

A guest reads historical facts on a ceramic vessel at the "Seaweed, Salmon, and Manzanita Cider: A California Indian Feast" exhibit Saturday in Ocotillo. FERNANDO ACOSTA JR. PHOTO



EXHIBIT

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"We always like to bring something that's a little different."

Along with historic and contemporary framed photographs of California Indian peoples gathering, preparing and enjoying traditional food, the exhibit also featured tools and artifacts used by the tribes, such as projectile points, throwing sticks, and abalone shells — used as spoons or small bowls.

"It's important to gain an appreciation of what was here," Morgan said. "In the mythology of California tribes, there's never been a story of famine. It was just never something they had to worry about.

They knew how to take advantage of what was there."

For locals visiting the exhibit, it was an eye-opener to the amount of history many are not aware of.

"It's amazing," said El Centro resident Kris Becker. "There's so much information about the Valley and the people that were here before. It's important to know our history, the people and the struggle they faced and how they survived."

And for others, the exhibit was an opportunity to learn about the very people they call neighbors.

"I live about 200 feet from the reservation, so I know some Kumeyaay," said Dorothy Bailey, of Live Oak Springs. "But I

don't know much about the tribe."

Bailey said she was impressed with a number of things throughout the exhibit and found the foods they used and would make "fascinating."

"I hope that things like this will encourage people to go back to their older ways," she remarked.

"Seaweed, Salmon, and Manzanita Cider: A California Indian Feast" runs through Oct. 11, at which time the museum will host Native American food demonstrations and tastings focused on shawii — a staple food made of acorns.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT P. BARROS
Apr. 8, 1955 - July 23, 2014



On July 23, 2014 Robert P. Barros of Brawley, CA passed away after fighting a battle with cancer.

Robert was born in Mexico on April 8, 1955. He was a dedicated and hard worker for many years in the service department for Rodgers and Rodgers. In his spare time Robert loved to fish and spend time with his family and friends. He was a fun man to be around and he will truly be missed.

Robert is survived by his wife Suzan Swain Barros; his children, Angela, Elisa, Erica, Joseph and Jason and his grandchildren.

Church services will be held on August 23, 2014 at 9 a.m. at Saint Mary's Church in El Centro. A luncheon will soon be followed at the American Legion in El Centro.

OLIVIA TAFFOLLA WHITE
Apr. 28, 1944 - Aug. 13, 2014



Olivia White, 70, of Brawley passed way on Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

She was born April 28, 1944 in Brawley, CA.

Olivia was preceded in death by her father, Cande A. Taffolla; mother, Eleanor E. Taffolla and daughter, Cathy L. Uribe all of Brawley, CA.

She is survived by her children, Candie (Domingo) Almuetti of Niland, Frank Venegas of Indio, Lisa (Steve) Rios of Tucson, AZ, Paul Northcutt of Brawley and Kitlynn White of Brawley; grandchildren, Francisco and Sarah Uribe of Brawley, Bobby, Steve Jr. and Cassandra Rios of Tucson, AZ, Frankie Angel Venegas of Oklahoma, Chloe, Jonathon and Tyler Hansert of Brawley, great-grandchildren, Andres Sosa III, Genesis Uribe, Isabella Rios and Junie Nino Venegas. Services will be private.

MANUELA RUIZ
Nov. 4, 1931 - Aug. 14, 2014

Manuela Ruiz, 83, of El Centro passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at El Centro Valley Convalescent Hospital.

She was born November 4, 1931 in El Centro to Sesario and Maria Parra.

Manuela was preceded in death by her father, Sesario; mother, Maria and brother Jesus (Parrita) Urbina.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Ruiz of El Centro; brother, Gregorio Parra and his companion Socorro Urias; niece, Mary (Bryan) Flores; nephew, Greg (Amanda) Parra.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 6 to 9 p.m. Hems Brothers Mortuary in El Centro with rosary being said at 7 p.m. Service will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in El Centro. Burial will immediately follow at Mt. View Cemetery in Calexico.

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CARRYING DISEASES

Wildlife officials promote tortoise sterilization

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The federal government is taking the unusual step of beginning to sterilize an endangered species it is trying to save.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service officials say they have to curb the backyard breeding of desert tortoises because the growing population of unwanted pet tortoises diverts resources from efforts to preserve the species in the wild.

Mike Senn, assistant field supervisor for the Fish & Wildlife Service in Nevada, told the Las Vegas Review-Journal that it can be "a really difficult issue" to explain to people. He said simply breeding more tortoises won't save the species if not enough is done to improve and protect natural habitat and address threats in the wild.

Captive tortoises threaten native populations because they can carry diseases with them when they escape or are released illegally in the desert.

The agency will hold a two-day clinic in Las Vegas later this month to teach veterinarians from Nevada, Arizona, California and Utah new sterilization techniques from the experts who pioneered them.

About a dozen veterinarians will attend the clinic Aug. 27-28 and hear from Dr. Jay Johnson of the Arizona Exotic Animal Hospital and two researchers from the University of Georgia, Dr. Stephen Divers and Dr. Laila Proenca

Sterilizing tortoises was a complicated and invasive process, but Senn

said new techniques are considered low-risk and effective.

Veterinarians trained at the clinic will be able to perform the procedures in their private practice and, Senn hopes, at future events where pet owners can get their tortoises sterilized for free or at reduced rates.

Nevada law allows just one pet tortoise per household, but the measure adopted last year grandfathered in those who already had more.

More than 50 tortoises will be sterilized during the clinic, and wildlife officials are seeking new homes for the animals. The nonprofit Tortoise Group is handling the adoptions. Those wishing to adopt or learn more about tortoise ownership can consult the organization's website.

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"It's a very active club, and lots of people participate," said Zaragoza. "But we're also different than other

clubs because we're getting a lot of younger people volunteering. They're stepping up and participating."

Although the purpose of the event was to raise funds, the event also provided a place for the com-

munity to gather and enjoy their Saturday evening.

"It serves as a great place for people to come out to. Where else can they go to cool off and get a delicious meal and get some music too?" added Zaragoza.

ADOPT

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"We've been working with local businesses. Our last adopt-a-thon, we worked with the Tractor Supply Co.," said Apodaca. "We do want to do more adoption events like this so people can come out and see what animals we have in our shelter."

Jennifer Salomon is one of the three Ricochet owners and an enthusiastic animal-lover. When she heard that the Humane Society was looking for ways to host more adoption events, she jumped on board.

"I realized we had a way to help and give back to the community. We have a chance, as a business, to spread awareness of animals in need of a home," said Salomon. "Plus there's puppies here."

The adopt-a-thon kicked off Saturday morning, by noon one dog had been adopted by Ricochet employee Jessica Dykeman.

"I adopted the Italian greyhound," said Dykeman. "She was just really cute. I know they're rare here, and knew she'd get picked up easily."

Dykeman also saw the need for the animals to have a home.

"I've always wanted a girl dog and they need a home. I'd adopt all of them



Children flock to the sides of the kennels to see the young dogs available for adoption Saturday afternoon at Ricochet in Imperial during the adopt-a-thon held by the Humane Society of Imperial County. ERIC MILLER PHOTO

if I could," added Dykeman.

Sue Colt also hoped for homes for the puppies she has been fostering for the humane society.

"I'm currently fostering eight puppies," said Colt while holding a black pup. "They're all so good and well-behaved."

Veronica Henderson, president of the local Humane Society board, agreed.

"Every one of them are good," said Henderson. "When people adopt an animal, the animal won't leave to their new home until they're spayed or neutered and they have all their shots."

Apodaca wanted to make sure that all of the animals had a good opportunity to be up for adoption, like the three-legged dog, Stumpy.

"We're trying to bring in animals that might be harder to put up for adoption. Stumpy gets along well with people, he's a normal dog," said Apodaca. "Sometimes it helps for people to see the animals that might need more attention."

Apodaca also hopes that the adoption events bring more people in to the Humane Society.

"Sometimes they'll want a bigger dog that we don't have at the adopt-a-thon so they'll come in to the Humane Society," said Apodaca. "We use this event as a way to bring people in. We're trying real hard to find homes for all of them."

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

ROSEMEAD

Cemeteries work to cope with drought

With their large lawns, cemeteries are figuring out new ways to conserve water amid California's drought.

Replacing grass with native plants or using recycled water are two ways to cope.

With the state in the grip of its worst water crisis in a generation, state officials have asked everyone to cut use by at least 20 percent.

The Los Angeles Daily News reports that while some cemeteries have sketched out how they can conserve up to 60 percent, others are having a tougher time identifying ways to save water and still keep their grounds attractive.

Evergreen Cemetery is the oldest in Los Angeles is one. Lacking access to recycled water, its lawns have been mostly brown for several years.

CEDAR PARK, TEXAS

Woman allegedly stole wine to see jailed boyfriend

A Texas woman allegedly stole a bottle of \$3.99 wine to get arrested and see her jailed boyfriend.

Alicia Walicke of Cedar Park was charged with misdemeanor theft and freed on \$5,000 bond Friday. Williamson County jail records did not list an attorney for the woman.

Police say Walicke stole a bottle of wine from a gas station Wednesday. An arrest affidavit says an officer found the woman outside the business and drinking the wine. The affidavit says she told police that she wanted to see her boyfriend, who was arrested hours earlier, and told them wanted to go to jail.

Police in Cedar Park didn't immediately identify the boyfriend or say whether the woman saw him.



With his feet bandaged up, Cinder, a badly burned, 35-pound, female bear cub, is put into a crate before a flight from Pangborn Memorial Airport in East Wenatchee, Wash., to Lake Tahoe on Aug. 4. AP PHOTO

Bear cub burned in wildfire recovering

A black-bear cub burned in a devastating Washington state wildfire is making a slow recovery at a California wildlife center.

The cub, named Cinder, still has third-degree burns on her paws that require new bandages every other day, and she's still on pain medications and antibiotics, The Wenatchee World reported.

But Denise Upton, a caretaker at Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, says the cub has a good appetite and has been enjoying fresh fruit and trout brought in by local fishermen.

"She's a good patient," Upton said. "She's eating everything we put in there."

Methow resident Steve Love discovered the 37-pound bear under a horse trailer in his yard in north-central Washington's Methow Valley, where the largest fire in recorded state history burned about 400 square miles and destroyed 300 homes.

— The Associated Press