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QUOTE OF NOTE

"It's sort of my role ... to remind everybody that the Salton Sea is not like a fine wine. It does not improve with age. In 2017 it falls off the cliff."

Kevin Kelley, IID general manager

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'DOING ANYTHING TO HELP THE COMMUNITY'



Four-year-old Andrew Sumandig, of El Centro, details his father's (Benji Sumandig) car during the Proyecto Heber car show Saturday afternoon. FERNANDO ACOSTA JR. PHOTO

Proyecto Heber Car Show rolls out

BY CHELCEY ADAMI
Staff Writer

HEBER — Hundreds of family and friends came out to share an afternoon of class cars, food, drinks, music and more at the second annual Proyecto Heber Car Show in Tito Huerta Park.

The nonprofit organization Proyecto Heber was created three years ago to help out others and create community events like the car show.

"We started our organization to give Heber a better name, a better image," said co-founder Diahna Garcia-Ruiz. "We're not a city so we don't have a recreation depart-



ABOVE: Low rider and classic cars line up along the sidewalk showcased during the Proyecto Heber car show. FERNANDO ACOSTA JR. PHOTOS

BELOW: Vendors sell food during the Proyecto Heber car show.



ment and so everything we do we have to do ourselves."

The organization also hosts events like a turkey run where Thanksgiving dinners are given

away to families in need, a Christmas present giveaway for children and monthly movie nights in the park.

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EDUCATION WITH A FUN FLAIR



Firefighters Art Duran (left) and Eric Valenzuela help children topple traffic cones using a fire hose nozzle during an open house Saturday at the Brawley Fire Department Station No. 2 in Brawley. JOSELITO VILLERO PHOTO

Fire Prevention Week concludes with open house

BY SANDY SIERRA
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BRAWLEY — As part of Fire Prevention Week, Brawley Fire Department Station No. 2 opened its doors to the public during its annual open house Saturday with free food, tours and plenty of safety demonstrations.

"Today is our annual open house. We're opening our doors so the public can take a look at our facilities as well as have a good time, get some shaved ice and grab some safety prevention materials," said Brawley Fire Department chief Chuck Peraza.

In addition, the public also had the unique opportunity to watch a vehicle extrication using the Jaws of Life as well as a fire extinguishing demonstration.

Although the open house was filled with exciting activities for young children, 3-year-old Sebastian wanted nothing more than to receive a free plastic red firefighter helmet.

"I promised him I'd bring him," his aunt Athena Chavez said. "My nephew wants to be a firefighter, his favorite toy is his firetruck."

Chavez looked on as her nephew took part in an activity that involved knocking down traffic cones using the fire hose.

"It just warms my heart," Chavez said.

The event gave local Rosie Duran a chance to bring her grandchildren.

"This is my first time coming here. We came to see all the firetrucks," she said. "It's nice. It's good."

Local Jacob Sotelo wanted to make sure his child understood the hard work that goes into firefighting.

"I wanted to come here and bring my kid out to see what firefighters do," he said.

Although Sotelo enjoyed the free tour of the fire house, he noticed one important piece missing.

"They're missing the sliding fire pole," he said.

Katy Turner and her family made their way from Holtville to attend the open house.

"I have three kids and they all love firemen," she said. "They asked to come. They're learning a lot especially since it's Fire Prevention Week."

"Now this entire week, they're going to want to be firefighters," she added.



FROM LEFT: Firefighters Josh Colunga and Isaiah Val use a Jaws of Life tool to cut through a car to demonstrate the rescuing of a victim trapped inside a car during the open house. JOSELITO VILLERO PHOTO

BRINGING INTERESTS IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY TO LIGHT

Museum's Shawii Day shows off Kumeyaay culture

BY CHELCEY ADAMI
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OCOTILLO — Shawii, an acorn pudding, is a traditional food staple for Kumeyaay Indians, and on Shawii Day at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum on Saturday, visitors not only learned about the food but also about the culture and history of the area.

With a video, displays and also a hands-on exhibit, people could see the start-to-finish process of how Shawii is made and used.

Museum member Estela Ryan of El Centro was one person who cracked, peeled and ground up the acorns for her first time at the event.

"It's very interesting. You get a feel for what they were going through and how they lived and how they ate," she said. "It's a workout."

The free, family-friendly event was also the last day of the Seaweed, Salmon, and Manzanita Cider traveling exhibit.

"It's something really needed here in the Valley, especially for the kids to come and learn and



LEFT: Laura Hunter of San Diego, participates in a demonstration grinding down various acorns to make Shawii, a traditional food staple of the California Indians during the Shawii Day event Saturday at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum in Ocotillo.



RIGHT: Angel Martinez (right), 9, plays Shaahuk (Ten), a tradition Kumeyaay game with his brother Adrian (left) and museum volunteer Sue Haney during the Shawii Day event. FERNANDO ACOSTA JR. PHOTOS

explore," Ryan said. "It's a place to come and explore how people were living and working before."

Some played a traditional game of Shaahuk with stones and pie-

ces of wood while others bid for handmade pottery, jewelry and more in the silent auction.

"I think one of the great things about it is a lot of people have an

interest in archaeology and history and this brings it to light," said John Eagle Spirit Elliott of the Manzanita Tribe.

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CORRECTING THE RECORD

The Oct. 11 article regarding the conclusion of the Adrian Parra death investigation contained an error regarding the legal analysis conducted by the Imperial County District Attorney's Office.

The district attorney's office review of the case noted that while all murders are homicides, not all homicides are murder. Murder requires intent, "to unlawfully bring about the death of another human being," District Attorney Gilbert Otero wrote.

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