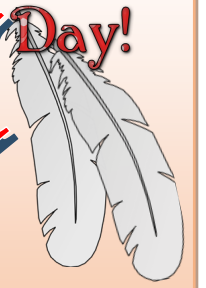


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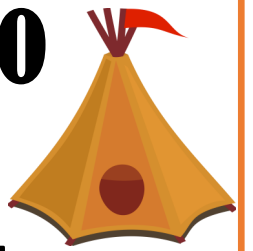
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## Finale Edition

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Something you gotta know when to Hold-um and when to Fold-em! And for me the time has come for me to Fold-em.

Time, energy and personal priorities are the main reasons for my decision.

I know what I have to say is often viewed as offensive by some tribal members and that's a good thing because they are reading the paper and the opportunity for them to learn is present. However, the tribal members need to be informed.

First, I want to be clear that I agree with the majority if the tribal members that the new casino and hotel is a beautiful facilities and we should be proud of it.

I also want to add that I sincerely believe the members of the Tribal Council are good people and in their hearts believe they are doing the best for the people.

That said, it's time for a reality check. The new casino and hotel is a building, brick and mortar that houses our gaming business. The primary purpose of our gaming business is to make money so that we can all enjoy a better life style.

However, killing the messenger is a given in the Indian world but, it still gets old. For the purposes of clarification what I'm referencing is my views, suggestions and predictions of the decrease in the monthly per capita checks.

For me it was a no brainer simply because of these primary factors; the location of the casino, the debt service, the lack of qualified management and the bogus feasibility study.

I think some of the Tribal Council members understood this as well but believed



Soboba Tribal Council: Seated Left to right—Kelli Hurtado, Rose Salgado and Monica Herrera. Standing—Isaiah Vivanco, Vice Chairman and Chairman, Scott Cozart,

that in the long term it would payoff and they may very well be right. And I pray they are proven right. However, they don't seem to understand the realities of the world of business.

For over three years I have done ever thing I could through the publication of the newspaper to keep the tribal members informed of the activities of the tribe as well as issues that affect the tribal rights.

The lack of basic human rights protection for the Soboba tribal member that are guaranteed to all American citizen under the U.S. Constitution is still a major concern for me a well.

Protection against excessive fines, double jeopardy, due process, discrimination against the elders and no appeal protection are only a few of the rights tribal members do not have.

Another area that is troublesome is the nepotism, conflict of interest and the lack of transparency. This means that if you're related to the leadership of the Tribal Council you got the job, even if you're not qualified.

You can hire you wife, husband or children and you don't have to tell anybody. And it's not going to change soon.

The Peter Principal is alive and well at Soboba. The Peter Principal is a business management theory that many people get promoted to their level of incompetency. In other words they are not able to do the

job simple because they are not qualified.

The tribe is looking at a total lack of financial sustainability. A few examples that contribute to this in addition to the loss of income, are; 1) we have a security force that cost the tribe over a million dollars a year and their effectiveness is questionable at best, 2) a fire department that's bigger then the fire responders of the Cities of Hemet and San Jacinto combined, 3) we are in the process of building a multi million dollar fire station and 4) the Council continues to spend money as if we are not facing a total collapse of our financial resources.

However, given the current administration or the lack of one the tribes financial situation will only get worse. As stated in the last issue budget cuts are coming for the tribal administration budget.

The good news is that the per capita problem is fixable. However, one must first understand the definition of INSANITY! Insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results. What this means is we have the same management and tribal leadership and expect things to change for the better. Sorry folks that is not going to happen.

Again, I'm sorry for bring you the harsh realities, but until there is a serious change within the tribal leadership and management we can start looking at Tribal TANF for services.



### California Socialist Democratic Bill To Ban Christianity



Imagine a hater of Catholics, using AB 2943 suing your local Catholic Church for teaching the

Catechism. This is the same State that allowed someone to sue McDonalds for serving coffee that was too hot—and won.

In Oregon, people were sued for not baking a special wedding cake and although they won at the Supreme Court, they lost everything they had.

The same could happen in California, win at the Supreme Court after you lose your business, home, cars and other property.

Do they think we are stupid? But look at the Phillips and a wedding cake, or the lady that lost everything because she would not sell flowers for a same sex wedding. "Leftists lie—that is who they are."

Most discussion of the bill has focused on its potential ban of Bible sales.

AB 2943 Bans 'Any Practice' that Proclaims Christian Doctrine

AB 2943 Will Ban Catholic Parents From Teaching Their Kids The Catechism

Under these broad and ill-defined terms, "any practice" could include Catholic catechism classes, commonly known as CCD.

This Law Could Also Ban Christian Schools

AB 2943 is impermissibly vague and broad. As drafted, it will impinge on the First Amendment rights of numerous religious groups.

AB 2943 is not yet law and is currently still in committee. Perhaps with sufficient opposition, it will never become law. The bill is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

According to John Nam, Chief of Staff for Assemble Member James Ramos the proposed legislation died in committee last year (2018).

We will keep you informed if it should be revised again this year.

16th ANNUAL

SOBOBA ELDER & YOUTH CANYON WALK

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2019

8:30 am to 2:00 pm

8:30 a.m. MEET AT THE OAKS FOR A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AS WE PREPARE FOR THE HIKE TO THE CANYON

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12:00 p.m. BBQ LUNCH AT PECHAWA DAM

2:00 p.m. RETURN TO THE OAKS

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# Assembly Member James Ramos to Lead Select Committee on Native American Affairs



(Sacramento, CA) –Assembly Member James C. Ramos (D-Highland) has been appointed Chair of the Select Committee on Native American Affairs by Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood).

As the first California American Indian ever elected to the State Legislature, Assembly Member Ramos’s appointment marks another first as the formation of the Select Committee on Native American Affairs is the first committee of its kind in California.

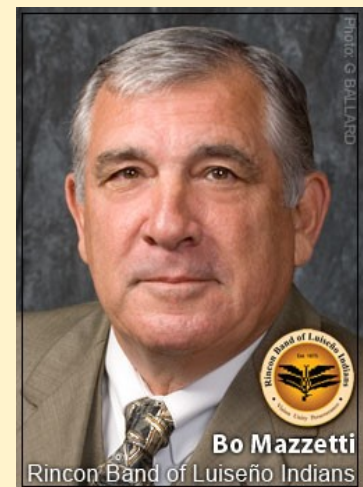
Assembly Member Ramos, who previously served as Chairman of the San Manuel Mission Band of Indians and Chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors sought to create the Select Committee to identify opportunities to strengthen ongoing working relationships with tribes throughout the state.

The scope of the Select Committee will focus on critical issues facing Native American communities – cultural preservation, domestic violence, youth suicide, opioid abuse, missing Native American women, mental health, and education attainment.

The work plan to carry out this scope will consist of information hearings and roundtable meetings in the 40<sup>th</sup> Assembly district and other member districts, fact finding tours, committee white papers, and potential legislation.

Bo Mazzetti, Chairman of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians and Chairman of the recently formed California Tribal Chair-

persons Association, Inc. Said, *“I was elated when he (Ramos) was elected but the establishment of the Select Committee on Native American Affairs is something else as it will allow the California tribes to have a real voice.”*



Speaker Rendon, in Sacramento said, *“As Speaker of the Assembly, I admire Assembly Member Ramos’ dedication to the Inland Empire and his efforts to advance the discussion on Native American cultural preservation. I am proud to appoint him Chairman of the Select Committee on Native American Affairs.”*



Denis Turner, Executive Director of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s *“We look forward to working with Assembly Member Ramos and the*

*Select Committee on Native American Affairs. It’s a new day for the California Tribal Governments.”*

Assembly Member Ramos said, *“It is a great honor to represent the Inland Empire as the first California Native American elected to the State Legislature, I never thought as a child, growing up in a trailer on the San Manuel Indian Reservation, that I would one day have the privilege to serve in the Assembly and to be the Chair of the Select Committee on Native American Affairs. I am thrilled to lead the Select Committee on issues affecting the Native American community and hope to be a voice for all native peoples in California.”*



,Kevin Day, Chairman of Tulumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians said, *“When Ramos was elected, I felt a sense of pride that we had one of us in Sacramento who understands tribal issues. But the establishment of the Select Committee on Native American Affairs is absolutely fantastic as it not only gives recognition to the 101 tribes in California, it provides the tribes with a real opportunity to be heard. We will do whatever we can to insure its success.”*

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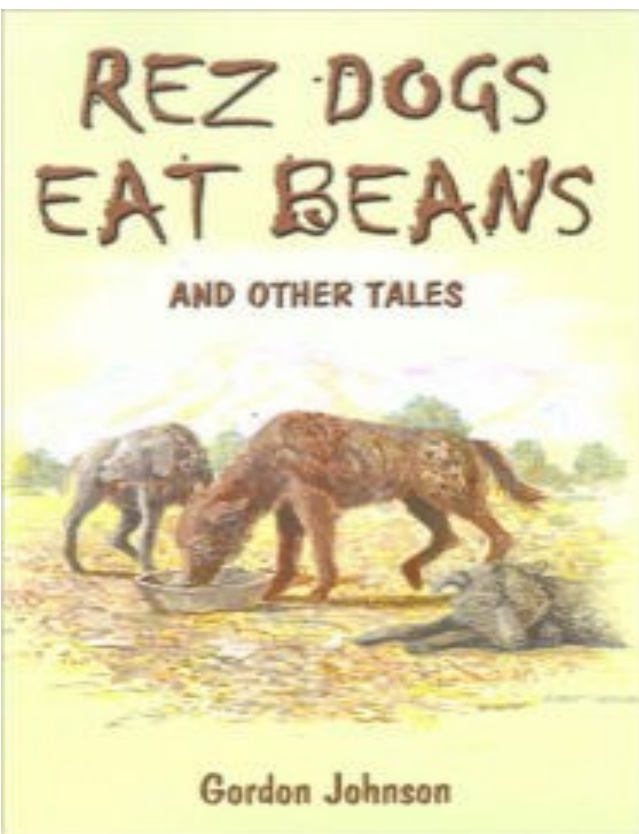
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**Gordon Johnson** is a tribal member of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. The Pala Indian Rez is located in north San Diego County, Southern California.

Johnson has published several books providing a great insight into the ongoing lives of Rez folks. His most recent books is *“Rez Doggs Eat Beans”* and *“Birdsongs Don’t Lie”* which can be purchased on line at Amazon or Barnes and Noble,



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# Soboba Elders Corner

May 6, 2019 - Mother's Day Brunch - Soboba casino Event Center at 11am

May 7-9, 2019 - Quechan Senior Games - Lodging at the Quechan Resort and Casino. April 17, 2019 final sign up date.

November 6-20, 2019 - New Zealand & Sidney, Australia Trip - MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT

For more information call Erica at 951-392-1900

### 2019 Elders Board Members

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- Vice-President: Carlene Masiel
- Secretary/Treasurer: Lorraine Masiel



Sorry we don't have the names or dates for the May elders birthdays

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**GILBERT PAUL TORO**  
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Torres-Martinez Reservation

Gilbert Toro at age 82 passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at his residence in San Jacinto, California. He is survived by his sons, Jon Mr. Toro was a tribal member and of the Torres-Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla Indians, He was born on Monday, March 1, 1937 in Thermal, California, he was son of late Juan and Terra Toro. He was raised in an adobe style home on the Torres-Martinez Indian Reservation until he was twelve years old. Gilbert witnessed many changes in his life. In the early-1970's he became involved in tribal activities and volunteered to serve on the Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health Inc. Board of directors. He served on several tribal boards and sub-committees over the years as well. He had a passion for helping people and those of the other tribes. Mr. Toro helped to develop this health organization, for patients and staff, into becoming one of the best Indian Health organizations in the country. He is survived by his sons, Jon and his wife Susan, Paul and his wife Dee and Victor and his wife Vanessa and daughter Crystal Stanley, half-sister Mary E. Belardo and half-brother Alec Tortes, ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Deanna Marie Toro, son Gabriel Toro and daughter Letha Toro. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and co-workers. A memorial service was held at 10:00am on Friday, April 26, 2019 at McWane Family Funeral Home located at 350 N. San Jacinto St., Hemet California 92543. Burial followed at San Jacinto Valley Cemetery following the memorial service. A traditional dinner was held at the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation.

### First Youth Nations Movement Coming To Pala Reservation

## PRAYER WALK & YOUTH RALLY MAY 11th 2019

UNITED NATIVE LIGHT HOUSE MINISTRIES / Kish-Hati-Wenet Church

FREE FOOD

PRAYERS FROM OUR ELDER'S

HONOR OUR CREATOR-HONOR OUR ELDER'S-REACH OUR NATIVE YOUTH

BIRD SINGERS

PRAYERS FROM OUR YOUTH

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**IN MEMORY OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE WENT ON TO BE WITH "CREATOR"**

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We will gather at the (Kish-Hati-Wenet Church) @ 9:00 a.m and start Prayer/Walking up to "PALA PARK" (in the middle of the village) FOR A YOUTH RALLY & FREE FOOD AT 12 NOON. COME AND HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH FLAGS, PICTURES, FEATHERS AND REGALIA. ALSO LETS PRAYER/WALK FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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# YOUTHNATIONSMOVEMENT

# California Tribes Take State of California to Court For Failure To Enforce Gaming Laws



Anthony Roberts  
Yocha Dehe Chairman

Three of California's lucrative American Indian casino tribes filed a federal lawsuit against the State of California claiming it has breached tribal-state compacts and violated state laws and a constitutional amendment granting tribes exclusive right to operate house-banked card games.

The lawsuit, filed in January 2019 in the Ninth Circuit U.S. District Court, alleges that Governor Jerry Brown and state regulators have been "complicit ... and at times even encouraging" unlawful conduct by cardrooms in the playing of banked games such as blackjack.

The 38-page complaint and 114 pages of attachments filed by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and the Viejas and Sycuan Bands of Kumeyaay Indians seeks "an injunction directing the state to enforce its laws prohibiting the

play in cardrooms of banking card games and twenty-one."

The legal action culminates a nearly seven-year dispute between tribes, cardrooms and state regulators over the play of card games banked by third-party proposition players, or TPPPs.



Two other casino tribes – the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians and Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians in November 2018 filed a lawsuit in San Diego County Superior Court alleging cardrooms and player-banking firms are violating state law..

Sixty-three California tribes operate casinos in accordance with tribal-state regulatory agreements, or compacts, the first of which were enacted with passage of Proposition IA in 2000. Prop IA is an amendment to the state constitution giving tribes exclusive right to operate banking and percentage games.

"State law, the constitution and our compacts are all very clear about our exclusive right to operate house-banked, casino-style card games," Yocha Dehe Chairman Anthony Roberts said of last week's federal litigation.

"We did not want to file this suit, but cardrooms continue to play and brazenly advertise these illegal for them to do so." "We are asking the state to simply do its job and enforce the gaming laws and rules California's voters and state Legislature have put in place." Roberts added.

The responsibility of enforcing the state cardrooms in accordance with state laws, game rules and regulations is the Bureau of Gambling Control, a division of the state Department of Justice that was under the control of former Attorney General Kamala Harris and currently Xavier Becerra.



U.S. Senator, Kamala Harris

But Stephanie Shimazu, director of the Bureau of Gambling Control (BGC), said in a September 25, 2018 memo that her office "plans to rescind game rules approvals for games too similar to 21/blackjack that are prohibited by state law."

Shimazu said the bureau also will "promulgate regulations to address rotation of the player-dealer" and examine cardroom contracts with TPPP firms hired to bank the games.

The bureau serves as the law enforcement arm of a bifurcated regulatory system with a policy-making Gambling Control Commission under the governor. California has the only politically bifurcated gambling regulatory system in the country.

Tribal regulators have held several meetings with the bureau and the commission in an effort to get gambling regulations in compliance with state penal and business codes dealing with prohibited games, rotation of the player-dealer position and use of TPPPs.

"Since 2012, we have sought resolution through the agencies and individuals responsible for enforcing these laws and preventing illegal gambling activity in California," Viejas Chairman John Christman said.

"Going to court is regrettably our last recourse, only because of the state's continued inaction

against such blatant illegal activity. If California enforced its current laws, we would not have filed this lawsuit."



Viejas Chairman

Austin Lee, executive director of Communities for California Cardrooms, warned that Shimazu's game rules crackdown could cripple a card room industry that employs more than 20,000 workers and generates up to \$300 million in federal, state and local taxes. "It would require cardrooms to significantly adjust operations," he said.

From 2012 to January 2017 as the state Attorney General Kamala Harris followed the state policies of selective implemented of laws. The potential financial losses to the American Tribal Government may be in the billions of dollars.

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### Alcohol Abuse: The Real Indian Killer

U.S. Indian Health record show alcohol and disease related to the abuse of alcohol is the leading cause of death among the American Indian people.

Denial by the individual, families and the tribal community is considered the number one enabler of alcohol abuse.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



My Beautiful Aunt, Nelia (Salgado) Heredia and Uncle, George Smith



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