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Run Leads The Way To Ocotillo Ceremony



Tribal spokesman Vernon Smith (back to camera) greets fellow Quechan Elders Milton Jefferson and Preston Arrowweed as they lead the Quechan Pipa A'koots Runners arriving in Ocotillo, California from Fort Yuma. The entire group was joined by Kumeya'ay Tribal members from Campo, Manzanita, La Posta, Viejas, Sycuan and points west as area tribes gathered near the border of the Anza Borrego Desert Park for an all night song ceremony honoring a shared cultural history and sacred sites held in common.

Ah Mut Pipa Foundation Photo by Helena Arrowweed

Quechan runners from the Pipa A'koots left Fort Yuma from the stomping grounds below Indian Hill on October 21st, for a run of nearly 100 miles to Ocotillo, California. The runners were a part of the Quechan contingent of natives from all over the desert southwest, gathering at the site of a proposed wind energy project being planned on land long held sacred by Tribes in the area.

The project would cover an area of 8 miles by 5 miles, surrounding the little town of Ocotillo, and forever altering the character of the desert and

the view of the Laguna Mountains foothills to the west. Native peoples from the Quechan to the Cocopah, to Barona. Campo, Sycuan, Jamul, La Posta, San Pasqual, Santa Ysabel, Torres Martinez, to Viejas, Ewiiapaayp and Manzanita have all expressed their opposition to the plan to place giant wind turbines in an area filled with cultural resources dating back thousands of years.

Even the Tribes of Baja, California have spoken up, saying they, too, recognize the area south of Coyote Mountain and east of the Lagunas as their

place of origin.

To bring attention to the rapidly developing threat, Tribal members from all over the area converged on the little town of Ocotillo in late October, to renew a connection with the land and celebrate a common heritage. Songs were sung and speeches made, as hundreds of Tribal members stood around a huge rock ring that has long marked a place of remembrance in the desert.

Quechan runners making their way to the Ocotillo gathering included Helena Taylor, Wade Nierenhausen, Richard

and Nina Illingworth, Ingo and Leila José, Alex Waters, Theron and Martín Prettybird, Penny Jefferson and Manny Villa. With water and medical/spiritual support from a crew made up of Emmett Hartt, Sr., Ila Dunsweiler, Milton Jefferson, Sr., Preston Arrowweed and Yolandi Escalanti, the youths were able to make the trek in a little over 10 hours.

"This was an important run," said Theron Prettybird. "We ran to protect our sacred sites, and to remember our ancestors, to let them know we are still here, and we remember them."

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS



Participants in the Long Beach/Citibank International Marathon included Mark Escalanti, Erica Benk and Marco Guzman (in the photo at right). Posing together after the event are "B n RAGE'd" Running Society members Krystle Rosales, Mark Escalanti, Alexis Altamirano, Erica Benk and Marco Guzman.

Hello readers! My name is Mark Escalanti, and I am a member of the Quechan Nation.

My father is Peter Escalanti III and my mother is Teresa Soriano. I have lived here and worked for the Quechan Nation for many years.

I would like to take a moment to thank both Quechan Casino♣Resort and the Paradise Casino for their help in sponsoring our running group, "B n RAGE'd Running Society", so that we could attend the Long Beach/Citibank International Marathon.

I would also like to thank all those that helped support us through our taco sales.

Thank you, Family, Friends, and Community members.

I am also pleased to tell you that on October 10th we took part in all events at the marathon and accomplished all of our goals.

We had runners in the 5k,

half marathon, and marathon runs. This was the first time running a half and full marathon for some of us.

We wanted to run this event in memory of our family member Hector Clark, who we lost. Hector was a strong and motivational person in our lives.

We also represented for our Casinos by wearing shirts and logos which they provided for us. We were asked by many runners and spectators who the Quechan are and where our casinos are located. We were also proud to represent for the Quechan Nation.

This was just the first run in a three part run series called the Beach Cities Challenge that I will take part in. These events are both half marathon and full marathon events.

At this time I would especially like to thank and congratulate the individuals who ran with me in Long Beach: Erica Benk, David Cook,

Krystle Rosales, Marco Guzman, and my daughter Alexis Altamirano.

I am proud of you all for completing your events.

Plus, a special thank you to the Quechan Tribal Council; Casino♣Resort Resort CEO Brian Parrish; Assistant GM Keeny Escalanti Jr.; Assistant Marketing Director Veronica Menta; Grace Ghiotto in Marketing, Ron Duffy of P&I, and Executive Secretary Denise Gloria. Thank you all and we hope to continue getting support from the community in our future fund raising efforts.

*Mark Escalanti
Quechan Tribal Member*

You can bring your Community Expressions letters to the QUECHAN NEWS office trailer in front of the Senior Center entry on Quechan Drive, or email them to the email address printed in the box at the bottom of this page.

The Strong Hearts Native Society
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THE MISS NATIVE SAN PASQUAL PAGEANT

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You will read all about the results and winners in the next issue of

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THE 2011 WINTER SCHOOL CLOTHING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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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!



Culture & Heritage

Tribes Present A United Front Against “Ocotillo Express”

In December of 2010, the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published a Notice of Intent stating that Ocotillo Express, LLC had applied for a right-of-way on public lands in Imperial County to construct a wind generation power plant about five miles west of Ocotillo.

Since that time, the Imperial County Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project plainly states that “discussions with Tribal organizations and individuals has revealed strong concern about the project and potential effects including cumulative effects as well as the importance and sensitivity of cultural resources within and near” the proposed project. The EIS also plainly states that “Tribes have told the BLM that they attach cultural significance to the project area and the broader landscape. Specifically, some Tribes have indicated that certain geological features including Coyote Mountain, which is outside the [project area] but near the project site, and the Spoked Wheel Geoglyph within the [project area], hold significant value.” And yet, both the BLM and Imperial County seem to have adopted a “full steam ahead” plan for the project.

Quechan elder Vernon Smith says that Tribal monitors attached to the Sunrise Powerlink transmission line project have been seeing more and more



Carrying the flag of the Kwat'san Nation, runners from Fort Yuma celebrate the end of their nearly one hundred mile journey, which took a little over ten hours on Friday, October 22nd. Seen here are Shuuluh Leo-Retz, Manny Villa, Frank Brown of the Viejas Tribe, Theron Prettybird, Martin Prettybird, Alex Watts and Wade Nierenhausen. Once there, everyone climbed a ridge to sing songs going back more than a thousand years around a well known spoked wheel geoglyph. The singing went on overnight from Saturday into Sunday.

Photos Courtesy of Emmett Hartt, Sr. and Helena Arrowweed



cultural resources being discovered at the proposed site for the Ocotillo Express wind farm.

“The problem is, in the ‘106 Process’ where the BLM is supposed to consult with the Tribes before they do these things,” explains Mr. Smith, “is that they haven’t been.” The BLM even tried to get the Tribes to make their views known on a 265 page report with only 30 days to comment. “That just isn’t possible,” according to Mr. Smith.

Some Tribes, he says, didn’t even have the entire report, having only received a package of maps. “It’s just total confusion.”

In an effort to make our voices heard, the Quechan Tribe has had a number of meetings over this past summer with representatives of many other Tribes in the area, and all of the Tribes

have now formed a united front to “take back” the area.

To speak with one voice, an inter-tribal public relations committee was formed, with the Viejas Band of Mission Indians, the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation and the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe taking the lead.

To deal with the media, three men, elder Vernon Smith of the Quechan Nation, Anthony R. Pico, chairman of the Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay and Daniel J. Tucker, chairman of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation were selected to be the committee’s spokesmen.

Virgil Smith, of the Quechan Tribal Council, is the Quechan Tribe’s government liaison with the inter-tribal committee.

A plan developed to increase the native presence in the Ocotil-

lo project area, and to renew its importance as an active cultural resource site for ceremonial gatherings.

A further meeting held at the Quechan Senior Center led to representatives from the San Diego area Tribes asking which ceremonies might be appropriate for the first big gathering.

“We could have had a ceremony in memory to our ancestors who are still there (in the area),” Mr. Smith recalls, “but to get to some of those areas is very difficult. So, we decided to begin with a simpler ceremony to just indicate that the whole area is an important site.”

Over the weekend of October 21st to the 23rd, Tribal members from the San Pasqual Band of the Diegueno Tribe in the north to the Kumiai and Paipai

of Baja, California in the south, joined Tribal members from the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation and Jamul Indian Village in western San Diego County meeting runners and other representatives of the Quechan and Cocopah people from the east, to hold an overnight song ceremony and rekindle the native presence in the land of our ancestors.

The ancient spoked wheel geoglyph at the top of a hill just northwest of Ocotillo was chosen as the most appropriate place to begin the process of reasserting the native presence.

Over 400 Tribal members camped in the washes below the site, and filled area hotels, as the three day gathering was covered by media from all over Southern California, reminding everyone of our area’s Native Heritage.

Haunted Trail at the Walking Park Sees Big Turnout

There were many Halloween events planned for the Quechan Nation towards the end of October, both large and small. One of those events was the monthly themed Fun Run (and walk) sponsored by the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) at the Diabetes Walking Park on October 27th.

The SDPI Diabetes Prevention Aides (Jessy Aguirre and Randall Moody, Jr.) helped out Community Garden Coordinator, Brian Warner, serving healthy snacks and entertaining many of the younger participants, while the majority of the park's theme and decorations were the work of the Diabetes Wellness Center staff.

Sandy Palone, Lewis Thros-



The SDPI staff went "all out" preparing the Diabetes Walking Park (and themselves) for both exercise and frivolity at the Haunted Trail Fun Run and Walk on October 27th. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

sel, Rick Juan, and Rosie Herrera brought in all kinds of spooky decorations for the park this year, including a life sized cob-

web covered mummy, which hung head down from the center of one of the park's covered ramadas. Along the west side of the front entryway, runners could pass by a "graveyard" full

of fictional tombstones, some of which had motion activated animated skeletal characters clawing their way out of the ground, or rising up from the depths with red, glowing eyes in otherwise empty sockets. A nearby fog machine added to the spooky atmosphere.

For additional safety, the edges of the park's walkways were marked here and there with expertly carved Jack O'Lanterns, which were lit by LEDs and stobelights to simulate candles.

The Diabetes crew had healthy snacks, including sweet, sugar-free Jello® for everyone who stopped in and took part in the night's exercise. Many visitors came in costume, to also take part in a little light hearted

costume judging by their hosts, who awarded prizes to the best.

If you missed it, there will be another opportunity to take part in one of the SDPI's themed runs next week, when they hold their November Turkey Trot 5K Run. The run will begin at precisely 6:00 PM at the Diabetes Walking Park on Friday, November 18.

This run will include a raffle, awarding two Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets from the Diabetes Wellness Center to whoever holds the lucky tickets! Any adult who comes and participates in the run will be eligible to take part in the raffle, but you have to participate, and be sure to pick up your ticket (and hold on to it!) when you sign in!

Quechan Tribal Members a Part of This Weekend's "Medicine Show"

A group of western history buffs and local entrepreneurs have teamed up to bring a new event to the annual Yuma winter calendar, by presenting the "Dr. Curall's Original & Bona Fide Medicine Show and Old West Extravaganza".

This recreation of the past, roughly represents the heyday of the riverboat era of the late 1800's at the Yuma Crossing. It will rake over the Desert Sun Stadium at the intersection of west 36th Street and Avenue A for all three days of the upcoming Veterans' Day weekend.

One item that has been prominently featured in their radio ads has been the inclusion of an "authentic Indian village", which will feature Quechan Tribal members in traditional outfits, performing songs and



"Reenactors" from Dr. Curall's Medicine Show took part in last month's Quechan Indian Days Parade. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

dances, as well as selling arts and crafts, and foods like fry bread, stews and tortillas.

Visitors will be able to see Quechan tribal members at a mock train depot setup, offering their wares as they did over a century ago. On Friday, to

honor native veterans, Mr. Roland Golding and the Ah Keel Dance Group will both perform. On Saturday, in addition to bird songs and shinny games, the visiting Aztec Dance Group will also perform. The show runs from 9 to 5 all three days.

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

5 Tribal Members for these two Committees:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
QUECHAN HEALTH COMMITTEE

7 Tribal Members for each of these groups:

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QUECHAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
QUECHAN EVENTS COMMITTEE

Plus, 3 Tribal Members are needed for the
MISS QUECHAN PAGEANT COMMITTEE

If interested, please submit a Letter of Interest to RoseAna Williams, Acting Tribal Council Secretary at the Tribal Administration Office

San Pasqual Schools Remember Red Ribbon Week

The annual “Red Ribbon Week”, bringing an anti-drug message to the current group of students from coast-to-coast, was a team effort of both the San Pasqual schools and the Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (ADAPP) here at Fort Yuma.

Held at all 3 schools in the San Pasqual District from October 24th to the 27th, the four-day program featured a giant all-classes assembly at the Warrior’s football field on Monday morning to start things off.

Speakers included District

Superintendent Dr. David E. Bealer and the head of Quechan ADAPP, Mr. Rick Diaz.

Tuesday and Wednesday saw various professionals visiting the schools for career day pointers on how to find your ideal job, and a sports themed “Spirit Day” encouraging everyone to “Team Up Against Drugs.”

The week ended with three consecutive assemblies in the high school gym, bringing the entire student bodies of the elementary, middle and high schools in for an inspirational message without the preaching,

courtesy of Chad Fulong and the “iThink Big” Team.

This team of 13 young adults from all over the US travel the country to creatively present a message of hope to students.

Afterwards, Chad Furlong, founder and director of iThink Big, said the team was deeply touched by the local students’ response to their message.

“Thank you for giving us a voice in your students’ lives,” he said, “We will never forget their love for their people, and their desire to make a difference in the lives around them.”



Thursday’s “I Think Big” assemblies, with special dramas and entertaining, informative messages tailored to each age group of students, were the highlight of Red Ribbon Week. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Local Director’s Film Selected for the LA Skins Film Festival

Ian Skorodin, Festival Director of the LA SKINS FEST film festival (www.laskinsfest.com) has confirmed an invitation for Quechan Tribal member and film director Daniel Golding to present his 2011 film, “Songs of the Colorado” at this November’s festival.

“On behalf of the 2011 LA SKINS FEST, I am pleased to inform you that your submission, “Songs of the Colorado,” has been officially selected for inclusion in this year’s Festival,” he wrote to Mr. Golding.

The film will screen Saturday, November 19 at 1:00 PM.

LA SKINS FEST offers a wide array of local, national and international screenings.

The five-day festival opens on Thursday, November 16th and runs through Sunday, November 20. The official venue for this year’s festival is the Wells Fargo Theater at the Autry National

Center, located at 4700 Western Heritage Way in Los Angeles.

This year’s festival sponsors include Kodak, HBO, Paramount, NBC/Universal, Sony Pictures, and the Disney Television Group, as well as many Indian Tribes surrounding the Los Angeles/Orange County area.

Dan Golding produced his film under a grant received by the Ah Mut Pipa Foundation, headed by Quechan elder Preston Arrowweed.

“Songs of the Colorado” has also been accepted to screen at the 36th annual American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco on November 9th at 1 PM.

The film documents the common threads of music shared among the Yuman language family of Indian Tribes, stretching from Havasupai, Arizona to Baja, California.

Mr. Golding is the proprietor of Hokan Media Productions.

Cal State L.A. Series to Include Participation by Tribal Member

The American Indian Alumni in collaboration with California State University Los Angeles and the Cross Culture Center, will feature a series of events and seminars to present a candid representation of contemporary American Indians to help educate both students and the community. The objective of this series of workshops and events celebrating Native American Heritage Month will be to provide a better understanding of American Indian culture.

This series of sensational events will assemble Native American Indian alumni from federally recognized tribes of the United States, representing select Universities in the Southern California community by coming together to educate students and professors on the different tribal experiences of diverse tribes, to reveal and recognize the contributions of American Indian people.

The workshop series will

help provide awareness of American Indian tribes that face intolerances which often go unnoticed in contemporary society, both across the nation and in the Los Angeles region.

Next Wednesday, November 16, 2011, a workshop entitled “Who are Ndnz in Contemporary American Society?” will convene at 6:00 PM in the Los Angeles Room #A on the 3rd floor of the University’s Student Union Building.

A panel representing American Indian Tribes residing in the Southern California region will discuss the social structure of society, yesterday and today.

Moderated by Quechan Tribal member Karris Wilson, the emphasis of the Wednesday night program will be on how American Indians are continu-



Karris Wilson

Often gives educational and motivational speeches at institutes of higher education around L.A.

Photo Courtesy of Karris Wilson

ally viewed as non-existent or as mascots, with discussion of the cultural myths which continue to marginalize Indians in contemporary society.

The panel will discuss how positive changes are being made in today’s society. The presenters will be Nellie LeGaspe (Oglala Sioux/Chiricahua Apache), Sunnie Whipple (Rosebud Sioux), Pamela Peters (Navajo) and Danielle Glenn Rivera (Cherokee/Osage).

If you wish to attend, the California State University Los Angeles is located at 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA, 90032. For more information, phone (323) 343-3000.

Johnny Cabrera Gives It His Best Shot for



Johnny rams his opponent, lifting Edgar Vasquez off the mat before getting him down and pounding away. Vasquez spent much of the fight just trying to escape Johnny's holds and blows, but he somehow managed to get around behind Johnny, placing him in a choke hold and almost causing the Tribal member to pass out from lack of oxygen. Johnny tapped out and the ref called off the fight, declaring Vasquez the victor at the end of round one.

Quechan Tribal member Johnny Cabrera was one of the fighters competing in the Desert Rage X: Battle at Paradise held on the evening of October 22nd at the Paradise Casino.

Cabrera's first public mixed martial arts contest started out well. "Johnny was controlling

the fight," recalls fight Promoter Aaron Bernard, of Desert Rage Fighting.com. "He was landing strikes and taking the fight to his opponent. He seemed to be taking down Vasquez at will."

In fact, for the majority of the first round, it seemed that Vasquez was mostly concerned

with escaping the blows raining down on him. But, during an exchange on the ground Vasquez was able to transition and take Cabrera under control.

"He locked in a rear naked choke, forcing Cabrera to tap out and giving Edgar Vasquez the win by submission."



Tribal member Johnny Cabrera looked relaxed and confident at the start of his Desert Rage MMA match. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Quechan "Clean-up" at Fort Mojave!

A good number of Quechan Tribal members traveled to Needles, California in late October, to participate in the Fort Mojave days celebration and visit with old friends. They returned to Yuma a little richer than they left a couple of days later, carrying the trophies of their success after taking part in a number of contests!

The first big winner from Fort Yuma was Alva Emerson, who took First Place at the Fort Mojave Women's Traditional Dance Contest.

In the Traditional Dance Contests for youths, Alana

Paz captured the Second Place Prize in the girl's competition.

In the Men's Singing Contests, the Quechan Tribe managed even greater successes. One of our young men, Christian Lopez was judged to be worthy of Second Place in the Youth Bird Singing Contest. But the real accomplishment for the weekend was "cleaning up" all three prizes for the men!

Arlie Emerson took First Place, Yittie Emerson, Second, and Roland Golding placed Third for the Men's Traditional Singers at Fort Mojave on October 22nd! Great job, guys!



California Traffic Ticket Amnesty Announced

A recently enacted California law, AB 1358, authorizes a one-time Amnesty Program for people who owe fines on traffic tickets prior to January 2009. Those tickets may be paid off at 50% of the amount owed starting in January 2012. The Amnesty period for those tickets ends June 30, 2012.

More than 6 million cases statewide could qualify.

"This is a win-win," according to Ron Overholt, Interim Administrative Director of the Courts. "People have a chance to clear up what they owe to the court at a discount, plus the

court and the counties desperately need the money. We hope people will take advantage of this money saving offer."

Only traffic tickets that were due to be paid prior to January 1, 2009 are eligible. Parking tickets, driving under the influence (DUI), and reckless driving cases are NOT eligible.

To qualify for the 50% discount, all of the following conditions must be met:

► You have an outstanding traffic case that was due to be paid in full prior to January 1, 2009;

► You either failed to ap-

pear in court, or failed to pay in full;

► The last date you made a payment was on or before January 1, 2009;

► You don't owe restitution to a victim on any case within the county where the traffic case was filed;

► You have no outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants within the county where the traffic case was filed.

If you wish to take advantage of the amnesty, contact the Superior Court where the violation occurred after January 1, 2012 for further details.

Fort Yuma Safe Routes Project Approved

Imperial County received official notification on October 18 that the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) had approved a grant of \$508,400 for infrastructure improvements at Fort Yuma, under the Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program.

Luis Z. Medina, a CalTrans local assistance Associate Program Coordinator sent a congratulatory email to William S. Brunet, the Director of Public Works for Imperial County, which was forwarded on to the Quechan Tribe's grants and contracts office.

The email confirmed that the Fort Yuma Safe Routes Project was one of a group of 139 approved project applications selected from the 332 grant applications submitted statewide.



The half million dollar grant will construct new curbs, gutters, and sidewalks near the San Pasqual schools to provide safer routes for children walking and biking to school. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The project will construct new curb, gutter, and sidewalk at the San Pasqual Valley Unified Schools campus. related encouragement and enforcement activities to increase the number of children walking and biking to school. This is to be accomplished by starting a "Walking Train" activity and monitoring vehicle speeds

According to the approved grant, the Quechan Tribe will also initiate non-infrastructure

along Arnold Road. The goal of these activities is to reassure parents by increasing the safety and security of children who walk or bike to the San Pasqual Valley Schools.

The construction activities will take place along the east side of Baseline Road from San Pasqual Road to its intersection with Arnold Road. It will

provide sidewalks and curbing alongside the roadway from the School District administrative offices (and bus barn) all the way to the corner of Arnold Road at the elementary school.

All of the property where the construction will take place is owned by the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District. The work should begin in 2012.

WINNERS OF THE POST 802 SEPTEMBER 11 BAR-B-QUE RAFFLE

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Christina Allen
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- JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for QTDHE

The Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity is currently accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. Candidate is responsible for the overall administration of the Housing Entity and reports to the Board of Commissioners. Applicants should have a 4 year college or university degree in Business Administration or an associated major and have demonstrated successful performance in an administrative position; or, a minimum of 5 years demonstrated successful work experience in the housing administration field. Candidates must have knowledge of NAHASDA, federal housing regulations and must have demonstrated supervisory performance of housing authority functions. The Executive Director will oversee all operations and programs including 146 Low Income Rental Units, 65 Homeownership Units and rehabilitation of 1937 Act homeowner units. The position requires experience with multi-level staffing; knowledge of human resource planning and employee evaluation procedures; knowledge of procedures involving budgeting and expenditure of public funds; and capability of working with officials, boards, funding agencies and people of various socio-economic backgrounds. Applicants claiming Indian Preference must attach Certification of Tribal Affiliation.

SALARY: DOQ

CLOSING DATE 12/1/11 BY 5:00 P.M. ARIZONA TIME

Application and Job Description can be obtained in person, by fax or e-mail and returned by same.

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HALLOWEEN FUN AT FORT YUMA!



ADAPP Counselor Raul Cordova shows the little mermaid how to putt: something you'll see only at a Quechan Tribe Halloween Party!



Students at the Quechan Head Start were able to once again visit the Pumpkin Patch at the Quechan Education Complex and pick out their very own pumpkin to make into Jack O'Lanterns. Each classroom was led out one-by-one to scramble across the patch and lay claim to their favorite. At right, some students from Mrs. Sandra's class (in Room C) sit on their choices and wait for them to be loaded into a wagon. From left to right, they are Rosabella Galindo, Marcus Montague, Milena Laurenzana (in back), Kiahna Pope and Lena Taylor.



Some of the Halloween Costume Contest Winners who stood still long enough to have their photos taken (and held their numbers up so they could be identified afterwards!) included the infant winner, Tianna Thomas (#257); the 6 to 8 years old winner, Sierra Madrid (#262); the 9 to 11 year old winner, Adrian Lopez (#157); the teens (12 to 17 year old) third prize winner, Gabe Tellez (#165); and the adult category second prize winner, Nancy Montague, Jr. Good job to all of you!

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

EL TORO BOWL RETURNS TO YUMA

Please visit the website at www.eltorobowl.com

The Caballeros de Yuma, Arizona Western College and the Matador Athletic Association are proud to announce the return of the El Toro Bowl, a National Junior College Athletic Association football game. The El Toro Bowl will be played at Veterans Memorial Stadium on the campus of Gila Ridge High School on Saturday, December 3 at 2:30 pm.

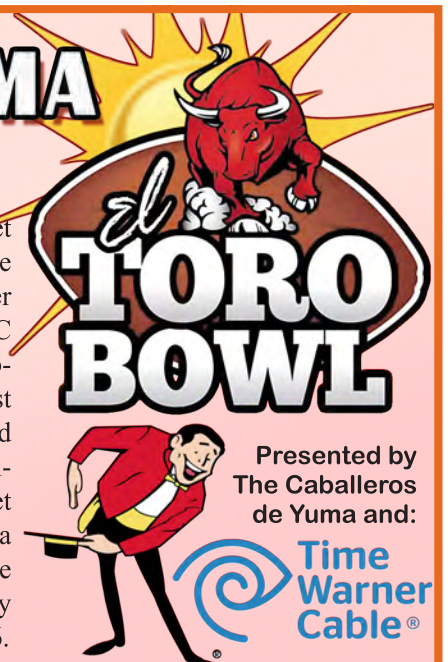
The EL Toro Bowl will match up two nationally ranked teams and marks the return of the El Toro Bowl to Yuma after a thirty five year absence. Gates will

open at noon on game day.

Pre-game activities and entertainment begin at noon, and will feature military involvement and local organizations as well as a chance for one fan to win \$250,000.00(!) in the Hail Mary Throw sponsored by Time Warner Cable.

Reserve Tickets are \$14.00 and General Admission are \$10.00; however pre-game day prices from September 1 through December 2, 2011 are only \$12.00 for Reserve Tickets and \$8.00 for General Admission Tickets.

The El Toro Bowl Pre-Game Banquet honoring both teams competing in the El Toro Bowl will be held on December 2nd at the Schoening Center on the AWC campus. The banquet is open to the public, at \$25.00 per ticket, limited to the first 500 people. Tickets for both the game and the banquet are available at the Caballeros de Yuma office at 180 First Street (in the Old Yuma City Hall), the Arizona Western College Athletics Office and the AWC Foundation Office in the Century Plaza, at 281 West 24th Street, Suite 136.



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