

# AROUND THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE

## Statement from Kumeyaay Nation Chairwoman Monique La Chappa

### Lightning Storm Impact on Wind Turbines

Overnight on December 7, 2009, a severe lightning storm struck the Campo reservation, damaging at least two wind turbines on site. One turbine's blade was split and a second turbine lost a portion of a blade. Despite the severity of last night's storm, the damage to the wind turbines was minor. The blade debris and damage were contained within the project site. There was no resulting property or personal injury damage outside the project site, in the reservation or in the neighboring community.

As a precaution, all turbines on the Campo reservation

are currently offline pending inspection. It is expected that the undamaged turbines will go back online soon. Any turbines damaged by lightning will remain offline until a full assessment of the damage is conducted, repairs are completed and it is determined they are safe to resume operation. All turbines are under warranty from the manufacturer, Gamesa, and all repair work will be completed by them.

Security has been posted at the entrances to the project site until further notice to ensure public safety.

## Food CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Pancakes for breakfast, hot dogs for sporting events, popcorn for movies, sandwiches for lunch or a quick snack, are more food

for thought---and desserts are another story. Chocolate is in a category by itself and deserves to be savored and enjoyed.

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just listen to them. (9) Love the one I'm with. (10) Help someone out at least once a month.

This is all well and good, but there is one other factor. My intentions must be for the highest good of all concerned and within the will of our Creator. Why? My success is a certainty with God on my side! And I am grateful.

The Purple Mountain Sage welcomes questions from

readers! Write to us at: askthepurplemountainsage@gmail.com. The Purple Mountain Sage is Sharon Courmouis, co-owner of Sacred Rocks Reserve and RV Park, a 163-acre wilderness preserve and campground in Boulevard, CA, which is also home to the Sacred Rocks Artists' Colony. Sharon can be reached by calling: 619-766-4480. Visit the Sacred Rocks Reserve website at: www.sacredrocksreserve.com.

## CARMEN'S CORNER WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH

STOP IN AND SEE US WHEN YOU VISIT CAMPO

### Cow Pie Cottage



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Wed - Fri. 10am-5pm  
and Sat. 10am-2pm  
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All of us here at Cow Pie Cottage wish you a very Happy New Year.

Eighth grade BAKE SALE every Saturday

## Mountain Matters

By Judi Gateley, MHCS

We've been receiving many calls this winter from people that need help feeding themselves and their families. Candy Bonner of the Potrero Library called one day describing how frustrating it was trying to tell people where food resources are located. She suggested that someone put together a flyer with dates and locations. What a great idea! At the Mtn. Empire Community Center we have the same difficulty so I agreed to be the keeper of the "Food Options" schedule. By the time you read this article it will already be circulating around the mountain. If you'd like a copy, or copies

for your organization let me know and I will fax or deliver them. Also, please call me if I've missed a location or if you have any corrections, changes, or additions. I am amazed by the many people in Mountain Empire that work so hard to help others. It is very inspiring! Below is a condensed list of sites with phone numbers for information.

Generations of Action Food Pantry - alternate Tuesdays, 11-1. Call 619-468-6855 on Sunday for location schedule. Me San Diego Food Bank Senior Food Program - 4th Thursday each month. Lake Morena. Chris Harris 478-2385.

Campo Baptist Church - Free Spaghetti Dinner, 2nd Sat., 5:30 p.m. Free Bread - Sunday noon. Behind Campo Post Office Albertson's Fresh Rescue - VFW Post 2080 Campo. Mondays at 10:30. 478-9212 Albertson's Fresh Rescue - Mtn. Empire Community Center. Wednesdays at Noon. Over 60 please! 478-2384 Salvation Army Commodities - 3RD Wednesday each month. Various sites. Bonnie 473-0165 Mtn. Empire Community Center Food Bank - Once a month per family by appt. or referral. Shannon Reed 478-2384 S.H.A.R.E. - Self Help &

Resource Exchange Food Program on the Mountain. Cheryl 417-6035 or Susan 478-1038 Mtn. Health & Community Services/S.D. County A.I.S. SR. Nutrition. Campo, Potrero, Pine Valley & Descanso. 478-5109 San Diego Food Bank - Potrero Fire Station. 866-350-FOOD Highland Senior Center/S.D. County A.I.S. - Senior Nutrition Program 766-4505 for info.

For information about other resources, such as health care and insurance, emergency needs, and legal services, call me at the Mtn. Empire Community Center 478-2384. Judi Gateley, Resource Specialist

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legal holiday? Oklahoma, the first state was Alabama in 1836  
8. Who first depicted Santa Claus with his sleigh and reindeer and when was it (Within a decade)? Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly, January 3, 1863  
9. Exactly where did the word "Christmas" originate? "The word Christmas originated as a compound meaning "Christ's Mass". It is derived from the Middle English Christemasse and Old English Cristes mæsse" (from Wikipedia)  
10. When did "Rudolph" come into being? "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was originally created

for Montgomery Ward department stores as part of a promotional gimmick. They hired a writer named Robert L. May in 1939 to write a Christmas story which could be given away to holiday shoppers." (from usefultivia.com)

"It's a Wonderful Life" trivia answers:  
1. Who directed it? Frank Capra  
2. What was the name of the town that the story takes place? Bedford Falls  
3. Who played Clarence, George's guardian angel? Henry Travers  
4. What Muppet characters were named after two of the characters in the movie

### Sacred Rocks Reserve

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(or so it's said)? Bert and Ernie  
5. When does an angel get its wings? Everytime a bell rings  
6. Whom did George save from drowning? His brother  
7. What happened to George because of it? Lost his hearing in one ear

8. How many Academy Awards did the film win? None, though it was nominated for five.  
9. How much money was "lost"? \$8,000  
10. What did George always wish whenever he entered the drug store? For a million dollars ("Hot dog!")

## GOLDEN ACORN CASINO

Jot Down January for LOTS OF THRILLING EVENTS ...

BINGO - Now every Tuesday AND FRIDAY at 11am in the Showroom  
GIFT OF THE DAY - FRIDAYS 6am to 6pm

SWIPE, PLAY, WIN! - Come in anytime and take your free swipe to win \$150,000  
LIQUID SLOT GOLD - Purchase a beverage of \$3.00 value and receive \$2.00 FreePlay  
BRING A FRIEND - Bring a friend to sign up at Player's Gold and you get FreePlay  
GOLDEN GLORY BURGER - It's back - Two pounds of burger & all the fixings - \$17.99  
BLACK JACK DOUBLE BONUS - \$5,000 to share among 5 winners Jan 1 to April 10  
HOT SLOTS - 3 winners each hour receive \$50.00 FreePlay  
PAYDAY FRIDAYS - Every Friday, win your share of \$2,500 earn 50 points for a chance  
SUPER SATURDAYS - On selected days, big drawing for a chance to win \$150,000  
FLURRY OF CASH - Selected times Monday and Wednesday, win \$5,000

And now, for the REALLY BIG NEWS ...

MMA CAGE FIGHTING - January 30, 8pm - 10pm, call 619-938-6012 for ticket information

Make certain you include the fun at GOLDEN ACORN CASINO on your January calendar.