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Pivot Point Interpretive Plaza Now Complete

Billing the official unveiling of the completed Pivot Point Plaza as “the last piece of the puzzle”, the City of Yuma and the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (YCHNA) invited almost everyone who had a hand in developing the attraction to a gala celebration on the evening of June first.

Representing both the Quechan Tribe and the Yuma Crossing (in his capacity as a Board Member of the YCHNA since 2007), Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) Director Brian Golding, Sr. was among those gathered in the on-site Conference Center to share in the accolades.

Accompanying Mr. Golding were his Assistant Planner at the EDA, Allyson Collins and her daughter, Janyce.

Fred Phillips, the Arizona landscape designer responsible for a number of Yuma area riverfront parks (including the *Anya Nitz Pak* here on the reservation) sat at a table nearby.

Gary Munk, Chairman of the Heritage Area opened the evening, and spoke of a Resolution passed by the Yuma Town



The crowning touch of the newly opened interpretive plaza is a giant twin projector laser system, which shoots beams at dual reflectors, simulating a ghostly railway track that lines up with the Southern Pacific locomotive on display just east of the Hilton Garden Inn.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Council in 1902(!) that first mentioned the need to develop the riverfront area at Pivot Point into a park for both attracting tourism and providing access to the Colorado River. Both he and Executive Director Charles Flynn admitted “it was a long time coming”, but the City of Yuma now has the park they had resolved to build

almost 108 years ago.

Guest speaker for the event was Arizona’s 7th District Representative Raul Grijalva. Over the years, Mr. Grijalva has lent his support to the Pivot Point, providing a point of contact for a diverse array of funding, bringing in federal assistance from both the National Park Service and the American Re-

covery and Reinvestment Act at the end. Mr. Grijalva’s arrival was accompanied by protestors critical of his recent comments deriding the passage of SB1070, giving local police the power to request proof of citizenship when they suspect a person they are interviewing may be here illegally.

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QPD Looking to Recruit New Tribal Officers

The Quechan Police Department (QPD) is actively recruiting area residents for three positions. Quechan Police Chief Tony Badilla says they are looking for another Police Officer and a Dispatcher, and hope to recruit a Reserve Officer, also.

“Selected candidates for Officer will be offered the opportunity to receive training for AZPOST Certification at one of several Arizona police academies,” according to Chief Badilla. “Once certified you can work as a Police Officer and patrol the reservation area in patrol cars, four wheel drive vehicles, ATVs and bicycles.”

To be eligible for police officer selection, here are some of the minimum requirements:

Candidates must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D., be at least 21 years of age, and a U.S. citizen. They must undergo and pass a comprehensive

background investigation including a polygraph, and meet the minimum Peace Officers Standards Training (POST) standards for medical examinations and physical ability.

Once hired, all Quechan Police Officers must maintain an Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Law Enforcement Certification and hold a valid Arizona Driver's License.

Anyone hoping to become a QPD Officer must also master the following subjects and have these skills and abilities:

- Law enforcement trends and modern police practices and procedures,
- Arrest, evidence collection, search, seizure and crime scene investigation laws, rules, guidelines and methods,
- Know the local geography and street addresses,
- Use business English, know how to spell, and be familiar

with general office practices,

- Know police radio, dispatch and communication practices and procedures,
- Obtain and maintain CPR and First Aid certification,
- Understand computer hardware, software and peripherals to enter, retrieve, research and manage databases,
- And know customer service methods and techniques.

With this being a highly visible, professional position that serves as the public face of the Quechan Tribe on a daily basis, Chief Badilla says Officers are required to be skilled in:

- Understanding and following written and oral instructions,
- Effective oral and written communications,
- Soliciting information from emotional or angry individuals,
- Enforcing civil and criminal laws, codes, regulations, opera-

tional standards and mandates,

- Responding to and managing emergency calls for service and critical incidents,
- Following established operational procedures when chasing, arresting, and transporting criminals and suspects,
- Investigating, interrogating and interviewing suspects to deter, stop or resolve criminal activities,
- And establishing and maintaining effective working relationships.

Selected Dispatcher candidates will be trained in house for several weeks and then work various shifts in a 24/7 operation. Additional training and certifications are offered. The dispatchers receive and dispatch all calls and messages for police, fire, and/or medical services, under the direct Supervision of the Quechan Police Chief (or another assigned Of-

ficer). The dispatcher maintains radio contact with mobile units, and researches and verifies information requested by the QPD and performs other related duties as deemed necessary.

“Having community members involved in the police department only helps in strengthening our community bond,” says the Chief. “The ability to have officers and dispatchers familiar with our reservation and the community members is invaluable. I strongly encourage any interested Tribal Members, male or female, to apply.”

If you are interested in one of these positions, contact the Human Resources Department in the Tribal Administration Office, or phone (760) 572-0213.

If you have any questions about these positions you can also call the QPD at (760) 572-2933 and speak to Officer Marco Veloz or Chief Tony Badilla.

QUECHAN INJURY PREVENTION

“Fit For Life”

Water Aerobics For Elders

Meets Every Tuesday and Thursday at
10:00 AM

At The

RAINBOW POOL



ATTENTION! Consents Still Needed for Water/Sewer Phase Two Project

The Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) is still seeking consents from interest holders in allotments along Picacho Road, Baseline Road, Miguel Road, Ross Road and Jackson Road.

These consents from owners of allotted lands are need-

ed to allow surveyors to enter their land while conducting survey work.

These surveys will identify whether and how much allotted land would be needed for easements to install water and sewer lines that would provide services to those lands.

Please contact Mr. Brian Golding, Sr., EDA Director, at (760) 572-5270 for more information or to obtain copies of the consent forms.

Your assistance is necessary to keep this important Tribal infrastructure improvement project on schedule!

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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 Kwat'san Pipá. 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

QCR Cultural Center Educates The Public on Tribe's Heritage



Items on display at the Quechan Cultural Center include this tiny beaded doll in a handmade basket of corn. Leaning against the basket is a beaded hair barette - also handmade, of course! The Cultural Center also holds giant poster sized historical images and fragments of a 200 year old cooking pot in the central display case, lending it the air of a miniature museum. The Quechan Spirit Runners also built and installed a small shade ramada, which has been decorated with gourds rattles, necklaces, a cradle board and archery equipment, as if a family has just stepped away from their booth at a gathering. Even the original beaded crown for Miss Quechan Nation has a place of honor.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

The first anniversary of the Quechan Casino Resort brought a new urgency to the need for a dynamic display of the Tribe's history and culture.

To enhance the celebration and give visitors a better appreciation for the expressiveness and creativity of the *Kwat'san* people, the Quechan Tribal Council joined with the

Quechan Cultural Committee to arrange for an entirely new layout at the Cultural Center in the Resort's lobby.

Quechan Tribal member Lycia Ortega, on the QCR marketing staff at that time, joined with fellow Tribal members Donna Herrera and Chris and Arlie and Phil Emerson to put together a whole new collection of items

for the anniversary display. Quechan Historic Preservation Officer Bridget Nash-Chrabasz provided a photo disc of archival images from the Arizona Historical Society, which Gabe Massey in the marketing department printed and mounted as a spotlighted backdrop.

Through the efforts of all involved, the Cultural Commit-

tee even received the donation of ancient pottery shards found at the Yuma Proving Ground, which have been carefully reassembled into the outline of the vessel it once was. The possibly 200-year-old pot occupies a place of honor in the central display case, along with beaded collars, a tiny winter cradle board, and old photos of the Ah

Keel dancers from the 1960s.

The Quechan Spirit Runners even created a small shade ramada, which contains an electric "campfire"!

Says Lycia: "We all worked very hard on it, and we're proud we are able to use this to show all of our guests who we are as a people, through our manner of dress and our creativity."



A grinding stone and ground rock pigments are on display, as well as many brightly colored examples of ribbon dresses, ribbon shirts and diamond dresses. Unique expressions of native creativity abound, such as this highly detailed gourd doll loaned by Rod Escalanti. Visitors can even get a look at a set of peon sticks and the bones used in the game.

Diabetes Project Holds Their First “Poker Run”



Cynthia Huerta selects a card from dealer **Willis Hawkins** at the final stop on the Poker Run.

The Quechan Diabetes Project teamed up with the Quechan Parks & Recreation Department to host their first ever 5k Poker Run on Saturday, May 22.

The idea of this run was to give people of all ages a chance to win a great prize.

So instead of holding a tradi-

tional run where the first three people to cross a finish line receive all the rewards, they decided to mix in the element of chance by dealing every runner a hand of cards. As runners approached each of the checkpoints along the route, they would pick a new card from a “dealer” at each checkpoint. That way, everyone had a fair chance to win.

Time did not play a factor in this event; it all depended on the cards you received along the route. The person with the best poker hand would win the event!

Participants arrived at Gateway Park at 8:00 AM to sign in and receive a bib number.

As the runners/walkers pre-

pared for this fun 5 kilometer (about 3.1 miles) route, Willis Hawkins of Parks and Recreation and Ana Hartt of the Diabetes Project explained the rules, the route, and prizes for the winners.

The rules were simple: walk the trail to the three tables set up along the way, one at the start/finish line, the 2nd at the quarter mile mark, and the 3rd table at the turn around point.

At these stations each participant chose a card until they reached the finish line with 5 cards to form their poker hand. The person with the best poker hand won 1st place; 2nd and 3rd place prizes were also awarded for the next best hands.

Participants selected snacks



First place hand went to Bernadina Garcia, with Andreana Jackson and Mona Jackson coming in 2nd and 3rd. Photos by Ana Hartt, Diabetes Special Project

from fruit and vegetable trays, with water and orange juice to wash them down as they waited for the results.

Congratulations to the winners of the first ever Poker Run: Bernadine Garcia, Andreana

Jackson, and Mona Jackson.

Willis Hawkins also said he had a great time pitching in to co-host their first Poker Run, “It was a great success and we are looking forward to participating in more events with the Diabe-

Zumba June Schedule

Begins Friday • June 14th, 2010
At the Diabetes Wellness Center:

Zumba Gold - Mondays from 10 am to 11 am

Designed for the active older adult, the true beginner, and/or people who are not used to exercising, or people who may have physical limitations in the range of motion. The main difference between Zumba Gold and Zumba Basic is that Zumba Gold is done at a lower intensity, not as fast, but it certainly is as fun! The same great Latin styles of music and dance are used.

Zumba - Mondays and Wednesdays
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

The Zumba workout provides fitness benefits with routines featuring interval training sessions with fast and slow rhythms plus resistance, which are intended to tone and sculpt the body while burning fat. Music is the key ingredient to Zumba classes. The score, created with specific beats and tempo changes, transitions the workout from one toning, strengthening or cardio move to another, thus targeting every major muscle group in the body. The Zumba program borrows Latin flavor from: Cumbia, Salsa, Merengue, Mambo, Flamenco, Chachacha, Reggaeton, Samba, Belly dancing, Bhangra, Hip hop music, Axé music and Tango.

Tribal Member Teaches Self Defense



The class began quietly enough, with students seated on mats as Darnella Melançon explained the legal justifications and limits of force that may be used in self defense. But the lecture soon gave way to practical demonstrations, such as shin rakes (center) and how to escape when an attacker gets you on the ground. The class was held at the Diabetes Wellness Center on May 25th.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Motivational speaker (and local CHP Officer) Darnella Melançon has responded to some highly charged scenes in the course of her police work. She has learned that the best response to a bully is to be mentally prepared to face them, and to know when to just walk away from a confrontation before the situation gets out of control.

As a Quechan Tribal member, she wants to pass on the benefit of her experience to students who may face violent confrontations on the streets, in school, or at public places.

To fulfill that desire, Officer Melançon volunteered to teach a class on how to defend yourself at the Diabetes Wellness Center. She explained the

warning signs of a developing confrontation, steps to defuse a situation, and how to respond — instantly — if the situation requires it. Although her first class had a very limited attendance, she may consider offering it again, if enough people express interest. If you are interested, contact the Wellness Center at (760) 572-4057.

“The Puzzle is Complete”

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Making light of the situation, he quipped “At least the protesters were waving at me with *all* of their fingers!”

But the main purpose of the gathering, besides giving everyone thanks for a job well done, was to unveil the finished Plaza and its crowning touch, the “ghost tracks” which mark the path the Southern Pacific Railway once took across the Colorado. Once the dinner was over and night had settled in, the guests were asked to leave their seats and walk across to the waiting Southern Pacific Locomotive 2521 and the paved upper plaza seating deck immediately to the north.

There, a crew of railway enthusiasts rang the train’s bell, announcing to all that the Pivot Point Plaza is now open and



The Quechan Tribe is mentioned repeatedly on the self-guided tour signs placed around the Plaza. The Tribe itself even has one of the largest displays, right behind the centerpiece locomotive. Photo by William Isbell

signaling a light crew to douse the lights. Suddenly, twin green laser beams shot out over the column that once provided the pivot for Yuma’s “swing away” railway bridge of the late 1870’s, hovering over the lower plaza and the river far below.

The lasers form a visible link with the past, illuminating the exact path the railroad once took across the Yuma Crossing, bridging the Quechan Nation with the City of Yuma, and linking our shared historical destinies at the Pivot Point.

Imperial County Working on Water Systems

Imperial County and Imperial Irrigation District (IID) staff have been working closely with the Federal Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in continuous damage assessment and repairs in the aftermath of the April 4th, 7.2 magnitude earthquake and its numerous aftershocks.

The Easter Sunday earthquake affected much of Imperial County’s local infrastructure which includes local water delivery systems. Staff with the BOR arrived in Imperial County immediately after the earthquake to provide technical assistance and assure that Imperial County and IID staff have the information necessary to make informed decisions related to local water delivery systems in Imperial County.

The Imperial Irrigation District has been working with local and state agencies on the

canal system that serves Imperial County due to damage it sustained as a result of the earthquake and following aftershocks.

Of particular concern is the All-American Canal siphon located west of Calexico. Imperial County officials state that extensive efforts have been focused there, with the on-going project of lining the Canal. If further damage occurs or repairs are unsuccessful there could be a disruption to the water supply or flooding upstream from the All-American Canal siphon. An early May news release said repair work to the canal may take several weeks to months to complete.

“As response officials, the Office of Emergency Services has been working closely with staff from the Bureau of Reclamation and IID for the past month to

make sure that our local water infrastructure is safe and that any impact to local residents, businesses and agricultural entities is reduced as much as possible,” stated Tony Rouhotas, Imperial County Fire Chief.

As a precautionary measure, county residents who currently receive canal water for domestic (in-house) use from the IID are being asked to monitor their cisterns and ensure at least 72 hours’ worth of water available for their home use. This should be a common practice and is even more important now, given our area’s recent earthquake experience.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed and listen for updates related to disaster preparedness. For current local information please call the Imperial County Information Line at (760) 482-4968.

Time For a Birthday



SHOUT OUT!

*To Norman Osborne
and Jared Hartt!*

From Ana Hartt

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Open to enrolled Tribal Members only

**Transporter/Janitorial Maintenance
ADAPP**

\$9.38 per hour

High school Diploma/GED.
Valid Drivers License and must be Insurable by the Tribe.
(Minimum of 3 years clean driving record).

Janitorial Experience Required.

Closes June 15, 2010

Dispatcher - QPD - \$10.00 per hour

High school Diploma/GED.

Valid Drivers License and must be Insurable by the Tribe.
Must Complete and Pass a background investigation
and Polygraph Test. Be able to work excessive hours.

Closes June 15, 2010

**Police Officer/Police Cadet
\$ Salary (DOE)**

High school Diploma/GED.

Must be 21 years of age and a US citizen.
Must Complete and Pass a background investigation
and Polygraph Test and meet the minimum
Peace Officers Standards Training (POST) standards
for medical examinations and physical ability.

Women are encouraged to apply.

Closes June 15, 2010

For more information, or to apply for the above positions,
Contact:



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The Quechan Indian Tribe
is seeking interested tribal members
to serve on the following
Boards and Committees:

Quechan Education Committee
QTDHE Board of Commissioners (1)
Kwat'san Cultural Committee
Quechan Health Committee

If interested, submit a *Letter of Interest*
to the Tribal Council Secretary
(Georgina Massey)
at the Tribal Administration Office.

FORT YUMA
INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC



Prenatal Education Class:
Breastfeeding & Formula Feeding

Thursday June 17th, 5:30 - 7 PM

Ft. Yuma Indian Health Center
Multi-purpose Room

Snacks, door prizes and gifts provided

Questions? Call
Rebecca Leach, RN, Public Health Nursing
Ft. Yuma Indian Health Center
(760) 572-4227

San Pasqual Graduates a Total Of 24 in Class of 2009/10

This year's graduating class of the San Pasqual Valley High School totaled an even two dozen students. Their graduation procession was held on the school's athletic field on Friday evening, May 28th.

This year, Quechan Post 802 saw fit to reward four graduating seniors for their knowledge of the Constitution and for Citizenship. Once their Color Guard had posted the colors and Kailah Durand led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Sally Jones stepped up to sing the national anthem á capella.

With an introduction by Principal Linda Schoonover, Legionnaire Gene Moore came



Kailah Durand, just awarded the \$1000 Strong Hearts Native Society Scholarship for 2010, smiles as she leaves the stage.

forward to present the 2010 American Legion Citizenship Awards to Salutatorian Martha Garcia and Joshua Avila. Re-

ceiving the Legion's Constitution Awards for the high school were Jaime Marquez and the Class of 2010's Valedictorian Sarah Fairchild.

This year's Strong Hearts Scholarship went to the 2009/10 Miss Indian Princess for the High School, Kailah Durand. Kailah also played on the boys(!) varsity football team, and received additional recognition at the Booster Club Dinner last month for her contributions on the girl's basketball and softball teams.

School Superintendent David Schoneman also stood to greet each student personally as they received their diplomas.

Middle School Promotion Held at High School



Top middle school students Jacob Emerson, Lucille Allsup and Jason Sanchez stand with Assistant Principal Ernestine Nieto as they accept their Presidential Awards for Academic Excellence. Photo by William Isbell

The San Pasqual Valley Middle School took advantage of the unseasonably cool weather of May to break with tradition and hold their eighth grade promotion ceremony outdoors this year. The entire class gathered with faculty, administration and excited parents and fam-

ily members, to march onto the high school athletic field and take their seats in front of their principal, members of the school board and Quechan Tribal Council member Cry-selle Uribe, seated on stage facing the assembled throng.

The hour long ceremonial

ending of the school year had Quechan Post 802 handing out awards for Constitutional Knowledge and Citizenship, and the Daughters of the American Revolution and Strong Hearts Native Society rewarding students for similar acts.

Gene Moore did the honors for Post 802 this year, handing out their Constitution Award to Jacob Emerson (who also received one of three Presidential Awards for Academic Excellence from Ms. Nieto later) and Ceara Ingram.

The American Legion Citizenship Awards for this year were presented to Jared Sanchez and Alexas Martin.

The final Awards of the evening, for Academic Excellence, were presented by Assistant Principal Nieto just before the entire class of 37 students marched across the stage to accept their graduation certificates to great applause.

14 More Students Run Over 50 Miles for Health This Year

The school year ended on a high note for the Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) and their “childhood fitness consultant”, Dr. Lubb Dubb. They held an assembly on May 21st to hand out plaques to 14 more students: 11 had racked up at least 50 miles running for fitness over the year, and 3 had more than doubled that total!

Brothers Kieran and Daylen Palone joined Isadore Clark in accepting entry into Dr. Lubb Dubb’s 100 Miler Club.

“Kieran is a strong leader and Daylen looks up to him very much,” says Ana Hartt of the SDPI. “These two would jump at anything I asked of them and during my class they always were one of few to have their papers done or have that right answer to a quick question. Their goal over the next year is to reach 100 miles again and maybe even 200!”

Diabetes Director Lisa Ball says “Isadore Clark was as shy as a little boy could be when I first met him. As the days went on I had the pleasure of watching him grow. Don’t get me wrong, he’s still shy, but I think reaching 100 miles with only 8 other students in his entire school has helped him to see he’s achieved a huge



Dr. Lubb Dubb poses with top runners at the San Pasqual Valley Elementary School on May 21. These outstanding athletes, Kieran and Daylen Palone and Isadore Clark, ran over 100 miles for the year! With them are Lewis Throssel and Ana Hartt of the Diabetes Special Project.

accomplishment and helped him to open up even more.”

Altogether, the entire student body at San Pasqual Elementary managed to accumulate 9,435 miles running in the Dr. Lubb Dubb Healthy Heart Club.

The top three classes this year were Ms. Hartman’s 2nd grade class with 1,271 miles, Ms. Hernandez’ kindergarteners(!) at 989 miles, and the 4th graders in Ms. Hamm’s class with 863 miles.

The seemingly inexhaustable

energy of kindergarteners was proven to be more than a myth, when they came in at the very top for the entire school, racking up a total of 2,837 miles! The second grade wasn’t far behind, at 2,331 miles, followed by the 4th grade (1,515 miles), then 1st grade (1,353 miles), 3rd grade (840 miles) and the 5th grade with 559 miles.

Isidore is in fourth grade, so you can see that his total helped his class quite a bit. And first and second graders Daylen and Kieran Palone gave a big boost to theirs, as well. Of course, some classes have more students in them than others, so don’t think that everyone wasn’t give it all they had, no matter what the totals turned out to be!

The Special Diabetes Project for Indians and Dr. Lubb Dubb would like to thank everyone for their help in implementing the Dr. Lubb Dubb Healthy Heart Club. They’re excited about continuing the program in partnership with the San Pasqual School District for years to come!



Students present on May 21st to receive their personalized plaques and 50-mile T-shirts: Aysha Kenney-Rios, Armando Franco, Isabella Ramirez, Jazlyn Siquieros, Mark Herrera and Gissell Marquez. Absent that day and unavailable for photos were fellow 50 Milers Carolyn Rios Guerrero, Damien Cota, Noah Fierro, Sarai Martinez and Jeremiah Brenner.

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My son Angelito was the only San Pasqual Track Team member to place in the Arizona State Track Competition at ASU on May 14th when he took 3rd and received a medal for his achievement.

My husband and I would like to recognize his hard work and commitment:

So - Congratulations to Angelito Alvarez for placing at the state finals in track! We are very proud of you and would like to acknowledge all of your hard work and commitment! We love you!

From your parents and brothers and cousins and extended family members.

We would also like to congratulate Leo-Daniel Alvarez on Graduating from the 8th grade! We are so proud of you!

Love Always ~ Your Parents and Family

I want
to Thank
The Following
people For
Their help and support
in making The Fundraiser
For
Roseanna Williams and Ariel
SO SUCCESSFUL !!

It's Time To Say:
THANK YOU!



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Elsie Taylor
Bernadine Cachora
Claudette White
Olivia Jose
Arvada Kelly

Tarryn Villicana
Teddi Villicana
GiGi Harper
Sarah DeLowe
Rena Go-Forth
Emilio Escalanti

And The Yuma Pentecostal Assembly Church

As well as with all the other community members and employees of both the Tribe and our casinos.

Without your donations, physical help, and hungry stomachs the success of the Fundraiser would not have been possible. All the proceeds paid for an outstanding need in Roseanna’s life.

Again, thank you very much!

Marianna Bobtail Bear

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS



The men of Quechan American Legion Post 802 joined color guards from Post 19 and Post 56 as well as dozens of Vietnam era vets on motorcycles, to commemorate those who have given their all in service to our country at sea. The annual ritual of tossing two wreaths off the Ocean-To-Ocean Bridge capped the Tribe's official commemoration.

Tossing the wreaths for this years Ceremony were Bettye Davis, President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 56 and Georgia Calley, Jr. Past President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 19.



Memorial Day flower girls for 2010 were (back row) Sarah Gilmore, Alora Dugan, Paris Montague, Natalia Short, Amanda Barley and (in the middle row) Deborah Tourtillot, (baby) Loki Morrow, Melanie José, Julie Emerson, Rosemary Morris, Leila José, and in the front, Deenah Morrow, Mya Short, Mary Lynda, Precious Miguel, Emery Emerson, Nicole Morris and Hannah Morrow. Thanks for your help, ladies!

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

CARLOS MENCIA OPENS SUMMER SEASON



The "Mind of Mencia" was in overdrive as the Honduran born comedian kept the audience in stitches at the Quechan Casino Resort. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The summer concert season at the Quechan Casino Resort's Pipa Event Center got off to a great start, as the critically acclaimed Carlos Mencia poured forth his smack talking, liberally offensive genius two full hours on May 22nd.

Mencia gained fame on the L.A. club circuit. He went on to host his own Comedy Central show, "Mind of Mencia" in 2005. It soon became Comedy Central's second highest rated program behind South Park.

His show here featured rapid fire subject changes and stream of consciousness rants on everything from illegal aliens to race relations to "general stupidity" to the differences between men and women.

He was sure to offend everyone at least twice, but Mencia had you laughing again soon as he switched subjects.

The QCR summer concerts continued over the Memorial Day Weekend, with Huey Lew-

is and the News. The '80's rock group *Great White* is the next concert on the schedule, at the Paradise Event Center on July 17. For tickets, visit the box office or call (800) 585-3737, or at www.playqcr.com.



Mencia also made himself available for autographs and personal photos at the rear of the Pipa Event Center - before he went on stage!