to be condemned. The government withheld evidence. It intimidated witnesses. These facts are not disputed."

It is time for Leonard Peltier to come home. It is time for President, Trump to release Leonard Peltier to right the wrong that has been committed against Mr. Peltier and the American Indian people for the past forty-years.

Normally, a President doesn't issue Presidential Clemency until the end of their term in office but, President, Trump is not bound by such incidental protocol as his leadership will exhibit.

President, Trump please free Leonard Peltier.





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### YESTER-YEARS

#### San Jacinto High Class of 1965

The photo on the left is of the San Jacinto High School class of 1965.

**Marvin Modesto** (Santa Rosa) is located in the center of the photo. He lived on the Soboba Reservation with his grandmother.

**Johnny Torte** (Santa Rosa) is pictured below and to the right. He lived on the Soboba Reservation with his family.

**Lorraine "Raina" Salgado" Masiel** (Soboba) is pictured on the bottom row.

**JoAnn Valenzuela** (Soboba) is located on the bottom row second from the right.

This coming June will mark 52-years for the class of 1965. Time flies enjoy every moment!!





## My View—Your View

### “FORGOTTEN WARRIORS” THE MISSION INDIAN FEDERATION

First, I want to thank the Soboba Tribal members for their support for the **Soboba Indian Report** even if my views don't always coincide with many of their own. Since my political orientation tends to lean toward the conservative side. Basically I believe that the tribe has the right to self governance (Tribal Sovereignty) and in the individual rights of each tribal member. I don't believe we need the oversight of the Federal Government to regulating how we should manage our communities or families. I believe that should be our own right. I also believe that we have a traditional responsibility to our fellow tribal brothers and sisters to be held responsible for our actions.

My conservative beliefs stem from my basic upbringing as a Mission Indian Federation Indian. Although my mother was not an American Indian she grew up on the Soboba Indian Reservation and as such was supportive of the doctrine of the Federation. “Because they were fair and they cared about the people” she said many times. My father had little choice since he lived with his grandparents, Jose and Juana “Apapas” Silvas who were strong supporters of the Federation.



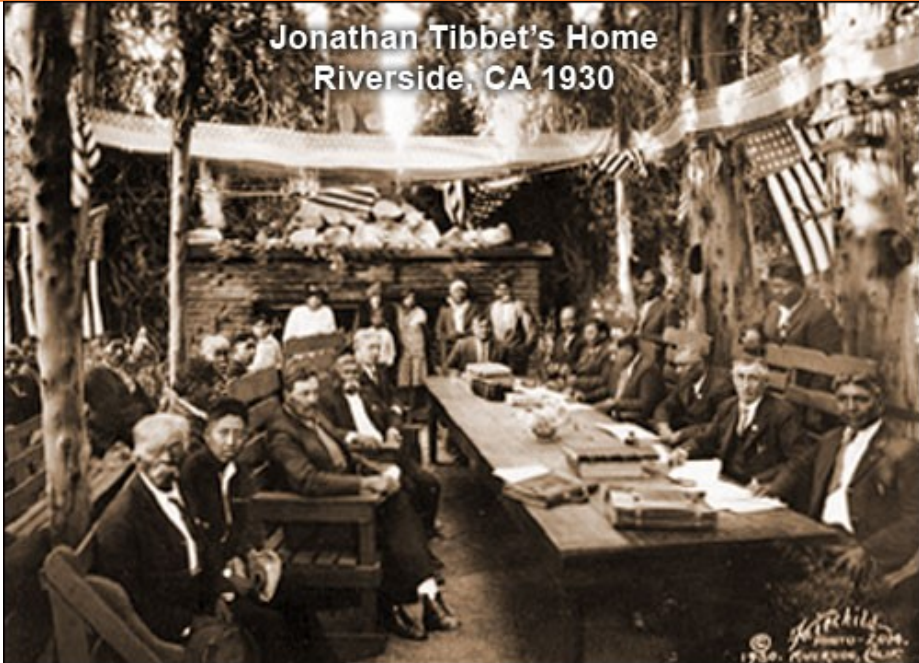
Jose M. Silvas

However, to better understand the relationship between the California American Indian tribes and the United States Government one must be aware of two important facts; first, the California Indian tribes do not have any treaties with the Federal Government. Secondly, the relationship between the California tribes and the United States Government is **political and not racial**.

Yet, the Federal Government through the Bureau of Indian Affairs has made every effort to make the relationship racial and to a great extent they have been successful. One only needs to look at the membership requirements of many of the tribes requiring a specific degree of “Tribal blood” for membership.

The Federal Government has also extended Treaty Rights made with Mid-western and eastern tribes to the California Indian in its effort to create a “**One Size Fits All**” policy for dealing with the Tribal Governments which is beneficial to the California Indian tribes.

Little is known today about the Mission



Indian Federation because the organization was forced to operate clandestinely due to the political persecution, harassment and oppression by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and their tribal supporters.

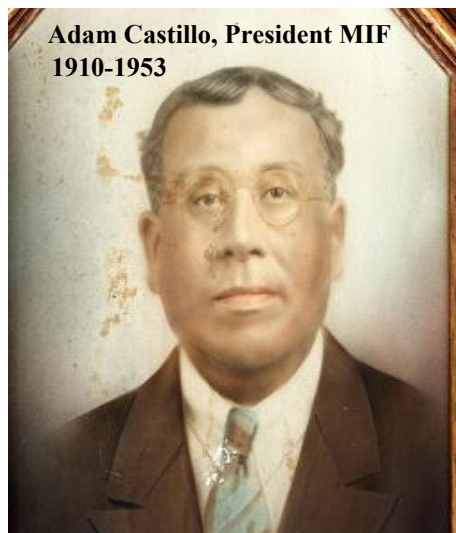
The Mission Indian Federation was established in 1910 and became one of the strongest advocates for the southern California tribal people. As a result of the influence of the Federation within the tribes the Bureau of Indian Affairs became so threatened that it pushed the U.S. Attorney General to investigate the activities of the organization.

On April 22, 1921 a federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles, California filed federal indictments against fifty-seven (57) members of the Mission Indian Federation on charges of conspiring to oppress the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution. Additional charges against the Federation's legal counselor, Jonathan Tibbet and several of the Federation's elected leaders including President, Adam Castillo (Soboba), Joe Pete, (Auga Caliente) and Robert Magee (Pechanga) with preaching '**Bolshevistic**' doctrines among the Indians and with arousing them to “rebellion.” The charges were later dropped against all the defendants but the damage was done. One must also be aware that the American Indian people were not American citizens until June 2, 1924.



The Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, also known as the **Snyder Act**, was sponsored by Representative, Homer P. Snyder (R) from New York that granted full U.S.

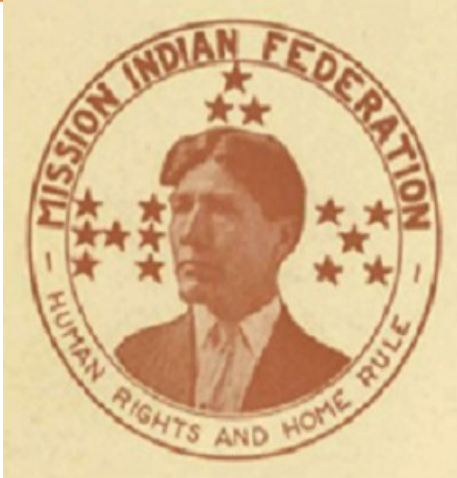
citizenship to America's indigenous peoples, called “Indians” in this Act. The Act was signed into law by President Calvin Coolidge on June 2, 1924. It was enacted partially in recognition of the thousands of Indians who served in the armed forces during World War I.



While the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution defined as citizens any person born in the U.S., the amendment had been interpreted to restrict the citizenship rights of most Native people.

(NOTE: *The Bolshevistic' doctrines is nothing more than another definition or form of Communism, Socialism, Progressives or collectivism or redistribution of the wealth as defined by the Obama Administration. The Bolsheviks, founded by Vladimir Lenin and Alexander Bogdanov, were by 1905 a major organization consisting primarily of workers under a democratic internal hierarchy governed by the principle of democratic centralism, who considered themselves the leaders of the revolutionary working class of Russia. Their beliefs and practices were often referred to as Bolshevism.*

What is ironic is that the Constitution of Mission Indian Federation clearly addressed the recognition of the rights of the individual in Section 2 “**Its object are to secure by legislation or otherwise all the rights and benefits belonging to each Indian, both singly, and collectively- to protect them against unjust laws- rules- and regulations- to guard the interests of each member against unjust and illegal**



The Mission Indian Federation Logo above pictures John Ortega (Pala)

**treatment.”** The rights of the individual will never be honored in any Bolshevistic' doctrines.

The Federation promoted Capitalism. All they wanted was to be given the opportunity to participate in the free market both as tribes and as individuals. In fact Adam Castillo in 1910 sent a letter on behalf of the Federation to the Bureau of Indian Affairs asking for approval to promote gaming on Indian Lands stating that government support for the gaming tribes would no longer be needed. It only took about 75-years for many of the tribes to even understand the concept.

Historically, the California Indians were consigned as “**Wards of the Government**” from the beginning as California became the 31st State on September 9, 1850.

Several bills were introduced into Congress during the 1880s which sought relief for the “Mission Indians” proved unsuccessful. The **Daves Act of 1887** which provided for the allotment of reservation lands further imperiled their homes. Finally under legislation passed in January of 1891 a commission chaired by Albert K. Smiley, an influential Redlands Community Leader was empaneled to study the problems of the California Mission Indians. Their final recommendation resulted in the approximately 30 reservations which are in place now in Southern California. As was evident, however, with the formation of the Mission Indian Federation, conditions had improved little with the formation of the reservations.

In 1953, Congress passed Concurrent Resolution 108 and Public Law 280, which reduced the influence of the BIA on reservations. With the passage of these laws, the MIF had finally accomplished its last major goal: full citizenship rights for Native Americans.

Throughout the years, Pechanga members remained active in the Federation, and in the 1960s, Pechanga Tribal Chairman, Dan Pico was considered one of the leading members of the organization. By the early 1970s, the goals of the MIF no longer seemed relevant to younger generations, and the organization faded away or did it just move to another level with the occupancy of Alcatraz in 1969 and 70? Or Wounded Knees and the American Indian Movement (AIM)?

### SOBOBA TO HOLD TRIBAL ELECTION NOMINATIONS

Soboba tribal members will be nominating candidates for two Tribal Council positions. The current Council incumbents whose terms will expire on March 31, 2017 are Monica Herrera and Isaish Vivanco. Nominations will be held at the General Tribal meeting scheduled for 10am February XX, 2017 at the Pre-School meeting room.

Nominations for other committees and boards will be held including the Noli School Board, Indian Health Board and the Soboba Foundation.

To qualify to accept a nomination the tribal member nominated must be 18 years of age and present at the meeting.

Elections will be held at a date set by the Election Committee during the month of March. Those elected will assume office on April 1, 2017.

### THE NEED FOR EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP

The Soboba Tribal Council has property without any plan or as tribal member want to evaluate obtained approval from the General Membership to buy additional thought on how to use or develop the candidates with a little more it.

Currently the tribe has several land holding for which there is no plan other than to have ownership of the properties. For the most part the Council intends to place the lands in trust. However, once the transfer of the lands into trust the market value of the land is gone.

It seems the reason the Council wants to buy the is so that no one else builds there. I'm sure there are a lot of reasons to buy property and I guess this is as good as any. However, looking at it from a purely business point of view it make little or no sense to invest in

the candidates with a little more than they are nice and friendly. At a minimum we need people that have an understanding of the free market and how it operates.

The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians is no longer a poor struggling tribe. Soboba is a multi million dollar business and as such we need to re-evaluate not only our leadership but our professional staff as well. It's been over 4-years and counting for the appointment of an Economic Development Council. Quality leadership is really needed at this time.

Of course if the tribe has a plan to develop the land to generate a long term income the loss of the market value could be justified.

Since we are having tribal elections for Tribal Council we might