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# School Construction Begun Over Break



**Construction workers begin to cover over** a large hole between the one hundreds classroom buildings and the San Pasqual Elementary School playground. The construction contractors moved in and quickly demolished a number of older classrooms and installed septic systems under an \$8 million grant to replace aging structures at the schools this year.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Public schools are normally very quiet during the Christmas Break, as students, teachers and administration staff abandon the normally bustling halls and head home for two weeks of family togetherness. But this year, loud noises and a flurry of bustling activity were the norm at the San Pasqual schools on Baseline Road, as contractors moved in to perform the dangerous work of tearing down (and digging up) buildings and facilities slated for replacement under an \$8 million grant to replace older classrooms and add new ones

at both the San Pasqual elementary and high school.

The entire cost of the project will be funded through a grant from the California State Office of Public School Construction. The funding, based on the schools' steady enrollment growth over the past several years, was announced over the summer break of 2010.

Fifteen of the oldest classrooms, dating to the 1960's will be demolished, and ten new classrooms will be built at the elementary school, while five classrooms will also be replaced at the high school. The

first classrooms to go were those at the very north end of the elementary campus. Where large buildings once stood, there is now a perfectly flat area of bare soil. Survey crews have already begun marking out and staking the foundations for the new rooms to be built in their place.

During the Christmas break, older restrooms at the elementary school as well as those just north of the high school gym were also demolished, to make room for modern replacements.

Large scale construction, involving the replacement of

aging septic tanks and drainage systems were also taken care of over the school break. Since those jobs required digging large holes and shutting off water for the schools, the winter break was the ideal time to get that done. Nielson Construction and their subcontractors performed the work next to the school library and just west of the playground during the break, to minimize the chance of students falling into the holes.

The contractors also began work on improving the parking situation in front of the schools over the late December period.



## COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

Greetings and salutations to all my fellow tribal members:

Although I didn't get the opportunity this time to sit on tribal council and represent my people, I want to take this time to thank all of you who supported me. I want to thank those of you who voted for me, or spoke on my behalf. I want to thank each and every one of you who in thought, word, or deed supported my run for tribal council.

Having grown up here at Fort Yuma, and having worked for the tribe since I was 15, and been a volunteer at various community events, plus working as the Tribe's ICWA Specialist and residing here on the reservation with my wife and family, I can honestly say I am a proud member of this community and the Quechan Tribe.

I am fully committed to continuing my efforts to represent the Quechan people as a tribal council member some day in the future.

Do not be dismayed or feel discouraged, as I am hopeful for our future. Together we made a great effort and had a great run. I congratulate all those who were elected this term and will support our tribal council as a loyal tribal member.

Thank You,

*Michael Jack  
Quechan Tribal Member*

*You can bring your Community Expressions letters to the QUECHAN NEWS office trailer in front of the Senior Center entry on Quechan Drive, or email them to the email address printed in the box below.*

**Merry Christmas  
Happy New Years!**

*Lots of Love and Good Times  
to Jessica and Jacob Roosevelt  
and of course, the Grinch, too!*

*Love, Mom  
(Hugs and Kisses!!)*

## Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians



**Announces**

## Community Garden Planning Committee Meeting



**Date: January 11, 2011**

**Place: Ironwood Terrace Community Center**

**Time: 5:30PM – 7:30PM**



## Creator's Love

### Peace & Blessings of Christmas Bestowed Upon All

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held office. He never owned a house or had a family. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirty-three when the public turned against him. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the kings that ever reigned and all the parliaments that have ever sat have not affected life on this Earth as much as Jesus Christ. All cultures share in remembrance of this . . .

**One  
Solitary  
Life.**



**From:  
The Numkena  
Family**

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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!





# Culture & Heritage

## Quechan Language Program Hopes To Create Cultural Center on the Hill



The “Old Head Start Building” where the Quechan Language program is based features a shaded porch surrounding a central plaza, which opens out into a small fenced park area to the south. This makes it an ideal location for intimate gatherings, where vendors can set up their wares under the shaded porch or beneath the trees in the park, while Tribal members join together for singing and dancing around a cenral fire pit. Farren Escalanti (at right) is among the artists selling his offerings there. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Barbara Levy, the recently appointed Coordinator of the Quechan Language Preservation (QLP) Program, has a busy year ahead, both for herself and the Program she directs.

Ms. Levy is not only in charge of planning the QLP's outreach to the community for 2011, she was also named *Shiyyii* (honorary Grandmother) of the Strong Hearts Native Society at the San Pasqual Schools. As *Shiyyii*, it is her responsibility to pass on the cultural inheritance of a Kwat'san elder to the younger generation, and insure they are properly instructed in the nuances and meaning of the Kwat'san language and oral history.

All of which ties in nicely with her plans for the Language Preservation Program.

“As the new Language Coordinator,” she says, “I want to increase our exposure to the community by promoting seasonal events, to recreate our old way

of marking the seasons. Each season was acknowledged by the *Kwat'san* people. We had a spring planting festival, when the rain comes in to give life as everything turns green and the flowers blossom. Then in the summer is the *Kwat'san* planting season, when the snow melts and water fills the river . . . as it seeps down low in summer and the seeds are in the ground waiting for harvest. In the fall, we hold our harvest festival, and in the winter, as the cold, rain and sleet sets in, families get together to share. It's for giving back to the Creator, not receiving.”

She says she wants to encourage people to gather at the Language Preservation Program building to recognize all four seasons over the coming year, and make use of the facilities to create a more open sense of community there. Since Ms. Levy took over coordination of the Language Preservation Program in early

October, she says she has allowed more merchants to set up their tables in the central plaza of the Old Head Start building (where the QLP is located) to make native cooking and arts and crafts available at their gatherings, along with the songs and dances that are passed on in *Kwat'san* during those festivals. “We also want to bring in traditional singers to sing for the elders while they sit around an open fire to help us celebrate the New Year next year and really do it right” which she would have liked to do this year, but the forecast for rain “put a damper” on those plans!

As the year progresses, she wants to encourage native speakers to come and visit, to pass on their stories and help the QLP improve their records of the *Kwat'san Iiya* vocabulary. The plan is to develop two different but mutually reinforcing methods of passing along the older generation's knowledge of how

to speak the language: Instruction and immersion.

Instruction is just what it sounds like: students sit in a classroom and learn vocabulary, tenses, idioms and sentence structure, like they are taught English or Spanish in the public schools. But through immersion, the instructors at the Quechan Language Preservation Program hope to be able to mingle with the visitors at their festivals, and hold entire conversations with other Kwat'san speakers, without ever lapsing into another tongue.

“We want people to hear it actually spoken, and want to know what is being said. When they hear a few words they know from a song or a story their grandmother told them, they may want to know more and come to take a class and pass it on to their own children,” she says.

To further promote these

plans, Barbara says she has also approached President-elect Escalanti about using the old Artist's Marketplace crafts room as a place to help local artisans develop their skills, and then sell their items at the QLP festivals.

By making space available for native artists to develop their projects, those without the room at home to leave a project out overnight will have space to let their imaginations run wild. And perhaps those who are good at drawing can create some new coloring books and illustrations, to help them teach the language.

### CORRECTION

The *Culture & Heritage* page for the last issue of 2010 mistakenly mentioned “Brian Golding” in the first paragraph of the story on the premiere showing of “Songs of the Colorado”. The film's Director and Editor is Dan Golding. The *Quechan News* regrets the error!



# 4th Annual Elder Health Fair at Senior Center



**Lad Bouts of the Quechan Senior Center and Ric Pollard from the IHS Clinic stop by to visit with IHS Dietician Deborah Drummel at the Elder Health Fair last month.**  
Photos Courtesy of Quechan Injury Prevention

The Quechan Senior Center played host to the 2010 Elder Health Resource Fair for the fourth year in a row, as local agencies and tribal departments came together to assist seniors in making the most of locally available resources in maintaining their health and well-being.

Lisa Aguerro, of the Quechan Tribe's Injury Prevention Office was the lead person in setting up the Health Fair this year. She also runs the twice-weekly "Fit For Life" walking club. Her walking club (for seniors) offers great incentives to those

who join the group. Incentives include a free T-shirt when a senior joins, to help them stay warm on their morning walks. Additional incentives rise in value as participants stay with the program.

"As they keep going, the 'prizes' they can earn get bigger and bigger. Last year, we were even able to give away a free pair of Nike N7 Shoes For Natives, which some of the "Fit For Life" walkers earned in as little as 12 weeks. All they had to do was show up and take part in the walks every Tuesday and

Thursday at the Diabetes Walking Park" she says.

As head of the Injury Prevention Program, Lisa also helps to coordinate input from Tribal members' primary care physicians and various other programs here on the reservation,



**Lisa Aguerro** of Quechan Injury Prevention has been putting on the Elder Health Fairs for 4 years.

to assist in a good outcome at lower cost for the patient.

She explains: "If a patient has, for instance, hip replacement surgery and they've already completed their physical therapy, they might still need to keep up with an exercise program to strengthen their body and increase their range of motion. The doctor often knows

that's all they need, so they'll come to my exercise program, or maybe the Wellness Center at the Diabetes Program that can help them with that."

Lisa also says "I try to keep up with what's happening at the IHS Clinic, to help those patients get into a program that's paid for, right here with the Tribe. Otherwise, the IHS might send them into town. That would cost our Tribal member extra time and money, having to get rides into town, and paying another clinic in town for help we can give them right here!"

Another thing that will help

Seniors were able to bring in the contents of their medicine cabinets, and the IHS Pharmacist helped them assess possible drug or health supplement interactions that could cause health problems over time.

The IHS Public Health Nurse, Claudia Lorenz was nearby, providing blood pressure and blood sugar checks as well as general physical health inspections for seniors. Nurse Lorenz also had free flu vaccines there for Tribal members, both for the usual seasonal variety and the H1N1 (swine flu) strain that's been getting so much attention.



**Dozens of seniors** stopped in during the day to browse the exhibits and receive free check-ups from various health care providers.

as a person gets older is to maintain flexibility and good range of motion, since dizziness or disorientation could result in a serious fall.

And some of those falls are the result of bad interactions between medications and health supplements. Those interactions can develop over time as the body ages and becomes more sensitive to the effects of certain drugs, or suddenly, when a new drug is prescribed and it does not interact well with something a patient is already taking.

To help seniors avoid that possibility, "brown bag" checks were available at the Health Fair, provided free of charge by the staff of the Indian Health Service Clinic.

And with general health care being the focus of the event, the Quechan Community Health Representatives were there to do blood pressure and blood sugar checks also, so there was no waiting. CHR also had staff on hand to answer questions and help the elders sign up for additional Tribal health services they may not know about.

The Quechan Special Diabetes staff also had a booth for advice on the control of diabetes and its related complications. Those receiving a borderline or higher than normal blood sugar result from the other departments which provide those tests were able to visit there and get advice on how to begin correcting those results that same day!

## "New Year New You" begins Jan. 8th

With the New Year fast approaching, the annual ritual of making a New Year's resolution to lose weight and live a healthier lifestyle is fast approaching. Sometimes the best way to meet your goals is to have a plan, a facility, and a trainer to help guide you towards your fitness goals.

But when it comes to that most dreaded (but common) resolution, to shed a few pounds and "get back in shape", a "personal trainer" would really be helpful. So, to help kick off the New Year, the Quechan Diabe-

tes Wellness Center is holding a "New Year — New You" event at the Diabetes Walking Park this Saturday, January 8th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The three hour event will be the first day of a 12-week "body fat challenge". The challenge is open to those who qualify to use the Wellness Center. Sign-ups should be completed no later than Wednesday, January 12th at 8:00 PM. Participants will have their weight and body fat index recorded by the Wellness Center staff, to help keep track of their

progress. The final weigh-in will be accepted no later than Friday April 1st at 5:00 PM.

Both the IHS Public Health Nurse and IHS Dietician will be on hand at the Park with information to aid those taking part, and to help participants plan their weight loss programs.

The Diabetes Wellness Center staff welcomes you to come take part in this new fitness challenge, and helping you attain your goals. For more information, please contact the Wellness Center at (760) 572-4057.



## Victim Services Welcomes New Assistant Advocate and Client Transporter



**Tina Salinas**

Tina Salinas, who served as Secretary for Quechan Social Services over the past year and Heather Medart, formerly with Quechan Enrollment began working in new positions at Quechan Victim Services in December.

The Quechan Tribal Council authorized a modification of the Victim Services grant to allow for the two new positions.

In speaking with Roxie Deku, Administrator and Advocate for Victim Services she explained, "Over the past year we have seen a major influx of Domestic Violence (DV) clients. I don't want to say that domestic violence is escalating here but it seems as if more people have come to know of our services and are seeking them out."

Tina Salinas will provide community outreach services through her interactions with tribal departments, local law enforcement, health agencies and outside organizations, updating them on the services available through Quechan Social Services and assisting Tribal members in accessing those services.

Ms. Salinas has taken over the teen DV program, consisting

of groups and classes for girls aged 11 to 18. The group meets every Tuesday from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. She will also facilitate the Women's Support Group meetings on Wednesdays during the same 3:30 to 4:30 time slot.

Roxie Deku tells the *Quechan News* that she will still facilitate the DV Classes which meet every Thursday from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.



**Heather Medart**

Also new to the staff at Quechan Social Services is Miss Heather Medart. Heather will be providing transport services for the agency, which will include transporting participants to classes and groups as well as to court, and other needed appointments as warranted.

Transportation is provided to eligible participants of the Victim Services/Social Services programs and those interested should call Social Services and Victim Services to apply. Their number is (760) 572-1082.

Office hours for Victim Services are now from 8 AM to 7 PM, with Tina Salinas working from 8 AM to 5 PM while Roxie Deku and Heather Medart are on duty from 10 AM to 7 PM.

## Annual Report Features Tribal Members



**Rose Ana Williams** tells the story of her family's stay at the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House in the globe-spanning charitable hospice care group's Annual Report for 2010.

Her family were guests at the facility while her daughter was undergoing treatment for bone cancer which ultimately proved fatal. "They gave us a comfortable place to forget about the doctors and hospital beds," she says.



## The Spirit of Christmas!

The Quechan Tribe's annual Christmas gift giveaway was held at the Community Center on December 22nd. Hundreds of families lined up in a giant queue that snaked all around the south side of the Community Center's basketball court and out the doors.

Inside, the San Pasqual Indian Princesses joined Miss Quechan Nation Leila Jose in marking each child's hand as they moved forward to receive their gifts. Here, Recreation Aide David Ramirez appears from backstage to distribute the largess to waiting children.

## From the Ft. Yuma Indian Health Service Unit Patient Business Office Staff



Becky, Yvonne, Paula, Mike, Ruth and Austin

*We would like to wish the Quechan Community  
a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!*



# EDA Preparing for Public Transportation

The Quechan Tribe has long wished to create a public transit system for its people, and this long held desire on the part of the Tribal Council has led to their directing the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) to continue in efforts to bring such a service to Fort Yuma.

According to Allyson Collins, EDA Specialist, "With the receipt of a Federal grant, the Tribe is advancing public transit planning to meet the mobility and transit needs of our Reservation. Back in 2008, the Tribe's contracted consultants, the IBI Group, performed preliminary work in developing several service concepts for the Quechan Tribe. We now want to finalize those concepts, apply for additional grant monies, and implement those transit and mobility solutions."

The Tribe has retained the consulting services of the IBI Group to assist in this planning



**The first series of meetings** seeking the input of Tribal Program managers have already been held. The EDA and their consultants have now moved to a series of public meetings to discover the thoughts of Tribal members on the subject. Photo Courtesy of Allyson Collins, Quechan EDA

phase, which includes looking at our local and regional travel needs and assist in developing specifics for developing an implementation plan.

This is an important study whose outcome will address much needed transportation services between the rural and urbanized areas of our commu-

nity. More specifically, the study will address the challenges of getting to and from work, medical appointments, shopping, education or any other daily living requirement where transportation has been a barrier.

The input of Tribal members is critical in developing local solutions, and that data will lead

the EDA and their consultants to successful and "implementable" outcomes.

A number of meetings took place in early December to seek out valuable input provided by clients of the Quechan Senior Nutrition Program. A similar meeting with Tribal Program Managers and staff, and a public meeting at the Quechan Community Center were held, along with a discussion with the Tribal Council.

At those meetings, the EDA planners heard of the need to provide affordable, scheduled service for both local needs (like transportation to shopping and medical appointments in Yuma), and to get local employees to and from the Quechan Casino Resort, plus the need for some service to El Centro.

The consultant continues to gather information and input, and is researching a range of grant or funding programs over the next couple of months to

develop a detailed plan. A draft plan will be available by early February. At that time, EDA will host another series of meetings including a public meeting to present the draft plan, which will contain routes, maps, and schedules. Opportunities will be given for Tribal members thoughts on the plan and what refinements may be necessary before it is finalized. The Tribe anticipates preparing grant applications in March to seek funding to implement some transit/mobility solutions.

Ms. Collins points out that "This is a process which requires study and analysis in preparing a business case to address transportation solutions, prepare grant applications and wait for approval. Assuming we're successful, grant approval can still take six to nine months. Depending on the availability of funding, we likely won't see any real transit solutions for a year or so. But this is a great start."

## Imperial County Supervisors Approve Wind Zero Project

The Imperial County Board of Supervisors approved the first phase in construction of a private, \$100 million, 1,000-acre military and law enforcement training camp near Ocotillo on December 21st, over strong objections from local activists, including Preston Arrow Weed of the Ah Mut Pipa Foundation.

Mr. Arrow Weed has attended a number of public Board meetings in the past, accompanied by the Quechan Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer, Bridget Nash-Chrabascz. Those meetings allowed members of the public to express their acceptance or rejection of the plan. A final period of public comment was scheduled during the regu-



**Protestors lined the back wall** of the County Board of Supervisors meeting room as the decision was announced. Q NEWS Photos by William Isbell

lar board meeting on the morning of December 21st, with the Board setting aside an afternoon session to announce their decision. Despite continued oppo-

sition from the members of the public filling the Board room, the Supervisors voted 4 to 1 to proceed with the first phase of the Wind Zero development.

Speaking to the *Quechan News* after the vote, Quechan Tribal elder Preston Arrow Weed said, "We kept saying, go somewhere else, but they want to build right there. There are things out there that will disturb our Tribal beliefs that they don't need to be going into . . . they *do* have remains there, and no one should be going into those areas."

Although he concedes that the proposed facility will be built on what is now private land, "they still shouldn't build on it" since a past archaeological survey identified over 120 locations where tribal peoples built dwellings or performed cremations in the area between Ocotillo in the north and Cali-



**Quechan Tribal member Preston Arrow Weed** explains his opposition to Windzero to local media.

fornia Highway 98 at the southern end of the project.

"Plus, where are they going to get the water for this?" asks Arrow Weed. "Supervisor Terrazas said he couldn't gamble on the water being there, but the other four did exactly that!"



# Local Students Receive College Level Coaching

Once again, San Pasqual High School played host to a day-long sports camp for students from Yuma and the Quechan nation during Christmas break. The head baseball Coach at San Pasqual, Quechan Tribe member Faron Owl has enlisted the aid of both the Yuma Diablos and the Arizona Western College coaching staff to provide tips and personalized instruction to players from all over the area each winter for the past five years.

The all-day camp is offered free to San Pasqual students,



**San Pasqual head baseball coach Faron Owl** watches Christian Marquez of the Yuma Diablos practices hitting techniques. Photos by William Isbell



**Mannix Ramirez** jumps to catch a bounced grounder during a session on the finer points of fielding.

with Little League through high school students from Yuma paying only \$25 to attend. The camp gave them all a rare opportunity to have college-level coaches critique their playing styles while offering solid advice in improving their games.

Speaking about the camp last year, AWC Head Coach John Stratton said it's unusual for someone like San Pasqual High to be co-sponsor a camp with the College, but it has worked out really well here on the reservation. "The number one thing for us at the college, says

Coach Stratton, "is to provide as much instruction as we can for the youth of the county (at a camp like this). We can concentrate on the instruction, and Coach Owl concentrates on advertising, signing the kids up, and the other details like getting the meal out here."

"We like coming out here because the Quechan Tribe helps us with sponsorships of our events, buying ads in our programs, things like that. They contribute a lot, as a booster to our programs, and we're just

trying to help them out too, to give something back."

And even though this year's camp was dampened by the unseasonable rains falling the week before Christmas, the response was great. Normally, the camp has room for only 60, but when 65 students signed up, they let everyone play.

Community members and sponsors kicked in additional support to provide burgers, hot dogs and sports drinks in a great barbeque lunch for everyone involved!



**AWC batting coach Jake Thrower** shows players of all ages the proper stance, and exactly where the "sweet spot" is on a wooden bat.



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## Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services National Medicare Multi-Media & Education Campaign

*Protect. Prevent. Prevail this Winter.  
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Medicare clients can:

- Get the flu vaccine at no cost. There is no coinsurance or copayment applied to this Medicare benefit, and people on Medicare will not have to meet their deductible.
- The flu vaccine can prevent the flu; it does not give people the flu. Getting a flu vaccine is the best thing you can do to keep you from getting sick this flu season. This year, one flu vaccine will protect you from three different types of flu virus, including the 2009 H1N1 virus that caused much illness last season. Additionally, by protecting yourself, you are also protecting those you care about from getting the flu from you.
- All adults age 65 years and older, and people who are under 65 who have chronic illness, including heart disease, lung disease, diabetes or end-stage renal disease should get a flu vaccine.

Helpful tips to follow during flu season:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners also work.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as much as you can. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100°Fahrenheit or 37.8°Celsius) or signs of a fever without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.

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This information prepared by the  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



# A HEAD START CHRISTMAS!



**Singing “5 Little Bells”** are Henrietta Vasquez, Brittney Porter and Dustin Godwin of Room E.



**Every class and age group of the Quechan Head Start Program** got the opportunity to take to the stage at the Education Complex multipurpose room on December 15, to sing a Christmas song for their proudly assembled parents and the Head Start staff. The group above are 3 year old students from Dorothy Davis’ class, Room A. Singing “Santa’s Coming” as they mime placing their heads on their pillows, they were accompanied off stage by David Waters on his guitar. That’s their T.A. helping them on the left, Alicia Mendez




**Three year old** students from Annette Derma’s Room F sing “Jingle Jingle Little Bell”. They are Anna-belle Townsend, Emorie Derma, Ada Medina and Jovani Amador.




**An exceptionally cute group was made up of four year olds** from Room D, lead by their teacher, Claudia Juarez in singing “Santa’s Coming to Town” (on the left). Once every class had taken the stage to sing their own song, the entire Head Start joined up for a three song medley, as parents scrambled to the front (at right) to get a good photo of their own child!




## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING WINNERS



**Eileen Valenzuela at 474 N. Coral Drive** took first place and \$250 cash for lighting her home this year.



**Second place went to Henry and Glenda Ghiotto** at the opposite end of Coral Drive, number 487. They won \$150 in cash.



**And Carlotta Sestiaga on Baseline Road** took third place and \$100.