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The *Soboba Indian Reporter* is celebrating its two-year anniversary on Oct 1, 2017. The first publication of the *Soboba Indian Reporter* was on October 1, 2015.

The original intent of the *Soboba Indian Reporter* was to provide tribal information to the members of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. However, over the past couple of years it has expanded to providing relevant information to a larger audience both tribal and non-tribal.

Since the cost of mailing the *Soboba Indian Reporter* has become unreasonably high, we have been forced to discontinue the mass mailing. Currently we are using social media such as email, Messenger and the CALIE.ORG and the *Indian Reporter* websites as our primary distribution tool. We are distributing printed copies at the Soboba Tribal Office, Soboba Indian Health Clinic in San Jacinto, CA and the Southern California American Indian Resource Center, Inc., (SCAIR) in El Cajon, San Diego County CA.

Any individual, organization, business or tribe wishing to be a distribution center only needs to cover the shipping cost for delivery of the paper to their location from San Jacinto, CA.

We are in the process of expanding our advertisement base to help cover printing and distribution costs. In an effort for our advertising sponsors to reach a larger audience, we are including their ads on the CALIE.ORG and the *Indian Reporter* websites. The CALIE.ORG web site receives over 2 million hits per month worldwide.

We are also looking to expand our social media presents as well within the local area of Southern California.

We thank you for your continued support and we hope you enjoy reading the *Soboba Indian Reporter* as we enter our third year of publishing our monthly newsletter.

Send us your news tips or you news and we will write the article.

*Respectfully, Ernie C. Salgado Jr.*

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## SOBOBA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS REVIEWING VETERANS HOME LOANS

The Soboba Tribal Council is currently reviewing a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to provide home loans for tribal veterans on the reservation.

For the first time in U.S. history American Indian veterans will be eligible for a VA loan on reservation trust lands provided that the tribe has signed a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Until now American Indian U.S. Military Veterans who live on a federally recognized Indian reservation's Trust land were not eligible for a VA insured home loan on the reservation?

Frances Diaz, Soboba Housing Manager is coordinating the proposed agreement with the VA's Loan Guarantee Services in an effort to arrange for tribal members that are veteran to obtain home loans.

The usage of tribal lands in the form of a "*Leasehold Interest*" will basically follow a similar process as with the HUD 184 home loans.

Mrs. Diaz told the *Soboba Indian Reporter* that Soboba is in the process of developing an MOU between the tribe and the Veterans Administration. She also added that "*Affordable housing for our people has reached a critical stage as the cost of homes has increased thirty to forty percent and rents have skyrocketed...*"

Currently, affordable housing is at an all time critical level in California and is rated one of the lowest in the Nation. Home ownership is also at the bottom of the list as well.

Although there are many contributing factors for the rocketing cost of housing in the state however, state mandated environmental requirements and fees are a major consideration in the cost of housing.

Building a home on tribal lands could reduce the cost as much as \$100,000. When considering land cost, building permits and state environmental regulation fees. Not to mention property taxes of \$3,000 a year on an average and water fees.

The Veterans home loan program allows for a construction loan that becomes a mortgage upon the completion of the building of the veterans home. This saves the veteran thousands of dollars in loan fees.

Any tribal member under the age of fifty that does not own a home should be seriously considering a Tribal Home Loan or a HUD 184 home loan.

On August 8, 2017, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians became one of the first Southern California Indian Tribes to sign a Veterans Loan Guarantee MOU with the Veterans Administration. Services' office in Washington D.C.

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## SOBOBA TRIBAL HOMES

Home ownership is still within reach for a majority of the Soboba tribal members. Currently Soboba tribal members have two very "User Friendly" options for the financing of the construction and mortgage of a home on the reservation.

First, the young adults and middle aged tribal members have two financial options 1) The Tribal Home Loan Program and 2) the HUD 184 Home Loan Program. The tribal elders only have the HUD 184 Home Loan Program. The Tribal Credit Committee has established a policy not to loan and funds to tribal member over the age of sixty. A third home loan option may soon become available to tribal members that are veterans. The Soboba Tribal Council is currently reviewing an agreement with the U.S. Veterans Administration.

The cost of housing is presently increasing at an astronomical rate in the state and even more so in the Hemet/San Jacinto area. In way of example, over the past two years the average home price in Hemet/San Jacinto has risen thirty to forty percent. And it is expected to continue to go up for the foreseeable future.

Good reasons to move to the Rez: **NO** property taxes, no water/trash fees, no State income taxes and no automobile license fees. A monthly savings of over \$1,000.

With this in mind, **NOW** is the time to get your home on the Soboba Indian reservation.



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# Soboba—The Land of Milk & Honey!

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

The Soboba Indian reservation is located in the foothills of the majestic San Jacinto Mountains in eastern Riverside County, CA adjacent to the cities San Jacinto, Hemet and 35 miles east of the city of Riverside, the County seat.



The Soboba Indian reservation is the land of milk and honey to Approximately 2,000 tribal members that are direct decedents of the Aboriginal people that occupied these lands for centuries. In spite of the attempt of the U. S. Governments to eradicate the people and their Tribal Traditions, Language and Culture, the Soboba people have maintained their resilience and have prevailed in preserving their Traditions, Customs and Values.

The Soboba Indian reservation was established by Presidential Executive Order on June 19, 1883 by the 21st President of the United States of American, Chester A. Arthur. The original tribal name was *"The Soboba Band of Mission Indians"* and was changed by a tribal vote in 2000 to *"The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians."*

Over the past three decades the tribe has expanded its land base to over 12,000 acres doubling the acreage of the original reservation.

Some of the newly acquired properties include the Soboba Springs Golf Course, the Oaks Retreat—known as the Campbell Ranch—almost 300 acres near the Domenigoni Lake on the corner of Domenigoni and Winchester Rd., approximately 75 acres bordered by Soboba Rd. and Valley Parkway and referred to as "The Horse Shoe Property," and 180 acres on the east side of Soboba Rd. adjacent to Soboba Heights.

The Soboba Casino is the primary business enterprise of the tribe and is based on the reservation and is a major employer of the community.

Soboba was one of the first tribes in the nation to establish high stakes Bingo in the early 1980's, and it has evolved into a major gaming facility.

Gaming has had a major financial impact on the tribe as well as the individual tribal members. It has virtually eliminated poverty within a short period.

This rapid transition has issued a serious challenge to the Soboba people to keep their Tribal Traditions, Language and Culture alive. Tribal leaders, in an effort to meet this challenge, have implemented a strong tribal cultural program on the reservation.

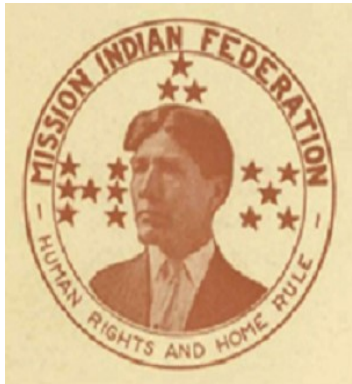
As with most gaming tribes, Soboba is still struggling with going from poverty to a financially solvent entity in a relatively short period.

However, in all fairness the Tribal Council is trying

very hard to stay ahead of the curve. Granted mistakes have been made and will be made again, but that is part of the learning process.

Another positive is that education is a top priority for the tribal membership. The high school graduation rate which was at 50% a few years ago is now almost 100% and the number of collage graduates is increasing every year. A full time pre-school and kindergarten is fully funded by the tribe. And a 6-12 BIA funded school is located on the reservation and managed by the tribe.

Because of the reservations unique geography location in the center of Southern California, it has served as a melting pot for many Indian people in southern California. From 1927 to 1947 an Indian hospital was located on the Reservation that served all the tribes in



southern California.

Soboba also served as the political base for the Mission Indian Federation under the leadership of Soboba tribal leader, Adam Castillo until his death in 1953.

Its slogan was *"Equal Rights, Justice and Home Rule."* The organization also recognized the rights of individual tribal members.

The Mission Indian Federation was the one of the most powerful and influential



American Indian organizations in the nation from 1910 to the mid 60's.

The primary goals of the Mission Indian Federation were to end abuse and paternalism by the Mission Indian Agency. It later changed the name to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which is still a bone of contention among the BIA Indians.

At this time in the history of the Indian people, they were not American citizens; they were considered *"Wards of the Government."* It wasn't until June 2 1924 that the American Indians were granted U.S. citizenship. And it wasn't until 1975 that the Tribal Government were allowed limited self-governance over their own tribes.

Although tribes may petition the Government to become fully "Self Governed" only two of the one hundred plus tribes in California have applied and become "Self-Governance."

Dependency on the federal Government has become so ingrained within the tribal leadership that the majority of the tribes are complacent with the statues quo. So much for the rhetoric of self-governance, independence and tribal sovereignty. As with all political efforts money was a key factor for

the Federation. Contributions were generated from individual tribal members from all over southern California and annual tribal Fiestas were also a major fundraiser by the Federation. Gaming was a major fundraiser for the Federation at the Fiestas. Roulette, poker, blackjack and craps being the major games sponsored at Fiestas.

In 1910, Mr. Castillo as the president of the Mission Indian Federation sent a letter to the Secretary of the Interior and U.S. Congress asking for the tribes to be allowed to implement gaming on tribal lands.

Even before citizenship was granted to the American Indian people the Federation understood the financial impact of gaming as a means for the American Indian tribes to become self substantiated.

The letter stated that if the tribes were allowed to establish gaming Government funding would no longer be needed. However, as we all know it never happened.



(Photo Above) is Soboba tribal member Jose M. Silvas who with his wife, Juana Apapas-Silvas, were major financial supporters of the Federation. They made their home in Indian Canyon.

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## 1959 RAMONA PAGEANT



1959 Left to Right: Albert Guanche, Raquel Welsh as Ramona, Rose Salgado and standing is Joe Guanche. Rose Salgado grew up to served on the Ramona Pageant Board of Directors. *Photo courtesy of Andrea "Salgado" Marquez*

## YACK-A-DE-YACK - JOE CALAC

The year was around 1951-52 when my brothers, Bobby and Dumbo and I were the youthful menaces on the Soboba Indian Reservation.

One of our targets was Mr. Joe Calac who live across Soboba Rd. from St. Joseph's Catholic church on the Soboba Rez. He was an original cowboy in manner, dress and transportation as he always rode his horse where ever he went.

Big Stetson cowboy hat, long sleeve snap button shirt, leather vest, big bushy mustache and a handkerchief tied around his neck. He also wore leather chaps, cowboy boots and spurs. He also had a rifle in a leather pouch attached to the saddle as I now remember.

For some reason—and to this day I don't have a clue why—we chose to torment him. But on this bright, sunny day my brother, Bobby and I were just leaving the church having finished our catechism instructions as ol' Joe Calac was clearing the front gate of his property on Soboba Rd.

While he was closing his gate, we got ahead of him picking up rocks as we went. And as soon as he reached the road, we started chucking rocks at him and his horse causing it to buck and turn while old Joe fought to maintain control.

As we bounced rocks off him and his horse we're laughing hysterically and chanting "Yack-a-de-yack Joe Calac, Yack-a-de-yack Joe Calac" and scrambled for more rocks to throw.

While ol' Joe's horse seem to be totally

out of control, wildly jumping from one side to the other as we dodged back and forth until we found ourselves up against the barbed wire fence on the west side of the road, corralled.

In the mean time, ol' Joe is cursing us in Spanish and the next thing we know he whipping our sorry asses with his horse whip. Needless to say, we were now crying hysterically as painful big red welts raised all over our arms, backs and shoulders, our faces are now a mass of tears and snot.

When we reached home we were still smarting and sniveling from the brutal beating. One look as us and our dad asked us what happened and we told him hoping he would go find ol' Joe and punch him in the nose for beating us.

First thing he asked and answered was "What were you doing? Throwing rocks at his horse? And with that we got another ass whipping. It just goes to show you that there are some days you just can't win.

Did Bobby and I learn anything for this experience? Yes we did. First, we learned to be careful with whom we messed with in the future. Secondly, we learned to always maintain the high ground and finally we learned to be aware of the environment around us.

Yea, I know you were going to ask if we learned to respect our elders? The answer is yes, eventually we did, but it took a lot more ass whippings to get us there because we were always thick between the ears. Different time different world.

## 1956 Hemet-San Jacinto Football Game Hemet 0 - San Jacinto 56



Above is a 1908 photo of a group of the Mission Indian Federation members that were attending a Federation conference at the Mission Inn, Riverside, CA. Photo is from the Riverside Municipal Museum.

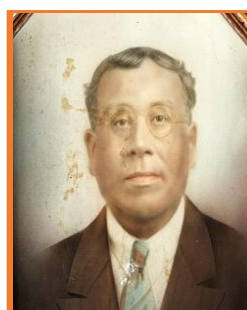
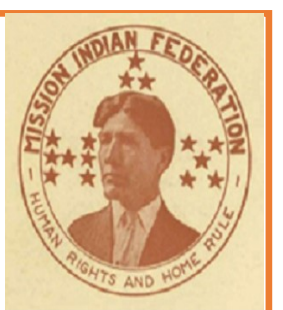


Photo Left Adam Castillo served as the life long president of the Mission Indian Federation. He was a member of the Soboba tribe.

The federation logo is on the right. The image on the logo is Mr. John Ortega from the Pala Indian Reservation.



## OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The establishment of a tribal Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) or the updating of an old one if the tribe has one stored some where must be the first priority for the Tribal Economic Development Department (TEDD).

What an OEDP does is it provides the TEDD with a business map so to speak. It is a critical tool to helps guide the TEDD in their decision making process. Without an OEDP the tribal business ventures will look like a casino with buildings all over the place, helter-skelter. However, this would be much more costly for the tribe.

A good example of unplanned ventures is the proposed renovation of the golf course. From a purely business point of view it makes no sense. A 4.5 million dollar investment with no logical explanation on any return on the investment? Maybe we should expand the "Baskin Robins" bar with its 32 flavors. Sorry but I just can get my mind around closing the restaurant for a bar.

Again, this is where a current OEDP would serve the tribe better than the crystal ball someone seems to be using. But first things first: the TEDD needs to get organized as an independent entity.

My suggestion for the TEDD is for them to build a strong base, establish policies that provide for transparency and accountability.

To achieve these short term goals and any future goals, the use of the "Critical Path Method" (CPM) or a "Gantt Chart."

CPM is a project modeling technique. The essential technique for using CPM: is to construct a model of the project that includes the following:

- 1) A list of all activities required to complete the project (typically categorized within a work breakdown structure),
- 2) The time (duration) that each activity will take to complete,
- 3) The dependencies between the activities and,
- 4) Logical end points such as milestones or deliverable items.

Using these values, CPM calculates the longest path of planned activities to logical end points or to the end of the project, and the earliest and latest that each activity can start and finish without making the project longer.

The **Gantt Chart** illustrates the start and finish dates of the project activities and summary activities of a project. Terminal activities and summary activities comprise the work breakdown structure of the project. Modern Gantt charts also show the dependency relationships between activities. Gantt charts can also be used to show current schedule status.

Both The "Critical Path Method" and "Gantt Chart" are excellent management tools for any business and helps to prevent the duplication of activities and to stay on task and focused.

The development an OEDP would be a good place to test drive both.

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## DAUGHTER OF THE YEAR! ANDREA "DREA" HELMS

**Andrea, Becky pay attention here.** Andrea "Drea" Helms wanted to do something super special for her mom but just couldn't come up with something that would meet her expectation. Even though she didn't exactly know what it was she wanted to do, she knew. When she came up with how she wanted to surprise her mother she had another problem, how to pay for it. She didn't know how she would be able to cover the cost, but she knew it what she was going to do. So since one of her strong suits is her resourcefulness she put her plan together.

Drea's mother, Theresa Helms is shown in the photo on the right with her super special surprise: a brand new car. Drea was quoted as saying "It was worth seeing the expression on her face when she was handed the keys to the car."

Drea has been named the **Soboba Indian Reporter's** "Daughter of the Year!" for the respect, thoughtfulness and kindness she showed for her mother.

(Please note: the Andrea and Becky noted above are Ernie's daughters and his Andrea is not Andrea "Drea" Helms.)







THE TRUTH ABOUT DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

Source Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In spite of knowing that he did not have the Constitutional authority to waive federal immigration law, nor did he have the authority to create it out of thin air, he did both by signing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Executive Order.

Prior to signing the Executive Order that became known as the "Dreamers" or the DREAM Act bill, President Barack Obama had appeared on national television several times to explain to the American public that it was unconstitutional for him to arbitrary resign an executive order overriding Congress. He also explained that Congress was the only branch of the Government authorized by the Constitution to create legislation.

What is mindboggling is the failure of any state or Republican member of the Senate or House of Representatives to challenge the (DACA) Executive Order in the courts. It wasn't until the President attempted to expand DACA that 26 state filed suit in the federal courts.

However the Republican Party leaders denounced the DACA program as an abuse of executive power. Political lip service.

President Barack Obama announced the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy with a speech in the Rose Garden of the White House on June 15, 2012. The date was chosen as the 30th anniversary of *Plyler v. Doe*, a Supreme Court decision barring public schools from charging illegal immigrant children tuition. The policy allowed certain immigrants to escape deportation

and obtain work permits for a period of two years, renewable upon good behavior. To apply, immigrants had to be younger than 31 on June 15, 2012, must have come to the U.S. when they were younger than 16, and must have lived in the U.S. since 2007. In August 2012, the Pew Research Center estimated that up to 1.7 million people might be eligible.

The policy was created after acknowledgment that these students had been largely raised in the United States, and was seen as a way to remove immigration enforcement attention from "low priority" individuals with good behavior. The illegal immigrant student population was rapidly increasing; approximately 65,000 illegal immigrant students graduate from U.S. high schools on a yearly basis.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) began accepting applications for the program on August 15, 2012. As of June 2016, USCIS had received 844,931 initial applications for DACA status, of which 741,546 (88%) were approved, 60,269 (7%) were denied, and 43,121 (5%) were pending. Over half of those accepted reside in California and Texas. According to an August 2017 survey, most current registrants (called "Dreamers" in a reference to the DREAM Act bill) are in their 20s, and about 80% arrived in the United States when they were 10 or younger.

In November 2014, Obama attempted to expand DACA. However, in December 2014, Texas and 25 other states, all

with Republican governors, sued in the District Court for the Southern District of Texas asking the court to enjoin implementation of both the DACA expansion and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (a similar program). In February 2015, Judge Andrew S. Hanen issued a preliminary injunction blocking the expansion from going into effect while the case, *Texas v. United States*, proceeds. After progressing through the court system, an equally divided (4-4) Supreme Court left the injunction in place, without setting any precedent.

The DREAM Act bill, which would have provided a pathway to permanent residency for unauthorized immigrants brought to the United States upon meeting certain qualifications, was considered by Congress in 2007. It failed to overcome a bipartisan filibuster in the Senate. It was considered again in 2011. The bill passed the House, but did not get the 60 votes needed to overcome a Republican filibuster in the Senate. In 2013, legislation that would have comprehensively reformed the immigration system, including allowing Dreamers permission to stay in the country, work and attend school, passed the Senate but was not brought up for a vote in the House. The *New York Times* credits the failure of Congress to pass the DREAM Act bill as the driver behind Obama's decision to sign DACA.

Nearly all Republicans in the House of Representatives (along with three Democrats) voted 224-201 to defund DACA in June 2013. Lead

author of the amendment Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) stated, "The point here is...the President does not have the authority to waive immigration law, nor does he have the authority to create it out of thin air, and he's done both with these Morton memos in this respect." However, in practice Congress does not have the ability to defund DACA since the program is almost entirely funded by its own application fees rather than congressional appropriations.

On September 5, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the program is being repealed. Sessions said that the DACA-eligible individuals were lawbreakers who adversely impacted the wages and employment of native-born Americans. Sessions also attributed DACA as a leading cause behind the surge in unaccompanied minors coming to the United States from Central America. Trump said that "virtually all" "top legal experts" believed that DACA was unconstitutional. Fact-checkers have said that only a few economists believe that DACA adversely affects native-born workers, that there is scant evidence that DACA caused the surge in unaccompanied minors, and that it is false that all "top legal experts" believe DACA to be unconstitutional.

Sessions added that implementation will be suspended for six months; DACA status and Employment Authorization Documents ("EAD") that expire during the next six months will continue to be renewed. DACA recipients with a work permit set to expire on or before March 5,

2018 will have the opportunity to apply for a two-year renewal if their application is received by USCIS by October 5, 2017.

In a follow-up statement, Trump said "*It is now time for Congress to act!*" The approximately 800,000 immigrants who qualified enrolled in DACA will become eligible for deportation by the end of those six months. A White House memo said that DACA recipients should "use the time remaining on their work authorizations to prepare for and arrange their departure from the United States."

On September 6, 2017, fifteen states and the District of Columbia filed a suit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York seeking to stop the repeal.

President, Trump got it right, it's the responsibility of the U.S. Congress to address the immigration problem.

- 1) The 2012 Executive Order by President Obama creating DACA is unconstitutional. He said so himself.
- 2) President Trumps Executive Order to end DACA in six-months and giving Congress time to make DACA legal is within his constitutional authority.
- 3) The U.S. Congress is the only branch of our Government that is authorized by the U.S. Constitution to make laws.

Regardless if you support DACA or not, these are the true facts with regard to DACA. Anything else is bogus.

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## CALIFORNIA TAX AND SPEND CARTEL ON STEROIDS

**CAP AND TRADE TAXES:** California Governor, Moonbeam and his band of out of control “Tax and Spend” liberals legislators are on a roll having just passed the Cap and Trade taxes with the help of the Republicans-in-Name-Only (RINO’s).

The Cap and Trade taxes will increase gas taxes at the pump by 12 cents per gallon to start with and can be increased up to 90 cents at the whim of the Governor.

The hidden cost will come in the form of increased prices for everything from a hair cut to food and housing. Since production cost will increase due to the gas tax guess who get to pay for this cost? Right, us the consumer.

But hey, we get to save the plant. Lets take a second for a reality check, OK? The plant has been around for a few million years and has done a pretty good job of taking care of its self. In case you may have missed in the third grade its called “Evolution.” OK granted some restriction are needed but are we not in overkill?

**WATER TAXES:** Wake up folks, the moonbeam gang is proposing a “**SMALL**” Water Tax on drinking water. Currently, there is a legislative effort under way in Sacramento (*Senate Bill 623, sponsored by Sen. Bill Monning*)

which professes to address safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities including privately owned water agencies.

Monning calls his bill the “**Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fee.**” Make no mistake, this is not a fee it is a tax and it’s the wrong approach to addressing a much larger and obvious problem.

However, in the final weeks of the legislative session, despite already going through two policy hearings, Sen. Monning inserted language in the bill that would impose a statewide tax on residential and commercial water bills. Sound a lot like something right out of the “**Affordable health Care Act**” by adding cost to make it “**Affordable.**”

**What is SB 623?:** It is legislation that will tax ever water user in the State in addition to the already escalating water cost. The Bill is Sponsored by state Sen. Bill Monning, D-Monterey and is estimated to generate \$2 billion over the next 15 years for a “Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund,” which would provide emergency water and longer-term system fixes for hundreds of communities whose tap water doesn’t meet safe drinking water standards.

**Where would the money come**

**from?:** The proposal would generate roughly \$110 million per year through a 95-cent monthly fee on home water bills as well as taxes on businesses of up to \$10 per month.

An additional \$30 million would come from higher fees on agricultural and dairy businesses, industries whose chemicals contribute to the problem of contaminated groundwater. But like all taxes they will increase as the powers that be see fit. And guess again who will be picking up the tab for the increase on the business community.

**Who’s for it?:** The bill is backed by the agriculture- and dairy lobbies, as well as by a long list of environmental, social justice and civic groups.

**Who’s against it?:** Water districts are against the bill, saying that taxing water users creates a bad precedent and that collecting the money would be burdensome.

**Will it pass?:** If the Assembly Appropriations Committee moves the bill to the floor, it needs a two-thirds vote of each house, which is always a challenge.

What’s more, ousted Assembly Republican leader Chad Mayes has faced intense blowback for his bipartisan collaboration to extend California’s climate program, called cap and trade. But

SB 623 does have one RINO co-author: Sen. Andy Vidak of Hanford.

**PROPERTY TAXES:** California’s iconic 1978 tax cutting measure, Proposition 13, was motivated by a desire to, first and foremost, limit **out of control** property taxes. To that end, the measure has been a remarkable success saving California property owners more than half a trillion dollars in its 39 year history. (*Notwithstanding that achievement, California still ranks in the top third of all states in per capita property tax collections*).

Prop. 13 was less effective, however, in its secondary goal of limiting the growth in government spending. In fact, it is not unfair to say it has fallen far short given today’s high overall tax burden and the state’s profligate spending habit. Government remains California’s number one growth industry.

Some California citizens who voted for Proposition 13 almost four decades ago may have forgotten that the drafters were in fact concerned about government spending as well as tax relief. A few still contend that taxpayer groups such as Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association should focus only on protecting homeowners against rising property taxes.

**Please note** that affordable housing is California is already the lowest in the Nation as is homeownership. And property taxes are already causing homeowners and renters to feel the pinch. Should the “**Tax and Spend**” State legislators be successful in getting Proposition 13 set aside property taxes will rival our mortgage payments.

And if this isn’t enough for you folks the out of control “Tax and Spend” liberals legislators in an effort to by pass the voting public are proposing Senate Bill 231 sponsored by California state Sen. Bob Hertzberg, (D) Van Nuys. The Bill redefines “sewer” to include storm-water that would allow local governments to impose fees (Taxes) for storm-water projects without voter approval.

Currently under Proposition 218, passed in 1996, local taxes and property-related fees require the approval of two thirds of voters

Tribal folks shrug because they don’t recognize how any of these taxes except the gas taxes relates to them.

The most significant impact will be the loss in revenue at the tribal casino. Simply because the individual players expendable income will decrease due to the added taxes.

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U.S. Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D.(D) (CA-36) and Frank Pallone, Jr. (D) (NJ-06) Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, introduced two bills on September 8, 2017 to address health inequalities in Native American communities.

**H.R.3706, The Native Health and Wellness Act,** creates a new grant program to recruit, train, and mentor native youth and young adults for careers in health care and establishes a new Public Health Block Grant program to address infrastructure needs for tribal communities. NIH Exec-



utive Director Stacy A. Bohlen said, American Indians and Alaska Natives have experienced significant health disparities and this legislation will ensure that directed, sustained, funding reaches Tribal communities.”

“The Native Health and Wellness Act in particular will remedy provider shortages by empowering native youth to become the next generation of tribal health care providers and invest in public health in Indian Country.” – Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D.

**H.R.3704, The Native Health Access Improvement Act,** establishes a Special Behavioral Health Program for Indians, modeled after the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, and makes the definition of “Indian” consistent throughout the Affordable Care Act.

“For far too long, the federal government has not adequately provided for the health of tribal nations, creating a public and mental health crisis that impacts Native Americans young and old, across the country. This is unacceptable,” said Dr. Ruiz.

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Although both of these proposed legislative bills are sorely needed for the tribal communities without any funding nothing changes.

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## ATTENTION: “COOL-AID DRINKERS”

If you’re one of the Progressive liberal “Cool Aid Drinkers” that still don’t know why Donald Trump was elected President of the United States of America, let me explain why I and many others like me voted for him.

With all the demonization and racist rhetoric set aside I assure you that I’m not a white supremacist, or neo-Nazi. What I am is a federally recognized Reservation American Indian. I spent the first 18-years of my life on the Soboba Indian Reservation located in Southern California. And at age 76 I have had the opportunity to experience the greatness of this Country.

I worked as a farm laborer long before the patron saint of the farm workers, Caesar Chaves came along, I graduated high school where I majored in sports, study hall and shop. And because I was taught that every man

should have a trade I became a licensed barber. As a barber I learned business through the “Hands on Method.” Later I attended collage earning a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

Please enlighten me if you know of any other country in the world that would provide these opportunity for a poor American Indian boy.

I served in the U.S. Army and although I never saw combat in Viet Nam, I was granted veteran status. My father was a WW II Army Veteran and was awarded a Bronze Star and Silver Star for bravery. My younger brother, Richard was an Army paratrooper and served in Viet Nam with the First Calvary.

Both my father and mother were first generation American citizens. Although my father was an

American Indian, he was born in 1920 and American Indians were not given citizenship until 1924. My mother was born in America although her parents were Mexican citizens.

My father attended the Sherman Indian Boarding School in Riverside while my mother attended and graduated from San Jacinto High School in 1940.

Both my parents were Conservative Democrats of the Ronald Reagan doctrine.

I share this personal history so that you understand that I am a middle class, working American just like millions of other Americans and share the same values.

You don’t have to be a rocket scientist to know that we no longer have an authentic two party political system. Instead we have Progressive/Socialist, and the various levels of Conservatives.

Over the past eight years we have seen our national debt double to 19-plus trillion dollars, taxes go up, restrictive regulations, the crippling cost of affordable healthcare, housing and food going up. All while employment continues to go down.

It appeared as if the Obama administration was more concerned with anyone insulting Muslims, bashing and blaming America, undermining the U.S. Constitution, disarming America and his golf handicap than the well being of the American people.

Ok, why the Trump vote? Lots of folks like me are just simply fed up with the Gimme Free Stuff Me Generation, Political Correctness Rhetoric, the Almighty Race Card and the blatantly corrupt Congress.

The bottom line is that the majority of the American people are

more concerned with how they are going to feed their families, keep a roof over their heads, pay their monthly utility bills and keep their families safe.

Trump offered a ray of real hope for change, to not only rock the boat but to sink it if needed. He gave the average working American hope. Hope for a truly free America with decent paying job and the America dream.

And Yes, our government has victimized American Indians, Blacks, Mexicans, Irish, Italians and so many others. My people have suffered as much as any race. What’s important is not to let it happen again.

So now you know why Donald Trump is the President of the United States.

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## POLITICAL CORRECTNESS ABSURDITY

Source George Carlin Political Correctness

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

Political Correctness is the deceptive language decreed on the American people by the liberals left. The far-left liberals have represented Political Correctness and claim it to be a form of tolerance while in fact it is intolerance. It’s simply an attempt to restrict and control people language with strict codes and rigid rules.

The liberal’s justification for the political correctness is to fight discrimination but the real purpose is silencing people or altering their speech! Is this the correct way? There is so much politically correct language it is stupid, crippling and ugly. Why don’t we use these three word as examples of how corrupted political correctness has become.

**STUPID:** Good place to start. Where do all these stupid people come from? From our schools. Since we can no longer refer to anyone under the age of 18 as slow, dumb or stupid, we get stupid adults.

We no longer have slow, dumb or stupid kids. We have “Educational Challenged, Special Needs or Minimally Exceptional.” Wow! What happened to Junior’s slow, dumb or just plain stupid? Not anymore! He is either “Educational Challenged, a Special Needs or Minimally Exceptional.” I like Minimally Exceptional—sounds like Junior’s got something going. Doesn’t it kind of makes you feel warm and fuzzy, until they are unleashed on the world.

Regardless of all the political correctness we still have a whole bunch of slow, dumbass

and stupid people among us. You ever watch the TV show “COPS?” Now you get my point.

Thank God for elected public officials that many of these “Educational Challenged, Special Needs or Minimally Exceptional” folks can find work with their peers.

**CRIPPLES:** This is a sensitive area for many folks as for some reason we have a guilt complex about crippled folks and tend to avoid coming in contact with them as if they are contagious. This guilt complex feeds perfectly into the liberals BS propaganda narrative.

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ would be in deep unprocessed sewage with the PC police today because in the Bible it said that he cured the “Crippled” not the Physically Disabled, Physically Impaired or Handicapped. Handicapped, can have so many meanings. For example, Sammy Davis was going golfing and his cart mate asked him what his Handicap was, Davis said “well I’m blind in one eye, I’m black and I’m Jewish.”

**UGLY:** No more ugly folks, thank you very much. I guess Playboy or Larry Flynt didn’t get the message.

“Lookism,” if you can believe this nonsense, is the PC term for folks like me that still hold fast to “Wow” “Beautiful” “Gorgeous” Fine” “Hot” and “Ugg.” I for one have never met an “Ugly Woman.” Ok, maybe I fibbed.

Maybe that is what Halloween is all about!

## CALIFORNIA IS AN ILLEGAL SANCTUARY STATE

California is now officially a “Sanctuary State” under SB54 and will protect dangerous illegal immigrant criminals from deportation, preventing law enforcement from cooperating with federal agents, even in extreme circumstances when they determine it necessary to do so and will further erode the rule of law. It will also jeopardize millions of dollars in federal funds.

Currently federal law prohibits any person that is not an American citizen from entering the United States without the proper authority. However, Progressive/Socialist Governor Brown and his liberal minions in the State Legislature have passed Senate Bill 54 sponsored by Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León, D-Los Angeles making California a “Sanctuary State.”

SB54 also allows for taxpayer tax money to be used to protect and support dangerous illegal immigration. And in a separate action the State legislator approved \$30 million dollars tax money set aside to aide DACA.

The U.S. Attorney General has already warned Governor Brown against California become a “Sanctuary State.” In addition to financial penalty's California political leaders could face criminal charges for obstruction of justice by undermining federal laws.

In opposing SB 54, the California State Sheriffs’ Association wrote, “The breakdown of local, state, and federal partnerships that will occur under this bill will prevent violent criminals from being kept off our streets.” With all of these facts in mind, it is unconscionable that lawmakers would endanger our already overburdened law enforcement. Yet, that is exactly what will happen with the passage of SB54.

State Progressive Socialist Democrats are risking the lives of California families and choosing to support policies that have already hurt countless of American citizens while protecting criminals over law-abiding citizens. Their views and actions no longer represent the majority of ordinary people.

Polls conducted by UC Berkeley have found that the majority of the respondents do not think local authorities should be able to ignore federal laws or a federal request to hold a detained criminal who is in the country illegally.

Over the past two decades, Progressive Socialist Democrats including some RINO leaders have taken California in a financially negative direction. The State is one of the highest taxed in the country. It is ranked the worst place to do business by CEOs from around the nation. The state legislators promote government control policies ranking the state above citizens. Tax dollars are not used as promised, resulting in struggling schools and the highest poverty rate in the nation. “Let then eat cake!”

## MORE WASHINGTON DOUBLE SPEAK

During the month of September the Senate approved a resolution condemning white supremacists, neo-Nazis and other hate groups following a white-nationalist rally in Virginia that descended into deadly violence. But the Senate lacked the courage to name Antifa and Black Lives Matter as hate groups.

Democratic Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine of Virginia introduced the measure along with four colleagues from both parties. The resolution, approved unanimously Monday night, recognizes Heather Heyera, the woman who was killed Aug. 12, 2017 and 19 others who were injured after a car allegedly driven by a neo-Nazi slammed into a crowd of demonstrators protesting the rally in Charlottesville. Again, no mention of the Antifa protestors or the violence they perpetrated.

The resolution describes Heather Heyer's death as a "domestic terrorist attack" and acknowledges two Virginia state troopers who died in a helicopter crash near the protests.

The resolution urges the Trump administration to "use all resources available to address the growing prevalence" of hate groups in America.

Yeah right! Watch the race card come out big time the second the President challenges the radical racist hate group, Black Lives Matter. There is no room for sides here. The white supremacists, neo-Nazis, Antifa and Black Lives Matter are all hate groups, period. The white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and Black Lives Matter are racist to the core.



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## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### JAMES "JIMMY" LLOYD BRITTIAN

June 23, 1931 - August 21, 2017  
Pala Band of Mission Indians



James "Jimmy" Lloyd Brittian a tribal member of the Pala Band of Mission Indians and was currently living in Hemet, California, passed away on Monday, August 21, 2017, at Hemet Valley Medical Center in Hemet, California.

He was 86 years of age and was born on June 23, 1931 at the Soboba Indian Hospital on the Soboba Indian Reservation, California. He lived in the San Jacinto Valley his entire life. Attending school in San Jacinto and graduating in 1949.

He retired at the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant from the U.S. Marines Corp after 20 years of service. He was a combat veteran of the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. He was extremely proud of his service with the U.S. Marines Corp and could have been the "Poster Boy" for the Corp. During his service, he was assigned to special Presidential duty as security for Marilyn Monroe. After his retirement from the U.S. Marines Corp James became a dedicated employee of the U.S. Postal Service for 26 years.



He was a tribal member of Pala Band of Mission Indians. James also served with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion Post 848, Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge.

He enjoyed traveling, taking car vacations, eating homemade tortillas and watching football. James was a funny, witty, family-oriented man who never missed a grandchild's birthday.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee Brittian; sons, Charles Brittian (Laura), Joe J. Brittian and Daniel Schoof (Michele) daughters, Luann Gaucheno (Mike), Barrie Brittian, Sherrill Schoof and Beth Hamilton, 16 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren.

On August 28, 2017 a viewing was held from 4-7PM and a Rosary at 7:00 PM at Miller-Jones Mortuary in Hemet, CA. Graveside service were held at the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery in San Jacinto, CA. at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August. 29, 2017.

### Funeral Services for



*Marian "Dodie" Smith*

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Services: Saturday September 23, 2017 @  
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### CHRISTINE LOPEZ HELMS

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Christina was born in Hemet CA to Jesse and Jesus and Sofia Vivanco on July 25, 1963. She attended Hemet schools and has lived in Hemet her entire life.

Christina is preceded in death by her father Jesus Ornelas Vivanco, brother Nicholas Lopez Vivanco and her father-in-law Greg Helms a Soboba tribal member.

She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Shane Joseph Helms; two sons, Takoda James Helms (15 yrs. old) and Chayton Joseph Helms (13 yrs. old), her mother Sofia Lopez Vivanco and four brothers, Richard Vivanco, Jim Vivanco, Benjamin Vivanco, and Jesse Vivanco, mother-In-Law, Theresa Helms, sister In-Laws, Rebecca Helms, Andrea Helms and Erica (Helms) Schenk and many nieces and nephews.

Christina had worked many years in retail management in both Sears and JC Penny companies. In more recent years she worked as an in-home medical transcriptionist and in-home care giver while being the best teacher, taxi driver, cook and mom for her boys. Throughout the years Christina would be seen at the football field supporting her husband and other school functions in support of her boys. And at Tupperware parties finding the best deals.

Graveside services for Christine were held the Cahuilla Tribal Cemetery on the Cahuilla Indian Reservation at 10am on Friday September 22, 2017. The services were followed with a traditional dinner at the Wheelhouse in Hemet CA.

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## INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT VS TRIBAL POLITICAL REALITY

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### PART ONE

#### Historical Background

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was enacted in 1978 because of the disproportionately high rate of removal of Indian children from their traditional homes and essentially from Indian culture as a whole. Before enactment, as many as 25 to 35 percent of all Indian children were being removed from their Indian homes and placed in non-Indian homes, with presumably an absence of Indian culture. In some cases, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) paid the states to remove Indian children and to place them with non-Indian families and religious groups.

Testimony in the House Committee for Interior and Insular Affairs showed that in some cases, the per capita rate of Indian children in foster care was nearly 16 times higher than the rate for non-Indians. If Indian children had continued to be removed from Indian homes at this rate, tribal survival would be threatened.

It also damaged the emotional lives of many children, as adults having been through the process testified. Congress recognized this, and stated that the interests of tribal stability were as important as the best interests of the child. One of the factors in this judgment was that, because of the differences in culture, what was in the best interest of a non-Indian child was not necessarily what was in the best interest of an Indian child, especially as they have traditionally larger extended families and tribal relationships in their culture.

**Louis La Rose (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) testified:** *"I think the cruelest trick that the white man has ever done to Indian children is to take them into adoption court, erase all of their records and send them off to some nebulous family ... residing in a white community and he goes back to the reservation and he has absolutely no idea who his relatives are, and they effectively make him a non-person and I think ... they destroy him."*

knowledge about American Indian culture by most social workers also contributed to the high removal rates.

Most social workers are conditioned by the *"best interest of the child"* as outlined by *Beyond the Best Interests of the Child (Second Edition)*, which advocates bonding with at least one adult as a parent figure. This did not take into consideration the tribal culture of the extended tribal family, in which children could have close relationships with extended family. The common Indian practice of having a child cared for by an extended relative was viewed as abandonment by these well-intentioned social workers, but tribal members considered this normal behavior and a desirable way to ensure the child was cared for by family.

During congressional consideration, held at the request of Native American advocacy groups, opposition was raised by several states, the LDS Church, and several social

welfare groups. The bill was pushed through by Representative Morris Udall of Arizona, who lobbied President Jimmy Carter to sign the bill. It was strongly supported by Senator James Abourezk of South Dakota, who had authored the bill and previously contributed to founding the American Indian Policy Review Commission and the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, each of which he chaired.

Congress's overriding purpose in passing the ICWA was to protect Indian culture and tribal integrity from the unnecessary removal of Indian children by state and federal agencies. Awareness of the issues facing American Indian children came about from the advocacy and research by the Association on American Indian Affairs. Congress reasoned that "there is no resource that is more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian tribes than their children."

### PART TWO *by Ernie C. Salgado Jr.*

Now let's look at the political realities of many of the tribes. Some tribe have closed their membership and are not accepting new members, even new born children. While many others have implemented a self-termination policy by setting a "Blood Quantum" which vary from a specific amount of "Tribal Blood Degree" to a total amount of "Indian Blood Quantum". Regardless of the tribal membership policies, it limits the access of the adopted persons seeking membership.

And more specifically my own tribe, The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, has a Tribal Constitution and By Laws under which the Tribal Government operates. The Tribal Constitution clearly defines the criteria for gaining

tribal membership. It states *"Any descendent of a tribal member is eligible for enrollment as a member of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians"*. The only provisions are 1) They can not be enrolled in another tribe and 2) If they had previously given up their Soboba tribal membership. Soboba does not have a "Blood Quantum."

However, due to the total lack of leadership from the prior Council combined with their distorted political views the enrollment process went completely off track.

First, the enrollment committee closed all enrollments except for new born children. They then established irrelevant requirements such as a family genealogy, Tribal Roll numbers of extended family

members and in addition to DNA certification from a local lab which created a hardship for many tribal members living great distances from the area of out of state.

This has caused a serious division within the tribal membership with one faction attempting to change the enrollment criteria to include a a "Blood Quantum", while the Traditional tribal members supporting the current membership criteria.

Another issue of concern is the usage/non-usage of the DNA findings. For example, this is a true summary of the folly of the tribal membership committee: An adult individual that was given up for adoption as an infant traced his ancestral parentage back to a deceased Soboba tribal mem-

ber. He did this through the authority of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Since his tribal member biological father was deceased, the DNA of four siblings of his biological father were compared to his DNA with a 98 percent match. "Welcome to the Tribe" you would think, right? Not the case, the mental giants on the enrollment committee would not accept the DNA results because they were not from the "claimed biological father" and they also claimed that when his biological father gave him up for adoption his birthright to tribal membership was also forfeited.

Any way you look at it the enrollment committee is totally wrong. The sad thing is that this example is only the tip of

the problem.

Back to the tribal enrollment criteria or "Statues" as the proposed changes have been named. The proposed new "statues" were placed on the last election ballot as a popular vote item that resulted in a tie vote of 141 to 141.

However the voting criteria in my humble opinion was not in compliance with the Soboba Tribal Constitution and By Laws which requires a two thirds vote of the tribal general membership to approve any changes.

The argument is that the proposed changes are in the process not the membership criteria.

Yeah, Right!

Good luck with that.

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