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BACK TO SCHOOL

It seems like the older we get the faster time flies or is it just my imagination getting the best of me, again? For real it seems like my grandkids or great-grandkids I should say just got out for the summer and they are already heading back to the classroom.

But it's great to have them over for the late afternoon BBQ's and dipping in the pool.

God, how things have changed. In my day if we wanted to play in the water we either headed up to the canyon to play in the river or went to the community swimming pool in Hemet. Most times Hemet wasn't an option because

we played to rough for the other kids and were not welcomed back for a week or two.

Sometimes we had our bikes to get around but most of the time we weren't able to keep air in the tires for the bull-thorn. We either walked or caught a ride with someone heading whichever way we were going. Although getting a ride in those day wasn't that easy either since there weren't that many cars on the Rez.

We played a lot of baseball and football even though at times we didn't have a ball or bat. And to the dismay of our little sisters we often "borrowed" one of their dolls and used it as a football or took the head off for baseball. Yea, we caught hell for it and

my brothers, Bobby and Dumbo were experts at shifting the blame.

And as for a bat we normally had a broken one we taped up that the Soboba baseball team discarded. Back to school was just another day.

If it were today we would be the fashion icons with our shabby threadbare levis, white T-shirts and bare feet. And when and if we had shoes it was show time.

Yes, we were poor but it wasn't as if we knew it since we were all in the same boat figuratively speaking. We didn't even have drinking water. Is that poor or what?

Today, as I watch my babies with their high tech electronic

gadgets completely oblivious to the world around them playing games or texting. It seem that they are losing the ability to communicate or are doing so on a different level that I'm not able to comprehend, which is most likely the case.

I will always remember during the summer when Mr. and Mrs. Badiilla had the first TV on the Rez. In 1950 TV was a major electronic breakthrough. Every Friday evening everyone on the Rez gathered at their house and they would put the TV on their front porch for us to watch.

At that time professional wrestling was bigger than sliced bread with names like Wild Red Berry, Bobo Brazil, Gorgeous

George, and The Great Moto, a Japanese man who was one of the most hated villain. One needs to remember WW II was still a fresh memory.

I can still remember being one of the 60 million people, who on September 9, 1956 watched Elvis Presley on the Ed Sullivan TV show.

When a gallon of gas was twenty-five cents. And a movie ticket was a fifty-cents and another half-dollar got you a coke and popcorn.

Yes, It was a different time, place and world but family unity still had value and as long as we keep that we are blessed. But for now it's Back to School!

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

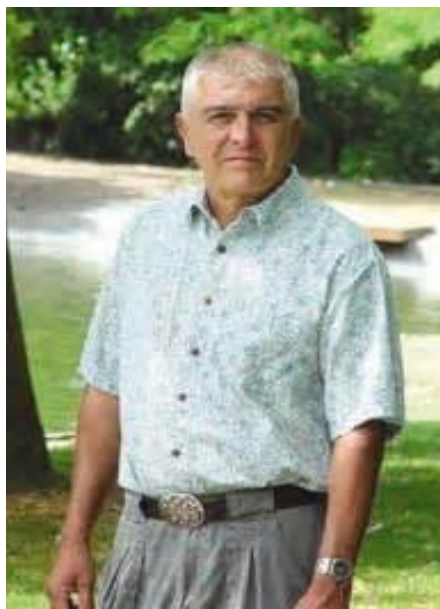


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EDWARD D. CASTILLO: VISIONARY, ACTIVIST AND EDUCATOR

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.



Edward D. Castillo, (photo above), professed Luiseño-Cahuilla descendant, is an American Indian activist who participated in the American Indian occupation of Alcatraz in 1969. Currently he is a retired professor/director of Native American Studies at the Sonoma State University in California.

He wrote several chapters in the Smithsonian Institution's *Handbook of North American Indians* and in *Mission Indian Federation: Protecting Tribal Sovereignty 1919-1967*, published in the *Encyclopedia of Native Americans* in the 20th Century.

He served as editor of *Native American Perspectives on the Hispanic Colonization of Alta California and The Pomo, A Tribal History*. Castillo is a regular contributor of book reviews to historical journals such as the *Indian Historian*, *Journal of California Anthropology*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, *American Indian Quarterly* and *California History*.

Castillo was born in 1948 in Southern California. He was raised on a rancheria

outside San Jacinto and his family later moved to Riverside where he attended school. After high school, he attended the University of California, Riverside (UCR) and earned a Bachelors Degree in American frontier history and a minor in Latin American Studies. After graduating from UCR in 1969, Castillo took a minority counseling position at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

During the same year he was hired as a graduate student instructor in UCLA's newly established Native American Studies program.

Castillo first got involved with the American Indian occupation of Alcatraz when Richard Oakes, the foremost organizer of the protest, gave a speech at UCLA attempting to gain support for the planned take over of the Alcatraz island that was scheduled for November 1969.

Oakes had also given other effective speeches at San Francisco State University, University of California, Berkeley and University of California, Riverside.

Almost a year after leaving Alcatraz on September 20, 1972, Richard Oakes at the age of 30, was shot to death in Sonoma, California, by Michael Morgan, a YMCA camp manager.

Morgan had a reputation for being rough and physical with Native American children. Oakes reportedly violently confronted him, and Morgan claimed to be in fear for his life and responded by drawing a handgun and fatally shooting Oakes.

Oakes was unarmed when he was shot. Morgan was charged with voluntary manslaughter. He was acquitted in a jury trial on the grounds that Oakes was being vio-

lently aggressive and Morgan was in fear for his life. He was acting in self-defense.

Castillo agreed to take leave from his position at UCLA and with 80 of his students he join the historical occupation of Alcatraz. He was 21 years old at the time.

Castillo was among the first to arrive at Alcatraz. He was one of the original members on the island council, along with Oakes and a number of other college students including a strong willed and beautiful Poma Indian woman activist from the Robinson Rancheria, Lawana Quitiquit, with whom he became captivated and later married.

The Alcatraz Island council oversaw everything that occurred on the island. Castillo also worked in the makeshift mail room of the island. Early on during the occupation, Castillo was appointed as security chief of the island, but soon resigned from the difficult position due to internal conflicts with other protestors over leadership, policies and political strategies among the numerous factions.

When Richard Oakes left the island due to the death of his step-daughter, Castillo began to notice the burgeoning of inner conflicts within the island's population. He believed the original idealism of the island was distorted.

Castillo returned to UCLA after leaving the island and later married Ms. Quitiquit. He also became involved with the strong political movement in California including the California Indian Education Association (CIEA).

He later teamed up with Rupert and Jennette Costo who served as mentors to him. He also joined forces with Tule River political activist, Joe Carrillo and worked within the political system to bring about the changes needed in the educational curriculum.

In 1976 he became a mentor/advisor to for the newly formed Indian Education Center on the Soboba Indian Reservation, Ahmium Education, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit tribal organization.

Castillo is currently retired as director of the Native American studies program at Sonoma State University. He has worked on numerous books, usually dealing with the history of California Native American tribes.

The majority of his academic efforts focused on the impact of Spanish colonization on American Indians in the 17th and 18th centuries. He shocked the mission studies world by publishing an oral history of Lorenzo Asisara given in 1878 which explained how the Indians at Santa Cruz revolted against the Catholic missionaries, killing them.

He coauthored *Indians, Franciscans, and Spanish Colonization: The Impact of the Mission System on California Indians* with Robert H. Jackson.

Although Edward is not an enrolled tribal member of any tribe he claimed kinship with Adam Castillo who was a Soboba tribal member. Adam Castillo also served as the president of the Mission Indian Federation for 43-years, from 1910 until his death in 1953.



(Photo Adam Castillo)

For many years Edward worked in collaboration with Ernie Salgado at Ahmium to developing a video documentary based on the struggles of the Mission Indian Federation. The work continues to be a work in progress. It is entitled "*The Struggle, Adaptation and Survival of the Aboriginal Native People.*"

Richard Oakes



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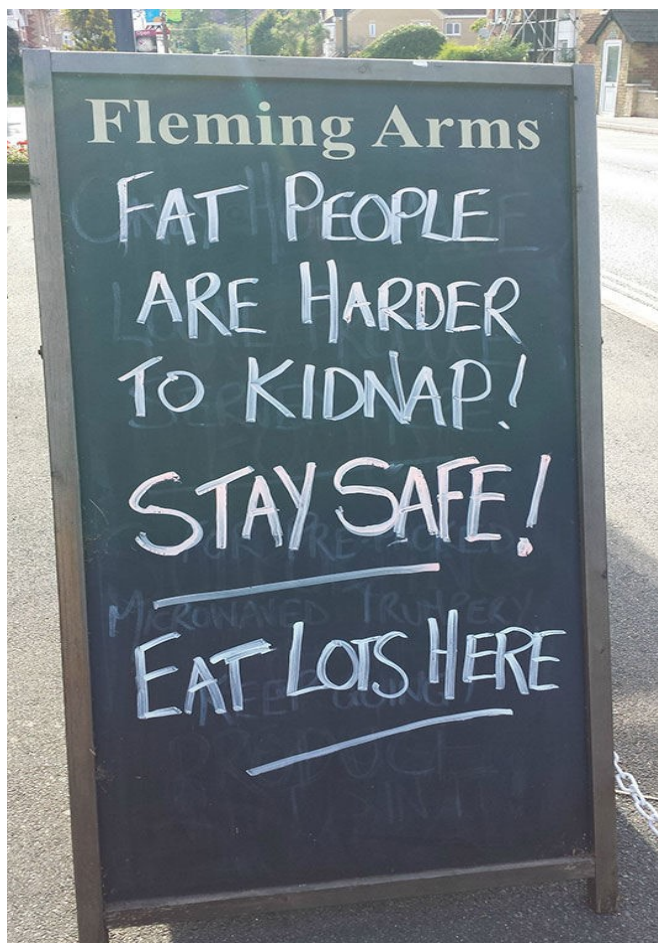
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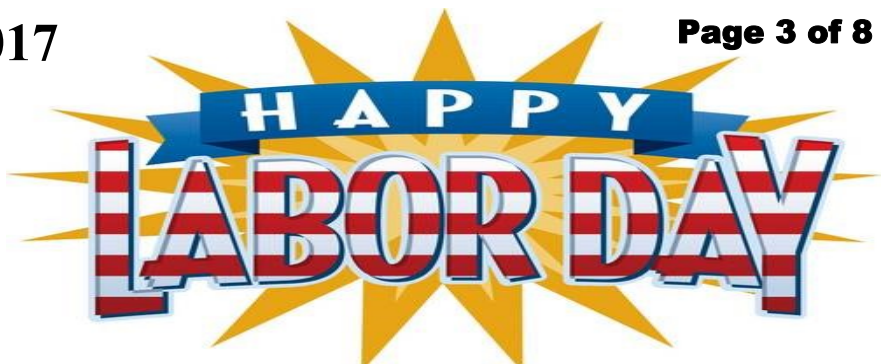
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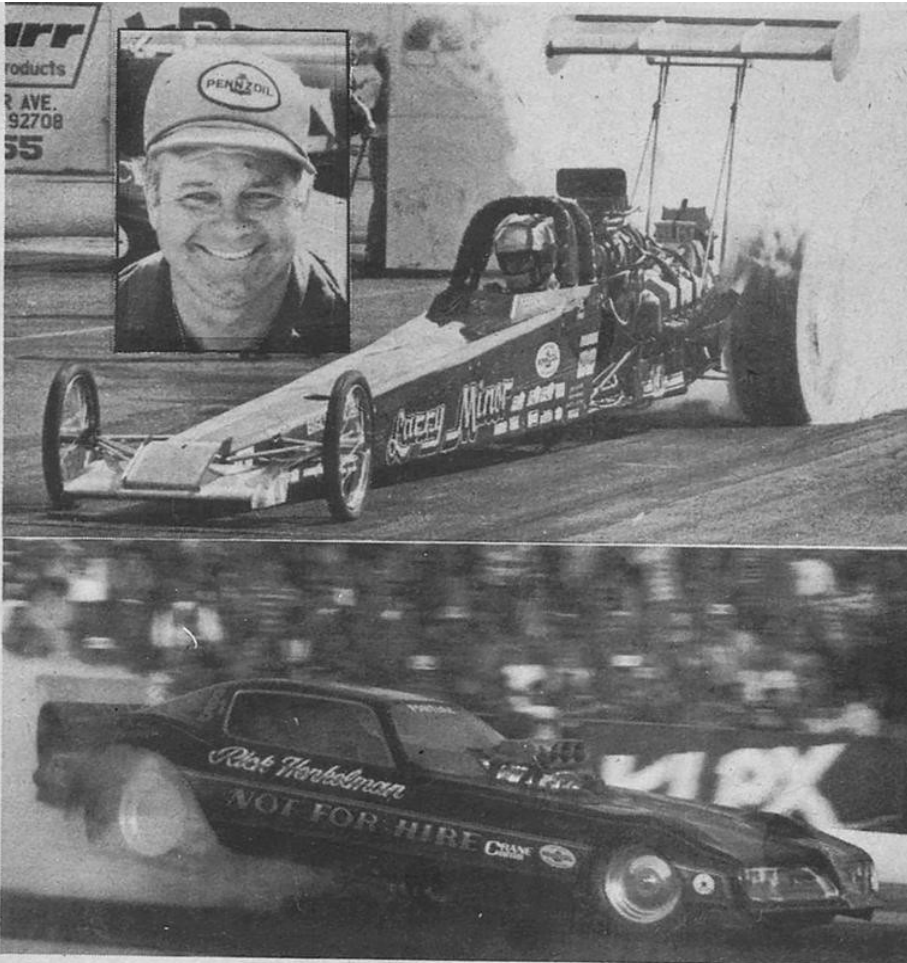


Photo on the left taken circa 1895, at the Soboba Indian Reservation Day School. During this time period the Bureau of Indian Affairs Assistant Superintendent, William Stanley lived on the reservation and his wife served as the teacher of the school. Stanley was later appointed Superintendent and continued to live at Soboba. On May 1, 1912 he was shot and killed along with BIA policeman, Celso Serrano a Cahuilla tribal member in a dispute with tribal leaders at Cahuilla. Ambrosio Apapas was charged with the murders along with several other Cahuilla tribal members even though they were not involved in the incident.



Photo below is from the 1944 San Jacinto football team. Top Row I, is Tiefulo Lugo pictured fourth from right number 7?. Middle Row II, number 24 is Ralph Arrietta and Benny Helms, number 60. Bottom Row III, is Fred Ringlero number 72, Number 65 is Ernie Lisalda and Bob Ringlero is number 75. Lisalda lived in San Jacinto while all the other Indians lived on the Soboba Reservation. Please note number 12 center of Row II is Clayton Record who went on to serve as the Riverside County Supervisor for over 30 years.

ROW I: Tommy Handcock, manager; Melvin Rose, Don Irving, Coach Clayton Wardell, Tiefulo Lugo, Eddie Harvey, Earl Pope, Alvin Long. ROW II: Ralph Arrietta, Danny Thacker, Paul Bratton, Douglas Cox, Lee Dunn, Clayton Record, Dick White, Chester Kline, Jr., Elvin Rose, Albert Mapstead, Benny Helms. ROW III: Fred Ringlero, Bill Pattman, Ernie Lisalda, Bob Henley, John Alferd, Alex Talavera, Bob Ringlero.



DRAG RACERS DEBUT — San Jacinto's Larry Minor (see inset top photo) will be piloting Gary Beck's top fuel dragster of 1982 after recently qualifying for his fuel license. Beck will drive a new car for Minor in 1983. Rick Henkelman of Hemet (bottom photo) will also be starting his new season on the asphalt in the top alcohol funny car category. (Hemet News photo)

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Photo above is an old ad for Don Garner's T.V. in San Jacinto. Not many folks around today that remember the time when very few people would come to the Soboba Reservation to provide services; Garner was one of the first. Mr. Garner lived in Hemet on a small ranch located along Stetson and Sanderson, where Walmart is currently located. His son, Van Garner was a track star at Hemet High School and later was the Dean of Business Studies at Cal Poly Pomona. Dr. Garner was very helpful with the Ahmium vocational career training project during the late 80's and 90's.

Photo left: shows Hemet's Agri-Empire owner, Larry Minor when he was one of the top drag race drivers in the Nation. Larry is first cousin to Tina Placencia and the late Shirley Silvas. His mother and Tina and Shirley's father were siblings.



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YES, WE ARE STILL HERE!

By Annette Guachino

While I was at La Jolla Shore, an elderly foreign woman, maybe Russian approached me. Heavy accent, she asked if we were real Indians and why we were singing and dancing there on the beach. She was genuinely interested, no sarcasm. She said she was in the restroom and couldn't wait to go out to see it for herself.



She asked if we lived on Indian reservations. I told her yes a lot (*many*) of us do and I told her she was on Kumeyaay land now.

She was so excited and the look in her eyes as she stood there and watched in disbelief that "real Indians" were before her was something I'd never witnessed.

She was brought to tears listening to the bird songs and watching the young women dance. She kept saying it was beautiful just beautiful.

I left her with tears in her eyes and a smile like a child looking at the gates of Disneyland. She thought we were extinct.

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS & U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SIGN NATIVE AMERICAN DIRECT LOAN MOU

On Tuesday, August 8, 2017, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians became one of the first Southern California Indian Tribes to sign a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Mr. Richard Givo from the Veterans Administration's Loan Guarantee Services' office in Washington D.C. signed the VA loan MOU with Morongo.

follow a similar process as with the HUD 184 home loans.

The Morongo Tribal Council graciously invited members of the American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Committee, American Indian veterans and tribal leaders to this event to learn more about veterans' home loans on tribal lands.

For the first time in U.S. history American Indian veterans are eligible for a VA loan on reservation trust lands provided that the tribe they are members has signed a Memorandum of Understand with the United States Veterans Administration. 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 attended the event on behalf of the Soboba tribe. She expressed her pleasure and congratulation to the Morongo Tribal Council for setting the bench mark for other tribes. She told the Soboba Indian Reporter that Soboba was in the process of reviewing an MOU between the tribe and the Veterans Administration. She said "Affordable housing for our people has reached a critical stage as the cost of homes has increased 30 to 40 percent and rents have skyrocketed..."

The Morongo Realty Department has been working 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

Following the signing procedure, Mr. Givo answered questions regarding the American Indian veteran's reservation home loans and other benefits offered by the Veterans Administration.

PLEASE NOTE: The article above was contributed by Annette Guachino and shared in the Soboba Indian Reporter with her permission. Annette is a tribal member of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel which is located in San Diego County.

In an effort to enhance the significance of the encounter between Annette and the Russian lady we need to understand our own population within the Nation as well on the world stage.

The current estimated population of the United States of America as of August

12, 2016 is **324,385,585** of which **1,900,000** are identified as American Indian or Alaskan Native. Doing the math the American Indian and Alaskan Native population is .0058 which is about 1 out of every 200 Americans is an American Indian or Alaskan Native.

Annette's Russian lady was close to being spot on when comparing the American Indian and Alaskan Native population with the world population of over 7.5 billion people. It gives new meaning the phrase "Endangered People."



The image of the man pictured on the Mission Indian Federation logo on the left is identified as Mr. John Ortega from the Pala Indian Reservation. He was a graduate of the Carlyle Indian School in Pennsylvania. He was an active member of the Federation and highly successful farmer on the Pala Reservation.



Above is Soboba's Avellaka Arviso All CIF First Team and Hemet High School Softball 2017 Most Valuable Player. She will be attending the Trinidad State College, in Trinidad, Colorado. Avellaka is the daughter of Alfred and Desiree "Salgado" Arviso III, granddaughter of Rose Salgado, and Charles and Frances "Frenchy Basquez" Arviso.

Silent Rain Espinoza, a tribal member of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians in east San Diego County. She graduated in 2017 from Christian High School in El Cajon, CA., and was named to the 2017 **MAX-PREP** high school All American First Team for Softball.



She was also selected to the All CIF first team and was named East San Diego County Player of the Year.

She led her team to the CIF San Diego Section D3 Championship with a 26-9-1 record. She posted a .560 batting average with 62 hits and scored 64 runs. Almost half her hits were for extra bases. She had 34 RBIs with 19 doubles and 9 homeruns and stole 15 bases.

Her very proud parents are Greybuck and Mackenzie Espinoza. Her grandparents are Orlando and Diana Vigil.

In the fall she will be attending the University of Washington which she chose over Stanford and Arizona State. She has a 3.97 GPA (*Grade Point Average*) for her four year in high school.

Blood Quantum & The Future of Native Nations

The Great Vanishing Act

By Norbert S. Hill, Jr., By Kathleen Ratteree
Publication Date: August 2017

Overview: The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 was the US government's attempt to define who "Indians" were. Among the criteria the act set was a blood quantum, which declared that "Indians" were "all other persons of one-half or more Indian blood". Today, many tribes wrestle with the legacy of blood quantum and "Indian" identity, as they work to manage tribal enrollment and social services. As the bloodlines grow increasingly diluted, within a few generation, recognized tribes might legally disappear. Through essays, personal stories, case studies, satire, and poetry, The Great Vanishing Act brings together writers from around the world to explore the biological and cultural metaphor of blood quantum, the most critical issue facing Indigenous populations in the twenty-first century.

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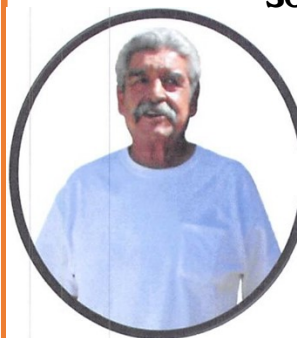
MEMORIAL SERVICES



GREGORY JOSEPH "GREG" HELMS

NOVEMBER 7, 1951 — AUGUST 9, 2017

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A Viewing for Greg Helms was held on Friday August 18, 2017 from 3 to 4pm at Harford Funeral Home in Hemet.

Memorial services were held at 7pm at the Word of God Fellowship, 36188 Temecula Rd., Pala Reservation, CA.

Graveside services were held at 10am on Saturday August 19, 2017 at the Soboba Tribal Cemetery.

The traditional lunch followed the Graveside services at the Soboba Sports Complex.

DARREN (BIG D) KITCHEN

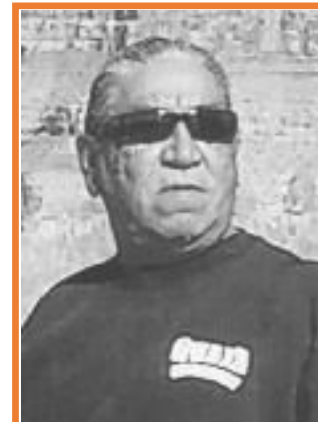
NOVEMBER 18, 1986—AUGUST 31, 2016
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION



Memorial services for Darren (Big D) Kitchen were held on August 31, 2017. A memorial mass was held at St Josephs Catholic Church on the Soboba Indian Reservation. The blessing of the headstone at the Tribal Cemetery followed the mass. The traditional dinner was held at the Tribal Sports Complex.

WILLIAM "RODDY" RHODES

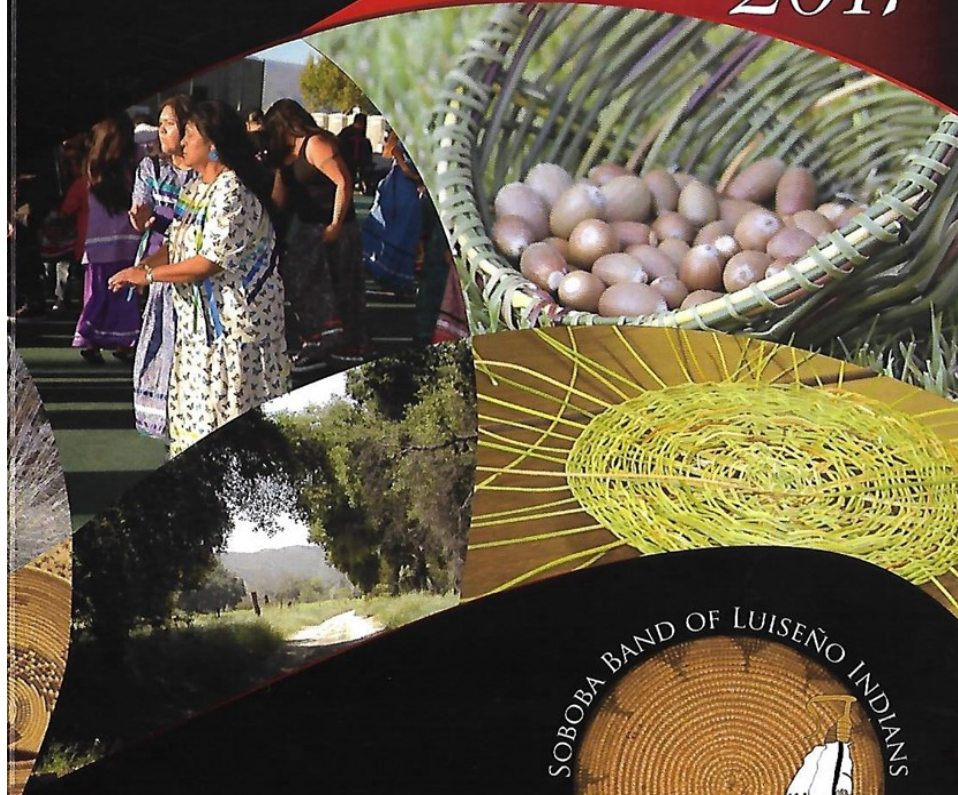
JANUARY 21, 1960—AUGUST 5, 2016
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Memorial services for Willian "Roddy" Rhodes were held on August 5, 2017. A memorial mass was held at St Josephs Catholic Church on the Soboba Indian Reservation. The blessing of the headstone at the Tribal Cemetery followed the mass. The traditional dinner was held at the Tribal Sports Complex.



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- Welcoming
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- Bird Singers and Brunch
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- Awards
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- Gold Achievement
- Honoring Graduates
- Closing Remarks



Please note, brunch will only be available until 1:00pm

We are humbled to be provided this opportunity to assist the Tribe in honoring these students today. We understand the importance of education and recognize the hard work and dedication these students have demonstrated this school year

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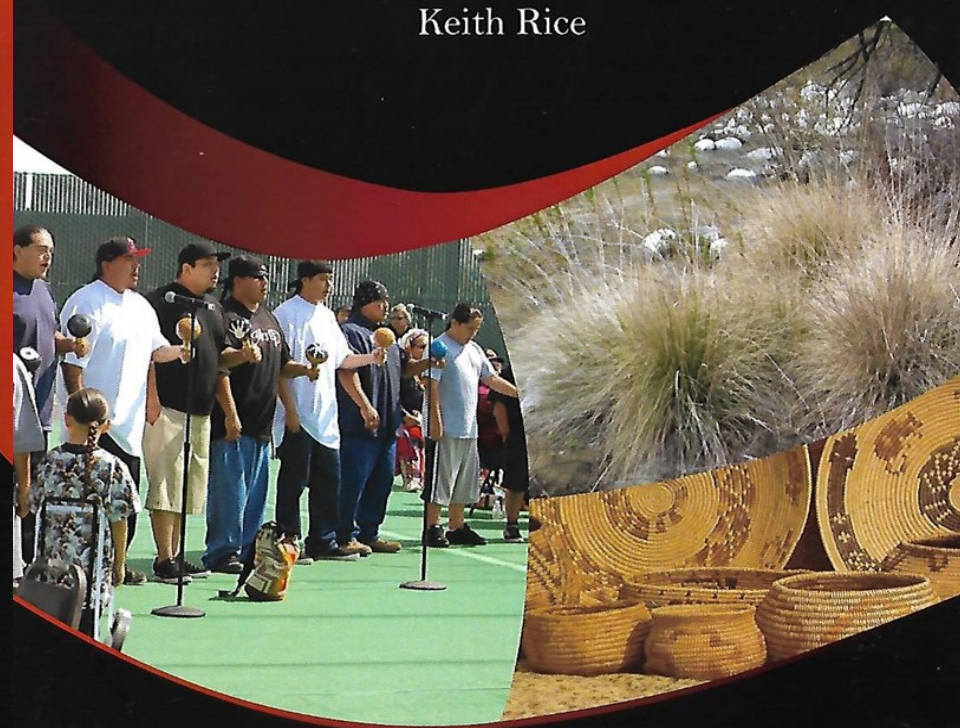
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Hats off to the Soboba staff for the design of the awards program. It is first class and we want to thank you for your creativity. SIR

AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

To all the super Soboba tribal students, please accept my most sincere congratulations not only for your academic success and achievements but for making the effort to meet the challenges and succeeding. And to the parents, families, tribal community and tribal leadership for their commitment to the advancement a quality education of our children which is most gratifying and heartwarming as it is the fuel that will guarantee the future of the tribe.

To say that American Indian Education has come along ways in the past half century would be an understatement. For many of us old timers, in 1967 Indian Education was a new concept or

a pipe dream as I was told on more than one occasion.

The California Indian Education Association (CIEA) was the first tribal grassroot group to promote Indian Education in California. CIEA brought together like minded tribal people who believed that education was the catalyst to protecting out tribal rights in the future.

One must understand that in 1967 less than 2% of the tribal students graduated from high school and college graduates were almost non-existent.

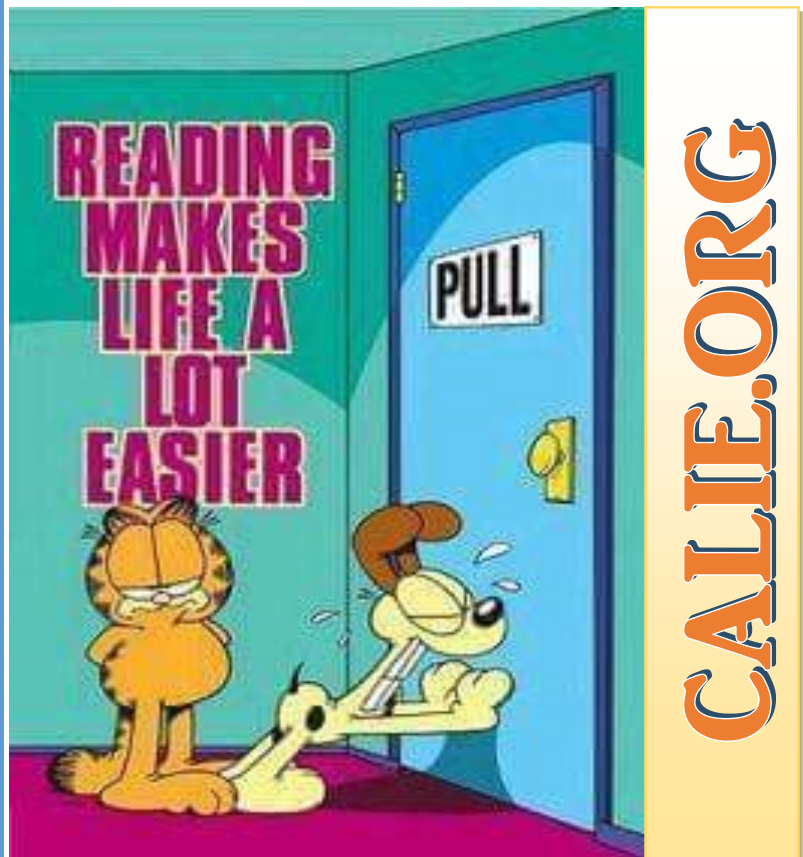
The Bureau of Indian Affairs Relocation Program was in full swing with the primary educational objective of vocational

training and off reservation employment. Thus the creation of the "Urban Indian".

And today, 2017 we have thirty-six (36) high school graduates from the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians alone. In 1967 we may not have has that many with all the Southern California tribes combined.

Yes, we have made great progress with the advancement of our tribal educational goals but we must remain vigilant not lose focus of those goals or to allow them to be restricted or rescinded.

Remember the Ahmium motto "Progress Through Education"





REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

On September 11, 2001 the United States of America was attacked by the Islamic terrorist group called al-Qaeda. The attack was a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks. The attacks killed 2,996 people and injured over 6,000 others and caused at least \$10 billion in property and infrastructure damage and \$3 trillion in total costs.

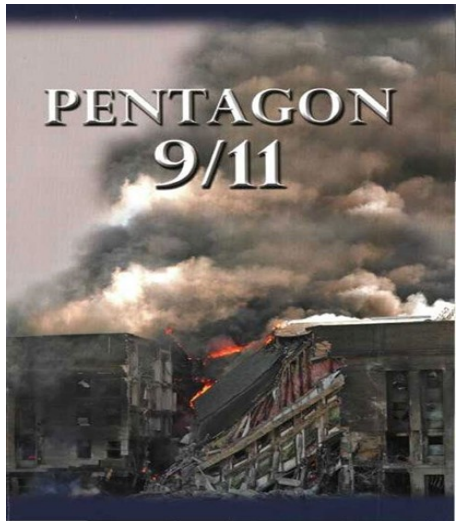


Four passenger airliners operated by two major U.S. passenger air carriers (United Airlines and American Airlines), all of which departed from airports on the northeastern United States bound for California, were hijacked by nineteen al-Qaeda terrorists. Two of the planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, were crashed into the North and South towers, respectively, of the World Trade Center complex in New York City. Within an hour and 42 minutes, both 110-story towers collapsed, with debris and the resulting fires causing partial or complete



collapse of all other buildings in the World Trade Center complex, including the 47-story 7 World Trade Center tower, as well as significant damage to ten other large surrounding structures.

A third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, was crashed into the Pentagon (the headquarters of the United States Department of Defense) in Arlington County, Virginia, leading to a partial collapse of the building's western side.



The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, initially was steered toward Washington, D.C., but crashed into a field in Stonycreek Township near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after its passengers tried to overcome the hijackers.



A total of 2,996 people, including the nineteen hijackers, were killed and more than 6,000 others injured. It was the deadliest incident for firefighters and law enforcement officers in the history of the United States, with 343 and 72 killed respectively.

Suspicion for the attack quickly fell on al-Qaeda. The United States responded to the attacks by launching the "War on Terror" and invading Afghanistan to depose the Taliban, which had harbored al-Qaeda. Many countries strengthened their anti-terrorism legislation and expanded the powers of law enforcement and intelligence agencies to prevent terrorist attacks. Although al-Qaeda's leader, Osama bin Laden, initially denied any involvement, in

2004 he claimed responsibility for the attacks. Al-Qaeda and bin Laden cited U.S. support of Israel, the presence of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia and sanctions against Iraq as motives. Having evaded capture for almost a decade, bin Laden was located and killed by SEAL Team Six of the U.S. military in May 2011.

The destruction of the World Trade Center and nearby infrastructure caused serious damage to the economy and had a significant effect on global markets, closing Wall Street until September 17, 2001 and the civilian airspace in the U.S. and Canada until September 13, 2001.

Cleanup of the World Trade Center site was completed in May 2002, and the Pentagon was repaired within a year. On November 18, 2006, construction of One World Trade Center buildings was officially opened on November 3, 2014.

Numerous memorials have been constructed, including the National September 11, 2001 Memorial and Museum in New York City, the Pentagon Memorial in Arlington County, Virginia, and the Flight 93 National Memorial in a field in Stonycreek Township near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

It has been sixteen years since 9/11 and we are still involved in the "War on Terror." for the past eight-years (2008-16) the Taliban, al-Qaeda the Muslim Brotherhood and others have expanded and given way to ISIS which came to power upon the U.S. leaving Iraqi. The new administrations strategy to combat ISIS and the domestic terrorist has yet to be announced.

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SOBOBA TRIBAL NEWS UPDATES

TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP: Looks like it's back to the drawing board for the Tribal Membership Committee after the last election ended in a 114-114 ties on the proposed changes.

VETERANS LOANS: The Soboba Tribal Council is currently reviewing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Veterans Administration (VA) that will allow American Indian Veterans to get home loans on the reservation.

It appears that the loans will be along the same as the HUD 184 Home Loan Program which requires the Tribal Council to approve a leasehold interest on the tribal members land assignment. However, the terms and condition are much more favorable.

An interesting question came up regarding veteran spouses of a tribal members being allowed to be on the lease with their tribal member spouses. It is something to thing about and would need to be included in the MOU with the VA.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: We still don't have an Overall Economic De-

velopment Plan (OEDP). Planning is essential and the OEDP provides a road map that is flexible yet allows for the proper management of assets. A good example of poor planning can be viewed by visiting the current casino where office building, storage containers and add-ons appear to be after thoughts. This of course is the result of the lack of planning.

The Donner Way development looks like it's on the right track. The Economic Development Board seems to be looking at all options and staying flexible. Bottom line is our Return on Investment (ROI).

Golf course project needs to be reevaluated. A better plan would be to look beyond making the golf course a monument with little or a negative return on the investment. If would break even it would be a somewhat fair investment.

The Horse Shoe property is a little confusing. Not sure what's going on there.

The 180 acre hillside property (Olive Trees) is a diamond in the rough but the olive oil business is a little out in left field.

The Domenigoni Property Now we are talking gold mine. I Have no idea what stage the transfer to trust land the process is at. But, a Casino, hotel, campground, RV park, water park, theme park and a world class cultural center would be a great start. Oh, I forgot we can't build a casino because it wasn't in the agreement. I guess no one has heard of "amendments".

EDUCATION: I, for one am really please that the Council and community is totally committed to the educational programs.

The Pre-school, K-12, college and vocational educational programs are expanding ever year.

RECREATION: This area is looking good. But more organized activities need to be added.

Again, we might want to give the Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) some thought.

In the next column on the right we are piloting a short business awareness section and will run it for the next few issues of the Soboba Indian reporter. If you like give us a thumbs up!!!

TRIBAL BUSINESS 101 IN A NUTSHELL

The idea of business is relatively new to the majority of our tribal membership. It has only been since we started operating Bingo in the late 70's that the concept of business became a household issue.

The growing pains the tribe experienced during those early turbulent times has served the tribe well to better understand the world of business management. One of the biggest misunderstandings in those days was that we as a tribe we treated the Bingo operations politically. Every aspect of the Bingo operation was political which of course as we know in hindsight was disastrous.

Currently, the Council tries to hire qualified managers for the casino and country club businesses but there is still a remanence of tribal politics in the area of employment.

The tribe has even established a Tribal Economic Development Department (TEDD). However, it is still in the start up stages and has yet to operate fully as an independent agency. The TEDD tribal charter mandates it operate as an independent tribal government agency accountable to the general membership.

Again, growing pains with the tribal politics resisting the changes.

BUSINESS can be defined in many different ways depending on the endeavor. For our purpose business is economic development. The primary purpose of economic development is to make a profit on the money the tribe invest. This is called the "Return on Investment" (ROI). Regardless of the business venture the (ROI) is the bottom line.

THE INDIAN MYTH is that there is some kind of special "Tribal Business Management System" as opposed to the "White Mans Business Management System." Sorry folks but there is only one business management system and it is universal. And the sooner that nonsense is set aside the better off the tribe will be in implementing its business ventures. However, **business strategies** is a completely different ball game.

THE TEDD BUSINESS STRATEGIES will not only define the current and long term goals of the organization the strategies on how it plans to reach the goals will need to be specific.

RESPONSIBILITIES of the TEDD, Tribal Council

and general membership are critical to the success of tribes Economic Development.

It is vital for the tribal membership to understand that the TEDD is a Tribal Business Corporation and as such the general membership are the shareholders of this privately held corporation. The Tribal Council is advisory only and has no oversight authority or responsibilities for the TEDD.

THE TEDD PRIMARY PURPOSE is simply to manage the tribes assets and to make money for the tribal membership/shareholders. The TEDD will need to establish it own business office and hire a manager and staff.

BUSINESS KILLER is tribal politics. The best way to keep tribal politics at a minimum is to keep the general membership/shareholders up to date and well informed.

This can be accomplished in several ways one being a confidential access website that provide written and audio access to the TEDD activities. An advisory committee consisting of tribal members is still another method of communicating with the membership/shareholders.



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Question: What happens to Tribal Rights if California leaves the USA?

Although it make no logical sense, the current leadership in the State has a mind set that leaving the Union and becoming an independent country is in the best interest of the people of California.

However, at the rate of taxation and spending by the State legislature, the idea may be moot as the State is already going down the same path as other tax and spend States such as Illinois and Pennsylvania by way of example that are bankrupt but have yet to admit it publicly. As is always their answer to any crisis, they and are trying to tax their way out of it. What is sad is that they have already exceeded those limits and continue to be in denial.

Regardless of the excessive taxation and spending in California, the movement to depart from the USA is a dangerous idea. What will happen to the tribes and the American Indian people in the State if this becomes a reality? It is a fair question and definitely something for all of the California tribal people to think about.

Currently California is home to home to 450,000 America Indians and Alaskan Natives which represents almost 25% of this population. And with regard to Tribal Lands 101 of the Nations 505 Indian reservations and rancherias are located in the State which is about one fifth or 20% of the Indian reservations and rancherias in the Nations

Since all the reservation and rancherias in California were authorized and established by Executive Order by the sitting President and later approved by the Congress of the United States of America the question still begs to be asked: What happens to the Tribal Governments should California become an independent country?

Still another concern is that many of the

tribes are supportive of the current State Administration and are in full support of its policies including the State becoming "Moonbeam Country."

I think most of the tribal leaders are assuming that nothing will change and life will continue at the status quo. However, in all fairness to the tribal leaders, they may be viewing it as political rhetoric. And maybe I'm just "Chicken Little" and shouldn't be taken seriously. Maybe so but the threat is real.

Even if the tribal leader took preventative action and established some type of enforceable agreement with whom do they deal with? And good luck with that since ever tribe and rancheria would want to deal as "Independent Nations" with the "New California."

Sorry folks but that is not going to happen. It matters not if you believe this or not but the truth is that the liberal left doesn't support tribal rights because Progressive Socialism does not allow for anyone to exist out of the box. It's like the Socialist Senator, John McCain from Arizona told the Nation why he voted against the repealing of Obamacare "It's for the Greater Good."

We can also forget about free speech, gun rights, individual land ownership and you can kiss that monthly per capita check adios. How can tribes expect to keep gaming when they no longer are recognized as a people?

To get my point across think or google Germany 1920-45. You can laugh and view this warning as nonsense as England and the rest of the world did when Churchill warned them against Hitler and his Democratic Socialist agenda but the fact is that it happened once and it can happen again.

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

Agua Caliente "Water War" To U.S. Supreme Court

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians leads the "Water War" on tribal rights to groundwater.

In March 2017, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States upheld the lower courts decision in favor of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians claim to the groundwater aquifer currently managed by the Desert Water Agency and the Coachella Water District.

The original lawsuit was filed by the tribe was on March 13, 2013 against the two water agencies. The court ruled that the tribe has a federal established right to the groundwater in the Coachella Valley.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States said in its opinion that the creation of the Agua Caliente Reservation in the 1870s "carried with it an implied right to use water from the Coachella Valley aquifer."

The three-judge panel of the court upheld the lower courts 2015 ruling in which the federal judge ruled that the Agua Caliente tribe's claim that it holds a federally granted "reserved right" to groundwater beneath its reservation in Palm Springs and surrounding areas.

The Desert Water Agency and the Coachella Water District have filed an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. Ten states have filed a "Friends of the Court" brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to announce this fall if it will hear the case or let the decision of the 9th Circuit Court stand.

Should the U.S. Supreme Court uphold the lower court ruling, the next stage of the lawsuit will be to determine if there is a water quality component to the

tribe's water rights, what the standard is for quantifying the tribe's rights and if the pore space under the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation is owned by the tribe.

The ten states that filed the "Friends of the Court" brief in support of the water districts are; Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Nevada, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Ironically, California is not among the states that filed the brief.

Needles to say that the decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is likely to set an important precedent for tribes across the country.

The outcome of the U.S. Supreme Courts decision of this tribal water rights battle will have a significant impact on all the tribes in the country.

Agua Caliente Tribal Chairman, Jeff Grubbe said "The decision validates the tribe's efforts to protect and preserve the tribes most important natural resource."

The case is being watched closely throughout California, which is home to 101 tribes and Rancherias and the largest Native American population in the nation. Most tribes in the state have not yet quantified their water rights and a negative ruling from the 9th Circuit would have hindered those efforts.

The coalition of California tribes supporting the Agua Caliente Tribe wrote in a brief for the case "The purpose of the Indian reserved rights doctrine is to meet the water needs of the reservation, and that purpose plainly implies sufficient water to meet those needs, including groundwater when necessary."

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SOCIALIST PROGRESSIVES THREAT TO AMERICA

The United States of America was established under the "Rule of Law" which is the Constitution of the United States of American.

For the past 241 years the Constitution has allowed us a freedom unknown to the majority of the world. Freedom of speech, the right to bear arms and an election process to select our leadership.

The Constitution clearly defines the election process by which we elect the President of the United States of America. The electoral process was established to prevent the more highly populated States from controlling the election and allowing less populated states to have an equal voice.

Dinesh D'Souza illustrates the electoral system in his resent book "The Big Lie." "Exposing the Nazi Roots of the American Left" He uses the scoring of a tennis match as a metaphor for the election process.

The tennis match is scored in sets for example like 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 2-6 and 6-3 with the player winning the most sets 6-4, 6-4, and 6-3 is declared the winner and the loser winning two of the five sets 1-6, 2-6.

However, the Progressives mind set is that the person getting the most popular votes should be the winner.

Getting back to the tennis scoring as an example of electoral process and Progressives position that the person getting the most total points (votes) should be declared the winner. So the loser in the tennis match (election) would be the winner because they have scored the most points (23) as opposed to the winner of three sets having a total of (21) points. Of course the popular vote agenda is total nonsense but it is one

of the "Progressives" current opposition to the election of President Trump.

Another Progressives hypocrisy is through out the presidential campaign, Presidential candidate, Hilary Clinton, President Obama and the Democratic Socialist Progressives Party were adamant for the "Peaceful Transition of Power" but we have yet to see any indication of the "Peaceful Transition of Power." Even many of the elected officials that claim to be Republicans (RINO's) have yet to accept his election.

Of course it is clear now that they were absolutely sure that Hillary Clinton was going to win by a landslide given all the support she received from the main stream media, Wall Street and George Soros and his left-wing funded organizations.

Going back to the presidential election campaign when Clinton and the main stream media made every effort to demonize Trump as "Unfit to be President, Racist, Womanizer, and Hitler." And his supporters as "A Basket of Deplorables," "White Supremacist" and other offensive names.

Instead of a "Peaceful Transition of Power" we have the Progressive "Antifa" (Anti-Fascist) street thugs dressed in black from head to toe covering their heads and faces to protect their identity. Sound familiar? They appear to be a reincarnation of Adolf Hitler's "Brown Shirts." Not to mention the Black Lives Matter racist.

Antifa" appears to be a well organized and funded as well. They use violence, intimidation and the destruction of private and public property to promote their agenda. They protest everything from free speech, gun rights our history.



As D'Souza declares in his latest documentary "The Big Lie," that the Ku Klux Klan has served as the strong arm of the Democratic Party for over 100 years. He also professes that it served as the model for Adolf Hitler's "Brown Shirts" of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, commonly referred to as the Nazi Party. And in Italy, Benito Mussolini's "Black Shirt" were also modeled after the KKK.

The National Socialist Party was a far-left political party in Germany from 1920 to 1945. And even though Hitler's Nazi Party and Mussolini's Socialist Party were politically left-wing with Communist roots it doesn't matter to the Progressives propaganda machine, the main stream media that promotes Nazism as a "Right Wing" political faction. Which, is totally bogus. The real Nazis are the Progressives.

How does a Conservative political Party adopt a far left-wing Communist, Socialist, Progressive or Nazi political agenda? It's can't and it's never going to happen.

The Progressives primary agenda appears to be to overturn the Trump Presidency by voiding the election and installing a Progressive administration.

Should the Progressives attempt to overthrow the President of the United State of America be successful, it would be the end of the United States of America as established under the Constitution.

Free speech will be limited to those that support the Progressive agenda. All one needs to do is to look at the universities and colleges policies on guest speakers. And if a conservative speaker is allowed to speak they are threatened, protested and disrupted.

The crusade to erase the history of the country by destroying the monuments, with the burning of books coming next, is textbook Nazism. Citing racism, hate and white supremacy as the culprits with the monuments and books as symbols is pure political propaganda. And anyone that disagrees is labeled a racist.

When political correctness runs amok and attempts to erase our history it doesn't change it. Is

history not an opportunity to learn from one's mistakes? As soon as we prevented from knowing our history, are we not bound to repeat the same errors? Sometimes you just can't fix stupid.

It seems that any congressman or senator that is critical of President Trump is touted by the main stream media. The absurdity is that the Senate and House of Representatives have done nothing but line their own pockets for the past eight years. In fact they have not passed a budget for eight years while the national debt has swelled to almost 20 TRILLION DOLLARS! Maybe they should think about doing their own jobs.

Trump's campaign was about millions of Americans across this country who have been left behind and truly wants to see President Trump succeed. Trump has not learned to speak political "Double Speak" and it's a good bet that he will not even try to learn it. His honesty, candor and openness seem to horrify Progressives and RINOs alike.

The Constitution of the United States of American clearly states that the President of the United State of America is to defend the Nation against all enemies foreign and domestic. And the sooner he does the safer America will be.

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