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## Soboba General Membership Meeting February 10, 2018 Nominations for Chairman & Two Council Seats

The two year terms of office for Tribal Chairman, Scott Cozart and Council members, Rose Salgado and Kelly Hurtado expire on March 31, 2018.

Nominations for the three positions will be held at the first Annual Tribal Quarterly Meeting on February 10, 2018.

The Tribal elections are expected to be held during the month of March with the elected officials taking office on April 1, 2018.

Other issues expected to be discussed for inclusion on the voting ballot is the *Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the tribal enrollment statutes*.

### INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

With regards to the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Supreme Court ruled that each tribe must adopt it for it to be valid. Without it the individual tribal member is without any defense or recourse.

We recently had a warning of what could happen with a misguided tribal leadership with the double standard.

**Excessive fines** is another area of serious concern. The taking of individual tribal members per capita checks that amounted to thousands of dollars for violations of tribal ordinances is a clear violation of our Constitutional Rights, yet the Government allows the Tribal Governments to run amok.

**Double jeopardy** is another violation of individual right. Again, the taking of per capita checks after the tribal has been tried and convicted a local State or federal court.

Granted, the tribe has a grievance process but where does the individual tribal member go if the Tribal Council and the General Membership continue to violate their own Tribal Constitution?

**TRIBAL ENROLLMENT:** In an effort to force the Tribal Membership to adopt the proposed status the Tribal Enrollment Committee has suspended all tribal enrollment for the past three-years.

The current tribal enrollment criteria in the Soboba Tribal Constitution very clear defines the eligibility and documentation requirements for membership with the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. It has served the tribal members well for almost the 100-years it has been used.

If it's not broken, why fix it? One of the real reason for the proposed changes is to prevent some folks that currently meet the membership requirements to become non-eligible for Tribal Membership. How sick is that?

One of the target group of folks is those that were given up for adoption as infants by their par-

ent who was or is a Soboba Tribal Member.

The position of the Enrollment Committee is that the adoptee (*the infant child*) gave up their rights to Tribal Membership when they were adopted.

Please tell me how on God green earth an infant child gives up their Birth Right to tribal membership with the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians? This kind of thinking is beyond moronic and just plain wrong.

Hypocrisy at its finest! Because most of these same folks strongly supported the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

The propose status for Tribal Membership has already been approved for placement on the ballot. The proposed status ended in a tie vote on the 2017 ballot.

However, without any recourse to seek relief from the federal courts

and the lack of the Tribal Council to uphold the Soboba Tribal Constitution may newborns are prevented from enrollment into the tribe.

**Again, the question that begs to be asked;** will the tribal membership enrollment be re-opened? If and when the proposed statues are rejected by the tribal membership in 2018 ballot vote?

**And the other question is;** under what authority has the Enrollment Committee suspended all tribal enrollment?

In no way am I proposing to diminish the authority of the General Membership of the Tribe however, it is to the tribes benefit to honor the individual rights as proposed by the Indian Civil Rights Act.

Okey-Doke-Smoky folks see you all at the general tribal meeting on February 10, 2018 in Soboba.

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### George Carlin's Views on Aging

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'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.

'How old are you?' 'I'm gonna be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're gonnabe 16!

And then the greatest day of your life! You become 21 Even the words sound like a ceremony YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!

But then you turn 30. Ooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out.

There's no fun now, you're Just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong with changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa!

Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50, and your dreams are gone.... But! wait!!! You MAKE it to 60.

You didn't think you

would! So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50, and make it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that, it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80's, and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there.. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; I Was JUST 92

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!' May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!

### HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay them.

2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. (*should be number one!!!!*)

3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever, even ham radio. Never let the brain idle. '*An idle mind is the devil's workshop.*' And the devil's family name is Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp

for breath.

6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

**AND, ALWAYS REMEMBER:** Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. And, if you don't send this to at least a few people who cares? But do share this with someone.

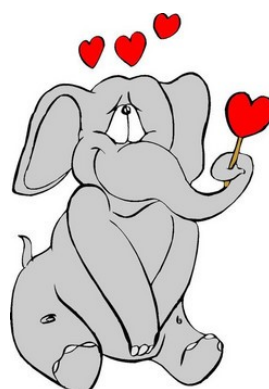
We all need to live life to its fullest each day!! Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally used up and worn out, shouting 'Man, what a ride!'



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## JIM THORPE-ALL INDIAN GAMES JULY 15-22. 2018 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

These games are an important part of the American Indian Tribal Culture and Traditions and needs the financial support of the Tribal Governments. For years tribal teams have to play together and to build life long friendships.

These games not only fosters these tribal customs and traditions it takes them to a new levels by providing a national platform for the tribal people to build on them..

The games also provide the Tribal Community with an enormous opportunity to showcase the educational, economic and political advancement made by the tribes over the past few decades. It also gives each tribe the opportunity to host events on their reservations.

July will be here before anyone knows it so don't wait to get on board. Your tribal support is really important to the success of these games.

port is really important to the success of these games.

The Soboba Indian Reporter will keep you up to date as the planning committee makes arrangement for locations and facilities to host the events. Any ideas you may have will most certainly be welcomed by the committee.

Gene Dixon (Pauma) is the primary contact for the Jim Thorpe All Indian Games and he can be reached at 1-951-442-9926 or at email: [genedixon@yahoo.com](mailto:genedixon@yahoo.com)

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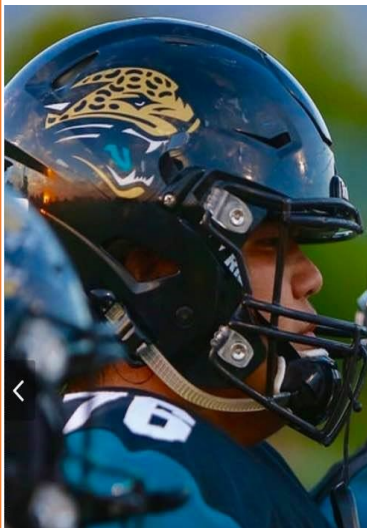
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## PAUMA'S EDWARD HILL ALL CIF FOOTBALL

Edward is a tribal member of the Pauma Band of Mission Indian. He lives on the Pauma Indian Reservation with his mother, Bennae Calac and sisters.



At six foot three and 285 pounds 15-year old Edward Hill a Junior at Valley Center High School in Escondido, Southern California has captured the attention of some of the most prestigious football powers in the nation.

Not since the 2009 movie, “*Blind Side*” that immortalized All American Michael Oher has a high school offensive tackle garnished so much attention on a national level.

He has been the dominating force for the success of the Valley Center football team during 2016 and 2017 seasons and is expected to be even more intense in the 2018 season.

As co-captain of the team and his selection as the leagues MVP as an offensive lineman speaks for its self.

He was selected to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) 2017 football first team as an offensive tackle.

As one of the most significantly recruited player in the country not only for his athletic proficiency but his academic capability as well.

In addition to his recognition as one of the most exceptional lineman in the Nation he sports a solid 3.75 GPA. He is also a member of the schools academic team.

With all the adulations bestowed upon him he remains humble and solidly grounded. His mother, Bennae makes sure of that. As a single mom, she is a strong willed Indian woman (*an understatement*) she is a driving force behind her son.

Edward comes from a long family line of highly successful athletics, academics and tribal leaders.

His uncle, Dan Calac MD is a Harvard Medical School graduate and is a medical doctor. He is currently the head of the Indian Health Clinic in Rincon; His maternal grandmother was a Registered Nurse and another uncle served as the Superintendent of Schools of the Escondido School

District.

Another great uncle, Pete Calac played professional football from 1916 to 1926. He was regarded as one of the best running backs of his time along with one of his team mates, the famous Jim Thorpe.

Although he has had many aunts, uncles and cousins that have been recognition for their outstanding abilities as athletic, academic and Tribal Leaders look for him to be taking it to a new level.

Edward Hill, is much more than an outstanding football player, he is a future tribal leader in training.

## JOSEPH MAKES GRANDPA JOE'S BIRTHDAY



Joseph Burton, without telling anyone in the family and after leading his professional basketball team in Japan to another victory, caught a late night flight to Los Angeles so he could be home to help his great-grandfather, Joe xxxx celebrate his 91st birthday.

Joseph is a Soboba Tribal member. He is the son of Dondi Silvas and grandson of Charlie “B-Bop” and Yvonne Silvas, great-grandson of Joe Becerra.

Joseph is currently playing professional basketball in Japan.

He played high school basketball at West Valley High School in Hemet, California from 2005 to 2009.

During his high school years he was selected to the CIF first team all four-years and to the All-American in his senior year.

Joseph played collegiate basketball for the Oregon State Beavers. He is the first American Indian to earn a basketball scholarship at a Pac-10 Conference (now Pac-12) school.

In Joseph's senior year at college he averaged 11.0 points per game and 6.4 rebounds per game in 32 games. He is the only Oregon State player to record over 1,000 points, 700 rebounds and 300 assists.

Upon his graduation coach, Craig Robinson and his wife established a scholarship fund in Josephs name for American Indians. A

living tribute to an outstanding young man. (*Coach Robinson is Michelle Obama's brother*)

Prior to moving to Japan he began his professional basketball career in 2013 with Aalborg Vikings In the Danish Basketligaen, where he averaged 22 points, 12.5 rebounds and 4 assists. For the 2014–15 season he signed with the Landstede Basketball Club.

At the end of the regular season, he won the DBL Statistical Player of the Year Award and was named to the All-DBL Team and DBL All-Defense Team.

During the 2015–16 season, he played with the ALM Évreux Basket League in France.

In his rookie year for the 2015-16 basketball season he was voted MVP with the French ALM Évreux Basketball league team.

He was selected to the All Star teams and its MVP for the four-years he played in that theater.

## MICA DIAZ: PROFESSIONAL WOMAN MOTOCROSS RACER



Soboba Tribal Member Mica Diaz is the only American Indian Woman Motocross Racer in the United States of American.

She is currently rated one of the top riders in the country.

Mica lives on the Soboba Indian Reservation when she isn't traveling through out the nation.

She has been invited to participate in international motocross racing event. However, financial sponsorship for woman's is not that forthcoming and international travel is expensive.

To put her current achievements is the proper prospective the American Indian population in the United States is approximately 5.2 million according to the 2010 U.S. census.

Assuming that half the American Indian population is female would mean that Mica is the only American Indian woman out of an estimated 2.6 million American Indian woman in the United States of America to be a licensed professional motocross racer. Now in my book that is something we can all be proud of now and forever.

When asked want the main difference between the amateur and professional level is for her, she gave me that signature winning smiled and said “...*Night and day...first the riders are more focused, aggressive and highly skilled. “...And they don't cut you any slack...it's all business”* she added. Asked if she feels she is ready to compete at this level she smiled again and responded “...*I've been ready since I took my first ride at age four with my dad.*”

Just her family alone would be the envy of anyone as a fan club. Her extended family number well over 2,000. people “...*on my late great-grandmothers (Fidelia Salgado) side alone the numbers are close to 1,200 people that live in San Bernardino, Colton, Riverside and Fontana.*” She said. *And most of the people from Soboba and Pala are my relations.*” She added.

Mica is the daughter of Michael and Cammy “Cozart” Diaz. Her grandparents are Frannie and Francis “Salgado” Diaz and Bruce and Gloria “Castillo” Cozart.



A Champion in the Making!

## BENNY HELMS IV WINS BOB STANGEL AWARD

Soboba tribal member and San Jacinto High School's 5 foot seven 160 pound middle linebacker, Benny Helms IV was awarded the prestigious Bob Stangel Award for Outstanding Football Player of the Year for 2017 football season by the Hemet Sportsman's Club.

“*Winning that award was such an honor.*” Helms said. “*Being the smallest kid out of all of the finalists, but yet still coming out on top felt incredible; having my name on a trophy like that truly is a great blessing.*”

A multi-sport athlete, he has been on the baseball, basketball and track and field teams. “*Football is by far my favorite sport to play.*” he told SIR. “*Besides the fact that I love the contact, what I think I love the most is that football has taught me so many lessons that I can use to better my future.*” He added.

He played at San Jacinto for four years, receiving Defensive Player of the Year” award when he was a freshman. He also was named to the All-Mountain Pass League first team as a freshman. He also was named to the All-Mountain Pass League first team and was selected October's Athlete of the Month by the Kiwanis Club of Hemet Valley.

Growing up on the Soboba Indians Reservation, Helms first played football when he was 8-years old. He has participated in Inter Tribal Sports since he was

7, softball since he was 9 and flag football since he was 15.

During the summer months he played on the reservation men's fastpitch softball team and was named to several all-tournament teams since he was 14.

Hemet Sportsman's Club president Zack Hopper said the Bob Stangel Award has been presented since the club was established about five years ago. It is the fourth time that it has been presented to a San Jacinto student. Nominees are chosen by a committee, which has been chaired by Doug Marshall for the past three years.

San Jacinto football coach, Aric Galliano said he has seen Helms grow tremendously over the past four years. “*The thing that Benny has that separates him from others is his strive for greatness.*”

Galliano said. “*He never settles. He started playing outside linebacker and got moved to inside linebacker this year.*” Coach Galliano went on to say. “*The sign of a great player is one who is willing to do whatever it takes for the team to win.*”

Helms remains conditioned for all of his sports in much the same way: Running, weightlifting and footwork drills. He trains on his own. “*Of course in every sport you play, strength and speed and being mentally strong are big factors.*” Benny said.

Helms said to “*never let anything hold you back, stay focused on your fitness, even during the off season.*” he said. “*You are capable to do anything you put your mind to; all the hard work and extra practice will pay off as long as you give it your all.*”



Honored parents, Benny III and Fawnee Helms, Benny Helms IV, and super proud grandparents, Diane and Benny Helms Jr.





During the 2017 calendar year The El Cajon based Southern California American Indian Resource Center, Inc., (SCAIR) continues to expand services for the American Indian Community in east San Diego and Imperial Counties.

One of the highlights for the 2017 program year was the national recognition SCAIR received from the United States Department of Labor as one of the six top American Indian Work Readiness Training Project in the Nation.

Currently SCAIR provides Work Readiness Training, Cultural Classes, Counseling Services, K-12 student tutorial instructions and Basic Educational Services for the American Indian population in east San Diego County.

The SCAIR NATIVeworks project is designed to prepare underemployed and unemployed American Indians for re-entry into the workforce.

SCAIR also added United Healthcare as a collaborator

and continued its partnership with the east San Diego County tribes.

The Barona Tribe provided SCAIR with a very generous financial contribution this past year. The administration is coordinating the expenditure of the funding with the Barona representative.

“In addition to the training SCAIR was able to distribute over 500 food baskets valued at \$50 to the needed American Indian families living with the communities is east San Diego and Imperial counties during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The food basket project is named the HOWKA Project. And is funded by the Northern California Indian Development Council.

SCAIR offers a state of the arts and comprehensive computer labs and training programs. It features 30 fully operational computers that give the trainees full internet access and an array of computer classes.



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Other additional services offered at the SCAIR Training Center is the individual and group counseling in both a personal and career level. The counseling services are overseen by Dr. Heidi Beckenbach. The counseling program is provided in collaboration with UC San Diego.

The K-12 academic tutorial program is funded by the California Department of Education, American Indian Education Centers Project.

SCAIR currently offers five Microsoft Qualified Certifications: Microsoft Word, Outlook, Power Point, Excel, and Access.

In addition to the Microsoft Certifications, SCAIR offers QuickBooks certifications for Participants that are interested in enhancing their accounting and entrepreneurial skills.

advanced technology available today and existing of proven program it is clearly a viable learning tool.

Another benefit of the Distance Learning program model would allow the participants of the Work Readiness training program to attend to their studies at home eliminating from 2 to 4 hours of travel per day and the additional cost of childcare.

SCAIR hope to gain approval from the funding agencies to allow the usage of this advanced educational model.

The Southern California American Indian Resource Center, (SCAIR) Inc., (SCAIR) Training Center is located at 238 Main St., El Cajon, California and is open Monday-Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The famed author C.S. Lewis wrote, “You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”

Distance Learning is still another self-paced education model that is planned for the future. Given the

## Southern California American Indian Resource Center, Inc., SCAIR

### Organizational Overview

The Southern California American Indian Resource Center, Inc., was established in 1997 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit American Indian Tribal Organization as defined under the authority of P.L. 93-638, the American Indian Self Determination and Education Act of 1975.

The organization was founded by William H. Johnson, Sr., to provide educational, cultural and recreational services for the American Indian Tribal Community in San Diego County.

### Organizational Structure

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A five member Board of Directors provides the leadership for the organization.

President, William H. Johnson, II: A retired Fire Captain with the U.S. Forest Service has served as the Board Chairman since 2006. Mr. Johnson following in his father’s footsteps, William H. Johnson Sr., the founder of the organization in 1997.

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*Vision: To Grow the Game of Football...at  
high school levels (Age 6-18)*



Dear Edward Hill,  
Congratulations on another great season of football! Throughout the year you have displayed the values of football in an exemplary manner.

In recognition of your success and your leadership qualities, the NFL’s Youth Football Department would like to invite you to serve as a Native American Football Ambassador at the 2018 Pro Bowl Game in Orlando, FL. As an ambassador, you will participate in activities such as High School Football Day, NFL FLAG Media Night, and attend the 2018 Pro Bowl Game.

In addition to this, you will have the unique opportunity to help advise NFL staff members and work together to help grow the game in your communities.

For any questions and to confirm attendance please reach out to Robert Judkins ([Robert.judkins@nfl.com](mailto:Robert.judkins@nfl.com)). He will follow up with a schedule of events

We look forward to seeing you in Orlando.

Thank you,  
Roman Oben

VP, Youth and High School Football Strategy

## SEVEN AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH TO SERVE AS PRO BOWL AMBASSADOR

Seven outstanding American Indian high school football player from throughout the Nation have been selected to serve as Youth Ambassador at the NFL Pro Bowl.

They will travel to the Pro Bowl to speak about issues facing tribal youth, communities and how to integrate sports as a part of an overall solution.

They are ready to speak on the subjects of health, exercise, the benefits of team sports and suicide prevention in Indian country. They will serve in their new roles with pride and dignity. Please keep these amazing tribal youngster in your prayers as they travel with the message of our youth and American Indian Tribal community. Proud of these young men.

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### THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

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Clayton Lokua Franklin - *Kashia Band of Pomo Indians*  
Edward Onoo Po Hill - *Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians*  
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# The True Origin of the Term “Native American”

Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

Have you ever wondered who, where and when the term “Native American” originated? Most folks under the age of 60 most likely assumed it was always a term used to make reference to the American Indian people and as such just accepted it.

Now I want to share the truth on how the phrase or expression “Native American” was coined by a handful of California Tribal Leaders in 1975 as a commendation for the Bi-Centennial celebration.

During that time period many of Tribal Governments across the country were celebrating the passage of the “Indian Self-Determination and Education Act.”

But first, to give you a better understand the reason for the invention of the term “Native American” we need to go back to 1975 for the lack of a better starting point for this historical experience.

On January 4, 1975 President, Gerald Ford signed the most significant American Indian legislation on the history on the United States of American, Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act.

The fundamental significance's of this single piece of legislation

is that it forever changed the political relationship between the American Indian Tribes and United States Government.

For the first time in history the American Indian people were allowed to manage their own affairs, not totally but a giant step forward. Yes, as hard as it may be for many of the younger tribal members to believe the total extent of the authority the Government had over the American Indian Tribes.

Prior to the passage of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act the American Indian Tribes had little or no control over their respective reservations or rancherias.

However, during the turbulent 60's many Tribal Leaders begin to gain more support from younger and more militant tribal members in opposing the parental guardianship by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Many of the militant tribal youth were second generation Mission Indian Federation family members. The Mission Indian Federation was established in 1910 was one of the first tribal political organization to champion tribal sovereignty.

Their effort were strongly challenged by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In addition to intimidation

of supporter of the organization the U.S. Government in 1923 arrested 57 Tribal Leaders charging them with conspiracy against the Government. The charges were later dismissed but the organization was forced to operate underground.

On a National level the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), established in 1944. The National Congress of American Indians assumed the primary leadership for the tribes by providing the tribal leaders with central united platform.

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) co-founded in 1970 by David Risling (Hoopa) and John Echohawk (Pawnee) provided the coordination of the legal services needed. Mr. Risling also the co-founder of the California Indian Legal Service and the California Indian Education Association

Although the legislation didn't remove all Government oversight of the American Indian Tribes it gave them a voice in the decision making process over reservations.

The legislation allowed the tribes to participate in the development of the regulations for the implementation of the Act which, became effective on January 1, 1976.

However, in all fairness and respect the legislation was the result of years of political activism by tribal leaders across the Nation that gained the support of President, Richard Nixon a Californian.

Before his tragic departure from office he championed the cause of the American Indian Tribes. The “Indian Self-Determination and Education Act” was his signature American Indian legislation.

In 1975 the California Tribal Chairmen's Association gave the tribes the political platform needed to bring about the changes beneficial to the tribes. And with the passage of the legislation the Bureau of Indian Affairs was quick to understand the loss of power over the tribes and the potential strength of the California Tribal Chairmen's Association in the future given the unity of the tribes.

The pending Bi-Centennial and the spirited attitudes of the tribes over the passage of the “Indian Self-Determination and Education Act” gave the Bureau the opportunity it needed to implement a plan to create discord among the tribes. To that end it was successful in pitting one tribal group against the other.

The Bureau caught the tribal leaders totally off guard with its

deceitful plan. Money and the promise of more money was the carrot used by the Bureau to gain favor from one group against another to create the division between the tribes.

The first example was the distribution of about \$250,000 to six or seven of the most powerful tribe for their input in developing a slogan or something memorable for the Bi-Centennial celebration. However, the tribal leaders were unaware of the motive behind the actions of the Bureau.

The tribal leaders that participated in the Bureau's Bi-Centennial project were Banning Taylor, Los Coyotes, Dave Risling, Hoopa, Michael **Donnelly**, Campo, Emmett St Marie, Morongo, Tony Pinto, **xxx** and Alec Garfield, Tule River who also served as the Chairman of the California Tribal Chairmen's Association

The term “Native American” was result of their efforts. And it caught on like wildfire. So now you know the true origin the term “Native American” coined 43-years ago.

How do I know this to be true? Because I was there. I was one of the many militant tribal youth from second generation Mission Indian Federation families.

And since I'm old school I prefer “American Indian” over the term

## David Risling Jr.

### "The Father of American Indian Education"

David Risling Jr. was a tribal member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe located in Humboldt County, in northern California.

He was first and foremost an American Indian Warrior. In his youth he was a Golden Gloves middleweight champion and an outstanding running back during his high school years.

He was often referred to as “**The Father of American Indian Education**” and rightfully so. He was an educator, tribal rights activist and tribal leader.

After serving in the United States Navy during World War II, he attended Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo where he earned a BA degree in vocational agriculture.

For 20-years, from 1950 to 1970, he taught agriculture at Modesto Junior College.

His increasing involvement in Tribal Rights issues compelled him to move to UC Davis in 1970, where he helped to develop the first Native American studies program. He remained at UC Davis until he retired in 1993, when the program became a full-fledged department.

He was a co-founder of **California Indian Legal Services**, the **Native American Rights Fund** and **California Indian Education Association**.

He was involved in securing passage of the federal Indian Educa-



tion and Indian Tribal Community College acts.

Thirty-one Indian community colleges and dozens of K-12 reservation school programs resulted from this legislation.

He was also a major consultant in the creation of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and was a three-time appointee to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

D-Q University The achievement he was reportedly most proud of was his role in creating D-Q University, one of the first six tribal colleges and the only one in California.

Jack D. Forbes (*a co-founder of the University*) has said, "*It was a dream that the late Carl Gorman and I had worked on from 1961-1962, but it was Dave's organizing skill and patience that came to the fore in 1971 when DQU finally*

*quired flesh and bones."*

For many years, Mr. Risling served as President of DQU's board of trustees. Only two months before his death, he participated in the decision to close the University, which had lost its accreditation.

In the early 1990's, Risling, Jack D. Forbes, Morrison & Foerster and many others collaborated with filmmaker Jan Crull, Jr. to make a film about the controversy surrounding D-Q University and its turbulent relationship with the U.S. government.

The media had labelled this school as being "controversial" for years and as one of the **American Indian Movement's (AIM) "Centers"**.


Crull was drawn to the D-Q U story from the time that he was a professional Hill staffer responsible for the shaping of a U.S. House hearing on legislation that D-Q U was seeking in 1981. He and the Risling family had developed a rapport over the years since which ultimately led to the **A Free People, Free To Choose** film project.

However a schism between some of the film's subjects erupted into becoming litigation.

Morrison & Foerster was the first sponsor to withdraw from the project and eventually Crull had to scrap it even though distribution for a completed film was already in place.

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- We invite your tribal participation with the American Indian Reporter.
- The goal to release the first issue of the American Indian Reporter on April 1, 2018.
- The American Indian Reporter will be designed to serve the Southern California American Indian Tribe.
- The American Indian Reporter will be the only tribal newspaper serving the southern California tribes.
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- Additional copies will be distributed to the offices of each participating
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- In addition to the induvial tribal news section the American Indian Reporter will include a general information section and an editorial page.
- The American Indian Reporter monthly

publication is expected to consist of 20 to 32 pages and be in full color.

- Participating Tribes will be able to post the monthly American Indian Reporter on their tribal web sites.
- The American Indian Reporter will be formatted on the standard newspaper page of 11 x 22 inches with 1/2 inch margins. Printing space will be 10 X 19.5 inches.
- Formatting will be on Publisher saved to a PDF file for print ready submission.
- The American Indian Reporter expects to print and distribute 5,000 to 10,000 copies per month given an 75% participation of the southern California tribes and Indian organizations.
- The Mission Indian Federation Logo is used in the American Indian Reporter header as a historical symbol of tribal unity.

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## DUMBASS STUPIDITY OR A COMEDY

I have to admit to my complete dumbass stupidity at the Soboba Tribal Cemetery during my nephew, David Diaz memorial services. Even my own grandchildren were amused at my laps in mental judgement.

Under normal circumstances the memorial services are a solemn affair but leave it up to me to turn it into a comedy or errors. And to say the least it was plain and simple bone ass stupid.

Ok, here is what happen and in no way can I even try to justify what happened. I arrived at the cemetery a few minutes late but was fortunate to find a parking place close to the ceremony to be able to hear and see what was happening.

The reason I need to park so close is due to my inability to use my scooter in the sandy soil of the cemetery. However, my parking spot while provided me easy access caused me some difficulty in exiting.

Upon the completion of the grave side services I started to back out of the space I was parked and immediately ran into a problem with visibility.

I was parked on the ridge that separates the current cemetery from the area created for the addition to the cemetery. The ridge was created as the result of the miscalculation of the engineer that designed the slop that was suppose to connect the only cemetery with the additional space. However, for



some unknown reason the slop ended up some three of four feet below the connection point with the old cemetery.

Again, as I was backing out Wayne Garcia was walking out and seeing my dilemma came to my aid. Under his guidance I attempted a few maneuvers at exiting and when I though I had enough room to turn around I mistakably attempted to drive over the slop and to my complete surprise and embarrassment I high centered my car. My car immediately became a teeter-totter with both my front and back wheels not able to make contact with the ground.

To my advantage and thankfulness several of the guys came to my assistance. After several attempts to push my car backwards so that my rear tires would gain traction without success they tried to place some lumber under my rear wheels to no avail.

Finally a pickup truck from the Soboba Public Works was summoned and was able to hook a chain around the trailer hitch on my car and pull me free.

Although the attempt to free up my car was successful communication between the truck driver and

whomever was directing the rescue on the ground momentarily broke down the and the truck driver continued to drag my car another 30 or 40 feet down the road even as I stood on the breaks.

I don't for which I was most grateful; for his help in freeing my car or stopping from dragging my car down the road.

To make matters worse and as if I wasn't embarrassed enough when I arrived at the tribal hall for the traditional lunch I was immediately greeted with friendly banter and big smiles that verged on flat out laughter. All that was missing was my court jester hat.

Even my own grandchildren were giggling and my sister, Raina who normally has the best poker face in town with total control over her outward emotions had a monster smile pasted on her face almost ready to bust out laughing.

Still some folks weren't able to hide their amusement at my folly and outright stupidity. One example were my cousins, Millie, Carleen, Marylyn and Vicky Arres who were laughing so hard that Vicky was the only one barley able to speak, she asked me if I was going to put the calamity in the Soboba Indian Reporter. So here it is and I gotta admit it is funny.

And I'm certain my nephew, David was looking down on me from heaven and had a good laugh as well.

*Respectfully, Ernie C. Salgado Jr.*

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