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A Weekend Full of Cultural Events!



This coming weekend will be a busy one, as a number of events, some of them a century in the making, all converge on the same short period from February 11th to the 14th. The newest of the events will be the first ever Quechan ADAPP Bird Dance Festival, taking place at the Quechan Community Center.

Rick Diaz, Director of the Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness Program, says the Festival will begin at 1:00 PM this Saturday afternoon, and it should last until 6:00 PM.

Another event taking place this same time every year is the Annual Silver Spur Rodeo Parade. The parade begins at 8:30 AM on Fourth Avenue in Yuma, just north of 16th Street. The parade route makes its way north to Orange Avenue, where

it veers northeast, to end at the big roundabout just south of Yuma's new City Hall.

Our Native Princesses, representing both the Quechan Nation and the Strong Hearts Native Society, can be expected to be seen in the procession, as well as the Ah Keel Dance Group, among other Tribal members. Be sure to get in place early if you have a particular viewing site in mind, as the snowbirds sometimes camp out along the route and take "dibs" on a few sites of their own!

With the Arizona Centennial Celebrations moving into high gear for the February 4th anniversary of Statehood Day, the parade should wind up right in the midst of the Yuma Crossing Day party, taking over the entire historic north end!

This year, Crossing Day is combined with a special Redondo Days celebration by the Yuma County Historical Society. They have lots of special activities planned all along Madison Avenue on the east side of the City Hall Complex, extend-

ing north to the Yuma Crossing Park. The Redondo Days organizers put out a call for Tribal vendors to show up and provide crafts and food booths for the event, so you should be able to stroll from one end of downtown to the other, all the way to the river, and see friends and family making a little cash as they take part in this once in a century event!

You can read more about Redondo Days inside on page 6.

And with Arizona being the Valentine State, having achieved statehood on February 14th, 1912, there will no doubt be many other big local events through at least Tuesday of next week.

But there is also one more big anniversary coming up the day before Valentine's Day, and that's the third anniversary of the Grand Opening of the Quechan Casino Resort! The Q held their big Tribal Members' Night on February 12, 2009, opening their doors to the general public on the auspicious date of Friday, February 13!

Tribal Member Signs With Haskell University

Mandel Sanchez Jr. To Receive Full 4-Year Football Scholarship

Mandel Sanchez, Jr., varsity full back for the San Pasqual Warriors, signed a *Letter of Intent* with Haskell Indian Nations University on February 1st. Under the terms of the letter, Mr. Sanchez will attend the Kansas based 4-year University as a member of their football team.

Mandel first realized the Indian University might wish to recruit him during a game against Valley Lutheran at the beginning of the 2011/12 season. Coach Kenrick Escalanti, Jr. pulled Mandel aside and told him “Play your heart out — the film from this game is going to Haskell!”

“The switch turned on and I was ready!” he says, reliving the moment. “I was hyped up!”

After that game, the head coach of Valley Lutheran also spoke to the high school senior, asking him if he was ready to play college football, and telling him that if things worked

out the way he imagined they would, Mandell would be hearing from the college soon.

Haskell’s football program liked what they saw on that film, and they made contact with Mandel and his parents, Mandel, Sr. and Kristina, by the beginning of November. Since then, a couple of other schools also expressed interest, so Haskell moved first, asking the Quechan Tribal member to sign a *Letter of Intent* last week.

Coach Escalanti is really proud of his player, and felt the good news should be shared with the entire Tribal membership. To give other Tribal members an opportunity to witness the signing and express their congratulations in person, the coach arranged for a signing ceremony in the Tribal Council Chambers on the afternoon of February first.

With local media in attendance, dozens of Tribal members

gathered to watch the signing and applaud Mandel’s success.

The Roadrunner singers and Tribal Elder Preston Arrowweed, joined by his grandson, Chris Emerson, all sang a series of honor songs for Mandel. Mr. Arrowweed also spoke of his pride in the upcoming generation in general, and Mandel’s accomplishments in particular.

Tribal Elder (and San Pasqual School Board member) Vernon Smith also spoke to the crowd, expressing his heartfelt gratitude that the Tribe is still producing young men with the Warrior Spirit. Another School Board member, Monica Montague, was somewhat choked up at the occasion, but she also offered Mandel a hug and her best wishes for success.

Mandell flew to Kansas the following morning on a flight out of Phoenix, to meet with the Haskell football program, and prepare for the upcoming year.



As his mother Kristina records the moment for the family photo album, Mandel Sanchez Jr. signs a Letter of Intent with Haskell Indian Nations University to play for the “Fightin’ Indians” until the 2016 season. Mandell, Sr. watches in the center. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

CHP Cracking Down On Teens Driving Distracted

Did you know it is illegal for drivers under the age of 18 to drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, even if equipped with a hands-free device? Did you also know your teen is more likely to be involved in a collision by having even one passenger in the car with them, even if that passenger is you?

Teen drivers are vulnerable to driving distractions which increase the chance of getting involved in serious vehicle crashes. Even with a parent in the car, teens engage in bad behaviors, such as talking on their cell phones and eating or drinking while driving. Statistics show teen drivers are more to be involved in crashes because they

lack driving experience and tend to take greater risks.

Through school and social programs, the California Highway Patrol has been able to address these problems and deliver the message to teenagers about the dangers of distracted driving. “Educating our teens is essential to making them safer drivers,” stated Border Division

Chief, Jim Abele. “An aggressive public education and awareness campaign is the most effective way to increase awareness in our teen drivers.”

Officer Steven Gronbach of the Felicity, California Highway Patrol office informed the *Quechan News* that the Winterhaven/El Centro area CHP were out in force in late Janu-

ary, strictly enforcing the cell phone, texting, and distracted driving laws with teen drivers.

The CHP may schedule additional “heightened awareness periods” over the remainder of the 2011/2012 school year.

Teens are reminded to put away their phones, put down their food, and to focus specifically on their driving.

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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. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



Culture & Heritage

Protecting A Sacred Tradition: A Personal Responsibility

This article was submitted by Charlotte Hills, acting secretary for the group, Preservation of Quechan Ways. The group was profiled in the December 14, 2011 issue of Quechan News. They meet in the Elder Apartments Recreation Hall every Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. Charlotte says the subject matter was discussed and approved at their meetings, and carefully revised during those discussions prior to submitting it for publication.

During a regular Preservation of Quechan Way meeting, it was reported that some individuals were suspected of using drugs (in the form of marijuana) some at a recent funeral.

It was observed that while the smell was obvious, Tribal Security was not available in the immediate vicinity to take a complaint. The elder addressing the issue stressed that the authorities should be on the lookout for future infractions of the law at funerals.

In discussing how this issue should be resolved, the group also shared other concerns, such as the need to train our Tribal Security on procedures for detecting people under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

The group also agreed that to uphold the traditions of our customs, we must **all** take responsibility to correct this disrespect of sacred traditions.

By **all**, we mean **anyone** who is a Tribal member, and/or employed by the Tribe who are given the authority to patrol the reservation and insure the safety of its members.

Families, we urge you to remind each other that certain behaviors during a funeral are **not** permitted.

Using drugs, alcohol, quarrelling, fighting, taking pictures during the service, texting or playing games on cell phones are some of the “**DON'Ts**.”

In the centuries old and long practiced tradition of the *Kwat'san* Cremation, it was considered the duty of Tribal members to assist the deceased in his/her journey into the next world with song, dance, and mourning.

Preparation of the body was a ritual, as were all other preparations of the ceremony. Even the resting place had to be perfect according to tradition.

There was a time when outsiders were not welcome in the building or at the grave site because they did not understand our ways and sometimes acted inappropriately or asked too many questions.

The overall demeanor of everyone present, the silence, the respect with which we mourn are intended to hasten the journey of the deceased.

Traditionally, it was believed that certain things would keep



In this photo from the film, “Songs of the Colorado”, Tribal elders Alan Hatcher and Vernon Smith pass on their knowledge of centuries old traditional songs to Dan Golding, with other singers assisting. These songs are an important part of the *Kwat'san* way, and must be respected in silence when sending our people off to the next world. Photo by William Isbell,

the deceased from leaving this world.

It has long been held that strong attachment to the family might be one reason for the soul to remain in this world. For this reason, a male family member often addressed the deceased

and instructed the deceased on their journey.

Children were also given special instructions when they attended a funeral. They were told to come in, and stay in because by going in and out they would cause a distraction dur-

ing the memorial service. And if children had to go out, they were told to wash their hands and face.

All those attending a Quechan funeral ceremony are reminded to honor the deceased and respect the mourners through our presence and actions.

Although we have recently strayed from the strict tradition of fasting and abstaining from salty and fatty foods, we have retained some of our other customs. The protection of the deceased at midnight with the traditional dance is still practiced, and the cleansing of the living with arrow-weed during or after a funeral is still practiced in some families. Originally, it took four to seven days of cleansing rituals to fully cleanse those attending a funeral and to release the soul of the deceased to the next world.

Travel Delays Possible North of YPG Main Gate

If you're heading to and from the CRIT reservation over the next few months, you may want to consider the California route up Ogilby Road and on to Blythe and Parker.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) began repaving the roadway of US 95 north of the main gate at YPG on January 17, as well as making roadside pipe repairs and

shoulder improvements along the route.

Although no immediate lane closures are scheduled, there will be times when workers will have to intermittently stop traffic beginning around the area of the GM test track.

ADOT says Crews will work weekdays from 6:00AM to 6:00PM, and delays are likely to occur during the paving por-

tion of the project. So, if your travel takes place only over Saturday and Sunday, or on a holiday weekend, the Arizona route may be okay to take.

Speed limit in the work zone will be reduced, and law enforcement will be on-site to monitor speeds.

The \$2.4 million project is scheduled to be completed sometime this Spring.



New Calendar for Winterhaven Court

Beginning February 16, 2012, the Superior Court will have a new court calendar at the Winterhaven Court.

This calendar will be held on the **third Thursday** of each month as follows:

- 9:30 AM – Arraignments
- 10:00 AM – Misdemeanors (out of custody only)

The types of cases will include arraignments, reviews, or anything that may be heard on a misdemeanor calendar. No Readiness Conferences or Jury Trials will be held at this location.

Persons released from the jail on their own recognizance who live in the Winterhaven area, and whos' case falls into the category listed above, should be provided with a Winterhaven court date. Defendants with an outstanding warrant who would like to be placed on calendar may walk into the Winterhaven Court up to two (2) days prior for placement on the calendar for the next Winterhaven court date or may call the Calexico Court at 760-336-3565.

The dates listed below include the court dates for 2012. The District Attorney and Public Defender will be present in Winterhaven on these dates.

Thursday, February 16, 2012	Thursday, June 21, 2012	Thursday, September 20, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, July 19, 2012	Thursday, October 18, 2012
Thursday, April 19, 2012	Thursday, August 16, 2012	Thursday, November 15, 2012
Thursday, May 17, 2012		Thursday, December 20, 2012

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at 2124 Winterhaven Drive, or call the Calexico Court at 1 (760) 336-3565

Navajo Native Now Serving as Historic Preservation Officer

One of the most important tasks of the Quechan Tribal government, after seeing to the welfare and security of all Tribal members, is to preserve the Quechan way of life, now and into the future.

To preserve that way of life, they have created the Quechan Historic Preservation Office, which oversees the work of all contractors engaged in construction activities here on the reservation, to promote protection of our ancient cultural resources through monitoring, education, and research.

It is the job of our Historic Preservation Officer to provide public awareness through the promotion, protection,

preservation and management of all matters relating to the Quechan Tribe's environmental and cultural resources.

After Bridget Nash-Chrasc, our previous Historic Preservation Officer left to pursue other opportunities, the Tribe hired John Bathke to fill the position last December.

Mr. Bathke is a Navajo professor, legal professional, and educator who made his home in the San Diego area for the previous 12 years.

Born on the Navajo Reservation, Mr. Bathke has since lived in many parts of the nation, including Albuquerque, N.M., the state of Maryland and north of Los Angeles in California.

"I was fortunate to receive my B.A. from Yale University," he tells the *Quechan News*, "and later had the opportunity to earn my law degree from the UCLA School of Law."

Mr. Bathke also says he has had the opportunity to work with many different Indian communities since completing law school.

He served as the Coordinator of the Kumeyaay Community College (KCC), located on the Sycuan Reservation.

While at KCC, Mr. Bathke worked with Cuyamaca Community College to develop a core curricula of six classes based on Kumeyaay traditional knowledge. Those six classes

are now accredited with the California State and University of California college systems.

Since 2004, Mr. Bathke has been an online professor for the UCLA Educational Extension system, teaching a course on "Federal Indian Law and Policy," which he still teaches.

He has taught a variety of subjects at several universities, including the University of San Diego, California State University at San Bernardino, the Alliant International University, and at KCC.

Now, as our Historic Preservation Officer, he will continue the development of a comprehensive prehistoric, historic and environmental preserva-



John Bathke

tion protection plan involving all Tribal cultural resources within the historic range of the Quechan people, from the Colorado River, to Ocotillo and the Laguna Mountains.

AWC Holds Pro Baseball Camp at San Pasqual

As they have done over the past few years, both Arizona Western College (AWC) and the Yuma Scorpions teamed up with San Pasqual High's Head Baseball Coach, to host a day-long winter baseball camp for students from both Yuma and the Quechan nation.

The San Pasqual Coach, Quechan Tribal member Faron Owl has been able to secure the services of many local pro ball players, as well as the AWC coaching staff, to provide tips and personalized instruction to players from all over the area each winter for more than five years now.

The all-day camp is offered free to San Pasqual students, with Little League through high school students from the Yuma area paying only \$25 to attend. The camp gives participants a rare opportunity to have college and pro-level coaches and players critique their abilities while offering solid advice for improving their games.



San Pasqual middle school players Rafael Dominguez and Luis Lerma spent a portion of Saturday morning doing pitch and catch drills at the camp.

Retired AWC Head Coach John Stratton has often said it's unusual for someone like San Pasqual High to co-sponsor a camp with the College,



Baseball players of all ages lined up to join the weekend, day-long camp, to receive pro-level pitching, catching, outfielding and batting instruction from members of the Yuma Scorpions and International Baseball League players. The entire program was headed up by AWC's recently retired head baseball coach, John Stratton (at right). The camp is an annual event at San Pasqual.



QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

but it has worked out really well here on the reservation.

Other college level coaches joining Stratton to train the kids included Alan Manifold, who served as AWC's pitching coach for 22 years; their strength and conditioning coach, James Kuzniak; and Joey Robles of the Imperial Community College.

Current AWC player Art Flores was backed up by a former Matador baseball great, Clemmons Cichocki, who hails from Austria. Current Yuma Scorpion third baseman Patrick Brookes, who also played

for the University of Texas Pan American team was on-hand to give infield tips.

Of course, Coach Owl brought in Andrew Sanchez and Ron Arviso from his Yuma Diablos team, as well as his fellow San Pasqual baseball coach, Alex Marquez, Sr.

"The number one thing for us," 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."

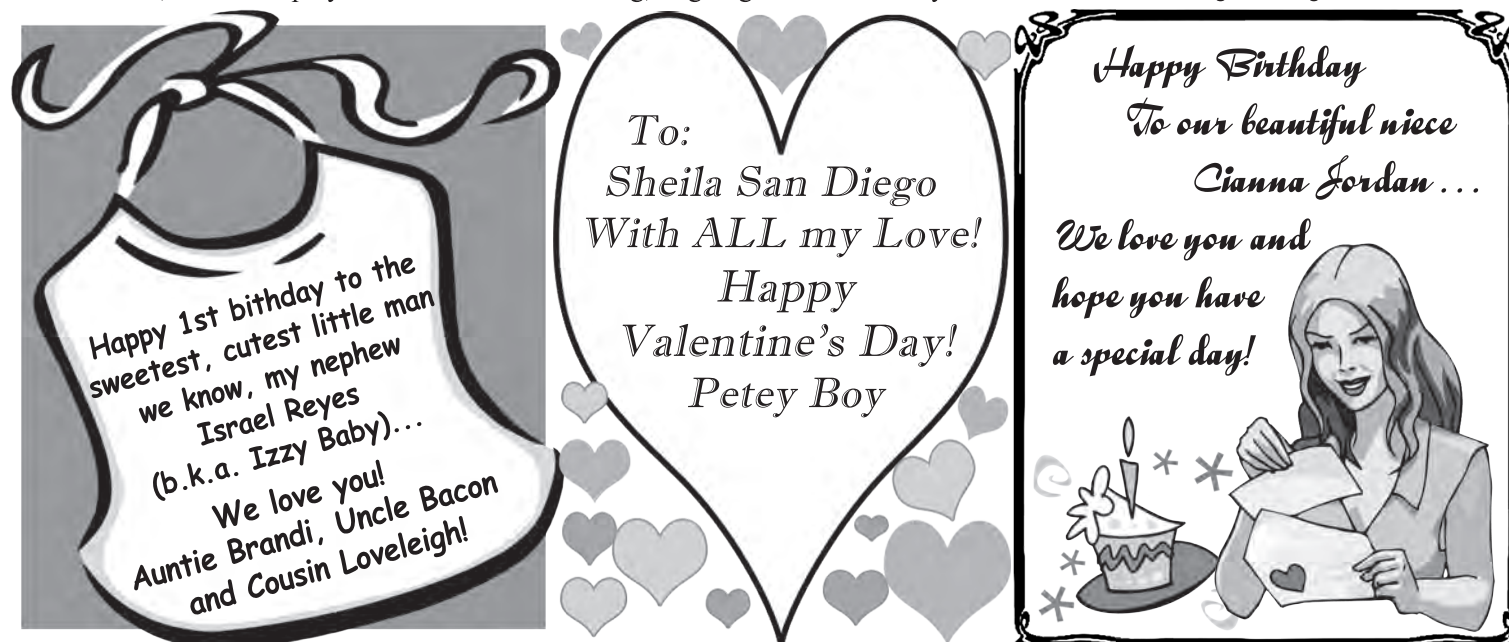
The usual schedule each year has seen the camp taking place during the school's Christmas break, but this year it was moved to the last weekend in January.

"This is a community event each year," says Coach Owl, "and the parents and sponsors around here are happy to come out and help out with hot dogs and burgers, to see to it that our kids get a great barbeque lunch to keep their energy levels up. The kids all then hit the field in the afternoon, to put together everything they've learned in the morning."

Participants were even able to receive pro gear from the Seattle Mariners and the Anaheim Angels. The campers also posed for a group photo.



Neveah Montague of the San Pasqual girls softball team returns a grounder to a visiting instructor during morning drills.



IHS Pediatrics Offers Colds Season Advice

Courtesy of Ms. Cynthia Long, PNP - Fort Yuma IHS - Phone 1(800) 862-4911

With winter now upon us, colds and upper respiratory illnesses are on the increase, especially among children. Easily spread both at school and on the playground, both are caused by a virus and affect the nose and the throat. Symptoms of a cold may include: fever, a runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, cough, or hoarse voice.

Cold viruses are spread from one person to another by hand contact, coughing, and sneezing. Since there are 200 viruses that cause colds, most healthy children will still get at least 6 colds a year.

The fever usually lasts 2 or 3 days, while the sore throat may linger for 5 days. Nasal dis-

charge and congestion may last up to two weeks and a cough may last 2 to 3 weeks.

Cynthia Long is the Pediatrics Nurse Practitioner (PNP) at the Fort Yuma Indian Health Clinic, charged with the medical care of our children. She sent over these practical tips you can use when your children come down with the sniffles, cough and fever which indicate a cold.

Watch for signs of bacterial infections such as an earache, sinus pain, yellow drainage from the eyes, sinus pressure or pain, or breathing trouble. Yellow or green nasal discharge is a normal part of the body's reaction to a cold.

For viruses that cause colds,

little can be done to affect how long a cold will last. However, simple actions can help relieve many of the symptoms

► **Runny nose.** If your child has a lot of clear discharge from the nose, it may not be a good idea to blow his nose. Sniffing and swallowing the mucus may actually be better than blowing. Blowing the nose can make the infection go into the ears or sinuses. For babies, use a soft rubber suction bulb to take out the mucus. Put petroleum jelly around the nostrils to protect them from irritation.

► **Stuffy nose.** Most stuffy noses are blocked by dry mucus. Try nose drops of warm tap water or saline. They are better

than any medicine you can buy.

1) Mix 1/2 teaspoon of table salt in 8 ounces of water.

2) Put 3 drops in each nostril. (For children under the age of 1 year old, use only 1 drop.)

3) Wait 1 minute.

4) Then have the child blow or you can use a suction bulb. Use a wet cotton swab to remove mucus that's very sticky.

► **Aches and fever.** If your child is 6 months or older, give the child acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil) for a fever over 102°F (39°C). Do not give your child aspirin!

► **Cough or sore throat.** Use cough drops for children over 6 years old. Use 1/2 to 1 teaspoon of honey for children over a

year old. If you do not have honey, you can use corn syrup.

► **Call your child's provider right away if:**

• Your child has a hard time breathing AND is no better after you clear their nose.

• Your child starts acting very sick.

► **Call your child's provider during office hours if:**

• The fever lasts more than 3 days.

• The runny nose lasts more than 10 days.

• The eyes get yellow discharge.

• You think your child may have an earache or sinus pain.

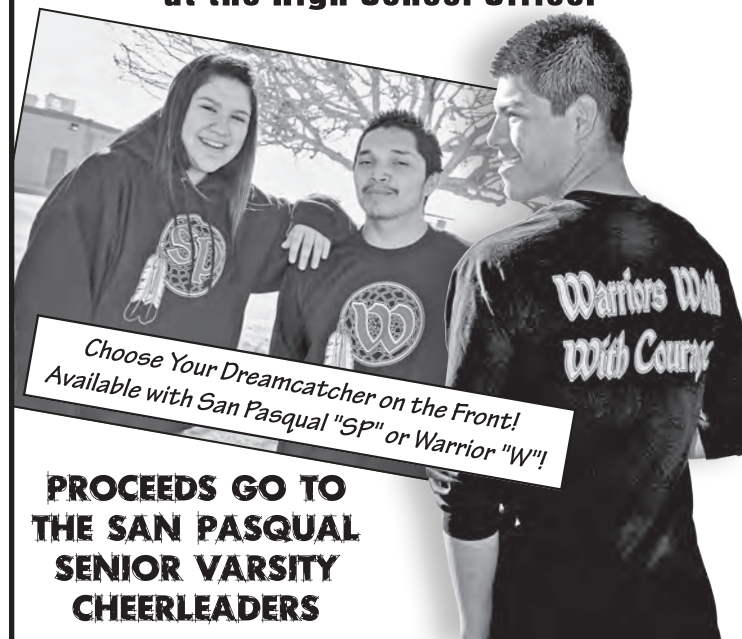
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Yuma Marks Arizona Centennial This Week

Free activities at Yuma Crossing Day & Redondo Day, fundraising dinner at historic Molina Block

With the entire state of Arizona getting set to light the candles for its 100th birthday in 2012, Yuma Crossing Day and Redondo Day will definitely be special this year.

A full day of fun, free activities, Yuma Crossing Day and Redondo Day will take place from 10AM to 3 PM on Saturday, Feb. 11th, along historic Madison Avenue in downtown Yuma.

Sitting on the original track alignment for the Southern Pacific Railroad when it entered Arizona in 1877, Madison Avenue still boasts some of Yuma's oldest buildings, including the historic Sanguinetti House, now a museum operated by the Rio Colorado chapter of the Arizona Historical Society.

Yuma Crossing Day and Redondo Day will feature hands-on demonstrations of piñata making, tamale cooking and

adobe brick making, as well as historical re-enactors dressed in authentic period outfits.

Entertainment will feature mariachi bands and folklorico dancers, along with games authentic to the period. To add extra spice to the day, there will be a jalapeño eating contest, along with exhibitors and vendors of vittles and drinks. Antique tractors and cars will be on display, as well.

Daytime activities are free and open to the public; admission to the Sanguinetti House Museum is also free that day.

In the museum, author Gerald Ahnert will autograph his newly published book, *The Butterfield Trail and Overland Mail Company in Arizona, 1858-1861*.

But the fun doesn't end when the sun goes down, as the Yuma County Historical Society is hosting a Redondo Days fun-

draising dinner at 6:30 p.m. to benefit the Sanguinetti House museum. To be held in the gardens of the Molina Block, an original adobe structure that was one of Yuma's first commercial buildings, tickets for the fundraiser are available now for \$50 per person or \$500 for a premium table of eight.

Along with other entertainment, the fundraiser will feature an auction of art, antiques and such unique experiences as dinner at the Redondo hacienda ruins hosted and served by the descendents of Jose Mario Redondo, or a dinner in the Sanguinetti House gardens hosted and served by descendants of the Sanguinetti family.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the fundraising dinner, contact the Yuma County Historical Society at 928-782-1841.



Free Tax Assistance Offered for Tribal Members Once Again

Mark A. Vezzola, Directing Attorney for California Indian Legal Services (CILS) says he and his staff are thrilled to be able to offer free tax preparation assistance again this year.

CILS has offered this service since 2004 in a partnership with the Legal Aid Society of Orange County. In offering this free service to California's natives, they hope to increase access to the I-CAN!™ E-file tax module.

Though the program was originally designed only for individuals eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, it is now available to most tax payers, and has the ability to address Indian Income tax

matters which can often be missed by other, commercial Income Tax services.

"Last year we helped more than 100 people get federal and state refunds totaling over \$319,000," says Mr. Vezzola.

People from any part of the state of California can call CILS toll free at 1(800)743-8941 (or, if that number is busy, call 1(760)746-8941) to make either a telephone appointment or an appointment to visit the CILS office (at 609 S. Escondido Boulevard in Escondido, California) in person.

They began taking appointments on January 30, but the tax deadline gets closer every day! "As long as they have

their tax documents in front of them, one of our I-CAN workers will be able to help. Once the I-CAN worker collects all the necessary information, the individual's tax forms will be printed and mailed to him or her for review and filing," says Mr. Vezzola. "We are unable to file tax returns."

Individuals who are over the federal government's poverty guidelines can still use the software for free through their website: www.calindian.org.

Mr. Vezzola also points out that, although the I-CAN website is now charging people for this tax assistance service, it will continue to be free through the CILS website.

2011 Financial Eligibility Criteria

California Indian Legal Services

Based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG)
Effective February 4, 2011.

Number in Household	Monthly/Annual Gross Income ¹ 125% FPIG	Monthly /Annual Gross Income ² 200% FPIG	Assets ³
1	\$1,134/\$13,613	\$1,815/\$21,780	\$20,000
2	\$1,532/\$18,388	\$2,452/\$29,420	\$40,000
3	\$1,930/\$23,163	\$3,088/\$37,060	\$40,000
4	\$2,328/\$27,938	\$3,725/\$44,700	\$40,000
5	\$2,726/\$32,713	\$4,362/\$52,340	\$40,000
6	\$3,124/\$37,488	\$4,998/\$59,980	\$40,000
7	\$3,522/\$42,263	\$5,635/\$67,620	\$40,000
8	\$3,920/\$47,038	\$6,272/\$75,260	\$40,000

For additional family members

1. 125% FPIG- For each additional member add \$398/month, \$4,775 year.
2. 200% FPIG- For each additional member add \$637/month, \$7,640/year.
3. See Client Eligibility Guidelines 2011 for information about asset exclusions.

Head Start Volunteer Parents Reap Rewards



Dannette Joaquin arranges a display of items from the National Relief Charities, which are offered in exchange for "Volunteer Bucks". Parents who volunteer to help out at Head Start earn a buck an hour.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Quechan Head Start held another of their special discount sales on January 25th, offering all sorts of wonderful items donated by the National Relief Charities.

They had lotions, shampoos and conditioners, itch relieving spray, toothpaste and brushes, childrens shoes and other items. Many of the items were on sale for 5 for a dollar!

All of the items were sold for "Volunteer Bucks", paid out at the rate of a dollar an hour for every hour parents help out at the Head Start classrooms. Parents can also earn bucks by pledging to help their students with responsibilities at home!

IMPORTANT CHANGES Car Safety Seat Law



Seat belt fits with
booster seat



Children under age 8

must be properly buckled into a car seat or a booster in the back seat.

Children age 8 or older, or who are 4'9" or taller,

may use the vehicle seat belt if it fits properly with the lap belt low on the hips, touching the upper thighs, and the shoulder belt crossing the center of the chest. If children are not tall enough for proper belt fit, they must ride in a booster or car seat.

Everyone in the car must be properly buckled up. For each child under 16 who is not properly secured, parents (if in the car) or drivers can be fined more than \$475 and get a point on their driving records.

Note: Backless booster seats cost as low as \$15; high-back booster seats cost between \$20 and \$150.

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Little league players gather around Alan Manifold, hoping to benefit from the 22 years of experience he had gathered while serving as the pitching coach at Arizona Western College.



San Pasqual's Jordyn Soliz goes after a grounder, nearly losing her glasses in the scramble, but she manages to get the ball and toss it back to Patrick Brookes of the Yuma Scorpions, during infield drills.

San Pasqual's head baseball Coach Faron Owl, a Quechan Tribal member, gave local kids an opportunity to learn from the best by bringing professional baseball players and members of the coaching staff from AWC for a day-long baseball camp.

The annual event was held on Saturday, January 28th. This year, over 50 local kids, with ages ranging from beginning Little League to high school seniors had the chance to mingle with men who make a living at baseball and pick up pointers for improving their own games. See more photos and the story on page 5.