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Quechan Tribe Elders Attend State Conference on Aging

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A large delegation of tribal elders traveled to the Fort McDowell Wassaja Conference Center to take part in the 19th Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICA) Conference, sponsored by the Region 8 Area Agency on Aging for the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona. Held for five days during the second week of April, the Conference brought together 8 tribes as sponsors, with representatives of 20 tribes or more in attendance.

The Quechan delegation included Vernon Smith, Bryce Parker and members of the Senior Nutrition Department, as well as numerous elders.

Tribal President Mike Jackson, Sr. also took time to travel to the conference for an overnight visit on April 11th and 12th, attending the Aging Tribal Leaders Forum and the 2007 Arizona Indian Council on Aging Awards Luncheon. His attendance at these important functions enabled him to touch base with other tribal leaders throughout Arizona, and share the concerns of the Quechan Tribe in areas of health and government programs as they impact the older members of our community.

Each day of the Conference was planned around a morning session that covered a variety of subjects, followed by workshops during the afternoons of Monday through Thursday.

For those wanting a little



Quechan Tribe President Mike Jackson, Sr. confers with John Lewis, head of the Inter Tribal Council on Aging during a break in the Conference. President Jackson attended the third and fourth days of the April Conference in Fountain Hills, Arizona.

Photo Courtesy of Gene Moore

break from sitting in workshops all day, Wednesday offered everyone a chance to participate in Senior Games at the Fort McDowell Recreation Center, both in the morning and the afternoon.

Another welcome break from the serious subject matter discussed during the Conference was a Talent Show held on Tuesday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Radisson Resort and Casino.

Tuesday morning's first keynote speaker was Larry C. Colbert, an author and professional speaker with Driving Vision, Inc. He spoke on "Coping with change and overcoming adversity." After a cultural performance by a Hopi Dance Group, Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard spoke on the importance of protecting our elders.

The main forum on Thurs-

day was entitled "Tribal Elders: Holding our Nations Together," with Dr. Eddie Brown, Director of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University, as moderator. The welcoming address was presented by Marlene Sekaquaptewa, President of the AICA, followed by comments from John Lewis (pictured above) and Lee Begay, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, Region 8.

Various legal issues and legislative changes were covered by staff from the Arizona Department of Economic Security, such as the 2006 reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, as well as the Arizona Aging and Disability Resource Center - AZ Links Project.

Thursday afternoon's award ceremony was opened by Charlene Emerson of the Quechan Tribe, who offered the Blessing

of the Food.

Workshops during the Conference offered education and assistance on subjects such as help with medicare and public benefits, medication management, becoming a community advocate as an elder, and today's social security. Some subjects for those facing health issues included the benefits of aerobics, oral health from dentures to diabetes and tips on healthy meal preparation.

Jack Keane of the Phoenix Social Security Administration Office even offered a workshop on the Arizona Disability Determination Service, and explained different Social Security Disability Programs.

There was also a workshop on how to set up a non-profit program, to teach tribal entities how to apply for grants and become more self-sufficient over time, without having to rely solely on tribal funding.

Friday's closing session featured Gilbert Meza of the FDA speaking on "Food Defense and Medication Safety". The final keynote speaker of the Conference was Ivan Makil, of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, covering the "Sacredness of Leadership."

From consumer scams that target the elderly, to how to live independently into old age, the Conference offered something for everyone, and passed on helpful information with native wisdom, in a comfortable setting.

Nine Week Quechan Men's Basketball Season Ends With Liberty Motorsports The Champions

At the end of a wild season that saw two teams everyone thought would come out on top being eliminated even before the Championship Tournament began, the final game on Thursday, April 12 was non-stop action, with goals, rebounds and flying action coming so quick that some of it was hard for this reporter to follow.

The elimination games that lead into the final saw the Sidewinders over the Cocopah Natives at 6 PM on Monday, followed by Old School (OS) besting Top Flavor an unreal 80 to 53 in the Monday night 7:00 game, and then coming back on Wednesday night to trounce the Sidewinders 68 to 58.

The Tuesday night contests saw Liberty Motorsports (LMS) creaming their opponents, the Ramblers, by an even more amazing 93 to 58 at the 7:00 game. Liberty then returned for a Wednesday night tussle with the Franchise Boys that saw Liberty once again coming out on top, 70 to 62.

The last game would obviously be an exciting match-up, since both teams coming in to it were sure to be playing at their best, having so decisively beaten their previous tournament opponents.

The final game began with Barry Lindsey, the Old School team Captain sinking the first two pointer only seconds into the game, which was quickly bested by Joe Martinez of LMS sinking a long 3 point shot, which was then rapidly nullified by Old School's Jeremy Plant making another 2 point basket.

Now it was time to rumble. With Liberty recovering the ball, it was passed quickly to Paul Winekit who made a fast 3 points, and the rebound came back to Joe Martinez, making a fast, clean straight in 3 points



The Men's Champions from Liberty Motorsports pose after receiving their Winner's Plaque from Quechan Parks and Recreation. In the back row from the left are Lee Larson (Team Captain), Joe Martinez, Paul Winekit, and Ira Jones. In front are Mike Herrera, Jeff Frazine, Kirby "Nap" Naputi and Fletcher Moffat. Kneeling in front is their Mascot, "Koby Jr." Herrera.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

that didn't even touch the net. Though OS tried to get the ball back, Jeff quickly got his hands on it, passed it to Kirby, who then tossed it back to Martinez for another 3 point shot. Trying to keep their streak going, it was intercepted by Paul Winekit at half court who attempted a long bomb that bounced straight up off the rim - no good!

That bounce was recovered by OS, who got it back down the court to Gerrish Monroe, who sank it to bring the score to 12 - 7 in favor of LMS. On the run back, Gerrish got his hands on the ball again, then ran it back down for another two pointer, only to see Liberty jam it back down the court and pass to Martinez for another 3 points, now 15 to 9 in Liberty's favor.

Much pushing and hard driving followed, only to see the ball go out of bounds. Once back in to Sergio Molina, he made a straight 2 point shot for Old School.

Only 2 minutes into the second period now, and Jeff Winekit tried to run the ball back to Liberty's goal, only to have two Old Schoolers pile on in the blitz and take the ball back. A deft hand slap to the ball got it back to Kirby Naputi of LMS and another 2 pointer was made, followed by Paul Martinez with 3 points. Martinez was fouled, and made one good free throw to bring the score to 22 - 15 for Liberty. Once they had the ball again, it was passed off to Jeff, who made a beautiful half court flying bomb right into the basket, never touching the rim.

Not one to stand still for humiliation, Gerrish Monroe then grabbed the ball, ran it back for Old School and made two points, only to have Liberty pass it back to Martinez for another shot, bringing the score to 28 - 19. Attempting to pile on the points, Liberty's Jones then got the ball and shot, only to see it bounce out, then Herrera caught

the flyer and tried, only to see his attempt do the same.

In the melee, Winekit was fouled and got two free throws, which were both good, and Liberty recovered the second for another 3 point shot by Frazine.

Now Monroe from Old School got another 2 points, and Jeremy Plant immediately followed that with another 2 points. Liberty's Paul Martinez followed with 3 points for LMS, and as the first half clock ran down, Sergio Molina sank another for OS to make it 35 to 28. A shoving out-of-bounds foul at the buzzer lead the referee to put one second back on the clock for the ball to come back in to Gerrish Monroe, who tried again at the buzzer, but missed.

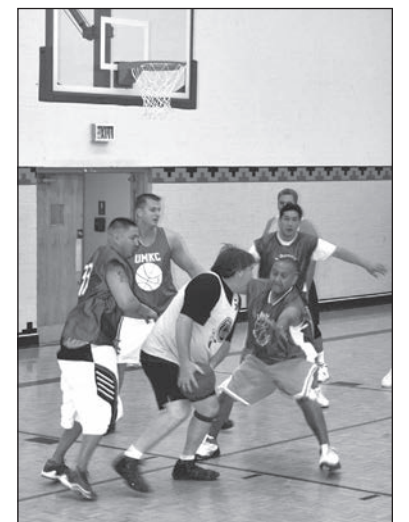
At the start of the second half, Joe Martinez moved right away to re-assert Liberty's dominance with a three pointer, and the ball was quickly gotten back to him for another try. Blocked, he passed to Moffat, who shot the ball to Kirby "Nap" Naputi. Nap's try at the basket failed when Old School's Sergio Molina batted it out to Barry Lindsey, who ran to their basket and made a quick two points.

That wouldn't stand, as Liberty then recovered it and passed it back to Martinez, for another 3 pointer, bring the score to 41 to 34 in their favor.

Now it was Lindsey's turn, sinking another 2 pointer, and Missourian recovered it to try again, only to see his attempt fail. Ray Face of Old School then passed it back to Lindsey for another shot, which brought them closer now, bringing their total to 38 points.

Kirby Naputi then got the ball for Liberty, tried for a goal and failed, then got it back and was tripped by Face, who got the ball. Face then passed it backwards to Plant, but in blocking

his try, Liberty gave up two free throws to Old School, which both went right in. It seemed Old School might come back to win now, as the score was 42 to 40. Liberty's lead had dwindled to a paltry 2 points.



Barry Lindsey of Old School is surrounded by the Liberty Motorsports defense as he tries to keep his team on the board.

Paul Martinez immediately recovered the ball, got it down court, and made two more points with it, followed by another two points by Ira Jones, stretching the lead back to six points. Fouled by Old School, Jones got a free throw that rolled around and off the rim, but Liberty snatched the ball back and passed it to Frazine who made good with a straight in 2 pointer with 11:42 remaining in the final period.

Old School came right back, with a long half court shot by Jeremy Plant, gaining them a total of 43.

Now the points for Liberty Motorsports began to pile on: Martinez gathers up the ball, moves it around the Old School defense and makes 3 points on the shot. As the ball bounced back up under the basket, it was tipped to Ira Jones, who ran for the south corner and tossed it back to the basket for another 3 points.

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Progress & Development

With Completion of Internet Auction In April: Monarch's Rest Brewery Equipment Sold and Removed

History was made on the weekend of Friday to Sunday, April 20th through 22nd, with the disassembly and removal of the custom brewery equipment that had been a part of the Monarch's Rest Brew Pub and Restaurant building since it first opened.

With the property now owned by the Quechan Tribe, Brian Golding, Sr., Head of the tribe's Economic Development Administration is moving to expand and remodel it, according to a plan under review by the Tribal Council, as a pair of complimentary businesses to form the hub of community activity at Old Yuma's North End. If all goes according to plan, the remodelled building will be an "anchor tenant" for the north end of the downtown mall, directly opposite another well known tribal landmark, the Main Street Cinemas.

Of particular historic note is the fact that the Quechan Tribe conducted its first ever internet auction of the brewery equipment, setting up a website on Ebay that received bids for the equipment inside of Monarch's Rest from all over the United States. Bidding ran from March 30th to April 6th, with the winning bid of \$100,100 coming from Ager Tank and Equipment Co. of Portland, Oregon.



Brewery tanks were removed through the center window at the front of the building, using a forklift. At left, Jason Ager and Chad Ward measure the distance to the floor to be sure the largest tank will actually fit. In the center, Ager and Ward carefully guide the tank into place to tilt it through the padded window frame using the forklift (chained to loops welded to the top of the tank) to guide it out onto the sidewalk. Outside (right) the tank is then guided over the lawn area using the boom lift.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Once their bid was accepted and the funds turned over to the Tribe, removal and transportation of their prize was arranged. Ager would pay the costs of removal and transportation, which included rental of the heavy equipment (such as a forklift and boom lift) needed to get the gigantic tanks and maze of piping outside, as well as the costs to get it all to Williams, AZ.

The Quechan Tribe picked up the cost of removing the ornamental iron fence that ran down the sidewalk in front of the large picture windows that displayed the brewery tanks, as well as the removal of the center window to allow the tanks to be taken

out. A large, locking double door was also custom made and installed temporarily over the window opening, allowing the building to be secured.

Once the building is emptied of all the tanks, boilers, piping and equipment used to brew beer, the plan is to open up the two walls where an exterior tank once stood at the front, and close off that area around the old tank platform to add that space to the interior. The rear patio seating area may also be enclosed, to increase the space available indoors under air conditioning. That will allow the entire area inside to be split into two separate businesses, north and

south, one with about 7500 sq. ft. of floor space, and the other holding about 5500 sq. ft.

It is hoped that the larger, south portion will become a

family restaurant, with the north end becoming some sort of complimentary business, such as a sports bar or game room. Both businesses are hoped to increase and enhance the traffic around the Main Street Cinemas, to create a synergy for growth with the upcoming Pivot Point development west of the Hotel San Carlos apartments.

Golding says everything went well during the removal, which he supervised to ensure no damage was done to the building or its remaining contents. "They scratched a couple of walls here and there, but it's all textured, so it will be easy to fix," he says.

Now that the building is empty, the EDA staff hopes to have prospective clients in to tour the facility and look over the plans, so that the next stage of revitalization can begin.



The tank is maneuvered into position and placed onto a waiting flat bed trailer alongside the equipment already removed on Friday evening. All told, Ager removed 11 fermenting tanks and associated equipment.

Tribal Employees Campaigning For Office Is Prohibited

Robert Klein, Director of Human Resources for the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe has issued a Memorandum for all tribal employees reminding them that they may not engage in campaigning for political office while they are on duty.

The memorandum, issued in mid-April, refers to Section 16 of the newly approved Personnel Policy Manual, which

outlines the restrictions and responsibilities of Tribal employees during elections. There are 6 subsections outlining permitted and prohibited activity, as well as the approval process for seeking public office to avoid possible conflicts of interest.

Mr. Klein has summarized those requirements in his memo, which states that "employees are prohibited from becoming

a candidate or campaigning on behalf of a candidate during working hours."

Further, "employees wishing to become a candidate must notify the Tribal Council ten days in advance of submitting their Nominating Petition of their intent to take Annual Leave or Leave Without Pay during the campaign period, or notify the Tribal Council that it is their in-

tent to limit their campaign activity to nonworking hours."

The purpose of the reminder is to keep in mind that employees must not be involved in the election process and they must not use Tribal resources to advance any political agenda.

For further clarification, refer to your copy of the Personnel Policy Manual, or contact Mr. Klein during working hours.

CORRECTION:

The previous issue of Quechan News stated that the "flower girls" taking part in the Memorial Day wreath laying would be wearing traditional dress when they accompany American Legion Post 802 on their rounds. That is incorrect, and the individual who made that statement in their interview and Quechan News both wish to apologise for creating a false impression of the upcoming Memorial Day weekend event.

President Bush Visits Yuma Area for Border Tour and Update

Note: This story was compiled with help from pool coverage provided by the *Yuma Sun*, as well as from local television media reports.

President George W. Bush made a second visit to the Yuma area as the prior issue of the *Quechan News* was being printed on Monday, April 9th. He was in town to inspect changes made on the U.S. side of the international border since his last visit in May of 2005.

Since that time, more National Guard troops have been brought in to assist with the border watch, a new Border Patrol headquarters building has been completed in Yuma, and more fencing has been installed along the border, as part of the 860 miles of fence planned to stretch from San Diego to Texas.

After landing at MCAS Yuma, the President met with local dignitaries, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and inspected a Predator unmanned aerial vehicle assigned to the Department of Homeland Security for border surveillance. He also gave an award to local volunteer Michael Christopher, who has put in over 5000 hours at the Boys and Girls Club sports program since 1992.

He then climbed into a bullet-proof limousine and was taken by motorcade to the border area just west of San Luis, Arizona on an inspection tour to view new infrastructure put in place under Operation Jump Start.

One of the new items of equipment demonstrated there was "The Push-It", a vibrating arm attached to a backhoe or truck that grabs poles used

as the underground anchors of the border fencing, and then pushes them through the earth without having to dig a hole. The poles have thick metal fins attached on either side, and are driven into the ground with the fins touching the fins of adjacent poles, extending the border fence barrier underground to make tunneling under it much more difficult.

The president then moved on to dedicate the new Yuma Border Patrol Station on Avenue A and 40th Street, where he also made a short speech to the assembled crowd.

In his speech, Bush touted the need for "comprehensive immigration reform" which would include penalties for employers that knowingly hire illegal aliens, tamper-proof visas, and the need for those currently



President Bush speaks on the need for Immigration Reform during his visit at the opening of the new Yuma Sector Border Patrol headquarters early last month.
Photo Courtesy of The YUMA SUN. Photo by Benjamin Hager

working in the United States illegally to return home and apply for a green card before being allowed back in to continue working.

He also said those here illegally need to learn English, to pay a meaningful penalty in the form of fines, and also pay

taxes on all wages earned in the United States. He also admitted that so many are now here without legal documentation that it would be impossible to deport them all, but he hopes that the majority will return home and get in line behind those who've followed the law.



New Election Board Is Sworn In April 11th At Special Council Meeting

At a special Council meeting held just before 5:00 PM on April 11, Quechan Tribal Court Judge Claudette White administered the oaths of office to all four newly appointed members of the Quechan Election Board.

Quechan Tribal Council members Crysell Montague Uribe, Manfred Scott, Vincent Durand and Merrill Kelly were present, along with Vice President Keeny Escalanti, Sr., who opened and closed the meeting. Tribal President Mike Jackson, Sr. had left for Fort McDowell earlier in the day, to attend the Conference on Aging, so he was unable to attend. Also unable to attend was Council member Emilio Escalanti. There were about 8 members of the general public also on hand to witness the oaths being given.

In taking their oaths, each member of the Board publicly affirms that they will abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation, the Quechan Election Ordinance and all ethical standards subscribed to by the Board. They also promised to faithfully uphold the duties of each of their respective positions in an un-biased and impar-



The new Quechan Election Board takes their oaths of office in the Council Chambers. They are (from left) Police Chief James Jackson, Carla J. Hills, Richard Montague and Rosie Jack-Sestiaga. Quechan Tribal Court Judge Claudette White (back to camera) administers the oaths.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

tial manner.

The new Board is made up of Rosie Jack-Sestiaga, holding the position of Election Board Judge. Prior to taking her seat on the Board, she served as the Quechan Parks and Recreation Coordinator at the Community Center.

The positions of Clerks of the Board, who will ultimately provide the actual vote tally in the June election, are Carla J. Hills, who is a baker at the Fry's Foothills market, and Richard Montague. Richard just return to Fort Yuma upon graduation from Cornell University, where he was entered in a pre-med

course of study. He plans to return to finish his full Medical Degree sometime in the future.

The final member, in the office of Election Board Marshall, is James Jackson, Chief of the Quechan Police Department.

Once the oaths were completed, all of the Council members present came around to the front of their dais to offer their congratulations, and wish them success.

The new Board then left to start work immediately, since their first Voter/Candidate Information Session was scheduled to take place a little less than an hour later, at their offices.



THE QUECHAN ELECTION BOARD

Is Still Holding Their VOTER/CANDIDATE INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

Every Wednesday prior to the June 12 Election at the Quechan Election Board Office in the Old J.O.M. Building.

Each Wednesday Evening Informational Session will be held from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM

May 2, 2007

May 9, 2007

May 16, 2007

May 23, 2007

May 30, 2007

With an additional, final session to be held in the Multipurpose Building at the Quechan Education Center on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, also from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Discussions are to include:

New Board Standard Operating Procedure, Candidate Requirements, Special Needs Voters, Certificate of Qualification

Please call the Board if there are any questions:

(760)572-0664

Kimberly White Durand: New Miss Native San Pasqual

The new Miss Native San Pasqual, crowned April 13, is an 18 year old senior at San Pasqual High. An enrolled Cocopah, she is also Quechan, Mojave, Pima and Maricopa. With this unique native background, she has enjoyed dancing since she was a child, and continues to Bird Dance as a young woman.

The daughter of Roy Durand and Gloria White, Kimberly began life on the North Cocopah Reservation, though she has lived on the Quechan Reservation for the past 12 years.

She has been active in sports throughout the school year, and played football with the guys. Kim served as team captain of the girl's basketball team, and is

ending her senior year in both softball and track.

She has traveled with the Ah Keel Dance Group for the past two years, participating in ceremonies and celebrations, as well as teaching about dance. In Bird Dance competitions, she has placed in her age groups.

Upon graduation in June, Miss White-Durand plans to attend Grossmont Community College in El Cajon, California.

A separate article covering her Coronation Ceremony can be found on the back page of this issue, along with with full color pictures of the festivities.

The *Quechan News* extends congratulations to Kimberly and her family on her new honor.

Tribal Employees Recognized For Their Years of Service at Dinner



Corranne Swift Arrow receives her 20 year service award, congratulations and a bouquet of roses (left) from Brian Golding, Sr. and Robert Kein. At right, Tribal President Mike Jackson, Sr. (in the back) looks amused as Willa Scott of the Quechan Museum shouts "I did it!" upon getting recognized for 15 years of service.

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Photos by William Isbell

Long time employees of the Quechan Tribe were honored at their Third Annual Employee Recognition Awards Banquet on Thursday evening, April 26. Held in the multipurpose room at the newly completed Quechan Education Center, the highlight of the dinner was the presentation of service awards for those who have been in the service of the Tribe for over five years.

The dinner and awards were hosted by Economic Development Specialist Brian Golding, Sr., of the Employee Appreciation Committee, who was assisted by Robert Klein, the Tribe's Human Resources Director. Also serving on the Committee are Tribal Administrator Vernon Smith, Head Start Director

Karen Preston, and HR Benefits Clerk Luz Lopez.

Quechan Tribal President Mike Jackson, Sr., arrived in time to help hand out the much deserved awards to the honorees, along with his sincere thanks for their professionalism and dedication.

All of the women with more than 10 years of service were surprised with a bouquet of flowers to take home (or back to their offices on Friday), along with their service awards.

Priscilla Webb, with Quechan CHRS was the stand-out of the night in terms of years on the job, receiving the only 30 year award. Although she wasn't present to accept it in person, everyone gave her mention a

great round of applause.

Brian Golding, Sr. said he "just can't fathom what 30 years of continuous attendance for the same employer" must be like.

Close behind Priscilla was Dolly Juan of Senior Nutrition, who's been on the job for 25 years. Other people honored for an incredible record of stick-to-itiveness included Randy Allen (ADAPP), Charlene Emerson (Social Services), Corrine Swift Arrow (Head Start), and Larry Ullery (Laguna Dam RV), who have all spent two decades working for their fellow citizens.

A total of 75 no less remarkable people also received recognition for 20, 15, 10 and 5 years of service in employment to the Quechan Tribe.

Paradise CASINOS BINGO SPECIALS FOR MAY

CINCO DE MAYO:

12:30 PM Session - \$500 MUST GO!

MOTHER'S DAY MAY 13:

1:00 PM Session - \$500 MUST GO!

6:00 PM Session - \$1000 MUST GO!

*First woman to BINGO on her own will be Queen for the Day!
FREE daubers at the 6PM session while they last!*

MON & FRI: LUCKY NEIGHBORS

BINGO during the session on any main game, and you and everyone at your table will receive another bingo card to play for a chance at extra money!

Liberty Motorsports Quechan Men's Champions

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Old School, feeling the heat, made a quick grab at the ball, maneuvered it almost back into shooting range, and lost it again to Martinez, who quickly rang up another two point shot for LMS. Jeff Winekit got the ball, passed to Jones, to Kirby and then back to Jones who got another 2 point shot.

Jeremy Plant of Old School managed to recover the ball and make a quick three points, bringing the score to 58 - 46.

A quick tussle for the ball lead to another foul against Old School, which meant Ira Jones made two good free throws for two more points, followed by Paul Martinez getting in another 2 points in regular play. Liberty now had a 13 point lead, which they quickly expanded with another volley of free throws by Ira

Jones, bringing the total points to 65 against Old School's 49.

Now Liberty began to make mistakes, with fouls against Rudy Waco, who managed to parlay their errors into 2 more points on free throws.

More drives at the basket enabled Old School to shorten the lead, as Barry Lindsey and Gerrish Monroe both scored before another foul against Martinez gave LMS another two free throws, which both went in.

Then Old School's Matt McDaniel fouled Liberty's Mike Herrerra, stopping the clock with only 45 seconds left to play. Everyone knew there was little time left to decide the game. It now came down to Liberty's blocking and defense everytime Old School made a try for the basket. In the end they made a good try, with Matt McDaniel

getting the ball in the final few seconds, he passed it off to Ray Face, who was immediately surrounded by the LMS defense.

He brought the ball back out towards center court, made a lateral pass to Jeremy Plant, who then made a last try at the buzzer which struck the rim and bounced straight up over the backboard without going in.

It was all over. In spite of a good try, and even though they had managed to shrink Liberty's sometimes commanding lead to as few as two points between each team, the Motorsports crew managed to get ahead and stay ahead throughout the final game of the season.

But the lead wasn't nearly as large as some of the elimination games earlier in the week. The final score was Liberty Motorsports 67, Old School 58.

THE QUECHAN ELECTION BOARD ANNOUNCES:

Call for Nominations

**For the Quechan General Election
to be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

For the Offices of:

**President
Vice President
and**

Council Members (5)

Nominations End: Saturday, June 2, 2007

*Submit Petitions to the Secretary of the Council for the
Certification of the legality of such petition per the
Quechan Tribe Constitution, Article V, Section 1, Section 2*

**ALL CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT TO THE
CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION PROCESS**

Please call the Board if there are any questions:
(760)572-0664

Child Care Providers, Social Workers Receive Mandated Reporter Training at Ed. Center

In order to conform to California laws mandating that all employees in both private and public organizations whose duties require direct contact and supervision of children to be aware of the signs of child abuse and neglect, and to report the same whenever it is suspected of occurring, Paradise Child Care Center sponsored a one-day training course on the subject in late March of this year.

Marina Atreaga from Imperial Valley Social Services held two sessions in the multi-purpose room of the Quechan Education Center, covering the signs and symptoms of child abuse, interview procedures, what does not constitute abuse, and related subjects. The three-hour classes were attended by all employees of the Paradise Child Care Center, Quechan Day Care, some Quechan Police Officers, the Education Complex administrative staff, and Carlotta Sestiaga of Quechan Parenting and Michael Jack-Sestiaga of Quechan Social Services.

The class involved both the historical origins of child protection laws and the current California requirements, with both live discussion and a video presentation, as well as classroom study. Those attending received a complete information packet to keep and refer to in the future, to help them recall all of the information presented.

Some of the more important subjects concerned the fact that those making a "good faith" report of suspected abuse are protected from criminal or civil liability. But with that protection comes the responsibility of those suspecting abuse to make an effort to conduct a short investigation of their own, to confirm their suspicions as well as possible, without exposing the child to further trauma or additional danger.

Those attending were also warned that every report must be a legitimate report, however, since the law also provides penalties for knowingly or willfully

providing false notifications of abuse, to prevent unfounded allegations from gaining traction and ruining the lives of a family.

A good portion of the course covered California Penal Code Sections 11164 through 11174.4, containing the relevant laws. Although a great deal of the law discussed covers abuse, what it is and how to report it, what to expect in the way of feedback once a report has been made, and who is required to report suspected abuse, the laws also cover what abuse is not.

Some things that do not constitute child abuse include age appropriate spanking for disciplinary purposes, providing it does not expose the child to serious injury, or spiritual treatment of a medical condition for religious reasons.

The course also touched on what happens once a report is made and Child Protective Services becomes involved. Some of the information in that part of the class included the fact that the CPS worker conducting an interview on school grounds must inform the child that they have the right to have a school employee sit in on the interview, even though the employee may not take part in the interview or discuss the facts or circumstances of the report either during the interview or after it takes place.

Finally, Marina covered the process of making a telephone report to the Children and Family Services Hotline, and how to fill out a written report on Form SS 8572, required within 36 hours of making the initial telephone call to Social Services.

Part of the class concerned the need to promote community awareness through educating parents as well. Now that everyone on staff at the Quechan Education Center has received this training update, they will be able to answer any questions you may have about this important subject, and help you understand that we should all keep in mind the best interests of our children.

Head Start Transition Program Runs May 11th to June 1st

Danette Joaquin of the Quechan Head Start Program would like to invite everyone with an eligible child to the annual "Transition" Program at QEC beginning May 11th.

"Transition" is an orientation for families with 3 year old children to become familiar with the the school setting, as operated at the Head Start level. Those who attend will be given the opportunity to ease the transition from home to school by becoming familiar with the classroom setting, and thereby see time away from family and home as less stressful when they do start school later.

Children involved in this program must be accompanied by

an adult, and they will also be able to ride to and from school on the bus.

Eligibility is limited to those who are now three years old, or who will turn 3 by December 1st of this year.

While in the program, a variety of educational activities will be provided each week, as well as indoor and outdoor play in a safe setting at the Quechan Education Center. Children will also receive a free, nutritional lunch while they are taking part in the program.

Moms (or dads) who attend with their pre-schoolers will also be a part of helping their children learn that school is a fun place to meet friends, interact socially

and learn as a group.

The Transition Program will be held every Friday for four weeks, from May 11th to June 1st, and will run from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Head Start is a federally funded program for preschool children that fosters learning so that children become successful students.

If you would like to know more, or want further information on the Head Start Program, contact Danette Joaquin or Karen Preston at the Quechan Education Center (QEC), any weekday.

The phone number is (760) 572-0263. Head Start is a Monday through Friday program.



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Who Should Attend?

Physicians, nurses, behavioral health providers, tribal health directors, tribal leaders, families, community members, and other health professionals are encouraged to attend.

How Do I Register for the Health Summit?

Register on-line at <http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/Phoenix/HealthSummit/> or contact Shannon Beyale at 602.364.5155. There is no registration fee.

Where Can I Stay?

Make your hotel reservations now to receive the summit room rates of \$74 single and \$84 double.

Chaparral Suites
5001 N. Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250
1.800.528.1456

*Hotel Cut-off date
is June 23rd!*

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Paradise Casinos Concert Set-ups Involve Team Work, Military Precision and Organization to Accomplish

More work than you might imagine goes into preparing for a national act like Gretchen Wilson to take her place on the stage at the Quechan Paradise Casino. Before any work begins, the parking lot is mapped out for stage and seating placement, and chalklines are snapped for the center of the stage and the center aisle for seats. Then fencing goes up, and a crew of Quechan tribe laborers steps in to help the road crews set everything in place. Rhino Staging of Tempe, Arizona trucked in a stage, lighting grid and towers, while Sound & Lighting FX wired the arena and setup 6 generators, dozens of speakers and large video screens, as well as spotlights for the act.



The first step is to unload all of the tower sections and trusses that go together to make up the stage cover and light grid. Denshane Taylor helps the Rhino crew in this shot.



Each tower is made up of 5 sections of 10 feet of welded aluminum tubing, that are carefully bolted together with each other and an "integrator" box that centers the frame on the towers.



While part of the crew assembles the 6 towers, the rest of the laborers continues unloading the truss work that will form the roof and lighting grid that connects the towers together.



Denny from Rhino Staging shows the crew how the front and back sections of the roof structure go together. Everything is held tightly in place with industrial grade bolts.



The roof trusses have lower sections that hold the lighting grid, and upper sections, being bolted together here, that form the peaked roof of the stage. It all goes together only one way.



As the roof trusses are finished, the forklift in the background begins to lift one of the six towers into place on top of a tower base section, carefully leveled using screwjacks in each leg.



The towers are then held in place with their bases by using giant pegs and cotter pins. Each tower sits in an integrator with large nylon rollers that guide the roof up each tower when it is raised.



Now comes the really hard part: Pulling the tarpaulin roof into place during breezy weather, and keeping it in place while it is attached to the frame using bungee cords.



The five-piece tarpaulin roof is then stitched together using canvas loops that pass through large steel eyelets along the edges, and then covered over with Velcro lined flaps.



Once the roof is completed, it is raised about 5 feet to allow the electrical crew to begin laying out the miles of cables that power the amplifiers and lighting used in the show.



The stage framing and supports are now assembled. Somewhat like a giant bedframe, each support has a head and foot, with four poles that lock in place both straight and at diagonals.



The stage frames are placed about four feet apart, and adapters are locked in place in each corner post. The stage flooring then locks into place atop each adapter and are leveled, also.



Once the stage is completed, the band arrives and begins to unload and set up their equipment and instruments. Rob Jones and Travis Townsend help the road crew set up Rob Galloway's drum set.



Finally, scaffolding is built in the seating area for spot light towers, and along each side of the stage to hold large screens for rear-projected live video images of the concert.



Of course, once Gretchen Wilson and her band wrap up the show, the entire crew had to come back in on Saturday and take everything apart and pack it up for the next show!!



New Miss Native San Pasqual High Crowned in Ceremony on April 13

Due to the resignation of the previous Miss Native San Pasqual, the Miss San Pasqual Committee moved to appoint a new High School Princess to finish out the remainder of the school year, until a regular selection under competition takes place in October according to their normal schedule.

The committee, made up of Faron Owl, Lucia Polk Duwyenie and Sarah DeCourse Jeffers has appointed Miss Kimberly White Durand, the daughter of Roy Durand and Gloria White, to finish the term of office. Kimberly was the

runner-up in the October 2006 competition for the crown.

Kimberly, an enrolled member of the Cocopah tribe with both Cocopah and Quechan roots, is a senior at San Pasqual High, and a two year member of the Ah Keel Dance Group.

A formal ceremony to announce their decision and crown the new member of Quechan Royalty was held on the front lawn of the high school just before sundown on Friday evening, April 13th. About 70 tribal members attended, along with Council member Cryselle Montague Uribe, who said a few words of thanks to those assembled as well as congratulations to the newest princess, and Trudy Lopez, who provided the invocation.

Once the blessing and intro-

ductions were concluded, Arlie Emerson stepped forward to sing traditional songs, while Kimberly danced with Miss Quechan Nation, Ana Hartt Villereal, Miss San Pasqual Middle School, Jessica Collins-Solorio, and the Elementary Princess, Breanne Taliswaima-Puggie.

Quechan Tribal Elder Shirley Kelly said a few words before placing the crown on Kimberly's head, who then thanked everyone for attending, and presented the elders and committee members involved with specially prepared gifts of shawls.

The ceremony concluded with the Noah Charles Singing Group entertaining the crowd, while a traditional meal of freshly prepared fry bread was served, followed by cake.



Kimberly White Durand greets her public following the Crowning Ceremony at San Pasqual High.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell



Memorial Day Wreaths Are Still Available



At Both The Fort Yuma Artists Marketplace and At Senior Nutrition

Get Them Now While The Selection Is Good!

COMMUNITY HELPERS FAIR AT QUECHAN EDUCATION COMPLEX

The "Community Helpers Fair" was held March 29 at the Quechan Education Complex, featuring visits by personnell and equipment from the California Highway Patrol, Quechan Police and the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, as well as Rural Metro Fire Department, Winterhaven Fire Dpartment, Quechan Parks and Recreation, Quechan Utilities, the Language Preservation Program and Quechan Tribal Security.

Arranged by Terry Bay, the Security/Safety Coordinator of the Education Complex, the fair was a morning event that allowed those attending Head Start as well as pre-schoolers at Paradise and Quechan Child Care to hear from the actual people who do the jobs that keep us all safe.

Even more important, the children were able to visit the parking lot south of the Johnson O'Malley Building and climb on, sit in and touch ambulances, fire trucks, and police cars and see utility vehicles in action. They all had a great time trying on fire safety gear, and as these photos provided by Alicia Robles at the Paradise Child Care Center show, these kids are obviously enjoying their education!

