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## Senior Center to “Step Back Into Tradition”



**Yolanda Hart Stevens** (at right), a nationally known Pee-Posh/Quechan artist from Komatke, Arizona will be one of the guest artists appearing at the Quechan Senior Center in June.

Photo courtesy of Yolanda Hart Stevens/Photobucket

The Quechan Senior Center has a full month of activities planned for this summer, and the entire month of June will see them begin a new program called “Stepping Back Into Tradition”.

The four-week program kicked off last week with the Quechan Language Program holding *Kwat'san Iiya* classes every day from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM in the main conference room at the center. All of the classes throughout the series will be held weekdays from 11 AM to 3 PM, also.

The language classes covered

basic words and locations, including naming the local mountains and bodies of water, as well as an emphasis on finding someone with which to speak *Kwat'san* on a daily basis, so that over time, it becomes easier. Judith Prietta-Osborne, the Director of the Quechan Language Program stresses that it is only through speaking and hearing a language that one comes to truly understand it and feel comfortable using it.

The ladies also planned a nice traditional meal for their students

to close out the week, giving them one more opportunity to learn the names and colors of the foods, and where they come from, as well as the actions involved in preparing and serving the meal.

Mrs. Osborne also says that they'd like to collect as many old *Kwat'san* stories as they possibly can, before more knowledge slips away, never to be recovered. If you (or your parents or grandparents) have any stories you'd like to share, call the Language Office at 572-4412 and they'll be glad to sit down with you and listen to all you can recite for them.

This week, the emphasis moves to traditional crafts, with Yolanda Hart Stevens teaching beading from Monday to Wednesday, and Barbara Levy showing how to build and dress a traditional rag doll using modern materials.

A long-time artist in residence at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Yolanda Hart Stevens has developed programs to promote a clearer understanding of the people of the Southwest through their history, clothing and decoration. Stevens teaches a variety of beading techniques throughout the southwest, including lazy stitch, edging and peyote stitch.

Her work has been featured at venues as diverse as museums and fashion shows. These free classes for community members 55 and older are an excellent chance to get one-on-one instruction from a truly world-class beading artist.

Next week, traditional music is the subject, as a number of local native dance groups visit the Senior Center to teach the Corn Dance, Harvest Dance and Bird Dance. Classes will cover not only the words, beat and movements of the dances (and the songs they accompany), but will also offer the history and meaning of these songs. The Senior Center staff also plans to have other traditional singers come in and teach bird songs and lightning songs, with the stories of creation that same week of June 15th through the 19th.

The final week is set aside for more traditional crafts, and to learn the history and songs of the game of Peón.

If you'd like to attend any of the classes or find out what's planned for the months of July and August in “Stepping Back Into Tradition,” just contact Barbara Levy or Adeline Apaty at the Senior Center: 572-0748.

## Tribe Members Top Athletes at Middle School



**Red Hawk Welch and Malacah Jackson** proudly display the plaques they received at a year-end ceremony naming them "Top Athlete" for boys and girls at San Pasqual Middle School.

Photo Courtesy of Jerilynn Swift Arrow

Two Quechan Tribe members stood out as the best all-around athletes at the San Pasqual Valley Middle School for the 2008/09 school year, and were recognized for their accomplishments at a ceremony held in the school gym on May 28th.

Red Hawk Welch has just completed the eighth grade as a member of the Honor Roll, and was a star player for the Wildcats, named the Most Valuable Player for San Pasqual in football, basketball and softball. He is now also the Boys' Middle School Athlete of the Year.

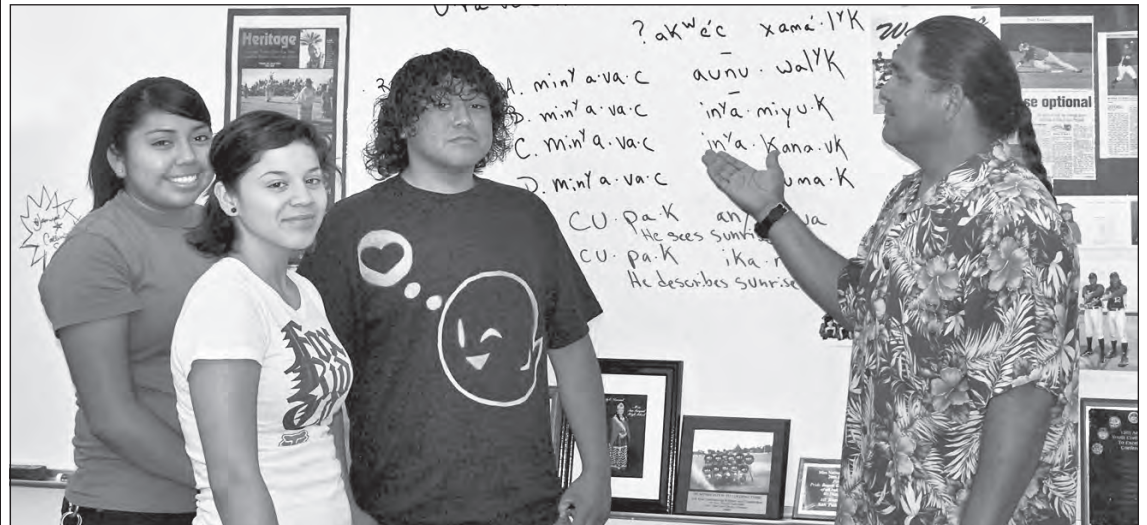
The son of Doreen Jefferson, Red Hawk will move up to San Pasqual High this fall. The coaching staff (particularly Wildcats basketball coach Wil-

lis Hawkins) is looking forward to working with him and helping Red Hawk move up to even greater athletic accomplishments as a young adult.

Sixth grade Honor Roll student Malacah Jackson is the daughter of "The Q's" Human Resources Director, Christina Jackson. She excelled in both academics and athletics all year, being named the Most Valuable Player in girls' basketball, volleyball and softball.

Malacah's all-around excellence in sports won her the Girls' Athlete of the Year Award for 2008/09, giving her a real boost as she still has two more years at San Pasqual Middle School to show the entire community what she's made of!

## Three Seniors Receiving Strong Hearts Scholarships



Students **Janyse Collins-Solorio, Sarina Salas and André Polk-Estrada** join Faron Owl, their teacher and mentor in the Strong Hearts Native Society, as he goes over the nuances of pronunciations for the traditional Quechan Lightning Songs.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Three graduating seniors have met the requirements to receive Strong Hearts Native Society Academic Scholarships this year, to be applied towards their higher education.

Janyse Star Collins-Solorio, the President of Strong Hearts and this year's San Pasqual High Native Princess has been awarded a total of \$1000. Miss Collins-Solorio is only the second student to serve as the Native Princess for all three San Pasqual schools, having been an Elementary, Middle School and now the High School Princess.

Her scholarship will help defray expenses while she attends a two-year general course of study at Grossmont College in El Cajon, beginning this fall.

"Once I've finished there, I plan to attend an Art Institute, and hopefully earn a B.A. in

Graphic Design and Photography," she told the *Quechan News*. While she looks forward to four to six more years of higher education, she plans to enjoy her final summer here at home "just enjoying my family and friends before I leave."

André Polk-Estrada, the son of Yolanda Polk and Gilbert Estrada, is an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

Andre moved back and forth between Albuquerque and Fort Yuma a number of times with his parents, before they finally settled here in time for him to join Quechan Head Start before entering the San Pasqual schools.

He has received two awards from Strong Hearts, one for academics and the other for his service as a Lightning Singer at public gatherings here on the reservation. He plans to attend

AWC in the fall, to earn an A.A. degree before either joining the military or continuing on at a state university. When finished, he hopes to pursue a career in Automotive Engineering.

Sarina Salas is the oldest of 11 children, and has two younger brothers already attending San Pasqual High. Sarina served in Strong Hearts for the last 3 years, and was also involved in a number of athletic programs.

She will be the first member of her family to attend college, and she plans to attend Phoenix College to take a two-year course of general studies before transferring to the Medical School at the University of Arizona. She hopes to eventually become a plastic surgeon.

"That could take awhile," she says, "maybe as long as 13 years!"

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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](mailto:w.isbell@quechantribe.com). I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



# Heritage & Culture

## Celebration of Traditions Ends The School Year at San Pasqual



**Jerilyn Swift Arrow** and Lucia Duwyenie hosted the gathering.



**Nancy Montague, Sr.** began reading the "Coyote Stories".



**Seniors Kailah Durand and André Polk-Estrada** also acted out some of the "Coyote Stories" being narrated by their fellow students.



**Elementary Princess Ny-Lyn Duncan** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Students of the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District got together with the Strong Hearts Native Society and the Quechan Language Program at the end of the school year to present the first annual "Celebration of Traditions" in the school cafeteria on May 28th.

The evening of entertainment, followed by a traditional dinner shared by parents, students and educators, was arranged to recognize the unique native culture

surrounding the school, in an effort to allow the large percentage of native students to present their view of life and community dynamics to the population at large.

Teachers Jerilyn Swift Arrow and Lucia Duwyenie acted as twin Mistresses of Ceremonies, and the program began with Quechan American Legion Post 802 posting the colors to the accompaniment of a Quechan Lightning Song. Miss Native San Pasqual Middle School, Ny-Lyn

Duncan lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an opening prayer.

The School Superintendent, Mr. David Schoneman also made a few quick remarks, acknowledging the tremendous influence of the Quechan people on the school's curriculum.

The Quechan Language Program spent a week previous to the event with a group of high school students, putting together a short presentation of four short

Coyote stories. The stories were acted out on stage as Nancy Montague, Sr. and three students took turns providing the narration for the audience.

Even the brief intermission was kept entertaining with a slide show featuring every student at least once, attending class, clowning for the camera, or on field trips over the past year.

Then the real "meat" of the program got underway, as the Pi Pah Singers returned to the stage

- boys on one side, and girls on the other. Mr. Vernon Smith lead the students in a demonstration of traditional songs and dance, which brought the crowd to their feet more than once.

The school's Mestizo Dancers (under the direction of Ms. Trini Llamas) also presented a number of traditional Mexican dances before surrendering the stage to the Drama Club and their interpretation of "The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit" to close the program.



**The elementary and middle school** boys and girls formed a "Pi Pah Singers" group to demonstrate traditional music and dance.



**Young boys hopping** to the gourd songs got the crowd cheering.



**Parents and family members** filled the cafeteria and laughed in all the right places, taking pictures of their little ones as they appeared on stage.

# ADAPP Expands With New Offices

The Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) has just received a long-awaited expansion module, allowing their counselors to end office sharing and better serve their clients for at least the next couple of years.

“Privacy is important in counseling,” says Randy Allen, the ADAPP Program Director. “We had some counselors sharing offices and doubling up together for awhile, and that’s not good. Sometimes you want to have a one-on-one session with a client, and the other counselor has to leave the room while [the client and counselor] talk, and they got no work done during those times, and we can’t have that.”

With the program at full staffing levels, ADAPP would have 9 staff members (including the supervisors), so with only six offices for the seven counselors they had two years ago, Mr. Allen approached the Quechan

Tribal Council looking for a remedy to their space problems.

Staffing changes, with various counselors coming and going has led to fluctuations in both the number of personnel and the budget to cover those positions. Mr. Allen says that because of the “usual delays” that go along with acquiring another building, they were able to use “carry over funds” set aside in the department’s budget for 2008 to purchase the 20-foot by 40-foot double-wide office this year from Palm Harbor Homes in Yuma.

It was delivered shortly before Memorial Day, and crews spent the next couple of weeks plumbing it into the existing water lines, adding it to the ADAPP electrical grid and closing in the crawl space underneath. Ventilation ducts and a sidewalk were then installed, and now some of the staff are eagerly anticipating getting into their own offices.



The new building is just to the south of the ADAPP main building, and contains office space for three counselors as well as a conference room for group sessions. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The new building is just to the south of the ADAPP main offices, and will have a conference room and three offices, as well as a reception area, restroom and a small storage closet. Mr. Allen will be moving into the largest of the new offices, and may move a couple of the more recent hires into the ad-

acent offices with him, to help them in their training.

Having two conference rooms will also enable the staff to hold two group counseling sessions at the same time. “That will really help us,” says Mr. Allen.

Another supervisory counselor will take his old office, right in the front of the main build-

ing, to make assignments and answer the public’s questions on that side.

Right now, they are short about four staff positions, so they are extremely busy. Still, they hope to hold an open house in early June, so everyone can get a look. You can call Quechan ADAPP at (888)572-2191.

## Congressman Visits



U.S. Representative Bob Filner spent the better part of the afternoon here on May 28th, touring the San Pasqual Valley Schools with the schools’ Superintendent David F. Schoneman.

The San Pasqual Valley Unified School District is a State of California School District, as well as being designated an Impact Aid School District, eligible to receive Federal funding to assist in providing educational services to our community.

Congressman Filner has long been interested in helping obtain assistance from the Federal Government to fund new classrooms at San Pasqual. His visit gave him a firsthand look at the challenges faced by the District in trying to meet the schools’ facility needs, with many of the classrooms on campus being over 40 years old.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

## Quechan Middle School Student A Published Poetry Author



Alton Montague, a student at the Somerton Middle School, has had his poem “SMS Marching Band” selected for publication in the new book *A Celebration of Poets*.

Quechan Tribe member Alton Montague has already achieved a significant milestone in life, before he even graduates from

Middle School — he is soon to be a published author!

The student percussionist, who plays drums for the Somerton Middle School marching band entered a national poetry contest this past spring.

He wrote a short poem about something dear to his heart: playing the drums. His English assignment was sent off to the contest headquarters in Logan, Utah, where the judges deemed it good enough to include in an anthology collection to be published this fall, entitled *A Celebration of Poets*.

The letter to his teacher, Ms. Gaxiola, telling him he had been selected, says his poem will also be included in the final competition later this year, making him

eligible for one of ten places competing for a total of \$3000 in prize money.

Here is his winning poem:

SMS Marching Band

We like our hair,  
We like our snares,  
We wear uniforms to shows,  
which we use in concerts,  
we like to perform.

So we enjoy ourselves in  
whatever we do,

We are the number one  
marching band of Yuma  
and I guess it’s time to perform.

Drumming all day long, till  
death,

we will be the marching  
skeletons!

## Summer Day Camp for Grades 1 and 2 Begins Next Week

Quechan Parks and Recreation will be hosting "Day Camp" for students in first and second grade for the next three weeks at the Quechan Community Center. Attendance will be monitored every day, to ensure the kids are where they should be. Day camp will begin at 8:30 AM and end just after lunch at 12:45 PM each day.

There are plenty of fun activities planned for each day of the week, as the camp will keep the little ones busy every Monday through Friday morning.

The days all start off with a breakfast of cereal, fruit, sweet rolls and milk or juice. You'll want to be sure you drop your tykes off at the Community Center before 8:45, because as soon as breakfast is over, they all get to head over to the Rainbow Pool for swimming exercises and just plain fun, under the direction of Phil Emerson and his summer staff of lifeguards.

The swim lasts for an hour, and then everyone heads back over to the Community Center for each days activity.

Monday and Friday, the activity is an art class: Either Pottery and Painting under the direction of Victor Curran, or beadwork with Shirley Kelly and Carolyn Menta, all of the Quechan Artists' Marketplace.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Community Center Recreation staff will be giving the kids even more exercise, with a whole slate of games planned. Some days, the kids will take part in dodgeball, on other days, basketball, volleyball or ping pong! They'll keep the game schedule mixed so the kids always have something new to look forward to, and keep everyone interested.

Of course, with all those activities, they can't send the kids home hungry, so lunch will be served every day at noon.

Attendance will be limited to 25 students, so hurry if you'd like to sign up your child!

Some of the other early summer activities at the Quechan Community Center include the Girl Scout Outreach going on all this week from 10:00 AM until 11:15 AM, as well as T-Ball practice every Monday Through Friday in the evening.

Of course, now that school is out, there is also the Rainbow Pool, with open swimming held each day from 1 to 5 PM. For adults, there is also the Adult Water Aerobics from 7 to 8PM that started on June 9th, and should last all summer. The water aerobics classes are free, so you now have no excuse when it comes to a low stress workout!

And don't forget: every week on Wednesday from 6 to 8 PM is the community Family Night Swim, with the Teen Night Swims from 6 PM to 8 PM held on Thursdays!

## Local Student Goes to Asthma Camp

Zion White, the ten year-old son of Quechan Tribal Court Chief Judge Claudette White, has just returned from a week in Prescott, Arizona at the American Lung Association in Arizona's "Camp Not-A-Wheeze."

The only camp of its kind in Arizona, Camp Not-A-Wheeze provides children with asthma from all over Arizona a safe, traditional summer camp experience. Held at the Friendly Pines facility in Prescott, children can participate in activities ranging from horseback riding, hiking, and canoeing to fishing and more, while also attending asthma education class.

The asthma education classes are held every morning to teach camp participants about properly managing their asthma.

This was Zion's second visit, having attended Camp Not-A-Wheeze last summer, also.

"He got to ride the bus to camp this time," said his mother, Judge White. "Last year was the first time he ever spent any time away from me, so we drove him all the way to Prescott (from Fort Yuma)."

After making it through camp last year with no medical complications, Zion's mom was able to relax and allow him the full experience. She drove him to a rendezvous point in Phoenix on Saturday, May 30th, where Zion was able to board a chartered bus full of fellow campers to ride up the Black Canyon freeway to Cordes Junction and follow the scenic route on into camp.

Along the way, Camp Counselors entertained the kids with stories and DVD movies.

"Last year, he learned some new breathing techniques (at camp)" Judge White continues, "and they have asthma education to teach the kids how to

properly use their inhalers, how to attach and use an aero chamber, recognizing asthma triggers, and generally how to recognize when they're about to have an attack, so they can keep it under control before it hits them."

Every day after the morning classes, the campers are taken on excursions around the camp to play basketball, ride horses, and rock climb. Zion's group also got to take part in a little canoeing, and the counselors also had the kids create a little play to perform for the parents who come to pick up some of the campers at the end.

Judge White first learned about the camp from Zion's asthma doctor, whose office is in Phoenix. "When I was going to law school, I had the opportunity to take Zion to the Phoenix Indian Medical Center (PIMC), where Zion was diagnosed with moderate-to-severe childhood asthma," says Judge White.

"She's kept him as a patient even though we've moved back home. Dr. Nirmul is now the Chief of Staff for Pediatrics, and last year the Arizona Lung Association asked her to participate in the camp. They offered scholarships to native children (to attend) and Dr. Nirmul asked if Zion might want to go."

With the limited range of services the IHS offers at the present time, the camp may help other native children with asthma.

For information on how your child can attend, please contact (602)258-7505 or notawheeze@lungarizona.org.

Financial aid and application forms for Camp Not-A-Wheeze can be found on the Internet on the American Lung Association of Arizona website at:

<http://www.lungarizona.org/south/Not-A-Wheeze.htm>



### "Diabetes and You" Now Set For Saturday, June 27th

The major diabetes education conference at the Quechan Community Center previously scheduled for mid-May has been re-scheduled for Saturday, June 27th. Titled "Diabetes and You," the five hour conference will begin at 10:00 AM. The program will cover a variety of healthcare concerns related to the unique problem of diabetes among the Quechan people, as well as the latest strategies of prevention.

The Special Diabetes Project and the Quechan Special Diabetes Committee are working closely with the Phoenix

Area Indian Health Service and other area professionals to bring in experts to present strategies and choices that encourage diabetes prevention.

Guest speakers will be on hand to project both PowerPoint and other audio/visual presentations for the audience, giving everyone a clear view of the subject matter. It is expected there will also be handouts available to take home for future reference.

Medical professionals will be on hand to provide the most up-to-date information on diabetes, its prevention and treat-

ment, so if you or someone you know is concerned with finding out everything you can about limiting your exposure to the effects of this disease, you will not want to miss it!

"We've seen a real need to act on the terrible onslaught of diabetes in our community," says Quechan Tribe President Mike Jackson, Sr., "and we are tasked to provide both education and prevention when we receive federal funding through the Special Diabetes Project. This meeting, we hope, will be just the first this year to provide that education."

## Paradise Event Center Now Open for Business



**Andrew Denard, Facilities Manager for the Paradise Casino** briefs William McPherson (center) Director of Hotel Operations and Harold Kenaga, Director of Facilities for the Quechan Casino Resort on last minute preparations prior to opening the Paradise Event Center.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The work of converting the Paradise California Casino into the new Paradise Event Center was completed at the end of the first week in June, just in time to host a blow-out concert by one of the biggest country bands of recent years: Lonestar.

Andrew Denard, Facilities Manager of the Paradise Casino led a crew of workers accepting the challenge to strip out the vast interior of the old Casino and convert it into an Event Center soon after the new Quechan Casino Resort opened in February.

In a little more than three

months, staff of the facilities, engineering and housekeeping departments removed gaming equipment, signs, furnishings, moved and painted walls and rebuilt the main bar. They've installed new carpeting in the rooms off the main area and installed mounts for concert stage lighting. With work complete, the Paradise Event Center is now available for concerts, weddings and community events (such as Thanksgiving Dinner).

If you'd like to rent the Paradise for your community event, call Denise Gloria at the Q: (760) 572- 1623.

### Tribal Court Moving

The Quechan Tribal Court will soon be relocating to its new building behind Paradise Casino formerly known as the Tribal Gaming Agency (TGA) office. The move should take place the week of June 29th - July 3rd.

*The Quechan Tribal Court's mailing address will remain the same:*

**P.O. Box 1899, Yuma, AZ 85366**

*Their new physical address will be:*

**450 Quechan Drive, Winterhaven, CA 92283**

If you have any questions, you may call

**(760) 572-5552**



## MEN'S OPEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

At The Quechan Community Center  
Friday & Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Registration Deadline is Friday, June 12

Entry Fee: \$175 Per Team

First Place: \$1200    Second Place: \$500    3 Point Shoot-Out: \$300

Call Quechan Parks & Rec for more information: (760) 572-1242

## San Pasqual Scholarships

On Wednesday, June 3rd, the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District held an assembly in the school cafeteria to award Scholarship monies to graduating seniors.

Here are the top award winners for the 2008/09 school year. Congratulations!

<u>Scholarship Title</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Amount of Award</u>
Brenda Rodriguez Memorial	Naftaly Terraza	\$200.00
Ann Hanks Memorial	Sarina Salas	\$100.00
Rachel Rodriguez Memorial	Rosamaria Aguilar	\$100.00
California School Employees Association	Crystal Espinoza	\$250.00
Strong Hearts Native Society	Janyse Collins Solorio Andre Polk Estrada	\$400.00
Strong Hearts Singers	Andre Polk Estrada	\$100.00
Irene Jackson Bouts Memorial	Janyse Collins Solorio	\$250.00
Rufus Espino Memorial	Crystal Espinoza	\$500.00
American Legion Post 802	Rosamaria Aguilar Rodney Zarate	\$200.00
Ladies Auxillary Post 802	Rodney Zarate	\$100.00
Charlotte Deeds Memorial	Crystal Espinoza	\$250.00
ELKS Club Scholarship	Cecilia Casarez	\$800.00
AWC Presidential Award Scholarship	Rodney Zarate	\$1,800.00
Imperial Valley College H.P. Meyers Scholarship	Janyse Collins Solorio	\$300.00

# Dreams Come True Thanks to Make A Wish Foundation

Ariel Gilbert, the 8 year old daughter of Quechan Tribe Grants and Contracts Coordinator Rose Ana Williams, has had a long and painful struggle with bone cancer over the past year. During that time, her mother has also struggled to keep her family and work life on an even keel, shuttling her child to doctor visits and various rounds of treatment. Through it all, Ariel's sisters, Jodeci (15) and Valencia (11) have also suffered along with her, watching her difficult journey through hope and despair as her outlook and hopes of remission fluctuates with the seasons.

To alleviate some of the stress, Ahren and Jeremy Crickard of the San Diego *Make A Wish Foundation* arranged a wonderful trip to Florida for the whole family, including Grandma Ursula Mendez.

The whole group got to travel to San Diego on May 18th to share a *bon voyage* party at "Dave and Buster's" theme restaurant. They spent that night at the Airport Marriott before taking a chauffeured limo ride to catch their 9:30 AM South-West Airlines flight to Orlando. A quick stop for a connecting flight in Albuquerque put them in Florida by 6:30 (Eastern Time) that evening.

*Make A Wish* put them up in a two bedroom cottage at their own resort complex, the *Give Kids The World* village, which served as their base of operations for the week. Avis donated a rental car for their use for the entire week, and the girls were then able to scoot all over the Kissimmee/Orlando area and visit just about any attraction of their choosing.

First stop, of course, was Walt Disney World, where they had a



**Valencia Gilbert** leans against the NASA logo at the Kennedy Space Center, accompanying her sisters Jodeci Williams and Ariel Gilbert during their week long trip to the Sunshine State.

three-day pass that enabled them to see any part of the huge complex. The first day was spent at the Disney World "Hollywood Studios", touring sets and riding rides. They spent another day at the Magic Kingdom (for more rides) and met dozens of Disney characters.

The third day saw them travelling over to the Universal Studios in Orlando, where Ariel, who absolutely *loves* monkeys, met Curious George and also went to see the "Beetlejuice" show. Every show they visited had a special policy in place for *Make A Wish* kids that meant they never had to stand in line or even *ask* to meet the stars! For instance, once the Beetlejuice cast wrapped up their show, they closed off the set, sent the rest of the audience home, and then spent a good half hour visiting with Ariel and her siblings, while mom and grandma laughed with them and took pictures!

They also met the Simpsons and a plethora of Dr. Seuss characters at the Universal Studios

*Islands of Adventure* park. Everywhere they went, the people surrounding them took time to see to it they didn't have to wait in line for anything.

"I felt kind of bad about that," says her mom, Rose Ana. "All those other people were all standing there in line and they'd just come over and grab us and we'd be whisked right up to the front of the line . . ." But, it was a *Make A Wish* trip, and how many times have you been in line and wished you didn't have to stand there waiting all day?

The City of Orlando also arranged for local businesses to offer them a chance to visit almost anything else in the area, and they jumped at the chance to spend their last day touring the Kennedy Space Center.

They were shuttled about the gigantic base in a tram, and saw a great deal of historic sites and fascinating scientific wonders. But Ariels favorite part of the Space Center was getting her own little "Ham" doll, a chimpanzee dressed in a Mercury-style space suit, commemorating the first primate to go into space in the early 1960's.

Their final surprise was meeting professional wrestlers James Storm, Mick Foley, Taylor Wilde and Robert Roode right outside their cottage door. The wrestlers had stopped in at *Give Kids The World* to arrange a show to be performed at Universal Studios. Unfortunately, the show would be too late for Ariel and her family to attend, since they were flying home that very night.

But Mick Foley asked for Rose Ana's cell number, and called her on it later to confirm that he wants to get them into a future event in the San Diego area when they come out west. Another wish come true!

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE QUECHAN INDIAN TRIBE WILL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANT:

### Child Care Development Funds For Fiscal Years 2009 - 2011

## A PUBLIC REVIEW

Will Be Open For Comments From

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Monday through Friday

June 4, 2009 - June 23, 2009

The Application will be available at the following sites:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Tribal Administration Building            | Parenting Program                       |
| Education Complex Administration Building | Higher Education                        |
| Quechan Child Care Center                 | J.O.M.                                  |
| Paradise Child Care Center                | Q.T.D.H.E.                              |
| Quechan Head Start                        | Community Health Representatives Office |
| Tribal Social Services                    | Parks & Recreation                      |
|   | Special Diabetes                        |
|   | Business Enterprises                    |

A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 23, 2009 at 5:30 PM at the

**Quechan Education Complex Multi-Purpose Building ~ 628 Picacho Road**

A Second Public Hearing opportunity will be at the Tribal Council Work Session on June 25, 2009 at 1:30 PM in the **Quechan Tribal Council Chambers**

Copies of the Application will be made available at the Quechan Education Complex, Administration Office. For more information please contact Ms. Rebecca Ramirez at (760) 572-3100 or drop by at 628 Picacho Road with your written comments or suggestions.

