

The Community Comes together to Honor the American Indian Veterans at Viejas Pow Wow

Today there are nearly 190,000 Native American military veterans. Native Americans have the highest record of service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups.

American Indians have participated with distinction in United States military actions for more than 200 years. Their courage, determination, and fighting spirit were recognized by American military leaders as early as the 18th century.

Many tribes were involved in the War of 1812, and Indians fought for both sides as auxiliary troops in the Civil War. Scouting the enemy was recognized as a particular skill of the Native American soldier. In 1866, the U.S. Army established its Indian Scouts to exploit this aptitude. It is estimated that more than 12,000 American Indians served in the United States military in World War I. Approximately 600 Oklahoma Indians, mostly Choctaw and Cherokee, were assigned to the 142nd Infantry of the

36th Texas-Oklahoma National Guard Division. The 142nd saw action in France and its soldiers were widely recognized for their contributions in battle. Four men from this unit were awarded the Croix de Guerre, while others received the Church War Cross for gallantry.

It is with this knowledge and historical perspective that a first of its kind in the San Diego area Veterans Paw Wow took place in Alpine CA at the Viejas Reservation. November 7th and 8th American Indian Resource Center Board Members Vera Tucker and Richard Van Dyke are resourceful and committed to the preservation of their community and culture.

While traveling to reservations around the county Vera Tucker was impressed with the way Veterans were honored at their reservations. She had the desire to the same thing in San Diego. Richard Van Dyke a community

organizer is from the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska who is now living in the San Diego area.

As a veteran he has strong ties to his military past, the two board members were soon in league and working toward their goal, while enlisting the interest and support of other community members. What followed was an organizational campaign executed with military precision. In order for the Paw Wow to be successful support and assistance was required from Viejas Executive Director of the Indian Resource Center Juan Castellanos said that the help and coordination from Viejas was exceptional, well planned and organized. The success of the event goes out to many people including Chairman Bobby Barrett, Viejas Tribal Council, Viejas Contributions Committee, Viejas Recreation Committee, Councilman Greybuck Espinoza, Charlotte Ochiqui,



Steve Garcia joins the many elegant Pow Wow dancers who performed at Viejas

Director of Community Services, Melanie Jones, Recreation Services Bobette Brown and Robert Scheid, Public Relations... and all the Viejas Governmental employees and special event staff who worked so hard to make this event possible.

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"Kumeyaay Cool Guyz" Shulaced Entertainment Artists Dago Braves, Release Second Album

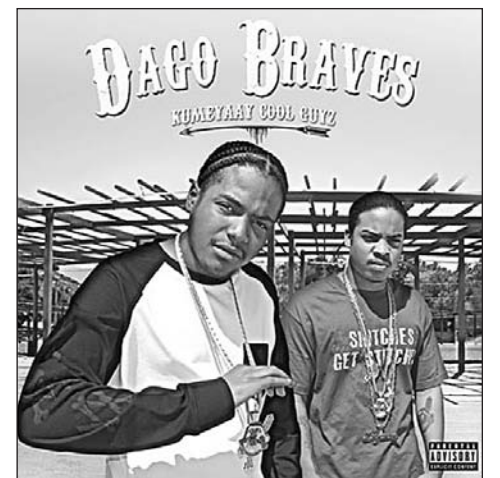
Dago Braves Win Native American Music Award For Best Rap Hip Hop Recording for Debut CD "Native American Hustle"

San Diego, CA-- Shulaced Entertainment artists and San Diego's hottest rap twosome, Dago Braves, announce the release their second album KUMEYAAY COOL GUYZ (Shulaced Entertainment / City Hall) bringing rhymes straight from the Sycuan Reservation to the world. Dago Braves' songs hit every topic of the American life from every aspect. Being both African American and Native American, the duo express the struggles and advantages of being born between races. The music of Dago Braves reflect their life experiences by fusing the original native rhythms of the Kumeyaay Band of Sycuan Indians with the distinct hip hop beats of the San Diego rap scene.

The songs on KUMEYAAY COOL GUYZ hit on every part of cousins Terence "Poodeezy" Brown and Mike

"Odoe" Allen, who make up Dago Braves, lives. Tracks like FLY CASINO and IMA BRAVE give Dago Braves' perspective on the pride of the Tribe's success and the celebrity of Casino life amidst the San Diego community. "Everyone has their hustle," says Terence "Poodeezy" Brown, one half of Dago Braves, "the casino is our hustle. It's what's bringing the tribal family back together. Until we had the casino the tribal family was spread in every direction just trying to get by. Now we're together and we're doing alright." Then, songs like TOO SOON get more personal, talking about the trials and tribulations of new relationships and the need to take a step back.

Dago Braves recently won the Native American Music Award for Best Rap Hip Hop Recording for their debut album



NATIVE AMERICAN HUSTLE, which was released in 2007. "Having the respect of our community means more to us than anything. It is a huge honor for us and we're so thankful for the acknowledgement," says Mike "Odoe" Allen. Dago Braves worked with local producers including Da Batkave, Grimmie Recs, Steve Vicious and Dave Moss on NATIVE AMERICAN HUSTLE. Poodeezy and Odoe want to continue to create music to represent San Diego and the Sycuan proudly, which is why they

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The Age of Transition to begin!

This is a time of transition from one World Age into another

"The Hopi and Mayan elders do not prophesy that everything will come to an end. Rather, this is a time of transition from one World Age into another. The message they give concerns our making a choice of how we enter the future ahead. Our moving through with either resistance or acceptance will determine whether the transition will happen with cataclysmic changes or gradual peace and tranquility. The same theme can be found reflected in the prophecies of many other Native American visionaries from Black Elk to Sun Bear."

Cusp Of Great Cycle

We are living today in the cusp of the Mayan end times, the end of a galactic day or time period spanning thousands of years. One galactic day of 25,625 years is divided into five cycles of 5,125 years.

The Great Cycle of the Mayan Long Count calendar ends on the winter solstice of 2012 A.D. Following Mayan concepts of cyclic time and World Age transitions, this is as much about beginnings as endings. In fact, it was considered by the ancient Mayans to signify the creation of a new World Age. We are almost at the end of the fifth and final 5,125 year cycle!

Mayan Prophecy 2012: Entering Our Galactic Day

Many of us are aware of the Mayan calendar but not many people truly understand what it means and how it works. Yes the calendar does end on December 21, 2012, but what does that mean? How does it come to that? What is their calendar based off of?

The Mayans had a very precise understanding of our solar system's cycles and believed that these cycles coincided with our spiritual and collective consciousness. The most significant of which has much to do with the 2012 prophecies. In the following writing, we will walk through the main details of their prophecies surrounding the 2012 transition. How the transition takes place (from an astronomical perspective), what it means for us, and when the cycles take place. We'll start with the basic prophecies and later move deeper into the explanation of the cycles.

The Mayans prophesied that from 1999 we have 13 years to realize the changes in our conscious attitude to stray from the path of self-destruction and instead move onto a path that opens our consciousness to integrate us with all that exists.

The Mayans knew that our Sun, or Kinich-Ahau, every so often synchronized with the enormous central galaxy. And from this central galaxy received a 'spark' of light which causes the Sun to

shine more intensely producing what our scientists call 'solar flares' as well as changes in the Sun's magnetic field. The Mayans say that this happens every 5,125 years. But also that this causes a displacement in the earth's rotation, and because of this movement great catastrophes would be produced.

The Mayans believed the universal processes, like the 'breathing' of the galaxy, are cycles that never change. What changes is the consciousness of man that passes through it. Always in a process toward more perfection. Based on their observations, the Mayans predicted that from the initial date of the start of their civilization, 4 Ahau, 8 Cumku which is 3113 B.C., after one cycle being completed 5,125 years in their future, December 21st, 2012. The Sun, having received a powerful ray of synchronizing light from the center of the galaxy, would change its polarity which would produce a great cosmic event that would propel human kind to be ready to cross into a new era, The Golden Age. It is after this, that the Mayans say we will be ready to go through the door that was left by them, transforming our civilization based on fear to a vibration much higher in harmony.

Only from our individual efforts could we avoid the path to great cataclysm that our planet will suffer to start a new era, the sixth cycle of the Sun. The Mayan civilization was in the fifth cycle of the Sun, and there were four other great civilizations before them that were destroyed by great natural disasters. They believed that each cycle was just one stage in the collective consciousness of humanity.

In the last cataclysm of the Mayans, the civilization was destroyed by a great flood that left little survivors of which were their descendants. They believed that having known the end of their cycle, mankind would prepare for what is to come in the future and it is because of this that they would have preserved the dominant species; the human race. They say that coming changes will permit us to make a quantum leap forward in the evolution of our consciousness to create a new civilization that would manifest great harmony and compassion to all humankind.

Their first prophecy talks about 'The Time of No-Time'. A period of 20 years, which they call a Katún. The last 20 years of the Sun's cycle of 5,125 years. This cycle is from 1992 - 2012. I'll explain this in greater detail later. They predicted that during these times, solar winds would become more intense and could be seen on the Sun. This would be a time of great realization and great change for mankind. And it would be our own lack of preservation and contamination of the planet that would con-

tribute to these changes. According to the Mayans, these changes would happen so that mankind comprehends how the universe works so we could advance to superior levels, leaving behind superficial materialism and liberating ourselves from suffering.

The Mayans say, that seven years after the start of Katún, which is to say 1999, we would enter a time of darkness which would force us to confront our own conduct. They say that this is the time when mankind will enter 'The Sacred Hall of Mirrors'. Where we will look at ourselves and analyze our behaviors with ourselves, with others, with nature and with the planet in which we live. A time in which all of humanity, by individual conscious decisions, decides to change and eliminate fear and lack of respect from all of our relationships. The Mayans prophesied that the start of this period would be marked by a solar eclipse on August 11, 1999, known to them as 13 Ahau, 8 Cauac. And would coincide with an unprecedented planetary alignment, the 'Grand Cross' alignment. This would be the last 13 years of the Katún period. The last opportunity for our civilization to realize the changes that are coming at the moment of our spiritual regeneration.

For the Mayans, everything is numbers and the time of the 13 sacred numbers started in August 1999. They predicted that along with the eclipse, the

forces of nature would act like a catalyst of changes so accelerated and with such magnitude that mankind would be powerless against them. Also, that our technologies in which we rely on so much would begin to fail us. We would no longer be able to learn from our civilization in the way that we are organized as a society. They said that our internal, spiritual development would require a better place along with a better way to interact with more respect and compassion.

The first prophecies were attained by their study of our Sun. The Mayans discovered that the entire solar system moved. That even our universe has its own cycles. Repetitive periods which begin and end like our day and night. These discoveries lead to the understanding that our solar system rotates on an ellipse that brings our solar system closer and further from the center of the galaxy. In other words, according to the Mayans, our Sun and all of its planets rotate in cycles in relation to the center of the galaxy or Hunab-Kú, the central light of the galaxy. It takes 25,625 years for our solar system to make one cycle on this ellipse. One complete cycle is called a galactic day. The cycle is divided into two halves similar to our day and night. The half closest to the central light, is our solar system's 'day' and the

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Pechanga builds golf course on culturally significant property

TEMECULA, CA – The Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians will officially open The Journey at Pechanga, a daily fee golf course, this week. The Journey, a new addition to the Pechanga Resort and Casino complex in Riverside County, California, cuts through the Great Oak Ranch which was once the home of “Perry Mason” novelist Erle Stanley Gardner.

The Great Oak Ranch was the subject of a heated and costly battle from 2000 to 2003 as the Pechanga Band fought to keep SDG & E from running a power line through the property. Throughout, tribal officials stressed the need to protect the Great Oak and the many significant and invaluable cultural and archaeological resources on the Ranch from the impacts related to development.

Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) sponsored several bills aimed at protecting the Ranch from development. In a hearing on one of Congressman Issa’s bills, Pechanga Chairman Mark Macarro testified to the House of Representatives Committee on Resources that, “The sole purpose of the (land) acquisition is the preservation and protection of the Luiseno people’s natural and cultural resources.”

And, when specifically asked if the Pechanga Tribe had “any plans for development of any kind on the Great Oak Ranch property”, Chairman Macarro responded as follows:

“No, we don’t. As stated ... the intended use and purpose is to preserve

and protect the resources that are there.”

Needless to say, the development of the golf course and other projects on land that was supposed to be free from impacts in no way reflects the “no change in use” testified to by Mr. Macarro. While the transfer of the Ranch property protected it from the proposed power line project, the transfer did not protect the Ranch or its resources from tribal development projects, including the golf course.

“The transfer of the Great Oak Ranch and eventual development of the property is tragic,” stated John Gomez, Jr.* “If the golf course project, or any other development, had been proposed on private property as culturally rich and significant as this, you better believe that tribal officials would have taken every action, whether it be lawsuits or acts of Congress, to stop it. Unfortunately, the duty to protect and preserve does not apply to tribal projects that may add to the bottom line.”

In addition to the impacts development has had on the cultural and archaeological resources on the Great Oak Ranch and the surrounding area, it

appears that the tribal officials’ double-talk was reason enough for the City of Temecula and others to raise serious concerns regarding a recent bill sponsored by Congressman Issa to transfer additional lands to the United States government for the Pechanga Band.

The bill, HR 2963, which was passed in September, transferred land in Riverside and San Diego Counties for “the protection, preservation, and maintenance of the archaeological, cultural, and wildlife resources thereon”. Based on their experience with the Great Oak Ranch transfer, the City of Temecula and local residents sought and received language in HR 2963 that would restrict development. However, only time will tell if the bill language is enough to protect the invaluable cultural and archaeological resources from the development plans of tribal officials.

**As Legal Analyst for the Office of the Tribal Attorney for the Pechanga Band, John Gomez Jr. spent the better part of two years working with local, State and Federal officials to protect the Great Oak Ranch and the cultural and archaeological resources located thereon from development.*

“The transfer of the Great Oak Ranch and eventual development of the property is tragic”

– John Gomez, Jr.

Winona LaDuke Emergency

Winona's house had an electrical fire and the house burnt to the ground. No one was hurt. While the house and its contents are gone, the blessing is that all five kids and three grandchildren are safe., She really needs our support. Winona bought her house about 20 years ago and it was filled with art, books, music, photos and other collectibles that reflected her story and the story of her family.

Gone is Winona's amazing collection of posters and art from decades past. She would appreciate any no-nukes, safe energy, anti-colonial, no-gmo and Native activist art books.

Lastly, Winona and the kids are renting an apartment in Detroit Lakes and will be staying there over the winter while envisioning building a new home. Right now, the best shipping address is:

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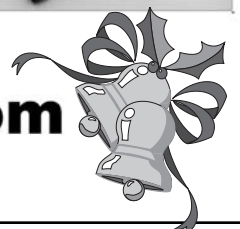
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Obama appoints Native officials to transition team

By JODI RAVE

As President-elect Barack Obama appoints a new team of cabinet members and fills other key federal work posts, he's named six Native people to his transition team - half of them assigned to assist in Interior Department policy, budget and personnel changes.

"We're lucky to have such stellar representatives with people with whom Indian Country has really good relationships," said Jacqueline Johnson-Pata, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians, a non-profit organization that represents more than 250 tribes.

So far, Mary Smith, Mary McNeil and Yvette Robideaux have been assigned to work on justice, agriculture and health issues, while three current and former attorneys with the Native American Rights Fund - John Echohawk, Keith Harper and Robert Anderson - will advise Obama on changes proposed within the Interior Department. As advisers to the Interior transition team, the Indian law experts could inspire a significant transformation within the department's Indian trust fund system, an organizational debacle that has been subject to 12 years of litigation during the Cobell vs. Kempthorne suit.

"This is our last big chance to get a lot of things done," said Elouise Cobell, the lead plaintiff from Montana's Blackfeet Nation in the class action lawsuit. "It's like a broken record every time we have a hearing. Nothing really happens. Maybe if we get the right people in these positions, we can all work together: the tribes, Congress and the administration."

The Native American Rights Fund, a tribal justice and legal rights organization based in Boulder, Colo., has helped represent a half-million Native landowners in the Cobell suit. Landowners claim Interior Department agency officials - including the Office of Special Trustee, Bureau of Land Management, Minerals Management Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs - have mismanaged billions of dollars of their income earned from sales of timber, oil and gas, and grazing leases.

Echohawk, NARF's executive director of more than 30 years, also served as a transition adviser for former President Bill Clinton.

Harper was the lead NARF attorney in the Cobell case. He remains the only Native representative assigned to the highest ranks of the Obama transition, where he has been named a "team lead"

for the Interior Department. Harper also served as the Native policy adviser during the Obama campaign.

He currently heads up Native affairs for the Washington, D.C., law firm Kilpatrick Stockton. He was named as one of the 50 "Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America" by the 2008 National Law Journal. And he is a lead attorney in the Cobell suit.

Rounding out the Interior advisers to the Obama transition team, Anderson worked 12 years as a senior staff attorney for NARF, where he litigated state, tribal and federal jurisdiction cases, including water, hunting and fishing rights cases.

Transition team updates are being made at www.change.gov.

"President-elect Obama has set a high bar for the transition team to execute the most efficient, organized and transparent transfer of power in American history,"

said John Podesta, co-chairman of the presidential transition team, in a news release.

"First, we adopted the strictest ethics guidelines ever applied to any transition team. President-elect Obama pledged to change the way Washington works, and that begins with shifting influence away from special interests and restoring it to the everyday Americans who are passionate about fixing the problems facing our country."

Job seekers are being encouraged to submit their resumes, and many Native people have already done so.

"The team expands constantly as they look for gaps and bring in other people," said Johnson-Pata.

"Every time I look at the list, I see new names on it. We're lucky. We have several Native Americans in a variety of different places."

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half furthest away is its 'night'. Each day and each night lasts 12,800 years. Which is to say, the central galaxy is the Sun for our entire solar system.

The Mayans discovered that every grand cycle has its minor cycles, that carry the same characteristics. One galactic day of 25,625 years is divided into five cycles of 5,125 years. The first cycle is the galactic morning. When our solar system is just coming out of the darkness to enter the light. The second cycle is the mid-day. When our solar system is closest to the central light. The third cycle is the afternoon. When our solar system begins to come out of the light. The fourth cycle is the late-night. When our solar system has entered its furthest cycle from the central light. And the fifth and last cycle is night before dawn. When our solar system is in its last cycle of darkness before starting again. This is the cycle we are currently coming out of.

The Mayan prophecy tells us that in 1999, our solar system began to leave the end of the fifth cycle which started in 3113 B.C. and that we find ourselves in the morning of our galactic day, exiting darkness and on the verge of being in plain day of our central galaxy in 2012. They say that at the beginning and end of these cycles, which is to say, every 5,125 years, the central sun or light of the galaxy emits a ray of light so intense and so brilliant that it illuminates the entire universe. It is from this burst of light that all of the Suns and planets

sync. The Mayans compare this burst to the pulse of the universe, beating once every 5,125 years. It is these pulses that mark the end of one cycle and the beginning of the next. Each pulse lasting 20 years, a Katún.

So we come back to what they call 'The Time of No Time'. It is an evolutionary period, short but intense, inside the grand cycles where great changes take place to thrust us into a new age of evolution as individuals and as mankind.

As individuals we will have to make decisions that will affect us all. If we continue on this negative path of hate, an eye for an eye, destruction of nature, of fear and egoism, we will enter straight into the time of destruction and chaos, and we will disappear as the dominant race of this planet. If we become conscious and realize that we all form part of a great organism, and that we should respect one another and be grateful to our planet, then we will move directly into positive growth, our Golden Age. Our planet, the Sun and the Galaxy are awaiting our decision. It is up to us what will happen in this time of change. Whether we go through a time of suffering and destruction or we find ourselves united in one positive consciousness moving closer to our next stage.

Please notice the events of our planet as evidence that the Mayan prophecies are worth listening to and learning from. Share this information and help us all move toward a better future, where we can thrive in a new era of positivity. It has never been so important.

"Things would go well for us if we would think positively about everything." – Mary Hayes, CLAOQUOT

Each of our thoughts are like individual seeds. These thoughts will plant our life garden. Whatever our thoughts, they grow in our gardens. Each day we will process about 50,000 thoughts or thought seeds. Positive thoughts will produce positive results. Have you ever been aware of what you are thinking about during the day? Of the possible 50,000 thoughts in one day-if the positive thoughts were flowers and the negative thoughts were weeds-how would your garden look at the end of the day? Great Spirit, let me plant positive seeds.



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FCC Chairman's Seat Up for Grabs

Julius Genachowski, Larry Strickling among handful of contenders to succeed oft-embattled FCC Chairman Kevin Martin

By John Eggerton

Major departmental shifts are coming left and right in Washington, but one change is of primary interest to broadcasters: the new chairmanship of the FCC.

A handful of contenders have emerged to succeed oft-embattled Chairman Kevin Martin, whose exit is likely by early January. Among those atop the list are a pair of Barack Obama insiders (Julius Genachowski and Larry Strickling) and two more figures with FCC experience (Don Gips and Blair Levin).

Martin has not said when he will depart, and he could technically remain on as a commissioner after a new chairman—an interim chairman at first—is named after President-elect Obama takes the oath Jan. 20.

While being non-committal, Martin joked a couple of weeks ago that possible career moves included being a wardrobe consultant for Janet Jackson and installing DTV-to-analog converter boxes.

Then there was the crack about becoming a NASCAR driver. The FCC-sponsored DTV Transition race car crashed in two of the three races that the commission sponsored.

Now, however, Washington has shifted its focus to who will sit behind the wheel of the FCC itself. Whoever gets the seat, look for that person to put a premium on Internet access, broadband rollout and no more loosening of media ownership rules.

Genachowski, an Obama campaign adviser and friend of the president-elect from Harvard days, is also in line for the new technology czar post Obama plans to create. He was a top staffer to former FCC Chairman Reed Hundt, who is close to the Obama team. Hundt served as a debate surrogate on telecom policy dur-

ing the campaign, and his son also worked for Obama.

In addition, Genachowski has Internet chops, having both launched an Internet startup and worked for Barry Diller's IAG Interactive collection of Websites.

Genachowski would be a natural choice since he helped draft the Obama campaign's tech policy plan, which some have boiled down to "open government, open networks, open markets," very likely in that order. But the Obama campaign is expected to invest the tech czar job with real power, which is why Genachowski may opt for that role instead.

Gips is another strong candidate for FCC chairman, according to several FCC-watchers in Washington. He is co-chair of the general agency review process and is a one-time chief of the FCC's International bureau, where he helped oversee spectrum policy.

HUNDT'S PROTÉGÉ

Joining them in the pool of possible candidates is Levin, another Reed Hundt protégé. His odds went up two weeks ago when he, along with Genachowski, was named a team leader on a tech policy working group charged with making policy recommendations for the Obama administration. "I think it's his if he wants it," said one veteran broadcast lobbyist, who added he thought Levin would make a great chairman. "He knows his stuff."

And Strickling, another Obama campaign adviser, also helped draft his tech policy plan. He was formerly an FCC bureau chief under Chairman Bill Kennard—yet another Obama media policy adviser.

At least one veteran observer of the comings and goings at the FCC, however,

points out that Obama may instead take this opportunity to appoint a minority to the post. One name being floated is Danny Sepulveda, an Hispanic Obama adviser who used to counsel Commerce Committee member Sen. Barbara Boxer on telecom and media issues.

Another Hispanic Obama backer is Henry Rivera, an experienced communications attorney and former FCC commissioner. Rivera was thought to be in line for the tech policy czar post or perhaps the FCC chairmanship, but he may be swept up in the Obama campaign's lobbying crackdown. Rivera has had businesses before the commission in the past couple of years and therefore may not pass muster with the Obama team's guidelines about who can be named to various agency positions.

This has created something of an issue in Washington. Some have complained that the prohibition on folks who have advocated for clients before the commission disqualifies some candidates with the most experience. But Obama advisers have said they will take that risk to remain true to their code.

Karen Kornbluth, policy director for Obama, has also been floated as a possible name. She is former director of legal and intergovernmental affairs at the FCC and also worked on the Senate Commerce Committee staff of Sen. John Kerry, an early backer of the President-elect. The Commerce Committee has oversight of the FCC.

The Obama camp is said to want to put academics in high government places, according to one former top FCC official, which would argue for the two professors the team named to vet the FCC as part of the transition process.

They are Susan Crawford, a law professor at the University of Michigan and former partner at D.C. communications firm Wilmer, Cutler Pickering (WilmerHale); and Kevin Werbach, an assistant professor of legal studies and business ethics at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

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have again collaborated with San Diego's top talent, including Da Batkave, DJ Rek, J. Elliot Ness and Haze Banger, for KUMEYAAY COOL GUYZ.

Dago Braves are a tight knit and enterprising duo, creating their music family and record label with Sycuan Reservation-based Shulaced Entertainment. Shulaced Entertainment is developing several artists from within and around the Sycuan Reservation and the San Diego area, bringing life and an international voice to their artists' unique perspectives.

Dago Braves have played major shows throughout 2007 and 2008, sharing the stage with rap's biggest names including Baby Bash, Lil' Wayne, N.E.R.D., Pitbull, Tech N9ne, Young Jeezy, and many others. Visit <http://myspace.com/shulaced> for updated tour information and news.

KUMEYAAY COOL GUYZ Track List:

1. Intro [Kumeyaay Cool Shit]
2. Ima Brave
3. Fly Casino
4. Too Soon (ft. Tommy Redding)
5. What It Don't Do (ft. I-Rocc & Lil Man)
6. Same Shit Different Hoes (ft. Smigg Dirtee)*
7. Wit Ma Chain On (ft. Tommy Redding)
8. Born 2B On Top (ft. Los Da Monsta)**
9. Paper Chase
10. Where Yo Gurl At (ft. J. Diggs)
11. She Wasn't N Love With Me (ft. Tyrone)
12. For The Family
13. Lose'n You
14. Grown Ass Women***
15. Bitches & Money*
16. Hollabacc (ft. Dube)
17. 10 Lil Indians

All tracks produced by da batkave except: *Tracks 6 and 15 produced by DJ Rek ** Track 8 produced by J. Elliot Ness; *** Track 14 produced by Haze Banger.

Developing Controversy

Stunning Break with Last Eight Years

In the first two weeks since the election, President-elect Barack Obama has broken with a tradition established over the past eight years through his controversial use of complete sentences, political observers say.

Millions of Americans who watched Mr. Obama's appearance on CBS' "Sixty Minutes" on Sunday witnessed the president-elect's unorthodox verbal tick, which had Mr. Obama employing grammatically correct sentences virtually every time he opened his mouth.

But Mr. Obama's decision to use complete sentences in his public pronouncements carries with it certain risks, since after the last eight years many Americans may find his odd speaking style jarring.

According to presidential historian Davis Logsdon of the University of Minnesota, some Americans might find it "alienating" to have a President who speaks English as if it were his first

language.

"Every time Obama opens his mouth, his subjects and verbs are in agreement," says Mr. Logsdon. "If he keeps it up, he is running the risk of sounding like an elitist."

The historian said that if Mr. Obama insists on using complete sentences in his speeches, the public may find itself saying, "Okay, subject, predicate, subject predicate - we get it, stop showing off."

The President-elect's stubborn insistence on using complete sentences has already attracted a rebuke from one of his harshest critics, Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska.

"Talking with complete sentences there and also too talking in a way that ordinary Americans like Joe the Plumber and Tito the Builder can't really do there, I think needing to do that isn't tapping into what Americans are needing also," she said.

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Cultural Diversity a Paradigm of Indigenous proportion...

As this year draws to an end, we are on the threshold of a new era emerging...and what a year it has been... History has been made within this Nations New President elect Barack Obama... This is truly the emergence of a time where Cultural and Ethnic boundaries will be looked upon as enhancements of Global Proportion.

These attitudes are spilling over into every facet of existence within the United States and Internationally...the faces literally of Business and Markets are changing, a liberating experience to witness, especially for unique and fresh approaches of new ideas...or are they...new that is?

As we know, has the face of Global Business changed its directions heavily over the past 5 years, more and more Companies are finding their way to reaching into what indigenous cultures understood all along, Green Companies and Eco Sustainable ventures are setting the benchmarks for global growth.

Art, Media, Culture, and Financial aspects of all relative business ethics are slowly merging into a oneness, finally realizing that as a Global Community we can succeed, by re-creating means to cherish individual beliefs and ethnic diversities, accepting these models into everyday practices streamlines the future of how business will be done, and how economies, and educational values will grow paying it forward.

More and more are understanding this undeniable flow of emerging consciousness, so with trendsetters such as Gaia Global Marketing, Cultural Fusion (a partner to Gaia Global Marketing) , and Origin TV, setting new trends and goals as to positively fueling the courses, that had been set, and synchronizing a new structure of fabrication to allow for company growth and expansion.

Gaia Global Marketing was birthed by the mind of a woman that always

allowed for complete freedom of existing within her life, coming from a multi cultural family and always having lived in multi cultural settings she found it easy, normal as a fact to see that transcending the status quo is a matter of simple choice.

Cherrie Richardson Collazo, was born in the mid 60's to a Native American father stationed in Germany and German mother, in post war Germany...this background shaped her existence into the type of person that would always openly embrace people from all walks of life, and 20 later brought her to adopt three African American children. Cherrie's belief that cultural boundaries are only an extension of different thought patterns, eventually brought her to a point where she wanted to not only continue to actively change but shape the world she is living in...out of this want Gaia Global Marketing was born, a unique blend of fused marketing and public relation skills, that Cherrie incorporates in ways that leave no room for guessing, as a New Paradigm had been set in motion.

Gaia Global Marketing does its name justice as Gaia means Earth and Cherrie's spiritual lineage is that of her Native American root, understanding that Earth is the only true life giver in Global existence, and its inhabitants all need the same things to flourish.

This model was quickly made part of Gaia Global Marketing as its fundamental root, and its main goal is to bring about the shifts needed to co-create abundance for those that are lacking...lacking in all aspects of life.

Gaia Global Marketing's main objective is to show that Independent Collaborations can fuel a more precise and meaningful journey to a certain goal.

Within this resonance has Gaia Global Marketing attracted partners & clients such as Red Feather Woman the 2006



Cherrie Richardson Collazo of Gaia Global Marketing

Native American Music Award Winner, Antonia B. Silver Jewelry Designer to Stars such as Jennifer Lopez & Britney Spears, RJ Joseph Native American Film Producer and Director and Pony Vigil to name a few.

Gaia Global Marketing has also benchmarked Collaborations with the likes such as Cultural Fusion and its Owner Yvette Dubel, and of course Indian Voices working in close friendship with the Editor Rose Davis.

Cherrie explains that by exchanging positive energy within business expertise, companies, partners and their proj-

ect can find greater exposure, a higher sense of trust worthiness and a more amiable approach to reach results overall, changing the direction of conventional business measures!

When we asked Cherrie where she feels the next turn will lead her, she simply said...to the Origins of things meaning Origin TV which will put a whole new meaning on how people will express "Original" especially those that are Native American (as they are the Original people of this Country or all Indigenous people for that matter) it will be the platform that will birth opportunity upon opportunity for not only Indian Country, but for all that are living in less desirable circumstances,=2 0it will accumulate necessary funding to be put back into poor communities, eventually worldwide but definitely starting here at home first!

Cherrie ended her conversation by stating that "it is my very personal dream to continue to form strong methods of unconditional understanding

and love for children and elders, within this to incorporate means to educate the importance of taking care of each other, uplifting each other and of creating fair and equal means whenever...wherever and however we can.

There are but few strong virtues, one that is true to be left on all of us...is an old Sioux Proverb...

We Will Be Remembered By The Tracks That We Leave...

To learn more about Cherrie Richardson Collazo her work, vision and partnerships please visit: www.gaiaglobalmarketing.com

Indian Culture Invited to US Border Patrol Kumeyaay- AIWA Color Guard- Drums

By Roy Cook

The SCAIR sponsored Soaring Eagles dance group, the Thundercloud Drum. Stanley Rodriguez and the American Indian Warriors (AIWA) Honor Color Guard participated in the November 22, 08 Native American heritage month festivities for the Chula Vista U. S. Border Patrol San Diego Sector headquarters. Native American liaison Paul Broderick organized this festive, enlightening and well-received presentation. In the limited time between 11am and 1pm the Students and staff enjoyed the afternoon activities.

AIWA and the Border Patrol combined forces to present a patriotic open-

ing to the event: the US National Anthem was sung by Curtis Hemenway, the U. S. President's proclamation read by the CPA/D CPA and Paul Broderick introduced the guest speaker, Stanley Rodriguez, Kumeyaay from Santa Ysabel.

Stan is also a member of AIWA and a US Navy veteran of Desert Storm. He opened with a tribute to his relatives who had served in previous conflicts. His uncle Ralph was at Salerno, Italy in WW II and his uncle Stanley were at the Battle of the Bulge in WW II also. He related an amusing account of a contact by him in uniform with the Border Patrol when he lived in the Jacumba area.

Stanley then spoke about the number of Kumeyaay on this and on the other side of the international border and how travel has severely changed since 9/11. He then encouraged many in the audience to realize that many place names of locations in San Diego County are in the local language and he defined what they meant. He incorporated this exposure to the language with a display of Kumeyaay Indian art. Also he related a traditional story of a snake in a pot and a girl fleeing from danger who sought protection from the ocean and she was transformed into a dolphin. Finally he brought out a tin can rattle and sang a song about a youth who was at a decision point and he used a staff to help determine his direction to go.

Next after the Thunder heart drum sang a Flag song and Victory song for

the Honor guard they sang for the Soaring Eagle dance group under the direction of Chuck Cadotte. Each dancer demonstrated a different style of dance and regalia. It was all spectacular and very beautiful to see.

Paul Broderick brought the occasion to a fine focus as Sycuan Tribal Chairman Daniel Tucker addressed the group and added his support to the cultural exchange and reflected his appreciation of the invitation to speak to the assembled group.

Lastly we all enjoyed the tasty treats as the Border Patrol hosted a sampling of Native American foods for all attending. All present felt it was the best Native American presentation and had exceeded all expectations.

Thanks to all, Mehan, Aho.

Keeping the Storyteller Within

Being Red Feather Woman has its rewards. As a traditional Native American storyteller, I've traveled throughout the United States and parts of Europe, including the Middle East. The most rewarding, no matter the age or the venue is the gift of sharing my spirit with others. Through my spirit, flows the gift of stories and songs.

Yes it is exciting to travel and meet new people. But in truth, being in the spot light isn't as glamorous as it seems. It is a lot of hard work, and sometimes uncomfortable situations, bad food, illness, noisy hotels, crowded airports, and sometimes current events that one has no control over. All of these has to be overcome in order for the famous cliché "the show must go on" to do so. Putting all the difficulties aside, when the curtain goes up and the stories begin, I transform from Rose Red Elk and become Red Feather Woman, the storyteller/singer/songwriter.

Afterward, when I greet my audience and answer questions or just get to know as much as I can in the short period I have, I realize we have connected through our spirits. They have listened with their minds and hearts, awakening to more than just a story.

I am reminded that everyone is connected, everyone has a story and everyone that has come to visit me, loves to

listen to a storyteller. They are reminded of their own grandmothers, and grandfathers, aunts, uncles, those who have touched their earth walk in some significant way through the stories they tell of the details of their lives.

It is true even in the days of my ancestors, we had no written word and used symbols and the oral art of storytelling was used to communicate. We used the stories to teach lessons and to learn. Through the art of storytelling, we can hear and use our imaginations to bring the lesson to life.

Sometimes I am gifted with the opportunity to visit tribal schools or schools that have a significant population of Native Americans. While I'm on stage I can only feel the energy in the air as I transport visually to the place the story is taking place. I don't always see the look in someone's eyes as I tell the story. My husband pointed out to me on a particular occasion where the audience was over half Native children. He noticed how they sat up with pride as I came on stage, and how they appeared to have a wonderful sense of identity of being Native.

I am only a tool. It is important to me as a Native American storyteller, to help maintain the oral art of storytelling. We live in a fast pace, high tech society that is fast losing site of the most important



Red Feather Woman

part of being on this earth, we have to touch each other in spiritual ways. And one of those spiritual ways is telling stories. All people must do this in order to pass down the best part of ourselves to one another.

The essence of live storytelling is remarkable. I'm not speaking of myself necessarily. We all tell stories, whether being in a large stage, or simply in a car

or on a walk or taking the time with our children, even if they are grown. It doesn't matter who or how old. We are never too old to learn from each other.


We are still making history, and developing stories of our people. These are new stories for future generations. But, it is important to bring back the old stories as well. We can learn our old stories and pass them on, we must. I trust if you seek, you will find.

I would ask that this holiday season, lets remind ourselves as we gather with relatives, friends and loved ones, to ask questions about the family. Find the

stories from the elderly before they pass on to the other side. Let us all become aware of the storyteller within to continue our histories.

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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.

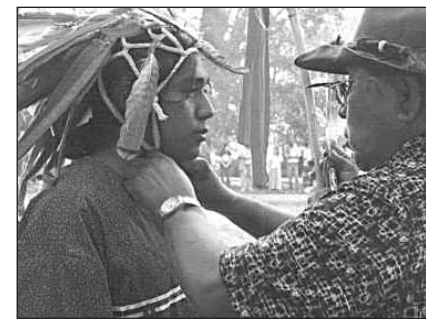
"He actually got emotional just looking at it," she said. "He was in awe of its beauty and couldn't believe the world had such a beautiful place."

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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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 and 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 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 for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES is compiled by the Harvard University Native American Program and includes internship, scholarship, fellowship, grant, and career opportunities as well as announcements for conferences, workshops and symposia.

The Harvard University Native American Program provides "Opportunities" as a free information service and is not affiliated with or responsible for any non-Harvard events, programs, or organizations listed.

If you would like to include a listing for distribution, e-mail the information (2 paragraphs ONLY) to hunap@harvard.edu, subject heading "Opportunities Announcement". Microsoft Word attachment ONLY accepted (non-graphics attachments). Your listing should consist of a brief description of the position or event and sources to contact for further details and application instructions. TO: Harvard University Native American Program 14 Story St, 4th Floor, Suite 400 Cambridge, MA 02138 617-495-4923/FAX: 617-496-3312 Email: hunap@harvard.edu WEB: <http://ksg.harvard.edu/hunap>

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

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.

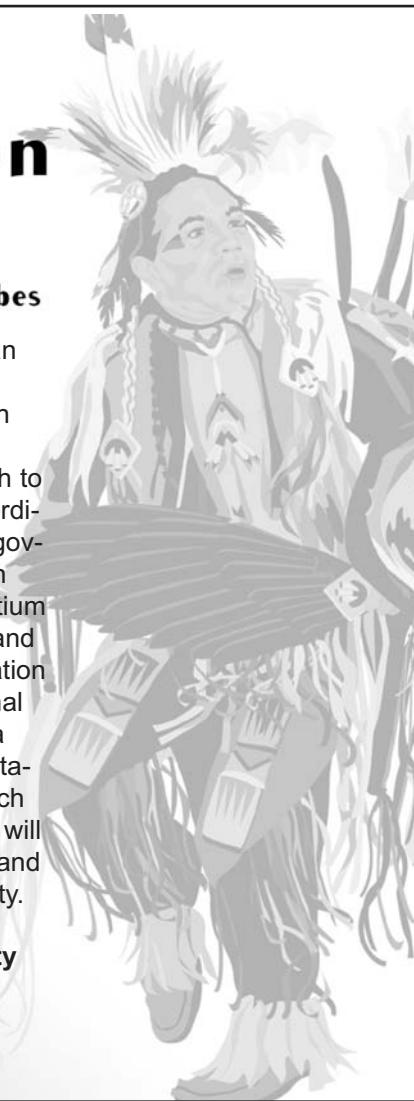
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Reservation Transportation Authority

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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The 5th Story

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LeRoy Spotted Eagle with dancer

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 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

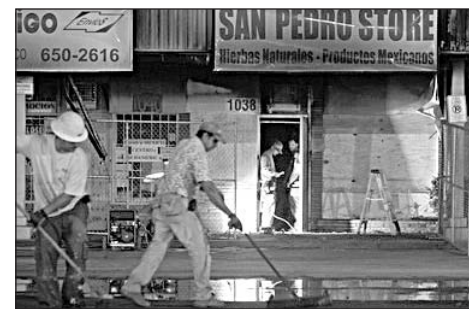
Moapa Band of Paiutes Water and Land Blessing

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



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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 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.

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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. 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.

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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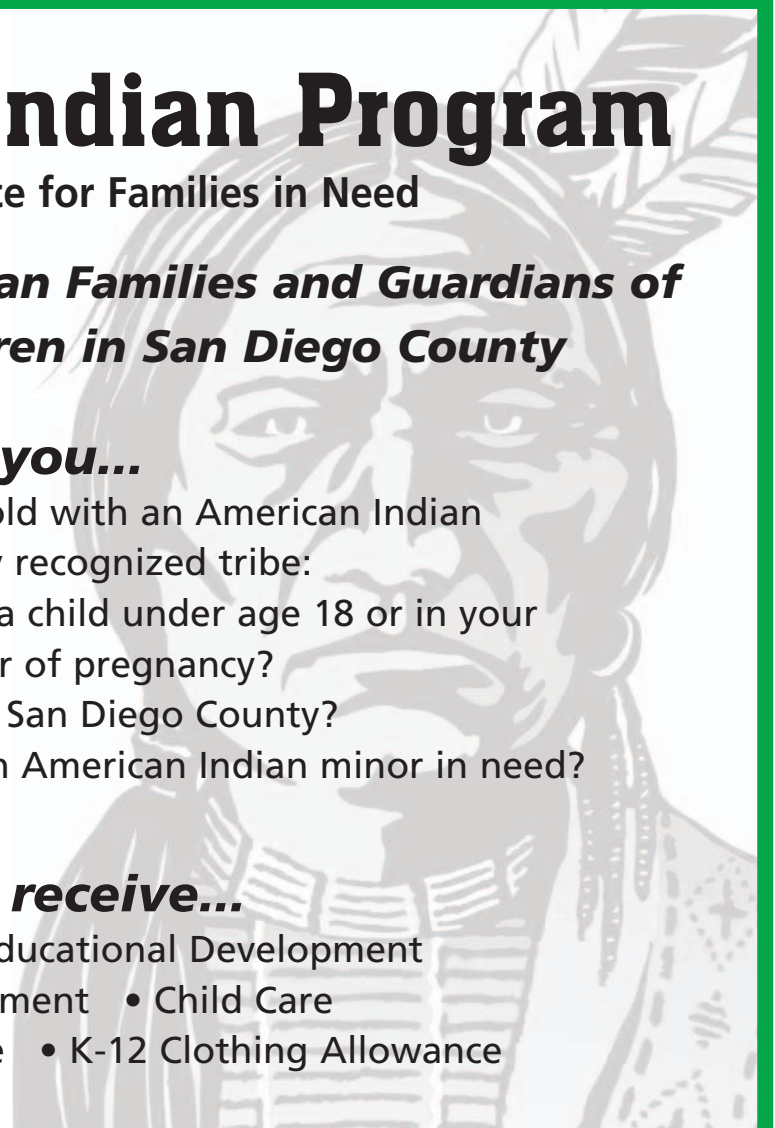
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