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## Quechan Tribe Hosts Longest Walk Group



**Tribal Council member Cryselle Uribe speaks to assembled** Tribal members and guests during the second day of the Longest Walk 3 visit. Additional speakers included Quechan elder George Bryant, Quechan Tribe President Mike Jackson, Sr., Tribal Council members Julianna Comet and James Montague, Mr. Bobby Wallace of the Barona Tribe and Longest Walk 3 organizer Dennis Banks. The group is walking from California to Washington, D.C. to raise awareness of the epidemic of diabetes afflicting Native Americans.

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Although local cultural groups such as the Ah Mut Pipa Foundation and the Pipa Ah Koots had been assisting the Longest Walk 3 in setting up their route and itinerary before the first of the year, as the actual start date for the nationwide walk began to approach, Dennis Banks and his organization got together with the Quechan Tribe through official channels, to bring his message to the entire Quechan Nation during the late February Fort Yuma portion of the Longest Walk 3.

With Miss Quechan Na-

tion for 2010/11, Leila José involved in the walk since its "step-off" from La Jolla on February 14th, members of the Quechan Events Committee have been in communication with Mr. Banks. Quechan Tribal Council member Cryselle Montague-Uribe also traveled to the Barona Reservation as the walkers stopped in Lakeside, California, where she met with Mr. Banks to finalize arrangements for their visit here from February 23rd to the 25th.

The Quechan Tribe even provided rooms at the Quechan

Casino♠Resort for some of the organizers and elders involved in the walk, where they were able to use internet connections to update webpages and blogs on their progress and schedules. The majority of the walkers camped at the Quechan Community Center, where they had use of the Rainbow Pool showers and were able to get out and walk around the area to visit with locals during their time here.

The walkers arrived in grand style, joined by escorts at the Algodones Road exit on Inter-

state 8 as they walked along Highway 24 to Picacho Road, passing under the railway underpass and into the center of the Quechan nation. Escorts included Miss Quechan Nation, Leila José, Spirit Runners Philbrick Emerson and Rod Escalanti and Quechan Tribal Police and Security, preceding and following the group with their lights ablaze.

As soon as the group arrived on the grounds set aside for the new Indian Health Service Hospital, everyone formed a

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## Cal State LA Native American Heritage Month to Feature Presentation by Karris Wilson

Melissa Salvatore of the California State University at Los Angeles (CSULA) has informed the *Quechan News* that Karris Wilson, a Quechan Tribal member, has been selected to speak in November for Native American Heritage month at the University's Cross Cultural Center.

The topic, on the use of the term "Indigenous" is also the subject of a recent paper by Mr. Wilson.

"Last week, he gave a lecture at the University of Southern California on this topic and reading his work is very interesting," according to Miss Salvatore. "He has given speeches on different subjects (at USC) but this topic has set off so many questions on how the term *indigenous* is used."

An enrolled member of the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe, Karris Wilson is the son of Charlene Hartt and Paul Wilson, and grandson to Rose Wilson from the North Cocopah Indian Reservation. In his younger life, Karris resided on both reservations and he now lives in the Los Angeles area.

Karris graduated from North Hollywood High School and attended Los Angeles Pierce College, where he also played football. He has earned AA Degrees in both English and the Administration of Justice from Los Angeles Valley College. Karris also earned a BA in English with an emphasis on Cultural

Studies while continuing his education at CSULA. In the course of his studies, Karris also attended UCLA.

Involved with educational seminars and conferences both in California and nationwide, Mr. Wilson was employed by California State University Los Angeles as an American Indian Higher Education Project Recruiter until recently.

A member of the Los Angeles Unified School District Title VII Indian Education Program Parent Committee, he served as a board member of the First American in the Arts Awards Program, an annual dinner benefiting and empowering future American Indian artists, writers and musicians in the media.

A well know guest lecturer, he has spoken in some of his past talks on such diverse topics as education, sports, the term "*indigenous*", the American cultural traditions of Thanksgiving and provided educational institutions and governmental agencies with general information on American Indians.

"My last lecture (on February 17th at USC) was on the term Indigenous and the effects of the term and its usage," he says.

"In that presentation, I spoke about how the word is often misused and how that misuse has

### Karris Wilson

The son of Charlene Hartt and Paul Wilson, Karris Wilson has lived on both the Quechan and Cocopah Reservations. He now lives in Los Angeles.

Photo Courtesy FirstAmericans.org



made it an open ended term that has damaged the social structure of Indian country. Indian people and Indian nations across America seriously need to examine this word, and its meaning and usage in its proper context when associating the term *indigenous* with American Indians in the United States."

Some of the other topics Karris has given presentations on include his take on Indians in sports, which gives a history of Indian athletes in the sports history of the United States who have been over-looked by American society. He also gives general educational/motivational speeches.

He says he is still considering the subject he will speak on at the Native American Heritage month gathering at Cal State L.A. in November, but with a little over six months to outline his thoughts, that should be plenty of time.

While the date and time of that talk is not yet settled, you can find the Cross Cultural Center's Calendar of Events on the web at: <http://calstatelauis.org/ccs> or call (323) 343-5001.

## New Admissions Officer at UCLA a Tribal Member

Quechan Tribal Member Renee White Eyes was appointed to the position of Admissions Officer/Native American Recruiter in the Undergraduate Admission and Relations with Schools Department at UCLA in December 2010, after serving a little over a year at Mental Health America of San Diego County as their Outreach Specialist in Urban Native American Communities.

Born in Lancaster, California, Renee and her family moved to Wrightwood, CA when she was 14, where she attended and graduated from Serrano High School. After high school, she attended Victor Valley College and California State University, San Marcos.

"I was extremely fortunate to have a counselor at Victor Valley who really prepared me for the transfer process," she tells the *Quechan News*. "Because he took the time to explain the process, I felt confident in what I was doing and knew exactly what my next steps would be once I transferred. Once at CSU San Marcos, I already knew who my counselor was and what was needed to finish my degree. However, I ended up switching majors and was not sure what I wanted to do after college."

But she was able to land an internship as an academic advisor as part of the requirement for a new major, which lead her to want to continue in



**Renee White Eyes**

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that discipline upon graduating from CSU San Marcos. She immediately entered the graduate program at the University of San Diego to earn the required Master's Degree in counseling, and interned at San Diego Mesa Community College where she received a full academic year of training in advising students.

"Through the connections that I made at USD, I landed my first job out of college with the American Indian Recruitment Programs," she says. "There, I was able to take everything I learned and apply it to this program."

Renee also says "Throughout my college career I found the importance of maintaining my cultural heritage. I was used to being one of the few Native students in class since I did not grow up on the reservation, but it is easier here at UCLA because the Native presence is stronger than anywhere I have been previously, and I have found another family here in the Native students and staff/faculty."

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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](mailto:w.isbell@quechantribe.com). I'm looking forward to hearing from you!





# Culture & Heritage

## Fight To Conquer Diabetes Is The Focus of Longest Walk 3



**The walkers, with Indian nations flags held high,** were escorted onto the Quechan reservation by Miss Quechan Nation, Leila José and members of the Quechan Spirit Runners. The entire group stopped in the empty lot set aside for construction of the new Indian Health Service Hospital for a sage smoke ceremony, followed by blessings and a traditional dances before continuing on to the Paradise Event Center for a meal hosted by the Quechan Tribe. The following day, a five-hour educational/celebratory program was held at the Diabetes Walking Park, where Dennis Banks explained the goals he holds in common with the Kwat'san Pipa: to eradicate diabetes among Native Americans within a generation. After a night's rest at the Community Center, everyone gathered at the Quechan Senior Center, where volunteers such as Spirit Runner Daniel Hunter helped the group load snack fruit and water for their trip before accompanying them on their walk's next leg, to Gila Bend.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

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circle to take part in prayers, offerings of sage smoke, and traditional dances. Meanwhile, kitchen staff and helpers from the Paradise Casino set up a welcoming feast in the Paradise Event Center, where the



**Miss Quechan Nation** was a part of the walk from the start and hopes to make it to Washington, too, where she can press our case for a new Hospital. Here, she dances at the arrival ceremonies.

walkers, Tribal Council and Events Committee members and a number of locals who had joined the walk at noon gathered for lunch. President Jackson, among other speakers, not only gave the group a formal welcome, he also recognized the Paradise Casino staff for their quick action and willingness to meet all requests in arranging for the meal.

But the main event of the Longest Walk 3's visit was a five hour gathering at the Diabetes Walking Park beginning at 3:00 PM the next day. Tribal Programs such as Parks and Recreation, the Special Diabetes project for Indians, the Quechan Community Health Representatives and Quechan ADAPP joined together with the Paradise Casino staff (who again provided the food) to give

our guests a real opportunity to meet with Tribal members, enjoy the Tribe's hospitality, and explain their objectives in speech and song.

At the event, after Mr. Banks made an impassioned plea for all Native peoples to join together and press the case for an end to diabetes. He said he is tired of seeing his fellow "full Indians" going on to the next world as "part Indians" due to amputations in the Indian Health Service's "treatment" of diabetes. He explained how the younger members of his group toured the IHS Clinic here on the reservation and "got into everything" as the poked their heads behind every door, opened every cabinet, and spoke to Clinic Staff to hear from the IHS themselves that the Clinic is outdated and unsafe; "In their

own words!"

Mr. Banks also announced that the Quechan Nation's fight for a new, up-to-date, full-service Hospital on the Reservation is now also his fight. He says it is now one of the chief demands of the Longest Walk 3 when they arrive in Washington, D.C. on July 8th. He also wants the federal government to return 2 Million acres of farmland to the Indian peoples of the United States to allow for growing fresh fruits and vegetables, in order to return the Native people of America to a fresh and healthy diet without processing and preservatives.

Tribal Council member Cry-selle Uribe, speaking after President Jackson, publicly demonstrated the Tribe's common purpose with the Longest Walk 3 by presenting Dennis Banks

with a Quechan Tribe Seal and Flag to carry with him all the way to the nation's capitol.

That flag has now joined the flags of many other Native Tribes, as the Longest Walk 3 continues the struggle to end diabetes in our lifetimes.



**Walkers from as far away** as Japan are part of the group. Japan sent a delegation because they have also seen an increase in Diabetes as they have begun adopting the "advanced" western diet.



# Quechan H.R. Department Fully Staffed

Late last year, the Quechan Tribe lost their Director of Human Resources when Mr. Reyes' wife took a "dream job" that required them to move to Florida. At about that same time, Patricia Barley started work as HR Clerk for the Tribe, and she stayed on when Lynette Vicente also left the department to take a lateral transfer as an Inspector for the (Arizona) Tribal Gaming Office.

But now the Human Resources Department is once again fully staffed, with a new Director, Anna Hemmer; Administrative Assistant, La Vonne Hills; and Patricia Barley is still in charge of the front desk, answering inquiries as the Tribe's Human Resources Clerk.

Anna Hemmer was born and raised in Los Angeles, California, where she attended nine years of Catholic school before graduating from Franklin High School in 1979. Anna's first year of college education at Marymount Palos Verdes Catholic College was paid for through a Los Angeles Times Women's Athletic Foundation Scholarship. Returning home from college in 1980, she began her career in banking, where she worked as a teller, vault teller, and bookkeeper for over five years.

She then took a position with Computer Sciences Corporation, holding a position in Payroll and Benefits for five years. There, while playing co-ed softball, Anna met her husband, Jack, whom she has now been married to for 21 years.

They later relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada for a year before moving to Yuma in 1994. Since then, Anna has worked as a bookkeeper for Mega Foods in San Luis, Arizona, which also required her to act as the liaison between the San Luis store and corporate office. Her respon-



**La Vonne Hills and Anna Hemmer** (standing) are now with the Quechan Tribe H.R. Department as Administrative Assistant and Director, joining Human Resources Clerk Patricia Barley (in front) in serving the needs of Tribal employees.  
QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

sibilities also included Human Resources, payroll and the preparation of bank deposits.

After three years with Mega Foods, she took a position with Yuma School District One (YSD1) as a Payroll Technician, and was promoted to Supervisor after two years, before being given the title of Director of Compensation and Benefits/HIPAA Privacy Officer.

At YSD1, Anna was in charge of all in-house payroll processing for their 1700+ employees, and administration of employee benefits while serving as a member of the Yuma Area Benefit Consortium (YABC) Health Insurance operational team. Mrs Hemmer also served as a member of the United Way Allocation Panel and a member of the Yuma Leadership Program for two years. Finally, after ten years with the school district, Anna took a position with Paradise Casinos as their Human Resources Training Manager.

As Training Manager, Anna focused on teamwork and employee relations. She later transferred into the Casino's Finance

Department at the Quechan Casino Resort as a General Ledger Accountant, and was able to earn a Bachelors degree in Business Administration during her five years there. She is currently continuing her education, working on a Masters degree in Business Administration.

Anna and Jack Hemmer have two sons. One, Adrian, is a Quechan Tribal Police Officer, and Gabriel "Gibby" Hemmer attends College of the Desert in Palm Desert, California.

"I am pleased the Human Resources Department is made up of qualified and capable tribal members," she says. "Our HR team is here to deliver quality service to our employees. Being Tribal, we have an interest in the success of the Quechan Nation and our goal is to streamline services, provide training and the necessary tools our employees need to succeed."

The next member of the team is La Vonne Hills, a 35 year old enrolled Quechan Tribal member who says she enjoys working on special projects and the challenges of her work.

La Vonne graduated from San Pasqual High and went on to attend the University of Phoenix, DeVry University, Arizona Western College, and the Arizona Computer Institute as she worked on getting a well-rounded education in modern workplace methods and technology.

She started her career as a Payroll Disburser with Paradise Casino in 1997 before working her way up to Payroll Accountant 1. She then moved to Phoenix in 2002 for a position with Triwest Healthcare Alliance, working directly with Healthcare Providers (otherwise known as Doctors) as a Provider Data Management Level 2, before returning as a Payroll Accountant 1 at the Paradise Casino in 2006.

Since then, La Vonne applied with the Quechan Casino Resort, in 2010 where she worked in the Finance Department, maintaining various bank reconciliations, processing the Q's IRS deposits, maintaining their employee insurance records, and working on budget preparation. When she heard the position of HR Assistant had opened up, La Vonne applied for the job and hired in mid-January.

"I love my job," she says, "Our H.R. Director, Anna Hemmer, provides leadership, knowledge, and experience, and Patty provides service with a smile. She's very helpful and her experience in the H.R. Department is priceless. Together, we have a great team here!"

La Vonne also says the financial background she picked up in her previous positions helps in her current assignments every day, and she enjoys working with people.

Her specific areas of responsibility include medical benefits, the Tribe's 401K, supplemental life insurance, workmen's com-

pensation, as well as levies, garnishments and child support. "So, please contact me if you have any questions or other concerns regarding your employment or benefits."

Finally, there is Patricia Barley, also known as "Tweetie". She graduated from both San Pasqual High (in 1983) and the San Diego Job Corps.

Once she graduated from the Arizona Computer Institute with a business degree, Patricia started at Quechan Social Services in 1994, where she worked for 6 years as a Receptionist.

In 2001, she went to work at Tribal Gaming Office, where she says she stayed "for 5 or 6 years". Patricia then worked in a variety of temporary position for different Tribal departments.

"I worked off and on for almost a year in Human Resources as a Clerk," she tells the *Quechan News*, "And when the Administrative Assistant took another job, I was made *Acting* Administrative Assistant and was told that in that position, I was now a permanent employee, which made *me* happy!"

Now, as Human Resources Clerk, her job includes taking messages, accepting applications, making copies and other duties as needed.

The mother of two wonderful children, Amanda and Owen, Patricia's parents are Orlinda (deceased) and Jerry Two Hearts. Her brother Darin Short works at Paradise Bingo, while brother Patrick is at the Quechan Parks & Recreation Department and brother Jerome Two Hearts is the Tribe's Security Supervisor.

Patricia says: "I would like to thank my family and friends for being behind me and encouraging me to go forward! THANKS EVERYONE!"



# Meet Our Newest Quechan Tribal Police Officers

Two new full-time Police Officers joined the the Quechan Tribal Police Department (QPD) in October of last

year, both Arizona natives from Yuma and Phoenix.

Shawn Gross was born and raised in Yuma, Arizona, attending various local schools before graduating from Yuma High. A single father, he has three children, all currently attending local schools.

Shawn attended the Police Academy as an open enrollment student at AWC and graduated 5th in his class in May of 2010.

Officer Gross received his Arizona Peace Officer State Training (AZPOST) certification after graduation, after he'd completed the necessary hours of study and passed all the re-

## Shawn Gross

Born and raised in Yuma, QPD Officer Shawn Gross attended Yuma High and the AWC Police Academy.

Quechan Tribal Police Photo



quired written examinations on various law enforcement topics that form the AZPOST course of study.

Shawn applied for the reserve officer program at QPD and was hired as a Reserve Officer in May of 2010. Under the watchful eyes of veteran officers, he completed his Field Training as a Reservist last year.

His original assigned duty was as a solo reserve Patrol Officer, working concerts, special events and regular patrol.

In October of 2010, he was hired as a full-time Officer with QPD.

Since that time, he has been

busy with leaning to work in Indian country and within the requirements of QPD. He is presently gaining additional knowledge and experience, having attended various advanced police training sessions, including a course on drug investigations. He will also be attending "GLOCK" pistol Amorer School and will work to obtain his BIA Special Federal Deputization certification as well.

He tells the *Quechan News* he is enjoying the opportunity the Quechan Tribe has given him to work for the Tribe, and he looks forward to his continued time here, serving and working in the Fort Yuma community.

He says he's also enjoyed working with all of the Officers and staff at the QPD and looks forward to working with them in the future as well.

The other new Officer with the QPD is John Canales.

John was born in Phoenix,



## John Canales

Was a Reserve Officer with the Cocopah Tribe prior to joining the Quechan Tribal Police Department in October of 2010.

Quechan Tribal Police Photo

Arizona and moved to Yuma, Arizona in 1999. He also attended Yuma High School and graduated in 2002.

John attended Arizona Western College in 2009 as an open enrollment student, where he graduated 4th in his class.

Officer Canales also completed the necessary hours and successfully passed all of the AZPOST written exams, receiving his certification in 2009.

His first experience as a Police Officer was the time he spent as a Cocopah Reserve Police Officer, just after completing the Arizona Western College Law Enforcement Training Academy

(LETA).

John came onboard with the Quechan Police Department as a full-time Police Officer at the same time as

Officer Gross, in October 2010.

Since that time, he has gained additional knowledge and experience, and attended advanced police training, including a Gang Conference and the drug investigation course.

Right now, all of his spare time is taken up with the work required to obtain his Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police certification.

Officer Canales also says he enjoys working for the Quechan Tribe and looks forward to serving and working in the community. Chief Badilla is happy to welcome these two new officers, which brings his staff to 10.

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## *New Election Board Approved by Council At Special Meeting*

A new Election Board has been appointed by the Quechan Tribal Council to oversee the upcoming General Election.

The Tribal Council held a 10:30 AM special meeting on Monday, February 28th to review the Letters of Interest submitted in answer to postings requesting the new Board, after the Council dismissed the previous Board in January.

Under the Election Ordinance's Alternative Contest Regulation, at least 10% of those who had voted in last December's General Election attended an open community meeting on January 12th in which found the majority of

those present voted to set aside the 2010 election results. That meeting was quickly followed by two Tribal Council Resolutions removing the previous Election Board, and posting requesting new applicants for the Election Board.

After opening the February 28th Special Meeting and reviewing the Letters of Intent, the Tribal Council agreed to a recess in Chambers to reach a consensus on the Tribal members they would appoint. Nine Tribal members had applied for the five available positions before the February 18th closing date. After a rather informal discussion and vote

to reach consensus, the new Election Board, appointed by Resolution, are:

Judge: Dorinda Iron Cloud; Marshal: Kermit Olsen; Two Clerks: Nicole Montague and Melanie C. Bard, and an Alternate Clerk: Rayna Madero.

The Resolution appointing the new Quechan Election Board states their term is not to exceed 60 days beyond this year's General Election, allowing the members of the new Tribal Council, elected in the upcoming election, to appoint the permanent, 4-year Term Election Board. The current Election Board was sworn in on Thursday, March 3rd.

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For more information, or to apply for this position, Contact:



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# San Pasqual Winter Sports Wrap-Up

February was Regional and State Playoff time for the San Pasqual Valley High School winter sports teams as local student-athletes did their best to take on all comers!

All four teams—boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and the (new this year) soccer team were successful and three of the four have qualified for playoff competition.

San Pasqual's soccer team will be eligible to qualify for AIA playoffs next season.

**Boys Basketball** – The Warrior Varsity Boys basketball team has lived up to preseason expectations, in qualifying not only for the Regional playoffs, but in hosting a home game by finishing second in the 1A West Division I standings.

The Warriors were the Region's number 2 seed heading into the tournament, making it two years in a row that they have worked hard to qualify for post-season playoff competition.

Manny Sanchez started the game sizzling hot, hitting 3 back to back 3 pointers. Redhawk Welch and Chaz Tecumseh added several inside baskets, with the rest of the Warriors chipping in to hold off the Mayer Wildcats, who tied up the game 37 to 37 at the end of the third quarter.

Still, they ended up defeating Mayer High School 47-37 in the February 2nd post-season game, playing before a packed crowd in the first round of playoffs at the San Pasqual gym.

The Warriors basketball team then traveled to the Regional seeding tournament at Salome on February 4th and 5th. Their first contest at the Tournament found the Warriors facing the number one seed Orme School at 7:00 PM that Friday evening. Despite valiant efforts, the Warriors lost to top seeded Orme Ranch School and moved on to

face third ranked Joy Christian High School on Saturday. But the Warriors also failed in their efforts to defeat Joy Christian, though their record earned them the 4th seed position to head to the first round of the State Basketball Tournament in Prescott.

There, they faced the number one Southern Regional team, St. Gregory's Preparatory Academy in their first game at 4:30 PM.

Unfortunately, they lost in the first round of playoffs to St. Gregory (70-34), who then won their next game to make the State's Top Four. The Warriors played tentatively at first, but warmed up for the second half of the Tournament. In their State appearance, Redhawk Welch led the Warriors with 21 points and Angelito Alvarez set the defensive pace for San Pasqual.

After leading the Warriors to their first State playoff game in many years, Coach Ricky Barnes stated, "We'll give them a few weeks off and then get back in the gym to work on some basics. Then we plan on returning next year and going further in the tournament."

Further plans for the boys include having a summer basketball program which will keep them in practice and increase their time on the court. The Warriors will then return next season, for what they see as a bright future in State and Regional competition!

The Warriors' coaches for the 2010/2011 season were Ricky Barnes and Shonti Land.

The boys' varsity basketball team consisted of one Senior: Chaz Tecumseh; Juniors: Manny Sanchez, Steven Vasquez, Brendan Jose, and Angelito Alvarez; Sophomores: Redhawk Welch, Andrew Lomaintewa, Luis Montiel and Brandon Frank; and Freshmen Whitewolf Geronimo and Burns Teton.

Everyone is proud of their efforts! GO WARRIORS!

Special congratulations go to Quechan Tribal member Redhawk Welch for his selection by the Region coaches to be a part of the All-Region First Team!

**Girls Basketball** – The Lady Warrior Varsity basketball team, with a 5-8 season record also qualified for the post season playoffs, finishing 4th in the 1A West Division I standings.

The Lady Warriors traveled to Phoenix to play Division II top seeded Joy Christian High School (11-2), but lost 60 to 29 in their final game of the season.

The Lady Warriors were coached this year by 15-year veteran Patricia Malvido and new assistant José Encarcion.

The team was made up of three Seniors: Jessica Collins-Solorio, Janequa Mills, and Aileen Velarde; Juniors: Dominique Rueda, Apolonia Casteneda, Gina Rivera; Sophomores Marissa Miller, Denisse Orozco, Shaundra Brown, and Freshman Bobbyonah Bohanon.

**Wrestling** – Though down in team numbers, those who remained as the Warrior wrestling faithful finished with outstanding seasons. Former San Pasqual alumni Angelo Derma took over the program, assisted by former SP wrestler Joe Gustina and new SP staff member, Industrial Arts teacher James Hesprich.

The Warriors competed in the Regional Tournament at Desert Edge High School in Goodyear, Arizona, competing against other 1A-3A schools. Senior Joe Delgado won the State Division IV wrestling title at 103 pounds there, while Junior Reggie Sanchez took 5th in his division. The small Warriors team grappled through a successful season and even ended up with a State Champion in their first year under a new coaching staff!

The Quechan Indian Tribe is seeking  
**Three (3) Tribal Members to serve on the Quechan Enrollment Committee and One (1) Tribal Member to serve on the QTDHE Board of Commissioners**

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March 15 & March 17  
April 12 & April 14  
From 3:00 pm – 4:45 pm**

**– Winterhaven residents –  
For Transportation Call: (760) 572-0753**

If you want to know which vaccines are due/recommended or have questions, call:  
**Claudia Lorentz, PHN or Janice Emerson  
at (760) 572-4225/4226  
or (800) 862-4911 ext: 4225/4226**



# Quechan Flag Going to D.C.



The Quechan Tribal Council joined with elder George Bryant and Miss Quechan Nation, Leila Jose in presenting Longest Walk 3 leader Dennis Banks with a full-size Quechan Nation Flag and a magnetic Quechan Tribal Seal to carry with him to Washington, D.C. this coming July. Mr. Banks has assured the Tribal Council that the Kwat'san Pipa's fight to fund a new Indian Health Services Hospital here on the reservation is also his fight, as he carries his message to the halls of Congress this year.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

## QUECHAN POST 802 WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

### Promoting Education and Awareness to the Community

Invites the Community to attend  
a special presentation at  
American Legion Quechan Post 802  
Saturday, March 19th 2011 at 1:00 PM

*Diana Humphries, Director of Amberly's Place  
will speak on the services Amberly's Place provides:*

On-Scene Crisis Intervention

Medical Evaluation • Victim Interviews

Mental Health Referrals

Provision and coordination of other victim services

**Men and Women Both Welcomed  
Beverages and Snacks Served**

## THE PIPA EVENT CENTER: WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT YEAR ROUND AT THE QUECHAN CASINO RESORT!

### February Headliners Country Stars, Lupillo Rivera Opened First Week of March

Once again, the Quechan Casino Resort had barely enough room to park all the guests as thousands of concert goers from as far away as Phoenix, San Diego and Palm Springs streamed in to enjoy first class entertainment that coincided with the Resort's Third Anniversary February promotions!

Crystal Gayle filled the Pipa Event Center four days after the February 13th Anniversary, with a mix of old favorites, show tunes and a few special songs that are close to her heart. Crystal shared the stage with older sister Peggy Sue, as they brought country humor of the Grand Olde Opry variety to Yuma before singing sister Loretta Lynn's first number one hit, *Don't Come Home a Drinkin' (with lovin' on your mind)*. Peggy Sue had written the song "from personal experience", and after a few tweaks from Loretta, her hit-single version put both of them on the Country Music map, paving the way for "baby sister" Crystal's meteoric rise to follow. Dwight Yoakum swept in the following week, bringing his own special Bakersfield-bred honky-tonk sound, to really get the room moving.

Known as *El Toro del Corrido* (after a famous Mexican boxer, singer Lupillo Rivera has over 30 albums to his credit. Lupillo took over the Pipa last weekend to attract a huge crowd and keep the party going! For the latest information on upcoming concerts at the Q, log on to [playqcr.com](http://playqcr.com) and click "View All Events". You must be 21 or older to attend.



**Dwight Yoakum** brought his own special brand of "Honky Tonk" country to the Pipa for the second time on Friday night, February 25th.



**While Crystal Gayle** opened up the Quechan Casino Resort's 2011 Anniversary Month Live Concerts a week earlier. Q NEWS Photos by William Isbell