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Indian Days: Only A Month Away!



Leila Jose, Miss Quechan Nation for 2010/2011, competes in the Traditional Bird Dance Contest at the 2011 Indian Days Celebration. Q NEWS Photo: William Isbell

Now that our local students have returned to school and the Labor Day Holiday weekend is behind us, the next major event on the Quechan Nation's Calendar of Events will be the Annual Indian Days Celebration!

The Quechan Events Committee has been holding regular meetings since the middle of August, hammering out the details to create a schedule of events for the three-day gathering, set to take place over the second weekend in October.

The traditional start of Indian Days, the Miss Quechan Nation Pageant, will take place Thursday evening, October 11th at the Pipa Event Center. Though the time is not set for the start of the Pageant (since the schedule is still "in flux"), it will most likely begin at about 7:00

PM, as usual. The Committee hopes to have a full schedule by the end of this month, with the times for each event listed.

Until then, here is a rundown of some of the events set for Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13, to take place at the Evergreen Park:

Friday will begin with a morning walk and run at the nearby Diabetes Walking Park, to get everyone invigorated. There will be food demonstrations, games for all ages, wellness checks and traditional singing on Friday, with new event being a frybread contest (sponsored by Kwatsan Radio). The Native Cry Outreach Alliance will also be on-hand, with a public service announcement about their program.

The Quechan Special Diabetes Program for Indians and our Community Health Program will both have people on duty Friday, offering free wellness checks to the public.

Saturday, October 13 will be a full day, beginning with the traditional Indian Day Parade

from the lower housing area near Pipa Market all the way to the Evergreen Park.

The day will feature traditional dance contests for both boys and girls and men and women. One always popular contest returning this year will be the traditional dress contest for infants to 7 years old. Traditional singing will continue, along with group performances, a community barbeque near sundown, and the all-night peon tournament! And in the midst of it all, announcements and awards for the winners of each competition will take place throughout the day.

The chicken scratch group, *Gomez Band* is already scheduled for entertainment after the Saturday night barbeque!

So, get to work on your diamond dresses and ribbon shirts, because the big event for 2012 is only a month away!

And if you want to be a vendor, call Brandy Cachora at the EDA to get your Tribal business permit before October 5th! The number is (760)572-5270.



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Diego and Riverside, as well as other towns around the southern half of the state. There was even a contestant from Blythe, California, Kaye Laine.

Local publicity for the event began in mid-August, with KEY FOX 9 (and their sister stations, ABC 5 and the CW) heavily promoting the pageant.

VIP card holders filled the Pipa Event Center on Thursday, August 30th, joining the girls for an "invitation only" dinner. Everyone had a chance that evening to mingle and gather autographs from both the current contestants and four previous winners (featured in the 2012 Tropic Beauty Calendar), on hand to act as judges and show the new girls "the ropes".

The Q hosted a "Media Day" on Friday afternoon, held next to the pool at the resort. Local reporters and news cameras

crowded around as the contestants appeared in their bikinis, each wearing a number pin on their Tropic Beauty sash. FOX 9 and Telemundo even took the opportunity to shoot station IDs and promo spots with the girls, saying "Join us at the Quechan Casino Resort for the Tropic Beauty Model Search this Saturday night!" Later that night, the contestants took part in a \$5000 Blackjack Tournament at the Q, before their first practice run-through at 9:00 PM.

Saturday night saw a raucous (but still well-behaved) crowd file into the Pipa early, to wait patiently for the show to begin.

When it was all over, Caya Ukkos, from Los Angeles won first place, followed by Diana Grant, Tawnie Jaclyn, Jesse Cabanné and Coryn Salazar; all names you will probably be hearing more of in the future!

Home Improvement Program Deadline Extended

The deadline for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Housing Improvement Program (HIP) for FY2013 has been extended until the end of this year.

Applications are still available at the Quechan Tribe Designated Housing Entity (QTDHE) office until December 21, 2012.

The HIP program is designed

have no immediate resource for standard housing.

To be eligible for HIP assistance you must be an enrolled Native American; live in an approved service area; have an income that is no more than 125% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Poverty Guidelines; presently

Interested individuals should contact QTDHE for an application packet containing the application, income guidelines, and a list of the supporting documentation required to qualify for eligibility. Application packets will be available until December 21, 2012 and must be returned by January 4, 2013.

FACTOR NO. 1 - HIP ELIGIBILITY/SELECTION CRITERIA @ 125%

INCOME GUIDELINE POINT SCHEDULE FOR ALL STATES EXCEPT ALASKA & HAWAII

FAMILY SIZE	0% to 25% of PG 40 POINTS	26% to 50% of PG 30 POINTS	51% to 75% of PG 20 POINTS	76% to 100% of PG 10 POINTS	101% to 125% of PG 0 POINTS	OVER 125% of FPIG INELIGIBLE
1	0 TO 2,708	2,709 TO 5,415	5,416 TO 8,123	8,124 TO 10,830	10,831 TO 13,538	13,539 & HIGHER
2	0 TO 3,843	3,844 TO 7,285	7,286 TO 10,928	10,929 TO 14,570	14,571 TO 18,213	18,214 & HIGHER
3	0 TO 4,578	4,579 TO 9,155	9,156 TO 13,733	13,734 TO 18,310	18,311 TO 22,888	22,889 & HIGHER
4	0 TO 5,513	5,514 TO 11,025	11,026 TO 16,538	16,539 TO 22,050	22,051 TO 27,563	27,564 & HIGHER
5	0 TO 6,448	6,449 TO 12,895	12,896 TO 19,343	19,344 TO 25,790	25,791 TO 32,238	32,239 & HIGHER
6	0 TO 7,383	7,384 TO 14,765	14,766 TO 22,148	22,149 TO 29,530	29,531 TO 36,913	36,914 & HIGHER
7	0 TO 8,318	8,319 TO 16,635	16,636 TO 24,953	24,954 TO 33,270	33,271 TO 41,588	41,589 & HIGHER
8	0 TO 9,253	9,254 TO 18,505	18,506 TO 27,758	27,759 TO 37,010	37,011 TO 46,263	46,264 & HIGHER
9	0 TO 10,188	10,189 TO 20,375	20,376 TO 30,563	30,564 TO 40,750	40,751 TO 50,938	50,939 & HIGHER
10	0 TO 11,123	11,124 TO 22,245	22,246 TO 33,368	33,369 TO 44,490	44,491 TO 55,613	55,614 & HIGHER
11	0 TO 12,058	12,059 TO 24,115	24,116 TO 36,173	36,174 TO 48,230	48,231 TO 60,288	60,289 & HIGHER
12	0 TO 12,993	12,994 TO 25,985	25,986 TO 38,978	38,979 TO 51,970	51,971 TO 64,963	64,964 & HIGHER
EACH PERSON OVER 12 ADD	935	1,870	2,805	3,740	4,675	4,676 & HIGHER
2010 PG:	25%= 2,708 @ Add'l: 935	50%= 5,415 @ Add'l: 1,870	75%= 8,123 @ Add'l: 2,805	100%= 10,830 @ Add'l: 3,740	125% = 13,538 @ Add'l: 4,675	

PG = HHS Poverty Guidelines

for very-low income homeowners, and provides financial assistance for home repair, renovation and replacement.

The grant program is administered by the BIA and federally-recognized Indian Tribes for the benefit of American Indian families and individuals who

live in housing that is standard; and have no other resource for housing assistance.

The chart above shows the actual income requirements to qualify for the program depending on a family's size. Please check it over carefully to determine if you are eligible.

If you would like an application packet mailed or hand delivered to your home address, please contact Tad Zavodsky at QTDHE at (760) 572-0243.

QTDHE will assist applicants in completing their applications and obtaining the necessary documents for submission.

ERRATA: Issues 14 & 15

In editing the front page story on the July 31st Recall Election, a sentence was shortened to make it easier to read. That sentence *originally* stated that the Official Abstract Results were *posted on August 2nd*. Once the sentence was cut down, it stated that the *election* took place on August 2nd. The error was then compounded when the final sentence in the article was "corrected" to the same date, again erroneously giving the date of the election as August 2nd, *when it should have read July 31st*. Both errors slipped by in proofreading.

Also, the caption under the front page photo in Issue 15 *should have read*: "Approximately one year *after taking office*, the Tribal Council has released an Executive Summary of their investigator's findings to date, which was presented at an August 15 public meeting." Please accept my apologies!



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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

“More Than Frybread” A Hit on the Fort Yuma Rez!



Kenrick Escalanti and Preston Arrow-weed share a conversation with Director Holt Hamilton prior to the premiere of his latest film, *More than Frybread*. The film is Holt's latest featuring native actors, and was shot over a period of five weeks on 12 Arizona reservations. Mr. Hamilton brought along DVDs of other films in his catalog (in the center), which include many light hearted fictional stories, as well as the documentary *Oreland C. Joe: Master Sculptor*. Another item he brought along, which was very popular, was a large box of his custom made "Frybread Security" T-shirts. In black, of course!

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

After months of anticipation (and a couple of canceled shows), the Holt Hamilton film, *More Than Frybread* finally celebrated its premiere at the Pipa Event Center on August 30th.

Kenrick Escalanti of Kwatsan Radio had originally hoped to bring the film to the Fort Yuma res in mid-June, and had even arranged for a frybread cooking contest to be critiqued by visiting judges from the World Wide Frybread Association to open that event. But, community events led to a postponement of that showing and a summer long wait for everyone's schedules to "re-synch".

This time, the Quechan Senior Center provided the authentic sounds and smells of frybread cooking, as the Pipa Event Center filled with hungry

locals looking for a good time (and a good meal) to go with the movie. Dozens of people showed up early to buy fully loaded or sweetened Indian frybread, sit at tables alongside the audience seating area, and eat their fill before the lights went down and the movie began.

The film's director, Travis Holt Hamilton is one of a very small handful of filmmakers, if not the only one, who continues to make successful contemporary Native American pictures outside the Hollywood system.

He wrote his first full-length feature film while deployed in a combat zone in the Middle East. When he returned to the States, he spent four years doing everything legally and ethically possible to turn his script into a film. He finally released

the Navajo hit film "Turquoise Rose" to an approving world audience. His first film continues to win the hearts of audiences around the world today.

Since then, he has made a number of films throughout Indian Country, including "Blue Gap Boyz" (in 2008) and "Pete & Cleo" (in 2010).

"I wanted to make a movie that gave us an excuse to shoot on numerous reservations and make new friends," he says. "I thought frybread was a good thing that had the potential to bring people together." So, he took the script written in 2008 and gathered a cast and crew, to shoot the film on five different reservations in the western United States, over a 12-day shooting schedule. The film premiered on the Gila River

reservation and has since been shown in theaters in Gallup and Farmington, New Mexico.

"I didn't realize how big frybread really was, until I began to hear from people all over the U.S. and Canada wanting to see it!" he laughs.

The 93 minute comedy tells the story of 22 native frybread

champions from each Tribe in Arizona, as they meet under one roof to see who is the state's best frybread maker. The film takes a hilarious turn in the final round as the four finalists battle for pride, prize money and a trip to the National World Wide Frybread Association Championship in New York City.



The Quechan Senior Center had a frybread booth set up in the Pipa Event Center, providing all the sights and smells needed to put the audience in the mood for an authentic frybread film experience!

BIA Officials, Tohono O'odham Honor Tribal Member's Service



The family of Anthony Polk stands with framed photos and a White House letter of condolence signed by President Obama, and flags of the United States and the Department of the Interior, presented by representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. From left to right are Anthony's sister, Raquiel Villa, and his parents Ben and Ramona Villa. Grandfather Vernon Smith holds the flags next to grandmother Lucinda Polk. The items were presented to the family in late August.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The family of Anthony Polk received two visitors in late August, bringing a letter of condolence signed by President Obama, as well as flags which had flown over our nation's Capitol and the headquarters of the Department of the Interior on June 8th, 2012.

John Philbin, Regional Forester of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, accompanied by Ronald Morrison, Fire Management Officer of the Fort Yuma Agency, brought two specially framed items to present to Anthony's parents, Ben and Ramona Villa. (Morrison had been Anthony's best friend and mentor when they attended NAU together.) One frame holds a photo of Anthony and an Arizona Wildland Firefighter logo, as well as patches from the BIA and their Forestry and Wildlands Fire Management Division. Those items all surround a letter from the President, on White House stationery.

It reads: *Michelle and I were saddened to learn of the loss of your son, Anthony Polk, and we extend our heartfelt sympathies.*

As a wildland firefighter for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Anthony devoted himself to protecting others. Our Nation is forever grateful to those who risk their lives to ensure the safety of our citizens, and we honor Anthony for his service. I know he will be dearly missed, and I pray both time and fond memories will ease the pain of his passing.

Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

The two BIA representatives also brought a large, deep flag box, divided at a 45° angle and containing full sized flags of both the United States and the Department of the Interior. The U.S. flag had been flying over the U.S. Capitol on June 8th, while the DOI flag had been over their headquarters.

Later this week, the Tohono O'odham Nation will be hosting the family for a special Memorial Service on September 15.

Veterans of the San Carlos Apache Tribe (where Anthony was an enrolled member) will be on hand to march with the colors and offer a gun salute in his memory. Dr. Ned Norris, Jr., Executive Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Tribe will speak, as well as a representative from the Baboquivari District. Pastor Jay Juan of the First Baptist Church in Sells, Arizona will officiate. The memorial event will include placing a cross for Anthony on the reservation.

The Tohono O'odham Tribe has reserved 3 suites at the Holiday Inn in nearby Casa Grande for the family's convenience, and will also make 10 rooms available at their Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel for family members and participants arriving from Texas, New Mexico and other points to the east.



Extends an Invitation to the entire Community for our Coming Out Event: **Saturday, September 15 from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Evergreen Park:**

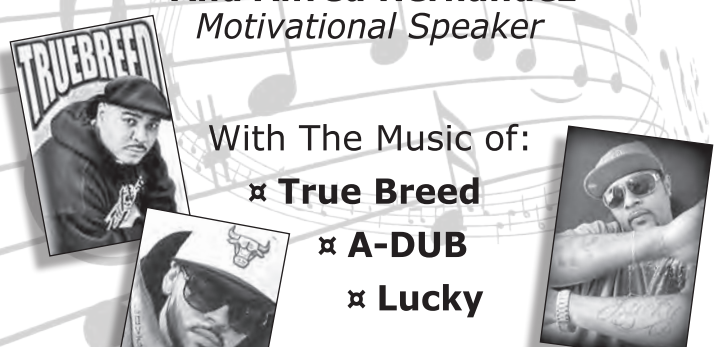


In Commemoration of National Suicide Awareness Month

We Will Feature:

- ✦ Food Booths ✦ Information Booths
- ✦ A Candlelight Vigil
- ✦ Jewels of the Desert Belly Dancers
- ✦ And Alfred Hernandez Motivational Speaker

With The Music of:



- ✦ True Breed
- ✦ A-DUB
- ✦ Lucky

Make Sure to Bring Your Own Chairs!

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:



For Further Information Contact:
Rayna Madero: 1(928)502-9454

San Pasqual Open House Shows Off New Classrooms



Dozens of parents accompanied their students to the “Family Night Dinner” in the school cafeteria, which led off the Open House Night. Mr Owl joined the servers at the food line (right top photo) in passing out the spaghetti dinner to all. After the meal, parents were able to spread out over the schools and tour the classrooms. At center right, Miss Swift Arrow speaks to a group of students in her newly completed classroom. This was also the first time many parents saw the new science labs (at right, bottom). Q NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Local parents were invited to drop in at the San Pasqual Schools for an “Open House” on August 29th, to share a free spaghetti dinner and ask the faculty and staff questions about their plans and schedule for the upcoming school year.

The dinner began right after 5:00 PM, and included a slide show of information along with students in their classes.

One thing tackled head-on was the surprise resignation of

Jason Lipford, who had agreed to lead the music classes in preparation for putting a marching band together for the 7th through 12th grade students.

A letter was passed out for the parents of band students, with contact numbers, signed by both Ms. Shaw and Mr. Schweller, the middle school and high school principals.

They say they are doing everything they can to minimize the disruption of the program

(and the students’ schedules) and they are busy searching for a replacement band teacher.

Much better news for the parents was the self-guided tour after the meal, which allowed everyone to walk about the two campuses and look over their children’s classrooms. A big source of interest on the tour were the recently finished new classrooms, which include paired science labs in the center of each new building.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP

Utilizing The 12-Step Core Curriculum

Meets Every Saturday Evening at 6:30 PM

At the Quechan Church of the Nazarene

At 2149 H Street in Winterhaven, California

Contact Pastor Ray
at (760) 572-5565
Or Facilitator
Regimus Baxter
at (928) 246-6241



Strictly Confidential - Come Join Us!

*The Meeden and Chavez Families
would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those
who came to our aid, helping us in our time of grief.
It's nice to know that there are people around us
who really do care.*

The Quechan Tribe
Keeny Escalanti, Sr.
Norman Osborne
Valentino Cano
Doug Osborne
Tim O'Brien
Gordon Osborne
Arlie Emerson

Christine Emerson
Barbara Levi
Phil Emerson and the
The Quechan Sprit Runners
(With Special Thanks to the
Tohono O'odham Runner)
Willard Golding
Preston Arrow-weed

Senior Nutrition Elders
Senior Nutrition Cooking Staff
ADAPP Volunteers
(Tom Numkina and
Kitchen Volunteers)
Quechan Housing Authority
Quechan Security
and everyone else

Thank you all, very much.



Preventing Tooth Decay

By Dr. Daniel Spain, D.D.S.
Fort Yuma Indian Health Service

Tooth decay is the most preventable of all diseases yet it is a very common problem among children in the Southwest. In general, kids are healthy, and there is no reason they should suffer from tooth decay.

Fortunately, there are some very simple actions that can be taken to help prevent tooth decay among children.

First, we need to understand what tooth decay is and why it happens. We all know what teeth are and why we have them.

“Decay” can be defined as: “Decreasing gradually in quantity; to fall to ruin; to undergo decomposition.” So decay implies a slow change from a state of perfection. Similar terms might include “decompose”, “rot”, “putrify” or “spoil”. All of these terms imply a destructive dissolution or a break down through chemical change.

So what causes this chemical change? Well, we know that bacteria ferment carbohydrates, producing acids. So childhood tooth decay is caused by the fermentation of carbohydrates by bacteria, which produces an acid that dissolves teeth.

Bacteria live in our bodies. While they are important to humans because of their chemical effects, they can also cause dis-

ease.

Fermentation is a chemical change, a transformation of an organic substance over time. Carbohydrates are one of the major classes of foods, made up of those that are rich in starch and sugar.

So all this means that tooth decay requires teeth, bacteria and carbohydrates (which are sugars, starches and cellulose). Knowing this allows us to prevent tooth decay in children.

We can remove bacteria by brushing them off the child’s teeth, and at the same time teach our children how to brush. The teaching process takes time and persistence, but it’s worth it to keep our children healthy.

It takes 48 hours for bacteria to produce enough acid to begin dissolving teeth. Daily brushing of the insides and outside of all teeth keeps the bacteria from having the time to cause decay.

We can also control the fermentable carbohydrates that are inside the child’s mouth. Baby bottles and sippy cups containing fermentable carbohydrates (such as sugary drinks) allow the carbohydrates to remain on the teeth for several hours. During that time, the bacteria ferment and produce acid.

When carbohydrates enter the

mouth, the bacteria will ferment into sugars and starches and produce acid for about twenty minutes, until the carbohydrates are washed down into the stomach by saliva. And sticky candy takes even longer to wash off.

When non-sticky foods containing carbohydrates are given to children at mealtimes, the acid attack will only last about 20 minutes. Snacks eaten between meals should be healthy and non-sticky. Snacks high in protein are the best choices for healthy bodies and teeth.

So the simplest way to prevent childhood tooth decay is to brush your child’s teeth to remove bacteria. Doing this *for them* is the *only* way to teach them how to brush properly on their own. Most children don’t learn how to be good brushers until they are 6, 7 or 8 years old.

Also, control their intake of fermentable carbohydrates by removing sugar from their diets, or by limiting sugary foods to dessert at mealtimes. And don’t place anything but water in their bottles or sippy cups.

By doing these two simple things—teaching children to brush and limiting their sugar intake—we can easily prevent childhood tooth decay. Our kids deserve their good health.

SAN PASQUAL FOOTBALL



WARRIORS HOME GAMES

HOMECOMING:
Imagine Prep
Friday Night
September 28 @ 7 PM

Yuma High JV
Wednesday Night
October 10 @ 7 PM

The JV team goes up against Yuma Catholic
On Their Field in Yuma - Thursday Night
September 20 @ 6 PM



San Pasqual Lady Warriors 2012-2013 Volleyball

September Games

- Sept 4 vs Calipatria JV 5:00PM - V 6:00 PM Home Games
- Sept 6 vs AC Academy Varsity 5:00 PM Home Game
- Sept 11 vs Antelope JV 5:00 - V 6:00 PM Home Games
- Sept 17 vs AC Academy Varsity 5:30 PM Away
- Sept 19 vs Yuma Catholic JV 5:00 PM - V 6:00 PM Away
- Sept 25 vs Yuma Catholic JV 5:00 PM - V 6:00 PM Home
- Sept 27 vs Ajo JV 5:00 PM - V 6:00 PM Away

October Games

- October 4 vs Gila Bend JV 5:00 PM V 6:00 PM Home
- October 5 vs Salome V 2:30 - JV 3:30 - V 4:30 PM Away
- October 10 vs Antelope JV 5:00 PM - V 6:00 PM Away
- October 16 vs Tonopah JV 5:00 PM - V 6:00 PM Home
- October 17 vs Parker V 3:00 - JV 4:00 - V 5:00 PM Away
- October 18 vs Tonopah JV 5:00 PM - V 6:00 PM Away

Nominations are now being accepted for Grand Marshall of the 2012 Indian Day Parade

Do you know someone who has strong community and traditional involvement?

Someone who selflessly gives back to the community?

Someone you see as a good role model?

If you do, then nominate them as Grand Marshal for this year’s Indian Day Parade!

**Nomination forms are available at the Tribal Office:
Deadline for Nominations is Friday, September 21, 2012**

**Special
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FREE PHYSICAL DAY!



ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE

Special Olympics Arizona has a great opportunity for our athletes in the Colorado River Area to get their physicals done before the upcoming competition season. This event is also available to anyone interested in becoming a Special Olympic athlete.

We have partnered with Arizona Western College, PrimeCare, and the

Arizona Western College Nursing Department to provide this FREE OF CHARGE to our athletes.



When: September 15th, 2012

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 PM

**Where: Arizona Western College
(at the Schoening Conference Center-South Wing)**

**Address: 2020 S. Avenue 8E
Yuma, AZ 85365**

You can pick up the necessary Medical Release and Parental Consent Forms at the Quechan News office, or request .pdf copies of the forms by email at w.isbell@quechantribe.com.

Please make sure to have the medical release information and consent forms filled out by parents/guardians or caretakers prior to arriving on September 15th. This will expedite everything when you meet the Doctor at AWC.

If you have any questions please feel free to email Lisa Ball: Lisa@SpecialOlympicsArizona.org or call Lisa at (928) 210-8862.

ICSO Busts Indoor Pot Farm

Deputies from the Imperial County Sheriff's Office (ICSO) in Winterhaven took part in an operation which closed down a Marijuana "grow house" on August 22nd, when a search warrant was served at a residence in 800 block of Sidewinder Road.

The Winterhaven office of the ICSO took part in running down the initial information the Imperial Valley Street Interdiction Team (IVSIT) used in their investigation.

The warrant listed a home on a desolate open stretch of desert less than a mile north of the California Highway Patrol's Felicity Substation on Interstate 8. No one was at the residence when the warrant was served early on a Wednesday morning at 7:30 AM.

However, the investigative team found over 90 marijuana plants in various stages of



The Sidewinder Road home was equipped with neon lights and mylar sheeting, to reflect as much light as possible back onto the marijuana plants. The mylar also prevented the "always on" artificial light from spilling out through the windows, which may have otherwise increased the suspicions of people driving by. Photo courtesy of Imperial County Sheriff's Office

growth upon gaining entry. Many of the plants were growing in orange utility buckets from the Home Depot.

Marijuana in various stages of processing was also seized, along with several firearms.

The value of the seized mari-

juana is believed to be at least \$2,500.00.

Lt. Gordon Johnson from the Winterhaven Sheriff's office tells the *Quechan News* that the name of the possible suspect was not released, since the investigation is still underway.

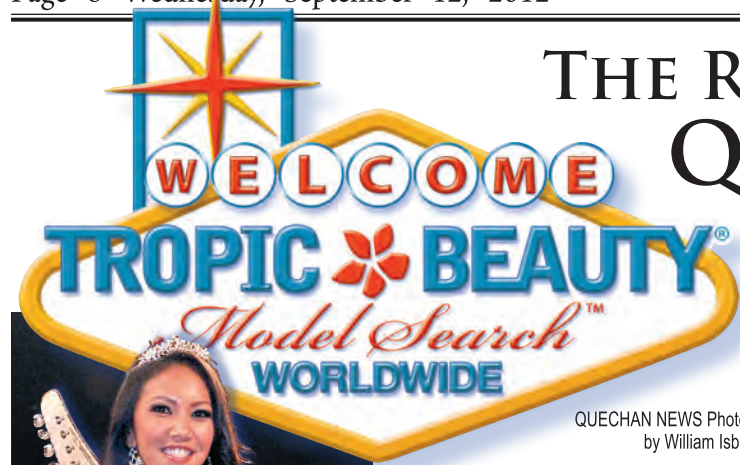
**It's Time Once Again For A
GIGANTIC
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\$2500 Winner Take All
Double Elimination
Basketball Tournament!**



\$350 Per Team Entry Fee

Contact: Deshane Taylor @ 928-446-0615

**GAMES WILL BE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 21ST AND 22ND 2012
WITH BATTLES FOUGHT AT BOTH THE
QUECHAN COMMUNITY CENTER
AND THE SAN PASQUAL GYM**



THE ROAD TO LAS VEGAS BEGINS AT THE QUECHAN CASINO ♠ RESORT

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

It was a busy week leading up to Labor Day for the entertainment and marketing employees at the Quechan Casino ♠ Resort, as they hosted Yuma's first ever national beauty pageant.

The Q's employees wore pastel colored "Tropic Beauty Model Search" T-shirts over the three days of scheduled events connected to the pageant, which brought in over two dozen con-



Saturday night's pageant began with the 25 contestants demonstrating their poise, as they individually walked up and down a central runway between the judges in their evening cocktail dresses.

testants from all over Southern California. By Saturday night, 25 young ladies were on stage at the Pipa Event Center, com-

peting for a chance to move on to the national finals contest at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas in January of 2013.

While most of the models came from the Los Angeles area, there were a few from San

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Winner Caya Ukkos with her Tropic Beauty first place guitar.

Keeping Up Appearances: Maintenance at the Tribal Administration Building

QUECHAN NEWS Photos By William Isbell



Every Tuesday morning at 7:00 AM, workers from the Quechan Facilities Maintenance Department pull up to the Administration Building on Indian Hill, to cut the lawns, trim the grass along the curbs, rake up the leaves and dispose of any trash that's blown in over the past week. They even carefully rake the gravel ground cover just outside the front door into a perfectly level arrangement before leaving. Four of the crew can be seen above, taking care of the lawn at the west end of the building during the last week in August. They are: David Taylor, Roy Durand, Edward Hill and Joe Waco. Not seen (cleaning up on the east side of the building) are Ernie Stevens, Mike Jackson, Jr. and John Shepard.

Another item that's needed attention was a persistent leak in the Administration building roof over the front office wing. That was finally taken care of on August 22nd when a contract crew removed all of the roofing tiles from the front section, laid down a new layer of roofing paper and replaced the ceramic tiles.