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Nation member and family visits fellow YAN member in Paris, France

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Philip Titla, Apache of Yavapai-Apache Nation visited Tavel, France, a suburb of Paris this past June and met his cousin, YAN tribal member elder Perry Smith and wife. Titla and Smith are cousins. The elder Smith is now in

his mid 80s.

Titla is the father of Mary Kim Titla, former TV news personality from Channel 12-KPNX in Phoenix and now heads the United National Indian Tribal Youth organization from their Phoenix office.

Titla and his wife Charlotte, reside in San Carlos where Titla continues to



Tavel, France in Paris is considered one of the top wine countries in France. The Titlas were taken on a tour of France and one of the places they stopped was in Tavel.



The Titlas of Yavapai-Apache Nation (L), Charlotte and Phillip visit with the Perry Smiths in Paris last June. Mrs. Smith is next to Phillip and Perry Smith is on the far right. Pierre Cayol, Parisian and friend of Perry Smith who made Mr. Titla's visit possible to the home of Mr. Smith is kneeling next to Mr. Smith

pursue his art work with wood carvings and drawings. Some of his carvings is featured in the current Hotel at the Casino in the display case.

Titla (and YAN news editor, Don Decker) is the great grandson of Capt. Smiley (Esmallie) of Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Old man Smiley is featured in a notorious photo holding a rifle standing by next to a wikiup that are posted in some of the Nation's buildings. Smiley figured heavily in the history of the Nation at the turn of the century and had participated in the peace

parley with Geronimo in northern Mexico with the U.S. Cavalry in the late 1880s.

Perry Smith is close cousin to Middle Verde resident Penny Smith who also visited the elder Smith in Paris 2 years ago. Ms. Smith is the daughter of the late Ted and Ruth Smith of Middle Verde.

Perry Smith speaks fluent French and moved to Paris in the early 1990s where he had worked for the U.S. Force.



YAN Montessori School students greet the community at the Palmer Center at Rainbow Acres on December 22 for a Christmas Holiday concert. This holiday program featured traditional Christmas songs and pageantry.