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## Native American Author and Activist Winona LaDuke Visits Pauma Valley, CA

### State University San Marcos Held Talk on Environmental Justice

by Dr. Joely Proudfit

PAUMA VALLEY, CA – In a Native American Month event organized by the California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center (CICSC) at California State University, San Marcos, Native American author, internationally renowned environmental activist and former two-time U.S. vice presidential candidate Winona LaDuke visited the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, the Tierra Miguel Foundation and the CSUSM community to speak on environmental justice.

“It is important to recover our relationship to our food, both indigenously and as an American society,” said LaDuke. “We must, on a spiritual level, ensure that our relatives a have place in

this world and that our respect and regard for them is clear. We must recover our health, exercise more and ward off heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses linked to our diet. ... And when we talk about sovereignty, we need to remember that sovereignty is not just about the economy, it is also about being able to feed our own people.”

LaDuke, an Anishinaabekwe (Ojibwe)-enrolled member of the Mississippi Band Anishinaabeg, lives and works on the White Earth Reservation in northern Minnesota. She is a leader in culturally based sustainable development strategies, renewable energy and food systems, and works to protect indigenous foods from patenting and genetic engineering.

To kick off her visit, LaDuke visited the Pauma Valley, home to the award-winning Tierra Miguel Foundation’s organic farm and to the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, who have become



Yolanda Espinoza, Pauma Librarian, CICSC Director, Dr. Joely Proudfit and Guest of Honor Winona LaDuke enjoy the moment at the Pauma Tribal Hall Luncheon.

increasingly self-sufficient by organically certifying crops on their reservation as well as investing in a project to power their truck fleets with biodiesel.

“What the Pauma Tribe and the Tierra Miguel Foundation are doing, what we all should be doing, is using indigenous

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## Mashantucket Pequot Selects Rodney Butler

by Earl Heath

MASHANTUCKET, CT – The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation (MPTN) recently had its elections and the results landed Rodney A. Butler as its new chairman. Butler, a financial analyst who also served as secretary treasurer of the tribe, at the age of 32 is one of the youngest chairman I the tribes history.

The Mashantucket’s have history in Eastern Connecticut that dates back to 10,000 years. Steven Thomas and Chrystal Whipple were also elected to the seven member council.

The council governs the tribe and are overseers to the Mashantucket Museum, Foxwoods resort Casino and MGM Grand at Foxwoods. The museum is the largest Native museum in the Northern Hemisphere. Foxwoods is also the largest casino in North America.

Butler was a former star football play-

er at nearby Montville (CT) High. He also lettered in the sport at the University of Connecticut where he studied finance.

“I am honored and deeply humbled that my family has chosen me as Chairman of the Tribal Council,” said Butler. “We have a proud and rich history

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and the membership has elected strong representatives to help drive the tribe to continued success. Working with the Tribal Council, I will look to protect and advance the sovereign rights of our Tribal Nation and strengthen and preserve the social

and economic foundation that will support subsequent generations of Mashantucket Pequot’s.”

Butler can be seen as charismatic, intelligent and somewhat fun at times. But when it comes to taking care of business, he’s the man. He is present at many events and participates in fund



raisers such as the “Drive for Diabetes Golf Tourney”.

“These are challenging times on a number of fronts,” Butler added. “But throughout history our nation has encountered and always emerged on the other side better, stronger and more independent than before.”

## National Museum of the American Indian Opens “IndiVisible” Exhibition Nov. 2009

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian opens a 20-panel banner exhibition, “IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas,” focusing on the seldom-viewed history and complex lives of people of dual African American and Native American ancestry. Through the themes of policy, community, creative resistance and lifestyles, the exhibition includes stories of cultural integration and the struggle to define and preserve identity. The exhibition will be on view from Nov. 10 through May 31, 2010, in the second-floor Sealaska Gallery.

The exhibition addresses the racially motivated laws that have been forced upon Native, African American and mixed-heritage peoples since the time of Christopher Columbus. Since pre-colonial times, Native and African American peoples have built strong communities through intermarriage, unified efforts to preserve their land and by taking part in creative resistance. These communities developed constructive survival strategies over time, and several have regained economic sustainability through gaming in the 1980s. The daily cultural practices that define the African-Native American experience through food, language, writing, music, dance and the visual arts, will also be highlighted in the exhibition.

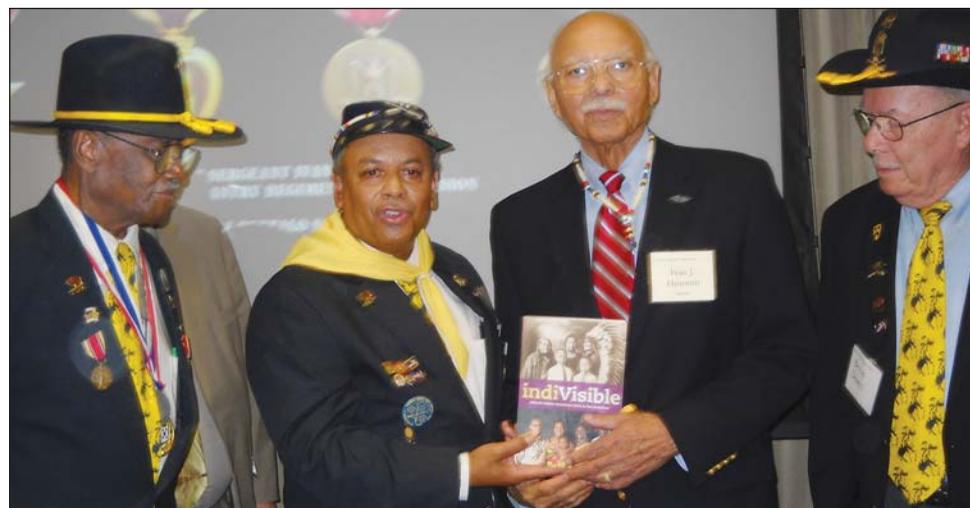
A 10-minute media piece is featured with interviews obtained during research and work on the exhibition with tribal communities across North America. Site work was conducted in Mashpee, Mass.,

with the Mashpee Wampanoag community, in Los Angeles with the Creek and Garifuna communities, with the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Okla., and at the Tutelo Homecoming Festival in Ithaca, N.Y., which welcomed the Cayuga, Tutelo and Saponi Indian Nations.

“The topic of African-Native Americans is one that touches a great number of individuals through family histories, tribal histories and personal identities,” said Kevin Gover (Pawnee), director of the museum. “We find commonalities in our shared past of genocide and in the alienation from our ancestral homelands, and it acknowledges the strength and resilience we recognize in one another today.”

“The National Museum of African American History and Culture is proud to have contributed to this important and thoughtful exhibition,” said museum director Lonnie Bunch. “African American oral tradition is full of stories about ‘Black Indians,’ with many black families claiming Indian blood. However, there have been few scholarly treatments of this subject which, in the end, expresses the basic human desire of belonging.”

The exhibition is curated by leading scholars, educators and community leaders, including Gabrielle Tayac (Piscataway), Robert Keith Collins (African-Choctaw descent), Angela Gonzales (Hopi), Judy Kertész, Penny Gamble-Williams (Chappaquiddick Wampanoag) and Thunder Williams



Seminole Negro Indian Scout descendant Phil Wilkes Fixico (2nd from left) presents a signed copy of the Smithsonian Institute's recently released “IndiVisible”: African-Native Americans in the Americas to Ivan J. Houston: Author of “Black Warriors”, The Buffalo Soldiers of WWII. They are flanked by two WWII Buffalo Soldiers, Trooper James Cooper (left) and Trooper Bruce Dennis (right).

(Afro-Carib).

The accompanying exhibition book, “IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas,” edited by Tayac, features 27 essays from authors across the hemisphere sharing first-person accounts of struggle, adaptation and survival and examines such diverse subjects as contemporary art, the Cherokee Freedmen issue and the evolution of jazz and blues. The richly illustrated 256-page book is available in Smithsonian museum stores and through the Bookshop section of the museum's Web

site at

[www.AmericanIndian.si.edu/bookshop](http://www.AmericanIndian.si.edu/bookshop).

Following the “IndiVisible” exhibition run in Washington, D.C., three copies of the exhibition will tour nationwide. The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) has venues booked through March 2012. The National Museum of the American Indian will tour English and Spanish language copies to Native museums, cultural centers and other locations.

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## Navajo Intern Headed for the White House

*Daily Times intern goes to CBS, and now the White House*

by *Brendan Giusti - The Daily Times*

FARMINGTON - When the White House calls, you do what Charly Edsitty did: Take the job.

Edsitty, a former intern at The Daily Times, will spend the spring semester as an intern in the Office of Presidential Correspondence.

However, the White House isn't the

pinnacle of her career, her mentors say, but rather a launching pad into the world of journalism for the Baylor University senior and Navajo journalist.

As an intern at the White House, Edsitty will handle official correspondence on behalf of the president, which can range from concerns from citizens to letters to elected officials.

She served as a summer intern reporter at *The Daily Times* in the newspaper's partnership with the American

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# "Embrace The Streets" delivers big to Homeless population

*Non-profit program's week food & blanket long drive with SDSU Students, elected officials and Hilton Hotels galvanizes community*

SAN DIEGO, CA – Non profit organization Embrace concluded a successful week-long food and blanket drive called "Embrace the Streets" through a partnership with San Diego State Associated Students, the Hilton Family Hotels and several additional SDSU student organizations. From November 1, 2009 through November 7, 2009, Embrace called upon students, The Rock Church, Council Member Marti Emerald, the Hilton Family Hotels, and SDSU student organizations (Associated Student Government, the Chicano Youth Leadership Camp and the Civilian World Project) to lead in collecting food, blankets and clothing for the homeless.

SDSU Students assisted Embrace with the week-long collection of 200 blankets, 200 sheets, 130 pillow cases, 95 pieces of clothing, 29 pairs of new shoes, several hundred pounds of nonperishable food items to be donated to the San Diego Food Bank and 200 bag lunches to the homeless residents of San Diego. The drive culminated at the corner of 16th and J street in downtown San Diego on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

Embrace attracted over 75 SDSU student volunteers, dozens of at large members of the community and California Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (R-San Diego) to pass out all 800+ donated items to the homeless. SDSU's Physical Plant joined in the community service effort by hauling the donated items downtown to be handed out. Several Hilton Hotels donated blankets and sheets and washed all used blankets for health purposes.

Embrace CEO Sean Sheppard's goal is

two-fold: to help the distressing number of homeless San Diegans and to encourage college students to become consistently involved in community service. Donors, volunteers and recipients were impressed with the way the community came together to help.

Assembly member Nathan Fletcher and his staff also participated in the event with the elected official pushing carts and personally handing out blankets to homeless people. "This is a chance for us to embrace San Diego," Fletcher said. "It's very sad we have to hand out blankets, the long-term goal is to get to a point where we don't have to. But between now and that point, we should do everything we can everyday to make a difference in people's lives."

San Diego City Council member Marti Emerald honored Embrace with an official Resolution declaring November 1-November 7, 2009, "Embrace The Streets Week" in the city of San Diego. "This is a

great organization and a wonderful public initiative. It's selfless, really - very, very generous and I hope it will provide leadership and inspiration to others."

Long-time San Diego resident, Denton, waited to receive donations and found out about Embrace's efforts at a local homeless shelter. "I just need clothes," he said. "I don't need a blanket - I came for clothes."

The experience was a powerful one for students as well. SDSU Associated Student President Tyler Boden stated the following after the entire experience, "it really hit home in my mind and made me realize how great Embrace is."

Nineteen-year-old Fabian Salgado began serving the community through Embrace several days ago. "Not everyone gets the opportunity to sleep in a warm bed," he said. "But we're giving them blankets. No, it's not the same thing but it's something that we can do tonight."

SDSU Student Jazzi Manifold used her Facebook wall to express her thoughts about Embrace The Streets by simply writing, "Tonight I saved lives."

## News from Peace and Dignity Journeys

We are very excited to announce that the Peace and Dignity Journeys (PDJ) in San Diego is organizing a Health and Wellness Run for June of 2010!

We need all of your help to make this a successful fundraiser for PDJ. We are meeting this Thursday just to work on this project. All are invited to help us organize this great event.

6:00 pm Thursday - December 3rd, 2009 • Indian Human Resource Center  
4265 Fairmont Avenue

### Other PDJ News

Thursday- December 10th, 2009 •  
6:30 pm General PDJ Mtg.

January 8th, 9th, 10th • Road Trip with Stan Rodriguez

Stan invited all of us to carpool with him and/or caravan to do outreach in the Baja California Native Communities during the weekend of the 8th, 9th & 10th of January and promote the unification of Baja California Native Tribes by organizing a run towards the end of August but still a work in progress ... and we are all very excited about Uncle Stan's proposal.

Cahuilla Run - proposed by Vivian Hamilton for the month of March 2010. She asked us if we could plan on meeting on Cahuilla Reservation to get more ideas or details about logistics of the run.

Intercontinental Indigenous Gathering - June 13, 14, 15, 16. This is the 20th anniversary gathering in Ecuador ... discussion to be continued at next PDJ general meeting.

## Suit alleges San Diego police steer homeless to Phoenix

The city of San Diego has reportedly mounted a campaign to drive the city's homeless out of downtown and into Arizona.

That's according to a new lawsuit filed. The suit claims San Diego police are tormenting the homeless and throwing away their possessions.

One man said he asked an officer what he was supposed to do now.

"You can head for the Arizona border," the officer reportedly replied. "I hear Phoenix is nice this time of year."

The suit says police are acting "ruthlessly."

The city has yet to respond.

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## Casa del/Rey Moro – San Diego's African Museum



Owner Chuck Ambers oversees the historical collection

AFRICAN CULTURE AND HISTORY is the daily business at the Old Town location of the African Museum, Casa del Rey Moro. With three display rooms, the Museum presents a wealth of knowledge covering over 6000 years of African history on the African continent, with a special interest in the African influences into the Americas - North, Central and South America including the Caribbean, and the mixed heritage of these areas. The Museum also has a Gift Shop and Bookstore selling historical books, charts and artifacts and a large courtyard for the "African Marketplace" with items from more than 15 different African countries for sale.

Owner Professor Chuck Ambers has been researching and traveling for over 30 years, and retired early from Chula

Vista School District to devote fulltime to the Museum which was opened officially in 1998 in the heart of San Diego's Old Town. On most days, Ambers or his staff, including volunteers, can be found passionately offering personal tours of the Museum's exhibits, or helping students from the many local colleges and universities that need the Museum's research facilities. On some days, Ambers is out at local sites of schools, libraries, clubs, groups and universities giving multimedia presentations that often include him wearing period attire to bring historical figures to life.

Ambers is well known in the academic community where he is active as a consultant and curriculum developer as well as a lecturer in high demand. He prefers to bring groups to the Museum instead of bringing materials out to the groups, mainly because there is such a wealth of information permanently on display at the museum. Recent groups included over 50 high-school students from Los Angeles. With that multi-cultural group, Ambers emphasized the shared cultural influences of African, Mexican, Spanish and Native-American that give such a rich heritage to be proud of. Students were amazed and highly interested to complete the Walk-Through-Study Guide that brought them

into contact with each of the featured facts and artifacts of the museum's in-house exhibits. They also had the opportunity to see the beautiful items being created from various African countries by doing the exercise of "spending an imaginary \$300" in the African Marketplace in the front courtyard.

The Museum is open to the public every day, except Wednesday, from 10:30am until 7pm with admission \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. On the FIRST SUNDAY of each month, there are special cultural activities in the afternoons. This past November, the program featured an Afro-Cuban music group and a world-class Olympic runner from Nigeria who shared her experiences and hopes with the general public who attended. In December, the program brought back the Afro-Cuban group by popular demand and featured a regal AFRICAN FASHION SHOW of both men and women's fashions from around the African Continent.

There is something for everybody at the African Museum, Casa del Rey Moro at 2471 Congress St, San Diego, CA 92110. Call for more information on programs or to schedule a tour to the museum or to bring Professor Ambers to your facility 619-220-0022. Website: [www.africanmuseumsandiego.com](http://www.africanmuseumsandiego.com).

## Santa Ysabel Traditional Tribal Veterans Day 2009

by Roy Cook: *Opata- Oodham, US Army*

We are on a land of rolling hills, cool mountain spring runs just south of the village. We are sitting in the same space as our ancestors did for thousands of years. Our conversation is about the time a person saw upstream of this Santa Ysabel creek an approaching band of far away people marked for battle and looking to capture what they could from the Ipai. This story has been repeated for generations from elder to youth. Values and responsibility are conveyed to those who will and did step forward and defend the people. Defend this land. Defend this Indian land and people, forever.

This year's honoree is Kenneth Ponchetti, Ipai. He is a United States Air Force veteran from 1957- 1961 active and 1961-1863 active reserve. United States Army veteran Ron Chrisman, Ipai, leads Tukuk songs. Invited Honor Color Guard is the Intertribal American Indian Warrior Association. Memorial bell ringer is United States Navy boson Jerry Reed, Ipai. Virgil Osuna and Stan Rodriguez coordinated much of the support logistics for this year's tribute. Both are US Army and US Navy military veterans and Ipai.

Traditional songs are sung for those attending and ancient ears to know that we are still here. We remember. We love all who will, forever, rest here in the Santa Ysabel Tribal cemetery. Yes, this is Indian land and many on the muster roll rest here. We, the living, will remember our relations. Stan Rodriguez read the muster roll of the living and the fallen Warriors.

Later, we gather for a bite to eat on the original village site and the company at this table is of a generation of men in their 60s, 70s and 80s years of age. American Indian Veterans of many conflicts. Wives and family members recall individuals and families and tolerated us as 'boys'. We grew up together walking these hills, attending the Mission and being bussed to school from K-12. This is a perfect day, warm, sunny and joyful to be alive and recall those boyhood friends from this and other reservations.

We live because many of our relations paid the ultimate price for all of us to be what we are, American Indian people. Just a short time ago the muster was called of all those who served in the military: living and passed. The colors were brought to half-mast and taps were blown for the fallen. This has been an emotional afternoon sustained by pride and respect for our sisters and brothers in arms.

Good company and good friends to rely upon are wonderful. Mattkunkun mehan.

## DONOMA ENERGY Strategic Alliance With Renowned National Grant Writing Firm

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The grant writing firm, who already dedicates 20% of all its own business to Native American needs, will work directly with DONOMA ENERGY's Chief Financial Officer to improve grant writing and financing success rates for solar and wind energy projects. With the firm's considerable years of experience and up-to-minute industry knowledge, they will improve upon DONOMA ENERGY's ability to provide: quality proposal development; daily identification of the best available and most desirable grant opportunities from federal, state, and foundation databases; and the highest success rates in writing grants specific to an organization's type, locality, project or grant program.

It is DONOMA ENERGY's sincere belief that this strategic alliance will garner completely customized quality grant proposals that truly reflects any Native American organization's mission and needs. Through this new synergy, DONOMA ENERGY will better assist Native Americans in obtaining future grants all while continuing to deliver the most up to date, cutting edge information relative to government stimulus monies and rebates acquisition, budgeting and financing, product technologies, planning, architectural design and implementation, and project maintenance.

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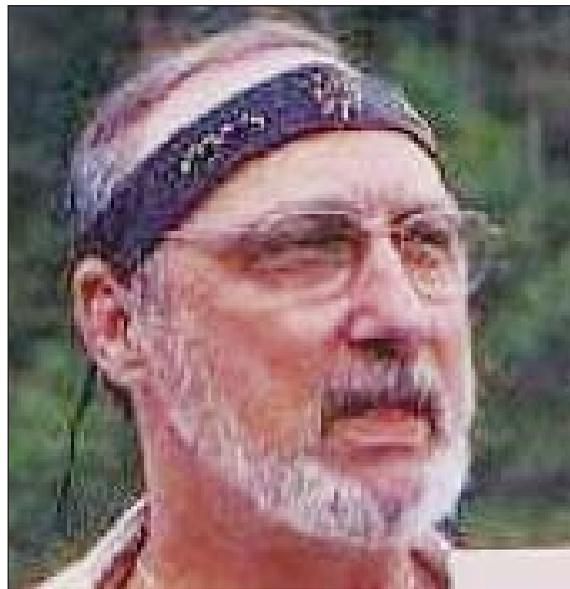
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# It took a Native Mind to create renewable Innovations

by Cherrie Richardson Collazo

Closing this year on a most powerful note, *Indian Voices* will let you get to know, probably one of Indian Countries hidden examples of just how great the Original people stand.

How many people do you know would actually be able to tell you that the first ever globally used Solar Panel was invented by the brain of a man with



a Native American lineage? And who would have guessed that aside of this other inventions that just recently began to make a global in your face stir also came from the very same man?

Allow us here at *Indian Voices* to give you the reader, a glimpse at Samuel M. Hay III aka Bearded Wolf Taneska of the Wolf Clan Cherokee.

Sam is a personal friend and mentor of mine and it is with great pleasure and admiration that I was preparing this piece for *Indian Voices* to demonstrate that the ending of this year will still and ongoing carry on the greatness that lies within Native minds.

Born to a Native American Cherokee and Scottish lineage to Samuel M. Hay, Jr. and Lois Thornley Hay.

His known Native Ancestors were: Paternal, Salieta E. Dobbs, great great grandmother. Maternal, Eula Dillard, great grandmother.

Sam Hay was raised in Covington, GA in an area rich in native history and an environment conducive to love of the native culture, resonance and experiences which built upon environmental strengths and interests due to the large undeveloped areas with many rivers and streams.

He attended Newton County High School, Southeastern Tech and West Georgia University, where it became apparent very early that a brilliant mind was lingering within this young man.

Sam's Family owned three newspapers in the suburban Atlanta market where Sam started to work at age 13 the importance of work was strongly

enforced and Sam's duties ranged from floor sweeper to photographer and then obituary writer by age 15, his full time employment after college until age 26.

Sam then moved on to the Dekalb New Era, Decatur, GA, ultimately reaching the position of General Manager and Editor. Time spent with former GA Governor S. Marvin Griffin, publisher of the Bainbridge (GA) Post-Searchlight was another experience where Sam, as

Managing Editor, explored many Native sites and learned of the history of the Seminoles early times in Southwest Georgia around Lake Seminole. Sam also was employed by Cox Enterprises, Inc. in a top management position with their newspaper group in New Orleans, LA which was also very enlightening in terms of the former Native occupation of south-east Louisiana.

Early experiences related to Sam's Native past included a trip to Cherokee, NC at age five with his parents to secure a 'Native name' and a headband from the Chief there at the time. Sam returned home "Bearded Wolf Taneska."

At age 13 Sam went into the forests near his home in Covington and was planning to stay for a period of two weeks, on his own. With only a knife, fishing line and hooks, he returned home on the eleventh day. Sam decided at that point if he didn't go ahead and return home, he may not want to return at all due to the sincere love for the life he was experiencing.

His family life at home could not have been any better for anyone. Sam today still explains that his mom was "General Patton with a smile" and as friend to Congressmen, Presidents and Governors was a political activist. Sam's father was a veteran of WWII, having served in the Army Air Corps. Mr. Hay was a registered pharmacist, Clerk of the Superior Court, Newton County, GA, a newspaper owner and a professional magician. He and Mrs. Hay often performed shows for charitable organizations, mostly children's' hospitals, but never turned down any invitation to entertain. Sam's maternal grandmother was fluent in Cherokee language and came to live with his family when Sam was around nine years old and was a huge influence on his future life as a Native advocate and environmentalist. Sam has said many times that he never heard a harsh word from his mom in his entire life and that both his father, grandmother, and Uncle Thomas Hay, who directed the operations of the family newspapers were the most nurturing of kin.

Sam's initial foray into environmental endeavors was at age 19 when, as he states, "Every bureaucrat, engineer and

expert in the known world" came to Covington and stated, "If you channelize the Alcovy River from its inception to Lake Jackson (Around 25 miles) you will have more farmland and more land to build homes on by draining all the wetlands." Sam said, "NO!" At one point, during lunch, his father told him that, "If you don't shut up about this river thing someone is going to shoot you." To which, Sam replied, "Well I guess I will just have to be shot." At that point his mom got on the phone and spoke with a Congressman who was involved in the project and said, "I want it stopped." And with that, it was stopped saving one of the most pristine rivers in the entire state.

Following are the accomplishments that today are the newest innovations and applicable innovations that sprung forth from a Native man.

In 1962, at age 20, Sam built a predecessor of what is now known as the 'fuel cell'. No one 'got it' and so, frustrated, Sam sent his designs to Dr. Van Braun at NASA in Huntsville, ALA. Shortly after that, the first fuel cell powered electronic equipment aboard a space flight.

In 1967, Sam built his first solar panels. This particular panel is still, even today, the most efficient panel ever designed.

After returning home from New Orleans to Covington, Sam entered into the solar manufacturing industry full time and after a successful (brief) period, he early retired and has spent 20 years doing volunteer environmental work around the world and several years of Native Advocacy work.

Sam's worldwide connections have enabled him to learn the values of many cultures and to have a platform to teach other cultures about our Native heritage.

His family members, two sons and three daughters, (the youngest two being homeschooled by Sam) now total 16 kids and grandkids. Last Christmas, all the grandkids got their Native name. This Christmas, Sam is building all six of them traditional Native bows made from Osage Orange. Sam's family is proud to be Wolf Clan, Cherokee.

He has been honored on occasion by his tribal friends and introduced at festivals for his work in assisting our Native peoples in the plights of many.

Having adopted, financially, struggling Native families over the years, Sam says you can't out give The Great Spirit.

His run for Governor of the State of Georgia was, in his words, "An opportunity to inform Georgians of the impending water shortages which occurred several years later. He was then asked to write the water legislation for the State after his unsuccessful bid for Governor. Mission accomplished.

Court battles and other battles on many subjects brought Sam into the courtroom to fight his own fights. Being

able to read almost 6000 wpm and with a photographic memory, his is a formidable foe to any attorney who opposes him. He talks of one battle to stop an industrial park from being constructed at the headwaters of Little River in the Georgia Piedmont as being the most gratifying and the most disappointing, at the same time. Sam said he was looking across the courtroom at seven attorneys, some from the powerful King and Spalding firm who has over 400 attorneys on staff. At the end of the trial, the Judge stated, "Sam that was about the best case I have heard during my time on the bench, but I'm going to have to find in favor of the industrial park."

Three days later, upon filing his appeal of the Judge's decision, the Judge saw him in the court house and took him to the side and said, "Sam, we all know what they are doing is illegal but I had so much pressure on me from the Governor on down, I had no choice."

Sam's latest work includes an automobile which was designed with safety for its occupants being the primary criteria. This design has so many new features that it even amazes his patent attorney staff...and it produces no emissions.

As you can see feel and clearly hear this Indian Voice, all of Sam's endeavors have a foundation in environmental interests and a better life for all people and creatures. A structure that is deeply embedded into Natives DNA but assured found its way to be openly exposed thru Sam's brilliant mind!

Staying true to his overall believe and nature even his home is in the middle of a swamp, known to his friends as "Wolf Villa" and Sam says its getting harder and harder for him to leave the place he loves so much to travel the way he used to in order to be able to fight the good fight. Although this is what he SAYS, he is always ready to help out most anyone with his love, knowledge, and understanding of the human condition and his heart speaks to him to continue on even though he has put in his time and hopes for younger advocates to take up the banner. This even led him to go to Porcupine SD and offer his knowledge in assistance to the projects there just this past September.

One thing that has been paramount in his life is that he is also one who believes that, "Only the Native peoples have the heart and the knowledge to save the planet." And that it is within the hands of those that are called to duty to make sure that our children's dreams are not in vein to love from within our hearts, passed our minds and beyond our souls ... this our mother earth and all of it's inhabitants 2 legged, 4 legged and winged from the depth of the Oceans to the highest mountain peaks ... follow the echoes of *Indian Voices* into 2010 ... and beyond.

# The 2010 Census Questionnaire is Now Printing

## The New 10-Question Survey Shortest U.S. History

The U.S. Census Bureau has begun printing 2010 Census questionnaires as the agency continues preparations for next year's count of the U.S. population. The new questionnaire, which every residential address will receive, is designed as the shortest since the Census began in 1790, asking just 10 questions and taking about 10 minutes to complete.

"Our goal is to count everyone living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place," said Census Bureau Director Robert M. Groves. "Making that happen begins with the

2010 Census questionnaire, a powerful tool that provides critical data that will guide representation in Congress and the distribution of more than \$400 billion in federal funds to state, local and tribal governments every year."

Beginning in mid-March 2010, more than 120 million questionnaires will be delivered to U.S. residential addresses. To meet the goal, the Census Bureau will print more than 1.5 million documents every day.

"The Census Bureau has gone to great lengths to make the printing process as efficient and eco-friendly as possible," Groves said. "The printing of 2010 Census questionnaires uses 30 percent less ink than 10 years ago and will be

printed on 30 percent recycled paper."

Another critical factor in the success of this census is the quality of the address list used for delivering the questionnaires next March. Last spring, Census Bureau workers walked every street in the nation to match actual residential addresses on the ground with those provided in lists from the U.S. Postal Service and local governments.

The 140,000 workers who verified addresses operated out of 151 local census offices in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. By the end of 2009, an additional 344 local census offices will open. The Census Bureau will hire approximately

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## Winona LaDuke

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ways of thinking to sustain our survival," said LaDuke, who was impressed by the farm's fruitful growing season and generous use of local resources.

Tierra Miguel Farm Manager Mil Krecu guided LaDuke's morning tour through the farm, while the Pauma Tribe hosted a luncheon where Pauma Casino chefs prepared a variety of cuisine using organic ingredients grown at Tierra Miguel Farm. Members of Indian Health Council, California Indian Legal Services, neighboring tribal communities, tribal youth programs, and local schools and universities joined Pauma Tribal members to attend the luncheon at Pauma Tribal Hall. Tribal members then welcomed LaDuke and presented her with gifts. LaDuke, greeted and signed books for those who could not attend her evening talk at CSUSM.

LaDuke, founder of the award-winning White Earth Land Recovery Project (one of the largest reservation-based, nonprofit organizations in the country) and Executive Program Director of the Native-led activist organization Honor the Earth, has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues such as struggles to restore culture

and regain land. A graduate of Harvard and Antioch universities, she is the author of five books, including "Recovering the Sacred," "All our Relations" and "Last Standing Woman."

A meet-and-greet reception was held for LaDuke at CSUSM. LaDuke began her evening talk at the CSUSM campus, filling a room at the M. Gordon Clarke Field House/University Student Union to standing room only. Guests included students and faculty from a variety of California State universities and Palomar College.

"This is the first event by the newly established California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center, and it was well-attended with more than 300 people," said CSUSM sociology/native studies professor and CICSC Director Dr. Joely Proudfit.

During her talk, LaDuke highlighted the vast potential for military veterans to use their diverse skill set, for example in engineering, toward careers in environmental industries like organic farming. She also discussed support for regaining tribal lands, gardening locally and growing foods free from genetic contamination.

"I was encouraged [by] the entire lecture," wrote CSUSM student and Iraq War veteran Ken Vanterpool in an e-mail. "This complex world needs to

know of more women [like] Ms. LaDuke."

Students sought LaDuke's recommendations on how they could make a difference and what small steps they could take to be more environmentally conscious. Advice ranged from studying and participating in sustainable farming efforts to substituting disposable coffee cups and water bottles with refillable, reusable containers. LaDuke also emphasized respecting the cyclical relationships among people, animals and plants, and considering the impact of our actions on future generations. She followed her talk with a book signing, which lasted two hours until all the books were gone.

"Several [students] came up after and thanked me for scheduling the class so they could hear her speak," said CSUSM visual arts professor Deborah Small. "They were very inspired."

LaDuke's talk was sponsored by the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, the CSUSM Arts and Lectures department, The Burpee Foundation and The San Diego Zoo's Institute for Conservation Research. Additional co-sponsors included the CSUSM American Indian Student Association, the Office of the Tribal Liaison, the Women's Studies and Native Studies departments and the Associated Students Inc. Campus Activities Board.

## IndiVisible

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The exhibition is produced in collaboration with the National Museum of African American History and Culture and SITES. Support for the exhibition was provided by the Akaloa Resource Foundation and the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center.

In a related west coast event, the IndiVisible Exhibition and book was highlighted at a book signing event for Ivan J. Houston at the UCLA Charles E. Young Research Library Presentation Room. Facilitated by Gary E. Strong, UCLA Librarian, the event brought together members of the Buffalo Soldiers and interested parties. Trooper Phil Fixico who is featured in the IndiVisible Exhibition and book has placed a high priority on facilitating the alignment of the IndiVisible stars outside of the Beltway. As an active academic and community organizer, Fixico has taken on the task of publicizing the project by bringing it to the attention of the stakeholders that he associates with in his abundantly busy life.

He is pictured here with fellow Black Buffalo Soldiers presenting Ivan J. Houston, author of Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II with a copy of the IndiVisible book.

Black Warriors chronicles Houston's experiences in World War II's first all black combat infantry regiment, the 370th of the segregated Ninety-Second Infantry Division, also known as the famed Buffalo Soldiers, on which Spike Lee's film *Miracle at St. Anna* was based. Houston's book reveals his personal journey in war-torn Italy as a young black infantryman and the odyssey of its regiment of four thousand men, whose mission was to break through the Nazi 'Gothic Line.' For his bravery, he received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and three Battle Stars.



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## More Than Words: Saving Our Endangered Language

### Barona Cultural Center & Museum's Inter-Tribal Dictionary Exhibition Opens for November Native American Month

SAN DIEGO, CA – Seven years in the making, the monumental 696-page Barona Inter-Tribal Dictionary is now on display at the Barona Cultural Center & Museum. The new exhibition, *'Iipay Aa Tiipay Aa Uumall' More Than Words: Saving Our Endangered Language*, is part of the museum's calendar of activities in support of Native American Heritage Month in November.

The new dictionary, comprising thousands of more familiar as well as long-lost words and phrases, is aimed at assisting Yuman language speakers of the San Diego County Tribes in revitalizing their traditional native tongue.

A revised and enhanced version of the original 48-page Barona dictionary project completed some 20 years ago, the

expansive and updated edition contains a number of innovative features such as history of the project, biographies of the main contributors and a map of the language area.

The heart of the voluminous book is 467 pages of word entries with detailed definitions, sentence examples and various dialects and forms. And because the language is so complex and unfamiliar, there's also a pronunciation key and in-depth grammar guide.

This definitive dictionary, however, is more than just mere words. "It is the culture of the Barona people," says Barona Museum Director Cheryl Hinton.

Many indigenous American languages – including 'Iipay Aa spoken by the Barona Band of Mission Indians and those of many other California Tribes – face extinction. The dictionary, currently the only written documentation, stands as a powerful tool in preserving the language and the entire culture, explains Hinton.

"The Barona people suffered severe language loss through the mission system, boarding schools, urbanization and assimilation projects," she says. "This enormous dictionary undertaking is an effort to preserve an original native language for a people who came very close to losing it."

The dictionary is the first publication of the newly founded Barona Museum Press, which is working on publishing other historical and contemporary materials related to Barona and the 17 other Native American Tribes in San Diego County.

The dictionary exhibition also features other Barona Museum programs dedicated to cultural preservation and language revitalization, including the history of the 'Iipay Tiipay branch of the Yuman languages.

"It is fascinating to examine word origins and developments within the history of the Barona people," notes Hinton. "Words tell stories and help keep both

the language and traditions alive."

Dedicated to preserving the Native American history of San Diego County, the Barona Cultural Center & Museum houses more than 3,000 artifacts, photographic displays and archives. The museum showcases many Indian traditions, such as birdsongs, language, gatherings, gaming and artwork and highlights the Barona Band of Mission Indians.

In addition, the Barona Museum offers classes and tours for public and private schools, civic groups, clubs and other organizations.

The Barona Cultural Center & Museum, located at 1095 Barona Road in Lakeside, just one mile north of the Barona Resort & Casino, is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is closed on Sundays and Mondays to focus on creating new exhibitions and providing community outreach.

Admission is free and there is no charge for tours. For more information, visit [www.baronamuseum.org](http://www.baronamuseum.org) or call 619-443-7003, ext. 2.

## Mindoro Hunger Strike Continues

MANILA, PHILIPPINES – The 25 hunger strikers from Mindoro are not going home just yet.

This despite the order made by Environment Secretary Lito Atienza Wednesday suspending the environmental clearance he issued to Intex Resources to mine 11,216.6 hectares of land in Mindoro, the Alyansa Laban sa Mina (ALAMIN, Alliance Against Mining) said.

Some critical agreements made during the dialogue with Atienza were not contained in the order the former Manila mayor issued after meeting with protesters, the alliance told INQUIRER.net in a text message.

For this reason, the hunger strike of 25 Mindoreños, mostly Mangyans, will continue, the alliance said.

Oriental Mindoro Vice Governor Estela Aceron said the local governments of Mindoro were stressing their opposition to large scale mining on the island.

"We are reiterating our position that mining is not welcome in Mindoro. We expect Secretary Atienza to respect this," Aceron said.

Oriental Mindoro has passed a 25-year mining moratorium ordinance in 2002 prohibiting the entry of all large-scale mining in the province. In Occidental Mindoro, similar mining moratorium ordinances were passed by the municipal governments of Sablayan,

Abra de Ilog, Paluan, Looc and Lubang. Eight out of 11 municipalities in Occidental Mindoro passed a resolution against the mining project.

Aceron, who was with the group that met with Atienza Wednesday afternoon, said the environment chief was in effect admitting he issued the environmental compliance certificate to Intex although the Norwegian firm has yet to comply with all the requirements needed before the mining clearance could be issued.

"I'm disappointed that Secretary Atienza issued the ECC on October 14 even without the required documents at hand," she said.

She said that during the dialogue Atienza expressed his dismay on learning that there was no prior consultation made with the local governments and the affected communities.

Aceron said that Atienza even agreed that a committee be formed—composed of environment officials and local government executives—to look into the issues raised during the dialogue.

But this is never contained in the order Atienza released later, she said.

"We are really disappointed with his order of suspension. We understand that he is resigning before filing his certificate of candidacy so we want an answer before he leaves the office," she said.

Atienza has hinted at his comeback bid in Manila politics where he served as mayor from 1998 to 2007.

Local officials on the island of Mindoro had opposed the project saying their sentiments had been disregarded and the issuance of the ECC was "irregular" and violated a moratorium on mining on the island.

They also said it would displace around 20,000 members of indigenous

tribes, affect the agricultural output and food security of the island and threaten conservation areas of the Philippine Tamaraw and tourist spots like the pop-

ular Puerto Galera beach.

Twenty-five members of indigenous tribes, priests and residents of the island started a hunger strike.

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# WINONA LUNCHEON



Pauma Casino Chefs prepare an organic feast for special guest Winona LaDuke

The ingredients for the organic meal was grown and gathered from the garden at the Tierra Miguel Farm

# Harvest Dinner

Once again the Soul of the San Diego Indigenous Community came together to share, laugh, network and continue the empowering process.

November 14, 2009 the Harvest dinner was held at the Barrio Station Auditorium. Facilitated by Paula Brim, the gathering went smoothly largely due to the army of volunteers who made sure that that all needs were met. The festive occasion was educational and entertaining with Abel Silvas, 'Running Grunion', Shirley Apple Murphy and Tracy Nelson on the program.

The success of a venue of this magnitude demands strong leadership, commitment and volunteerism. Paula Brim, Southern California American Indian Resource, SCAIR, San Diego Council of American Indian Organizations the Indian Human Resource Center, and the multitude of volunteers from the educational institutions and Urban Community all contributed to make this Harvest Dinner a worthwhile and memorial occasion.



## 5 Things You Never Knew Your Cell Phone Could Do

For all the folks with cell phones. (This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you.)

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies.

Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

### FIRST Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find Yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to Establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

### SECOND Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

Editor's Note: It works fine! We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a cell phone!

### THIRD Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys\* 3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

### FOURTH How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: \*#06#. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

And Finally....

### FIFTH Free Directory Service for Cells

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: (800)FREE411, or (800)373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.

## United States Mint Announces 2010 Native American \$1 Coin Design

WASHINGTON, DC – The United States Mint today announced the new design that Americans will see on the reverse (tails side) of Native American \$1 Coins next year. The design, based on the theme "Government - The Great Tree of Peace," depicts the Hiawatha Belt with five arrows bound together, with the inscriptions UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, \$1, Haudenosaunee and Great Law of Peace. The United States Mint will commence issuing these coins in January 2010, and they will be available throughout 2010.

The Hiawatha Belt is a visual record of the creation of the Haudenosaunee, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy, with five symbols representing the five original Nations. The central figure on the belt, the Great White Pine, repre-

sents the Onondaga Nation with the four square symbols representing the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga and Seneca Nations. The bundle of arrows symbolizes strength in unity for the Iroquois Confederacy. The design is by Artistic Infusion Program Master Designer Thomas Cleveland.

Featured on the obverse (heads side) of the 2010 Native American \$1 Coin is the familiar "Sacagawea" design by sculptor Glenna Goodacre, first produced in 2000. Inscriptions on the obverse are LIBERTY and IN GOD WE TRUST. Like the Presidential \$1 Coins, the Native American \$1 Coins are minted in the distinctive golden color with the year, mint mark and E PLURIBUS UNUM edge-lettered on the rim.

## Navajo Intern

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Indian Journalism Institute, which helps place American Indian journalism students into partner newsrooms. She helped cover such stories as the Connie Mack World Series and the National High School Finals Rodeo while in Farmington.

"This is a great honor for Charly and it's richly deserved," said Jack Marsh, vice president of the Freedom Forum and Diversity Institute, which oversee the partnerships.

Daily Times Editor Troy Turner agreed.

"We're proud of the partnership because it helps us hire two American Indian interns each summer," Turner said. "We're also very proud of Charly. She did a great job while here and she's off to a great start in her career. I'd love for us to have her back on staff here someday. She's a wonderful person and a wonderful writer."

As a journalist, it's important to understand the culture and community you're writing about, Edsitty said. As a Navajo, it may have worked to her advantage in Farmington.

"If you don't understand how the culture works, then you're not doing your job," Edsitty said. "I think that was really important for me while I was working for The Daily Times."

After leaving the Farmington internship, Edsitty took an autumn internship with CBS in New York City where she worked with publicists for the television network's shows, which include 60 Minutes and 48 Hours.

"I hit the ground running," Edsitty said.

And the Arizona native hopes to keep her momentum and make major changes in the news business, whether it be print or broadcast journalism.

"It's important to have a good diverse group in there that can accurately cover all the issues that may arise," Edsitty said of newsrooms. "On a national level that's definitely something that's missing. That's something that needs to be changed."

Edsitty's skill level garnered her support from previous editors and producers, as well as many in academics.

"Charly is among the strongest students we've ever had in that program," Marsh said of her time in the American Indian Journalism Institute.

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# The least we must do

A Jim Bell & Common Sense  
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It's as simple as this, all of us, just doing what we do, are destroying our planet's life-support system. To be more correct, it's not so much about what we are doing, but about how we now do it. Just to survive, we need water and food. We also need energy to live contemporary lives.

The problem is that the way we now get energy, water and food and most everything else, is eroding the possibility of having a secure supply of energy, water and food and the things of modern life, in the future.

## What should we do?

The answer is to develop ways to live and make livings that are life-support sustaining, ways that heal and nourish each other and our planet's life-support system. This is the least we must do if we want to leave our descendents the birthright of a happy, healthy, prosperous, and completely life-support sustaining world. The first step toward achieving this goal is to become renewable energy self-sufficient. When a home, community, city, county, region, state or country controls its energy supply and price, it controls its economy, its ways of life, and most everything else – no matter what happens to the price and supply of energy on global and national markets.

Because solar energy in its various forms is free and even delivered free, there is no cost for fuel to benefit from it. The technologies to save energy and produce what we can't save do have a cost. But given that our inventors/developers are still getting better at saving energy and converting various forms of solar energy into electricity, the price of efficiency improvements and renewably generated electricity will continue to fall. Every level of becoming renewable energy self-sufficient creates opportunities. In San Diego County, where I live, there is an abundance of direct sunlight. Additionally, the county has substantial wind, biomass, ocean current, wave and tidal energy from which electricity can be produced.

But, even if direct sunlight was its only resource, and assuming 40 kWh of electricity, natural gas and transportation fuels are consumed directly or indirectly per capita per day, San Diego County could become renewable energy self-sufficient by increasing energy use efficiency by 40% and covering 43% of its roofs and parking lots with 15% efficient PV panels.

Economically, becoming renewable energy self-sufficient will increase countywide economic activity by over \$175 billion over a forty year implementation

period and create over 1 million job-years of employment in the process.

## What about cost?

Actually, becoming renewable energy self-sufficient will cost less than continuing our dependences on imported energy – especially if we make the transformation with a little intelligence and grace.

Assuming an average cost of 10 cents per kWh over 40 years, making San Diego County renewable electricity self-sufficient alone would save the county \$24 billion.\* Since electricity makes up around 40% of the energy the average person uses per day, it follows that a renewably energy self-sufficient San Diego County would save around \$60 billion over a 40 year transition period to renewable energy self-sufficiency. Additionally, the higher the cost that electricity rises above 10 cent per kWh on the open market, the greater the County's positive the cash-flow and resulting economic multiplier benefit will be.

For details on this investment strategy, go to [www.jimbell.com](http://www.jimbell.com), click on "Green Papers". Although this paper focuses on renewable electricity self-sufficiency in San Diego County, the investment strategies it develops can be used to become renewable energy self-sufficient for gaseous and liquid fuels as well. Additionally, this strategy can work almost anywhere on our planet, modified for climate, renewable energy sources available and other local conditions. With modifications, it will also work for becoming water and food self-sufficient as well.

## Step two - become renewable water self-sufficient.

Water is essential to life. It is essential to the water rich lifestyle most people in the developed world already have and that people in the developing world would like to have.

Using San Diego County as an example, increasing the coverage of its roofs and parking lots with 15% efficient PV panels by another 5%, or from 43% to 48%, will allow it to become renewable energy and water self-sufficient. The addition electricity will power reverse osmosis (RO) pumps to force saltwater against membranes that let freshwater through, but block salt, other minerals and most pollutants.

Assuming the worst case scenario of zero rainfall and zero imported water, five percent coverage of San Diego County's roofs and parking lots with 15% efficient PV panels would make enough electricity to produce 776,000 acre ft. of water each year. San Diego County now uses around 600,000 acre ft. of water each year. By installing PV panels over 8% of its roofs and parking

lots, San Diego County could become a substantial water exporter.

Sea life will be protected from RO processing by extracting saltwater to be used through sand filtration as in extracting saltwater from coastal wells and through sea bottom sand filtration. Wastewater or brine left over from the RO process will be evaporated in shallow open ponds so salt and other minerals left behind can be mined. If any RO wastewater is returned to the sea, it would have to be diluted by sand filtered salt water to be less than 20% saltier than is natural seawater. As a further precaution, it would be released into the ocean diffusely.

## Step three – become renewable food self-sufficient.

With renewable energy and water self-sufficiency, comes the ability to become renewable food self-sufficient. It also allows for the growth of a great deal of the fiber and lumber.

To make this real, it is essential that we protect our agricultural soils from development and other miss uses. My research indicates that we still have enough agricultural soil in the world to feed everyone a nutritious diet of tasty food with lots of variety. With renewable energy powered RO, this is still true for San Diego County. Unfortunately, neither of these statements will be true for long, if we do not protect and preserve our best agricultural soils for life-support sustaining agriculture.

## Step four

Make a personal decision to be the parent of no more than two children unless your child dies before reproducing them self. If the world's population dropped 1% per year, in 100 years it would be down to around 2.5 billion, the world's population in the early 1950s.

## Step five

Develop a Space Debris Detection and Defense System. We are the first generations of people who have the technology to locate any earth orbit crossing space objects we might be threatened by. We also have the technology to nudge objects large enough to cause serious life-support harm if they collide with us, into earth safe orbits. We can even capture such objects in moon and earth orbits for scientific study and to mine for valuable minerals.

As I said before, if we want to leave the birthright of a happy, healthy, prosperous life-supporting sustaining future to our young and future generations, these 5 steps are the minimum we must do, and the sooner the better.

We've come so far, so why blow it now. We know what to do, some of us

know how to do it. The rest of us can learn. If the living generations, over the next 60 years or so, develop life-support sustaining economies and ways of life planet wide, there is little to stop us from colonizing space in our own galaxy and beyond.

If we don't develop a supporting (symbiotic) relationship with our planet's life-support system soon, we will follow the footsteps of the great civilizations of the past that utterly failed at the height of their greatest achievements because their civilizations had feet of clay. This is because they were based on the exploitation of others and the unsustainable use of the life-support system upon which their civilization rested.

## Reservation Transportation Authority

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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.

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## San Diego Coalition of Neighborhood Councils Holds Organizing Breakfast



Edwina Welch Director UCSD Cross-Cultural Center was one of many participants in the organizing event.

The Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, was Ground Zero for an alive and animated community organizing event.

The morning of December 5th a massive gathering of neighborhood representatives came together to celebrate and plan for the future.

(CNC) was created in 1994 as a neighborhood unification and empowerment strategy. The CNC provides community members the skills, knowledge and opportunities needed to effect neighborhood change and acts as a resource and information sharing net-

work for the 23 neighborhood councils in southeastern San Diego. The CNC also serves as a forum for community and citywide concerns, creating a united voice for residents of southeastern San Diego.

Southeastern San Diego is one of the most culturally diverse communities in San Diego County, and the CNC strives represent the communities that it serves, actively promoting diversity in our general membership, staff, and board of directors. CNC's general

membership currently includes ethnically and socially-diverse resident leaders from southeastern San Diego's 23 neighborhood councils. Rounding out the grassroots participation in the CNC are additional southeastern San Diego residents not yet affiliated with a neighborhood council, leaders of community-based organizations serving the community, and other individuals committed to resident-led community developments.

The breakfast was an inspiring and empowering event that assured those in attendance that the future is indeed bright.

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## Telecom Companies Want to Create Second-Class "Netizens"

But the big phone and cable companies want to get rid of Net Neutrality and control how the public accesses the Internet.

This threat to Internet freedom isn't hypothetical. Verizon got caught blocking text messages sent by the pro-choice group NARAL to its own members – backing down only in response to public pressure. Comcast has also illegally interfered with file-sharing on its network, a practice that earned the company a rebuke from the FCC.

Even though President Obama pledged that he would "take a back seat to no one" on Net Neutrality, the big phone and cable companies are pulling out all the stops to derail it, including

deploying Karl Rove-style scare tactics within our communities and using their massive resources to block Obama's agenda.

In the first nine months of 2009, they employed nearly 500 lobbyists and spent some \$74 million to influence Congress and the FCC. Their misinformation has even convinced Glenn Beck that Net Neutrality is an attempt by President Obama to take over the Internet.

Who will protect the online rights of marginalized communities against the raw profit motive of big business? We urge leaders not to yield to the underhanded scare tactics that corporations like AT&T have used on our communities.

## Viejas Unveils Gift Card for Gaming, Dining & Shopping

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SAN DIEGO, CA – Viejas today announced the launch of the new Viejas Gift Card, which can be used property-wide – for gaming, shopping, dining and more – at both the Viejas Casino and the Viejas Outlet Center.

The new Viejas Gift Card is the first of its kind in California. "Just in time for the holidays, we wanted to offer a gift card that could be used across our entire property and provides our guests with the maximum in convenience and flexi-

bility," said Viejas Casino General Manager Jack McGinty. "At the casino, the card is seamless. Our guests who are 18 and up can use it in their favorite slot machines, or present it for bingo or table games play. At the Viejas Outlet Center, the gift card can be used at the retail shops, restaurants or even at the new Viejas Bowl."

The Viejas Gift Cards, sold in a variety of denominations, can be purchased at the Viejas Casino, Viejas Outlet Center management office, or online at [www.viejas.com](http://www.viejas.com). For complete details, pick up a brochure at any V Club Booth at the Viejas Casino.

## Society of Singers

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## Information on Prayer Ceremony, “Hemblaca” and location of Camp for Ceremony

Dear Tribal Leader,

By now, you have read that IRS auctioned off 7100 acres of land owned by the Crow Creek Farm, a Corporation under the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe. IRS sold the land to pay for employment taxes unpaid by the Tribe after the Tribe was informed by a BIA official (erroneous advice) that they did not have to pay taxes because the Tribe was a federally recognized sovereign nation.. The Tribe was negotiating a loan at the time IRS auctioned the land.

Chairman Brandon Sazue and the Tribe are setting up Camp on the Land and Chairman Sazue will “Hemblaca”(Fast and Pray) for “as long as it takes!”

I am receiving many e-mails from people who wish to help. In case you wish to travel to Crow Creek to Pray and support the Crow Creek Sioux, the location is below.

Chairman Sazue states: “I am now marking the spot,”SIOUX LAND IS NOT FOR SALE”, 2 miles west of the CrowCreek High school ( HWY 34 ).”The land is located North of Ft.Thompson, on highway 34, west of

Stephan ( CrowCreek High School ). Between Stephan and the BigBend District.Maybe 5 or so miles west of Stephan on highway 34.

It is Winter and the Temperature in central SD is bitterly cold with expected highs around 0 to 5 degrees only. The wind can blow on the Prairie, creating even more extreme severe cold. Those who enter into Hemblaca (Prayer offering and sacrifice) will give all that they have to the Creator, for the land is not for sale. The Tribe has no money or riches to give to the Creator, just themselves to offer. The Crow Creek reservation is on the poorest County in the United States. How does one explain the true meaning of what our land where our ancestors lay, means to us as Sioux People? In this day of greed (“wasinicu”takes the fat!) and the Me generation, there is no way to relate our feeling for our land. Your Prayers are appreciated.

Please join in Prayer!  
Pilamayaye  
A. Gay Kingman  
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one to be counted on Census Day, April 1st, 2010. This program is serving as an early grassroots awareness campaign within many of our diverse regions throughout the nation.

The 2010 Census is easy, important and safe. If your community is one that is under counted, chances are it will also be under funded, and or under represented. “The Census Bureau is ready to undertake this massive domestic operation and looks forward to everyone’s participation in the national count.”

To find out more information about the 2010 Census or would like to be part of this historic effort, please go to [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov), or interested in being a census worker in your community, go to [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) or call 1-866-861-2010.

## 2010 Census

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1.4 million people to conduct the 2010 Census, including a follow up with households that do not return their questionnaire.

During this decennial, the Census Bureau has also created an extensive Partnership Program employing thousands of Partnership Specialists and Assistants across the nation to address the perceived undercount, targeting what the Census Bureau calls “Hard to Count” communities. American Indian and Alaskan Native Tribes and Tribal Organizations along with other culturally diverse communities are working hand in hand with the Census, helping every-

Clark County School District Equity and Diversity Education Department

## Indian Education Opportunities Program 2010 American Indian/Alaskan Native College Tour

What: Indian Education Opportunities Program College Tour. The selected university/colleges have programs for American Indian and Alaskan Native students. Clark County School District (CCSD) and Indian Education Opportunities Program (IEOP) will cover all expenses excluding meals which will be the responsibility of the student.

Who: Eligible American Indian and Alaskan Native students enrolled in the Clark County School District in grade 8-12 during the 2009-2010 school-year.

When: March 29 - April 1, 2010 (CCSD Spring Break)

Where: New Mexico

Why: To encourage American Indian and Alaskan Native students to set goals for postsecondary education.

How: Interested students should call the IEOP at (702) 799-8515 or email the staff at [indianeducation@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:indianeducation@interact.ccsd.net) to verify eligibility before completing the application.

Applicants must submit a completed application. The content must be in the following order:

1. Application Form
2. A typed essay explaining why the student wants to participate in the College Tour and what the student hopes to gain by attending. Essay should be in 12 point font, double spaced (Refer to College Tour Scoring

Rubric).

3. Two letters of recommendation: one from a current teacher, the second from a community or church leader (letters must be on appropriate letter-head).

The deadline for submitting applications to the Indian Education Opportunities Program is 3:30 PM on/or before Wednesday, November 25, 2009. Applications received after this date and time will not be considered. Applications may be sent via US mail, school mail or hand-delivered to the IEOP office by the above deadline. No faxes will be accepted. Submit applications to 3950 S. Pecos-McLeod, Suite 1-B, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

• Do not submit applications to the school counselor’s office or any other location.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- October 9-10, 2009 Parent Information Night
- November 25, 2009 Deadline for submission
- December 14, 2009 Letters sent to students
- Jan. 25- Feb. 5, 2010 Interviews
- February 26, 2010 Notification of final selection
- March 12-13, 2010 Mandatory Student/Parent orientations; must RSVP by March 9, 2010. Failure of Student and parent to attend this meeting will eliminate your child from this trip.

## Indian Education Program College Tour Extension

The Equity and Diversity Education Department (EDE) is happy to announce an extension of the Indian Education Opportunities Program (IEOP) College Tour application. Applications have been extended through December 17, 2009. Please advise all American Indian/Alaska Native students 8-12th grade there is

still time to complete the IEOP College Tour application.

The completed application must be submitted to the Equity and Diversity Education Department Office, 3950 S Pecos-McLeod Suite 1-b Office 127, Las Vegas Nevada 89121, by December 17, 2009. For additional information contact the EDE office at 702-799-8484.

## Happy Holidays from Arigon Starr

Arigon Starr is an enrolled member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma. She grew up on the road as part of a military family. Her parents, Ken and Ruth Wahpecome (Creek-Cherokee-Seneca) supported her artistic expressions, encouraging her to learn as much as possible about music, composition, art, and drama. Starr relocated to Los Angeles, where she worked behind the scenes at entertainment companies like Viacom Productions and Showtime Networks. In 1996, she left her corporate job behind and became a full-time musician.

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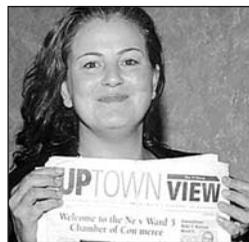
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## Ward 5 Councilman Ricky Barlow Announces a Non Profit Coalition to Empower the Ward 5 Business Community and Cultural Corridor

I would like to invite all of you to some exciting events taking place this month The Cultural Corridor's annual December to Remember event, celebrating the holiday season with cultural diversity. I assisted with the kick off; a day-long festival of family activities, art, music, food and fun on Saturday, Dec. 5. The Cultural Corridor, located on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bonanza Road and Washington Avenue, is a nonprofit coalition of seven institutions: Cashman Center, Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas Library, Lied

Discovery Children's Museum, Neon Museum, Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park and Reed Whipple Cultural Center. December to Remember is the corridor's annual holiday celebration, a month-long program offering ongoing exhibits, performances, films, special events and hands-on activities that show how the diverse cultures of the world celebrate this special time of year.

For more information, visit [www.culturalcorridorvegas.org](http://www.culturalcorridorvegas.org).

I would also like to make aware of

the grand opening of a new business at Edmond Town Center, Amaya's Beauty Supply.

Edmond Town Center has also announced the lease for 6,000 square feet by Rainbow Apparel. As a leader in popular priced apparel, Rainbow USA Inc. is a national chain that specializes in junior, plus sizes, and children's apparel. This new retailer will help bring in new jobs and stimulate the local economy.

I have been working diligently to attract new businesses to West Las Vegas

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## Ski tour promotes Reno and Lake Tahoe with lucrative Mexico tourism market

CARSON CITY, NV — A ski tour which began Dec. 7th brought travel journalists to Reno and Lake Tahoe for a week of skiing, shopping, entertainment and outdoor recreation to promote the region in the lucrative Mexico tourism market, Lt. Gov. Brian K. Krolicki announced

The familiarization tour, Dec. 7-12, included five journalists from travel magazines and newspapers in Mexico City and Monterrey, a representative of Adnova, the company that promotes Nevada tourism in Mexico, and an official of United Airlines, which is flying the group to Reno.

"Mexico is the No. 3 largest international travel market for Nevada, and we are working to entice more visitors from this neighboring country," Krolicki, chair of the Nevada Commission on Tourism (NCOT), said. "Travel stories and photos by journalists who have enjoyed first-hand the fun, excitement and natural beauty of Reno and Lake Tahoe are a great way to sway visitors."

Hosting the tour were NCOT and tourism partners, including the Atlantis Resort Spa Casino, Circus Circus Reno hotel-casino, Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe, Cal-Neva Resort, Spa and Casino, MontBleu Resort, Edgewood Tahoe golf course, Lake Tahoe Cruises, Heavenly Gondola, Heavenly Mountain Resort, Eldorado Hotel Casino Reno and the Silver Legacy Resort Casino.

"Reno-Tahoe is a destination that really sells itself, once the visitors arrive," NCOT Director Dann Lewis said. "Many people are familiar with Las Vegas, but less aware of the vibrant new attractions and ambience of 21st century Reno and the exceptional skiing and snowboarding at 18 resorts around Lake Tahoe. Our job is to motivate visitors to come and experience what's new and unexpected, and then to come back for more."

The journalists represent Publitur travel trade magazine of Monterrey and four Mexico City publications: Milenio and Reforma newspapers and their respective Sunday tourism supplements

TornaVuelta and De Viaje!, Deep lifestyle entertainment and tourism magazine and Bleu & Blanc tourism-focused magazine. Hotels and attractions provide complimentary lodging, meals, entertainment and activities for NCOT's familiarization tours.

Tour activities will included lodging, dining and a visit to the Atlantis resort and spa, shopping at Legends at the Sparks Marina and The Summit malls, dining at Circus Circus, skiing at Mt. Rose, lake-view dining and lodging at the Cal-Neva and a tour of the hotel's notorious tunnel where Frank Sinatra and Marilyn Monroe dashed to their cot-

## Antonio "Little Chief" Gering Signs on to Assist Indian Voices

My name is Antonio Gering, I'm 23 and I live in Las Vegas, NV. I am Pueblo from San Felipe Pueblo, NM. I am a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and have recently returned from a combat deployment to Iraq with Fox Co. 2/23. I joined the Marines right after high school, leaving 5 days after I graduated. Since joining I have traveled to Ukraine, Israel, and Iraq. Now that I am back home I am continuing school at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and pursuing a degree in Communications. Before I left school to deploy I was president of the Native American Student Association/Native Rebs at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

I never planned to join the Marines when I was younger, in fact I objected to joining the Corps and it wasn't until the summer before my senior year that I decided I wanted to become a Marine. I eventually joined for multiple reasons, I craved for excitement in my life and being an infantrymen would provide lots of

excitement for me. Also my mother's uncle was drafted into the Army back in Vietnam and I wanted to honor him. No one else in my family has ever been a Marine, so I decided I wanted to be the first. Now a days our people don't have warriors like in the old days that protected the people and the village, great men that went to battle against enemies. Becoming a Marine and going to fight would give me the chance to go and fight for my people, my reservation, and my country. So many Natives have done great things during the times of war, and I wanted to join the ranks.

Since being with Fox Co. I have been one of two Natives, the first being a Sioux man, but he got out a few years back. I never experienced much hardship being Native because my company has such a wide range of races and religions. Once my fellow Marines found out my ethnicity I was given the nickname "Little Chief" due to my height, me being one of the shortest in the company and me being

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- Las Vegas Indian Center-702.647.5842
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- Las Vegas City Hall-702.229.6011
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- University of Nevada Las Vegas-702.774.4119
- Las Vegas Paiute Golf & Resort-800.711.2833
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- The Las Vegas Tribune-702.369.6508
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- Indoor Swap Meet (Lake Mead Drive)
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tages, dining, night-clubbing and lodging at MontBleu, an après-ski party at Edgewood, cruising Lake Tahoe on the M.S. Dixie II, riding the Heavenly Gondola to the mountain top for skiing, lodging at the Silver Legacy and dinner and the Holiday Ice Spectacular show at the Eldorado hotel.

Mexico ranks just behind Canada and the United Kingdom in the number of international visitors to Nevada.



Native. That name has stuck for 4 years.

I deployed to Ramadi, Iraq at the beginning of the spring this year. I never really knew what to expect because the war has changed so much since the invasion, but while I was there I can say I had some of the most memorial times of my life. Sure, there was a degree of danger and the possibility of death, but I wouldn't have traded the experience for the world. In June of next year my contract will be fulfilled to the Marine Corps, but I have no intentions to re-enlist. I plan to pursue a career in the Air Force as a Pararescuemen and finish my degree in Communications at UNLV.

I look forward to utilizing my organizational and life skills to assist with the growth and development of *Indian Voices*.

## Senator Reid Advises: Take Part in the Census

by Sen. Harry Reid, Special to Indian Voices

Nevada's tribal communities are facing the same challenges as all Nevadans during this difficult year for our state. Too often tribes are hit hardest by unemployment, rising health care costs and inadequate housing. These challenges are only worsened when tribes are underserved by inadequate formula funding from the federal government. I strongly encourage Nevada's Native communities to participate in the Census. Filling out the Census ensures communities fair representation and funding. When we have a count of tribal members the government is able to accurately allocate resources to address the needs of tribal communities.

I have worked hard over the years in conjunction with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to get appropriations that benefit Nevada's tribes, but often

funding that is directed to Native American groups is divided up by a formula. Population is heavily considered in that formula. The Census allows representatives in the federal government to accurately allocate this formula funding. Census data directly affects more than \$300 billion a year in federal and state funding – such as Job Training Partnership Act, Grants to Local Education Agencies for Indian Education, and family violence prevention services.

For every Nevadan left uncounted by the Census, the state will lose \$917 a year. This is especially important to rural areas and the hospitals, schools, highways, and service centers that rural counties and Indian Reservations depend on. The 2010 Census could mean the difference between three and four representatives in Congress and between five

and six electoral votes for presidential races.

The U.S. Census bureau as a part of the U.S. government acts in compliance with the trust relationship and recognizes the unique government-to-government communication that relationship requires. The Census bureau will consult and work with tribal governments before making decisions on any programs that could affect tribal communities. This commitment represents the government working with tribes to accurately record tribal identity and to share completed census data with tribes.

Simply put, the Census is an investment in your community. It doesn't use data for law or court enforcement. It doesn't use data for immigration or tax purposes. The Census Bureau count will take place on April 1, 2010, and everyone must be counted, and a report on state population totals will be submitted to the president by December 31, 2010. I urge all of Nevada's tribal communities to make sure that their communities are counted as the vibrant part of Nevada that they are.

## Wild horses get reprieve from roundup

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON CITY – The Bureau of Land Management has postponed a planned roundup of thousands of wild horses in Nevada because of a lawsuit and to allow time for appeals of its decision.

BLM spokeswoman JoLynn Worley in Reno confirmed Wednesday that the roundup, set to begin Dec. 7, has been delayed until Dec. 28.

Worley said the agency still will issue a formal decision Tuesday on its plan to round up 2,700 horses from a range 100 miles north of Reno. It is part of a plan to remove more than 30,000 horses from federal lands in the West to deal with soaring numbers of the animals and the growing costs to manage them.

The group In Defense of Animals filed a lawsuit Monday seeking to block the action and challenging the use of helicopters in roundups.

The lawsuit also argued that the use of helicopters in roundups is illegal because they "traumatize, injure and kill" some of the animals.

"We welcome this moratorium on the capture and inhumane treatment of the Calico horses," said William Spriggs, an attorney representing plaintiffs in the lawsuit, who include Craig Downer, a renowned wildlife ecologist.

"We are confident that the court will agree that America's wild horses are protected by law from BLM's plan to indiscriminately chase and stampede them into corrals for indeterminate warehousing away from their established habitat," Spriggs said.

### Ward Five

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and have been traveling around the United States speaking to various retailers about development opportunities in Ward 5. Through my relationship with Mr. Edmond and by assisting with following up on various development leads, this partnership with Rainbow Apparel was able to be forged.

What this lease agreement means is that even in an economy that's not so bright, there is still an opportunity within the inner city for a company such as Rainbow Apparel to come in and employ individuals from the neighborhood so they're not only gainfully employed but to give them the chance to walk to work due to the store being right inside their community. It also gives the surrounding residents an opportunity to shop right inside of their neighborhood versus going outside of their neighborhood, which will generate new dollars right inside our community.

## US court blocks huge gold mine project in Nevada

RENO, NV – A federal appeals court on Thursday temporarily blocked construction of a massive gold mine project in northeast Nevada that critics say would harm the environment and ruin a mountain that several tribes consider sacred.

In a rare legal setback for the mining industry in the nation's largest gold-producing state, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals granted an injunction to force Barrick Gold Corp. to postpone digging a 2,000-foot deep open pit at the Cortez Hills mine.

Nevada trails only China, South Africa and Australia in terms of worldwide gold production.

In reversing an earlier ruling, the judges in San Francisco said the U.S. Bureau of Land Management failed to adequately analyze the mine's potential to pollute the air with mercury emissions and dry up scarce water resources in Nevada's high desert. The project is located on Mount Tenabo, about 250 miles east of Reno.

The appellate judges concluded BLM's review was inadequate under the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires a thorough examination of large-scale projects on federal land. They said the agency didn't fully consider the air quality impacts resulting from transporting ore to an off-site processing facility 70 miles away.

The judges also said the review didn't do enough to examine the likelihood that pumping water out of the pit would cause the groundwater level to drop and potentially dry up more than a dozen streams and springs.

The ruling Thursday sends the case back to federal court in Reno until the BLM revises its environmental impact statement.

In the ruling, the appellate court upheld a federal judge's finding that opponents of the mine failed to prove they were likely to prevail on claims the mine would cause visual harm to Mount Tenabo and create a substantial burden on the tribes' ability to exercise their religion.

Several Native American tribes say their people have been worshipping at Tenabo for centuries.

Lawyers for Barrick - the largest gold mining company in the world - argued that postponing digging the mine would cause undue financial hardship on the company and its workers during tough economic times.

But the appeals court said any economic hardship "may for the most part be temporary."

"Congress's determination in enacting NEPA was that the public interest requires careful consideration of environmental impacts before major federal projects may be go forward," the judges wrote. "Suspending a project until that consideration has occurred thus comports with the public interest."

John Hadder, executive director of the Reno-based environmental watchdog group the Great Basin Mine Watch, said the court rightly concluded BLM had failed in its legal responsibility to "protect the air, water and ecological values of the area as well as the religious freedom of Western Shoshone" tribe.

"None of us are opposed to mining if

it is done responsibly. However, this project is as irresponsible as it gets," he said. In addition to the Mine Watch, the plaintiffs included the Western Shoshone Defense Project and three tribes.

BLM spokeswoman JoLynn Worley said the agency was reviewing the ruling and had no comment Thursday.

Vincent Borg, Barrick's executive vice president for corporate communications, said the company was pleased the appellate court upheld the lower court ruling regarding religious freedom.

"The district court will now have to consider the extent of any injunctive relief" in regard to the other parts of the ruling the judges overturned, he said.

Barrick began construction in January on the mine, which would be one of the largest open-pit, cyanide heap leach gold mines in the United States. Company officials said at the time they were prepared to spend \$640,000 a day on the project for the next 15 months.

"It is unfortunate the company decided to push this forward without addressing all concerns, especially those of the Shoshone people," said Larson Bill, a member of the Te-Moak Tribe.

Carrie Dann, of the Western Shoshone, said the project would drain the water from the mountain.

"The destruction of the water is like the destruction of the blood of the earth," Dann said. "You are destroying life of the earth and the people and wildlife that depend on it."

The Moapa Band of Paiute Indians resides on the Moapa River Reservation. We are a recognized Indian tribe organized under a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 17, 1942.



The tribal lands originally set aside in 1874 consisted of two million acres, but in 1876 it was reduced to a thousand acres. In December 1980, under the Carter Administration, an additional 70,000 acres were provided. The current total land base is 71,954 acres.



The tribe's primary business enterprise centers on the Moapa Paiute Travel Plaza, which includes a casino, convenience store, cafe, gas station, and firework store with the largest and most comprehensive selection of fireworks in the West.



Tribal Council governs the tribe.

**The Land**

Moapa Valley is the prehistoric flood plain of the Muddy River, which flows through the valley and drains into Lake

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The Moapa Reservation is located about eight miles west of Glendale, junction of State Route 168 and I-15, near the Valley of Fire State Park.

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