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## Docket 228 money to go to tribes

Approximately \$6.3 million in land judgement money will be distributed among the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Ak Chin O'odham tribe Aug. 25.

The money, widely known as Docket 228 money, is compensation to the tribes, who won their claim that their rights to aboriginal land were denied.

Paul Smith, BIA tribal operations officer in the Phoenix Area Office, said, "We're going to break out the money among the three tribes on Aug. 25."

The original award grant in April 1985 by the U.S. Claims Court was \$6,260,589. Smith said 10 percent was deducted for attorney fees, but the award has been accumulating interest since that time.

One requisite for the tribes before they could claim their awards was that "each tribe had to develop its own use plan, and those plans are in effect now," he said.

The approximately \$6.3 million now available for distribution among

the tribes will be divided up according to the number of tribal members in each tribe, Smith said.

He said, "The numbers that we've got, Gila River has 10,370, Ak Chin was 490, and Salt River was 4,352.

"That's supposed to represent the membership of the tribe on the effective date of their plans, which was Aug. 10, 1986."

The Aug. 25 distribution, or break out, as Smith says, means the tribes can actually have access to some of the money under the right conditions.

"What that means is that once the break out to the tribes is made, it makes those funds available and accessible to the tribes," said Smith.

The money is in two separate accounts, one for per capita distribution, the other for tribal programs. If it meets the tribes use plan, portions of the tribal programs money can be used by the tribes.

The per capita distribution by the respective tribes "depends on the ability of the tribes to develop a roll that is approved by their tribal council and by the secretary of the interior,"

Smith said.

Salt River and Ak Chin have done that, so the per capita distribution of their funds is expected to occur in the very near future, Smith said.

Gila River has yet to have its roll approved by the bureau Smith said.

"They (Gila River) have got a roll on which they have a lot of work to do, so it may be quite a while before they get a per capita distribution. It's not accurate, there's a lot of missing data," he said.

Gila River tribal officials contended earlier that the delay with the tribe's roll rests with the BIA, not with the tribe.

Gila River Gov. Donald Antone Sr. said when the tribe was in the process of updating its tribal membership roll, the bureau in effect changed the rules.

"Halfway through the process, the BIA asked for a separate listing to be used for payout," Antone said.

"We ended up with two sets of rolls, and that's when it began to fall apart," he said.

Antone said the bureau also wanted two separate tribal council resolutions to go with the two separate rolls.

"One resolution identifies the actual enrollment certification, another resolution identifies those people who didn't meet the deadline," and according to the BIA shouldn't be paid a per capita portion of the judgement money, said Antone.

The tribal council approved a single version of the tribe's roll and forwarded it to the BIA. That roll includes the names of people who appealed their tribal status and won tribal membership.

Smith said the work that needs to be done on the tribal roll involves mainly current information, such as women who have married but continue to be enrolled under their maiden name, people enrolled under two different names, no social security number, no addresses.

He said this is a case of individual members of the tribe having to be responsible about keeping the tribal enrollment office informed about their most current situation.

## Candidates slow to officially declare for races

The number of candidates who intend to run in the Sept. 15 Gila River primary election for governor, lieutenant governor, chief judge and two associate judgeships is expected to increase several-fold over the handful who have officially declared their candidacy one day before the Aug. 18 filing deadline.

As of noon Aug. 17 only two persons have filed candidacy forms with the election office for the governor's post.

They are current Gila River Lt. Gov. Thomas White, and District 3 resident Georgette Chase.

Those who officially have declared their intent to seek the lieutenant governor's post are Lucius Kyyatin, tribal council representative from District 5, Dallas Delowe, a resident of District 5, and William Rhodes, tribal councilman from District 4.

Filing a declaration of candidacy for the tribe's chief judge position is current Chief Judge Randy Hoyema.

Others who have indicated plans to seek office include Gila River Gov. Donald Antone Sr., who will seek reelection, and Joseph Manuel, director of Gila River TERO, who is campaigning for the lieutenant governor's seat.

As a reminder just before the filing deadline, Gila River Personnel Services released a memorandum on guidelines for tribal employees who may be considering running for an elected office.

According the memorandum, paragraph three of the political activities section of the revised Employee Conduct Policy reads as follows:

"Tribal employees seeking an elective office of tribal council member, associate judge, chief judge, lieutenant governor or governor shall not be required to resign from their position prior to

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## Spending it before you get It? Then try these figures on for size

If the figures hold up, here is an estimate of how the Gila River Indian Community might fare in the distribution of Docket 228 money.

According to BIA officials, though no exact figure has been set, a lowball estimate of the money available to be distributed among Gila River, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Ak Chin O'odham tribe is about \$6.3 million.

Tribal rolls submitted to the BIA show Gila River with 10,370 tribal members, Salt River with 4,352 tribal members, and Ak Chin with 490. The total enrollment of the three tribes is 15,212.

Dividing the \$6.3 million figure by the 15,212 enrollment total of the tribes allows a value of \$414.15

for each member of a tribe.

Multiplying the 10,370 Gila River tribal members by the \$414.15 figure shows the tribe's portion of Docket 228 money should be about \$4.294 million.

Eighty percent, or approximately \$3.435 million, should be available for per capita distribution to qualified tribal members in accordance with the tribe's use plan.

Distributing the \$3.435 million among the 10,370 Gila River tribal members shows that each should get about \$330 for a per capita payment.

This is, of course, all just an estimate. The exact figure depends on the amount of interest the principal amount earns by the time a per capita distribution is made.

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## Candidates slowly coming to front

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being elected; however, upon declaration of candidacy, they must take annual leave or leave without pay thirty (30) working days prior to election day so that there is a separation of the official employee position from the person's political activities as a candidate. If elected, the employee shall resign no later than the day before he or she is sworn in as a tribal elected official. These

provisions shall also apply to a tribal employee who may not have filed a written declaration of candidacy, but who does engage in political activity as a candidate."

Anyone having questions about the policy may get information by contacting Gila River director of Personnel Services Orlando J. Manuel at 562-3311, ext. 218.

## Gila River youth conference scheduled at Sacaton career center

A conference aimed at promoting leadership qualities among Gila River youth is scheduled Aug. 19 and 20 at the Gila River Career Center.

The A'Kimel O'odham Youth Conference will begin each day at 8 a.m. with registration. There will be guest speakers, workshops and recreational activities.

The conference theme is "Indian youth, voice of today, leaders of tomorrow."

Speakers and workshops will be geared toward developing leadership skills, bettering self-image, learning

to communicate and interact with others, finding out about motivation, making decisions, the importance of cultural awareness, and making use of educational opportunities.

The conference is open to the public and is free of charge. Lunch will be served. It is sponsored by the Gila River Indian Community, and organizers expect to draw about 200 students.

For more information contact Greg Mendoza, Carlene Myers or Martha Reed at 562-3311.



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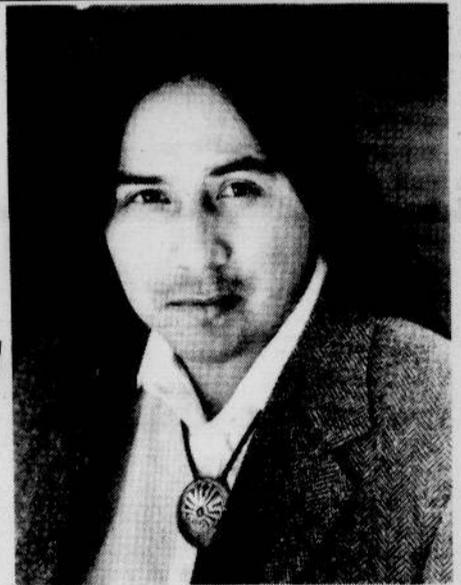
## Chandler-Gilbert community college to dedicate new campus Sept. 14-19

The newest community college in the area of the Gila River Indian Community, Chandler-Gilbert Community College Center, will dedicate its campus with a series of events from Sept. 14-19.

An official celebration of the campus at Gilbert and Pecos roads will be Sept. 19. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided and the public is invited.

The first phase of campus construction involves 70,000 square feet of buildings for academic and instructional areas, including a child care center and fitness center.

College officials expect about 3,000 students to enroll during August. Information about the dedication activities can be obtained by calling Felice Data at 821-9108 in Chandler.



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## Getting to see the pope Sept. 14 may turn out a tough undertaking

When Pope John Paul II visits Phoenix in September, there could be many members of the Gila River community there to see him, or there could be only a handful.

Trying to find out who'll be there is as difficult as trying to find out how to get a seat to the Sept. 14 Papal Prayer and Dialouge at the Phoenix Veterans' Memorial Colesium, which is being touted as a Native American event.

Tony Machukay, a Native American member of the Phoenix Diocese Bishop's Human Development Council, said the colesium event will include a prayer service and verbal exchange with the pope.

He said Indian people are going to present a lengthy text, and then talk with the pope, which is what he came to do.

Machukay said assignment has already been made for the 2,700 spectator seats allocated to the Phoenix Diocese for Indian people from Guadalupe, Gila Bend, Gila River and Salt River.

But, he also said that he has no information on the seating, and is having difficulty finding out even who to talk to about it.

Trying to find out who will get a seat, or if people from Gila River might be filling some of those seats, or even if the reservation's Catholic community might be planning an activity is proving difficult.

## Hospital head resigns from post

Gary Thompson, citing health reasons, resigned as service unit director at the Sacaton IHS hospital in late June.

Thompson, 46, a member of the Gila River Indian Community, is from Sacaton. He worked for the IHS for 12 years, and continues as an IHS employee assigned to the Gila River tribe as a health planner, a post he took July 6.

Thompson said the health planners job is something with which he is familiar, having filled a similar job for six years with the tribe before joining IHS.

In explaining the health reasons that led to his resignation, he said only, "I put in a lot of years, a lot of good years. There's a time in your life when you need a change."

Jerry Short, who served at the White River Indian Hospital, is the acting director at Sacaton.

The health service is now advertising the service unit director's post, which is one of the initial steps to fill the position.

Virgil Armstrong, a Catholic community leader and member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, said there seems to be little information about planned activities by the community.

"Nobody seems to know anything. Everyone seems to be on their own. I don't know if the other Catholic churches are chartering buses. It's everybody for themselves," he said.

"As far as I know, nothing has been put together...for the Phoenix visit. It's too bad. It's a once in a lifetime thing. It's too bad we didn't put something together, but maybe at the last minute something will work out," said Armstrong.

He said early in the year a committee was formed for the Native American Papal Visit, which was to be a liaison with the Tekawitha Conference for the purpose of pulling information together and to get it out to Native Americans.

After a couple of meetings, said Armstrong, the committee drifted apart, the last meeting held at St. John's early this year.

Armstrong said he was also willing to serve on the ticket committee for the pope's visit, but he couldn't get information and was told to call Montana (headquarters for the Tekawitha Conference).

## SCHEDULE FOR 1987

### GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ELECTION FOR GOVERNOR, LT. GOVERNOR, CHIEF TRIBAL JUDGE AND ASSOCIATE JUDGES

AUGUST 18 - Deadline for Declaration of Candidacy for Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Tribal Judge, and Associate Judges (2) for the Gila River Indian Community.

AUGUST 19 - Certification of Candidates by the Gila River Indian Community Tribal Council.

AUGUST 24 - Listing of Qualified Candidates.

AUGUST 28 - Orientation for District chief election judges at the Gila River Tribal Building, 1 P.M.

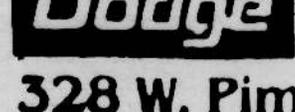
SEPTEMBER 1 - Absentee ballots available from the Gila River Election Board Chairwoman, or from respective District chief election judges.

SEPTEMBER 8 - Orientation for District election board members, Gila River Tribal Building, 1 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 14 - Deadline for absentee voting, 5 P.M. (Mailed ballots must be postmarked 5 days prior to September 14)

SEPTEMBER 15 - Primary Election in all districts of the Gila River Indian Community, 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.

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## At 14, a lot has happened to Letha Lamb in a very short span of time

Letha Lamb is 14 years old. She's been to Russia, she's been written up in newspaper stories, she's friends with well-known gymnasts Kurt Thomas, Rich Gaylord, Dennis and

Dan Hayden, and she sat and talked at length with Billy Mills the first time she met him.

She also gets nervous when her mother watches her practice, and she

loves candy bars, tacos and nachos, and bites her nails a little too much.

When you watch her perform a floor exercise, split on a balance beam, or vault high into the air, it's easy to forget she's just barely into her teens.

It is also easy when you first talk with her to talk just about gymnastics, a sport at which she is very good. Talk with her a little bit longer and you'll find out gymnastics could be just a step to something else.

"I love to dance. I like jazz, ballet and turns. Dancing—that's what I've been thinking about," said Letha. One day dancing just may out live gymnastics, she said.

For now though, gymnastics takes just about all her time, as well as about every extra minute her mother, Toni Lamb, has.

This summer Letha is working out four days a week, four hours a day. And when school starts she'll go at it five days a week, five hours a day.

And when she has a workout, you can bet her mother will be there to drive her to and from practice, and to watch over things. Watching over things has become somewhat of a way of life for Toni.

Had she known what was in store, she probably wouldn't have beamed so widely more than four years ago when Letha did her first forward roll.

It all started "in PE class at Sacaton. There was a teacher, Estell Engleru, and we took gymnastics," said Letha.

"We stretched out, then did forward rolls. You put your hands down on the floor, bend your head, just kick your legs and roll over," she said.

That forward roll led to hundreds of others, and now, said Toni, "I work from eight to five, and right after that, it's gymnastics...my days end at 10:30."

And just being there isn't the half of it. There are clothes and shoes to be bought, travel to arrange, and lessons to schedule, for gymnastics doesn't come naturally, for anyone.

Toni, who is divorced, said, "Her father (who is supportive) pays for gymnastics, I pay for the dance lessons, otherwise we couldn't afford it."

"It's become our whole life, I have no other life besides that," said Toni.

So where Letha is, her mother Toni will usually be found.

Does having her mother there make Letha a little bit nervous?

"Yes, well not really. Only when she says 'Do this! Don't fall off!'"

All of this focus, all of this concentration can sometimes leave nerves a little frazzled. At 14, Letha often tends to do what most other 14 year olds do.

Toni said some of those things can be a little unnerving.

"When I've been there (at practice), she'll be shooting the bull, lip synching, it's just a waste of time. You get darn tired of waiting around. You put that much time and effort into it, and sometimes you pay an arm and leg for lessons, it's tough to sit and watch her goof off," she said.

On the other hand, said Letha, "Sometimes I'll do this trick, and call—Mom! Mom watch. And she's over there talking."

When Letha and her mom talk, you sense a strong relationship. You don't have to hear what they're saying, for when they talk to one another, their eyes meet often.

For Letha, the drive to maintain the hectic schedule is obvious—she enjoys gymnastics and dance.

"I take a ballet class to help with my gymnastics," she said, and gymnastics "is fun, I enjoy it, I like it. If I didn't like it I wouldn't be doing it."

For Toni, watching her daughter grow is an obvious drive, but there's more.

"I like the people, the parents. What happens is you get so involved with other children, they're almost like your own," she said.

"You watch them grow, grow from just skinny, scrawny things into national champs," said Toni.

Perhaps one day Letha may just be one of those champions, but right now there are other things—like school.

"School is hmmm...school is fun...well it's not really fun, but you have to get your education before you do other things," she said.

And to ensure that, Toni said there is a house rule. "If she's too sick to go to school, she's too sick to go to practice."

That came about, said Toni, because "she once said, 'I think I'm feeling better, I think I can go to practice.'"

The rule has backfired too, because Letha has gone to school sick just so she could go to practice.

Is there a limit to all this activity for a teenager?

"Oh yeah. Sometimes I get burned out, and I say, 'Mom, I don't want to go in today.' I take a break and watch a movie, be a couch potato," Letha said.

"One movie I like to watch is Running Brave," she said, because people told him (Billy Mills) he couldn't do it, but he worked and overcame.

Letha said the movie helps to pull her from her low points, showing her that believing and working can go a long way.

For her trip to Russia in early July, she likely didn't need much help in getting up. It took her to Copenhagen, Leningrad and Moscow, where she danced, and to London and Amsterdam, where she toured.

She was one of 24 dancers from the Tempe Dance Academy to make the trip. Her dance routines involved a lot of tumbling, she said.

The most enjoyable part of the trip "was the dancing in front of people. They liked the music, they liked the style, they thought it was different," Letha said.

At 14, a lot has happened to Letha Lamb in a very short time, and her athletic ability has had a lot to do with that. So what does she eat to keep her body finely tuned?

"I like to eat spaghetti, I like to eat tacos, I like nachos, I like candy bars, I like pizza, and I like macaroni and cheese."

Sounds like the stuff of which champions and 14 year olds are made.



Letha Lamb



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# **DOCKET 228**

## **GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**

**THE BIA NOW PLANS TO DIVIDE THE DOCKET NO. 228 JUDGEMENT FUNDS AMONG THE AK-CHIN, GILA RIVER AND SALT RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITIES ON AUGUST 25, 1987, WHEN THE FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY INVESTED MATURE. THIS WILL BE BASED UPON THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF EACH COMMUNITY AS CONSTITUTED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DISTRIBUTION PLAN WHICH WAS AUGUST 10, 1986.**

**THE DIVISION OF FUNDS WILL BE MADE USING THE FOLLOWING TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP FIGURES PROVIDED BY EACH COMMUNITY:**

<b>AK-CHIN</b>	<b>490</b>
<b>GILA RIVER</b>	<b>10,370</b>
<b>SALT RIVER</b>	<b>4,359</b>

**GILA RIVER'S PROPORTIONMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP/PAYMENT ROLL BEING UNOFFICIAL. THE TRIBE IS AWAITING FINAL REVIEW AND ACTION BY THE PHOENIX AREA OFFICE. THIS REVIEW PROCESS MAY TAKE BETWEEN SIX MONTHS AND A YEAR. HOWEVER, WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS AND ASSURE TIMELY PER CAPITA PAYMENTS. FOR GILA RIVER THE PER CAPITA PAYMENT WILL BE 80 PERCENT. THE TRIBE WILL RETAIN 20 PERCENT AS REQUIRED BY LAW PENDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FINANCIAL INVESTMENT PLAN.**

**THE EXACT AMOUNT OF PER CAPITA PAYMENT IS NOT KNOWN BUT WILL DEPEND UPON THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST EARNED SINCE THE FUNDS WERE INVESTED IN 1985. IT IS ANTICIPATED THE PER CAPITA CHECKS WILL BE MAILED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL ENROLLED MEMBERS KEEP THEIR ADDRESSES CURRENT WITH THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE LOCATED AT THE GILA RIVER TRIBAL BUILDING. POST OFFICE BOX 97, SACATON, ARIZONA. (602)562-3311 OR 963-4323, EXT'S. 216,217,260,261.**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

## If you're proud, then act like it

Dear Editor:  
 Recently I was invited to a convention in Washington to give a speech to a group of Indian youth. Before my presentation, I went to visit some shops and out of curiosity peeked into the night club of the hotel I stayed in. What I saw upset me and created a fear for the future of our Indian people across North America.

I witnessed several groups of men and women who were gathered around various tables with beer cans in their hands. It was only 5:30 p.m. and I could tell what was planned for the rest of the their night as I saw not just a beer, but two or four cans stacked by these clusters of men and women. I observed the Indian youth watching as they passed the night club and I wondered what was in store for these youth that night.

During my presentation I told the audience of several hundred what I saw...I asked them what they thought uncontrolled drinking had already done to their reservation and who they felt would be fit to run their reservations in the future if their youth became alcoholics.

I don't believe that our Indian people have come to realize that the worst enemy we have in the 20th century is not fighting for our rights—it is alcohol. Obsessive drinking has affected every Indian home, family, community and tribe in America and Canada. It has caused more sorrows, heartaches and deaths than all the Indian wars engaged in by Native Americans.

Look at what has already happened to our homes, families...look at the innocent children who have had to pay the greatest price for this ugly and selfish habit.

We can be happy and deserving of good things in the future. Indians know the spirit of real happiness, and it doesn't come from a bottle or beer can. Ask yourself, what kind of physical, social and spiritual condition our reservation will be in a few years with continued uncontrolled drinking?

Wake up Indian America! Don't let our children and young people see the Indian adults accept liquor as part of life. If you want to lose your identity, pride, family and reservation, just continue to allow alcohol and drugs to influence our actions. Soon the Indian way of life will be lost pages of history.

We should look at one Indian reserve in Canada (Shuswap Indians of Alkali Lake, British Columbia) that knows the tragedies and triumphs of uncontrolled drinking. Because of two courageous tribal members, an entire community drowning in drunkenness was able to fight back and bring about a miracle. They worked and struggled to regain respect for their people, and brought about almost 95 percent sobriety in their community.

The daily consumption of alcohol by our youth today will have a great impact on the tribal government, homes, and social problems our Indian people will have to face in the near future.

The young people are only following the example of what they see their parents, leaders and friends do. What kind of trust and confidence will we have in the leaders of tomorrow?

Today there are not enough Indian people with the courage to stand up and be counted against drugs and alcohol. These two weaknesses will surely destroy our reservations in due time. When you have a bar atmosphere taking part in an Indian convention, you must accept the sad fact that our Indian

people have surrendered and accepted the tragedies of drinking as part of their lifestyle.

If our Indian people are willing to accept liquor as part of their society, then they better prepare to allot a greater portion of their tribal lands for cemeteries in order to bury the hundreds and thousands of Indian men and women who will die from the direct causes of uncontrolled drinking.

I don't see our people getting upset with the bartenders, boot-leggers and beer distributors, and yet they scream and yell at the BIA and others. Why don't Indians attack the real enemy which is destroying our people and our way of life.

What will it take to help Indian people see the source of their sorrows? Can Indians in the U.S. do the same thing (the Canadian Indians did)? Yes they can.

One drunk Indian sets our people back a hundred years because he (or she) affects the present and future generations. What kind of Indian are

you? Think before you drink. If you are proud to be Indian, then act like it!

Gregory Mendoza  
 Goodyear

## Thank you to the community

Dear Editor:  
 My name is Manuel Johnson and I recently graduated from Arizona State University. I would appreciate it very much if you would print the following message in the (Gila River Indian News).

I would like to thank the Gila River Indian Community for its support throughout my past school years at Arizona State University. Without it, I would not have been able to complete college. A special thanks to Carol Conover and her staff for taking that extra step when I needed help.

Thank you again.  
 Manuel Johnson  
 Phoenix

## Smile and try again

(The following was submitted to the Gila River Indian News for publication.)

Some dreams just never come true, no matter how beautiful it had been.  
 Some opinions that we'd given had been calmly put aside.  
 Some thoughtful deeds of love we'd done, usually went unnoticed.  
 And people had accused or judged us wrongly all the while.  
 When things just didn't go our way, tears poured  
 And we grew unhappy for a while  
 But the arrows that struck our hearts with hurt soon heal  
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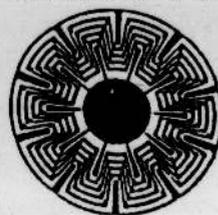
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# EDUCATION

## Gila River students, schools gear up for fall classes

Schools both on and off the reservation that are attended by students from the Gila River Indian Community are gearing up for classes that begin from mid-August to early September.

The school with earliest start date is Phoenix Indian School, which begins classes Aug. 18.

Peggy Jackson, Gila River boarding school coordinator, said about 60 students from the Gila River Indian Community are expected to attend Phoenix Indian School this year.

Santa Rosa Boarding School on the Tohono O'odham Nation starts classes Aug. 20. Jackson said 24 Gila River students attended the school last year, mostly in grades six through nine. "This year we have a couple who will be in the fourth grade and on up," she said.

Other BIA boarding schools with students enrolled from Gila River are Santa Fe Indian School and Sherman Indian School.

Santa Fe starts classes Sept. 1. Jackson said eight students attended the school last year, and this year there will be two returning students with another six applications pending.

Classes at Sherman start Sept. 9, and the largest contingent of Gila River boarding school students will enroll there this year.

Last year about 80 students from the community attended the school, said Jackson, and now "we have around 50 that are pending, and there'll be around 34 returning from last year. But we haven't finished applications yet. We'll have over 100 attending this year."

Buses for Sherman will leave from the Sacaton Fair Grounds Sept. 8, Jackson said, and students usually provide their own transportation to the three other schools.

As a word to those attending the off-reservation boarding schools, Jackson said, "Students are encouraged to stay in school and take advantage of every opportunity to complete their education."

And if at any time there is a problem, they can contact the tribe's Boarding School office at (602)562-3561, and the student's parents can be brought into the office to talk with them.

Jackson said the office is the contact between the school, parents and students.

The elementary and middle schools in Sacaton School District 18

start classes Aug. 24.

Students in kindergarten will attend class from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; grades 1-4 from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and grades 5-8 from 8:12 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Between 700 and 800 students are expected to attend the Sacaton schools this year. Registration forms and information can be picked up at the administrative offices of each school.

Tolleson High School starts classes Aug. 24. Regular registration is completed, but late registration will be Aug. 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Classes at Casa Grande High School begin Aug. 31. Pre-registration is going on now through Aug. 28.

Jana Narcia, JOM Indian student counselor for Gila River Student Services, said approximately 150 students from Gila River will attend Casa Grande this year.

A new aid, Mildred Pablo, will help serve the approximately 270 Native American students who attend the high school, Narcia said.

Coolidge High School starts classes Aug. 31. Freshmen register Aug. 20, sophomores Aug. 21, juniors and seniors Aug. 24.

## Local students attend national Indian conference

Eleven students from Gila River attended this year's National Indian Child Conference in early August in North Carolina.

The conference, sponsored by Save The Children, was held at Western Carolina University.

Six students from throughout the Gila River Indian Community attended the conference through Save The Children sponsorship.

They were Quanah Jackson, Colleen Mallow, Renee Allen, Anthony Pratt, Danette Williams and Jaime Martinez. The students were chaperoned by Daniel Eschief.

Five students from Lavean Elementary School were sponsored by the Johnson O'Malley Program. They were Penny Norris, Charlotte La Francis, Brenda Lopez, Michelle Price and Maria Johnson.

The contingent was accompanied by JOM Coordinator Jackie Boni, and counselor and tutor Iva Miles.

The students attended and participated in workshops that covered such areas as leadership, self-image, teen problems, education and career choices, commitment and personal responsibility, and the role of tribal culture in the life of today's Indian teens.

## CAC offers fees on discount plan

Students taking six credit hours or less during the 1987-88 school year at Central Arizona College will pay for only their first three credits under a new tuition and fee schedule.

The new enrollment charges maintain the current tuition and fee rate of \$17 per credit hour for Arizona residents.

The school's vice-president for instructional services, Charles Cuning, said, "What we're offering, essentially, is enrollment in two classes for the price of one."

"Students enrolling for three to six credit hours will pay only for the first three credits, or \$51 total for Arizona students."

The discount plan will affect students in both resident and non-resident categories. Fee schedules for Arizona residents are \$17 per credit hour, and Arizona senior adults pay \$4 per credit hour.

Cuning said the idea behind the discount rate is to offer something more to the college's part-time students, which make up about 80 percent of the school's enrollment.

Most of the students in the 80 percent group take one to six credits, he said, "Our objective is to encourage students taking one three-credit-hour class to take a second three-credit-hour class."

The plan should benefit a variety of students. High school graduates working full-time can begin their college program, "senior citizens on a limited budget can now take two classes instead of one, and working adults who are enrolling to upgrade their skills...can now take two courses instead of one," said Cuning.

Regular registration begins Aug. 19. Information can be obtained by calling the Signal Peak Campus at 836-8243 or 723-4141.

## Gila River Career Center offering variety of programs

An open entry/open exit format is available in six training program areas year-round at the Gila River Career Center.

Available training program areas include hospitality skills, food preparation, office skills, computer skills, retail skills and health care skills. Entry into each program begins each Monday throughout the year.

The career center is operated by Central Arizona College.

In the hospitality skills area, a 9-week, 40-hour bartender program is available for \$46, with an additional \$7 for textbooks and equipment.

The food preparation skills program offers the following: a 23-week, 640 hour program for \$736 plus \$20 for books; a 15-week, 400 hour prep cook program for \$460 plus \$20

for books; and a short order cook program, three weeks, 40 hours, for \$46.

The office skills program offers the following: a 7-week, 180 hour program in word processing costing \$207 plus \$20 for books; a 25-week, 700-hour program for general secretary that costs \$805 plus another \$50 for books; and a refresher skills course, which is a self-paced program that costs \$4 per hour. The number of hours is determined by the student.

All computer skills programs—micro-computer applications, software instruction and disk operating systems, are self-paced programs with the hours determined by the student. The cost is \$4 per hour of instruction.

## Career center offering free preparation for GED test

Free GED test preparation is being offered by the Gila River Career Center to community members planning to take their high school equivalency exam.

The program is an open-entry format so students may begin their studies any weekday in the Career Center library.

When a student enrolls, he or she is pre-tested in order to determine their

readiness for the state GED testing.

Individual hours of instruction Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. may be scheduled by students. Night study from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays may also be scheduled.

In order to enroll in the program, a student must complete a Central Arizona College registration form available at the center.

In the retail skills area there is a 3-week, 40-hour cashier program available for \$46 per person.

The health care skills program offers the following: nurse aide, a 15-week, 400-hour program for \$460 plus \$100 for uniforms and equipment; home health aide and geriatric aide, a pair of 8-week, 200-hour programs costing \$230 plus \$25 for supplies.

For those who complete a program, job placement assistance is provided. More information on training programs and financial aid is available at the Gila River Career Center, director of student services, 562-3349 or 723-5522. The career center is operated by Central Arizona College.

The form is needed to request and receive a Central Arizona College Dean's Grant to pay the tuition and registration fee for the program.

State GED tests are given Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at the Career Center. There is a \$10 fee for the first test, and a \$7 fee should a retake be necessary.

For more information contact Lupe Gastelum at 562-3349 or 723-5522.

## Gila River community members make the grade at CAC

Sacaton resident Nada Jo Celaya was awarded an Associate degree from the Central Arizona College's

Signal Peak Campus.

Celaya received her degree in Applied Science in computer

science. She completed her course work last spring.

Three other Sacaton residents were named to the college's honors list for maintaining a high grade point average last spring.

Agatha Listo, Ramona Mendez and Faith Rovie each carried a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49 out of a 4.0 scale, which is a requirement for the honors list.

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# NATIONAL

## Alcohol and drugs lead concerns for young Native Americans

Alcohol and drug abuse, and suicide lead a list of crucial issues for young Native Americans, according to a poll taken during a June conference of the United National Indian Tribal Youth.

In order, the Indian youth cited these as their most pressing issues. 1) Alcohol, drug and substance abuse; 2) suicide; 3) teenage pregnancy; 4) preservation of tribal culture and traditions; 5) communication between Indian youth and tribal government officials; 6) funding for higher education; 7) motivation and self-esteem; 8) school dropout rates; 9) activities for youth; 10) unemployment.

More than 300 young Indians from 53 tribes took part in the Denver conference and the listing of what they termed crucial issues.

## Mortality rate for Indian babies drops to 10.2 deaths per 1,000

The mortality rate among Native American infants has dropped to 10.2 deaths per 1,000 live births, according to the Health and Human Services Department.

The rate is for 1982-84. Three-year reporting periods are used because of the relatively small number of births and infant deaths that occur during a single year among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The newly released rate is below the 1983 rate for the population as a whole, which was 11.2 deaths per 1,000 births.

## Indian bingo games nationwide gross about \$255 million

Indian tribes throughout the country involved in high stakes bingo are grossing about \$255 million a year, according to the BIA.

The bureau has no authority to audit tribal gaming books and could provide only an estimate on the revenue brought in by the 113 tribes involved in bingo.

The estimates were part of a report put together at the request of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs following hearings on gaming regulations in June.

The Morongo Band of Indians from Banning, Calif. lead the estimates of bingo income with \$24 million in annual gross revenue.

Another California tribe, the San Manuel Band of San Bernadino, is next with an estimated \$17 million. Four other tribes take in an estimated \$15 million in gross receipts annually.

## Appeals court rules Indian court can try member of another tribe

A federal appeals court has ruled that an Indian tribal court can hear criminal charges against an Indian from another tribe.

The case, described as "virtually without historical precedent," was ruled on in the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

In a 2-1 vote, the court upheld the authority of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community tribal court to try Albert Duro, a member of the Torrez-Martinez Band of Mission Indians of California on a charge of committing murder on the Salt River reservation.

Duro is charged with shooting and killing Phillip Brown, 14, a member of

the Gila River Indian Community, during an incident on the Salt River reservation in June 1984.

Initially, a federal court judge contended the tribe could try only its own tribal members on criminal charges. He said the tribal court can't try non-Indians, and the only difference between a non-Indian and a non-tribal member is racial.

The appeals court thought otherwise, holding that the definition of an Indian is not purely a racial determination. "Federal courts identify Indians by reference to an individual's degree of Indian blood and his tribal or governmental recognition as an Indian," the appeals court said.

## Phelps Dodge sweetens the pot in bid for Phoenix Indian School

In its effort to acquire the Phoenix Indian School property, Phelps Dodge Development Corp. has offered to make an Indian trust and the Interior Department one-fifth partners in the development of the site.

A company spokesman said the offer is an alternative to its earlier bid that was rejected by the BIA. The new offer has been submitted to the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona and the Navajo Nation for review.

The Interior Department has already given its endorsement to a bid by the Collier family of Florida, which involves the trading of land in Florida plus cash.

## Sioux lose land battle that goes back to Custer's Last Stand

A battle between the Oglala Sioux and the federal government that goes back 100 years to Custer's Last Stand was lost this time by the Indians when the Supreme Court rejected an effort by the tribe to get compensation for land taken from the tribe a century ago.

In 1863 the Sioux Nation signed a treaty with the federal government, surrendering title to land in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana.

In return, the government set up a reservation for the Sioux and promised to provide various services, goods and payments.

The land given to the Indians included 7 million acres in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The treaty also gave the Indians hunting rights outside the reservation.

After gold was discovered in the area in 1877, Congress passed a law seizing the Black Hills land and canceling the Sioux hunting rights.

Lt. Col. George A. Custer was defeated at the Little Big Horn on June 25, 1876 while trying to bar the Sioux from hunting near the North Platte River.

The Sioux Nation filed claims in 1950 seeking compensation for the land confiscated from them by the 1877 law, and only two tribes of the Sioux Nation accepted a \$39.7 million settlement at that time.

## BIA says its financing plan helps Indian businesses

A BIA financing program for Indian businesses during the past 18 months has created more than 1,500 new jobs at a fraction of the cost it takes federal programs to create jobs, according to

the bureau.

The BIA's Indian Business Development Grant program, which has helped 160 Indian entrepreneurs to start or expand their businesses, created each new job at a cost of \$5,675, versus \$17,000 to \$22,000 it cost to place a worker in private employment under the old CETA program in 1980, the bureau reports.

One example of how many jobs were created with a modest investment, notes the BIA, is a gift item manufacturing company in Maine that got money to finance a new building and equipment, allowing the firm to add 30 new jobs.

Other Indian owned firms that got the program's assistance include a medical facility, video rental store, convenience store and pet store.

The program requires participants to match BIA funds with at least 60 percent from other sources. The bureau said the matching funds provision has successfully increased private investment on the reservations.

Last year 99 Indian businesses received more than \$2 million from the program, and in the first six months of the 1987 fiscal year, \$3.4 million in assistance was approved.

## Poll of Indian men and women shows Swimmer should be removed

According to a poll of Indian men and women taken by the National Indian Youth Council, the majority think Ross Swimmer, head of the BIA, should be removed from office.

Out of 130 men and 81 women polled by NIYC, 64 percent said Swimmer should go, 9 percent said he should stay, and 27 percent were undecided.

Most of the people polled said they disagree with Swimmer's policies and think he hasn't consulted with Indian tribes on his initiatives, according to the NIYC.

A NIYC representative said the latest poll was indicative of the general dissatisfaction with Swimmer that has been showing up in various polls conducted by the council the past year.

## Indian man wins \$700,000 suit over oil and gas land dispute

A \$700,000 judgement against the federal government was awarded a Cherokee/Creek man by the Oklahoma federal court because an Interior Department solicitor was negligent when he allowed the man's land to be leased for a trivial bonus, knowing the land was producing large quantities of oil and gas.

The federal court found that Austin Walker had not been informed by the solicitor (attorney) of the large amount of oil production on his land.

Further, Walker, who had to hitchhike to and from meetings with the solicitor because he had no money, was told that \$4,000 was a fair market value for the oil, and that competitive bidding for leasing his land wasn't necessary.

The court awarded Walker \$685,368, which is the fair market value of the lease, rather than the \$4,000.

In making the award, the court said the testimony "offered by the government regarding the fair market value of the lease is incredible, unworthy of belief and not regarded

by the court as reasonable..."

The court further said that Walker did not have any knowledge of the potential value of his lease, and it was the government attorney's duty to use his best judgement to his client's best interest.

## Charlie Daniels dedicates album to young Southern Ute member

Country and western singer Charlie Daniels has dedicated his latest record album, "Powder Keg," to Eric Egglestone, a young member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe who is a victim of muscular dystrophy.

Daniels befriended Eric and his family in Ignacio, Colo., and has maintained contact with them.

## Lummi fishermen winning battle with Internal Revenue Service

Lummi fisherman won a round in their battle with the Internal Revenue Service when the U.S. Senate approved legislation clarifying that income made from fishing under treaty rights is exempt from federal income tax.

The Lummi's threatened to confront IRS agents if they followed through on their effort to seize Lummi property and fishing boats.

The confrontation was averted when the IRS backed off pending the legislation.

The legislation is the direct result of IRS and Justice Department rulings that Lummi treaty-protected fishing resources are subject to federal income tax because they were not specifically exempted from taxation in their treaty with the U.S., a document that was signed years before a U.S. income tax was established.

In the tax battle, the Lummi's garnered the support of the Interior Department and broad bipartisan support in Congress.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, said, "It is the view of the Select Committee that income derived by an Indian exercising his or her right to take fish should enjoy the same tax treatment as income derived by an Indian farming his trust allotment, raising cattle on his trust allotment, harvesting timber from his trust allotment, or obtaining income from mineral resources on his trust land."

## Russians to attend Indian meeting

A contingent from the Russian Ministry of Culture has accepted an invitation to attend the Third Regional Science Education Conference in Anchorage, Alaska Oct. 22-24.

The conference is sponsored by the Native American Science Education Association. A sponsor spokesman said to the best of the organization's knowledge this is the first time the Soviet Union has ever sent representatives to a Native American meeting in this country.

The conference will focus on pre-college, elementary and secondary educational needs of Alaska Natives and people of the Pacific Rim countries.

Other countries expected to be represented at the conference include China, Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Iceland and Greenland.