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Tijuana: Slum of Empire

By Rocky Neptun

El Centro, Tijuana; August 13, 2008. With heavy heart, vacillating with intense rage; I stand on the corner of Revolution and Third Avenues, and watch as several hundred federal police officers block off all of 3rd Avenue, between Madero and Constitution, with huge buses. As startled tourists run for taxis and Mexican shoppers scurry away, 250 "Federales" in ominous, darkblack uniforms, carrying machine guns, automatic rifles and a few grenade launchers, spread out along the streets.

Here at this venerated intersection, where few alive remember, but the personal stories are passed down through

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the generations, where the truck carrying personal belongings of Ricardo Flores Magon paused, while thousands paid homage in November, 1922 to a true defender of freedom and patria. Maria Guzman, then in her 80's, still selling trinkets on the streets, reminisced over 20 years ago to me about her father lifting her up from the dusty road so she could kiss the desk of Tijuana's greatest hero. She, then, still lived in the Tijuana barrio of Flores Magon.

How heartrending these federal blackshirts, ready to shoot citizens, here at this junction of streets, in this city, which so long ago was the capital of a truly liberated Baja. In May, 1911, exploited pottery workers joined with oppressed indigenous peoples, aided by Mexican union members, sent south from Los Angeles by Flores Magon, and overthrew the



Federal Police block off 3rd Avenue between Medero, Constitution Avenue and Revolution Avenue in Tijuana.

local forces of the dictator Porfirio Diaz. For over a year, all the major cities in Baja became part of the only emancipated nation, formed in the Northern Hemisphere in the 20th Century. Led by the Partido Liberal Mexicano and Flores Magon from Los Angeles (the Mexican government had put forth a \$20,000 reward for his death), Tijuana saw large estates confiscated and land distributed to the poor, workers were unionized and

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Soboba Tribe Settles 62 Year Water Struggle

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On July 31, 2008 President Bush's signature the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians Settlement Act into law ending a sixty two year old Soboba Tribal water rights dispute involving the Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan Water District. Tribal Chairman Adam Castillo filed the original lawsuit in 1946. "It's been a long process" Soboba Tribal Chairman, Robert J. Salgado said at the dedication luncheon held at the Soboba Spring Country Club on Friday, August 15, 2008.

In the photo above Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack presents a copy of the Soboba water rights settlement to



Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack presents a copy of the Soboba water rights settlement to Soboba tribal Chairman Robert Salgado Sr. during a ceremony on August 15, 2008 at the Soboba Springs Country Club in San Jacinto.

Soboba tribal Chairman Robert Salgado Sr. during a ceremony on August 15, 2008 at the Soboba Springs Country Club in San Jacinto. The settlement ends 63 years of Dispute between the tribe, the federal government and local Water Districts in the San Jacinto Valley.

Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne referred to the Soboba water rights settlement Friday as "an evaporation of a litigation cloud," and a showing of how cooperation can ensure a water supply and protection of the resource both for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and other San Jacinto Valley water users in the future.

Chairman Salgado In congressional testimony earlier this year, Salgado described how the tribe grew melons, beans, corn and

fruit trees in irrigated fields. He testified that the loss of the reservation water

All Rise ... The Intertribal Court of Southern California is Now in Session!

Valley Center, CA – The Intertribal Court of Southern California (ICSC) provides San Diego County tribes a fair, culturally sensitive and independent judicial forum for resolving disputes on local reservations. August 1, 2008, member tribes dedicated the court's new Justice Center at its permanent location on the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians' Reservation.

"Returning justice and fair play to reservations has long been the dream of tribal elders. Today, this court allows tribal governments to enforce public safety and community standards while ensuring the right of every individual to their day in court," said Anthony Brandenburg, chief judge of the ICSC.

The court settles disputes over tribal enrollment, hears Indian child welfare cases and handles civil infraction violations such as trespass and assault. Housing disputes, environmental issues, land use and torts may also be brought to the court. A circuit court serving the 10 member tribes, The ICSC provides court administration, clerks, bailiffs and computerized case management; the judge makes rulings based on each participating tribe's laws, ordinances, customs and historical precedent.

Brandenburg notes that, "Tribal governments have different concerns and priorities and like any state, city or county government, the tribe is responsible for creating its own ordinances, or laws that apply on the reservation."

As the first of its kind in California, the ICSC is heralded as a model for offering efficient and economic judicial processes to multiple tribes, through shared administration. The founding tribes are the Pala Band of Cupeño Indians, La Jolla Nation of Luiseño Indians, the Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians, the Pauma Band of Mission Indians, The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, and the Iipaay Nation of Santa Ysabel, the Jamul Indian Village, Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians, Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, and San Pasqual Band of Indians

According to Temet Aguilar, tribal court administrator, the ICSC also benefits non-Indians. "When you come on the reservation you will be treated with the same fairness and judicial discretion you would receive as a tribal member.

Intertribal Court Dedication

"We don't treat people differently. At the same time, tribes now have the governmental infrastructure to ensure that non-members as well as members are equally responsible for upholding the community's laws."

Aguilar, a Luiseño-Diegueño Indian, was instrumental in bringing the court services to San Diego County tribes. "While in law school, I realized there was no way our tribes would ever receive the law enforcement and community cohesiveness we wanted without doing it ourselves. Today tribal governments are increasingly in a position to realize the long held dream of bringing law and order to our communities.

"It's a matter of sovereignty: that's what we are doing right here, right now, making the positive changes we want, through our own tribal government, law enforcement personnel, and our own courts. It's an example of our people once more exercising control over our lives and land. It's our own leaders starting this, creating it, enforcing it and enhancing it. True change comes from within"

Chief Judge Brandenburg, of American Indian descent, likes to explain that while tribes are governments, they are also family, and like any family have their disagreements. But now the court gives them the tools to fairly resolve conflicts. However, he points out, the current and future success of the ICSC depends on continued cooperation between state and local law enforcement and courts. "The Sheriff and the District Attorney's Offices and the local judicial community have been supportive and really are partners in providing comprehensive public safety.

"We have before us an opportunity to clear up the gray areas and the void of local tribal authority created by Congress with passage of Public Law 280, which gave the state responsibility for criminal jurisdiction on reservations. Public Law 280 has hampered the ability of both the tribes and state law enforcement to provide for the necessary adoption and enforcement of community standards of peace and safety. But we are all working together to change that," he added.

The ICSC offers services including educational programs, free attorney referral service and court-sponsored Alternative Dispute Resolution, including mediation and arbitration. Special programs designed to meet the needs of the tribal community such as Indian law, wills, and trust will also be made available.

The Intertribal Court is located at 49002 Golsh Road, Rincon Reservation, Valley Center California; contact number is (760) 751-4142.



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Water Struggle

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supply completely destroyed the economic base of the tribe. He said no amount of money will ever compensated the tribal member for the decades they were forced to live without the basic supply of water. He told the congressional committee he remembers as a young boy having to haul water in five gallon containers from the near by city of San Jacinto just to survive. We are not bitter or hold any animosity against anyone he told the committee he has just made us as a people stronger so that we are better prepared to face the next challenge to our Tribal Sovereignty.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Mary Bono Mack, R-Palm Springs, passed the House of Representatives in May of this year. The legislation implements a 1991 federal government settlement and another settlement with San Jacinto Valley water suppliers that took about eight years to resolve.

"I am thrilled an agreement has been reached that will benefit the many individuals and families impacted by this ongoing water dispute," Bono Mack said in a news release. "We would not be at this point without the many years of hard work and cooperation by the tribe, our local water districts and local leaders."

The legislation provides "a secure and reliable water supply not only for the tribe, but the community," Loretta Tuell, Washington, D.C.-based legal counsel for the tribe on the water issue, said by phone. In Indian water rights cases, negotiations, rather than litigation, are "the best means to come to resolution," she said.

The settlement awards the tribe \$18 million from local water districts, \$11 million from the federal government and the right to 2 billion gallons of water a year from the aquifer. The tribe agreed to use no more than half the water allotment for the first 50 years. What isn't used will be available to other local water providers. The tribe is working on a five-year development plan, Salgado said. That also would address use of 128 acres that will be deeded to the tribe near Diamond Valley Lake in the Winchester area.

Rep. Grace Napolitano, D-Norwalk, who chairs the House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Water and Power, and Rep. Joe Baca, D-Rialto, a member of the subcommittee, also spoke at the event.

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guaranteed decent wages, women were freed from machismo, and officials vowed to govern by "making a free and happy life for all without masters and tyrants."

Of course, as in all history, the forces of greed and privilege won. Madero won the Mexican Revolution, which was waging at the time, and lost his life. Zapata was also assassinated, Pancho Villa brought down in a hail of bullets, and Flores Magon arrested by the United States government in 1912, in exchange for railroad rights with Mexico's new "liberal" dictators. Sentenced to 20 years, he was murdered by federal agents in Leavenworth Prison, Kansas.

Sin as a Liberating Tradition

There is an old saying, "When the United States get's a cold, Tijuana sneezes." The city has always been torn between being a frontier post for North American exploitation. Whether its illusions of liberty amidst total corruption or its basement bargain image (Capitalism's dark side, its Id, where "everyone is always selling something"); it is a place where cultures smash together, creating continuous fusion. It is Mexico's fourth largest city; its citizen never really totally Mexican. A weak dollar, weak economy, vanishing tourists, cheap labor in the Maquiladoras; scurrying, adapting, surviving amidst Capitalism's maze.

Standing on the corner of Avenida Revolucion and 3rd, in the heart of downtown Tijuana; I look north, toward the cheap, tin imitation of an arch strutting 1st Avenue. Between 1st and 2nd, abutting the Plaza Santa Cecilia, the old Boom-Boom Club building still stands, renamed so often, I've forgotten how many. Gutted by fire, neutered by American moral imperialism, it survives, like the city, a shadow of what it once was.

In its dark upstairs, a labyrinth of tapestry leading to dank rooms smelling of sweat and orgasms; my fourteen years of innocence came to a glorious end. It was the early sixties, where if you were tall enough to stand at the bar and had a dollar in your pocket you were welcomed. Young or old, black or white; Revolution Avenue was the heart of a poor person's sin city. More affordable than Las Vegas, more real, more orgiastic, than the pomp of Mardi Gras, its chicks more accessible and down-toearth than any coy polette along the River Seine in Paris; Tijuana was the Mecca for all who worshiped at the foot of Dionysus, the god of debauchery.

I look directly across from the intersection, where the old J.C. Penny store used to be. Now a Gigante shopping store, it is flanked by that hideous cultural clone, the Hard Rock Café. The city was also a destination of America's working-class. My grandmother, wife of a roofer, first brought me here in the mid-1950's. She loved to browse its shops and boutiques for little trinkets or adornments for her modest home or buy exotic candies and spicy salsas. Uncles, cousins, and distant friends of the family, would come to Tijuana to experience a "foreign country." For most, this would be their only "brave" excursion out of the United States. Photos and souvenirs would be shown around fireplaces and wood stoves in the hollows of the Ozark Mountains or the brick houses on the Nebraska prairie for years.

"What tragic fascination continues to bring me back here to this god-forsaken city," I ask myself, looking north again, toward the left side of Revolution, where the five-story Hotel Nelson dominates the view. Am I simply a salmon, instinct driven, returning to the spawning space; or has all the heartaches, drunken nights, love's won, love's lost, blood spilled on spit covered sidewalks, wild parties, orgies, arrests, street kids helped, families aided, over the many decades, made me a citizen of this tragic city. My mother and father were married in Tijuana in 1946. At sixteen, she was too young for California law. My conception, at the Nelson, overlooking this historical avenue, named after the Revolution; its smells, its noise, its pulsating energy of liberated behavior, permeated my genes.

My adopted city (or the city that has ensnared me) is failing. Dominated by American Empire and local corruption, both a battle-ground and a stagingground; Tijuana reflects a nation torn between the illusions of freedom and the reality of a corporate-owned oligarchy which increasing requires a police state mentality and totalitarian controls.

Professor Joseph Scimecca, in his lectures on Humanist Sociology, taught me, long ago, that freedom is quite simply "the maximation of alternatives." The more limitations the less freedom, he taught. Any look at society, any political or economic decision; he believed, must begin with the premise that "humans are free to create their social world, and that whatever impinges upon that freedom is ultimately negative and destructive."

The determinist philosophy of corporate-owned capitalism has evolved. In Tijuana, many afternoons; American, Japanese, Chinese and Mexican CEO's meet frequently with city officials and federal police to plot their needs. These executives then fly off to corporate headquarters, where more discussions are held with lobbyists, spin artists, politicians and other diverse crooks. A thousand laws, ordinances, regulations and decrees are issued each day, all over the globe; enabling, protecting, solidify the control of these profit driven extremists.

In olden days, they were called "Robber Barons." Today, they have become a Taliban of economic terrorists, Jihadists for profit, backed by police, day-by-day, extort and manipulate people's lives to give themselves more power. Meanwhile, in places like Tijuana, the urban apocalypse sees more and more violence as drug lords fight over who will buy off the politicians and police, with children, as young as 7years-old, brutally gunned down. Kissing cousins to the world's CEO's, these gangsters, particularly in Mexico, create the violence that breeds and justifies the very tyranny and subjugation that the corporate masters are demanding. As 9-11 was used by Bush, Chaney and Gang to justify the destruction of the Constitution and its Bill of Rights; so, too, does Mexico's phony war on drugs authoritate its repression and police state tactics.

Tijuana has always had drugs. And like the son of a bartender (and many a preacher), its youth always learned to handle their physic medication. During the 60's and 70's, marijuana was always plentiful. We poor boys, without fathers to support us, would always pick up some, after a drunken week-end, to sell to fellow students to pay for education needs. Five kilos could be had for a case of Jack Daniels. Speed, however, "Black Beauties and Cross-Tops" required cash, as did downers like "Bennies".

It wasn't until the CIA introduced crack cocaine into the ghettos of the United States (Reagan's revenge for Black Panthers near his Sacramento Governor's mansion with loaded rifles) did Mexico have a "problem" with drugs. The only land mass between the jungles of Columbia and the noses of North American youth; Mexico became a leaky conduit. Its own poor youth hooked and corrupted by cartels that depend on the Capitalist system of supply and demand. The U.S. government and its hysterical oligarchy, rather than treat its youth's addiction, decriminalize and legalize; declared war on its own children and expected Mexico to do the same.

By 2006, Mexican legislators had had enough of the violence and repression, encouraged and funded by U.S. fanatical politicians and officials. They passed a drug de-criminalization bill which focused on personal use; the reasonable approximations of single-use or singlesession amounts. Under the bill as passed by the congress, possession of up to five grams of marijuana, 25 milligrams of heroin, a half-gram of cocaine, two-tenths of a gram of speed or Ecstasy, and one-quarter gram of psychedelic mushrooms would be considered possession for personal use. And in a nod to Mexico's indigenous population, the measure would also decriminalize the possession of up to 2.2 pounds of psychedelic peyote cactus.

Then Mexican President Vicente Fox, agreeing to sign; then cowardly refused after the U.S. Ambassador threatened economic and political sanctions. This bill would have freed up criminal justice system resources currently devoted to dealing with drug users. It also would have given the government more ammunition in the form of stiffer sentences for drug trafficking and sales offenses and it would give it more boots on the ground in the drug war in the form of 400,000

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state and municipal police officers who would now be allowed to take part in drug law enforcement. Under current law, only Mexico's roughly 100,000 federal police agents can enforce the drug laws.

So, if it is the power of the "federales" and their authoritarian support of oligarchy and foreign corporations, if it is millions of dollars from the north; then, the Conservative governments of PAN will sacrifice a whole generation of youth to appease its U.S. masters.

Profiting from "Legal" Drugs

As I stand in down-town Tijuana and watch the Mexican federal agents lockdown the city's core, I sense that this too is staged. Perhaps a U.S. Senator is in town, or a staff member from the White House? Walking along Revolution Avenue, I ask dozens of people what is going on. No one seems to know. I wait. A half-hour, an hour. Nada. No buildings are rushed, no armored car arrives to take a druggie into custody. I finally head off to the Ranchero, before my favorite bartender leaves and the drinks rise to 25 pesos.

Three hours and five drinks later; I learn from a disgusted pharmacist, who had just belted three shots of Tequila with his Tecate beer; that the cream of the Mexican federal police were in Tijuana not to protect its citizens from violence nor apprehend its gangsters but, rather, to protect international pharmaceutical companies and their profits.

Professor Scimecca's maximum alternatives, the foundation of freedom, was helping Tijuana's poor, and even the U.S.'s working-class too much. Led by the Mexican Institute for the Protection of Industrial Property, an actual federal agency which protects corporate interests, the "federales were targeting pharmacies along Revolution and a few on Third Avenue, which cater to strapped Americans trying to find lower-priced medications.

Many pharmacies in Mexico circumvent the monopoly manipulation of prices by huge drug companies by selling medication by the pill rather than in a package. Several aged U.S. citizens I know, some in their 80's, who live in squalid tenements, near Revolution, buy their prescriptions this way. Others, especially indigenous families and single-mothers, can only afford to buy the medical samples that doctors donate to the pharmacies.

The action, by federal corporate protection agents, netted not one single offender. No citations were issued, no arrests, no pharmacies were closed. It was all show. By evening all the small mom and pop pharmacies throughout

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5000 Willows Rd. 619.445.5400 www.viejas.com the city; in run-down buildings in the barrios, perched on canyon edges in shacks, serving the city's poor, worried about their livelihood and service to their communities.

Today, everywhere; human beings, either individually or in associations, such as governments, are increasingly incapable of calculating possibilities because the freedom to choose is an illusion. Like shoppers on an escalator or cattle prodded through chutes, there is no room to maneuver. Behavior is no longer innovative and spontaneous because consciousness itself [to stand apart, the ability to give things meaning] is hammered into a socially determined aspect of self. In a corporate-owned world, well-paid, well-meaning, pharmacists are as trapped as poor people by the lack of options [and increasingly, the ability to even imagine options].

Human praxis, the reflective process of thought and action, becomes stunted; liberty an illusion, and the notion of individuality a cruel myth. *C*. Wright Mills' warnings, decades ago, about the continuing constraints on human freedom by those who have institutional and economic power has come to pass. Political and economic tyranny, even the manipulation of truth itself, has become commonplace, with little dissent.

Just this week, the vicious bastard children of corporate-owned globalization, China's state-owned capitalism thugs, didn't even attempt to hide their authoritarian presence. Because smog obscured the opening of the Olympics, they merely released a computer generated fireworks show and the media puppets of the world broadcast it as news footage of the actual event. The little girl who opened the games, lip sank the words; while another, much less pretty girl sang the words. Meanwhile they arrest a human rights activist on his way to church (the same one that Bush attended while sucking up to Beijing's wealth).

China's Orwellian nightmare, like Freddy Krueger, is coming to a theater (community) near you. In Helena, Arkansas, the city's wealthier citizens have gotten the Mayor and City Council to impose a 24-hour curfew on the 10 square blocks of its poorer neighborhoods; creating de-facto apartheid based on class. The poor and working-class in this small precursor of municipal despotism are required to explain why they are on public streets and subject themselves to illegal interrogation.

Tijuana, likewise, has become a staging ground for the new fascism of a corporate-owned world. Like the Chinese fireworks, Mexico's moves in reigning in the "narcos" are an illusion. The wealthy and their politicos need the drug lords as much as Bush needed Ben Laden free - bogeymen, to whip children and citizens into fear, validating oppression.

The drug trade in Mexico is the hen that lays the Golden Eggs. Billions of U.S. dollars pass into private hands as Mexico pretends to fight a war on drugs. Ludicrous, ineffective road blocks so open and announced that even tourists know where they are, arrests of the hired help, while drug kingpins become mayors and governors, filling city jails with poor street kids and orphans while drug coyotes drive by in Hummers and Escalades.

The outlook is bleak for Tijuana; it is controlled by corporate interests not its people. The corrupt political system, the U.S. dominated economy, the lack of strong unions or effective civic organizations makes fundamental change impossible. Those who can afford to migrate, will. The wealthy will continue to wall in their homes and create no trespass zones, like in Jerusalem. Whole concentration camps for the young and poor will be built; financed with U.S. dollars.

Yet, there is always hope. What I love best about Mexico, is its people; the strength of their friendships and familial ties. Their ability to make sense and purpose of the madness and anarchy of a functioning society without much basic infrastructure, from poor roads to overflowing toilets. The ability to laugh through hardships and never, never, taking themselves (or others) too seriously.

And, in spite of repeated stolen elections by corporate interests, they still hold a soft-spot in their hearts for revolution and democracy. Unlike the United States, where jaded, faded, manipulated images of kind old "fathers" founding a nation on parchment and with speeches, corporate washes the truth and legitimizes today's tyrannies; Mexicans still idealize and understand the fiery integrity of Zapata and the magnificent courage of Pancho Villa. Generationally, much closer to their revolution, they still remember; family members martyred, women and children fighting with machetes and hoes.

Deep within the Mexican chest, beats the heart of a potential liberationist; a potential Flores Magon. Those furthest from the U.S. border; more so, as Marcos discovered. We can only hope that the invaluable social capital of Mexico; its Golden Standard, the bond of family and friends, will guard its people from the insanity of northern greed and selfishness that seeps south, across the border, like raw sewage.

Rocky Neptun, director of the San Diego Renters Union, spends half the week with his Mexican lover at their home in Baja, Mexico.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At Jamul Indian Village Tribal meeting, Kenneth Meza was voted in as the Tribal Chairperson for the balance of this term which will run until June of next year. At that time the Tribe will hold it's nomination/election for all Council positions. At the Tribe's next monthly meeting the Vice-Chair position which is now vacant will be filled.

All of Us or None

Thousands to gather in Oakland for Fall conference on ending the prison industrial complex

Oakland, CA–"Even though imprisonment has not delivered a clear return on public safety and support for more prisons and police is faltering, for the first time, more than 1 in every 100 adults in the U.S. is in prison or jail. We've reached a tipping point." said Rachel Herzing of Critical Resistance.

"We can either continue down the same road of more police, more prisons, more control, or we can follow the lead of public opinion and invest in the things that truly build safe communities. We are coming together in Oakland this Fall as people who have been in prison, family members, organizers, policy makers, researchers and others to strategize how to go down that new road," added Herzing.

In 1998, thousands came together and launched what would become Critical Resistance – a national grassroots organization dedicated to ending the Prison Industrial Complex (PIC). The PIC is an expansive system of control that includes the use of prisons, policing and surveillance to address what are social, economic and political problems.

Ten years later, Critical Resistance will bring thousands to the Bay again for CR10, to assess the last ten years of struggle and to begin to map out the next decade of work.

From September 26 through 28, 2008, CR10 will bring together communities, families, former prisoners, policy makers, advocates, and others in an unheralded 3-day workshop driven, entertainment filled, and solutions oriented weekend with the goal of unifying, reinvigorating, and mobilizing the movement in the US and across the world to end society's use of prisons and policing as purported solutions to social problems. Some of the conference's growing list of participants will include:

• University of California Professor and former Black Panther Party member Angela Davis

• The Jena Six families

Members of the San Francisco 8
Professor Ruthie Gilmore, author of Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California
Former political prisoner and

Puerto Rican activist Lucy Rodriguez

• Co-founder of All of Us or None and long-time prisoner rights activist Dorsey Nunn

CR10 will also serve as the venue for the release of The Justice Policy Institute's new report: Moving Target, providing new data on the growth, impact, and cost of the Prison Industrial Complex (PIC) researched by one of the nation's leading criminal justice think tanks. It will also discuss the fight against the PIC, and successes in curbing the growth of prisons, as well as alternatives to imprisonment that are gaining greater support.

"The challenge facing us is immense. In the U.S., over 2.3 million people are warehoused in prisons and jails, with 700,000 people returning home from prison each year to communities devastated by racism, poverty and indifference. The harm of what we call crime cannot be solved through the additional harm of policing, surveillance and separation from loved ones. Empowered communities, with decent housing, secure jobs, food security, healthy environments and high-quality education, are the real alternative to incarceration," said Julia Sudbury, one of the founders of Critical Resistance.

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SCAIR & Monster.com San Diego Job Fair

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Throngs of eager job seekers joined the SCAIR/TANF participants at this Monster.com Job Fair. Over 800 interested applicants registered in attendance between 11am opening and the 2pm closing of the job fair. SCAIR collaborated with Monster.com as a co-sponsor for this event.

Vickie Gambala, the Native American Indian education district liaison for the San Diego Unified School District, was kept busy during the job fair and answered many questions about San Diego tribal educational programs.

More than 800 San Diego job seekers signed in and participated in the threehour Monster.com job fair event.

Some of the SCAIR and TANF staff members and consultants posed for pictures at the Southern California American Indian Resource Center, Inc. SCAIR booth. SCAIR and TANF tribal collaborators shared the booth space. The SCAIR-TANF booth included 48inch poster graphics, a professional Microsoft PowerPoint presentation by Roy Cook, authentic ethnographic clay pottery, native willow and coiled juncus baskets.

Antoinette Adleman and Tracy Stevens of the Alpine and San Diego offices of SCAIR organized and produced the display decoration for the two tables of the SCAIR booth.

San Diego tribal TANF staff members who are supported by the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) were on hand assisting and counseling tribal TANF job seekers during the tribally-sponsored event.

In attendance and support is Paul Razo San Diego community member and Roy Cook, SCAIR/CALIE writer. Roy designed, produced and presented a Microsoft PowerPoint with narration project that ran on a loop the entire four-hour job fair.

The Holiday Inn San Diego — On the Bay large conference room was packed with job seekers and company employer booths during the three-hour Monster job fair. San Diego tribal TANF clients received assistance and opportunities to meet with some of San Diego's top employers, job recruiters, head hunters, and human resources professionals.

Also attending the job fair are Ernie Salgado, APAPAS Development Corp. and SCAIR senior advisor Randy Edmonds and his wife Bonnie. Documenting the fair is SCAIR/CALIE Webmaster and photographer Gary Ballard.

This is an outstanding opportunity for the TANF and IHRC job participants to reach dozens of companies looking for people to hire. Also this exposure is excellent to see the intensity of the job seeker competition and interview level of attire.

Many took the opportunity to fill out applications, pick up business cards and information from the various companies. Additionally there are various gift items and gift bag items to acquire.

Many attendees voiced positive comments and welcomed the American Indian viewpoint and presentations. We were all glad to be there and we hope you had a positive experience too.



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Soboba Indian Reservation Public Law 280 Forum

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August 11, 2008 almost fifty-five years to the day of August 15, 1953 when Public Law 280 was implemented on all the Indian Reservations in California. It was also the same year Adam Castillo passed away. I mention this only because Mr. Castillo was not only the Tribal Chairman of the Soboba Band of Mission Indians (as it was known in the old days,) he was also the President of the Mission Indian Federation. Some say he died of a broken heart because Public Law 280 destroyed the life's work of the Mission Indian Federation. At the meeting tribal leaders vocalizing tribal control of their reservation (Home Rule) including tribal policing of their reservations by their own people.

It has been over one hundred years since the Mission Indian Federation became politically active in 1908 and eighty-five years since fifty-seven Mission Indian Federations Tribal Leaders including one woman, were arrested by the United States Government for becoming too vocal in demanding Tribal Rights.

The Soboba Tribal Council has been in a bitter dispute over jurisdiction on the Soboba Indian Reservation. Chairman Salgado has asked the Riverside County sheriffs to check in with the tribal security at the guard station before entering into the reservation, which is located approximately one mile within the reservation boundaries on Soboba Rd. The Tribal Council has given the sheriffs full access to the Tribal Casino. Chairman Salgado also said that the Tribal Council has given the sheriff full access to the reservation when in "hot pursuit" and in cases of emergency.

Riverside County Sheriff, Stanley Sniff has threatened to arrest security officers and tribal leaders who have been delaying his deputies as they attempt to enter the Soboba reservation and worries that such confrontations could escalate into violence. Chairman Salgado defended the tribe's policy of questioning sheriff's deputies when they visit the reservation, saying officials can arrest him for the practice if they want. Salgado also said he's well within his rights to have tribal security guards briefly delay sheriff's deputies who serve search warrants or conduct other business at the reservation.

Sheriff Sniff has asked federal officials to close the Soboba Casino because the continued violence on the reservation and the Tribal Council's position of delaying his deputies as they attempt to enter the reservation poses a threat to the general public.

On August 14, 2008 members of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) visited the Soboba Casino is what they termed a routine review. Both Chairman Salgado and Sheriff Sniff have claimed responsibility for initiating the visit by the NIGC. Salgado said he asked the commission to send people from its headquarters in Washington, D.C., but the inspectors were from the Sacramento office. The results of their review have not been made public and should be forthcoming Chairman Salgado told reporters.

The Soboba Band of

Luiseno Indian sponsored the P.L. 280 forum on August 11, 2008 with over 250 Tribal Leaders attending from as far as the State of Washington, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. In keeping with tribal traditions Jerome Salgado Sr. and his son Jerome Jr. from the Cauhilla Indian Reservation welcomed the gathering with a birdsong and Claudia Salgado, wife of Soboba Tribal Chairman, Robert J. Salgado also sang a Mountain Maidu welcoming song.

song. Chairman Robert J. Salgado in his welcoming told the group that the Soboba Tribe does not believe that it is above the law, but it has the right to defend its Tribal Sovereignty. He shared how he grew up with PL 280 and how the "Old Timers" would talk about how it took away the tribal rights of self-governance. He spoke of his father, Ernest Salgado Sr., who was present at the meeting at age 87 and his grandfather, O. J. Salgado who was a Charter Member of the National Congress of American Indians, and also served as Chairman for the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians, and many other tribal leaders that help form his views and opposition to PL 280. He asked the group to share their true feeling regarding P.L. 280, "... be honest, tell the truth, ..." he asked. Is closing He told the gathering "...I am proud to Tribal Chairman of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians....

Joe Meyers a highly respected Native American attorney shared some of his personnel experiences with law enforcement and P.L. 280. He told the Tribal Leader that P.L. 280 has not worked and it should be rescinded. It went on to say "... P.L. 280 was the bullet that was intended to kill Tribal Sovereignty as part of the "Termination Policy" of the Government..." Although the official "Termination Policy" of the Government ended with the passage of P.L. 93-638, the Indian Self Determination and Education Act of 1975 that was signed in to law by President Richard M. Nixon resistance to allowing the Tribal Governments to fully implement self governance continues at the local, state and the federal levels.

Meyers told the tribal leaders that P.L. 280 was only the beginning as it was followed by the "Reorganization and Rancheria Act" in 1958 when Indian people were told to sign the California Land Settlement and the American Dream would be theirs. The "Relocation Act" came next, which was one of the biggest disasters since the "Trail of Tears". He compared the "Relocation Act" to the World War II Relocation Centers where nearly



barbed-wire fences are gone now, but the people who spent years of their lives in the centers will never forget them. The majority of the Tribal people that were relocated in major cities through out the nation to be training in jobs so that they could become part of the dominant society have not been able to return home as many of the Japanese were after the war.

The results of the "Relocation Act" were devastating to the traditional tribal structure families became dysfunctional resulting in poverty, alcoholism, isolation, abuse, mixed with anger, frustration and death. Tribal. Three generation later the "Urban Indians" are still faced with the

stigma of a lost people. Today California has twenty percent (20%) of the total American Indian population with over 350,000 Indians living in the State.

Meyers shared a story of when he was thirteen year old when Public Law 280 came into effect and how his grandfather took great pride in making his own fishing poles and on this special day his grandfather was taking him fishing when they were stopped by two of the local game wardens. One of the game wardens told his grandfather to give him his fishing pole, which he broke over his knee and handed it back to his grandfather telling him he was no longer allowed to fish without a fishing license. He said his grand father didn't respond he just turned around and went home. He told of how he would be woken up in the middle of the night with flashlights shinning in his eyes along with the rest of his family because the police were looking for "an Indian". While he was sharing these experiences with the group many heads were nodding up and down as many of the Tribal Leaders in the room has also experienced similar treatment.

Carole Goldberg a professor at the UCLA School of Law and one of the leading experts on Public Law 280 told the group that she has worked with a team for the last several years conducting a national study of P.L. 280. The study compared states that have P.L. 280 with those that don't. She held up a copy of the ten-inch thick study and said, "...At the end of the day the study showed that in the states where P.L. 280 was not implemented and the Tribal Governments conducted their own policing they were successful..." She cited the major causes for the failure of P.L. 280 was the complete breakdown of trust between tribal officials and county, state and federal law enforcement officials. She also cited the lack of communication between the Tribal Leaders and law

enforcement officials, disrespect for Tribal Sovereignty and racism as major factors for the failure of P.L. 280.

She said "...Although P.L. 280 gives the jurisdictional authority of the law enforcement of criminal activity on the Indian Reservation to the States, law enforcement while carrying out this duty must honor the Constitutional Rights of the Native American people under the Fourth Amendment of the Constitutional of the United State of America...". (Note In Mapp v Ohio, 367 U.S. 643 (1961) the Supreme Court ruled that the Fourth Amendment is applicable to the state governments by way of the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Supreme Court has said that some searches and seizures may violate the Fourth Amendment's reasonableness requirement even if a warrant is supported by probable cause and is limited in scope).

Goldberg also joined Myers in recommended the repeal of Public Law 280 but cautioned Tribal Leaders that they must have a good administrative plan for it to work. The majority of the Tribal Leaders supported the retrocession of Public Law 280 however, some expressed concern with consistence and fairness by Tribal Leaders. One example was expressed how some tribes have disenrolled tribal members and in one case a Tribal Chairman disenrolled his own father and sister. "This is why the tribe needs a strong administrative plan to avoid abuse of authority". Goldberg told the group.

Salgado said that he would contact lawmakers and that the Soboba Tribal Council will be sending members of its Tribal Security for more advanced training so that they can carry firearms.

Jim Fletcher, Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern California Agency Superintendent said that tribes will still need to work with local law enforcement, even if they take over policing their own reservations. "We need to work together as neighbors," he said. "Sometimes we fight with our neighbors."

Riverside County Sheriff Stanley Sniff did not attend the P.L. 280 forum, but the sheriff department's new tribal liaison, Alex Tortes, attended the meeting. Tortes, is also a tribal member of the Torres-Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla. He is a retired Lieutenant with the Riverside County Sheriffs Department. His role as the tribal liaison has not been made clear to the tribal leaders and many feel that he may be nothing more than a "Token" to appease the tribal leaders. One tribal leader said with a smile of humor "I guess they (the sheriffs) don't think we can communicate with non-Indians". The afternoon session was closed to the media and was set aside for tribal discussion.

Helen Hunt Jackson wrote "A Century of Dishonor" in 1881 and one could only wonder if she was alive to day if she would pen a sequel "Two Centuries of Dishonor".

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~ Harvey Arden

Sycuan's Silver Car Giveaway is a Runaway Success

Five Week Promotion Draws Record Crowds

El Cajon, CA – What began as a way for Sycuan Casino to share and celebrate its silver anniversary with its customers, turned into a record breaking promotion.

"This has been our most successful promotion this year," said Bobbi Johnson, Assistant Director of Marketing for Sycuan Casino. "It was wonderful to see the Casino packed with players, excited about the chance to win a Porsche or a Mercedes."

During the five-week bonanza, more than \$330,000 was given away to more than 150 winners. Five of them drove away in a silver luxury vehicle: Eva of San Diego, an Acura MDX; Claire of Chula Vista, a Porsche Boxster; Mario of Chula Vista, a Mercedes C300; Ruth of San Diego, an Infiniti G37 Coupe; Romeo of Chula Vista, a Honda Ridgeline.

"I'm so happy that I've won... I've been playing at Sycuan since it opened, when it was just Bingo, the promotion was a lot of fun," said Ruth Wilburn, one of the big winners.

Players who visited Sycuan Casino from July 15th through August 18th received free entries for the drawings. Many earned more entries by playing slots, table games, poker and bingo.

Other promotions of this magnitude are planned as Sycuan Casino gears up for its Silver 25th Anniversary Extravaganza on November 22nd.

Open 24/7 and just 30 minutes from downtown San Diego, Sycuan Casino offers an array of exciting gaming activities, entertainment and delicious food. In addition to our 2,000-plus slots, we have a total of 63 table games, including blackjack, pai gow, and mini baccarat in addition to a 24-table non-smoking poker room. The 1,250-seat Bingo Palace provides traditional and video bingo. Sycuan's Showcase Theatre features great shows and concerts in an intimate, upclose-and-personal venue. And customers have a choice of dining in our international buffet, Wachena Falls Café, Sunset Deli or Bingo Snack Bar.

The Sycuan Tribal Government operates the region's premier Indian gaming and resort facilities, the Sycuan Casino and Sycuan Resort. Sycuan demonstrates its strong commitment to the San Diego region through its support of civic and charitable organizations. The Tribe also seeks to reinvest back into the San Diego community with a progressive business development effort. The Tribe also owns and operates Sycuan Ringside Promotions, the country's first tribally owned boxing promotion company. Sycuan Funds is a publicly traded and professionally managed mutual fund. Combined, these enterprises now employ nearly 4,000 San Diegans.

INDN's List Endorsements

We are thrilled to announce our next round of endorsements for 2008! These candidates from 9 states and 11 tribes will certainly represent Indian Country well when they are elected in November. We are excited to be able to support five candidates who we first endorsed in 2006. They won then, and all of our candidates can win this year with your help!

You can read more about all of our endorsed candidates here.

Oklahoma - Bruce Curnutt, a member of the Choctaw Nation, is running for LeFlore County Sheriff. Bruce won his primary on July 29, but he has a runoff on Tuesday (Aug. 26). He needs your support to win!

Gary Starns, a member of the Chickasaw Nation, is running for HD 25. He won his primary on July 29 with 64.4% of the vote, and now faces the Republican incumbent in November. Two years ago, this seat was lost by only 2 votes, and Gary needs your help to be victorious this fall!

Senator Richard Lerblance, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, is seeking re-election to SD 7. We need to make sure Democrats take a true majority of the state senate in Oklahoma, and we need this incumbent to win again!

Montana - Representative Jonathan Windy Boy, a member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, is now running for the Montana State Senate, District 16! He won his primary, but faces a write-in campaign in the general. He needs your support to win!

Tony Belcourt, also a member of the

Chippewa Cree Tribe, is running for Windy Boy's open house seat (HD 32). He won his primary by one vote, but he faces a write-in campaign from his primary opponent in the general. Let's make sure he wins again and make it a bigger margin of victory!

Nevada - Assemblyman John Oceguera, a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, is running for reelection to the Nevada State Assembly (District 16), where he currently serves as Majority Leader. We support his campaign to win again!

Arizona - Senator Albert Hale, a member of the Navajo Nation, is running for reelction to SD 2. We were proud to endorse him in 2006 and are excited for the opportunity to do so again. Join us in supporting Senator Hale!

Alaska - Representative Woodie Salmon, a member of the Chalkyitsik Tribe, is running for reelection to the Alaska State House, District 6. We proudly endorsed his campaign in 2006, and are pleased to support him again!

Pennsylvania - Representative Barbara McIlvaine Smith, a member of the Sac and Fox Nation, is seeking reelection to HD 156 in Pennsylvania. We endorsed her in 2006, when she won by less than 50 votes, and her victory flipped control of the state house!

South Dakota - Senator Theresa Two Bulls, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, is running for reelection to SD 27. She won her primary this year, and faces a Republican in the fall. We endorsed her in 2006, and are proud to do so

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For Some, Not Enough Being Said About Native Issues

By Kevin Abourezk

The historic nature of this week's National Democratic Convention hasn't been limited to this country's first black man being nominated as his party's presidential candidate.

It also has been a historic convention for Native delegates, who have gathered in larger numbers than at any previous convention and have witnessed their own people step into the spotlight.

United Tribes Technical College President David Gipp took the main stage at the convention Tuesday, stressing health care, public schools and violence in Indian Country.

Rosebud Sioux tribal council member Robert Moore sang the national anthem Wednesday.

And on Thursday, a 20-year-old Inupiaq woman from Alaska named Holly Miowak Stebing will join Sen. Barack Obama backstage before he accepts the Democratic presidential nomination.

Many see Native issues being addressed more prominently this week than at previous conventions.

Still, some Native leaders see room for

progress in getting their people's concerns placed front and center within the Democratic Party.

"Never has enough been said (about Native issues) in my opinion, but we're getting there," said Steve Banner, second speaker of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma, standing outside the Native American Caucus meeting at the Denver Convention Center on Wednesday morning. "We're getting to the table. We just need to make ourselves comfortable and start participating."

Not everyone believes Native issues are being neglected by the Democratic leadership.

"Realistically speaking, this is not an Indian conference. It's a Democratic conference, which represents everybody," said Eddie Sacks, an Oklahoma delegate of the United Keetoowah Band. "In some areas, we're probably over represented, though we Native Americans can never truly be over represented according to history."

If a full schedule of Native convention activities is any indication of how prominent Native issues are this week, those Native leaders who traveled to Denver have had plenty to do.



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More than a dozen Native-related convention events have taken place, including a powwow on Sunday, a Navajo Code Talkers presentation of colors on Monday and a host of conferences focusing on issues like education, rural America and Native policy. A Wednesday night event even brought Native professionals together for an after-hours celebration.

For some though, those events haven't much helped Native leaders get their concerns put on the Democratic table.

For Ron Duke, an Oglala Sioux tribal council member, it has been especially frustrating knowing those outside Denver have likely seen little related to Native people on television news stations or in major newspapers.

"From what I've seen on TV and CNN, I really haven't seen that much," Duke said.

How does that hurt Native people? Duke sees that neglect as damaging Native people's ability to educate the outside world about their concerns.

"Without that knowledge, it's hard for them to understand where we're coming from," he said of non-Native people.

Kevin Killer, a 29-year-old Oglala Sioux man seeking a seat in the South Dakota Legislature, blames both Natives and Democratic Party leaders for failing to get Native issues on the national agenda.

He would like to see the Native American Caucus focus more on youth and alternative energy strategies. As for the national Democratic Party, leaders need to work harder to get Natives involved in leadership positions, Killer said.

But he praised Sen. Barack Obama for hiring Wizipan Garriott, a young Rosebud Sioux man, to serve as his First Americans Vote director. Killer said the Democratic Party also has worked to listen to Native people, even allowing them to change their party organization's name from the Native Americans Council to the First Americans Council.

"I think there's an intent to include more Natives in the agendas," he said. "It's a process, and it takes a while."

Joe Garcia, president of the National Congress of American Indians, sees the problem as more of a public relations debacle.

"I think we're saying it, but we can't just be telling it to ourselves," he said.

Kevin Abourezk, Oglala Lakota, is a reporter and editor at the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal Star. He has been a reznet assignment editor and has taught reporting at the Freedom Forum's American Indian Journalism Institute.

Violation of code allows project to proceed on sacred cemetery

Orange County – CA The NAHC is the state's 'trustee agency' under Public Resources Code Section 21070 and California Public Resources Code Section 5097.993 "prohibits a person from unlawfully and maliciously excavating, removing, destroying, injuring, defacing a Native American historic, cultural or sacred site " The NAHC expressed its displeasure at the Mission's reprehensible action affirmed by the fact the Mission did the project without a City 'building permit,' and without environmental (CEQA) review. At a October 2007 meeting of the City's Heritage Commission, the Mission's Pastor, The Very Reverend Art Holquin denied that the Rectory Garden was built on Native American cemetery. This was later refuted by the Mission's own archaeological firm, The Chambers Group who presented documents that the Rectory Garden Project, which required substantial excavation for walls, fountains and fixtures, was built on a cemetery.

The City of San Juan Capistrano granted 'conditional approval' of the Mission Rectory Garden Project at a Planning Commission Meeting May 29, 2008. A Juaneño Tribal group filed an appeal of the decision to grant approval. The approval of the project was upheld by the San Juan Capistrano City Council August 19, 2008. Concerned Juaneño Tribal members have indicated that they may file suit against the Mission and the City. The Native American Heritage Commission expressed an interest in continuing their investigation into possible damages to the Native American burial ground and related cultural resources, according to correspondence received by the City from NAHC staff Dave Singleton. The NAHC wants to do such an investigation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). However, no plans for such an investigation have been made, Mr. Singleton said.



Update from the Field

Dear Buffalo Friends,

Summers in Montana sure don't last long. Already there are subtle hints of fall in the air. The buffalo rut season is coming to a close, and soon BFC's tabling in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks will end. It has been an encouraging summer talking with park visitors. BFC has been discovering that more and more people are aware of what's happening to the buffalo and are ready to do whatever it takes to stop the madness. Many thanks go to Iwi, Hunter, Brandy, Noah, and all the other summer volunteers who helped reach out for the buffalo, and to all the Park visitors who are doing what they can to help the buffalo! We are already preparing for next summer's tabling events, so if you are interested, please contact us at buffalo@wildrockies.org.

We are also thinking ahead to the winter as the warm months begin to slightly give way to the coming cold. Summer is just barely long enough to get a few critical things done before we find ourselves under many feet of snow. Buffalo migration will soon begin again, and before we know it, BFC will be back out on the front lines, documenting all actions made against the last wild buffalo and telling the world what we are witnessing, in our collective effort to make lasting, positive change for the last wild buffalo.

As we prepare for another long, frigid, snow-packed winter we can use your help to gather and cut firewood that will keep our field volunteers from freezing as they stand vigilance over the last wild buffalo! It's good, hard work that requires a team effort, so please join us for any amount of time. Wood Cut Week is happening next week (see below for details) and BFC will host another Wood Cut Weekend in mid-October. Bring friends and chain saws!

But, summer isn't quite over yet, and before it is, Bonnie Raitt is coming to Big Sky, Montana to share her beautiful music. The special benefit tickets that will go directly towards the front lines work of BFC are going fast.

Buffalo advocates in Montana, across the country, and even in Europe are showing their support for letting buffalo roam their ancestral lands by acquiring the new "Let Buffalo Roam" license plates! The plates are beautiful, and they say it all: LET BUFFALO ROAM! Official plates are available for vehicles in Montana, and sample plates are available to anyone in any state or country. Learn how to get your plates and also how to help spread the word.

BFC and the growing number of buffalo champions remain steadfast in our efforts to expose the livestock industry's war against wild buffalo for the tragic sham that it is. Tribal voices are growing stronger, and communities in buffalo country are becoming more and more vocal against the insane actions of Montana and the Interagency Bison Management Plan. See what residents of Horse Butte are doing to protect the buffalo from a livestock lawsuit.

Thank you all for your continued support and for being strong voices for the last wild population of American bison. Press on! Together we are seeing big changes on the horizon.

Roam Free! Stephany

Bill Jennings Our Friend Passed Away

Bill Jennings "Wild Bill" the last real hippy died at age 87 at his home in Hemet, California. Most people knew Bill for his newspaper column "On My Side" that appeared in the local paper for 40 years or for his countless hours in recording and preserving the local history of the San Jacinto Valley. But the Indian people on the Indian Reservation in southern California knew him as a friend who gave them a voice through his column "On My Side" when he would almost always take the side of the Indian people even when it nearly cost him his job on more than one occasion. But he would just blow it off as if it wasn't that important.

He also published "The Indian Reporter" a monthly newsletter for the Indian community at his home using his own money and what little contribution that would be sent his way. This was no easy task as computers were not heard of and coping was limited at best. Many of the "The Indian Reporter" publications can be found at the Soboba House of Our Culture at thje Soboba web site www.soboba-nsn.gov and click on Cham-Mix Poki.

He also was strong supported for the establishment of the Malki Museum located on the Morongo Indian Reservation. He worked behind the scenes helping not only to obtain financial support for the museum as well as to gain academic backing.

Bill was a quiet man, a free spirit and was always ready to laugh and share a beer. We will miss him and we will always remember him as our friend.

The family suggest contributions in his name be made to the Hemet Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 2521 Hemet, CA 92546, marked for the Hemet Museum.

Randy Edmonds: SCAIR Senior Advisor

By Roy Cook

Recently our good friend Randy Edmonds, Kiowa-Caddo, spoke to the Soaring Eagles Dance Class group of Indian community and students of what his lifetime in the Pow Wow circle means to him. He related his experiences with the BIA Relocation program in Los Angles and later in San Diego. He emphasized the value and need for aspects of Tribal culture in the urban village of many different regions

and Tribes. The Pow Wow is one way to find those important values and identity as Indian people, he told the group. He is also serving as the senior advisor for SCAIR.

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Emcee, Head Dancer or Head Gourd Dancer. He is now retired but he is still very active in the Pow Wow circle.

Attending many of the other SCAIR events are SCAIR senior advisor Randy Edmonds and his wife Bonnie. They have been at the Spring Bling, Traditional Indian Wedding, Seaworld Splash and the Soaring Eagles Dance Class and Regalia instruction. At one of the classes Randy said, "The dancers family gets together and

dresses the dancer, then the dancer is brought into the Pow Wow circle and introduced very often with a give away of gifts and hand-made items in respect and recognition of the honor shown to the family."

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Council of American Indian Organizations of San Diego County

End of Summer meeting: August 22, 2008

By Roy Cook

There is quite a bit of exciting activity in the works for this coming fall season. This meeting of the council gathered representatives and organizers of: political advocacy, education, Tribal culture and social Holiday Dinners.

Chairperson, Pierre Romero opened the meeting at 11:55 and called for the blessing from Roy Cook.

Introductions followed: Roy Cook, SCAIR contract writer, Abel Silvas Ahachemen advocate on issue regarding the San Juan Capistrano Mission and SJC city council, Bob Highfill on the disenrollment issue, Nonnie Robbins on the Reservation science and geology program, Ronnie Murphy AIWA event coordinator and Color guard, Lucille Park UCSD representing Robin Wilson and the La Jolla grave site issue, Naomi Lake SDAI health center, Pierre Romero Mesa College Nov. Native American Days, Christy Garcia AIR program summer, tutoring program and banquet, Joaquin Sandoval Student HIV awareness conference 9/28/08, Carlos Pelayo Peace and Dignity Run update, Paula Brim and Vickie Gambala came in a little later and also had very good news.

Presentations:

1. Abel Silvas Ahachemen advocate on issue regarding the San Juan Capistrano Mission and SJC city council also the SD mission had applied for a permit to erect a structure over recognized gravesites on April; 2008. He also had a book on early San Diego Cemetery and news on the sites at Matt La Jolla and Spindrift.

2. Joaquin Sandoval had a detailed schedule of events and speakers confirmed for the Student HIV awareness conference at the Handery hotel on

3. Naomi Lake SDAI health center updated the summer camp and the role she would fulfill at the Student Conf: Cherokee Pipe ceremony.

4. Bob Highfill questioned why there was not any notice or information available on the local game of Peon. He also distributed details of the dis-enrollment issue in a handout.

5. Carlos Pelayo Peace and Dignity Run update on the Baja CA Tecate to the Cocopah route and presented items for purchase in support of the activity.

6. Paula Brim distributed information on the Joe and Vi Jacobs center at 404 Euclid Ave. and Market St. as a likely location for future Holiday Dinner activates.

7. Vickie Gambala was very enthusiastic over the success of the Soaring Eagles summer dance classes and future Soaring Eagles fall program. She had many colored posters and news of the Jump Star back to school night to be held in the same location as the dance classes: Normal Heights community center 4649 Hawley Blvd. SD, CA 92116. Respectfully submitted

Roy Cook, writer

Next Meeting: Fourth Friday, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at City of San Diego Clairemont Community Center, 4731 Clairemont Drive, SD 91117

The American Indian Council's purpose is to gather for round table updates and discussions on our programs, projects and events. Our goals are: 1. To maintain consistent and effective networking meetings in order to improve communication and strengthen mutual support for the benefit and empowerment of the Native American community. 2. The Council also serves as a unified advocate voice for community issues requiring our intervention. Meetings are held the fourth Friday of the month except for November and December when the Council sponsors the Community Holiday Dinners.



It's Your Life, Live It Safe... Wellness and Health Prevention Youth Conference

El Bisarra has built a career around bridge building between health service providers and the San Diego community in need. His continued presence at the American Indian Health Center and his quiet and effective motivational style has been an important link with the community.

Always on the hunt for promising programs and grants from the Federal Government and other supportive programs El knew that he was on the right track when he attended a conference in Denver, CO sponsored by the SAMHSA. He came back with the resources to start a



Mentors for the event with the youth participants

HIV Rapid Response HIV Test. A program that offers on the spot HIV testing with results within 20 minutes. Clients are given incentive awards for participating.

Additionally he acquired the funding resources necessary to offer our youth the opportunity to produce a Conference to be held at the Handlery Hotel and Resort. All are invited to attend the Health,



Sheila Dasher and El Bisarra

Wellness Presentation Native Youth Conference. "It's Your Life, Live It Safe. September 28, 2008. (see below)

> This comprehensive conference will include issues re: HIV, STI, Healthy Relationships, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Teenage Pregnancies, Diabetes & Nutrition, Talking Circles, Alternative Pipe Ceremony, Madd, a play written by one of the youth participants. Entertainment will include 13 Soaring Eagles San Diego Intertribal Southern/Northern Drum (Roy Cook). The Master of Ceremony task will be shared with Sheila Dasher, Youth Chairperson and Randy Edmonds.

Youth Conference Coordinator Christopher Scott a tribal member of the Rincon Reservation brought

together The 200 youth participants, supported and assisted by 40 mentors from the community, including Micha Saurez, Naomi Lake, YAIVANative Movement Charley Narcomey, Sparrow Narcomey, Hector Parra, Sharon Lund, Chris Scott, Lori Lee, Diane Williams, Billy Rojas,

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can support PIQE visit http://piqe.org/Assets/Home/pledge.html

Judge Agrees to Issue Indian Trust Order to Speed Appeal

Washington, D. C.– U.S. District Judge James Robertson agreed today to enter a written order next week that will allow Indian plaintiffs to promptly appeal his latest rulings in the long-running class action lawsuit over the government's mismanagement of Trust funds for 500,000 individual Indian Trust beneficiaries.

Dennis M. Gingold, lead lawyer for the plaintiffs, notified the Judge of plaintiffs' intention to appeal an August 7 ruling during a status hearing this afternoon. The appeal will focus on the judge's two recent opinions, including the most recent ruling that \$455.6 million is due individual Indian beneficiaries.

Judge Robertson said at the Thursday hearing that he will enter an order next week and will hold in abeyance a decision on how the \$455.6 million is to be divided and distributed to account holders pending a resolution of appellate issues.

Elousie Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Nation from Browning, Mont., and the lead plaintiff, said after the hearing that she was gratified that the Judge agreed to enter a formal order so that the appeal can be expedited and postjudgment interest will begin to accrue.

Judge Robertson had entered only a "memorandum opinion" on August 7, which could not be appealed.

"The Judge's agreement to enter a formal, written order will allow us to promptly resolve important issues under trust law that will determine the full extent of our recovery for the 121 year history of the Trust," Ms. Cobell said.



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The Goddess Wheel

By Nicole Lewis

Summer

We drove to the edge of the sky Bearing gifts of turtle-shell rattles Visions of strawberries seeded our minds *Awehai* hovered above

Autumn

Yellow Woman pollinated stories about the year the harvest moon flowered silken bundles Dancing stalks sweetened morsels The savory rain kissed the Three Oristas Corn beans squash

Winter

The March winds blanketed the last chills of winter *White Shell Woman* will return We watched for her rainbow

Red orange yellow green blue purple violet

Spring

At dawn we carried rainwater to *Butterfly Maiden* Gifts of fresh flowers herbed into the earth Budding balance to the seasons

Lavender honeysuckle lilac bleed the horizon

Endorsements

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again. She needs your help to win! Colorado - Senator Suzanne

Williams, a member of the Comanche Nation, is seeking reelection to the Colorado State Senate, District 28. She had no primary, but faces a Republican in November. Help us propel her to victory this fall!

Wyoming - Representative Patrick Goggles, a member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe, is running for reelection to HD 33. We proudly endorsed him in 2006, and are excited to do so again!

We have now endorsed 28 candidates, from 11 states and 19 tribes, who can go on to the general election in November.

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Please give today to INDN's List to help us support these excellent candidates. Thank you for your support.

Digital TV

Bob Filner has a bill that would allow U.S. TV stations within 50 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border to broadcast in analog for five years after the rest of the industry is forced to switch to digital. The idea behind the "DTV Border Fix Act" – which Filner is co-sponsoring in the House – is to make sure Americans living along the border still will get televised publicsafety messages.

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Chuck Cadotte, Joyce Parker and others. At the direction of El Bisarra, the entire

At the direction of El Bisarra, the entire conference and production is in the hands and responsibility of the youth. "As an Elder, what do I know about what the kids wants and needs are. I turned every everything to them. I am here to assist and troubleshoot", he says with assurance.

The youth are represented by an energetic and committed Chairperson Sheila Dasher, who has an AA Degree in Journalism from Southwestern College. She is interested in furthering her studies at Indigenous Studies Program at Arizona State University. She looks forward to seeing a rebirth of traditional American Indian values such as closer ties with families. She believes that much of the broken ties come from the Boarding School experience of some of the parents and grandparents which severed their social and family connection. "We cannot deal with the the greater society in a healthy way until we heal ourselves ... that's what this conference is about."

Ms. Dasher shares this enormous responsibility with her Vice Chairperson, Jasmin Mim, Secretary/ Treasurer Alicia Miller, Melda Cadotte, Robert Solis, Jeanette Parker Angel Flores and Brianna Miller.

The community is appreciative to the El Bisarra and the San Diego American Indian Health Center for honoring their commitment to providing "Excellence in Health Care with Respect for Custom and Tradition."

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Dr. Christine Clark's BABY; Diversity & Inclusion Unite Nurture Learn Voice

Just over a year old and the Diversity and Inclusion Department has made leaps and bounds in servicing all of UNLV's diverse students, gay and lesbian included. Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Christine Clark, couldn't be a better leader in fighting for Diversity and Inclusion. Her relentless spirit, extensive experience, knowledge and countless years of service at many Universities nationwide make her the perfect candidate for such a position. With budget cuts gripping Las Vegas one wonders how Diversity and Inclusion will fair? "I will never allow diversity to be put on the back burner due to budget cuts. I've dealt with them a few times before, being creative is the key." Dr. Clark is truly dedicated to seeing diversity becoming part of the fabric at UNLV. Her accomplishments precede her. In 2007 and 2008, in collaboration with Juanita Fain, Vice President for Planning, Dr. Clark identified ten diversity-related Institutional Development Grant proposals for funding, which were funded collaborately promoting partnership building. With a seed of \$150,000 each, Diversity and Inclusion are in the works of a Research Center for the Study of Race, Class, and Social Justice and an Institute for Multicultural Education & Diversity Training. February 2008 Diversity and Inclusion sponsored 8 students and 7 faculty members to attend the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) Second Latino / Student Success Institute in Miami, Florida. The new website was

launched as well. A feature element of the website is the "First Generation College Student Success Stories" webpage, where First Generation College graduates, UNLV faculty and staff shares their success stories with students, prospective students and their families. Dr. Clark and Dr. Suzanne Espinoza are working on developing a more diversitysensitive admissions process that integrates NSHE and BOR requirements. The Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion hosted a series of conversations between full time faculty of color and UNLV Vice Presidents and Deans focused on improving the recruitment, retention, tenure, and promotion of Latin, Black, Native, and Asian American faculty. Dr. Clark says that they would definitely see an increase in enrollment and retention of students by offering more diversity courses at UNLV. Also in February of 2008 the Venetian, Clark County School District and Diversity and Inclusion hosted 400 Clark County High School students in the AVID Program (Advancement via Individual Determination) where students participated in various pre-college workshops. Honestly I could go on and on about the accomplishments achieved by the Diversity Department and their fearless leader, Dr. Christine Clark. With only one year under her belt Indian Voices can't wait to see what is in store for Diversity and Inclusion in 2009. For more information call 702.895.3888 or email christine.clark@UNLV.edu

Pet Tip of the Month

Pet Tip of the Month comes from the Animal Emergency Center located at 3340 Patrick Lane. They service all pet owner's needs (exotics included) during late night and early morning hours between 6 pm to 8am and be reached at 702-457-8050. Aubrey suggests not using metal bowls when keeping your animals outside. If the animal drinks the water it causes serious dehydration and sickness. A sturdy plastic bowl is suggested and should be kept in a shady or protected area. Do you have a great pet tip? If so email it to kenaadams@indianvoices.net

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The Nation of Islam and Indigenous of America

Just recently Indian Voices attended Honor the Elders function where they came in contact with Brother Vernon and Sister Emma both representatives of The Nation of Islam. I have covered a few Honor the Elder's function's and never remember The Nation being in attendance. For so many The Nation of Islam is perceived as some radical secret society that wants nothing more than to destroy anyone that does not believe in their ways. It's funny because honestly there are a lot of so called religions that do believe that way but never get as much negative publicity as The Nation. Indian Voices was cordially invited to attend a Sunday service with our local Muslims at

Brother Duke's Mosque located on Jackson and D Street. I have to admit I was guite nervous and had no idea what to expect. After listening to The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan via satellite I had a chance to talk to some of our local Muslims which enlightened and excited me. Just as our Indigenous are Sovereign Nations, is it too much for Minister Farrakhan to want the same for his people? Is it too much to want a good quality of life for your family and to be treated fairly in all you do? Many people see the Nation of Islam as a brutal over zealous group of fanatics, but the truth is they want the same thing all of us want, happiness and prosperity for their people.

The Urban Voice Targeting Black Professionals of Las Vegas

Friday August 8th, 2008, The Urban Voice kicked off its new magazine with a community gathering. Jonathan Mac Arthur, Ward 5 Chamber Chair, Katherine Joseph, Patricia Cunningham, T. Jones, Stan Washington, Brother Wesley Muhammad and The Urban Voice staffs were among the many in attendance. Anthony Snowden, a community activist and part owner to The Urban Voice, hopes to see this community magazine do well. This is the only magazine of its kind here in Las Vegas and plans to donate 10% of all profits to local charities. It will specifically target the many black professionals who have, and continue to, contribute to the Las Vegas Valley. The first issue will be released September 1st and The Urban Voice is planning to blanket 10,000 copies throughout the "The Historic Westside" and surrounding areas. For more information on this new magazine visit the website at www.theurbanvoice.com. Need advertising opportunity or promotional items? Email kena@theurbanvoice.com

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Question of the Month

Question of the Month comes from a former Ward 5 business owner. Nakia from VIP Bail bonds states that Ward 5 claims revitalization, yet she is a business owner that was denied a permit and business license after already being in business for three years in the same area." I pay taxes, donate money to my local church and sports teams, and donate to 88.1, so why would Ward 5 not want me here when I contribute so much to this district? So my question is does Ward 5 really welcome revitalization? And if so why would they discourage new businesses?" Nakia happens to be the only female African American owned bail bonds in the state of Nevada. She WAS one of the only bail bonds servicing the Historic Westside. Have no fear concerned business owner Indian Voices will have your response in the next issue. Readers if you have any comments concerning Question of the Month email kenaadams@indianvoices.net

To submit a question for Question of the Month email kenaadams@indianvoices.net

Announcement

"Wellbriety" talking circle meets every Monday between 7-8:30 at the Paiute Health Center located on Main behind the Paiute Smoke Shop.

Public Announcements always welcome. *Indian Voices* is distributed between the 1st through the 5th each month. Please send all announcements to kenaadams@indianvoices.net by the 20th of the month. 702-787-6365

Grave Injustice: UC San Diego Repatriation Teach-In

Learn about and discuss issues surrounding the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in a safe space with Dr. Sherry Hutt, Program Manager with the National NAGPRA Program; Carole Goldberg, J.D., Professor of Law at UCLA and Faculty Chair of UCLA Law School's Native Nations Law and Policy Center; Louie Guassac, Sycuan Consultant; and Dr. Ross Frank, UCSD Department of Ethnic Studies and author of UCSD's NAGPRA Minority Report. Moderated by Devon Lomayesva, Executive Director of the California Indian Legal Services and member of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel.

A reception will follow. Multi-purpose Room, Student

Services Center

For more information, contact nasa@ucsd.edu

NAGPRA Training – San Diego, CA Registration

The October 10, 2008 training is offered at no charge. Space is limited, so registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the number of registrants reaches the capacity of the training room, subsequent registrants will be wait-listed. Completed registration forms must be received by the National NAGPRA Program no later than September 19, 2008.

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Reid ready to join legal action against Charter Cable

U.S. Sen. Harry Reid says he is prepared to join the City of Reno's lawsuit to force Charter Cable to keep public access stations on the analog tier.

Charter wants to move community stations 12 to 17 onto the three-digit premium tier where cable customers would have to pay a monthly fee and pay for a converter box to be installed. A citizens' group brought the problem to public attention and it and the City of Reno are planning a lawsuit if an agreement cannot be worked out in talks with Charter, which agreed to delay the change for 90 days. In an interview with the News & Review, Reid said, "So I'm glad-it's my understanding that the City of Reno filed a lawsuit and I'm glad. I'd like to join in that. I think it's wrong."

Under federal law, the cable industry, in exchange for its use of the public's infrastructure, must fund public access programming and provide channels for it. In northern Nevada, Sierra Nevada Community Access Television teaches residents how to produce their own television shows and also carries the meetings of local governing bodies.

Police Brutality

August 8, 2008

City Council Rudy Ramirez; 276 4th Avenue • Chula Vista, CA 91910 E-mail: rramirez@ci.chula-vista.ca.us

Councilperson Ramirez:

On November 11, 2007 we corresponded with you regarding a blatant case of POLICE BRUTALITY in Chula Vista (the Morales case), as reported in the SD Union. I stated then, the reported Morales case is, "a classic case of police brutality carried under the color of authority, reminiscent of the treatment of Mexicans in Texas by Texas Rangers and Afro-Americans in the antebellum South."

At the time we urged you to,

• Call for an official investigation of the matter, to review and change CVPD policies, and consider calling for the establishment of a police review board with subpoena powers, and

• If the courts decided in favor of the pending lawsuit (Morales), guilty CV police officers be disciplined, charged with a crime, or fired!

Your response at the time was to hide behind the city's argument that that the case was in litigation and you could not say, or do anything. Since CV has basically pleaded guilty and paid \$400,000.00 of taxpayers money to settle - the case is no longer in litigation. Questions, what are you going to do now to address the issue of police brutality, and will you call for?

1. The charging with a crime, and firing of Officer Moises Rodriquez?

2. Investigate, discipline, charge or fire the 10 named officer in Morales lawsuit?3. Investigate, discipline, charge or fire the four officers named in Morales amended lawsuit that stalked and harassed him for exercising his legal right to sue?

4. Investigate, discipline, charge or fire Assistant City Attorney, Bart Miesfeld for his attempts to cover up the wrongdoing or illegal action of CV police officers?

The community awaits your response.

Herman Baca, President



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