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Photo courtesy of Candace Modrell

Tribal member Candace Modrell is the co-founder of the Mutt Movement dog rescue organization in Los Angeles, Calif. The group is an all-volunteer, non-profit dog rescue organization and is committed to finding permanent and happy homes for unwanted and homeless pets in the Los Angeles area.

The Mutt Movement

Tribal member Candace Modrell helps rescues dogs

By Scarlett Holtz

Smoke Signals contributing writer

Tribal member Candace Modrell, co-founder of the Mutt Movement dog rescue organization in Los Angeles, has been busy lately.

"When these dogs come to us, often they have been horribly abused, neglected and/or abandoned," Modrell says about her four-legged charges.

One particular case comes immediately to mind.

Modrell took a trip to Mexico in early 2008 with a group of friends helping at an orphanage in Tijuana.

"The children there were amusing themselves at the time, tossing trash and rotten food at this pathetic looking animal," Modrell recalls. "The dog was hairless from mange and completely emaciated.

She had been drinking from the sewer and was in terrible shape."

Bodhi, as she was named, became one of The Mutt Movement's most memorable rescues.

Modrell, a Thurston High School graduate from Springfield, Ore., now lives in the Los Angeles area, where she has become very involved in animal

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Spirit Mountain Casino opens nightclub, sports bar on May 23

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Spirit Mountain Casino will become a place to dance, as well as watch your favorite sports team make it to the dance, on Saturday, May 23.

The casino is simultaneously opening the 2,900-square-foot Raindrops Nightclub and the 3,884-square-foot Mountain View Sports Bar.

Raindrops features industrial-contemporary architecture that includes a large, centerpiece dance floor surrounded by "intimate" tables and couches. Other features include a backlit, honey-combed metallic bar serving cocktails, beer, wine and specialty drinks, and a water feature.

"It creates a truly unique atmosphere," says Tribal member and Spirit Mountain Marketing Coordinator Angela Sears.

Raindrops will feature live music and disc jockeys Thursday through Saturday, and karaoke on Sunday.

Mountain View Sports Bar will feature 17 46-inch high-definition flat screen TVs broadcasting professional baseball, basketball, football, hockey, golf, soccer and other sporting events.

The sports bar's menu will feature half-pound burgers, buffalo wings, grilled brats, nachos and more, as well as Northwest micro-

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Health threat closes Tribal campus

Tribal toddler diagnosed with Type A influenza, but not swine flu

By Dean Rhodes

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A potential case of H1N1 influenza in a Tribal toddler prompted closure of the Tribal campus on Friday, May 1, and Monday, May 4, as well as postponement of other Tribal events, including the May 3 General Council meeting.

When the toddler was diagnosed with Type A flu on Thursday, April 30, at the Tribal Health & Wellness Center, Tribal administration implemented precautionary measures in case the Type A strain included the H1N1 virus, more commonly known as swine flu.

The Tribal Governance Center closed Friday, May 1, and Monday, May 4, and the Tribal preschool and all Tribal youth programs in the Education Building were canceled.

Tribal member and Tribal Education Division Manager April Campbell said that 47 children in the Early Childhood Education and Lilu programs were sent home. Youth Education also canceled programming for kindergarten through 12th graders, affecting more than 200 Native youth in the Grand Ronde area.

In addition, the May 3 General Council meeting was postponed to prevent the potential spread of flu.

Also, a basketry class scheduled for May 2 in Grand Ronde in the Education Building was postponed and will be rescheduled.

"This is strictly a precautionary measure," said Tribal member and Tribal Executive Officer Chris Leno in an e-mail to Tribal staff on May 1.

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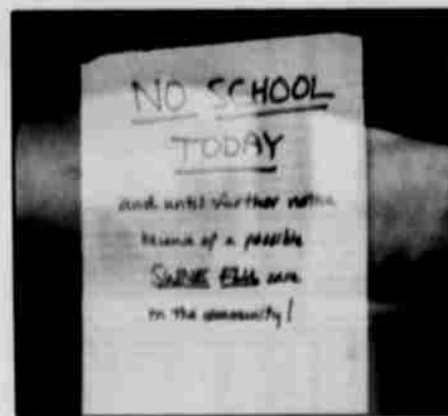


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