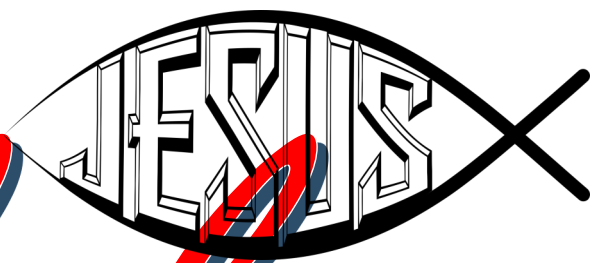




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YESTER-YEARS 1964 SOBOBA TRIBAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Photo, identification of the people and comments courtesy of Charlene "Velenzuella" Ryan

"Here's a picture of Christmas at the Valle Vista Grange Hall....those were the days...got more I just need to find them. Kids won't believe how we looked forward to this.....this picture is at the Grange Hall (Valle Vista) but that old wooden Tribal Hall with the wood stove...it was always cold. Mothers in the Woman's Club did a great job putting the donated toys with the right kid. Pot luck and we always ate good; gifts donated from town...in Mrs. Cuttings 4th grade class she made such a big thing about giving to poor kids. My Dad, Carmel just died in October and I didn't know I was poor so I gave my only doll. I think I was more shocked to realize I was poor when a little girl next to me at the tribal hall unwrapped her gift and it was my doll. I Remember the prom dresses and all the donated clothes and other stuff....those were the days...and we felt lucky too."

Thank you Charlene and I think a lot of us share your feelings with regards to being poor.

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“Prairie-Niggers” Genocide Continues: 126 Years

Wounded Knee Massacre - December 29, 1890

PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION

Dakota Assess Pipeline - December 1, 2016

STANDING ROCK INDIAN RESERVATION

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr

Yes, “Prairie-Niggers” is the ethnic slur used by the white racist of the region when referring to the American Indian people. It has been 126 since the infamous Wounded Knee massacre but for the Sioux people it may as well have been yesterday as the Genocide policies of the United States Government continue toward them. The Genocide of a people involves more than the wholesale murdering of the people—it also include the destruction of their traditions, culture and values. And now their water!

Politically the voices of the Sioux people have been ignored. Sure President Obama provided some “lip service” and issues some meaningless request but hasn’t been heard from since. The liberal mainstream media, after months of silence, has only mentioned the DAPL protest in negative terms. An independent film maker was charged with crimes that could result in imprisonment of up to 45-years for trying to document the Constitutional and Civil rights violations. Journalists attempting to visit the area were either escorted or told to leave under threat of arrest. Censorship of the protest was only brought to light when the President was visiting Thailand and was asked about the violations of the Human Rights of the American Indians at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Not only have the political powers turned their backs on the American Indian people in North Dakota, they have sent in full armed “locally racist” combat troops to put down the peaceful protest.

For the American Indian people it may as well be the late 50’s or early 60’s with the wild dogs set upon the peaceful protestors that included women and children. It seems that the Civil Rights Act of 1963 and the 14th Amendment to the Constitution in 1868 doesn’t include the American Indians. As the American Indian protestors are systematically arrested, strip searched (both men and women) and jailed naked. Some have been held in dog cages and numbers written on their arms for identification. Their Constitutional Rights are totally ignored. Calls to the Attorney Generals’ Office in Washington D.C. result in hang-ups.



Mass grave for Oglala Sioux Tribal members murdered at Wounded Knee on Dec. 29, 1890

The American Indians living in North and South Dakota are among the poorest ethnic group is the Nation: They have the lowest per capita income, highest unemployment rate at 80%, highest infant mortality rate, highest youth suicide rate, lowest life expectancy rate, highest rate of sexual violence against woman by non-Indians and over 70% of the population live in substandard homes without running water or electricity and an epidemic level of alcohol and substance abuse. Yet, poverty has not diminished their belief in their traditions, culture and values as a people even after over 300 years of effort to eliminate them from the plant earth.



Company “Goon Squad” Member

For the Sioux the fight to protect their drinking water is the last stand. Without clean drinking water they will either slowly die from drinking the slowly poisoned water or be forced to move from their ancestral lands and for a great majority this is not an option.

The Standing Rock issues are much bigger than is publicized: it is about **Survival, Human Rights and Water Rights**. What’s ironic is that the United States Government has pushed the United Nations to adopt policies to insure “Human and Water Rights” for all people of the world, yet it has not protected those rights for the American Indian people which is evident at Sanding Rock.

The United Nations Declaration on Human Rights:

First sentence of the Preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reads “*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.*”

“*The human right to water places the main responsibilities upon governments to ensure that people can enjoy sufficient, safe, accessible and affordable water, without discrimination.*” Most especially, governments are expected to take reasonable steps to avoid a contaminated water supply and to ensure there are no water access distinctions amongst citizens. “*Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable*

rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world...”

At Standing Rock it is very clear that the Government did not and continues to fail to protect the Water Rights of the American Indian people. The Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corp of Engineers clearly failed or purposely avoided taking reasonable steps to avoid a contaminated water supply. Protecting their Water Rights is paramount to the NAPL American Indian protesters.

Numinous studies show that it is not a matter of “IF” the Dakota Pipeline would contaminate the tribe’s domestic water supply, it is a matter of “WHEN.” The studies show that over the last six-years alone there have been over 200 pipeline leaks that have either contaminated the water supply or have endangered the environment.

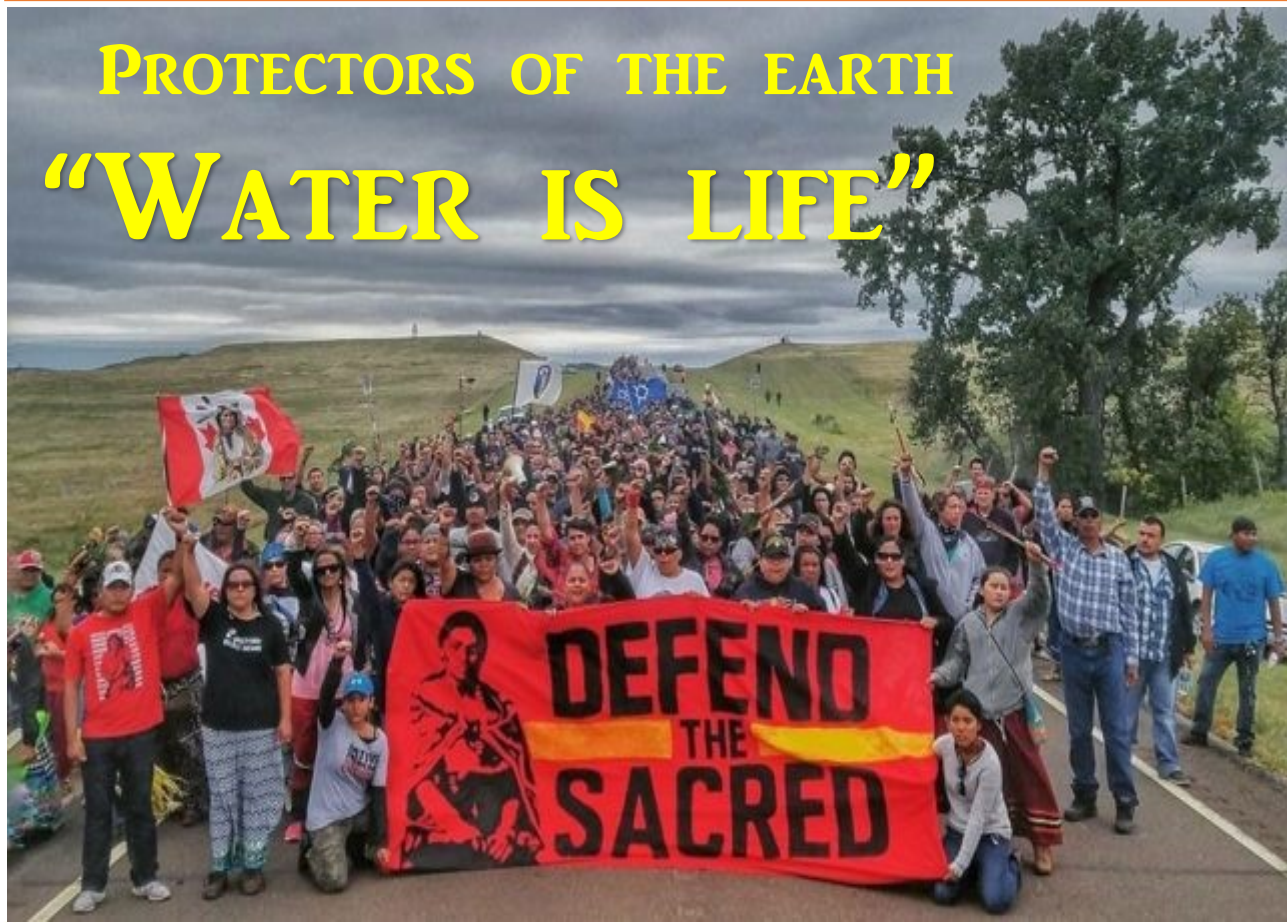
It is a no brainer that the Dakota Pipeline is about money and power: 3.7 billion dollars to build. Given the magnitude of the prevailing political corruption in the Nations Capitol, the blatant racism toward the American Indian people and the apathy of the main stream media to even report the Human, Constitutional and Civil Rights violations of the American Indian people by the Government military.

It is almost biblical that the epic battle of David and Goliath is being played out in real time in North Dakota. David’s sling is to take the battle into the courtroom and to develop and implement a long term strategy of consolidation of the Tribal Government in the Nation. How you can help by making you contribution is as follows:

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Wounded Knee is considered the last major American Indian battle of the 19th century. So history will consider the DAPL protest the first of the new generation.

However, The Occupation of Alcatraz, November 1969 to June 1971 and the Occupation of Wounded Knee by AIM Feb. 27, 1973 to May 8, 1973 and so many other protest that empowered the Tribal Government must be recognized, honored and respected.

Russell Means (1939-2012) an Oglala Sioux, tribal member of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and the legendary leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM) said “... *Indian Policy has now been brought down upon the American people, and the American people are the new Indians of the 21st century.*”



It is time for all the tribes in the Nation to come together. Failure to unite and stand as one Tribal Nation will complete the “Genocide” of our people.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary

Lorraine “Raina” and Frank “Pancho” Maciel

Lorraine “Raina” and Frank “Poncho” Maciel celebrated their 50-years of marriage on November 12, 2016 with over 200 family and friends at the Soboba Sports complex. The couple were married on November 12, 1966 (which was also Raina’s 20th birthday) at St. Joseph Catholic Church on the Soboba Indian Reservation. After their marriage they made their home in San Francisco.

However, only six months after their wedding Poncho was drafted into the United States Army. When his basic and advanced training was completed, he was stationed in Korea for fourteen months. Raina was working for an advertising agency in San Francisco at the time and moved back to Soboba when Poncho was drafted into the service. Upon her return to the area she found employment with General Telephone Company (now Verizon) as a customer service representative and worked for them for ten years, first in Hemet then transferred to their San Bernardino branch.

Both Raina and Poncho were born at the Soboba Indian Hospital twelve days apart in November 1946 and delivered by the same doctor, but didn’t meet until 1964, eighteen years later. Poncho was born on November 1st and Raina on the 12th. Poncho is the son of Desiderio “Joe” and Ruth “Basquez” Maciel and is a member of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians. Raina is the daughter of Fidelia “Juarez” and Ernest Salgado Sr. and is a tribal member of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indian.

Poncho and Raina met when they were seniors in high school. Poncho attended Hemet High School and graduated from there in 1965 and Raina graduated from San Jacinto High the same year. After graduating from high school they both took part in the Bureau of Indian Affairs “Indian Relocation Program.” Poncho attended a Drafting Vocational school in San Francisco and Raina attended a Secretarial School in Los Angeles.

After returning from his tour of duty in Korea and upon his military discharge, Poncho began working as a draftsman for Kaiser Steel in Fontana. They moved to Rialto, California to be near both of their work places.

In 1973, shortly after the birth of their son, Frank Jr., the family moved to the Soboba Indian reservation. Daugh-



ter, Eustacia was born three years later in 1976. The family lived at Soboba for thirty-one years. Poncho and Raina moved to Hemet in 2004, twelve years ago. They have two children, Frank Jr. (43) and Eustacia (40), five grandchildren and six great grandchildren still live on the Soboba Indian Reservation.

Raina left her job with General Telephone Company (now Verizon) when their daughter, Eustacia was born in 1976 and became a stay-at-home mom until Eustacia started school at age five. During the time she was a stay-at-home mom, Raina attended Mt. San Jacinto College in the evenings and earned an Associate of Arts degree in business/secretarial. When Eustacia started school, Raina was employed with the San Jacinto Elementary School as a secretary and worked for the San Jacinto Unified School District for eleven years.

Poncho attended University of California, Riverside and after moving back to Soboba, he started working with Ahmum Education, Inc. Poncho was the director of the Ahmum Preschool for 28 years. The Ahmum Preschool

was located on the Soboba Indian reservation. During those years when their children were growing up on the Soboba Indian reservation, Poncho and Raina became actively involved in the Soboba’s youth programs by volunteering and serving on various committees and community events on the reservation. They were always involved in something. Poncho was also involved with the expansion of Ahmum educational and recreational programs to other reservations in Riverside and San Diego Counties. Raina said and Poncho concurred, “One of the most memorable times was when we helped chaperon the Soboba youth to the Indigenous Games in Edmonton, Canada in 1990.”

Today, they are both retired but they both keep very busy. Raina started her own Secretarial Business and also obtained a Real Estate Sales License. They are both involved with the Soboba and Pechanga’s Elders groups. They’ve traveled to Spain, France, England, Canada, Alaska, several times to Hawaii and other places in the United States. “We have a lot of fun and memories traveling with the Soboba and Pechanga Elders,” they said. Other trips involved missionary visits to China, Israel, Peru, Mexico and Siberia Russia.



They said that they are very grateful and blessed to have the resources to travel and to have seen so many wonderful places. “Growing up on the Rez, we could have never imagined that we would have this opportunity.”

In addition to her Real Estate business Raina stays busy with her duties for the Soboba Tribal Credit Board and the Soboba Elders Board. Recently Poncho enrolled them both in weekly golf lessons with the Pechanga Elders, which both enjoy.

75-Years Past - December 7, 1941

Honoring our Warriors Past, Present and Future

Ernie C. Salgado Jr.,

On December 7, 1941 America was forced into World War II by the attack on its Military and Naval bases at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii located in the Pacific Ocean about 2,000 mile off the west coast of California. The Second World War actually began in 1939 with almost all the major countries in the world involved in the chaos. During the next four years from 1941 to 1945 there were 670,846 Americans wounded and 405,399 Americans lost their lives, three of which were Tribal Members of the Soboba Band of Mission Indians (This was the tribal name before it was changed to the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians).

Prior to entering WW II the Nation was in the “Great Depression.” American people were literally starving with a 25% unemployment rate and with over 300 to 400 men and women available for any job. The American Indian people with less that twenty years as citizens of the United States of America didn’t fare any better and were at the bottom of the food chain for lack of a better analogy. (American Indians were granted citizenship on June 2, 1924.) The Soboba people at least had the opportunity to grow their own food and hunt—which they did. Although water was scarce due to the underground loss of water to the EMWD man-made aqueduct constructed through the San Jacinto north mountain, enough water remained for limited farming.

Almost everyone from Soboba that were able, joined the war effort with the Helms brothers, Romaldo “The Boss” and Reginald, the Soza brothers, Eloy, Frank, Willie and their little brother Mike and uncle Frank “Chico” Silvas,

Carmel “Sallie Buck” Valenzuela, Norbert “Norb” and Theodore “T-Bone” Arres, Mateo “Moot” Apapas, Marcus “Max” Mojado, Ernest Salgado Sr., and Margret “Silvas” Estrada and brother, George Silvas.

NOTE: Margret and George Silvas are not formally enrolled members of Soboba however, they are members of the Silvas/Apapas family and grew up in Indian canyon on the Soboba Indian reservation along with their first cousins the Soza brothers and Ernest Salgado Sr. and uncles Mateo “Moot” Apapas and Frank “Chico” Silvas.

- Romaldo A. Helms, U.S. Army Private First Class, killed in Action at Anzio, Italy. (1912-1944)
- Reginald P. Helms, U.S. Army Private First Class, Killed in Action at Hotten, Belgium (1913-1944)
- Mike Soza. U.S. Navy, born January 1, 1924 Killed in Action 1941



IRA HAMILTON HAYES (Jan. 12, 1923 – Jan. 24, 1955)
The most famous American Indian from WWII. He was a member of the Gila River Pima Indian Tribe located in Arizona. He was a United States Marine paratrooper who on February 23, 1945 was one of the six flag raisers immortalized in the iconic photograph of the flag raising over Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima during World War II.

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Ghost Dance Founder Wovoka (AKA Jack Wilson)

Wovoka (AKA Jack Wilson) was born in Smith Valley area southeast of Carson City, Nevada, around the year 1856. Quoitze Ow was his birth name. From the age of eight until almost thirty he worked for a rancher, David Wilson, in the Yerington, Nevada area, and his wife Abigail, who gave him the name Jack Wilson when dealing with European Americans. David Wilson was a devout Christian, and Wovoka learned Christian theology and Bible stories while living with him.

One of his chief sources of authority among Paiutes was his alleged ability to control the weather. He was said to have caused a block of ice to fall out

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

Wovoka claimed to have had a prophetic vision during the solar eclipse on January 1, 1889. Wovoka's vision entailed the resurrection of the Paiute dead and the removal of whites and their works from North America. Wovoka taught that in order to bring this vision to pass the Native Americans must live righteously and perform a traditional round dance, known as the "Ghost Dance", in a series of five-day gatherings. Wovoka's teachings spread quickly among many Native American peoples, notably the Lakota.

The Ghost Dance movement is known for being

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

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

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

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SOBOBA TRIBAL COUNCIL

SCOTT COZART, CHAIRMAN



Mr. Scott Cozart is 61 years of age. He is currently a resident of Soboba Indian reservation and has lived in the San Jacinto Valley since 1959. He attended San Jacinto schools, graduating from San Jacinto High School in 1973. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Operations from the National University in San Diego.

While attending High School in San Jacinto he met his future wife, Dee Green and they married in 1976 and recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. The couple moved to the reservation from San Jacinto in 1980 and have lived there since then, raising their two sons, Jason and Justin on the reservation.

Scott worked as a Projects Manager for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians before his recent election as Tribal Chairman. He is an Operating Engineer, having completed Operating School and Apprenticeship with Operating Engineers Local 12. He has worked as a contractor and general construction with Cozart Construction, (His father's company) Yeager Granite and LS Hally.

He also worked in the gaming supply sales business for AB Bingo Supplies. He served as the interim manager for the Tribal Bingo operations and was also the Interim GM for Soboba Casino. Scott has represented the Tribe and its business enterprises before the US Congress, the California State Legislation and in various tribal and gaming affiliations such as TASIN, CNIGA, NIGA, and NCAI. Scott was also instrumental in developing the very first gaming contract to open Bingo operations for the tribes first gaming facility. He has served as Tribal Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Member at Large on the Tribal Council over the past 30 years.

“He is the son of Gloria “Castello” and Bruce Cozart, and the grandson of Claudina “Largo” and Bernardino “Berdoo” Castello.

His term will expire on March 31, 2018.



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MR. ISAIAH VIVANCO
VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Isaiah Vivanco is serving his third term on the Tribal Council over the years. He is 44 years old and married to Maria “Pink” Vivanco, a member of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. They have three (3) children, Sierra 18, a freshman at California State University at San Marcos, Twins Autumn and Jericho 16, Juniors at San Jacinto Valley Academy in San Jacinto.

He was employed with Valley Wide Recreation for 27-years with the maintenance department and retired in December 2015.

He has lived his entire life on the Soboba Indian Reservation. He attended San Jacinto schools and graduated from San Jacinto High School in 1990.

He is the son of Gloria and Louis Vivanco, grandson of Alvera “Arres” and Salvador Vivanco and the great-grandson of Rose “Castello” and Amoble “Bomber” Arres.

His current term will expire on March 31, 2017.



MRS. MONICA HERRERA
SECRETARY

Mrs. Monica Herrera is serving her first term on the Tribal Council. Prior to her election to the Tribal Council she served on the Noli School Board.

She has lived his entire life on the Soboba Indian Reservation.

She attended San Jacinto schools and graduated from San Jacinto High School.

She is the daughter of Paula “Boniface” and Glen Lindsay, grand-daughter of Lupe “Razon” and Larry “Dee” Boniface and the great-great-granddaughter of Clemencia “Silvas” and John Razon II and Ms. Rose Boniface.

The famous “Fig Tree John” was her great-great-great grandfather. His real name was John Razon Sr. and was a tribal member of the Torres Martinez Tribe.

Her current term will expire on March 31, 2017.



MS. KELLI HURTADO
TREASURER

Ms. Kelli Hurtado is in her first term serving on the Tribal Council. Prior to her election to the Tribal Council she served on the Soboba Foundation Board,

she attended San Jacinto schools and graduated from San Jacinto.

She currently lives of the Soboba Indian reservation.

She is the daughter of Kris and Kenneth “Pogo” Hurtado, granddaughter of Mary “Bentiste” and Foster Hurtado and great-granddaughter of Lucy “Silvas” and Joseph Bentiste.

Her current term will expire on March 31, 2018.



MS. ROSE SALGADO
SERGEANT AT ARMS

Ms. Rose Salgado has served for over 16-years on the Tribal Council. She has served of numerous tribal committees and has been active in the non-Indian communities of San Jacinto, Hemet and Murrieta. She has served on the San Jacinto Unified School District Board of Trustees.

She attended San Jacinto schools and graduated from San Jacinto High in 1974. She attended UCR and is 15 units short of earning her BA degree.

She is 60-years of age. She has one daughter and four grandchildren. She currently lives of the Soboba Indian reservation.

She retired from Southern California Edison as a Senior Planner after 27-years of service.

She is the daughter of Fidelia and Ernest Salgado Sr., granddaughter of Lucy “Silvas” Bentiste and O.J. Salgado and great-granddaughter of Juana “Apapas” and Jose M. Silvas.

Her current term will expire on March 31,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: DONALD J. TRUMP



aim at the institutions and long-held ideals of American democracy.

The surprise outcome for many non-believers, defying the latest polls that showed Hillary Clinton with a modest but persistent edge, threatened convulsions throughout the country and the world, where skeptics had watched with alarm as Mr. Trump’s unvarnished overtures to disillusioned voters took hold.

The triumph for Mr. Trump, 70, a real estate developer-turned-reality television star with no government experience, was a powerful rejection of the establishment

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Donald J. Trump was elected the 45th president of the United States in a stunning culmination of an explosive, populist and polarizing campaign that took relentless

forces that had assembled against him, from the world of business to government, and the consensus they had forged on everything from trade to immigration.

The results amounted to a repudiation, not only of Mrs. Clinton, but of President Obama, whose legacy is suddenly imperiled. And it was a decisive demonstration of power by a largely overlooked coalition of mostly blue-collar white and working-class voters who felt that the promise of the United States had slipped their grasp amid decades of globalization and multiculturalism.

However, the reality is that President elect Trump got 10% more of the women’s votes than Clinton, 33% of the Hispanic Vote, and an unprecedented 20% of the Black vote. Voter registration in some States increased by 25%. Although Mr. Trump won with 337 Electoral College vote to 232 for Clinton. Some question have arisen regarding the popular vote favoring Clinton but Trump has also won there as well.

“The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer,” Mr. Trump told supporters around 3 a.m. on Wednesday at a rally in New York City, just after Mrs. Clinton called to concede.

In a departure from a blistering campaign in which he repeatedly stoked division, Mr. Trump sought to do something he had conspicuously avoided as a candidate: Appeal for unity. “Now it’s time for America to bind the wounds of division,” he said. “It is time for us to come together as one united people. “It’s time.” he added, “This is so important to me.”

Bolstered by Mr. Trump’s strong showing, Republicans retained control of both the Senate, 52 to 48 and the House of Representative 237 to 188. Only one Republican-controlled seat, in Illinois, fell to Democrats early in the evening. And Senator Richard Burr of North Carolina, a Republican, easily won re-election in a race that had been among the countries most competitive. A handful of other Republican incumbents facing difficult races were running better than expected.

He is expected to appoint a new Supreme Court Justice and given the ages of two other Court Justices it is possible the Court could have a majority 6 to 3 on the conservative mind set side.

Many tribal people are not happy with the election results as they still are of the belief that the Democratic Party is supportive of the American Indian Agenda. It seems that the wake up call would be Standing Rock. President Obama has provided nothing more than “Lip Service” for the Standing Rock “Protectors”.

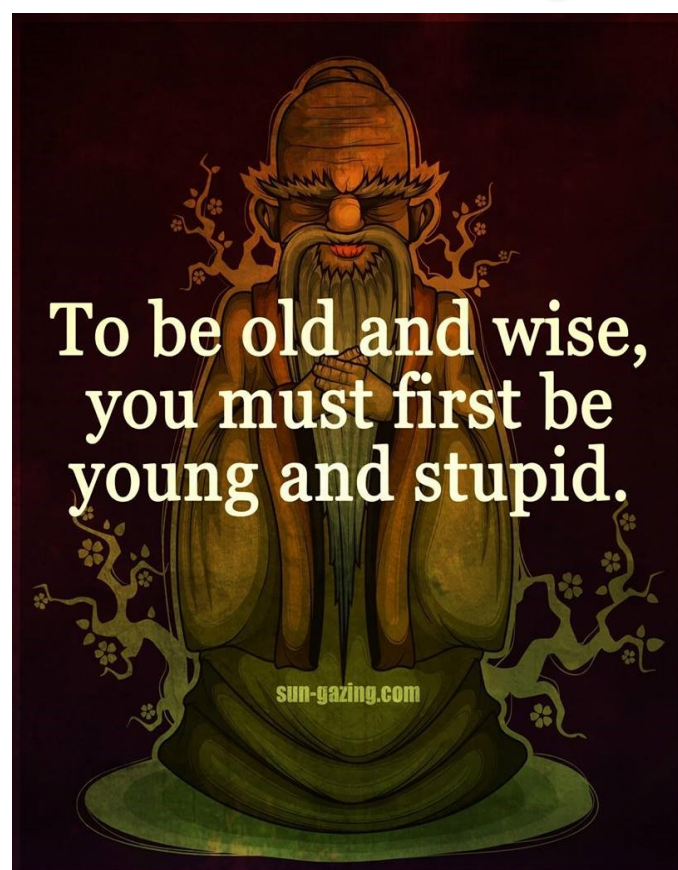
And in all fairness President elect Donald J. Trump has not endeared himself to the American Indian people in the past. However, I think he will be one of the best friends the Tribal people will ever have in the Office of the President of the United States of America.

Join me on January 20, 2017 in helping President elect Donald J. Trump “Make America Great Again” .

Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

*Ernie C. Salgado Jr*

My View—Your View



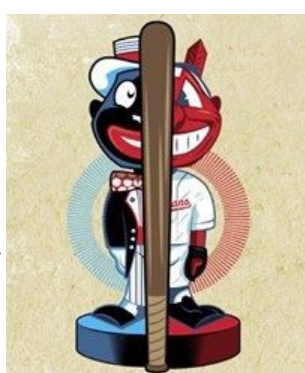
The Chicago Cubs beat the Cleveland Indians to win their first world series in 108-years. Game seven was a movie ending with a rain delay and extra innings. All that aside many tribal activist have expressed concern over the Cleveland major league baseball teams use of the image of a stereo type cartoon Indian named “Chief Wahoo” as their mascot. The main claim is that it is racist. The claim extends to other professional teams such as the Washington Redskins, Kansas City Chiefs and Atlanta Braves.



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: The Cleveland Indians are an American professional baseball team based in Cleveland, Ohio. The Indians compete in Major League Baseball (MLB) as a member club of the American League (AL) Central division. Since 1994, they have played at Progressive Field. The team's spring training facility is at Goodyear Ballpark in Goodyear, Arizona. Since their establishment as a major league franchise in 1901, the Indians have won two World Series championships: in 1920 and 1948, along with eight Central Division titles and six Ameri-

can League pennants. The Indians' current World Series championship drought is the longest active drought, and through 2016 is the fifth-longest in baseball history.

The name "Indians" originated from a request by club owner Charles Somers to baseball writers to choose a new name to replace "Cleveland Naps" following the departure of Nap Lajoie after the 1914 season. The name referenced the nickname "Indians" that was applied to the Cleveland Spiders baseball club during the time when Louis Sockalexis, a Native American, played in Cleveland. Common nicknames for the Indians include the "Tribe" and the "Wahoos", the latter being a reference to their logo, “Chief Wahoo”, a controversial Native American caricature. The team's mascot is named "Slider."



Please let us know your opinion on this matter.

PROTECT OUR TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY?

Standing Rock is not only about protecting our sacred land and water it is protecting our Tribal Sovereignty, our Treaty rights and our right under the Constitution of the United States of America. Our failure to unite to protect our rights by not standing with the North Dakota Pipeline protesters and establishing an organized political front we may as well forfeit any future hopes we have for the future of anyone honoring our tribal rights.

Here is my humble proposal. For the newly established California Tribal Chairman's Association (CTCA) which, include 85 of the 105 Tribal Government in the State and 20 percent of all the combined tribes in the Nation needs to take the leadership to combat the illegal overreach of the oil companies and the failure of the United States Government to protect the Sovereign and Constitutional Rights of the American Indian Tribes.

The California Tribal Chairman's Association (CTCA) must decide to take the leadership as an American Indian Political organization. 1) It must develop a professional political strategy 2) it must commit to obtaining the funds that will be need to employ the attorneys and the other professionals such as a Public Relation company, Political Strategist, Social Media Consultant including a Web Site Manager and 3) a professional management team including support staff.

The grass root effort is already in place in North Dakota and it must be expanded throughout the Nation in a coordinated manner. A start up fund of 10 million dollars is not unreasonable. What is our Tribal Sovereignty worth?

Upon the completion of the first phase of getting professionally organized a Tribal PAC (*Political Action Committee*) will need to be created with a minimum goal of 100 million dollars the



Adam Castillo, President Mission Indian Federation 1910 to 1953

purpose should be clear. The relationship between the American Indian Tribes and the United States Government is Political. I think it about time our Tribal Leaders understand this concept. The life blood of politics in American is money.

This War and it is a War of survival for the existence of our Tribal Sovereignty. And it must be fought on two fronts, 1) Public opinion and 2) in the Federal Courts and may well end in the Supreme Court since the basic premise for many of the issue are founded in our Treaty Rights, Tribal Sovereignty and our Constitutional Rights.

Yes, I understand their are many so called Tribal Leaders that still believe the Bureau of Indian Affairs will protect our Tribal Sovereignty. I must admit the BIA Indians still out number the Federation Indians.

Again, I cannot stress the importance of the Tribal Government in California establishing a Political Coalition that is professionally organized and funded by the Tribes.

However, they must first publicly declare their support for the Standing Rock Protect.

Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

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She worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant for many years before retiring. Frances was a strong woman with a generous soul who loved her family.

She led a very active life attending birthday parties, sporting, school and community events and the Soboba casino, rain or shine. She loved bowling and was a member of Daisy Mae Trio Bowling League for 20 plus years. She was an active member of the Soboba Elders Group attending trips, activities and monthly luncheons. She faithfully attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Soboba.

She was preceded in eternal life by her parents, Joseph Bentiste and Lucy “Apapas/Silvas” Bentiste; husband, Norbert Arres Sr.; sisters, Mary Hurtado and Lillian “Nita” Miranda; and brothers, Ernest Salgado Sr. and Robert “Buggie” Bentiste; sons David Bentiste and Norbert “Bud” Arres Jr.; grandsons, Gordon Arres Jr., Joseph Arres, and William “Dusty” Rhodes, granddaughter, Duran Kitchen; great grandchild Nizhoni Arres;

She is survived by sister, Alice Helms; brothers, Henry “Sonny”, William “Billy”, and Manuel Bentiste; daughters, Carlene Masiel, Victoria Arres, Marilyn Arres, Betty Arres and Millie Arres; sons, Anthony Bentiste, Gordon Arres and Fred Arres. Her extended family included 23 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren, all of whom miss her dearly.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10am on Friday, December 23, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on the Soboba Indian Reservation. A traditional lunch will be served at the Soboba Tribal Hall immediately following the blessing of the headstone at the Tribal cemetery.

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