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## The "Q" Resort Hosts S.W. Border Sheriffs

The Quechan Casino♣Resort Event Center received national attention in September while hosting a three day meeting of the Southwestern Border Sheriffs Coalition.

The meeting brought in hundreds of law enforcement representatives from both sides of the international border, as border county Sheriffs from California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas gathered with their chief deputies and federal officials from both the United States and Mexico to discuss tactics, report successes and concerns, and browse the latest technology in the detection and interception of both people and contraband.

Although the actual working part of their 3-day conference didn't begin until Tuesday morning, most of the participants were arriving all throughout Monday, September 21st. The Texas officers were particularly apparent, each seemingly well over 6 feet tall and dressed in the obligatory Stetson, pulling their roller equipped luggage through the porte-cochère entry and through the halls of the hotel. They all wanted to



**The Quechan Economic Ah Keel Dance Group** performs for visiting Sheriffs representing the southwest border counties at the opening of a three day Conference at the Quechan Casino♣Resort. Attendees discussed border security issues and met with a variety of vendors to see the latest intrusion detection technology and communications gear for law enforcement.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

be on time for the poolside reception welcoming both law enforcement and vendors to the Quechan Casino♣Resort and two days of intense discussions on recent trends in illegal border crossings.

The gun battle at the San Ysidro port of entry in San Diego County during their meeting on the 23rd only emphasized the increasing desperation of human smugglers trying to

get their cargo into an increasingly well patrolled U.S. border. And to lighten the mood before diving into the serious business of "homeland security", the resort staff laid out a sumptuous buffet on the pool deck entry to the Event Center, with President Jackson and guest singer Charles Noah, with the Ah Keel Dance Group present to make everyone feel at relaxed and welcome.

Imperial County Sheriff Raymond Loera, whose jurisdiction includes our corner of California, acted as host, with Motorola picking up the tab for dinner and drinks Monday night. Sheriff Loera kept his opening remarks short, promising a full agenda over the two days to come before introducing President Jackson and turning the microphone over to him.

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# Miss Quechan Nation Offers Her Heartfelt Thanks

Over the last twelve months I have experienced the most emotional year of my life. My reign as Miss Quechan Nation 2008/09 will be an experience I can cherish and learn from for the rest of my life. During that year, I have attended and participated in the numerous gatherings, Pow Wows, a professional baseball game, a language summit, and had the distinguished honor of cutting the ribbon to open our new Casino and Resort, The Q.

Some of the gatherings I have attended include the Orme Dam Victory Days in Fort McDowell, Rincon's Annual Fiesta, The Barona Gathering, Cupa Days in Pala, and a gathering in Manzanita just to name a few.

I was able to see the bear dance, and the Chinese dragon dance at the Cupa Days in Pala. I participated in social dances at the Gathering of the Gourds in Salt River. I have always enjoyed going to the different gatherings with my family, but to go and represent for the Quechan Nation is a totally different experience.

Then you have the Pow Wows which are different in their own right and include the Fantasy Springs Pow Wow, Spotlight Twenty-Nine, and the 75th Annual Little Eagle Pow Wow in Little Eagle, South Dakota.

I celebrated my 21st birthday at the Fantasy Springs Pow Wow, and while I never thought I would be celebrating the big 2-1 with family and a bunch of strangers, everyone there knew it was my birthday and I was honored with a birthday song,

dancing with my uncle on one side and my cousin on the other! It is a very good memory that will be with me forever.

The highlight of my Pow Wow circuit (as if Fantasy Springs wasn't enough) was when I was able to attend the 75th annual Little Eagle Pow Wow in South Dakota, along with my grandmother and cousin. I had always heard my late grandpa Howard Bobtail Bear (who was from there) talking about how different their Pow Wows are, and he'd always told them there how we are different here by our having gatherings rather than Pow Wows.

It was a real honor for me to go and represent the Quechan Nation and participate in their Pow Wow. In South Dakota, I was able to show the different dresses we have, such as the diamond, the camp, and the ribbon dress. My Cousin and I even met a drum group that was at the Fantasy Springs Pow Wow. They told me they had enjoyed watching and hearing our style of dance and song while at Fantasy Springs.

I had the privilege to attend the Yuman Language Summit, which was held at the Sycuan Golf Course and Conference Center. At the Summit, I attended different classes and learned many interesting facts and ideas. I also transformed into a model for a quick moment as I participated in their fashion show. I truly can work the run way, or so I think!



**Tarryn Villacaña** speaks to the audience at last year's Quechan Indian Days.

Have you ever watched a game and seen people on the jumbotron and thought *that would be cool if I could be on there?* Well I was! Not as a regular Joe, but dressed out as Miss Quechan Nation!

That memory was made at the Native American Recognition Day for the Arizona Diamondbacks. I was announced along with the other Native royalty present over the loud speaker and my image was projected on the jumbo screen, but I was so busy waving to the arena I didn't even see myself. I'm glad somebody got a picture for me! That was a really sweet experience.

My wow factor this year came in the form of the opening of The Q. I had the honor to cut the ribbon along with the Tribal Council members for the opening of the Quechan Casino ♠ Resort: both the Tribal and non-tribal opening. I didn't ever think that I could be part of something so monumental, but I was and I am

grateful to have been a part of something so big.

As I have said this year has been an emotional year, a big year for me. I couldn't have done it alone and with that I would like to say thank you to the people who have truly been there for me and have supported me throughout this year.

I would first and foremost like to give a big THANK YOU to my grandmother Marianna Bobtail Bear and my uncle Emilio Escalanti, I don't think there are enough "thank yous" or enough appreciation and gratitude that I could extend to you two.

I would also like to thank Mr. Chris Emerson, Mrs. Stephanie Peña, Mr. Vernon Smith, Ms. Robin Estrada, Mrs. Cryselle Uribe, Ms. Donna Herrera and her family Clarisse and Jessica, my aunt Rena Goforth and my cousins Reagan, Jerryn, and Jentry, Ms. Kerri Comet and Mrs. Maria Marquez.

None of this would have been possible without the Pageant Committee and the Tribal Council. Thank you for the opportunity to represent the tribe and for allowing other young women like me to have the same chance at experiencing what I have and what the past Miss Quechans have.

I would also like to thank the community for supporting not only me but the title I possess; it was a pleasure meeting those whom I have met.

Although I didn't get to achieve all that I wanted to include (such as taking language

classes) I have learned being an ambassador for the tribe and an employee left very little time to participate in extra curricular activities!

In being an ambassador I have had many opportunities to welcome different organizations to the Quechan Nation, such as the Arizona Gaming Academy and the Southwest Border Sheriffs Conference.

I also volunteered my time to serving at the Thanksgiving Dinner, gift giving at Christmas Time, and the ADAPP summer program.

Each one of those civic duties has left me with a respectful outlook on those who volunteer their own time or run the program.

I have met so many different people and participated in many activities, I couldn't ask for a more sensational year. This year has truly been an honor and a privilege to represent the Quechan People and the Nation as a whole. I hope that I have served us all well this past year and that I was a positive example to my peers and young girls alike.

Finally, to the incoming Miss Quechan Nation for 2009/10: To each her own experience and I hope that you have a fulfilling year! I hope that your reign is as exciting as mine was and as welcoming. Be ready to jump with both feet in and an open heart to all experiences. May you have the support and encouragement as I did.

Good Luck and best wishes to you!

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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 Kw'ts'an 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

## Tarryn Villicaña, Miss Quechan 2008/09 Shares Her Year In Office in Photos



Tarryn was crowned Miss Quechan Nation 2008/09 at the Evergreen Park on October 9, 2008, receiving the crown from outgoing Miss Quechan Nation Jessica Paddock. The following day, she began her duties, and practiced "the royal wave" while officiating at the Indian Days Celebration. Soon after, she was riding in a convertible at the Yuma Veterans Day Parade with her grandpa Rufus Escalanti, Sr. (a Navy vet) and uncle Emilio Escalanti driving. Travelling with Tarryn on many of her trips was her niece, Janessa Gonzales.

Photos 1 and 2 above and final photo, lower right for QUECHAN NEWS by William Isbell; All other photos on this page are courtesy of Tarryn Villacaña



With a fellow Native Princess from South Dakota.



My niece and uncle Emilio busily at work during the Yuman Language Summit last year.



My cousin Jentry Goforth mugs for the camera with me at the Spotlight 29 Pow Wow.



At the Ironwood Steakhouse for the Tribal Opening Night.



Lined up with Royalty at the 75th Annual Little Eagle Pow Wow.



Making an appearance on the "jumbotron" screen at an Arizona Diamondbacks game.



Grandma Marianna Bobtail Bear with me at the Diamondbacks Stadium in Phoenix.



Opening the SWBA Conference on September 22nd at the Q.



# South West Border Sheriffs Meet

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**The Motorola booth** in the entryway to the Quechan Event Center is surrounded by officers checking out the latest communications and computing equipment. Other vendors included ICX Tactical Platforms, Gyrocam, Insight Tech Gear and DRS Technologies. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

President Jackson reinforced Sheriff Loera's emphasis on the heavy schedule to come, based on the agenda published for the meeting, and thanked the group for choosing our new resort here on the border as the location for such an important gathering.

"I know you have a busy schedule," he said, "but as you look around you, you will see our CEO, Mr. Brian Parrish and his staff are right here, ready to answer any questions you have, and provide you the support you need throughout your conference. So, please, don't hesitate to ask."

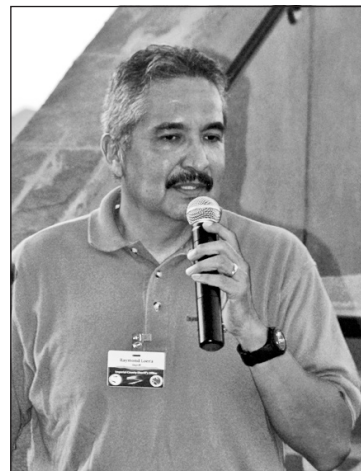
He wrapped up his remarks with a brief mention of how im-

portant law enforcement is, and touched on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Quechan Tribe and both Yuma and Imperial Counties, outlining the jurisdictional and investigative responsibilities of those entities in relation to the Quechan Nation. Once finished, President Jackson introduced the Ah Keel Dance Group, and the party began with traditional harvest songs and dances.

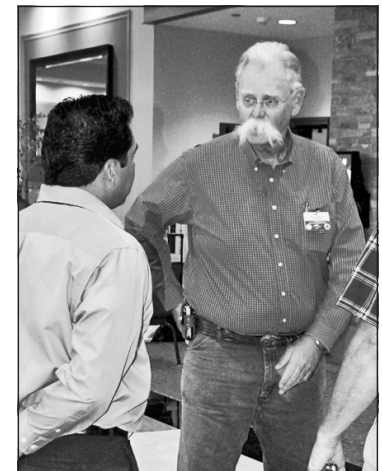
Come Tuesday and the official start of the Conference, media representatives descended on the event to interview conferees such as William Newell of the Phoenix Field Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Assistant Secretary of state and local law enforcement for the DHS, "Ted" Sexton, Sr.

Both men were on hand to make presentations on the ATF's efforts to stem firearms trafficking along the southwest border, and information sharing by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The Event Center was set up with a central hallway down the center and two large rooms to each side. One room was set up with row upon row of tables



**Imperial County Sheriff Raymond Loera** (left) acted as host for the Conference, while Quechan President Mike Jackson, Sr. welcomed everyone to the Casino Resort for the meeting, which drew attendees from both sides of the international border. Also present (at right) was Yuma County's Sheriff, Ralph Ogden.



facing a large screen for multimedia briefings, while the other was arranged for serving meals during breaks.

Throughout both Tuesday and Wednesday, participants gathered for a 7:30 AM breakfast before crossing the central hallway to get down to business an hour later. The Chief Patrol Agents for both the Del Rio and Yuma sectors of the U.S. Border Patrol (Randy Hill and Paul Beeson) spoke on the apprehension rates and narcotics seizures in their specific areas, with Agent Beeson also pointing out the Yuma sector's increasing trend of ultra-light aircraft being used by smugglers in their attempts to bring illegal drugs into the US.

Even Mexico sent a representative, in the person of Ariel Moutsatos, the Advisor for International Affairs for Mexico's Attorney General. Señor Moutsatos was interviewed by local television stations, appearing both

nights on the local newscasts.

During the evening between the two-day Conference, participants were shuttled to tour the Yuma Quartermaster Depot and enjoy a steak dinner outdoors along the river. Both the Yuma and Imperial County Sheriff's Poses sponsored that event, with help from Coca Cola and the Coachella Valley Latino Peace Officers Association.

During breaks between lectures, officers with purchasing authority were able to look over tempting displays of the latest tools in long-range detection, communication, contraband interception and vehicles.

Vendors such as Gyrocam Systems and CamerasOnSite had visible light, low light and infrared systems enabling users to observe and locate people at a distance, and accurately mark their position using GPS coordinates on Google Earth maps.

Motorola was showing their

latest computers for mounting in patrol cars, as well as their automatic license plate reader, radios and integrated systems.

TOMCAR, an Israeli/American company was on hand to show their lightweight rough country patrol vehicle that promises "anywhere and back" capabilities. Not to be outdone, Imperial County brought over a selection of their patrol vehicles, ranging from a small ATV to a four-seat sand rail (with a 320 HP Corvette engine!), an armored truck and a boat, along with the usual full sized 4WD trucks.

A final presentation was reserved for Alan Bersin, recently appointed by President Obama as the DHS Special Representative for Border Affairs. Soon after, the conferees settled on the date and place for their next meeting.

Let's hope they enjoyed their stay here, speak well of the facilities, and plan to return for more such meetings in the future.



**This Eagle Eye portable** observation tower belongs to the Zapata County, Texas Sheriff's Office. It's made by Arkfield Security.



**Tactical and support vehicles on display** included a group from the Imperial County Sheriff's Office. They brought a boat, an ATV, a sand rail and their armored Special Emergency Response Team truck.



## Women's Health/Breast Cancer Seminar Set for October 8th at QCC

A public seminar to encourage Breast Cancer Awareness will take place on Thursday, October 8 at the Quechan Community Center. Scheduled to run from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (with an hour for lunch), the seminar will feature presentations by Cyndy Hale, RNP, the Fort Yuma Women's Healthcare Nurse Practitioner. Her two-hour presentations are currently scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM and just after lunch at 1:00 PM. Lunch is provided.

October is traditionally set aside as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This year's seminar at the QCC will also encourage overall health awareness, with free blood pressure checks and glucose screenings and health information booths set up inside the Community Center. Those screenings will be available from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM.

The program activities are coordinated with through the Quechan Special Diabetes Program, Community Health Representatives, the Quechan Community Center, the Fort Yuma Women's Health Team and the Public Health Nursing Department of the IHS.

With the message that "The best protection is early detection", the seminar will stress that regular mammograms go a long way towards lowering the risk of dying from breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women and the second most common cause of cancer death in American Indian/Alaska Native women. In 2005 (the most recent year numbers are available) 186,467 women and 1,764 men were diagnosed with breast cancer; 41,116 women and 375 men died from the disease.

There are different kinds of breast cancer. The form the cancer takes depends on which cells in the breast turn into cancer. It can begin in different parts of the breast, like the ducts or the glands (or lobules).

Mammograms (X-ray examinations of the breast) are the best method to detect breast cancer early when it is easier to treat and even before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

Having regular mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer. If you are age 40 years or older, you should have a screening mammogram every 1 to 2 years, according to Nurse

Evelyn M. Morales-Cruz at the Fort Yuma Health Service.

Nurse Morales-Cruz also lists these additional ways to lower your risk:

- Control your weight and exercise. Make healthy choices in the foods you eat and the kinds of drinks you have each day. Stay active.

- Know your family history of breast cancer. If you have a mother, sister, or daughter with breast cancer, ask your doctor what is your risk of getting breast cancer and how you can lower your risk.

- Find out the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy. Ask your doctor about the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy and find out if hormone replacement therapy is right for you.

- And finally, she says you should limit the amount of alcohol you drink.

She also stresses that it is important to talk to your doctor if you have any breast symptoms or changes in your breast, or if breast cancer runs in your family. He or she may recommend that you have mammograms before age 40 or more often than usual.



**THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

**WILL RETURN FROM THE DEAD**

*At 6 PM - Saturday October 24th at the Quechan Community Center!*

*Costume Contest - Infants to 17*

*Free Hot Dogs and Soda!*

*A Haunted House!*

*Game Booths! Lots More!*

**DON'T MISS IT!**

### Join Us In Recognition of October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month

**Every day during the month of October:**

Take part in the Clothesline Project at  
Quechan Social Services  
465 Picacho Road, Suites B & C.

**October 13th: Noon to 1:30 pm:**

Listen to Grandmothers at the Yuma  
Main Street Cinema ♦ "Free to Tribal Members"

**October 23rd 3 pm to 6 pm:**

Social Services Open House with focus on DV  
Quechan Social Services Parking Lot

**October 26th 10 am to 2 pm:**

DV movie & presentation by  
Center for Family Solutions at the  
Ironwood Community Center, 607 Ironwood Drive

**For more information or to volunteer  
or register for an event call:**

**Tina Salinas @ 760-572-0201  
or Roxie Deku @ 760-572-1082**

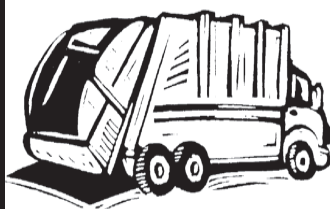
### NOTICE

**Change of Office Hours:**  
**Effective September 30, 2009**  
the office hours for the  
**BIA-Fort Yuma Agency**  
will be:

**Monday thru Friday**  
**7:30 AM — 5:00 PM**

*\*Now open from*  
*12:00 PM — 1:00 PM*

If you have any questions,  
please contact our Agency at  
**(928) 782-1202**



**SATURDAY  
Garbage Pickups  
Have Moved To  
THURSDAY**

**Previous Saturday garbage pickups  
have been moved to Thursday pickups.**

**This new schedule will allow each  
of our drivers a 2-day weekend.  
Please direct any questions to the  
Utilities Office at 760-572-0667.**



# Tribal Member to be Featured Stylist at Annual Fashion Show

Every year for the past 6 years, the Yuma School of Beauty has held a combination Hair and Fashion Show to benefit a local charity. This year, they will have a poolside show at the Quechan Casino Resort on Sunday, October 11th. The fashion extravaganza begins promptly at 6:30 PM, and \$10 tickets are still available.

Proceeds go to benefit Amberly's Place of Yuma, which provides services such as crisis intervention, medical evaluations, interviews and mental health referrals for victims of sexual and elder abuse, and provision and coordination of other victim services. This is the third year in a row the Hair and Fashion Show has championed the cause of Amberly's Place.



The 2007 hair and fashion benefit show was held at the Historic Yuma Theater, and featured a pirate theme. Courtesy of Yuma School of Beauty

Although they have gone to local department stores and fashion outlets to provide clothing for the show in the past, this year they will have a former student who has since graduated from fashion design school in Phoenix

creating the outfits. Among the talented students working behind the scenes to complete the ensembles will be Quechan Tribal Member Markia Barley.

"Actually, Markia will be doing a lot of the hair and makeup

for us this year," says Instructor Susan Warren. With a different theme each year, she has a real challenge ahead of her: This year the show is titled "Capture Your Inner Animal" and will feature huge lion-like manes, spots and stripes as the models dress as tigers, fish, zebras and other assorted "wild" creatures.

Designer Tawny Ryan certainly has her work cut out for her, as she gets her first opportunity to show what she's learned in design school. And Markia is going to have to show her new-found abilities as a student of the Yuma School of beauty, teasing, dyeing and shaping the hair to complement what could be some pretty outrageous outfits!

The show will also feature door prizes and a silent auction,

offering gift certificates, gift bags, and treatments donated by the likes of Hector's Beauty Pyramid, Avanti, Jay's Hair-Z-End and Skin Pen Tattoo, so come prepared to bid!

Yuma School of Beauty owner Marilyn Davis and her staff and students always work hard to make this a high-energy, professional show, to demonstrate what they have learned over the past year, and make their skills known to the various salons in the area as they prepare to enter the job market.

If you'd like to see what they have to offer, spend some early evening time by the pool at the Q, and contribute to a good cause. Pick up your tickets at the School downtown at 50 West 3rd Street or call (928) 783-3141.



## Ft Yuma Indian Health Center JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS As of October 1, 2009

Announcement, application, and supporting documents can be obtained through:

- Available link
- Administration Office.

### Secretary, GS-0318-05

**Announcement:** SWR-09-0480  
**Opening Date:** 09/30/2009  
**Closing Date:** 10/15/2009  
**Series/Grade/Salary:** GS-0318-05 GS-5: \$30,722 - \$40,005 per annum  
**Number of Positions/Type:** One (1) Positions, Permanent, Full-Time appointment  
**Duty/Location:** Administrative Services, Ft Yuma Service Unit, Winterhaven, CA  
<http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/CareerCenter/Vacancy/pdf/38928-09302009025038.pdf>

### Clinical Nurse, GS-0610-9

**Announcement:** PXIHS-09-03-OC  
**Opening Date:** 01/01/2009  
**Closing Date:** 12/31/2009  
**Series/Grade/Salary:** GS-0610-9 GS-09: \$54,599 - \$68,249 per annum  
**Number of Positions/Type:** One (1) Positions, Permanent, Full-Time appointment  
**Duty/Location:** Nursing Department, Ft Yuma Service Unit, Winterhaven, CA  
<http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/CareerCenter/Vacancy/pdf/35386-03232009053554.pdf>

### Nursing Assistant, GS-621-2/3/4

**Announcement:** PXIHS-09-02-OC  
**Opening Date:** 01/01/2009  
**Closing Date:** 12/31/2009  
**Series/Grade/Salary:** GS-621-2/3/4 GS-02: \$22,454 - \$28,254 per annum  
GS-03: \$24,449 - \$31,847 per annum  
GS-04: \$27,504 - \$35,753 per annum  
**Number of Positions/Type:** One (1) Positions, Permanent, Full-Time appointment  
**Duty/Location:** Nursing Department, Ft Yuma Service Unit, Winterhaven, CA  
<http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/CareerCenter/Vacancy/pdf/35380-01052009083859.pdf>

**For additional information, call (760) 572-4105.**

## In Remembrance of Rose "Havachats" Tucker-Toggery

We would like to sincerely express our gratitude to the following: Mr. Mike Jackson, Sr., Ms. Julianna Comet, Ms. Crysselle Uribe, Dr. Nguyen, Dr. Smalley, Ms. Claudia Lorenz & Ms. Rhonda Jackson, and especially Ms. Trivean Garcia and Mr. Vincent T. Durand for working with the family through many essential details with regards to "Our Rose".

And to Dr. Elnadry, Nurse Beth, and the Hospice staff: "Thank You" for your compassion and utmost support during the last well-being of "Our Rose". Your caring hearts will never be forgotten, and what you give is a "Beautiful" gift.

And though words cannot absolutely convey our appreciation, we offer a simple "Thank You" and a Smile to those extended family members and friends who came to give support, whether it be to donate time, food or help during our time of sympathy. You made "her send off" even more "Precious and Heartfelt".

And lastly to Mr. Victor Sanchez and the Priority Care staff, we are privileged to have you as a chapter in "Rose's Book of Life". No need for words here.

Just know you "All" are in our hearts.

Ms. Perdius Escalante  
Ms. Tessy Escalante & Family



## New CEO Named for the Fort Yuma Indian Health Service

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mander Roger  
Dahozy will  
take over as  
CEO of the Fort  
Yuma Indian  
Health Clinic  
next Tuesday,  
October 13th.

### LCdr. Roger N. Dahozy

A member of the Navajo Nation, Dahozy managed a budget of over 12 million dollars and a staff of almost 200 at the Fort Defiance Navajo Area IHS.

Photo: William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS



Roger Dahozy is a member of the Navajo Nation and grew up in Window Rock, Arizona. He received his B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University in 1999. In 2000 he joined the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

From 2000 to 2004, LCdr. Dahozy worked as an Environmental Engineer for the Sanitation Facilities Construction program of the Portland and Tucson Areas of IHS. While there, he collaborated with many tribal and private entities, including the City of Seattle, Washington, 12 tribes in the western Washington State area, and the Tohono O'odham Nation in southern Arizona.

In 2004, he accepted the position of Facility Design and Construction Consultant with the

Phoenix Area IHS Office. In that capacity, he managed the overall design, renovation, and construction of various health facilities, working closely with IHS Service Unit staff, Tribal leadership, architects, and construction contractors.

In the summer of 2007, LCdr. Dahozy became the Director of Support Operations for the Fort Defiance Service Unit, Navajo Area IHS. There, he managed a staff of almost 200 with budget of over 12 million dollars and was responsible for all support functions for the Service Unit.

LCdr. Dahozy is completing his graduate studies through Tulane University, where he will soon obtain his Masters of Public Health Degree and is on his way to obtaining his Professional Engineer certification.

## VACCINES FOR ALL AGES

Must be registered with the Ft Yuma Indian Health Center

**Where:** Public Health Nursing Office  
(behind Clinic in trailers)

**When:** Every Wednesday in October  
(Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2009)

**Time:** 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**For Winterhaven residents:**

**if you need transportation, Call (760) 572-0753**

**The H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccines are not yet available**

► **Communities will be notified/informed  
as soon as the vaccines are received including  
who should receive the H1N1 vaccines.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:**

**Claudia Lorentz, RN, PHN (760) 572-4225 or  
Rebecca Leach, RN, PHN (760) 572-4227**

## Quechan Head Start Welcomes Guests for Open House



**Amaya Koteen accepts a notepad** from Danette Joaquin as she prepares to join her mom and little sister in touring the facility. Everyone got printed handouts, coloring books, cups, snacks and their own book to take home. Later on, everyone got to hear a fire safety message and see a puppet show courtesy of the Imperial County Burn Institute in the Education Center multipurpose room.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Parents with children currently enrolled in the Quechan Head Start Program, as well as those looking forward to having a child enrolled in the next year were invited to bring the whole family in for an Open House visit on the evening of September 24th.

Danette Joaquin, Family Service Manager at Quechan Head Start explained the importance of parental involvement in working together to ensure their goals of education and socialization in preparation for kindergarten. The entire staff, teachers, cooks, maintenance and managers were on hand to give parents a personal tour of the facilities and answer any questions they might have.

"We want them to be familiar

with our facility," she said, "and let them know we have an open door policy. (Parents) can come at any time, and we're always here for the children, because our main goal is what's best for them."

The staff was on hand to answer specific questions on their child's progress, behavior and particular strengths in the classroom environment. Parents who asked about things to come during the "school year" were briefed on milestones they can expect to see as their child develops over the coming year.

With six classrooms this year, evenly divided with 3 each for 3-year olds and 4-year olds, the teaching staff now numbers 15.

Each room has two teachers with the children all day, while additional teachers "float" from room-to-room as needed. With their children's projects and art displayed on the walls, parents had plenty to see and questions to ask at the Open House.

Everyone who visited passed by a registration desk to pick up a coloring book and bracelet. Another table offered free books provided by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).

After visiting the classrooms, the parents and children got to file into the Education Center's multipurpose room for cookies, punch and popcorn while they watched a fire safety puppet show to end the evening.

## Ready For the Next Phase

**Rod Escalanti**, a laborer with Quechan Special Projects looks over the empty field that was the Fort Yuma Trailer Village only 2 months ago. The Village was cleared to make room for the new Fort Yuma Indian Hospital, scheduled to begin construction in 2010. A crew made up of Rod, Deshane Taylor, Mike and Tom Duwyenie and Edison Johnson cleared the area under the direction of Walt Books of Quechan EDA and Bill Hirt of the Special Projects Department. The men were ably assisted over the latter part of the summer by a number of WIA/DOL youth workers supplied by Earl Daniels.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell







# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## QUECHAN INDIAN DAYS 2009

*This Year's Theme: "Honoring Our Native Athletes"*

**OCTOBER 8TH to 11TH, 2009**

**MOST EVENTS are at EVERGREEN PARK**

### THURSDAY ♦ October 8

7:00 PM *Miss Quechan Nation Pageant*  
Paradise Casino Event Center

6:00 PM *Family Overnight Campout*  
Quechan Elder Village

7:00 PM *Teen Dance with DJ*  
to 9:00 PM DJ Noriega

9:00 PM *Youth Peon Tournament*  
Angeline Levy  
(Sign up begins @ 8:00 PM)

10:00 PM *Live Entertainment*  
to 1:00 AM UpRoot

3:00 PM *Trad. Bird Dance Contest*  
Jessica Paddock  
(Sign up begins @ 2:30 PM)

5:00 PM *Community Barbeque*  
Events Committee  
*Dinner Entertainment*  
696 Project

5:30 PM *Dance Group Performances*  
Yetti Emerson

7:00 PM *Live Entertainment*  
to 9:00 PM Project out of Bounds

9:00 PM *Adult Peon Tournament*  
Angeline Levy  
(Sign up begins @ 8:00 PM)

### FRIDAY ♦ October 9

9:00 AM *Open House & Cultural Gathering*  
Quechan Elder Village at the new  
Sunrise Point Park below Indian Hill  
Elder Village Focus Group  
(Canoe rides begin at 8:00 AM)

12:00 Noon *Booths Open* - Evergreen Park

2:00 PM *Flag Raising & Opening Ceremony*  
Quechan Post 802  
*Welcome Address* - Miss Quechan  
*Opening Remarks* - Cryselle Uribe  
*Schedule of Events* - Phil Emerson

2:30 PM *Baby Contest*  
L. Levy and J. Emerson

3:00 PM *Kids Games* - Phil Emerson

5:00 PM *5 Mile Run* - Phil Emerson

5:00 PM *Traditional Bird Singing*  
Yetti Emerson

6:00 PM *Community Bar-B-Que*  
Music by 696 Project & Ja Rockers

### SATURDAY ♦ October 10

6:00 AM *Campers Welcome the Day*  
Quechan Elder Village  
Wraps Up by 8:00 AM

9:00 AM *Annual Tribal Parade*  
WITH PARADE GRAND MARSHALS:  
Ressie Watts & Thomas Montague  
(Parade line up begins @ 8:00 AM)

10:30 AM *Parade Awards* - Arlie Emerson

11:00 AM *Dance Group Performances*  
Yetti Emerson

3:00 PM *Adult Games* - Phil Emerson

### SUNDAY ♦ October 11

9:00 AM *Horse Shoe Tournament at Q.C.C.*  
B. Montague  
(Sign up begins @ 8:00 AM)

**All information listed was current at press time. Need the latest information? Call Phil Emerson, Events Chairman at (760)572-2825**