Community members come out for Primary Election Forum

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In an effort to learn more about candidates running for the positions of governor, lieutenant governor, chief judge, and associate judge in the upcoming Gila River Indian Community 2017 Primary Election, hundreds of Community members participated in the 2017 Primary Candidate Forum held at the Gila River Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch on Aug. 19.

The forum began with a Posting of Colors performed by Gila Crossing Community School’s Color Guard, who also sang the National Anthem in both the English and O’otham languages.

Community Chief Election Judge, Shannon White, gave the official welcoming followed by Community Elections Coordinator, Nadine Shelde, presenting an overview of the forum’s schedule and rules.

Shelde, who organized the event, said the forum was an opportunity for Community members to meet their local candidates face-to-face, learn about them and their political platform.

“Your vote is important,” said Shelde. “You should be knowledgeable of whom you are voting for; what they stand for; it is our purpose, to provide that to the Community. To give them access to meet the candidates so they can get to know them themselves,” she said.

After the forum’s guidelines were laid-out, each of the 25 candidates introduced themselves to the audience, with a few speaking briefly about their background, while others talked more in-depth about their platform. Candidates then gave brief speeches to the audience, who in turn, gave the opportunity to ask questions in both verbal and written form.

Because there were 25 candidates, each who gave an introduction, speech, and answered questions, the forum ran later than anticipated and not all Community members had enough time to ask questions. Which is why it is important Community members, who want to learn more about their candidates, attend the next 2017 Primary Candidate Forum at the District 2 Multipurpose Building on Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

“We had a lot of questions, but unfortunately time got away from us,” said Shelde. They may get a second opportunity to get their questions asked at the next forum.

Shelde said it is important Community members attend the forums to become knowledgeable about each of the candidates running in the 2017 Primary Election.

This is an important election, I hope (the Community) comes out and listens to what (the) candidates have to say about the issues we are facing in Gila River.

For more information about the 2017 Primary Candidate Forum on Sept. 2 or to learn about the upcoming Sept. 19 Primary Election, contact the Tribal Elections Program at (520) 562-9735 or 562-9758.

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GRIC member and journalist, recounts experience with Hurricane Harvey

By Greg Morago, Contributing Journalist

For a week before it hit we’ve mentally braced ourselves for Hurricane Harvey. But here in Houston, a bayou city that’s prone to flooding and no stranger to hurricanes, there might have been a feeling of been-there/ done-that. Houstonians are not easily scared by weather and not entirely comfortable with the idea of evacuation.

So on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 26, when great gusts and fierce winds began to hammer the nation’s fourth largest city, Houston’s stately composure started to unravel. By Sunday morning the rains were severe and parts of the city had already begun to take

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On this Labor Day we recognize the hardworking men and women in the workforce. The Gila River Indian Community provides many jobs, and for the first time in history, we have five generations of workers all banding together to make our Community better. The workers represent the best in our values and their diligence allows us to succeed in our tribal departments and enterprises.

We honor our teachers, our public safety employees and those who work with our elders. We thank those veterans who have served their country and have now joined our ranks to bring their leadership to those important positions.

Our enterprises are also filled with dynamic and inventive staff who keep us at the forefront of gaming, hospitality, and technology.

This Labor Day is not only a time for workers, but for volunteers. Those volunteers are dealing with incredible adversity in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. We pray for the victims in Texas who will now be recovering from one of the worst disasters in history. The scale of flooding is hard to imagine, but the resolve of the men and women helping those in need is truly inspiring. We also pray for the Community members who are in the Texas gulf coast and hope they remain safe.

Happy Labor Day and God Bless.

Putting Our People First
Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor, Gila River Indian Community

HEALTH INITIATIVE PRESENTS

FAMILY FOAM FEST

1 and 2 mile Foam Fun Run/Walk
Onsite registration will begin at 4pm
walk starts at 5:30pm

T-Shirts and Incentives for first 200 participants who complete the Run/Walk

Volunteers Needed

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
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FRIDAY 9.15.17

ENTERTAINMENT

DJ NON STOP 4-7PM
GERTIE & T.O. BOYS 7-9PM
In an unprecedented technological step forward for Gila River Indian Community families participating in the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (ITC/CAWIC), an electronic benefit transfer card known as eWIC was introduced and implemented on Aug. 23, allowing participants to use the benefit cards quickly and conveniently, much like a debit card.

According to Mary Dixon, Community Nutrition Program Manager, GRIC is the first tribe to implement the card in the ITC program and is a pilot site for the new system.

Dixon said the system went live last Wednesday, with around 60 families currently utilizing the eWIC cards in and around the community. Over the next several months, said Dixon, they are looking to have every Community WIC participant, around 1,400 people, using the new cards.

“We are the pilot program and just trying to (test the cards) out, (and) make sure there aren’t any bugs. The first day it went smoother than we thought, (but) there were a few issues of the system running slow,” she said.

While the system may have a few hiccups early on, eventually the new arrangement will allow WIC participants to purchase goods and receive benefits in a quick and convenient way, while at the same time giving families detailed information on what foods are available for purchase and what their balance is in real time.

Participants in the program will be able to access this information through an application on their smartphone called WIC Shopper, which is available on Apple and Android devices.

“When they go to the store, they can actually bring (their phone) and scan the barcode, and when you do that it will tell you what is WIC eligible and what is not,” said Dixon. “You can also log in (with) your card number and it will show you what is available on the card.”

In the past, WIC participants had to use paper checks to buy groceries or receive benefits, said Dixon. This led to several problematic issues because when WIC participants needed items like formula or staple groceries, they had to use the check’s full amount, meaning families had to buy extra food they didn’t need.

“You used to have to cash a whole check, so if you didn’t want two gallons of milk at that time, you lost (those benefits),” said Dixon. “So, you get two gallons of milk, peanut butter, cheese, bread, and eggs, you have to get it all. There is no coming back and once you sign (the check), it is gone, whereas on eWIC, you get what you want. You can go to the store, and only get milk and cheese, swipe your card, and then you are on your way,” she said.

Another issue caused by using paper checks that won’t exist anymore thanks to the new eWIC system, is WIC participants will not lose their benefits if they lose their card.

Previously, if you lost a check, you lost your benefits, meaning no food, formula, or basic staples until the next check arrived. Now, with the new eWIC card, even if you lose it, the data for all your benefits are still in the system. All you have to do is pick up a new one, Dixon said.

“We have had so many people who have lost their checks,” said Dixon. “If you lose the card, as long as nobody has your pin number, you just need to come in and we will give you another card. The benefits aren’t on the card, they are in the system,” she said.

In addition to the new cards and smartphone application, there is a nutrition education component to the system. Previously, program participants had to visit the local WIC office for nutrition education, which enabled them to receive benefits. Now, with the new eWIC system, participants can utilize a smartphone application called WICSmart that contains information on a number of health-related topics.

Participants can use the application to learn about those topics, take a pre-test and post-test, then can take a screenshot of the test and send it to Gila River WIC. This acts as nutrition education training and allows program participants to receive their WIC benefits without having to visit WIC’s offices.

“As long as they aren’t at high risk and don’t need re-certification, we can call them on the phone, they send us the score sheet, and (we) just load the benefits to their card,” Dixon said.

For more information about the new eWIC system contact GRIC’s WIC Program at (520) 562-9698.
Russell Moore featured in International Trombone journal

Thanks to the research of a former member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Gila River Indian Community’s most endearing musician, “Big Chief” Roberto A. Jackson, Russell Moore, graced the cover of a major trombone journal with a 14-page feature story on the Dixieland jazz artist.

Moore, who passed away in Nacogdoches, Texas in 1983 at the age of 71, is featured in the July 2017 edition of the International Trombone Association (ITA) Journal, the quarterly publication of the ITA. The article, written by Douglas Yeo, long-time bass trombonist for the Boston Symphony and former Arizona State University Professor, is called “Take It, Big Chief! An Appreciation of Russell Moore,” and outlines Moore’s background, his life as a musician, and the colorful history of the well-regarded jazz side along with greats such as Louis Armstrong, Lionel Hampton, and Sidney Bechet.

“Moore started ‘connecting’ to the instrument in high school after a football injury forced him to play from the textbook way of placing the mouthpiece in the center of one’s lips. Moore stayed in Los Angeles after graduating from Sherman Institute. He was lowing with various bands, joined Lionel Hampton’s band in 1955. It was the beginning of his incredible career until Moore would lead trombone with Louis Armstrong’s orchestra, that in that time he traveled from Phoenix to New Orleans, New York City, Texas, Kansas City, the West Coast—anywhere his trombone would take him. Moore talked to Yeo that he learned from the 1930 to the late 1970s. Russell Moore was frequently traveling. He was probably on the road away from home for up to 200 or 250 days a year. “At that time, if you asked Russell Moore when was the last time he would have probably have said, ‘In my suitcase.’

“Following his initial time with Armstrong during the 1940s, Moore’s next big moment came with another Dixieland legend, clarinetist Sidney Bechet. Yeo wrote, ‘Moore accompanied Bechet and several other prominent Dixieland musicians for the 1949 International Jazz Festival at the Sal- len Plejey in Paris,’ This seminal moment in jazz history, said Yeo, brought together traditional Dixieland jazz with the emerging, contemporary bebop style. While Moore was entwined with the tradi- tional ‘jazz’ family tree, there was an opportunity for up-and-coming young talent under Moore’s tutelage to learn the art of improvising and playing the instrument of their choosing.

“His trombone would take him to the west bank of the Hudson River to his later years in Nyack, on the west bank of the Hudson River. Moore traveled around the world thanks to his music. ‘His trombone was his ticket to a very successful, life-saving’ success,” said Yeo.

Success wasn’t always easy for a peripatetic jazz musician like Moore. Yeo was able to find all the pivotal moments in the young man’s life, such as when Moore’s father, Jose Newton Moore, passed away in 1924. Moore’s brother and broth- er-in-law died that same year and Moore had to leave his family. Moore left his family in Illiterate subregional years, but not before learning to play the piano from his uncle, who was a music teacher. Moore used his early musical training con- tinued his love of music. At the early age of 5, Moore wrote, ‘“I could quote from a reference. I knew the great saxophon- ist from their days playing in Kansas City, off- ered some calming effects. Moore realized how that was my first awaken- ing to the Savoy Records of the ’50s, “we feel very attached to this place,” said Yeo.

Yeo’s chance to learn more about Moore came quickly. “The opportuni- ty arose for me to write a major article for the Inter- national Trombone Association Journal and that led to my very joyful exploration of Russell Moore’s life, his work, and his times,” said Yeo.

Since there was no single place that had all the information about Moore, Yeo started “connecting,” or putting together information, and sources on Moore that were found scattered in books, articles, libraries, and archives around the world. Moore realized how humble a beginning Moore had, as the early to mid- 1960s was a difficult time for the O’otham. ‘Water was still an abstract concept to me,’ Yeo said. His parents and grandparents imagine that Russell’s life was more about Moore’s life and career, and that there is much more to the story of Moore’s life. Doug found out what ever we can do to Moore’s life. Doug found out about Moore’s life and career.

Yeo’s article has also featured a Native American. “He’s very deserving of what ever we can do to continue his memory and legacy.” Another researcher who’s worked extensively in GRIC, and has studied Moore’s life and career, sees Yeo’s article as an important addition to recognizing the O’otham jazz musician.

J. Andrew Darling, Ph.D., who was previously director of the GRIC Cultural Resource Man- agement Program, wrote, “Douglas Yeo has written a valuable contribution on the life and musical legacy of Russell Moore, which stands alongside the best that’s been written about the late Russell Moore’s career and music.”

Darling, who gives presentations on Moore, and is currently a Senior Archaeologist and Princi- pal Investigator for Southwest Heritage Research, LLC, said that Moore holds a considerable amount of what we can call the history of jazz. “Russell Moore was unique in that he was a true working musician who witnessed the development of jazz over a career that spanned more than fifty years,” Darling wrote.

Yeo’s article has also been a way for his fami- ly to reconnect with that late relative. Jacob Moore, Russell’s great-nephew, feels that Yeo did justice in capturing his uncle’s sto- ry. “Douglas Yeo’s article captured and confirmed ev- erything that we all only knew from the Moore trombone world. I thought writing this article would be an opportunity to bring new insights and understanding outside of Sherman School,” he said. With tre- mendous feedback on the article so far, Yeo is proud to imagine that is the first time the ITA Journal has featured what it would mean to be a jazz musician that trave- led the world and played with the best musicians of his time,” wrote Jacob. Jacob was also im- pressed by all the facts that Yeo unearthed in his research. “I’m still blown away with the details that Mr. Yeo was able to un- cover regarding Russell Moore’s life. Doug found information about Russell that the family never knew, like his student file from Sherman Indian School and almost every fund, city, state, and country that Russ- well played in throughout his long career. I’m grateful for the passion and dedication that Doug put into this project,” wrote Jacob.

In the near future, Community members will have the chance to see some of Russell Moore’s belongings in a new display. The Huhugam Heritage Center, previously had an exhibit dedicated to Russell Moore and is planning to make their collection available in their new upgrades. “The Heritage Center is in the design phase for major new exhibits, one of which will feature Russell Moore. His trombone will be on exhibit, as well as the beautiful painting of him by Phil Stein, once owned by Moore, that used to hang in the Gila River Arts Center,” said Molly Metz, Senior Curator at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

According to Yeo, he is “not done,” researching Moore. “When they reach a new, one trombone from the opposite side of the Estrellas now feels a spe- cial affinity for the great legendary player who was born on the other side. “I feel like I know him, and like him, he has changed me,” said Yeo.
Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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Certain reports may not be available or are cur-
cently under investigation when the GRPD holds
the right to restrict public re-
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Incident Log
August 16 - 12, 2017
Calls for services this week: 550
Arrest made: 50

District One (Black water): No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Two (Saugu- tan):
Aggravated Assault – During a family altercation the victim was cut with a machete by his son. The suspect fled from the scene prior to officers arrival but was later located and taken into custody. The vic-
tim was transported to the hospital for further medical attention.

Status: Male suspect was arrested

Burglary – Officers re-
sponded to a welfare check which had been request-
ed by a witness. The property neighbor had reported to the homeowner, that a sus-
picious male was seen walking in the yard. Though no one was located in the yard, it was discovered multiple items had been taken from the back yard of the resi-
dence.

Status: On-going In-
vestigation

Theft – During a ver-
al alteration a MP3 play-
er was taken from a vehicle. The victim reported the sus-
tpect took the item with-
out permission and was re-
quested to look through the bags one

Status: On-going In-
vestigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a debit card that was taken from the wallet of the victim. The investigation revealed the suspect was questioned by the victim after the debit card and the suspect admit-
ted to taking the card. The Officers are continuing to follow up on the location of the suspect.

Status: On-going In-
vestigation

Theft – The victim re-
ported that the suspect and her boyfriend of three years had taken her cell phone out of her hands and walked away from the residence. The victim stated the sus-
ungard no one had never

Status: On-going In-
vestigation

District Three: (Saca-
ton):
Auto Theft – A grey 2005 ford escape was taken without the owner’s per-
mission from a residence of a family member. The victim stated the vehicle be-
came inoperable and they had left it at a family mem-
ber’s residence. As the manager con-
fronted the suspect, the sus-
tpect got into a vehicle, took off and ran. The vehicle was later located by offi-
cers and the suspect was taken into custody.

Status: The suspect was booked into Jail.

District Four (Stonot-
a Area):
No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Long Butte Area):
Aggravated Assault - A male was approached by the victim and they got into an argument. The victim stated the male asked her phone number and they got into an argument. The suspect then got into his vehicle and left. The vehicle was later located by of-
cers and the suspect was taken into custody.

Status: The suspect was booked into Jail.

District Two (Saugu- tan):
Aggravated Assault – A male and a suspect acted alike and the female victim by grab-
ing her by the neck and strangling her during the altercation. The victim had taken visible markings and bruising on her neck, shoul-
ders and arm were and medical-
ly evaluated by GREMS. The victim stated he did not know who would have taken the vehi-

cle and someone took it. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen. The vehicle was lo-
cated the next day in Dis-

Status: Under Investi-

gation

District Three (Saca-
ton):
Auto Theft – The victim called dispatch to re-
port his vehicle had been broken into. The victim stated he was at work. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen and at-

Status: Under Investi-

gation

District Four (Lon-

Theft – The victim called dispatch to report her vehicle had been broken into. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen.

Status: Under Investi-

gation

District Five (Casa-
Blanca):
Homicide – The sus-
psect used a firearm to shoot the victim multiple times in the head. The victim was transported to a nearby medical facility to receive further medical care and was medical-

Status: Under Investi-

gation

District Six (Komat-
key):
Burglary – Officers responded to a residence in reference to stolen property. Upon arrival the victim stated his hash was unlocked but it was still kicked in causing damages. The suspect’s take his red Ninja motorcycle.

Status: Under Investi-

gation

District Seven (Mar-
iposa):
No incidents involving part 1 crime

Incident Log
August 13 - 19, 2017
Calls for services this week: 604
Arrest made: 37

District One (Black water):
Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch to report his vehicle had been broken into. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen and at-

Status: Under Investi-

gation

District Four (Lon-

Theft – A male suspect assaulted the female victim by grab-

Status: Under Investi-

gation

District Three: (Saca-
ton):
Auto Theft – The reporting party called dispatch to report his son was located by suspects. The victim stated he was riding his bike through the alley he was attacked and struck in the facial area. The victim be-
lieved he was struck with an unknown object. Due to in-
juries sustained during the altercation the victim was transported out to a nearby medical facility to receive further medical treatment. The suspect stated he was knocked unconscious for an unknown length of time.

Status: Under Investi-

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District Seven (Mar-
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No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Stonot-
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No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Long Butte Area):
Aggravated Assault - Officers responded to a residence in reference to an agency assist. As the officer was conducting the investigation the suspect began to resist as the of-
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Status: Under Investi-

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District Four (Lon-

Theft – A male suspect took the item with-
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Status: On-going In-
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Theft – A female sus-
tpect walked into the Mi-

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vestigation

Theft – A female sus-
tpect walked into the store and took one hot dog and two tamales from the food counter. The suspect then walked out of the store without paying for these items. As the manager con-
fronted the suspect, the sus-
tpect scratched the victim with an unknown object, caus-
ing a superficial cut.

Status: On-going In-
vestigation

Theft – The construc-
tion foreman stated that hoses bids and copper lines were taken from a house which was under construc-
tion.

Status: On-going In-
vestigation

Theft – A female pa-
ton requested to speak with officers to file a re-
port regarding two males going through her vehicle. It was reported that items were stolen from her purse which had been left in her car.

Status: Under Investi-

gation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to a resi-
dence in reference to a burglary. Investigation re-
vealed a juvenile went into the home after break-in. Due to in-
juries sustained during the alteration the victim was transported out to a nearby medical facility to receive further medical treatment. The suspect stated he was knocked unconscious for an unknown length of time.

Status: Under Investi-

gation

Shoplifting – Officers responded to the Tommy Hilfiger Store at the Phoe-

Status: Under Investi-

gation

Shoplifting – Officers responded to Love’s Truck Stop and arrested a sus-

Status: Under Investi-

gation

Shoplifting – Two sus-
pects, one male and one female, approached and re-
moved a jacket from the Puma Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlets without paying. The suspect was later located and after the vehicle and the suspect left the premises in the vehi-

cle.

Status: Under Investi-

gation

Shoplifting – While at the Calvin Klein Store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet, three females re-

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Status: Under Investi-

gation
Spectra Food Services & Hospitality provides exceptional food and beverage services, and takes great pride in the hospitality we bring to the table. We are seeking candidates with the skill, knowledge, and desire to join our team!

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- Chandler, Arizona 85226

**Kanie'keha Living The Carolin Hunter**
- Tawi'kwa Qimai'kwa Living The Carolin Hunter
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Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

A couple of weeks ago, I headed towards Kuiva (West End) for a meet-
ing. I kept my eyes on the vogg (road) looking out for crazy drivers or gogogs (dogs). Every now and then I looked left or right and recalled people, places, and things long gone. It was like jeved (land) asked me to remember. N kalit (my car) had become a time machine. No, I’m not a “knowing everything” person who could build such a machine (machine). That’s how a scientist was described by an O’otham elder in the 1978 movie, “A Fire in the Sky,” partly filmed in Kuiva.

Heading west out of Vah Ki, I glanced north on Ruins Road, towards the location of the Butterfield Stagecoach Station. One of the last merchants to operate the stage stop/store/floor mill was Ammi White, all melted back into the jeved in 1868 when flood waters reclaimed the building, even though it was 2 miles south of the main river channel. The Spanish name, Casa Blanca, survived.

Coming up on Horse-shoe Road, a “main” road leading north to Rsoonak (Water Standing/Wet-camp), I envisioned a village on the bank of the keli akimel. Roughly one hundred and eighty years ago, a young boy was irrigating a field during a cold night, so he made a small fire not far from the road. The original name was Superstition Road, but since the road was too far from the Gila River Indian Community, it was renamed Riggs for the family who farmed along this road south of Chandler. When the stop light allowed traf-

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Tribal Health Department - Gila River Indian Community

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Follow directions on mosquito repellents

● Staying indoors if possible
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● Using mosquito repellents on exposed skin. Follow directions on mosquito repellents

United American Indian Involvement, Inc.

American Indian Day
16th Annual Community Gathering and Family Picnic
Saturday, September 9th, 2017
Health Fair 10am - 2pm
Mini Powwow 2-4pm

Growing Presbyterian Church.

Remembering Dr. Douglas Price

Submitted by Sacaton Elementary
School District

Dr. Douglas Price, long-time education lead-
er, and former Sacaton Ele-

Common to turn west, I recall el-
ders telling me that the old, winding, road from Gila Crossing to Snaketown was closer to the river. Four miles westward, as the vogg began to curve northwest, now called Bellline, there are visible sand dunes. The Hi’atam/Hia’to People (on the Sand Dunes) lived among the dunes. They were originally from Ak Chin, but moved to Gila Crossing.

Calendar stick records show that in 1849-50 three enemy warriors were dis-
covered approaching Gila Crossing. They were pur-
sued all the way to the present-
day Tempe where they decided to make a stand. Up on a hill they built a low rock wall and held the Gila Crossing men at bay. But as evening approached, the Gila Crossing men stormed the enemy and killed them.

Entering the village proper, the big building on the right is the Gila Crossing Presbyterian Church. The church was begun in early 1894 and dedicated in December of that year by Charles H. Cook.

I arrived in time for my meeting. No wrong way drivers, or dogs. It was nice to listen to the jeved. My time machine deserves a drink of new oil.

Much of the informa-
tion was taken from The Pima Indians by F. Russell and O’odham Place Names by H. Winters.

that, he was superintendent for Tanque Verde Unified

School District. He left a lasting legacy in Education and will be sorely missed. He is survived by his loving wife Suzanne, three children and grandchildren.

Dr. Price was recog-
nized as a true collaborator, mentor, and innovator. A Governing Board member noted, “Dr. Price is a vi-
sionary in the field of edu-
cation.” It is evident he was dedicated to the Gila River Indian Community and pro-
viding quality education for all children. Mr. Tim Price is working closely with the Sacaton family to honor his father through monetary donations in lieu of funeral flowers for the purchase of library books for students in his father’s memory.

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Saturday, September 9th, 2017
Mini Powwow 2-4pm

Crystal Springs Picnic Site
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For info: (213) 241-0979 ext 7172

Dr. Douglas Price, long-time education lead-
er, and former Sacaton El-
elementary School District Superintendent passed away Aug. 15, 2017. He was named Superintendent of Sacaton School District in 2015 and led the Dis-

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had become a jungle-like oasis for animals, cottonwoods, and mesquite. When O’otham/Pipaash heard of an eastern city that had large buildings like a concrete jungle, this wetland got the O’otham nickname of New York Thicket.

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had become a time machine. No, I’m not a “knowing everything” person who could build such a machine (machine).

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As all O’otham had to be back then, Rsoonak men were quick to pursue the enemy. They chased the en-

emy and left no survivors.

While waiting at the stop light on the Maricopa highway, I looked south towards Ak Chin, and was back to 1862-63. Two en-

emy raiders slowly ap-

proached the village, but were discovered and pur-

sued. One was caught and
Is it football season already? You bet your pigskin it is. To be exact, 21 days since the end of Super Bowl LI to the start of Week 1 of the 2017 NFL regular season. So yeah, I think we’re ready.

We haven’t made any official picks in a few years, but the reception is really strong, and we’ve got the inside track on all your favorite teams. Who will make it to the playoffs? Who will be representing the AFC and NFC in Super Bowl LII? Who will win the whole thing? Slow down. Before we get to all the divisions and who will be hoisting the Vince Lombardi Trophy, let’s recap some of last year’s headlines.

The England Patriots were in the winner’s circle at the end of the Super Bowl. Four-game suspension to start the season for Patriots quarterback Tom Brady? Piece of cake. Losing All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski to a season-ending injury? No problem. Down late 28-3 in the Super Bowl to a surging Atlanta Falcons team? What else you got?

Brady orchestrated the greatest comeback since Steve Jobs went back to Apple Inc., and the Falcons, meanwhile, are still sick to their stomachs. No one’s cried that much in Atlanta since Scarlett O’Hara.

Locally, Arizona Cardinals’ fans were taking a lot of Rolaid’s last year after an up and, generally, down, season. You can blame me for jinxing the 2016 Cards. I probably shouldn’t have asked former Cardinal Calvin Campbell which finger he was going to put on that Super Bowl ring.

Elsewhere, the Rams played back in Los Angeles for the first time in over 20 years. Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick found himself in hot water over his protest of the national anthem, and a little team in Dallas found the win column behind two talented rookies.

The decision finally came down on the future of the Oakland Raiders. They’re going by the bay to the strip with their move (in 2020) to Las Vegas. There’s no waiting to find out who these stereotypes are playing. Adios San Di-ego, they’re L.A.’s problem now.

Although our past picks haven’t exactly panned out, we have redemption on our side. And we didn’t pick you to have a good season, then that might be a good thing.

AFC East winner - New England Patriots

Uh, yeah. The Patriots are going to win the AFC East again, even with the loss of Brady’s favorite target, Julian Edelman. The competition is about as stiff as a wet noodle. So don’t worry Pats’ fans, I’ll think you’ll manage.

The Buffalo Bills are looking to bounce back after another mediocre season, but it won’t be easy. The one thing that new Bills head coach Sean McDermott has going for him is that he is not Rex Ryan.

The Miami Dolphins will most likely struggle with starting quarterback Ryan Tannehill on the shelf and newly signed QB Jay Cutler taking snaps.

What about the New York Jets? What about them? They’ll be relying on their college scouts than the guys on the field.

AFC North winner - Pittsburgh Steelers

The Pittsburgh Steel- ers are still the big kids on the block. With a feared offense, they’ll need their defense to hold up their end of the bargain. The Baltimore Ravens will be pesky like every year, but will only go as far as quarterback Joe Flacco.

The Cincinnati Beng- als have the potential to shake off last year’s let down, but they have to keep their heads on straight if they’re going to make a splash. After a one-win season in 2016, the Cleveland Browns have nowhere to go but up. Maybe our grandkids will see them turn around someday.

AFC West winner - Oakland Raiders

The Oakland Raiders were one fibula away from making a deep postseason run. Quarterback Derek Carr suffered a broken leg toward the end of his breakout season, but this year expect big things from this up and coming group, especially with Marshawn Lynch toting the rock.

Kansas City Chiefs always hang around the top of the standings, but have a hard time showing up when it counts.

The Denver Broncos are hoping an improved offense could get them into the playoffs after going 9-7 last year and 2-4 in the division. We’ll see if Trevor Siemian or Paxton Lynch is up to the challenge.

The Los Angeles Char- gers are hoping to gain traction in Hollywood. For, getting their league field, Roscoe’s House of Chicken and Waffles will still be more popular than the Bulls in L.A.

AFC South winner - Tennessee Titans

The AFC South has been a lackluster division, but could change this year with the Tennessee Titans. Exactly like Derek Carr, Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota suffered a broken right fibula on Christmas Eve, 2016. It will be easy for Mariota to shake off last year’s disappointment with a strong offense and fine skill play- ers.

With the Brock Osweil- ler experiment in the rear view mirror, the Houston Texans have the electric rookie Deshaun Watson to take his place, and everybody in H-town is hoping he’s the answer. It’s hard to determine what is going on in Indy. The Indianapolis Colts have kept everything under wraps with quarterback Andrew Luck. If his shoulder holds up they’ll be a lot better off. The Jack- sonville Jaguars made a lot of moves in the offseason, but quarterback Blake Bore- lus isn’t looking too hot. The only fans he has left work at U-Haul.

Wild Card Teams - Kansas City Chiefs, Balti- more Ravens

NFC East winner - New York Giants

New York’s not my home, but it will be the home to the next NFC East champs. Their defense knocked a lot of people around last year, and if they live up to expectations, they’ll make opposing offenses nervous.

The Dallas Cowboys should be the unanimous pick to lead the East, but if Ezekiel Elliott’s suspension and shoulder injury they could stumble out the gates.

The Philadelphia Eagles have big plans for their young backfield. Expect the second year sig- nal caller to make another step forward.

This will surely be quarterback Kirk Cousins’ last year’s six-win squad. Everyone is anticip- ating big things from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Although talented, they’ll have to prove it in a tough division.

The Big Easy sure wishes the New Orleans Saints can return to respect- ability. Quarterback Drew Brees’ success hasn’t paid off in recent years and he’s getting closer to the end of his Hall of Fame career.

Super Bowl LII predictions

Minneapolis, Minn., will be freezing outside on Feb. 4, 2018, but the action in the U.S. Bank Stadium will be warmed up for Super Bowl LII. The NFC will be represented by the Green Bay Packers, who will face off against the AFC Champion, Oakland Raiders for the Vince Lombardi Trophy. Aaron Rodgers will be going up against Derek Clark in this slugfest with (gulp) the Raiders winning the big one. The Silver and Black will finally get to add more hardware to their tro- phy case, and live up to the late Al Davis’ famous creed “Just Win Baby.”

Super Bowl winner - Oakland Raiders

NFC West winner - Seattle Seahawks

Although we’re not as high on the Seattle Sea- hawks this year as in the past, especially with their perpetual offensive line de- bates, but someone’s going to have to wrestle the divi- sion from them. They’ve never missed the playoffs since Russell Wilson has been behind center, and they should still be in the mix.

The Arizona Cardinals took a tumble last year, but after playing in the NFC Championship game a sea- son prior. They are under the radar and appear to be more focused on proving everyone wrong. The Los Angeles Rams have turned the page from previous head coach Jeff Fisher. The season will hinge on quar- terback Jared Goff’s arm, which might be a shaky proposition. The San Fran- cisco 49ers are looking to rebuild with a new coach and front office. The clock won’t start ticking until next year for early success.

NFC South winner - Atlanta Falcons

This division has a lot of firepower. Expect the Atlanta Falcons to lead the way even after their incred- ibly soul-crushing Super Bowl catastrophe.

The Carolina Panthers have taken a long look at themselves in the mirror and are hoping to be more like the 2015 Panthers than Super Bowl win- ner - Oakland Raiders
GRGE joins annual Give-a-thon for Phoenix Children’s Hospital

Christopher Lomahquahu  
Gila River Indian News

It has become one of the nation’s largest public fundraisers, bringing individuals, groups and organizations together to give their financial support during the Arizona Sports (98.7 FM) and KTAR (92.3 FM) Give-A-Thon for Phoenix Children’s Hospital on Aug 16-17.

This year, Gila River Gaming Enterprise made a special donation during a live broadcast of the Give-A-Thon on Aug 17. GRGE joined other local organizations in handing the phones as the flood of individuals called in to make their donation.

Presenting the check donation was Vice President of Corporate Marketing Dominic Orozco, who said that the enterprise has been a partner in giving to PCH during the Give-A-Thon for the past four years.

“We have a really giving heart within the enterprise and we are so happy to do this, it is an amazing event,” said Orozco.

Valley on-air radio personalities from the two sister-stations, included co-hosts of the Blitz with B-Train and Jurecki, former Arizona Cardinals defensive end Bertrand Berry and sports analyst Mike Jurecki.

The duo, joined by Pamela Hughes and Bruce St. James from KTAR, spoke over the air about the harrowing stories of children that receive the highest standard of care, because of the fundraiser.

PCH Manager of Corporation Development Debbie Stantus said the Give-A-Thon is one of the biggest public fundraisers across the United States and has developed partnerships with generous organizations like GRGE.

“They do a lot to contribute back to the community and always participate every December during the Ignite Hope Candlelight Walk.”

In that event, individuals and groups walk around the PCH holding artificial candles to give hope to the young patients that family and strangers are there to support them on their path to recovery.

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Lt. Gov. named one of Arizona’s Most Influential Women in 2017

Robert A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

When it comes to other female leaders in Arizona, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone is in good company. Lt. Gov. Antone was named as one of the Most Influential Women in Arizona Business for 2017 by Az Business magazine and was featured in the July/August 2017 issue along with 44 other honorees. “It means a lot to me because it’s representing the Gila River Indian Community,” said Antone at the event in Phoenix honoring the women on Aug. 23.

This year Lt. Gov. Antone was joined by Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams, Yavapai-Apache Chairwoman Jane Russell Wniecki, and Olympic gold medalist Amy Van Dyken-Rouen among others.

“In her address, Chief Williams, who is the first female to be named chief of police in Phoenix, said “to my fellow honorees, all you ladies rock, too.”

Az Business had over 2,000 women in consideration and they chose 44 in business and 16 in commercial real estate. “This year’s list is a very diverse list, it’s a very dynamic list,” said Green. The magazine highlights Lt. Gov. Antone’s advocacy of the Violence Against Women Act, her appointment to the State Coalition for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and her advocacy for mental health issues and sexual trafficking awareness.

“It’s a big honor and it ranks high on my scale of achievements. I’m very honored to receive this award,” she said.

Lt. Gov. Antone was joined by family, friends and Community Council Representatives Nada Celeya (District 4), Carolyn Williams (District 3) and Pamela Johnson (District 4).

Roberto A. Jackson
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Az Business

The latest issue of Az Business featured 44 influential women in business.
**Hurricane Harvey**

From Page 1

on frightening amounts of water. The feeling that this would be something major — something altogether different from past episodes of Mother Nature’s fury — began to set in. The worst was yet to come.

I have lived in Houston since December 2008, having moved here from Hartford, Conn., where I lived for 25 years. I am a reporter and have been employed in the newspaper industry my entire adult life. I began my career in news, covering town government, courts, cops, school boards, planning and zoning — all the while, hoping the reporters were assigned to gather and that you read about every day in your local newspaper.

As I progressed in my career at the Hartford Courant, the largest daily in Connecticut, I began to specialize in feature writing. As a features reporter and editor, I have covered arts and entertainment, celebrities and Hollywood, fashion, home design, travel, and food (as both a restaurant critic and food editor). I have been the food editor for the Houston Chronicle for nearly nine years, having the privilege of covering one of the most dynamic restaurant cities in America for one of the biggest daily newspapers in the country.

Some may see food reporting as soft news. It’s not. It takes just as much reporting skills as any hard news beat.

Which is why on Sunday morning when the city of Houston set up an evacuation center at the massive George R. Brown Convention Center, I told my paper I’d head over there. It’s a 10-block walk. I got to the convention center just as the first evacuees were being unloaded off emergency trucks at about 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 27. They were soaked and dazed, carrying suitcases, but most just large trash bags filled with whatever they could salvage from their flooded homes. There were mothers with babies and small kids, old people with canes, and regular men and women who were thankful to be rescued and in a dry place with food, water and toilets.

By the end of the day when we filed our stories, there were maybe 900 evacuees there; today as I write this, three full days into the country’s biggest natural disaster, there are more than 9,000 at the convention center, and counting. Dozens of other emergency shelters have since sprung up throughout the city as safe havens for those whose homes have been destroyed, whose lives are forever altered.

I live in downtown Houston in the historic heart of the city, in an iconic, 100-year-old building called the Rice Lofts, at 909 Texas Ave., on the site of the old Capitol of the Republic of Texas from 1837 to 1839. Today that site is a glorious grand hotel that is the epicenter of downtown’s historic district. My building, the former Rice Hotel, is now loft apartments with an impressive grand ballroom that still plays host to many of the city’s social functions. It is here at the Rice where the city’s first air conditioned public room made the news in 1922. And it played host on Nov. 21, 1963, to a rally for President John F. Kennedy at which First Lady Jackie Kennedy stole the show when she delivered a speech that went to the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). The crowd was wowed. It was the night before her husband was assassinated in Dallas.

The Rice has always been a comforting home. It’s an 18-story, fortress-like structure that seems invincible. I was told that during Hurricane Ike, which hit Houston three months before I moved here, the building never lost power. Well, during Hurri- cane Harvey it did after an underground transformer was deluged and blew. I returned to my apartment after covering the convention center to find our electricity and water out, and a generator operating the elevators (by the next day the emergency generators were out, throwing the hulk- ing Rice into spooky, pitch darkness). I packed a bag and headed to a downtown hotel that I knew had reliable power. By evening, the bayou that hugs downtown proper began creeping up. I walked down the street to see the water, spilling over the bayous banks, had come up only two blocks from my building, having already engulfed the nearby Arts District.

I’ve never been in a hurricane, but I know this was bad, and that our city would never be the same.

My newspaper has been working around the clock to cover the catastro- phe.Yesterday I canvassed downtown Houston col- lecting stories of travelers trapped in hotels and who didn’t know when or how they’d get home (the city’s two major airports have been shut for days). I met two gents from Scotland who made the mistake of taking a cab from their ho- tel north of the city to watch the Mayweather/McGregor fight at a downtown sports bar Saturday night. By the time they had finished parrying the storm was thundering down and Uber terminated service. I never got home (I ran into them on the streets again this morning and they’re still in their same clothes, still desperate to get back to their hotel).

I met an economist from Paris who was returning home from a busi- ness trip in Singapore with Houston as his connecting flight. He never connect- ed, and found himself at a downtown hotel with the prospect of a week’s work before he can return to the City of Light. I met a busi- nessman from Buenos Ai- res blissfully unaware that there was a hurricane threat when he landed in town on Thursday for a business meeting Friday. He seemed oblivious to the fact that one of the biggest natural disasters was playing out beyond the elegant lobby of his hotel. And I met a bride whose wedding for 250 was set for Saturday night as the storm angrily announced its presence. Her wedding went on; about 100 people were unable to attend but those who did found them- selves at a hurricane-attended cer- ebration reception that would last for days.

I still have not been able to get to my office, so I’m filing remotely; my apartment still unhabit- able. I feel beyond bless- ed to be in a hotel with electricity, running water, a comfortable bed. Thou- sandss are in miserable conditions in shelters; and many still in desperate need of rescue. Basic necessities are now a luxury for a great many. The suffering is incon- calculable. And the drama is still unfolding.

As I write this, we are only four days into the unfolding Harvey story. It’s a horrific story, one filled with moments of grace and the beauty of the human spirit. The city’s more fortunate citi- zens have pitched in to do what they can for those in need. There are lines of cars waiting to drop off much needed supplies at the convention center and other emergency shelters; regular Joes are using their big trucks and motor boats to rescue people they don’t know; churches are coming brothers and sisters of every faith; restaurants and chefs are using their own supplies and manpow- er to feed first responders and the hoards hunkering down in shelters through- out the metropolis. Even as the waters continue to rise, does the degree of commitment to helping the collective fellow man. Over and over I’ve heard the phrase “Texans helping Texans.” It’s true. But we’ve had help from all over the South, throughout the country, and possibly from our global compatriots.

It’s a collective salve on a wound that’s so enormous it’s almost im- possible to comprehend how it will heal.

But it will. I have to believe that. My own jour- nal publisher has taught me so. I was on assignment in New York City on the lu- minous, blue-sky morning of Sept. 11, 2001. We all know what happened that day, but I saw it first hand. I spent a week in Manhattan covering many of the awful aspects of 9/11. That was an American tragedy I thought at the time was something from which we’d never re- cover. Obviously we did, emerging more informed, stronger, more united. Hurri- cane Harvey, which is now moving east toward Louisiana, our beloved neighbor that still bears the scars of Hurricane Katrina, has hurt this city, but not broken it. The days, weeks, and months to come I’m certain will tell a story of humanity’s grace. And I hope I can help write that story.

Greg Morago, who grew up in Saint Paul, would like to thank family and friends from the Gila River Indian Community who have checked in on him through social media and have sent prayers and good wishes. He appreciates them all. You can reach Greg at greg.morago@chron.com
Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

With thoughts of drought conditions a concern throughout the Southwest, the Gila River Indian Community is taking steps to address how it will prepare itself as climate changes.

The GRC Department of Environmental Quality is ensuring the Community is a step ahead to determine what the appropriate actions are for climate change.

Last year, DEQ teamed up with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals and the University of Arizona to begin developing the GRIC Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Plan (CCARP), which included the hosting of two workshops in the Community.

Althea Walker, DEQ Environmental Education and Outreach Specialist, said “It’s about breaking it down to the more personal aspects of [it].” According to an executive summary the CCARP’s goal, is to inform Community members about the need to explore the long-term impacts on GRIC’s food, health, traditional lifestyles, and culture.

“When [things] become unavailable, you forget or are unable to share those practices to teach our younger generation,” said Walker.

The workshops explored how resiliency plays an important role in the welfare of the Community. Aspects about it include how climate change will impact the Community’s land and waters and what kind of impact it will have on GRIC’s ability to sustain its livelihood.

Walker said, “It is going to affect our health… whether it is heat stress, air pollution…food insecurity. It is going to affect us and our comfortable way of living.”

From the information gathered during the two workshops, from Community members, DEQ can better understand how to develop strategies to understand and explore the long-term climate change impacts them.

U of A’s Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions program assisted in GRIC’s adaptation planning by putting together a climate profile of the Community to help better understand what GRIC’s climate has been like since around 1900. Climate change trends, climate projections, and how climate change will affect us in general.

In addition, the partnership with Northern Arizona University’s Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals helped in identifying some of the contributing factors that influence climate change on a tribal, local, national, and global scale.

The indicators that climate change is at play include an increase in average temperature, decrease in average precipitation, increase in length of frost-free season, heavier downpours; the list goes on, all of which can impact our livelihoods, like a farmer’s ability to grow crops.

In regards to climate change adaptation and resiliency planning, “it’s a form of writing this valuable knowledge and information down and being proactive versus being reactive,” said Walker, “It is also about being more informed on it and writing a strategy to address the impacts climate change has on our Community.”

Now that the planning process has further developed and the workshops have been completed, the work will turn towards educational outreach to reaffirm the spectrum of services that will be developed around climate change. The overall goal of the CCARP is to lessen the impacts of climate change on our health and well-being, not only for today, but for future generations to come.
ANTHONY J. HILL for CHIEF JUDGE
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* Increase substance abuse treatment as an alternative to jail.
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Komatke Health Center Campus
Ak-Chin Clinic

NextGen

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Benefits to Making the Change

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Just Move It

Community-wide Walk/Run Series
October 2017 - 1 & 3 Mile Courses

10/5 District 2 Service Center
Registration 5 PM - Start 5:30 PM

10/7 District 4 Service Center
Registration 7 AM - Start 7:30 AM

10/13 District 7 Service Center
Registration 4:30 PM - Start 5:00 PM

10/17 District 1 Service Center
Registration 5 PM - Start 5:30 PM

10/26 District 6 Komatke Health Center
Registration 4 PM - Start 4:45 PM

10/27 District 5 Service Center
Registration 4:30 PM - Start 4:45 PM

11/1 District 3 Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital
Registration 4 PM - Start 4:45 PM

GRHC Hires

GRIC Member Employment Highlights

During the month of August 2017, several Community members - GRHC’s newest employees - began working in the following departments: Life Center, Transportation, Materials Management, Grounds Keeping, EVS, and Dialysis.

Sonia H. Seth J. Christina H. Terayln S.
Joshua G. Katrina K. Kristopher D.
Judy M. Megan K. Thomas B.

Visit us online at GRHC.ORG/CAREERS and apply today, or you can email us at hireme@grhc.org. If you prefer to speak with someone, call (520) 562-3321 ext. 1342 to speak with a recruiter today.

September 2017 Holiday Closures

Labor Day Closure

Pharmacy Hours
Saturday, September 2nd 8:30 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday, September 3rd 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Monday, September 4th CLOSED

Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Native American Day Closure
Closed Friday, September 15, 2017.

Pharmacy Hours
Friday, September 15th CLOSED
Saturday, September 16th 10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday, September 17th 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Normal business hours will resume Monday, September 18, 2017.

If you need immediate assistance, call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.
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September 9, 2017
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Families of Veterans’ Welcome

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Chandler, Arizona

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