



QUECHAN NEWS

VOLUME 103, ISSUE 10 ♦ WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009

In This Issue:

New Building Activity
Page 2

Senior Games Held
Page 3

Concert Set Up Is Work
Page 4

Tribes Member an Artist
Page 5

Senior Wins Scholarships
Page 6

Student Achievement
Page 7

Aqua At The Q
Back Page

Items Of Special Interest To Tribe Members



Look For This Symbol

ETSKA NAV AH PAI THE NEWS CARRIER QUECHAN NEWS

is published by

The Quechan Indian Tribe

350 Picacho Road
Winterhaven, Ca. 92283
Phone: (760)572-3912
Fax: (760)572-3910

VIP Grand Opening for Hilton Garden Inn



The final element of the Quechan Tribe's economic revitalization plan for the Yuma area is now open for business.

Along with its development partner, C.W. Clark, Inc., the Tribe hosted an invitation-only VIP Grand Opening for the Hilton Garden Inn at the Pivot Point Conference Center last Thursday evening, May 21st. Representatives from the Quechan Tribal Council and the Tribe's Economic Development Administration were joined by local government leaders from both the city and Yuma county, Chamber of Commerce members, and high ranking members of local industry.

The Quechan Tribe is the major investor in Pivot Point and the Hilton Garden Inn, with a 75% interest in the property. Yuma Riverfront Hotel Owners, L.P., will operate the Hilton Garden Inn Yuma/Pivot Point under a license agreement with a subsidiary of Hilton Hotels Corporation.

The four-story Inn features guestrooms and suites offering the Garden Sleep System® bed; complimentary wired and Wi-Fi high speed Internet access and 37" high definition flat screen



The Hilton Garden Inn is the centerpiece of the Yuma Pivot Point development, which finds the Quechan Tribe partnering with the C. W. Clark Development company to revitalize an important area of historic downtown Yuma adjacent to the Quartermaster Depot. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

televisions. With 3 flagpoles out front, the Quechan Tribe colors may soon be posted there.

The hotel also features a complimentary 24-hour business center; a comfortable lounge area; and five meeting rooms — ideal for meetings, social events and wedding receptions. With the Yuma Riverfront Park and Quartermaster Depot just beyond the north wall, one of the largest Colorado Riverfront outdoor event destinations in the Southwest is within walking distance.

The Pivot Point complex has a combined total of 21,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. It will interface well with the en-

tertainment possibilities offered at the Quechan Casino Resort, serving as an overflow location when the "Q" is booked to capacity, as it was over the Memorial Day weekend.

Scribe Communications of San Diego arranged the Grand Opening, sending out invitations to hundreds of "movers and shakers" from Phoenix to El Centro, in a move to give decision makers a chance to see what Yuma now has to offer, thanks to the foresight of the Quechan Tribe.

Planners often look for a central location for employees, clients and vendors to meet, often several times a year, as they

develop business strategies and communicate their objectives. Attracting those meetings that might not otherwise even give Yuma a second look could put us "on the map". With its central location halfway between the Pacific coast and the burgeoning Phoenix metropolitan area, Yuma could serve as the hub for many such plans. With the Pivot Point Conference Center (and the Quechan Casino Resort) here to host sessions with as few as ten participants to thousands, the Quechan Tribe should be well placed to reap the benefit of future meetings in the Yuma area!

More Photos on Page 8

As The Trailer Village Demolition Continues Work Begins on New Pipa Market



A new double-width doorway has been cut into the north wall of the old Senior Nutrition Building on the corner of Quechan Drive and Sapphire Lane. Inside, Jose Miranda and his crew from Miranda Construction of Yuma are busy preparing to remove most of the interior walls, opening up the north half of the building to serve as the new location for the Pipa Market later this summer. The west (front) entry will become the Quechan Barbershop, which is moving into the building as well.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Now that the *Quechan News* has moved out of the old Senior Nutrition Building near the entrance to the old subdivision, the structure is undergoing a complete renovation.

The new Indian Health Service Clinic will need the entire area the Fort Yuma Trailer Village once occupied, from Picacho to Agnes and from the Indian Hill Loop Road to Quechan Drive. That means the Pipa Market and Quechan Barbershop will both have to relocate, and soon.

Brian Golding, Sr., Director of the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA), has tasked Walt Brooks with rebuilding the interior of the old senior nutrition building so that both businesses can move across the street and take up residence there.

The first step was for Mr. Brooks to conduct a complete survey of the site to review the existing layout and check for structural integrity. He found a

few items in need of immediate attention, from a leaky roof to vinyl asbestos floor tiles, and made arrangements for P.W. Stevens to come in and remove the flooring as soon as the place was empty under an asbestos abatement contract.

Walt also checked for the positions of all the main roof trusses and load bearing walls, and then drew up new plans for the interior based on his findings. The north end of the building (that previously housed the newsletter office) will now be the entrance to the Pipa Market, and a huge doorway has been cut through the wall between the vertical windows on that end.

Originally built as a children's shelter, the old building was subdivided into dozens of bedrooms, with shared restrooms between them. The only large rooms were the TV lounge in the rear, and what once served as the dining room nearby.

To open it up for a conve-

nience store, a crew from Miranda Construction of Yuma is now replacing some of the longer glue laminated roof beams and removing all of the rooms at the north end. The wall refrigerators for milk and drinks will be placed along the center of the building, forming the back wall of the market. The final size of the room will be just about the same size as the current Pipa Market floorplan.

What once served as the main entrance to the site will then become the entrance to the Quechan Barbershop, which will take up two rooms along the west side that once served as offices. The Barbershop will have its own restrooms in the area between the rooms.

Finally, Walt says he is also having the remaining part of the building finished off for the present time as a storage area and conference room. All of the work should be completed by the end of June.

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the congregations throughout the world I would just like to take a moment to remind people everywhere to "Stand Still and Know That HE is GOD".

This is the first year we have celebrated the National Day of Prayer with the rest of the world. I would like to thank Mr. Jackson for his generous cooperation and the tribal staff for the laying out of chairs at our event.

This was a very memorable day in the history of our Quechan reservation, a wonderful step in what the LORD has in store for his people, if we just "let go and let GOD". HE said in Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered in MY name, there am I in the midst."

So let's not try to forget next year, or the year after that. It

just takes a little of our time to acknowledge who really is the author and finisher of this world.

It is a wonderful blessing knowing we have the opportunity of salvation.

Once again, I would like to express our deepest love for the Quechan Nation and I will continue to pray for our people.

Thank you and God Bless!

Submitted by
Dawn Escalante

(The 58th Annual National Day of Prayer took place Thursday, May 7, 2009. Millions were united in prayer as thousands of events took place from coast to coast.)

You can bring your Community Expressions letters to The Quechan News Office on Quechan Drive, or mail them to the address in the box below.

CORRECTION

The previous *Quechan News* contained an error when it said athletes at the Quechan Senior games would be competing for "cash and prizes". Athletes at the Annual Quechan Senior Games compete only for medals in each age and ability division. The same article also mentioned wheelchair-bound athletes would compete in the Volleyball Tournament. Although they did so in 2008, there was no Wheelchair Volleyball scheduled this year. Both errors crept while the Newsletter office was being moved to a new location during the creation of that issue and the staff of the Senior Center were unavailable at "corrections time", due to CPR training. Please accept our apologies to anyone who may have been offended or otherwise inconvenienced by those errors.

ETSKA NAV AH PAL THE NEWS CARRIER
QUECHAN NEWS

William Isbell

Newsletter Coordinator, Fort Yuma Quechan Nation

350 Picacho Road Winterhaven, CA 92283

Phone: (760) 572-3912 Fax: (760) 572-3910

Email: w.isbell@quechantribe.com

Have a story idea, or an event you want covered?

QUECHAN NEWS is here to cover the special events and everyday lives of Quechan Tribe Members, and the issues that affect you in the world today. This newsletter is here to keep the lines of communication open, to expand opportunities, and uplift the Native Spirit of the San Pasqual Valley. Your ideas and input are welcome!

Just call the QUECHAN NEWS office Monday through Friday at (760) 572-3912, or email your stories and story ideas to w.isbell@quechantribe.com. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



Heritage & Culture

Southwestern Tribes Gather For Quechan Senior Games at Q.C.C.



Charlene Emerson was on hand to provide a constant presence, announcing the events.



Mark Owl runs through the final portion of the obstacle course, dribbling a basketball as he goes.



Bob Fitzherbert calmly stands by and observes as his basketball falls straight through the hoop.



Judge Vernon José observes closely as Carlotta Sestiaga competes in the newspaper crunch.



Tohono O'odham visitor Jimmy Ortega tries the chicken toss as Willis Hawkins records distances.

2009 marks the seventh year in a row that the Quechan Tribe's Senior Center staff has invited tribes from all over the desert southwest to take part in their annual Senior Games competition. As the Senior Center's biggest event during the "Elder Month" of May, the two-day gathering of natives brings seniors from as far away as Peach Springs to compete for both fun and recognition.

This year, the competition was especially tight, with over a dozen tribes from southern California and all over Arizona responding to the invitation, bringing a little more than 200 elders into Fort Yuma to take over the Quechan Community Center for a full day of athletic events.

Two tracks of competition were set-up: Adaptive games (modified for those who are in need of assistance or slowed down by arthritis or other affects of aging) and regular competition, set up according to age brackets. The

adaptive games included a timed, one-handed newspaper crunch, a rubber chicken tossing contest and an obstacle course.

While it's much easier to grip a rubber chicken around the neck and give it a toss than it is a ball, the light weight and odd flight characteristics sure make it a challenge to get any distance! Another problem with the chick-

en toss this year was the fact that many people seemed to be aiming for the fluorescent lights 30 feet over their heads, rather than downrange for distance!

Although crunching newspaper sounds pretty easy, judges Vernon José and Deshane Taylor watched everyone carefully to be sure they didn't push the paper against the table or other parts

of their bodies in an attempt to speed the process.

Those not in the adaptive games also got to run an obstacle course, crunch newspaper and toss chickens, as well as take part in the more strenuous activity of volleyball. There was also a very popular competition at both ends of the basketball court as seniors of different age groups

lined up to sink baskets from the free throw line. Each person got a practice shot followed by three actual shots that counted towards their score. Some of the players were great at practice, and then proceeded to watch the shots that count bounce harmlessly off the rim, or even miss it entirely!

With so many hundreds of competitors this year, the entire day was taken up with fun events well into the afternoon.

Friday was reserved for the presentation of medals of achievement for the top three athletes in every age group, for each individual event. This year, the Awards Banquet was held at the new Quechan Casino Resort in the Pipa Event Center, giving many of the visiting seniors their first look at the new facility. And with all of the top contestants from each event in each age bracket recognized during the ceremony, it's no wonder that portion of the program took four hours!



Every game station had a long line of potential contestants waiting their turns to step forward and give it their best shot. Here you see people queuing up to literally "try their hand" at the newspaper crunch.



Championship form is shown by Phylis Jones as she is determined to win the grocery packing contest.

Los Temerarios Brings Arena Show To The Pipa



When three 53 foot semi-trailers and the band's luxury tour bus backed into the loading dock at the Pipa Events Center in early May, Technical Director Ben Velasquez knew his crew had a full day ahead of them.



The workers first had to unload subwoofers and lighting trusses for the band, then maneuver dozens of huge "road cases" full of lights, instruments and sound equipment down the hallways to the rear of the stage. The stage platforms and rigging were brought into a special elevator platform and lifted onto the stage.



Los Temerarios have been superstars of the Spanish music market since the release of the album *Mi Vida Eres Tú* in 1991. They brought their show to the Pipa Event Center on May 10th, playing to a sold-out crowd.

The group had designed the show for large-scale arenas,



Just a few of the items waiting to go on stage are seen here!



Everything had to be carefully placed in the correct order.

so they had more than enough equipment on board their trucks to fill the Pipa with light and sound after pulling in from the previous night's show at the Anaheim Convention Center.

"After seeing the diagrams of the setup the band and their road crew sent us about 2 weeks before the show, I had asked Pearl Cowan (at the Quechan TERO Office) to try to get me about 16 workers for this show," said Ben Velasquez, Technical Manager of the Pipa Event Center. "I ended up with a real good group. This was the most technically advanced show we've put on here since opening, and the guys got everything in and set up in a little under seven hours, which was amazing."

"The road crew had been dealing with a union stage crew

the day before in Anaheim," he laughs, "and they tell me our workers here were a lot more user friendly in helping them get everything done correctly!"

Los Temerarios brought in 12 extra sub-woofers which were set below both sides of the stage, and left their JBL Vertex concert speakers in the trucks, since the Pipa already has them installed and ready to go.

"We also installed a couple of new rigging points in the ceiling," says Ben, "so they could get some extra trusses up there to handle the extra lighting they include in their stadium show."

A special animated light curtain was hung on both sides at the rear of the stage, which tied into animated light bars that create a rippled water reflection effect behind the band during the

show, all of which is computer controlled. The final touch was a high definition video projector centered at the rear of the stage, which plays clips from the band's videos during the show. A roaming videographer also moves in to shoot live close-ups of the band members and their instruments, which are projected onto the huge "Jumbotron" screens at both sides of the stage.

"They didn't have to bring in those two projectors, since we have them installed here already," notes Ben. "That saved the group a lot of time and trouble right there!"

Ben wants to mention every single member of the TERO work crew who came out to accomplish this task in record time. Those workers were Keith Denard, Lionel Montague, Chris

Ghiotto, Alex Waters, Ernie Peterson, Francisco Aguilar, Arno Dick, William Benavides, Sam Strickland, Leo Alvarez, Ray Valenzuela, Darwin Titus Welch and Jessie Galindo.

Ben is so pleased, he says "They've all earned a Carne Asada dinner, on me!"



Extra lights had to be "flown" from the rafters in front of the stage.



With only half the Quechan workers and a couple of the bands road crew visible, you can get some idea of the complexity involved in a show like this with the stage set up just beginning to go together!



Sam Strickland helped with the assembly of the instruments.

Tribe Member Completes Fine Arts Degree in Chicago



This recent image of artist Pascha Nierenhausen accompanies the publicity materials for her gallery showings. Courtesy of P. Nierenhausen

Quechan Tribe member Pascha Nierenhausen is pleased to announce that she has at last completed her long-time goal of earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the School of The Art Institute in Chicago, Illinois, graduating on May 16, 2009.

Pascha grew up in Illinois, attending Evergreen Park High and Moraine Valley Community College. She spent a number of years in her adult life working to earn the money to attend college, and was awarded a SAIC Scholarship, which finally gave her the means to go beyond the Associates Degree she achieved in 2006.

While at the School of the Art, she was a two-time recipient of Leadership Awards, in 2008 and 2009. Notable alumni of the School include Walt Disney, Jeff Koons, Ed Paschke, Halston and Georgia O'Keefe.

"A few years ago, in 2007, I had the honor of going home to visit the reservation of the Quechan people, where I was treated with warm regards," she says. "I really want to deeply convey my utmost thank you to all who have rooted for me throughout my long journey through school. Much appreciation to Warrior and Gina Nierenhausen and her family, and to Joe and Lynda and Jim for opening their home while I was struggling through school. Their grand inspiration (our late brother - Phillip DeLaTorre - the artist himself) I took with me while attending a school where indigent people are a rare find."

Pascha also wishes to recognize her Uncle Gilman and the Townsends - for embracing her; and any other family member or

tribal member who were warm and welcoming, especially President Mike Jackson and Keeny Escalanti - for being so nice.

"School was not easy for me," she writes, "And I really needed those words of encouragement. Its hard, but this has been the most rewarding achievement in the end, which no one can take away from me. Nothing is easy in life, especially attaining your goals. What helped me get through were prayers."

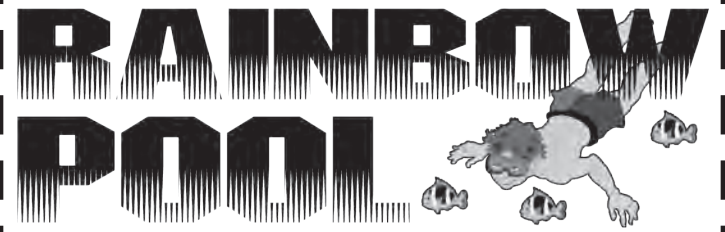
Pascha has many siblings, including Jim and Lynda De LaTorre and Joseph Kern, as well as Conan, Theron, Ronald, Wade and Warrior Nierenhausen. She is also the mother of three, Chloé, Mohammed and Sammy Al-Subagh.

Currently, Pascha has a number of items on display at various galleries in the Chicago area, and will be entertaining offers from additional venues through the summer. She is a multi-media artist, expressing herself through paint, drawing, digital photography and video presentations.

LONESTAR To Open Paradise Center June 7th

LONESTAR, the multi-platinum country band will be the first act to play the new Paradise Event Center, opening the venue to the public on the evening of Sunday, June 7th. Lonestar made its debut on the Billboard country music charts in 1995 with the Top 10 single "Tequila Talkin'". Since then, they have amassed a total of twenty-seven singles on the country charts, with nine of those singles reaching Number One. Their biggest hit was 1999's "Amazed", a crossover hit that reached Number One on both the country charts and the Billboard Hot 100.

The new Paradise Event Center takes the place of the Paradise California Casino, which closed in early February of this year.



Will Be Hosting
SPLASH DAY!
Next Saturday - June 6th
From 1PM to 5PM

FAMILY NIGHT

Will be on Wednesday, June 10th
(And on every Wed. night thru August 19th)
From 6PM to 8PM

TEEN SWIM - Ages 13 to 17

Will Start Thursday, June 11th
(And every Thur. night thru August 20th)
From 6PM to 8PM

1st Session Swim Lessons Will Be Held
June 9th, 10th, 11th and the 16th, 17th & 18th
from 9:00 - 9:45AM for Age 4 yrs. & Up

Rainbow Pool Will Be Open All Summer:
From June 12th Thru Aug. 20th
1:00 PM - 5:00PM - Monday thru Sunday

Don't Miss The Next



ON WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 4TH @ 7PM

Meet The Stars of the
KING OF THE CAGE
Wes Combs,

Victor Valenzuela and
Charles "Crazy Horse" Bennett
as they mingle with the crowd and
sign autographs during a personal
appearance ahead of their LIVE
PAY-PER-VIEW Event on Saturday, June 6th!

San Pasqual Valedictorian Plans Career in Medicine

Cecilia Casarez, the daughter of Quechan tribal member Anthony Palone and his wife Sandy, has been chosen the San Pasqual High School Class Valedictorian for 2009.

The eldest of five children, "Ceci" was very active during high school and served as the President of both the Senior Class and Associated Student Body for the 2008/09 school year.

She also served as Vice-President of the FFA Club and editor of school yearbook throughout her senior year. A well-rounded athlete, Ceci participated in volleyball, basketball and track for the past three years, and competed in the Arizona State Track & Field Regionals in May.

"I knew that after High School I wanted to enter into the Medical field once I have graduated," she says, "so I applied and was accepted into the Yuma Regional Explorer Post. That is a great honor for me, since I am the first student from San Pasqual to have done so."

The Explorer Program has a total of only 20 students from all of the local area High Schools interested in entering into the Medical field. Students for the program are selected



Ceci Casarez

through an application process that includes a written essay. The process also takes into account a student's GPA.

"We met bi-weekly since last November, touring all the departments at Yuma Regional Medical Center to get hands on experience. As a result of being in the Explorers I applied and have been accepted into the Respiratory Care Program at Apollo College in Mesa, AZ."

Ceci has also received scholarships from the FFA and Yuma Elks Lodge #476. "I look forward to making a difference in the lives of the many I will soon come in contact with."

San Pasqual Sends 12 Athletes To The Arizona State Track and Field Tournament



Aaron Tellez takes over from Julio Saldana during the 4X4 team relay at the state competition, managing to stay ahead of runners from both Joseph City and the St. Augustine Catholic High in Tucson, who are seen bringing up the rear.
Photo courtesy of Nancy Williams

An excellent track season at San Pasqual Valley High School ended on a high note as 14 student athletes travelled to the Arizona Interscholastic Associates 1A Northwest Regionals at Mesa High School in Mesa, Arizona over the weekend of May 15th and 16th.

While there, they scored medals in 10 events, and captured second place for the state in two of them, with one runner setting a new school record in the 800 meter run and the boys 4X8 relay team setting another.

Six boys made the trip, Julio Saldana, Aaron Tellez, John Paul Rivas, Manuel Cerda, Anthony Daniels and Andrew Bradian, along with six girls, Larissa Mills, Aileen Velarde, Virginia Montague, Vanessa Esperanza, and Cecilia Casarez with Kacee Figueroa coming along as the team manager. They left on Thursday afternoon with Coach Klostreich at the wheel of the bus, and the school's security officer, Nancy Williams riding along as the girls' chaperone. By leaving on Thursday, the team was able to check out the field and facilities at Mesa High

the evening they arrived before checking into their rooms to rest up for the weekend events.

Friday morning saw Coach Klostreich taking the athletes on a quick trip to Wal Mart to pick up plenty of water and sub sandwiches for the afternoon's events, since they would be in competition from 4:30 PM until almost 10 that night. Everyone also got a chance to relax and get in a swim at the Holiday Inn before heading over to Mesa High and getting down to business.

During the Friday preliminaries, Manuel Cerda set a new San Pasqual school record, running 800 meters in 2 minutes, 6.3 seconds, earning him a 5th place medal for the state.

Anthony Daniels also performed very well on Friday, throwing a personal best distance of 44'2" with the shot put, which carried him over into the finals on Saturday afternoon, throwing the discus a total of 133'11". Those throws earned him 2nd place in the state for both events when it was all over.

Julio Saldana, competing in the 400 meter race, did well enough in the preliminaries to

move on to the Saturday finals, but he wasn't quite satisfied with his performance, which he attributed to the worn cleats on his track shoes. Coach Klostreich found a remedy for that however, when he took the entire team to the Fiesta Mall, where they scattered to the various eateries on the Food Court to have any breakfast they desired. While there, the coach took Julio over to Dick's Sports to select a new set of track shoes (with sharper cleats), which made the difference. Saldana ran 400 meters in just under 55 seconds, which allowed him to claim the 6th place position at the meet.

Even the team's manager did her part, stepping in to the girls' 800 Meter Sprint Medley when two students were unable to make it to the tourney. Kacee Figueroa ran the medley with Virginia Montague, Larissa Mills and Aileen Velarde, to take home the Arizona State Girls 7th Place medals, with a team total time of 2 minutes, 12.54 seconds.

Virginia Montague also managed to capture a couple of medals of her own for discus and shot put, when she took fourth and sixth places, respectively.

The boys also ran a number of relays, including the 4X1, which sees each team member sprinting a quarter of the distance around the 400 meter oval mile before passing a baton to the next runner, and the 4X4 relay, which sees each runner going the full distance of the track before the next man takes over.

Finally, the grueling 4X8 relay requires each runner to circle the track twice before passing on the baton to the next runner on the team. The Warriors managed to do the 4X8 in 8 minutes, 56 seconds, setting another school record for San Pasqual.

QUECHAN DV TRAINING SUMMIT

Tuesday, June 23 at Senior Center

REGISTER NOW FOR THIS IMPORTANT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY
SPONSORED BY QUECHAN SOCIAL SERVICES/VICTIM SERVICES
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OVAV

For information and Program Schedule Contact:

ROXIE DEKU

Phone: 760-572-1082

Fax: 760-572-2099

Email: rdeku@quechantribe.com



San Pasqual High School's Outstanding Students for 2008/09

The 2008/09 Academics Awards Banquet was held in the school cafeteria on May 19, 2009 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. The following are the top awards given to local students that evening.

Presidents Gold Award for Excellence:

Awarded for maintaining a high Grade Point Average (GPA) as well as demonstrating hard work and diligence in the classroom. This award requires a documented GPA and uses individual teacher feedback for selection.

Adriana Bandy	Larissa Mills	Dominique Rueda
Martha Garcia	Melissa Montoya	Rodney Zarate

Presidents Silver Excellence Awards:

Students receiving this award have maintained a 3.50 or better GPA for the entire school year. Has passed the CAHSEE if taken, has scored proficient or better on standardized testing, or has demonstrated an increase in proficiency.

Sarah Fairchild	David Jaime	Aileen Velarde
Melissa Isidro Santamaria	Alayna Jones	Kellie Wong

High Honor Roll for the 2008-2009 Year: Averaging 3.50 - 4.00 GPA for the entire school year

Adriana Bandy	Kacee Figueroa	John Paul Rivas
Cecilia Casarez	Martha Garcia	Dominique Rueda
Raul Cotero	Melissa Isidro Santamaria	Aileen Velarde
Anthony Daniels	David Jaime	Kellie Wong
Sarah Fairchild	Alayna Jones	Rodney Zarate
	Melissa Montoya	

Honor Roll for the 2008-2009 Year: Averaging 3.00 - 3.49 GPA for the entire school year

Andrew Baltazar	Carmen Hernandez	Andre Polk-Estrada
Janyse Collins-Solorio	Matthew Jackson-Soliz	Alejandra Ramirez
Joe Delgado	Jereme Martinez	Gina Rivera
Katelynn Durfee	Byanca Maya	Thalia Rodriguez
Addi Frazier	Sarah McDade	Reggie Sanchez
Beatriz Garcia	Larissa Mills	Aaron Tellez
Ashley Hern-Garcia	Virginia Montague	Naftaly Terraza
Carrie Hern-Garcia	Danell Ortega	Jessica Torres
	Jose Perez	



Quechan Summer Youth Program

It's that time once again when we put the Quechan Summer Youth program into effect.

The first session of the annual WIA/DOL youth work experience program for the Quechan Tribe has been scheduled for June 15, 2009, through July 10, 2009.

The second session is scheduled for July 20, 2009 through August 14, 2009. Each session lasts about four weeks.

We anticipate that we will have placements for approximately 130 youths this year. The Quechan Education Center began handing out applications as early as May 4th in order to give enough time to those within the age limit of 14 to 18 (and older youths 19 to 24) to apply before the June 15th first session startup date.

Earl Daniels and the staff of the Quechan WIA/DOL Pro-

gram are asking for the support of all programs to provide as many work slots for our participants as possible.

If you think you could use a little help this summer, please don't hesitate to give them a call. You could provide one more student living here on the reservation a life changing opportunity to gain work experience while learning valuable job skills.

"The requests for work sites was sent out on April 29," says Mr. Daniels. "We are looking forward to a very strong occupational training program for this summer."

If you know of a student interested in the program, please have them visit our the WIA/DOL at the new Education complex located at 628 Picacho Road. If you have any questions, please call them at (760) 572-2314.

A REMINDER TO ALL QUECHAN HIGHER ED. STUDENTS:

The Quechan Higher Education Department would like to remind you that our Fall Semester Deadline is at 5:00 PM, Tuesday, June 05, 2009.

Tribal Scholarship Applications can be picked up at the Higher Ed. Office. If you have any questions or need an application mailed or faxed to you please feel free to contact us at:

(760) 572-5268

Scenes from the



VIP Grand Opening



Quechan Tribe President Mike Jackson, Sr. poses in front of the just opened Hilton Garden Inn with Charles Flynn, Executive Director of the Yuma National Heritage Area Corp., Craig Clark, President of C.W. Clark, the developer of and co-owner of the new Pivot Point property and Yuma Mayor Larry Nelson.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



The **Quechan Post 802** color guard lead the Roadrunners and Spirit Runners in to begin the evenings program.



Allyson Collins of the Economic Development Administration began the program at the Pivot Point Conference Center with introductions and then joined the Roadrunner singers and Spirit Runners in traditional Quechan dances before the crowd of invited guests.

AQUA AT THE Q BRINGS OUT THE SUMMER CROWDS



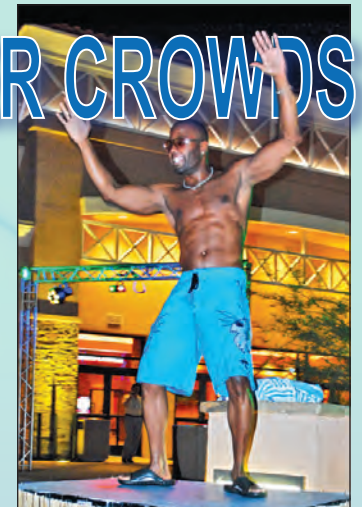
It's all just an excuse to meet new friends and have a little good, clean fun together!



These Marines from Cherry Point, N.C. really seemed to enjoy themselves - they danced all night!



A clear inflatable bubble provided the Q Girls dancers a lot of exercise in just trying to walk upright on water!



Even the men can't resist a little "go-go" dancing at the Q!



This view from a bridge over the lazy river gives some idea of the crowd who came out for the first Aqua Party. Bear in mind that you only see about a third of the area around the family pool in this shot!



The casual atmosphere around the pool makes it a great place to relax and get to know someone new.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

The Quechan Casino Resort seems to have a hit on their hands with the "Aqua at the Q" pool parties they will be hosting all summer! Designed to appeal to a youthful demographic, the parties are advertised on the web with sites on Twitter, MySpace and Facebook. Dance music, drink specials and T-shirts launched into the crowd as giveaways made the first party a smashing success, and the second on May 21st was even more exciting, with the spanish language MTV3 dropping in to broadcast the festivities between video music countdowns of the latest dance hits. Check out www.AquaAtTheQ.com to reserve your place at the party on Thursday, June 4th.