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Hundreds Celebrate New Senior Center



The two most senior citizens of the Quechan Tribe, Edith White and George Bryant share the honor of cutting the ribbon to open the doors of the new Quechan Senior Center to the visiting public. With them (from the left) are Councilwoman Cryselle Montague-Urbe and the barely visible EDA Director, Brian Golding, Sr. Between them, Gene Moore of the Senior Center helps with the giant scissors, Senior Center Manager Emmett Hartt, Sr. is in the background and on the right, Quechan Tribe President Mike Jackson, Sr. looks on.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The first Friday in February saw hundreds of out-of-town visitors, invited guests, local citizens and entertainers streaming into the south end of the Quechan Nation to join together and take part in the long-awaited Grand Opening of the new \$3.2 Million Quechan Senior Center.

Featuring prayer, speeches, a posting of the colors and a procession of Pipa Singers and Dancers in traditional dress, the day got off to a fine start as the theme seemed to be "remembering the past to guide us into the future."

"It's a blessing for me to be

here," said Trudy Lopez, before she gave the opening benediction, "and an honor to give the prayer. Those who have gone on are not forgotten: They are still alive in our hearts, remember that."

She said that what's most important in sharing this time together is to be able to look back someday when discussing our elders and be able to say "I sat with that one, I shared with that one, I loved that one."

The emcee for the program, Brian Golding, Sr., Director of the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) spoke of

the investment by both the Tribal Administration and the Tribe's seniors in the design of both the building and the many amenities it contains. Honored to manage the project on behalf of the Tribe, he stated that "I hope you will find (when you tour the building) that it is something that holds a lot of promise for our Tribe and our future. In this new structure, we will be able to provide much needed services to our elders, not only in terms of their social needs, their health and nutrition and physical well-being, but also as Trudy mentioned, our need to be togeth-

er to share our dreams and hopes . . . all with a good heart geared toward progressing into the future."

"It's a glorious morning for a dream come true," began Quechan Tribe president Mike Jackson, Sr.

"It took a while, I know, to accomplish this dream" he went on, "but the Council, as a whole, has the elders always in mind, to do all we can for you. The elders are the educators and the teachers of our people, and that is a very important resource to use, for our tribe to survive in the future."

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AZ State Parks Awards Check To Fund Construction of Quechan Nature Park



Brian Golding, Sr. and Allyson Coliins (at left) of the Quechan Economic Development Administration accept a check for \$595,557 from Pat Dutrack, LRSP Grant Coordinator of Arizona State Parks. At right is Fred Phillips, the Architect of the new park for the Quechan Tribe.

William Isbell for QUECHAN NEWS

Local media from both the Yuma NBC and CBS television affiliates came out at the end of January to shoot background information and short interviews before a ceremony that saw the Quechan Tribe receiving a check for over half a million dollars towards construction of the Quechan Nature Park just east of Indian Hill on the north bank of the Colorado River.

Brian Golding, Sr. and Allyson Collins of the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) gratefully accepted the large check for \$595,557 provided as a grant from Arizona's Local and Regional State Parks (LRSP) Heritage Fund. The actual monies in the SRSP Heritage Fund result from the sale of tickets for the Arizona State Lottery.

Fred Phillips, the Design Consultant hired by the Quechan Tribe to oversee the design and development of the project made the actual grant application early last

year. Word finally came through from the Grant Committee in late September of last year that the application was successful.

The true cost of the work involved in constructing the ten acre park is expected to be just a little over one million dollars, and the remaining funds have already been secured by the EDA from the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Quechan elders have already received a number of briefings on the amenities to be included, which will recreate the look of the riverbank in the years before the coming of the white man. There will be walking trails, small traditional ramada shade structures and an elders gardening area, to show how the Quechan people farmed the floodplain every year, depending on the natural cycle of flooding each spring to provide the irrigation for crops such as squash, mesquite beans, corn and onions.

With a cultural interpretive cen-

ter, a boat dock and amphitheater, the park will be a popular gathering place for community events in a natural setting. Summer mornings will no doubt be particularly popular, with the sun rising over Telegraph Pass miles to the east and a cool breeze flowing across the wetlands below the hill.

Construction on this first phase of the Yuma East Wetlands is expected to begin as early as May. Allison Collins of the EDA says she's hoping to put together a river clean-up weekend for the site of the new park just before construction starts, so she'll be looking for volunteers later in the spring. (This might be an excellent community involvement project if you have a club or organization!)

If you'd like to pitch in on the clean-up this spring, Allyson Collins says you can call her anytime during the week as she puts together a list of future volunteers. Her phone number at the Quechan EDA is 572-5270.

Informational Meeting on Electrical Apprenticeships On Tuesday, February 19th

Pearl Cowan, the Tribal Employment Rights Officer (TERO) for the Quechan Tribe will be hosting an "Information Only" meeting on Tuesday, February 19 at 10:30 AM.

At that meeting, Mr. Johnny Simpson, Asst. Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 569, Mr. Danny Machane and an Apprentice coordinator (both also from IBEW Local 569) will speak on behalf of their Union Local, which covers San Diego and Imperial counties.

This organization will be starting an apprenticeship program over the next few months based in El Centro, CA.

IBEW Local 569 is also the Union involved with the electrical subcontractor, Neal

Electric, which has been contracted to perform the electrical work on the new Quechan Casino Resort.

The Quechan Tribe does not endorse nor solicit Union membership. This meeting is a "meet and greet" to answer any questions you may have regarding the apprenticeship program and upcoming work at the Quechan Casino Resort. If you choose this career, your future could be electrifying, so don't miss this opportunity!

If you are interested in attending this meeting, call the Quechan Tribe TERO, Ms. Pearl Cowan at (760)572-0213 before the close of business Thursday, February 14th. You will be notified at that time where the meeting will be held at Fort Yuma.

CONSTRUCTION CREW FOR QUECHAN VILLAGE Arizona Indian Festival, January 14 to 21, 2008

A group of ten Quechan Tribe members recently travelled to the Arizona Indian Festival to construct an authentic replica of a typical Quechan Village from the late 1800's, as part of the festival's efforts to educate the

thousands of visitors streaming into the Phoenix area for the Super Bowl. The Village served as a backdrop for cultural displays throughout the four day festival.

The construction crew was:

Phil Emerson
Jason Lomaintewa
Ivan Valisto
Mike Jackson, Jr.
Roy Durand

Hector Montoya
Tony Martinez
Aaron Thomas
Olivia Juan
Little Bear

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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 San Pasqual Valley. Your ideas and input are welcome!

Just call the **QUECHAN NEWS** office Monday through Friday at (760) 572-3912, or email your stories and story ideas to w.isbell@quechantribe.com. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



Heritage & Culture

As A Lead-in To Arizona's Super Bowl Celebration Quechan Represented at the 2008 Arizona Indian Festival in Phoenix



Jessica Elizabeth Paddock, Miss Quechan Nation for 2008 was on hand to greet visitors and provide a historical overview of the Quechan people for visitors to the three day event leading up to Super Bowl XLII in the Phoenix area this year. Also on hand were local gourd singers such as Willard, Sr. and Lyman Golding (in the center photo) as well as the Roadrunner, Ah-Keel and Pipa Dance Groups, pictured on the right. Altogether, the Quechan Tribe sent over fifty people to take part in the three day festival.

Photos by Phil Emerson, Quechan Parks and Recreation

With the Arizona American Indian Tourist Association (AAITA) teaming up with the Super Bowl Host Committee this year to host events in anticipation of hundreds of thousands of new visitors streaming into the Phoenix area to see what Arizona has to offer, an unprecedented opportunity was provided for the native population to get their message out and attract a little bit of that always lucrative tourism dollar.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday weekend saw perhaps 12 out of 22 Arizona tribes respond to the AAITA invitation to gather at the site of the Steele Indian School

park in downtown Phoenix for the Arizona Indian Festival of 2008.

Both the Paradise Casinos (with a cash contribution of \$3000 to AAITA) and the Quechan Tribe's Events Committee contributed to the effort, with about 50 tribe members making the trip to Phoenix to attend. The Quechan Work Force did the bulk of the "heavy lifting" on this trip, cutting down willow saplings and arrowweeds here on the reservation and then loading up trucks and a crew of men to head all the way to the state capital and build structures for the "Quechan village" there.

The men went up on the Monday

and Tuesday before the gathering to build ramadas for shade, and were joined by Phil Emerson from Parks and Recreation, who led a group of students and other volunteers in the recreation of a traditional wintertime mud hut structure with an arrowweed roof. Once the dancers and singers arrived on Thursday night, they were happy to see the enclosed hut, since it made a great store room for costumes and personal items, and provided a little more privacy and shade for daytime catnaps between performances!

Out of the seven "River Tribes" in Arizona, only the Quechan and Mojave responded to the invitation,

so those who made the trip from the Fort Yuma area had a real chance to make an impression, as tens of thousands of tourists streamed through Steele Park over the three day weekend to get a taste of native culture.

Representing the Quechan people to the wider audience of people from around the world were Council members James Montague and Cryselle Montague-Urbe, Pipa Dancers Dan Murphy and Amanda Vegas, the Roadrunner Singers and Dance Group made up of Willard Golding, Sr., Lyman, Roland Jeremy, Lucretia, Deena and Wendlen Golding; Ruben, Marquita and

Jennifer Polk, Alice Lopez, Rosa Hernandez; Lynae Menta and Sky Marie and Winter Rose Alvarez.

The Ah-Keel Group of Arlie, Chris, Robert, Chris, Jr., Jacob, Ramona, Alva and Christine Emerson; Kyle, Kolbe, Susan and Jaylen Kooten; Donna, Clarise, Caroline and Joanna Herrera; Chandra Paz, Kimberly Durand and Rosie Dewey.

Quechan Indian artist demonstrators at the Festival included: Eileen Valenzuela, Alice Murray, Matus Howard, Barbara Levy and Adeline and Shannon Apauly. Van drivers taking everyone to the event were Ora Lee Durand-Valisto, Christina Allen and Jackie Emerson.



A crew from the Quechan Work Force drove up the Monday before the festival (at left) to set up traditional ramadas made from willow branches and arrowweed. A small mud hut was also completed and used for a rest area, storage and dressing room by tribe members. In the center, Miss Quechan Nation joins in with the ladies of the Ah Keel Dance Group to begin a number. Just to the right edge of that photo is the upper part of the arrowweed wall of the mud hut. In the last shot, everybody, including the male singers, join in an Ah-Keel dance.

Photos by Phil Emerson, Quechan Parks and Recreation

Senior Center Grand Opening

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President Jackson welcomed dozens of out-of-town guests and spoke of future plans at the Grand Opening.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

said, "We have many more things planned and in store for you: this is only the beginning. Miss Lopez is right: You can come here, meet, enjoy yourselves, talk, have a good meal and enjoy yourselves. That's what it's all about. Togetherness. That's why the Council did this for you, and it's an honor for the Council to work hard for you."

Speaking of the future, President Jackson pointed out how plans are currently under development to build an entire "elder complex" to surround the new building, with new homes and facilities all connected together for ease of use, "That is the plan that we have for the elders," he said. "Hopefully we can start working on that soon."

"As a people, we progress," he said in conclusion, "and it's a great feeling seeing everybody here together, taking care of our elders in this way."

"Welcome everyone! Welcome to this day, and welcome to this Center. This is a true blessing for all of us," said Councilwoman Cryselle Montague-Urbe.

"And that's why it's so important to have each and every one of you here today, to participate and help celebrate with us," she said. "We are both happy and overjoyed to make this vision come true for our seniors. Everyone worked so diligently for this day, and I am so happy that it's finally here!"

Councilman Todd Durand said "I just want to echo the sentiments of those before me. This has been about a two-year process, with many consultations and meetings

between the Council and the designers, engineers and architects, but it's finally come to fruition for us as a people, as a blessing to our elders. We hope you enjoy it. Take advantage of it when you come here."

Warming to the theme of the day, he said, "Visit with one another and enjoy each other's company, because that's all we have as a people, is each other."

"There's not much more to add to that," said James Montague, the final Council member to speak. "I would just like everyone to enjoy themselves today, and to continue to come and visit with us."

At last, the Director of the new Senior Center, Mr. Emmett Hartt, Sr. spoke to the assembled crowd of visitors, Tribal Royalty and interested citizens.

"All of our membership are here today," he said. "It takes something like this, to pull all of the people together, including the outlying areas, all of the tribes from all around." In conclusion, Emmett wanted to acknowledge the efforts of all those who came before him, and to the legacy they've left the Quechan people to build on for the future.



Domestic Violence Support Group Meets Weekly

Quechan Victim Services has begun a new weekly women's support group for victims of domestic violence. The group began its current schedule on Tuesday, February 5th, and will continue to meet every Tuesday evening at 6 PM at the Social Services Building, across from the Pipa Market at 465B Pica-cho Road.

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive, controlling or coercive behaviors including physical, sexual, spiritual, emotional or psychological tactics as well as economic coercion that is used to gain or maintain control and power over another in an intimate relationship.

Some examples of the tactics used by an abusive partner include preventing the victim from getting a job or seeing family or friends; jealous behaviour preventing anyone else

from speaking to the victim; intimidation through destruction of property or smashing objects; and using put-downs to demean and control the language and opinions of the victim.

With native women being the targets of violent crime at a much higher rate than any other group of men and women, they are much more likely to be injured and need hospital care than any other group when exposed to family violence.

If you think you need help, please, don't hesitate to call.

Bertha Beltran, of Quechan Victim Services says they will provide transportation to and from the meetings, if those needing a ride will just call at least 24 hours prior to the meetings. You can call Bertha at (760) 572-1082 to let her know you'd like to be a part of the group and arrange for a ride.

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RECREATION
(760) 572-1242**

All Indian Basketball Tournament Scheduled for End of February

The Quechan Parks and Recreation Department has set up a number of sporting events this winter to keep local athletes in shape, with leagues for everyone from 8 years old to adults. There are co-ed leagues for the kids, and men only leagues for older athletes who have grown downright serious about competition.

As the level of maturity in the players increases, so does the cost, but those at the top levels have a chance to really shine at the end of this month, when the All Indian Basketball Tournament is played over two days, Friday, February 29th, and Saturday, March 1st.

The All Indian Tournament is a semi-annual event, held at least twice each year, usually at the end of the winter and again in the early fall.

Invitations have gone out to tribes in the area, and in the past teams have come in from as far away as Riverside to take part and try for the prize money and trophies. There are a number of tournaments here at Fort Yuma where anyone who wants to participate may field a team, but the All Indian Tournament is set up so every person on each team has to be at least one-quarter Indian Blood with the tribal affiliation to prove it.

This year, both the first and second place teams at the contest will be able to take away custom printed All Tourney Team T-Shirts as well as prize money and trophies. Although the third place team wins no money, they do get a trophy to take home and show for their efforts.

The second place team will take \$500, while the top team makes \$1,500 for trouncing all comers. There will also be a Most Valuable Player Award, who also gets his own plaque.

With this year's 28th Annual Strong Hearts Pow Wow in town that same weekend, there are sure to be big crowds for both events, and lots of excitement. Old rivalries may come to the fore, and lead to truly exciting competition on the court.

The games will start on Friday evening at 6 PM, with three games scheduled for that night. Once Saturday rolls around, the competition continues at 9 AM and will go on with a game an hour, as every team involved gets a chance to battle for the top spot in an elimination tournament!

All Kinds of Entertainment for the Crowd at the Senior Center Opening



Mark Winterowd (East Wetlands Project Coordinator) joined AWC Professor Ted Martinez to sing an acoustic guitar set in the main dining area before lunch. Prior to the guitar music, the Strong Hearts Native Society (center) sang traditional gourd songs. Out on the back patio (at left above) the Quechan Artists Marketplace had a selection of crafts for sale. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Film and television actor Lee Whitestar (at left) also brought his guitar to sing country and western favorites for the crowd. In the center, while not strictly a part of the "entertainment" for the gathering, the Color Guard of Quechan American Legion Post 802 placed the flags at the entryway ahead of a procession (at right) of local singers, traditional dancers and Tribal Royalty before the speeches began.

Valentines Day Greetings

TO:
Richard, Cryselle,
Juanita, Mona & Joe:

Brothers and Sisters are
as close as Hands and Feet!
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!
Love, Your Lil Sis -
Chan-Chan

To -
A Very Special
Daughter:
Jeana Golding,
and a Special Man:
Mr. Ken Childs.
Happy Valentines Day!
From -
Sen

To -
My Love of my Life:
I will Love and Take
Care of You
until the day that
I Die.
Love - Your Husband
Alex Marquez

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For Further Information, Contact:
Jerry Brown, Commander, Quechan Post 802
(928) 446-1797

Senior Center Gift Shop Now Open for Business



One of the first customers was Rose Ana Williams, shown picking out some handmade beaded jewelry with help from Ursula Mendez in the gift shop.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Among the many milestones celebrated at the opening of the new Quechan Senior Center on February 1st was the first day of business for the new Gift Shop that is a prominent feature of the lobby entryway.

Ursula Mendez, the Gift Shop Manager had her hands full that first morning, as dozens of visitors moved through the store looking at everything on display.

In addition to some historically

and hat bands, beaded earrings, butterfly and peyote design necklaces, aprons, pot holders, blanket tote bags and placemats.

Right now, the Gift Shop is expected to be open each week Monday through Friday from 10 AM until 3 PM, on a trial basis, to help “work out the kinks” in this new retail experiment at the Senior Center. Once the staff is more familiar with the needs of the buying public, they may be



Some of the historically significant items in the front display case include a variety of beaded capes, collars and basketry from as long ago as the 1950s.

important items placed in a large case at the front window (which are not for sale, but may be used for ideas if you’d like to “custom order” reproductions, there are all kinds of things already in stock for purchase.

Among them: Throw pillows, ribbon dresses, crocheted slippers and blankets, beaded necklaces

able to expand the hours.

If you are looking for a special item for the Pow Wow and spring celebrations season, you might want to stop in and see what the talented bunch of seniors there have to offer. With plenty of people ready to create almost anything you’d want, and the facilities to do it, it’s a dream come true!

Tribal Elder Outreach

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ITCA - Diabetes Program

“Elder Dental Care”

by Dr. Alyssa York, Director
ITCA - Dental Prevention & Clinical Support Center

“What You Need To Know About Medicare”

by Lanell Jane Hardy, Public Benefits Specialist
ITCA - Area Agency on Aging, Region 8

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ELDERS

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

TRIBAL HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

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For more information, please contact:

Lanell Jane Hardy

ITCA • Area Agency on Aging, Region 8
(602) 258-4822

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TRIBAL DEPARTMENT	PHONE	NAME	FAX
Administration Office	572-0213	Shari Mattias - Receptionist	572-2102
ADAPP (888-572-2191)	572-0232	Randy Allen	572-0235
Andrade Parking Lot	572-2959	Regina Escalanti	572-3581
Andrade Parking Lot	572-2669	Security Office	
Artists Marketplace	572-4413	John Norton	572-2102
Bureau of Indian Affairs	928-782-1202	Sam Rideshorse	928-782-1266
Business Enterprises	572-0668	Lupe Sanchez	572-0653
Community Health Reps.	572-0753	Sosa Diaz	572-2988
Commodities Distribution	572-0740	Debbie Hill	572-5066
Diabetes Prevention	572-1286	Aaron Brown	572-4363
Diabetes Wellness Center	572-4057	Lisa Ball	572-4363
Economic Development	572-5270	Brian Golding, Sr.	572-0519
Educational Programs	572-3100	Rebecca Ramirez	572-2694
Elder/Family Services	572-2914	Charlene Emerson	572-3638
Enrollment	572-0752	Ronda Aguerro	572-5264
Environmental Director	572-2969	Arlene Kingery/Mike Parsons	572-2102
Employee Relations Advocate	572-7777	Judy Cachora	Ext. 403
Family Preservation	572-1080	Margarita Rubalcaba	572-2099
Fish & Game	572-0544	Gordon Osborne	572-2102
Ft. Yuma Trailer Village	572-0313	Trudy Lopez	572-3106
Head Start Director	572-0263	Karen Preston	572-0264
Higher/Vocational Education	572-5268	Ora Lee Durand	572-3069
Historic Preservation Office	572-2423	Bridgette Nash	
Hospital - IHS	572-4100	1-800-862-4911	572-5267
Housing	572-0243	Bob Letendre	572-0245
Hub Liquor	572-0301	Ramona Escalanti, Acting Mgr.	572-2716
Injury Prevention	572-0437	Lisa Aguerro	
JOM / IEC	572-0648	Bernadine Swift Arrow	572-0603
Laguna Dam Trailer Park	572-0798	Richard Hofacker	572-2891
Mechanic Shop	572-0772	Woody Brown	572-2102
Mosquito Abatement	572-4075	Carlton Hill	
Museum	572-0661	Pauline José/Willa Scott	572-2102
Paradise Casino (1-888-777-4946)	572-7777	Charles Montague	572-2471
Paradise Casino HR	572-5485	Christina Jackson	572-2210
Paradise Child Care Center	572-5440	Alicia Robles	572-2102
Parenting	572-0487	Adina Alvarez	572-5769
Parks & Recreation	572-1242	Louis Robles	572-2752
Pesticides	572-0771	Henry Ghiotto	572-2587
Pipa Market	572-2260	Christoble Emerson	572-2102
Quechan Daycare	572-2480	Jeanette Shephard	572-2102
Quechan Language	572-4412	Judith Prietta	572-2101
Quechan Newsletter	572-3912	William Isbell	572-3910
Quechan Police Department	572-2933	Marco Veloz, Acting Chief	572-0265
Rainbow Pool	572-2825	Willis Hawkins	572-2752
Security Department	572-2794	Jerome Two Hearts	572-3106
Senior Nutrition Center	572-0748	Emmett Hartt, Sr.	572-5867
Sleepy Hollow RV Park	572-5101	Dave pasqual, Jr.	572-5101
Social Services Director	572-0201	Marilyn Swafford	572-2099
Social Services Eligibility Clerk	572-0201	Pat Quahlupe	572-2099
Tribal Court	572-5552	Claudette White, Judge	572-5560
Tribal Gaming Agency (CA)	572-2413	Felix Montague, Ext. 749	572-0782
Tribal Gaming Office (AZ)	572-5464	Marrianna Bobtail Bear	572-5478
Utilities Manager	572-0667	Steve Laurenzana	572-3867
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Water & Sewer Projects	572-2577	Bill Hirt / Eddie Williams	572-2102
WIA / DOL Director	572-2314	Earl Daniel	572-2735

*School Board Appointment
Finalized Early This Month*

With the surprise resignation of San Pasqual Valley Unified School District Governing Board member LaRue Nelson last November, the Board has been unable to break possible deadlocks in voting with only four out of five seats filled. Letters of intent to fill the vacant seat were requested from the public in December, and their first public meeting in January saw all four interested parties who replied being interviewed by the Board.

The previous (January 23rd) issue of the *Quechan News* carried the complete story, including the questions asked of the candidates, and the replies they gave at the January 8th meeting. In the end, Vernon Smith, a Quechan Tribe member (and former Tribal Administrator) got the nod, accepting a provisional appointment pending his successfully passing a background check.

On Tuesday, January 22nd (the same day the previous issue was delivered from the printers), the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District delivered a Public Notice to the *Quechan News*. That notice stated that unless a petition for a special election was filed with the Imperial County Superintendent of Schools containing the requisite number of signatures within thirty days of Mr. Smith's appointment on January 8, his appointment would become effective pursuant to the California Education Code §5090-5092.

Unfortunately, that Public Notice was delivered too late for inclusion in the January 23rd issue. This issue was delayed to include complete coverage of the Grand Opening of the new Quechan Senior Center. In any case, with the expiration date now past with no petition filed, the appointment of Mr. Smith is final.



QUECHAN PARKS & RECREATION

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