

## New Places, New Faces

### TRADITIONAL HARVEST DINNER 2008

The San Diego tribal community came together on November 15th for a traditional American Thanksgiving Day feast in Southern California...

by Roy Cook, Opata-Oodham, Mazopiye Wishasha: Writer, Singer, Speaker

If there is a term we Indian people are familiar with in the urban setting it is Relocation. Sometimes a move is a good thing. For some years that last place had been too crowded for the Indian communities needs. The parking situation is vastly improved, too. The Barrio Station Auditorium 2175 Newton Ave, 92113, with reservations, can accommodate a larger number of happy faces to our community events.

We hear that 2008 is the year for change. What has not changed is the need to bring the Indian community together, in a safe setting. To provide an opportunity for them to enjoy the time together with family and friends.

Indian food, songs by Spiritual Storm,



Vicki Gambala estimated over 500 people received traditional American Thanksgiving Day meals during the event. Vickie said the event has ran for some 15 years now and has become a popular holiday tradition for many local San Diego County community members in Indian country.



The Native American group Spiritual Storm provided traditional Indian songs, including singing, flute, drum, and gourd rattle.



Sponsors provided meat for the feast, many families provided pot luck and there was plenty of food for everyone. Here, volunteers are pictured preparing the feast.

games and gifts some might say it cannot get better than this. But a chance to hear our elders and smile at the Indian children having good fun in the Children's corner will add to the warm glow that that turkey and dressing full feeling we bring away from the gathering.

Each year many groups and organizations step up to make it happen. It still requires a driving force to see it through to the success that each year has produced.

#### SPECIAL THANKS

This year we need to recognize Juan Castellanos of the Indian Human Resource Center and his staff for their constant attention to detail and responsible diplomacy. Additionally, we appreciate the financial support of: the Barona Band of Mission Indians, Rincon Luiseno Band of Indians, Southern California American Indian Resource Center-SCAIR, Tonkawa Seniors Council, Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the San Diego American Indian Warriors Association-AIWA.

We hope to see you at the next Traditional; Winter Gathering Saturday December 13, 2008 from 2pm to 4pm. It will be at the same 'new' place Barrio Station.



Jerry Kien, Diné, hosted a Peace and Dignity Journeys table with two of his young female colleagues. Left is Sylvia Romo-Lara. Sylvia and her husband, Joe, are the San Diego area coordinators for P&DJ 2008. Right is Patty Mejorado. Patty also contributed a lot of time and effort and ran as well.



Organizers mingled with the guests and kept their fingers on the heartbeat and health of the local San Diego County Indian community.

#### VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

The Holiday gathering committee can always use more financial support, wrapped gifts, prizes for games and warm bodies to help setting up, serving and cleaning up. Volunteer, you will feel good about it! CONTACT: Vickie Gambala (619) 281-5964, (858) 627-7362 Thank you, Aho, Mehan.

The San Diego Tribal TANF programs help support Native American families and actively work to instill a sense of belonging to a stable Indian community within urban Indians by providing drug- and alcohol-free family events and social services for Indian families.

The event was sponsored by Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association SCTCA Urban Tribal TANF Program.

## Victory for Libraries! San Diego City Council Votes to Keep Libraries & Rec Centers Open

SAN DIEGO, CA. – After a two hour hearing, the San Diego City Council voted 6 to 1 to keep the 7 libraries and 10 Rec Centers open. All were slated for closure in Mayor Jerry Sanders' budget cut proposals. Councilmember Tony Young made the original motion to approve the Independent Budget Analyst's recommendations, with Councilmember Scott Peters' second.

Councilmember Madaffer voted against the motion while Councilmember Hueso was absent. After the vote, library activist Anna Daniels thanked the six Councilmembers that voted to keep the public facilities open: Peters, Faulconer, Atkins, Young, Maienschien, and Frye.

The Mayor has the opportunity to veto the vote, but with the Council only needing 5 votes to override a Mayoral veto, the veto seems unlikely. "A bad day for the Mayor," a City Hall insider told me.

This is definitely a victory for those who responded against Mayor Sanders' original budget cut proposals announced on November 6th.

## Alaska's Bering Sea

We've been warning for years that the Bering Sea's pollock fishery - the world's largest - is suffering from overfishing. We've been called everything from crazy to exaggerating for making this claim about a fishery that has been held up as a model of sustainability. But news this month confirms our worst fears. The pollock population has plummeted by almost 50% in just one year. Pollock is the very foundation of the Bering Sea's food chain, feeding everything from the endangered Steller Sea Lion to fur seals. In fact, baby fur seals are already washing up dead in the Pribilof Islands, and scientists hypothesize that their deaths are caused by starvation.

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## In Loving Memory

### Bob Foreman, Redding Rancheria's first tribal chair, dies at 72

By Janet O'Neill  
Redding Record Searchlight

Bob Foreman, Redding Rancheria's first tribal chairman and a pioneer in north state American Indian health clinics, died Wednesday after a long illness. He was 72.

An Achumawi Pit River Indian, Foreman was remembered Thursday by friends and family as a tireless advocate for Indian rights, skilled communicator and loyal patriarch.

He was born June 12, 1936, in Lake County. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he worked in construction as did his father, said daughter Carla Maslin of Redding. In the late 1960s, he began his campaign to get Indians health care in the north state.

His efforts paid off in 1971, with the opening of the federally financed Shasta-Trinity-Siskiyou Rural Indian Health Center in Anderson.

"Bobby was a real devoted guy to his tribe," said Everett Freeman, tribal chairman of the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians near Corning. "He almost single-handedly got Indian health to where it is today."

Larry McClanahan, a Navajo Indian who moved to Cottonwood from Arizona in 1972, said Foreman was one of the first people he met in the north state. He and his family were glad to receive clinic services.

"He took me as I was," McClanahan recalled. "He was a man that was concerned for people."

Rod Lindsay, a Shasta Lake city councilman who works with the Office of Indian Education for the Anderson Union High School District, also met Foreman through the clinic. Lindsay said Foreman was a mentor for many,

sharing his knowledge of culture and history with the young.

Foreman also was instrumental in organizing the Redding Rancheria Indian Health Clinic on Churn Creek Road and served as director, later retiring as self-governance coordinator for the rancheria, Maslin said.

In 1985, when the rancheria regained its tribal status, Foreman was elected as its first chairman and subsequently served on the tribal council.

But in 2004, he and all his family members were disenrolled after a bitter dispute over his mother's maternal lineage.

The struggle took a toll on his health, Maslin said.

Foreman suffered from heart and kidney problems, she said.

Leah Harper, a family friend of more than 20 years who does native medicine work in Redding, said she wanted to stand out in front of the Churn Creek clinic with a "thank you" banner in Foreman's honor.

"I believe that Bob had the heart of the native people and he wanted to make a difference for them," she said. "Bob was loving and the children are loving and they work very hard."

In addition to Maslin, Foreman is survived by three daughters and three sons, as well as 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral services are pending.

For her part, Maslin is grateful her father last year was able to do something he'd always wanted - to see the Grand Canyon.

"He actually got emotional just looking at it," she said. "He was in awe of its beauty and couldn't believe the world had such a beautiful place."

### R. I. P. PRYSMA MEJIA - 1993-2008

In loving memory of Prysma Mejia, age 15, who died November 29th, 2008 at 12:04 p.m. when the car she was riding in lost control on a curve. The driver Claudia Cueva, age 22, also died at the scene of the accident. Prysma's brother Ray, age 15 survived the accident but lost a leg. This was a great loss. Prysma Mejia was a great person and friend. She was a beautiful, loud, proud, wonderful and funny young lady! She had a lot going for her, now all we have is love for her and her family. She is in a great place watching over friends and family.

We love you Prysma!

### Preston Arrow-Weed's Grandson passes away



It is with great sadness to announce that the grandson of Preston Arrow-Weed has passed away. The family is in need of donations to sponsor the Longest Walk Runners and Dennis Banks who will be arriving at Quechan tomorrow. The service arrangements have not been set due to an autopsy.

There is much respect for Preston Arrow-Weed from the Kumeyaay people. I know with Santa Ysabel he and his grandson have always attended our Traditional Gatherings and have shared stories and songs with us. I know they have done the same for the neighboring Tribes.

Imperial County sheriff's officials are investigating the death. The body was found early Wednesday morning next to railroad tracks near Yuma.

According to Charles Lucas, supervising deputy coroner with the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, the cause of the death is pending an autopsy, but the body has been identified as 21-year-old Lewis Jefferson of Bard.

"Preliminary information indicates he was struck by a train. The incident is still under investigation," Lucas said.

Quechan elder Preston Arrow-Weed stated that his grandson, a young traditional singer and aspiring spiritual leader. Arrow-Weed said that his grandson, who went by his traditional name "Mucaw," had filed to run for a seat on the tribal council in the upcoming election.

Lucas said the the incident happened at about 4:30 a.m. on the Quechan Reservation next to the tracks by the old agriculture inspection station, near the Ocean-to-Ocean Bridge.

Jefferson was known in the Quechan Tribe for his traditional singing, as well as for taking part in long walks supporting various issues. He walked from here to Gila Bend in support of the Peace and Dignity Project, according to Arrow-Weed.

More recently Jefferson made local headlines for walking from Flagstaff to Washington, D.C., with The Longest Walk 2. Arrow-Weed said Jefferson participated to bring attention to preservation of American Indian sacred sites.



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# Thanksgiving the "Cortez" Way

U.S. Ignores Western Shoshone Objections – Barrick Gold Readies Itself to Carve up Mount Tenabo Spiritual Area

November 20, 2008 Reno and Crescent Valley, NV

Last week, after years of determined opposition from Western Shoshone, the U.S. Department of Interior, through its Bureau of Land Management (BLM), approved one of the largest open pit cyanide heap leach gold mines in the United States on the flank of Mount Tenabo – an area well-known for its spiritual and cultural importance to the Western Shoshone. The area is home to local Shoshone creation stories, spirit life, medicinal, food and ceremonial plants and items and continues to be used to this day by Shoshone for spiritual and cultural practices. Over the years, tens of thousands of individuals and organizations from across the United States and around the world have joined with the Shoshone and voiced their opposition to this mine. The mine has been referred to as one of the most opposed mines in the world and indeed the level of public opposition is unprecedented for the BLM. With the threat of mine construction beginning as early as this week, the South Fork Band Council of Western Shoshone, the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, the Western Shoshone Defense Project, and Great Basin Resource Watch, today filed a complaint in the Reno Federal District Court seeking declaratory and injunctive relief to stop the mine.

Barrick Gold Corporation, the world's largest gold mining company, headquartered in Toronto, Canada, plans to construct and operate the mine, known as the Cortez Hills Expansion Project. The Project area is located entirely within the territory of the Western Shoshone Nation, recognized in the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley. The Mine would blast and excavate a new massive open pit on Mount Tenabo over 900 acres in size, with a depth of over 2,000 feet. It would include several new waste disposal and processing facilities (including a cyanide heap-leaching facility), consisting of approximately 1,577 million tons of waste rock, 53 million tons of tailings material, and 112 million tons of spent heap leach material. The Mine would include an extensive groundwater pumping system to dewater Mount Tenabo (in order to keep the open pit and mine workings dry during mining) and associated water pipelines that will transport the pumped water away from Mount Tenabo. In total, the mine would permanently destroy approximately 6,800 acres land on and around Mount Tenabo, over 90% of which is classified as federal "public" land.

"How are we, as a nation, showing our values, if we allow a transnational corporation to destroy this 'church' for all time, just to get 10 years worth of

gold." Says Larson Bill, Vice-Chairman of the South Fork Band Council. "There are dozens of active gold mines on Western Shoshone lands already, there is no need for this one, which is clearly immoral and irresponsible. The public should be aware that Nevada is not a waste land, but is the home of ranchers, sportsmen, fishermen and homesteaders that have enjoyed the lands alongside the Shoshone people for generations. We have been clear in our opposition to this mine and while Barrick tries to cloud the real issues with gifts and money, we continue to oppose this project – they have not bought our people, the traditions nor the lands of the Shoshone." he adds.

The proposed mine area has been found by the BLM, in repeated ethnographic studies, as being of extreme spiritual and cultural importance to the Western Shoshone. One report says: "Mt. Tenabo is ... considered a traditional locus of power and source of life, and figures in creation stories and world renewal. As the tallest mountain in the area – the most likely to capture snow and generate water to grow piñon and nourish life – it is literally a life-giver. Water is to earth what blood is to the body, and these subterranean waterways are likened to the earth's arteries and veins."

Carrie Dann, a world renowned Western Shoshone elder, and recipient of the Right Livelihood Award (known as the "alternative Nobel Peace Prize") has been among those to lead the fight to protect Mount Tenabo from mining for over 15 years. "Mount Tenabo should be left alone – no further disturbance. This mine will drain the water from Mount Tenabo. They will be sucking the water out of the mountain forever. The destruction of the water is like the destruction of the blood of the earth; you are destroying life of the earth and the people and wildlife that depend on it. Dewatering is taking the life of future generations. Water is sacred, all life depends on it," says Carrie Dann.

"Next week we celebrate Thanksgiving - The question that the courts and the people of this country need to ask themselves is will we continue to tolerate these violations against the First Peoples of this land or will we finally turn the tide of injustice and protect these sacred areas?" Says Julie Cavanaugh-Bill, Consultant to the Western Shoshone Defense Project.

"None of us are opposed to mining, if it is done responsibly, however this project is as irresponsible as it gets. The BLM has a legal responsibility to protect the air, water, and ecological values of the area as well as the reli-



Who's Thanksgiving is this anyway? What have we got to celebrate? There's no Thanksgiving for our people 80 they tell us we don't have our land but we still use it for our foods, plants and ceremonies. This mountain is very important to us and people should respect our request to leave it alone."

gious freedom of Western Shoshone, and to fully analyze the impacts of a proposed project. In each case, this mine would clearly violate the law." Says Dan Randolph, Executive Director of Great Basin Resource Watch. "This is an example of how the Bush Administration is rushing to protect their corporate friends in their last few months in power. The BLM denied requests to extend the comment period on the Environmental Impact Statement not only from us, but also from several Western Shoshone tribal governments. Therefore, we are forced to now turn to the courts to stop this project. We know that Barrick will begin work on

the mine as soon as they can, to cause enough harm in an attempt to make the religious rights arguments moot, and the BLM and Bush Administration appear to be more than willing to help them in every way possible."

The plaintiffs are being represented in court by Roger Flynn of the non-profit legal firm, the Western Mining Action Project, which specializes in mining, public land, and environmental law.

For more information on the Cortez Hills Project, Mount Tenabo, and the legal challenge go to [www.gbrw.org](http://www.gbrw.org) and [www.wsdp.org](http://www.wsdp.org)

## Nevada's Economic Crisis Forces State to Cancel 25th Governor's Conference on Tourism

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Nevada's 25th Anniversary Governor's Conference on Tourism, scheduled to begin Dec. 8 in Reno, was canceled today because of the extraordinary circumstances the state faces, particularly the financial challenges, Lt. Gov. Brian K. Krolicki announced.

A special session of the Nevada Legislature has been scheduled to convene on Dec. 8 to address these drastic revenue problems. The special session's

dates are the same as those scheduled for the conference.

"We are taking the extraordinary step of canceling the governor's conference because it would be imprudent for the Nevada Commission on Tourism to move forward with a conference when the resources being spent can be used much more effectively elsewhere," Krolicki, chair of the Nevada Commission on Tourism, said. NCOT is the conference producer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applications for Home Repairs Now Being Accepted For Our 2009 Home Renovation Program Deadline extended to Dec. 10, 2008

**WHO:** Applications are now being accepted from low-income families, who own their own home and need assistance with home repairs. **WHAT:** Rebuilding Together San Diego, is a non-profit and affiliate of the largest national volunteer home rehabilitation and affordable housing preservationist organization in America. This grassroots non-profit aids the elderly, disabled and low-income families throughout San Diego who own and live in their own home, but because of age, physical limitation and low and/or fixed incomes, are not able to address their housing repairs themselves. All work is performed at no cost to the recipients accepted into our program.

Community non-profit facilities struggling between program costs and deferred maintenance are also welcome to apply. Now in our 14th year we have completed over 350 projects vesting more than \$8 million dollars in market value into the San Diego community. **HOW:** Volunteers team together with sponsors, who join forces to renovate homes in communities in and around San Diego, performs such tasks as interior and exterior painting, general clean-up, landscaping, plumbing, carpentry and electrical repairs that benefit qualified recipients.

Applications and income guidelines can be found on our website at: [www.rebuildingtogethersd.org](http://www.rebuildingtogethersd.org) or by calling (619) 231-7873

If you or someone you know could benefit from our home renovation, neighborhood revitalization program, please contact us immediately.

Please note that an application does not guarantee acceptance into our program.

Get Involved! There are sponsorship, volunteer (general and skilled tradesmen), in-kind material donation and financial tax deductible contribution opportunities available. Call: Pamela Thorsch, Executive Director at (619) 231-7873 or e-mail: [rtsd@rebuildingtogethersd.org](mailto:rtsd@rebuildingtogethersd.org) for more information.

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Barona Community Event "Bringing our communities together through Culture." Traditional Kumeyaay Singing and Dancing. Tuesday, December 16th, 2008 at 5:00 pm at the Barona Community Center Gymnasium. For more information and reservations, please call Rich at 619-443-7003 ext 2

Matters of Controversy Presents STOP KIDS FROM KILLING KIDS

Special guest: Ples Felix of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) Thursday, Jan 15, 2009 at 7pm. Come hear a powerful presentation by Ples Felix about youth violence, and how TKF is "breaking the cycle of youth violence by empowering kids, saving lives, and teaching peace."

TKF was founded by Azim Khamisa to "stop kids from killing kids" after the 1995 shooting death of his 20-year-old son Tariq by a 14-year-old gang member, Tony Hicks. Seeing victims on both sides of the gun, Azim reached out in forgiveness to the grandfather and guardian of Tony Hicks, Ples Felix. Over the last 13 years, TKF has

been providing its powerful and proven school-based violence prevention education programs to inspire and empower students to say "no" to gangs, guns and violence. They teach about the realities of gangs, violence, revenge, and the importance of becoming "peacemakers". "Homicide is the leading cause of death in California for youth ages 15-19"

First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego 4190 Front St, Hillcrest, San Diego (opposite UCSD Medical Center) donation requested Sponsor: The Peace and Democracy Action Group of the First UU Church. For more information call 858-459-4650 · [www.tkf.org](http://www.tkf.org)

Barrio Stations 39th Annual Benefit Dinner March 12, 2009. Deadline for ADs is January 30, 2009. We hope you will join us to enjoy some great fun and Entertainment. For underwriter, sponsorship & table reservations contact: Rachael Ortiz, Executive Director - Barrio Station 2175 Newton Ave. SD, CA 92113 (619) 238-0314

Cultural Workshops offered at the San Diego American Indian Health Center, corner of 1st and Maple Sts. in San Diego, Tuesdays, 2-4pm and 6:30-8:30pm.

The workshops are facilitated by Charley (Muscogee/Pottawatomie) and Sparrow (Tsalagi) Narcomey. Both have worked within the Native community for 20 years promoting Wellbriety.

For the past 3 years community members have been meeting at SDAIHC taking part in cultural classes supportive of traditional lifestyles. Workshops include Medicine Wheel Philosophy, talking circles, making gourd rattles, Medicine pouches, dream catchers and various types of beading, including loom work and rosettes, peyote stitch, etc. Currently we are making beautiful dance shawls. At the end of each 12 week session we have a community pot-luck for those that have attended and finish the night with songs and drumming.

You can join in the workshops at any time. Classes are offered at no cost. Children 11 years old and over may attend with parent.

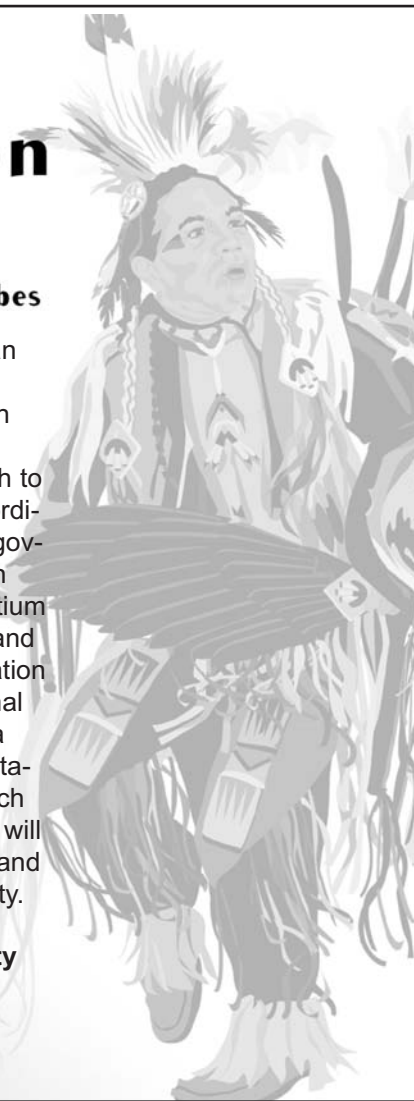
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## Reservation Transportation Authority

### Serving Southern California Tribes

In Southern California, Native American tribes, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) are taking an active approach to building relationships and improving coordination in transportation planning. Tribal governments established the Reservation Transportation Authority (RTA), a consortium of 24 tribes, in order to pool resources and more effectively coordinate on transportation issues. By working together in a regional organization, tribes have developed a greater voice to articulate their transportation needs. The benefits of this approach are exemplified by a planning study that will be conducted cooperatively by the RTA and Caltrans District 11 in San Diego County.

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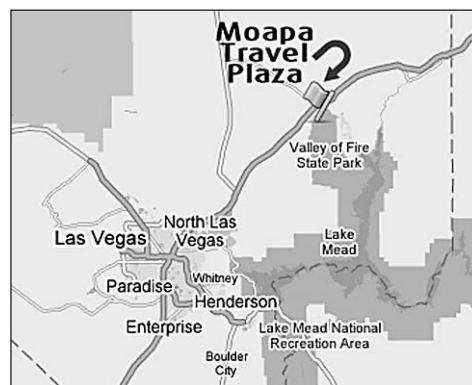
## 5th Annual Inter Tribal Veteran's Pow Wow

November 14th, 15th, and 16th kicked off the 5th Annual Inter Tribal Pow Wow. The weather was mild and the smell of Indian Tacos filled the air. Frank Bernard and Herb McCabe have worked relentlessly in making sure this Pow Wow happens each year. Hualapai Color Guard Veterans of Peach Springs Arizona led our Grand Entry Friday evening. Saturday was quite a special day for the veterans as they were presented the E2Medal of Valor." David Rivers, the first Native American to pass the State Bar, presented our veterans with this medal in great pride. Head judge, Candice Herrera-Dineh certainly had her hands full in choosing the best dancers. The Pow Wow was a great success again this year with honor given to some of our greatest hero's, our soldiers. For more information go to [www.nvnacs.com](http://www.nvnacs.com) or call 702.369.8642

## Budget Cuts and the Clark County School District

November 18th 2008, the Clark County School District Board of Trustees set up a town hall meeting at Western High School to discuss the current budget crisis facing our local schools. A proposed \$32 million within administration which would cut up to 250 positions, \$22 million from "fund balance" and \$9 million district wide which would jeopardize teachers and school employee's retirement. The toughest by far will be the "school based" cut, \$57 million. As voiced by a concerned parent, "Why didn't you (school board trustees) prepare for this? The gaming capitol of the world and we cannot even fund our schools?" Chief Financial Officer Jeff Weiler had a look of dismay as he urged all residents to talk to their local and state representatives about this serious situation. The Clark County School District has been audited 50 times in the

last five years and no wrong doing has been proven. The funds are just limited, which in turn limits the growth of our students. Per capita Nevada receives the least amount of funding per student; \$6,000 compared to Florida which receives more than \$12,000. Other states usually get no less than \$10,000 per student, yet we still have more than a 30% drop - out rate nationwide. Not only did the public get the chance to speak but also to vote. In the back of the gymnasium were boxes where parents, students and residents could vote on what they want to keep or cut for 2009. The bottom line is if we want changes as residents we need to make the people that we put in office understand that we are not taking this and we are willing to stand up and fight for the future of our children. Please attend these meetings and contact your local and state representatives by mail, telephone, e-mail and any other correspondence possible. No decision on what will be cut has been made at this time recommendations will be presented to the board in December.



Map to Moapa Travel Plaza

## Moapa Band of Paiutes Water and Land Blessing

Friday November 21st Juanita Kinlichimie, Moapa Band of Paiutes Elder, blessed the land and water at the Moapa Travel Plaza Casino located on the Moapa Indian Reservation. A celebration and blessing was definitely in order considering the Moapa Band of Paiutes have been waiting over 30 years for running water. No longer will the Moapa Band of Paiutes have to truck water to their reservation. The Paiute Travel Plaza was no more than an 8' by 10' fireworks stand when it started as explained by Tribal Business Council

Chairman, Phil Swain. From the outside looking in you would never have imagined. A casino, beautiful gift shop, smoke shop, café and gas station are just a few of the amenities the Moapa Travel Plaza and Casino offer. Fireworks are the travel plaza's specialty. Traditionally many Las Vegas residents frequent this travel plaza each July for some of the best fireworks in Nevada.



Cleaning up after fire

## Ward 5 Chamber Office Burns Due to Alleged Bomb

Twin Lakes Shopping Center located at the corner of Rancho and Washington burned early Friday (11-21-08) morning. The fire, which caused more than 1 million in damage, has been ruled as arson. Some of the business owners stated that it was much more than that. They say it was a bomb, which makes sense after seeing the area. The parking lot was filled with shreds of glass more than a hundred feet from where the blaze started (a tuxedo shop). One of the businesses damaged was the Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce office. Katherine Duncan, Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce President stated, "The whole shopping center feels like a warzone!" A handful of businesses, as well as the W5CC, have been forced to relocate. The Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce is doing business as usual thanks to The Urban Voice Magazine, which is allowing the W5CC to utilize some of their space until things can be figured out. No injuries were reported.

## Dubai World-MGM Mirage investment gets final OK

Thu, Nov 20, 2008 (11:54 a.m.)  
The Nevada Gaming Commission will allow the investment arm of Dubai to acquire a bigger stake in MGM Mirage Inc.

The plan given final approval

Thursday authorizes Dubai World to acquire up to a 20 percent stake in the Las Vegas-based casino company. That's up from its current 9.4 percent stake.

Dubai World, the investment arm of the Persian Gulf state, already has invested about \$6 billion in MGM Mirage. Dubai World and MGM Mirage are equal partners in the \$9.3 billion CityCenter casino complex under construction on the Las Vegas Strip.

## WORD ON THE STREET..... How does it feel to have Obama as President?

A former veteran, middle-aged Caucasian, attending the 5th Annual Inter Tribal Pow Wow stated that we are in big trouble because Obama isn't military minded enough. A middle aged African American female and business owner stated that Obama can bring change and that is what America needs. A Cuban American attending the Veteran's Day Parade said he is very proud to see Obama in office and see's great things for America. A student and ROTC member from Valley High School said he see's a future with Obama being in office. A Moapa Band of Paiute's Elder in her Golden Age professed that she likes Obama being President and says it's about time a minority held the position. A middle-aged, 1/2 Choctaw and 1/2 Cherokee lead case managers at Native American Community Services stated that Obama will change poison into medicine. "He brings hope to the people because he listens to us."

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Uptown Jewels Lady Motorcycle Club is now collecting gently used clothes and blankets, hygiene items, and non perishable food. Items can be dropped off at 814 West Bonanza at Family MC on Tuesday's between 7-10 p.m. For more info please call 702.787.6365

Indian Taco Wednesday's at Moapa Travel Plaza located on the Moapa Indian Reservation (15N exit 75)

Advertise in your local Las Vegas section for pennies on the dollar or sponsor a public announcement with a full listing of your business starting at \$25.00. For more information please email [kenaadams@indianvoices.net](mailto:kenaadams@indianvoices.net) or call 702.787.6365/619.234.4753

Our deepest condolences to the family and club members of Kevin James aka "Fat Cat" of Family MC. Our prayers are with you!



## AIM Supports Soaring Eagles Program 1st Annual Viejas Pow Wow of 2008

By Lakota Man

On November 9th, 2008, the Soaring Eagles native cultural program was recognized for their traditional involvement in the urban native community at the 1st Annual Viejas Pow Wow of 2008. AIM San Diego Chapter members (President Verna Antonio, Vice President Tom Gamboa, Ms. Elizabeth Strangfeld and Mr. William Grindstone), donated \$100.00 dollars to help support the project for continuing educating our native children in our traditions and culture. This is part of the new agenda of the AIM organization to support the urban native community – “Indians helping Indians”. If you would like to support & attend the AIM meetings gathering on the last Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Indian Human Resource Center, 4265 Fairmont Ave, Ste 140, San Diego, CA 92105.

## American Indian Movement San Diego Chapter

By Lakota Man

The Aim San Diego Chapter is conducting an ongoing investigation into allegations of Racial Discrimination and Racial Profiling of a native American employees within the WalMart company out of Lewiston, Idaho store. There have been many discriminatory incidences of “Racial Profiling” within the Wal-Mart’s store’s upper level management. The management team have behaved in an unprofessional, unfair and discriminatory manner towards this native American employees.

The AIM San Diego Chapter has been in contact with a native American lawyer out of Rapid City, South Dakota in regards to the allegations of racial profiling of Wal-Mart native employees and also discussed the legalities to have the WalMart CEO & Company look into these allegations. The Lewiston, ID, management team of this particular Wal-Mart store has been unwilling to cooperate in a professional manner to bring some awareness, resolve and closure to these incidences. This is only an isolated incident and but we have found out thru other AIM Chapters (AZ) that there are more such situations of “racial profiling” around the country. It really is happening everywhere. There are others stories you can find online.

## UP TOWN VIEW

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### Country Music Superstar Reba McEntire Coming to the Orleans Arena January 17

Las Vegas — Country music legend Reba McEntire is scheduled to perform at the Orleans Arena on Saturday, January 17 at 8 p.m. The concert will feature popular songs from her most recent album, “Duets,” which debuted atop the Billboard 200, along with hits that span her award-winning career.

Reba McEntire is one of the most successful female recording artists in history, selling more than 55 million albums worldwide and boasting 33 No. 1 hits including “Does He Love You,” “How Was I To Know,” and “Somebody”. McEntire is the winner of multiple awards including two Grammy Awards, 7 Country Music Association Awards, 9 People’s Choice Awards, 12 Academy of Country Music Awards and 15 American Music Awards. She is also an acclaimed film, television and Broadway actress whose primetime comedy, “Reba,” was a top-rated sitcom for six seasons. In addition, McEntire is a cele-

brated author and designer of the REBA brand, which includes clothing, footwear, home collections, and other products.

Tickets went on sale Friday, Nov. 21 and are priced at \$60 and \$75, including all taxes and fees. From now until December 31, buyers will receive a free ticket to the Sam’s Town 300—scheduled for February 28, 2009 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway—for each Reba McEntire ticket purchased.

Tickets can be purchased at the Orleans Arena Box Office by calling 702.284.7777 or by visiting [www.orleansarena.com](http://www.orleansarena.com). Buyers should use code NASCAR to receive free Sam’s Town 300 tickets.

The Orleans Arena, a Boyd Gaming facility, located just off the Strip is host to more than 200 events each year, including top concerts such as Van Halen, Black Eyed Peas, Akon, Rihanna, Brooks & Dunn, and Panic at the Disco; family favorites Disney on Ice, Harlem Globetrotters, and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus; and a variety of sporting events including the Las Vegas Wranglers professional ECHL hockey team, NCAA basketball tournaments, the West Coast Conference Tournament, plus three major motorsports events each year. For information on booking events call 702-365-7469 or visit to [www.orleansarena.com](http://www.orleansarena.com).

## Tribal members sue Bureau of Land Management

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON CITY — A group of American Indians has filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management to stop an open-pit gold mining project in Nevada that tribal members say will disrupt a mountain used for religious and cultural purposes.

The group of members of the Western Shoshone tribe says the mountain is sacred. The lawsuit was filed last week in federal court.

"The area is home to local Shoshone creation stories, spirit life, medicinal, food and ceremonial plants and items and continues to be used to this day by Shoshone for spiritual and cultural practices," the group said in a statement.

The Cortez Hills project in Lander County includes open-pit and underground mining. Barrick Gold Corp. plans to have the operation mine roughly 1 million ounces of gold each year in its first five years. The project has an initial capital budget of \$500 million.

Lou Schack, a spokesman for the Toronto-based company, said the suit has no merit.

"There has been mining on Mount Tenabo since the late 1800s," Schack said. "Given the difficult economic situation in Nevada, there were hundreds of people who were thankful that we got the go-ahead."

## POW WOW

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In addition to the seasoned dancers, those breaking into the Pow Wow Culture. such as the Soaring Eagles had a chance to participate and contribute to the cultural, life enhancing experience.

As if to bring attention to the fragile and significant Circle of Life the brother of Vera Tucker passed away after watching his two grand daughters dance at the Pow Wow honoring Military Veterans. Vera Tucker said of the former

Marine. "Then he went home, went to sleep and never woke up."

About 35 veterans were honored each given an Eagle Feather engraved with the insignia of their respective branch of service,

Five veterans in positions of tribal leadership spoke at the event. They included Hank Murphy, a Sycuan tribal member, Shirley Murphy, Lakota tribal member, Kenny Meza, of the Jamul Indian Village, Viejas tribal member Anthony Pico and Ron Christman, a spiritual leader for the Kumeyaay.

## “Flex Your Power” Campaign Aims to Save Energy and Money for Utility Customers

Warner Community Resource Center has been selected to participate in a statewide outreach campaign to educate the public about ways to conserve energy, reduce utility bills and protect the environment. The “Flex Your Power” campaign includes radio and print advertising as well as community outreach.

“Our organization is pleased to be a part of this important statewide campaign because it benefits the environment by saving energy and it benefits consumers by saving them money on their utility bill,” said LeeAnn Mangels - Program Specialist. For instance, by replacing older appliances, insulation and light bulbs with energy efficient models, people can reduce utility bills by 50%. We urge our community to learn more about “Flex Your Power” and energy saving programs by calling the toll free phone line 1-866-431-FLEX .”

During the fall, the Warner Community Resource Center will be conducting a variety of events and activities to raise awareness of energy efficiency programs and products. Some of those activities include a Pledge Card Signing Ceremony, 2nd Annual Ranchita Community Center Gathering, Warner Native Pride 11th Annual Health Expo/Cultural Gathering, 10th Annual Santa Ysabel Traditional Gathering, community outreach events, WUSD Back-to-School-Nite, collaborative presentations and a few more.

For further information about WCRC’s local activities or to schedule a presentation about “Flex Your Power”, contact Lee Ann @ (760)782-0670. “Flex Your Power” is funded by California utility ratepayers and administered by the California Investor Owned Utilities under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commissions.

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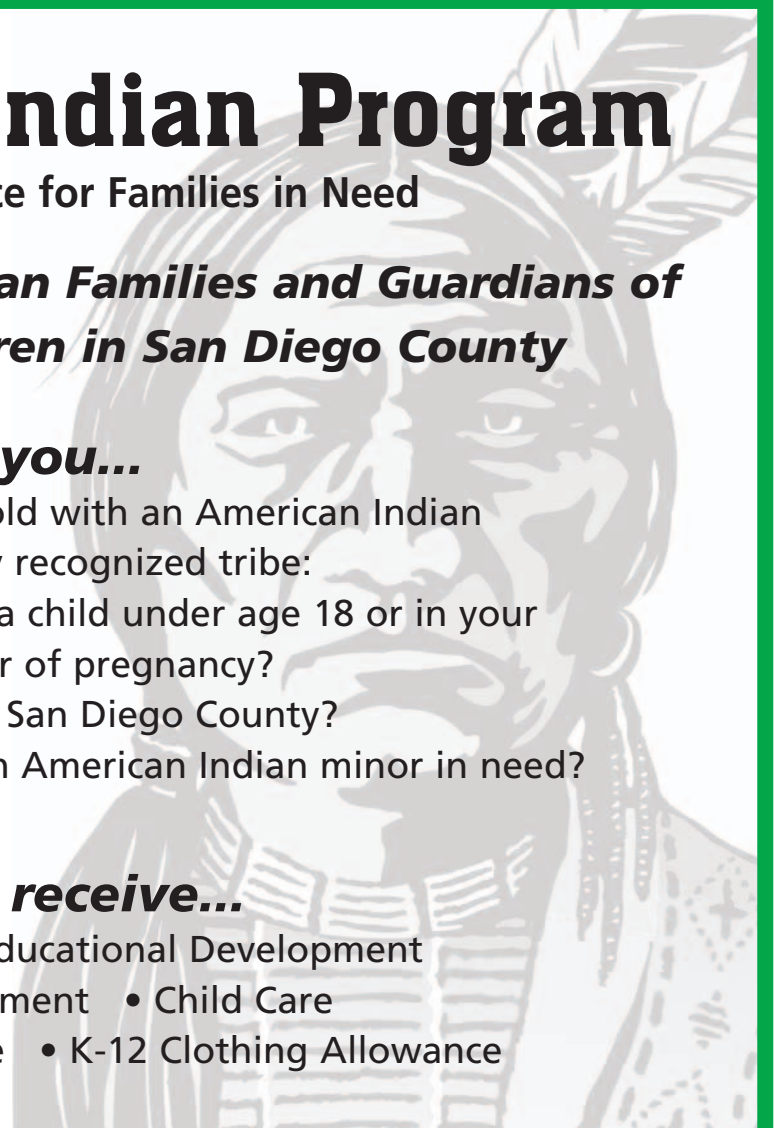
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