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# Tribal Members Attend Yuman Language Summit



**Quechan Tribe representatives in traditional dress** perform for the assembled delegates. Although the primary objective of the Language Summit is to pass along educational tips, the importance of language in maintaining cultural continuity is also stressed.

Cell Phone Image Courtesy of Emilio Escalanti

Though overall attendance of the recent Yuman Language Summit was nearly half that of previous years, the Quechan Tribe was well represented.

An official delegation and interested elders from the Quechan Senior Center both made their way to the Prescott Resort and Conference Center for the three-day event. The Quechan Language Program was represented by Judith Prietta, Ila Dunsweiler and Della Escalanti, while their co-worker, Arlie Emerson also brought along the entire Ah Keel Dance

Group to perform at the conference. Each year elders from each respective tribe are honored for efforts in language and culture preservation. This year Quechan elders Nancy Montague, Sr. and George Bryant, unable to attend, were honored for their work in ensuring that the Quechan language will continue into the future.

Emilio Escalanti attended the entire conference both as a representative of the Quechan Tribe, and in his official capacity as the Treasurer for the Summit committee — a position he

has held since 2008. Representing the Tribal Council was Juliana Comet, who serves as Council Liaison to the Quechan Language Committee.

Eileen Valenzuela brought a good selection of the latest crafts from the Artists marketplace, for sale and display at the vendors' room.

This year's Summit was hosted by the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe. Set up with no central location, the Summit rotates among all of the Tribes making up the four major branches of the Yuman language family: Pai (made

up of the Hualapai, Havasupai, Yavapai and Paipai); the River branch (which includes the Kwat'san, Maricopas and Mojaves); the Delta-California language group (with the Cocopah and Kumeyaay); and the Kiliwa branch of Baja, Mexico.

"It's done entirely through donations from the Yuman language family tribes and fees from the participants," says Emilio Escalanti. "It's all by us, for us, and we're really proud of that."

The objective of these Annual Summits is to gather together native speaking representatives of all of the Yuman dialects, to maintain, revitalize and restore the languages of their home communities.

"One thing our language program is trying to do," according to Emilio, "is to get Kwat'san accepted as an accredited "foreign" language, to be taught here in the (San Pasqual) schools." By attending the Summit each year, and sharing ideas with other Yuman speakers, examining their progress and successes in similar projects, the Quechan Language Program hopes to advance their objectives, and make that goal a reality.



# Michael Jack is NAACP Leadership Bridge Builder

Michael Jack moved to the Fort Yuma reservation when he was in grade school. "We lived close by, in Yuma, but my parents thought we should be living among our people," he says. So, they returned to the reservation and enrolled him in the San Pasqual schools, where he graduated in 2002.

Now that he is married (to Vanessa) and they have a daughter of their own, Mia Mikah, he says they will stay and raise her on the reservation, also. "As Tribal members, it's our safe haven," he notes.

It helps that his job is to provide a safe haven for other Tribal members as the Indian Child Welfare Specialist for the Social Services Department. The job he does keeps him grounded in his native culture and aware of the importance in maintaining the lines of communication.

His parents are Rosie and Danny Sestiaga, Sr. Rosie is the current Manager of the Quechan Senior Center, and his father is a crew leader for the Cocopah Public Works Department. "My mom has always taught me to do community work," he begins, "and with my dad being a volunteer firefighter for over ten years, it's always been passed down through our family, to be ready to give back to the community."

That attitude contributed to his first choice of a career, when he studied for certification in sports therapy at the Pima Medical Institute in Mesa, Arizona.

"Throughout high school,

I thought I wanted to be a Sports Medicine Doctor for one of the pro teams. But once I really got into it, and started my Internships for physical therapy, I realized it just wasn't for me." But being practical minded, Michael stayed with the program long enough to achieve full certification, and began to cast about for something more to his liking.

So he tried a general course of studies at San Diego City College before returning to Fort Yuma for the summer. When he found out Parks and Rec was looking for a Pool Manager, he applied and was accepted. "And I've been working for the Tribe ever since," he says.

"I was training the lifeguards for the pool as a Rec Aide throughout high school, so when I got back from San Diego I went and got my Pool Operators certificate and started (running) the Rainbow Pool."

One last digression found him working at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program.

"It was while working at Parks & Rec that I realized I wanted to do some kind of outreach, through some sort of Human Services work, so when the Cal Works Outreach Worker position opened up, right about the time I turned 21, I went and applied for that."

He got the job, and spent

## Michael Jack

Is a Quechan Tribal Member who grew up here on the reservation. His family always encouraged him to enter some sort of "public service" position.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell



a little more than a year with ADAPP, getting real, practical experience in social work. He finally transferred over to become the Quechan Tribe's Indian Child Welfare Specialist in 2007.

He had also led a boys group at the San Pasqual schools, organizing the first of the annual ADAPP "lock-ins" there. The "lock in" keeps teenagers from middle school through high school locked in the Community Center gym overnight, where the staffs from ADAPP, Social Services and other programs sponsor games and a dance, to help the kids loosen up and become comfortable with everyone. Finally, around 1:00 AM, the educational portion of the night begins.

"They might have a question about child abuse, or drugs, or peer pressure, or dating violence," he explains, "and once everyone has gotten comfortable with one another, we (the adults) are there to answer their questions and direct them to whoever they might need to ask to get more information."

Michael's ability to come up with innovative answers to hard to solve problems has lead to his being selected as the first Leadership Bridge Builder by

Yuma Chapter 1016 of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

He was nominated by the Chapter President, Mr. Brian Stevens. "Two years ago, we were looking to connect with the Native American community" he says, "and Mr. Jack coordinated a meeting between the us and Mr. Phil Emerson, who brought the Spirit Runners from to open the Juneteenth event with a spiritual run and prayer."

Michael was introduced to the NAACP by Roxie Deku. In the time she has spent with him

as a Social Services co-worker, Roxie has learned that he takes his responsibility of keeping Indian children here among their people very seriously.

They say, "Over the past two years we have observed Mr. Jack as he works in the community representing the Quechan Tribe, both in his job as well as a community member." His dedication to keeping youth in his community in the community, rather than allowing the state's Child Protective Services to dominate and direct local cases, has him earn this singular honor as Yuma's first NAACP Leadership Bridge Builder.

## WIA/DOL

### SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

The first session of the summer youth work experience program will start on June 7, 2010 and end July 2, 2010. The second session will start July 6 and end July 30.

***This summer, we will be limited in the number of youths we can serve, so the program will function on a first come first serve basis.***

The WIA program will begin accepting applications on May 10, 2010 so all participant documentation may be completed before the first session begins.

***We encourage all eligible youth between the ages of 14 through 18 to complete their applications and get them approved as soon as possible.***

We are looking forward to another successful summer work experience program for the youth.

**Earl Daniel, Director WIA/DOL**

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## Have a story idea, or an event you want covered?

QUECHAN NEWS is here to cover the special events and everyday lives of Quechan Tribe Members, and the issues that affect you in the world today. This newsletter is here to keep the lines of communication open, to expand opportunities, and uplift the Native Spirit of the Kwat'san Pipá. Your ideas and input are welcome!

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





# Heritage & Culture

## Passing Along the Gift of Song



**Instructor Ana Hartt, who served as Miss Quechan Nation for 2006/07,** spends time explaining particular moves and their significance to Jayna Owens. She then waits, holding her little son, Darwin, as students and teacher anticipate the next song. Once into the “swing” of things, the class (including Briana Owen, Brenna Iron Cloud and the present San Pasqual High School Native Princess, Kailah Durand) really loosen up and enjoy dancing to the grounds. Singers included Darwin Elsh and Noah Charles (at right.) QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

“I love working with kids!” says Ana Hartt. “Ever since I was a young girl I have been dancing, and I can’t wait to share with these kids what I have learned through my years.”

As a proud member of the *Kwat’san* Tribe, in her words, “decanted of the Hopi and Kumeyaay Nations”, she really wanted to pass along her knowledge of the culture through dance. Having once served as the Miss Quechan Nation (in 2006/07), Ana knows the importance of passing on the vital cultural traditions.

To do so, she has reserved the Community Center for every other Friday afternoon, inviting local singers to provide a live musical lead for her new Bird and Pi-Pah Singing and Dancing classes.

“Passing on our culture is important,” she states. “There is so much out there to learn, and I’m so eager to share with others

what I have learned. I’m young and I know I don’t have all the answers, but I am so eager to learn more and more each day.”

And what she learns, she wants to pass on. “I believe that the elders are the key to our culture and language. We, as Quechan youth, must take the opportunity to learn all we can from our elders. As our knowl-

edge of our history, culture, and language increases, we will begin to appreciate and take pride in being *Kwat’san*.”

Ana is a 2007 graduate of San Pasqual High, and she now attends Arizona Western College where she is continuing her journey in education, working with children.

“Many tribes have long since

lost their language,” she says, explaining her motivation. “But our people have preserved it thus far. Our Quechan language and culture defines us both individually as “Quechan” and collectively as a sovereign nation.”

“My goal in these classes is to have our children listen, learn and one day teach others our beautiful Quechan culture.”

And a part of that culture is recognizing the contributions of others, and the value of elders.

“I would like to thank Mr. Willard Golding and his family, for coming to sing for us as the Roadrunner Singers. Also, the Strong Hearts Native Society, and Darwin Welsh and Noah Charles for volunteering their time to come out and sing and sharing what they have learned. Thank you guys so much!”

“Seeing all these children, eager to learn, is a beautiful sight” she says.

“I love working with our kids and I’m excited about these classes. I’m working on a summer class also, so look out for that!”

Her next class in the current series will be held this coming Friday, May 14th at 5:00 PM in the Quechan Community Center gym. Everyone is asked to put on your ribbon dress and come join the group!



**Student Jayna Owens smiles at her teacher** as she begins to feel the freedom of expression allowed by the dance. Other groups who’ve come to sing for the class include the Roadrunners and Strong Hearts.



# Kwatsan Radio - Walking for a Cause

On Saturday May 1st, 2010 Kwatsan Radio held their inaugural "Walk-a-Thon for Diabetes Awareness."

Their aim was to continue the on-going education on Diabetes Awareness and Prevention. Joining Kwatsan Radio in putting together this amazing event were Lisa Ball, Anna Hart, Vince Tiger of the Quechan Special Diabetes Project. They provided healthy snacks and

water in addition to free blood sugar checks for everyone who attended.

The Strong Hearts Native Society was also present to give support to the radio station as a key sponsor for the event, providing the Walk-a-Thon's T-shirts for all who signed up.

"There was even group of young Quechan boys from San Pasqual lent a helping hand," says Kenrick Escalanti, Presi-

dent of Kwatsan Radio, "both setting up the event and even singing Pipa for the crowd after the walk."

Further expressing his thanks to those who pitched in, Escalanti says "I am very grateful to Faron Owl and the students of San Pasqual for all their hard work and support for this very important cause, especially those young boys who helped us all day and even showed us



Phil Emerson (center) and the Quechan Spirit Runners conducted a blessing run to start of the Walk-A-Thon. Kwatsan Radio Photos

## Four New Students Make 100 Miles

Four more elementary students at the San Pasqual school have managed to achieve a record of 100 miles walking and running in Dr. Lubb Dubb's Healthy Heart Running Club. The new group include the first girl to have made the (literal) milestone, Dresana Palone.

"I like running with my friends: Josiah, Joseph and Luis," she says. By the third week in April, she had already completed 108 miles in 1728 laps around the playground.

By sticking with it and racking up all of those miles, Dresana has gotten used to being called up in front of her fellow students and having her name announced as awards are handed out. "I like to go to the Specials during Library time to receive my running awards in front of my class mates!" says the never shy athlete.

The boys she had joined as 100 milers for April include second graders Kaleb Cota, Horacio Orozco and Martin Rios. The younger boys (with the seemingly inexhaustible supply



The latest students to have completed at least 100 miles in the Dr. Lubb Dubb Healthy Heart Running Club pose with the Doctor. They include the first girl to have achieved the goal: Dresana Palone. Photo: William Isbell

of energy little boys seem to be born with) each made it way beyond the 100 mile mark, also.

Kaleb really "knocked it out of the park" with 117 miles in 1872 laps! Horacio has made 108 miles in his 1733 laps, and Martin has accomplished 105 miles in his 1691 laps.

"What I like about the running club is that it's my favorite thing to do!" says Kaleb. He is so sure about the benefits of exercise, he encouraged Horacio to stay with it. "I told him

to believe in himself and he did." Horacio backs him up on that, verifying Kaleb's statement. He says, "I always wished I'd have 100 miles, and it came true after Kaleb helped me to run fast and believe in myself."

"I'm proud that I got 100 miles, too," says the philosophical Martin. "It doesn't matter if you win or lose, I'm still a winner." When asked if he really does enjoy the exercise, Martin says: "I'd run even in the rain!"

Dr. Lubb Dubb realizes everything he's accomplished this year at San Pasqual with the Healthy Heart Running Club could not happen without the assistance of everyone, from adults to students, who lend a hand in one vital capacity or another on a regular basis: Lisa Ball, Lewis Throssel and Ana Hart-Villareal from the Special Diabetes Program; mom (and valuable volunteer assistant) Rosie Herrera; and Ms. Rutledge, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Class, and Ms. Hartman from the school.

He also wants to thank his Morning Aides: students Kaleb, Horacio, Deshane, Kieran, Dresana and Daylen.

their cultural side by singing for everyone. We couldn't have asked for anything better."

Kwatsan Radio was humbled to have the Spirit Runners open the Walk with a blessing run through the walking park before the event. The Spirit Runners continued to walk with the crowd till the end.

Once the Walk had officially ended, the participants were given another gift in having the Golding family's Roadrunner Singers and Dancers entertain everyone with a performance of traditional bird songs.

"Everything just felt right, having the kids out there being educated about diabetes in Indian Country and having all the great support from The Roadrunners, The Spirit Runners,

Strong Hearts and even the cool entertainment we had after! We were so blessed with a great day!" Escalanti exclaims.

Kwatsan Radio expressed their gratitude toward Counter Launch, DJ Sqeme, Mic Titan, and the Usual Suspects, who also donated their services to "jam out" after the Walk-a-Thon.

When it comes to community events, this is only the beginning for Kwatsan Radio. The station has plenty of ideas for future events within the community and will be implementing those ideas in the months to come, especially when they launch on July 4th. To learn more about Kwatsan Radio visit their website [www.kwatsanradio.org](http://www.kwatsanradio.org) and find them on Myspace, Facebook, and Twitter.



Entertainment included DJ Sqeme with recorded tunes, and local gourd singers such as the Roadrunners and San Pasqual High's Strong Hearts Singers.





# New Bill M. Manes School in Business

Quechan Tribal members were an important part of the opening ceremonies at the newly relocated Bill M. Manes Continuation School, with school board members, a Council representative and singing groups all present for the April 27th festivities.

San Pasqual Valley Schools Superintendent David Shoneman opened the event with a few quick words, thanking the parents, students, faculty and other community members for coming. He also made sure to recognize Quechan Tribal Council Member Julianna Comet, who was there taking her own photos to remember the event.

The visitors, seated beneath a shade pavilion, were then introduced to the four school board members present: Chairperson Bernadine Swift Arrow, Monica Montague, Rebecca Ramirez and Ramon Barton. Each of them acknowledged the crowd, but deferred to Mr. Shoneman to introduce the first singer for the traditional ceremonies to follow.



**San Pasqual Valley School Board members** Ramon Barton, Rebecca Ramirez, Monica Montague and Bernadine Swift Arrow prepare to cut the ribbon opening the newly relocated Bill M. Manes Continuation School on the high school campus. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Mr. Willard Golding, an honored Tribal Elder had come to sing in celebration of the new classroom and help insure its successful inauguration, but he also sat to one side, allowing his son Lyman to speak for the Roadrunners as they took up their gourds and began their songs. As the Golding family sang, dancers from the Ah Keel Group moved in to put a physical rhythm to the music, and provide additional color with their bright ribbon shirts and

diamond dresses.

At the conclusion of the Roadrunners songs, Arlie Emerson stepped forward to formally introduce the Ah Keel Dance groups, and speak of his history at the original Bill M. Manes School. He told of how he was a student for the second year of the school, and how in that time "long ago" when all of the continuation classes met in the evening, saying it more fun for him to go to school then (since it left him time during the day to

take care of his own pursuits). Arlie then fell into his songs, joined by his cousin Cristóbal, as the Ah Keel Group swayed and danced along.

Once they had completed a quick cycle of three songs, Faron Owl lead his students forward, and the Strong Hearts Singers began their contribution. Ila Dunsweiler and two female Strong Hearts appeared from the audience to dance for the high school singers.

Serving as this year's *shi-ye* (Grandmother) for the Strong Hearts, Ila led their President Kaliah Durand and Treasurer Gina Rivera in interpreting the final songs in bird dance.

With the traditional blessings completed, the School Board Chair, Bernadine Swift Arrow stepped up to make a few quick comments before turning over the microphone to San Pasqual high Principal Linda Schoonover. Mrs. Schoonover said she was glad to finally have all of "her" students located on the same campus, and said everyone looks forward to a bet-

ter integration of both the total student body and their respective curricula. She then asked for Mr. Shoneman to come forward and take the opposite end of a ceremonial ribbon, holding it taut while the Board counted down to a synchronized cut.

Everyone present was then free to pick up snacks and drinks at a nearby table and enter the building for a complete tour of the District's newest facility.



**Mattias Howard** was one of the many Quechan Tribal members who danced at the dedication ceremony for the new building.

THE QUECHAN SPECIAL DIABETES PROJECT  
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Saturday ♣ May 22 at 8:30 AM  
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Five Tables will be set up along the 5 Kilometer (3.2 mile) walk route. At each table, each participant will receive a playing card. The Walker/Runner with the best Poker hand of 5 Cards at the end of the race will win a Prize!

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***Kwat'san Cultural Committee***  
***Quechan Health Committee***

**If interested, submit a *Letter of Interest***  
**to the Tribal Council Secretary**  
**(Georgina Massey)**  
**at the Tribal Administration Office.**

## NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SERVICES

**Beginning June 1, 2010**  
(or when current supplies run out)

The Quechan Special Diabetes Project will no longer  
be distributing the following Diabetes supplies:  
Test strips, lancets, meters and alcohol swabs.  
*We will, however, continue to carry Diabetic socks.*

All Community members with Diabetes should see  
their IHS Health Care Provider at least once every  
three months. At the Primary Care Provider visit, the  
Doctor will order your test supplies, including glucose  
test strips and lancets, which can then be obtained  
through the Pharmacy.

For new or replacement glucose meters  
and lancet devices you should see  
Deborah Drumel, RD, CDE.

*We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.*

Should you have any questions please feel free to call me at

**(760)572-1286**

*Lisa Ball, Special Diabetes Project Director*

## Nicholas Menta Places First in Skills USA Welding Competition

Nicholas Cazares Menta, a  
Quechan Tribal member and a  
senior at Flagstaff High School,  
recently competed in the Skills  
USA Welding Competition held  
in Flagstaff, Arizona and was  
awarded First Place.

Nicholas is the current Chapter  
President of the Skills USA  
Welding Chapter at Flagstaff  
High School and also President  
of the Native American Club at  
Flagstaff High.

By holding competitions at the  
local, national and international  
levels, Skills USA demonstrate  
their support through encourag-  
ing future welders to develop  
the full potential of their skills.  
Skills USA welding competitors  
exemplify excellence through  
their knowledge, skill and in-  
tense personal commitment.

Contests at all levels are  
comprehensive and consist of  
written, hands-on welding, code  
interpretation, and other tests of  
a welder's skills that are used  
everyday in the workplace:

- Print reading.
- Setting of amperage, wire



**Nicholas Menta poses with his instructor, Mr. Rust, in the welding shop at Flagstaff High School. Nicholas recently came in first in the Skills USA Welding Competition.**  
Photo Courtesy of Merrill Menta

feed speed, voltage and gas  
flow rate.

- Safety.
- Penetration/Fusion.
- Selection of filler metals and wire.
- Manipulative skill, speed and accuracy.
- Destructive and nondestructive testing.

• General appearance of the  
completed project.

• Distortion control  
Nicholas is the son of Tribal  
Member Mario Menta and he  
is the grandson of Merrill and  
Charlene Menta.

Nicholas also has cousins,  
aunts and uncles residing at  
Fort Yuma.

## STRONG HEARTS FUND RAISERS



**Strong Hearts who participated in the Bike-A-Thon** included (L to R) Mandel Sanchez, Lito Alvarez, Brendan Jose, Gina Rivera, Kailah Durand, Alyssa Shepard and Darline Teton.  
Photo Courtesy of Strong Hearts

The first weekend of May  
was a busy one for the Strong  
Hearts Native Society, as they  
took part in a number of fund  
raisers around Fort Yuma.

The student held a Bike-A-  
Thon on Saturday morning, to  
to raise cash to replace a recent-  
ly retired High School Princess  
Crown. Each handmade crown  
is extensively beaded, and this  
one will take a lot of traditional  
craftsmanship to reproduce.

Over 25 Strong Hearts also  
helped out at the Quechan El-  
ders Car Wash on May 1st. That  
event was to raise funds for the  
Elders trip to Las Vegas.



# MEMORIAL DAY FLOWER GIRLS REEDED



Young ladies aged 5 to 15 are encouraged to take part in the Annual Quechan Memorial Day events by volunteering their services as flower girls, to help with the decorations for the day. Parents with interested girls should contact Deborah Tourtillot before May 28th, to learn what's required. QUECHAN NEWS File Photo: William Isbell



## Long-Range Transportation Plan Subject of Public Meeting on May 19th

A public meeting to reveal the "Draft 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan" to the Quechan Community is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th at the Quechan Community Center.

The program will be presented by Michael Abraham of the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) and WHPacific, transportation consultants from Albuquerque, NM. It will include an overview of the Indian Reservation Road Program, the status of Road Inventory Update and Transportation Plan Update, along with a discussion of the Road Priority List. Visual aids will be available to assist explaining possible changes and improvements to transportation

routes here on the Reservation. Expected to last about an hour, the meeting will get underway at 5:30 PM.

The objective of this transportation plan is to prepare for providing transportation facilities for vehicular traffic that will enable the Quechan Indian Tribe to take advantage of desirable development opportunities, protect community resources and traditions, and enhance the use of the Tribe's land by its residents, according to a handout from the EDA.

The plan will describe the results of a continuing study the EDA has been involved with, as they have worked for the past 12 months to:

- Identify, evaluate and determine present and future

public transportation needs for the Quechan Tribe.

- Provide a 20 – Year Transportation Plan, which defines those needs and is responsive to short- and long-range development projections.

- Develop a prioritized listing of recommended road improvement/construction projects for use by the tribe and BIA in implementing a construction program to meet current and projected (20-year) transportation needs.

Says Mr. Abraham, "This meeting will serve as a tool to communicate progress on the Transportation Plan and to summarize important findings and recommendations for the community's review and consideration."

Due to Staffing issues and other changes being implemented in program direction, there will be **NO ADAPP Summer Youth Program** scheduled this for year.



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- Dual Enrollment and Credit Acceleration Opportunities
- High School, WASC Accredited Academic Curriculum
- Wide Reaching Alternative Education Offerings Include a Strong Adult Education Program

### San Pasqual Valley School's Enrollment

San Pasqual Valley is proud to announce on-going registration began on Monday May 3, 2010 from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM for Pre-K thru 12th grade at each of the school sites. Additionally, evening enrollment continues through May 13, 2010 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM for grades Pre-K through 5. There is no cut-off date for enrollment for all grades during regular school hours.

**Students who are new to San Pasqual Valley Unified School District or who are returning to SPVUSD from another school district will need to provide the following documentation:**

- Birth Certificate
- Up to date Immunization Records
- TWO proofs of residency (i.e. Mortgage payment receipt, rent receipt, current utility bill, bank statements). Declarations of Residency with another family MUST be notarized and include (2) current utility bills in the homeowner's/renter's name.
- Social Security Card
- Transcript from last school attended (Required)
- Current San Pasqual students will need to fill out a 2010-11 Registration Card and provide proof of current physical address.

We are very proud of the flexible schedule that allows for a broader variety of experience-based instructional offerings. If you have questions or need information regarding any of our educational opportunities please, call us at the numbers provided above.

**We Invite Everyone to Join Our San Pasqual Family!**



## Computer Lab Available at WIA/DOL Building



**Students test their typing skills** in a self-paced test at the new WIA/DOL Computer Lab, across from Social Services. Photo by William Isbell

The Quechan WIA/DOL program has added a new computer lab for anyone wanting to job search, create their own resume, set up an e-mail account, or apply on line for positions that can be found on the Internet.

The new computer lab offers direct connection with numerous job opportunities throughout the country and has local listings through partners and other on line resources.

Earl Daniel, Director of the Quechan Tribe's Work Force Investment Act/Department of Labor program, says "We are very hopeful that the new computer lab will serve the Quechan

community in locating and applying for jobs, whether local or elsewhere."

The new computer lab is located within the new WIA/DOL building adjacent to the Quechan Social Services program, across from Pipa Market. There are four computers available, each having their own individual station and all having the same on line capabilities to locate and apply for jobs.

Says Mr. Daniel: "We are very happy to have this new resource available to the Quechan Community and hope that everyone will come and visit our office and new resource."

## WREATH MAKERS PREPARE FOR MEMORIAL DAY



**Gail Johns and Carolyn Menta work hard** at making sure each wreath is a unique creation, with a well balanced composition of ribbons, flowers and crepe in complimentary colors. Photos by William Isbell

The creative staff at the Artists Marketplace have been busy the past few weeks, building up an inventory of

colorful wreaths for Memorial Day. Prices range from \$6.00 for the smallest round wreaths, \$8.00 and \$10.00 for medium

and larger sizes, and only \$11.00 for the large hearts and crosses. Each of the wreaths is a one-of-a-kind item.

They've managed to build up a pretty good inventory now, and there is a good selection to choose from, if you hurry in right now!

There are also a number of creative seniors busy at work making wreaths for sale at the Quechan Senior Center gift shop. Their inventory is also well-stocked at the moment.

Both stores say they can even build a wreath to your exact specifications, with any special theme you request, so stop in and check them out!



**Shirley Kelly hangs another wreath** in the Artists Marketplace store-room, building up the available inventory of custom made wreaths. Right now, they have dozens to choose from, and no two are alike!

## WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER

To help your own family or the family of a Veteran who could use a little help in getting things cleaned up and ready for Memorial Day, Sunday, May 30th? If you'd like to help, please feel free to visit with Norman Osborne and arrange a time between 8 AM and 5 PM, any time between now and May 28th.

**Please - Take the time to help recognize our Quechan Veterans this year!**

**- You'll be glad you did! Penelope Mary Jefferson**

