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Gila River voters give tribal council a brand new look

Two incumbent Gila River tribal council representatives lost their bids for reelection, and one managed to eke out a one vote win for the second consecutive time.

The voter turnout for the May 5 tribal council election was low, according to Doreen Allen, Gila River Indian Community Election chairperson.

Only 987 people voted out of a possible several thousand who were eligible, she said.

DISTRICT NO. 1

Incumbent tribal councilman Drake Lewis, who survived a recall election earlier this year, lost to Ardell Ruiz by a vote count of 38 to 50. James Jackson received three write-in votes.

Ruiz was the deputy director of the Gila River Human Resources Department and a former member of the tribe's Farm Board.

DISTRICT NO. 3

Mary V. Thomas won out over three other candidates in the race for the council seat vacated by Lloyd Notah Jr., who did not seek reelection.

Thomas got 56 votes, Elinor H. Pasqual received 46, Edmund Thompson Sr. 38, and Leon Manuel Sr. managed nine votes.

This is Thomas' first term on the tribal council. She is a member of the school board for Sacaton Schools.

DISTRICT NO. 4

The District 4 race for two tribal council seats was a wide-open affair with 12 people getting votes, many of those write-in votes.

Spencer D. Thomas, the incumbent councilman, was reelected. He will be joined on the tribal council by William R. Rhodes, who will fill the second seat.

Rhodes is a former tribal chief judge and member of the Advisory Board to the Tribal Council. He unsuccessfully ran for the governorship of the tribe.

Thomas received 105 votes, and Rhodes got 80. They were followed by Larry D. Allison who got 74, Burdette B. Morago with 38, and Frelan J. Howard Sr. with 12.

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Revised tribal constitution approved by Gila River tribal council

A revised tribal constitution was approved by the Gila River tribal council May 20.

The proposed constitution passed by the council has been undergoing revision for about 10-years.

Rod Lewis, Gila River Indian Community general counsel, said the tribe's approval of the proposed constitution is the first step in what could be a lengthy process before the document becomes the constitution

for the Gila River tribe.

He said the proposed constitution will be forwarded to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for its review and approval.

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Lazy Sunday turns to near death for 5-year-old boy

It started out as a usual lazy Sunday morning, but for 5-year-old Harrison Begay Jr., it ended with him struggling to keep from drowning in a Sacaton canal.

Harrison, know as "Boomer" to his family and friends, went for a Sunday morning walk April 12 with his brother, Anderson, and neighborhood friend, Willie Brown.

They meandered their way from Sacaton's rental home area on the southwest side of the village, across the main business street and toward the District 3 Service Center and the Gila River Police Station.

About 10:40 a.m. they reached the canal and looked at the swiftly moving water. The boys walked by a narrow bridge, Boomer followed, slipped and fell into the canal.

The steep earthen banks kept the two older boys from reaching Boomer, who was struggling to keep above the brown water, so they ran for help, and they got plenty.

Richard Allison got there first, and he was quickly joined by BIA Detention Officers Selwynn Johnson and Danny Terry.

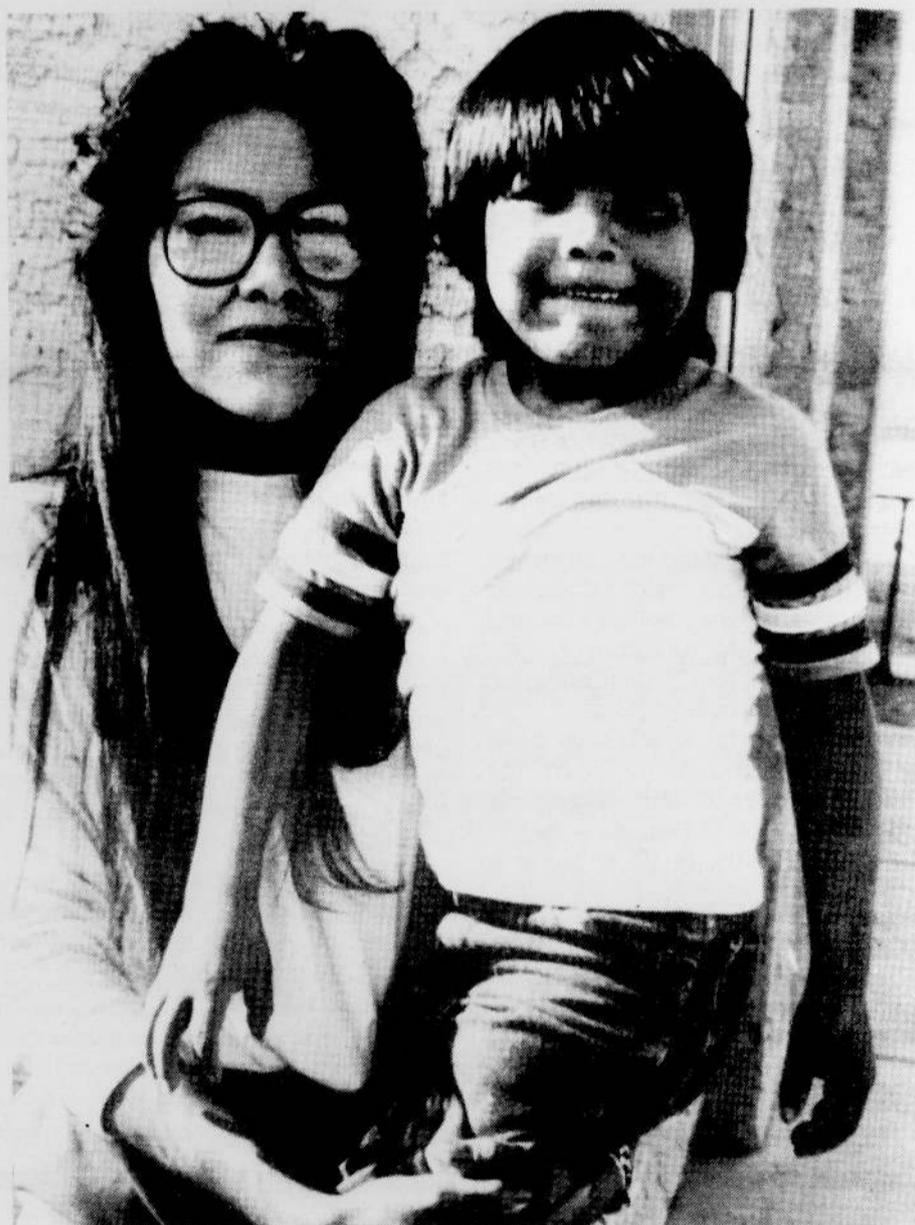
Boomer was pulled from the water unconscious and not breathing.

He was revived and rushed to Sacaton Hospital, and from there flown by helicopter to Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix.

Boomer has since recovered fully, and his mother, Yvonne Begay, said, "When I got to the hospital he was crying and breathing. He doesn't remember much. All he remembers is that he almost drowned."

Boomer's aunt, Karen Pablo, said the boy "doesn't like to talk about what happened. He talks about it sometimes, but he's mostly scared of what happened."

He has ventured back to the canal, and Pablo says "he just looks at the water and says, 'It's deep, huh.'"



Harrison "Boomer" Begay Jr. and his mother, Yvonne Begay

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Jai alai developer says court ruling signals go for gaming venture

The up again down again state of jai alai at Gila River is once more up again with the recent Supreme Court ruling that Indian gambling is free from state control.

Rod Lewis, general counsel for the Gila River Indian Community, said C.A.H.K. Enterprises, the company hired by the tribe to develop jai alai and parimutuel wagering, plans to resume its effort.

"They advised us that they are going to begin—whether that means next week, next month, we're not sure," said Lewis.

The move to get jai alai, which is a parimutuel wagering game, to Gila River began in early 1985 when C.A.H.K. approached the tribe with the idea.

State opposition to the venture boiled, and legal action was initiated by the state to stop the effort.

Lewis said, "We went to court back in February 1986 and applied for a motion of summary judgement," which would have allowed the tribe to open up and operate a jai alai fronton.

The matter was ready to go to trial in U.S. District Court when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on a case involving the State of California and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

The Indians wanted high stakes

gaming on their reservation, the state opposed it.

The court ruled earlier this year that Indians could have high stakes bingo on reservations without state regulation.

Lewis said, "It didn't settle our case, but it gave a pretty good indication that Indian gaming is free from state regulation."

C.A.H.K. feels the Supreme Court case is sufficient without a decision from the U.S. District Court, said Lewis.

That doesn't mean an uncluttered road leads to jai alai at Gila River.

Lewis said, "The BIA is in opposition to us at this point."

He said the bureau had initially OK'd the tribe's contract and property lease with C.A.H.K., but when the state opposed the Gila River venture, the BIA changed its mind and withdrew its approval.

"We've asked them (BIA) to reconsider in light of the Supreme Court ruling. I thought they would rethink their whole approach, but they have not," he said.

Though it doesn't have BIA approval, the Gila River tribe feels it can go ahead with the jai alai development because it involves private funding and tribal land, Lewis said.

If your business is losing money the solution is a simple enough one

If you don't make more money than your spending, you've got a big problem that has to be taken care of, and in the case of several Gila River tribal enterprises, the remedy has been to close some and reorganize others.

The tribe has closed the Sandwich Shop at Sacaton and Chandler Supply because they weren't making money, according to Ruben Norris, director of the Gila River Economic Development Office.

"What happens when you don't make enough money to cover the debts? You go out of business. It's pretty simple," said Norris.

Sacaton Supply is undergoing a management reorganization after it was learned last fall that it was \$700,000 in debt.

The tribe is paying off vendors, and the store is open and doing business.

The Sandwich shop, which was closed in early May, was shut down because it was slowly losing money.

"Money-wise, we weren't in a great debt in comparison to previous tribal businesses, but the same situation existed, we were accumulating debt faster than we were able to pay it off," Norris said.

Chandler Supply was shut down and the tribe is tabulating its losses and paying of creditors.

The Gila River tribe's other enterprises, Sacaton Chevron, Komatke Market, Casa Blanca Market and Gila River Farms are all undergoing an assessment of their financial situations, setting some goals and attempting to move in a profitable direction, Norris said.

The move to reorganize some businesses and close others was a commendable move by the Gila River tribal council, said Norris.

"Rather than try to pay money to support it, they chose to divert that money to try to provide services to the community," he said.

If Gila River wants reservation bingo it might have to jump quickly

Bingo! is a cry heard these days on many Indian reservations, and some suggest that if the Gila River Indian Community is to jump on the bingo wagon, it had better do so fast.

Rod Lewis, general counsel for the Gila River tribe, said the idea of bingo on Gila River isn't something lately conceived.

"Actually, we've had extensive planning for that. We just haven't done anything with it," he said.

And with the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that high stakes gaming on Indian reservations can be conducted without state control, the timing seems right.

Lewis said, it's my opinion that "since there's no question about bingo in Arizona, we should go ahead and quickly do something about that before the state moves in. And it ought to be a tribal enterprise."

The state has threatened that it may open up state regulated bingo games off reservations, and if high stakes bingo games on reservations evolve into gambling casinos, the state may move to legalize gambling. (See accompanying story this page)

Urban Giff, operations manager for the Gila River tribe, said the tribe's interest in bingo started about four years ago.

"I believe it was after proposals started to come in that the tribe started considering bingo," he said.

Giff said, "If you count everything from the one page letters to actual packages, we've received about a dozen" proposals on bingo.

Discussion about bingo on the reservation was carried to the

districts, he said, and interest in such a venture reached a point where the tribal council "tentatively identified a location, and got into discussion with some bingo management firms," said Giff.

If and when the tribe gets into bingo, it likely will be a tribally controlled operation.

Giff said the tribal council has indicated a willingness to review plans in which the tribe is the owner and operator of a bingo business.

A draft bingo ordinance, one that identifies controls of money and uses of income, has been written, but it hasn't been acted on by the council, he said.

Though the general feeling of the council is that bingo should be tribally managed and operated, "the more recent comments are that perhaps we should consider using a bingo management firm," Giff said.

Lack of money to fund such a venture, and lack of experience in managing and operating a bingo enterprise has prompted this thinking, he said.

The most recent discussion about bingo by the tribal council, Giff said, was a brief one on May 20.

Some council members were concerned about another tribal enterprise that could cost the tribe money, others were concerned about the situation of Yaqui Bingo near Tucson.

The Yaquis have gone through several bingo management firms, and closed and opened their bingo hall many times over the past several years they have operated a game.

Visions of reservation casinos bring threats from state attorney

If Indian bingo metamorphosis into gambling and casinos on reservations, the state of Arizona will legalize gambling.

That prediction was given by Arizona Attorney General Robert Corbin at an Indian law symposium in Tempe.

He said he is concerned that gambling on Arizona Indian reservations, which started with bingo and moved to video games that he likens to slot machines, will evolve to full-blown casino operations.

If that occurs, he said the state legislature will likely legalize

gambling to tax it, rather than sit back and watch people flock onto reservations to tax-exempt tribal casinos.

"I think you will have started something you will lose in the long run."

John Lewis, director of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, and Navajo Tribe Supreme Court Justice Ray Austin, say to their knowledge they know of no tribe that plans casinos.

"I think Corbin might be stretching something a little bit too far," said Austin.

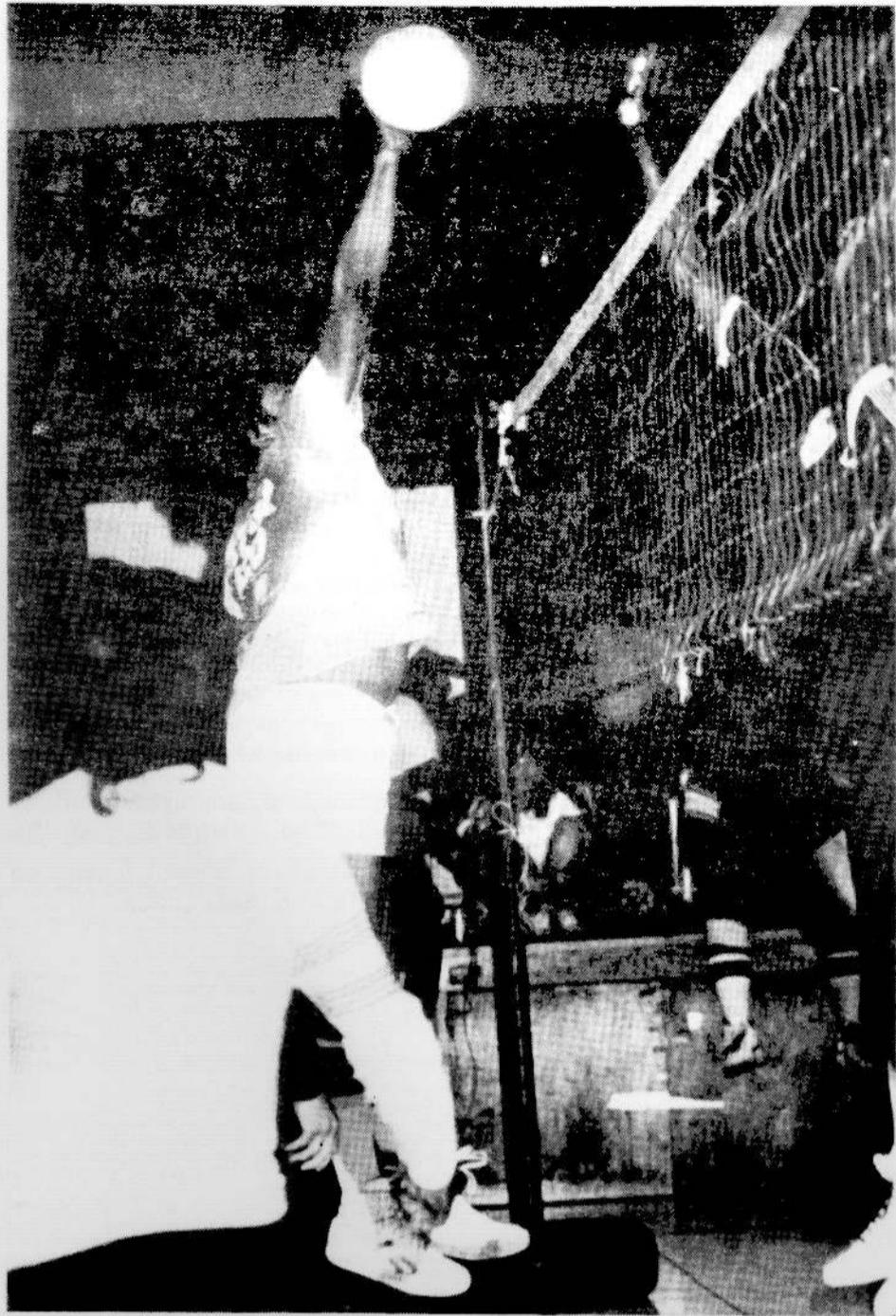


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EAT THIS!—Dale Enos soars and is on the verge of skywalking as he spikes a ball across the net into the midst of players from the Sacaton Hospital's 4077 Mash team. Enos' Tribal Annex team prevailed in this match, but fell to the Gila River Housing team in the championship of the 12-team, double elimination Gila River Inter-departmental Volleyball Tournament May 14-16 in Sacaton. Mash 4077 finished third, Sacaton Public Schools placed fourth. The tournament's MVPs were Brian Antone and Jovita White Antone of the Gila River Housing Powerhouse team. Making the all-tourney team were Darin Redbird of the Powerhouse, Dallas Havier, Ena Blaine and Candy Bell of the Tribal Annex, and Dana Cannon and Anna Jones of 4077 Mash.

Gila River voters give tribal council a new look with new faces

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Weldon Salkey received 39 write-in votes, and Harrington Luna, who was the district's tribal council representative but did not seek reelection, got four write-in votes.

Nathan Thompson Sr. got two write-in votes, as did Rhoda Lewis. Leonard Lowe, Billman White and Obert Wilson each received one write-in vote.

DISTRICT NO. 5

Again, there was no shortage of candidates in the District 5 race for two seats on the tribal council. Eight people received votes, half the candidates were write-ins.

Dana R. Norris Sr., former governor of the tribe and a former tribal council representative, led the balloting with 83 votes.

He will be joined on the tribal council by Rod Dixon who got 76 votes. Dixon is the director of the Gila River Employment and Training Department and is a former tribal council representative.

Emmett S. White, the incumbent placed third with 72 votes, losing his bid for reelection. White had completed the unexpired term of the late Leonard Justin.

Gordon Santos, who held the other tribal council post, did not seek reelection. He got three write-in votes.

Gerald Sunna managed 37 votes. Dallas Delowe, Arnold Charles and Lucius Kyyitan each received one write-in vote. Kyyitan is already a District 5 tribal council representative whose term isn't yet up.

DISTRICT NO. 6

Incumbent tribal councilman Carleton J. Giff, for the second consecutive term, won by a single vote. He will retain the one seat that was up for election in District 6.

Giff got 46 votes to 45 cast for Betty V. Pablo. Ted F. Lewis received 20 votes.

Leonard Soke Sr., Raymond Droopy and Sally Pablo each received one write-in vote.

The newly elected tribal council representatives will take their oath of office June 3 in the council chamber at Sacaton.

When the new council members take office, the Gila River Tribal Council will be as follows: District 1; Leona Thomas and Ardell Ruiz. District 2; Arnold Kisto. District 3; Perry Jackson, Mary V. Thomas. District 4; Lester Gage, Barrington Russell, William R. Rhodes, Spencer D. Thomas. District 5; Daniel Tree, Lucius Kyyitan, Dana Norris Sr., Rod Dixon; District 6; Lawrence Enos, Anslern Shelde, Carleton J. Giff; District 7; Roderick Sunn.

Revised tribal constitution is OK'd by Gila River tribal council

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"If they review and approve it, they can then order a Secretarial election" to get ratification of the document by the Gila River community, he said.

What will probably happen though, said Lewis, is that the BIA will review and return it to the tribe for revision.

This could go through several exchanges before the bureau gives its stamp of approval, he said.

It could be tossed back and forth for awhile, said Lewis, so "I would say it would be at least a year (before an election could be scheduled). That's just a guess."

NOTICE TO GILA RIVER TRIBAL MEMBERS

Docket 228 Proposed Per Capita Payment Listing Tribal Roll Updation

This notice is to advise you and family members who had a recent change of address to please contact the Gila River Enrollment Office so that we have it on file and there won't be any delay in sending correspondence. Also, members who use alias names will not be considered as valid legal names. Checks will be issued under legal names that are stated on birth certificates. Members wishing checks to be issued under the current names used now, will need to amend birth certificates and submit revised documentation to the enrollment office. Married ladies, should you wish your check to be in your married name, you must submit a copy of your marriage license. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING CURRENT ADDRESSES, COPIES OF MARRIAGE LICENSES, AND AMENDED BIRTH CERTIFICATES WILL BE JUNE 30, 1987. For further information, please contact the Gila River Enrollment Office at 562-3311 or 963-4323, Ext. 216 or 217, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85247.

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Gila River social worker is cited as outstanding by national program

Christine Lowery, coordinator for the Gila River Runway Youth Project and the Foster Care Program, has been recognized by the Outstanding Young Women of America Awards Program.

Lowery, 38, has been working in social services at Gila River three and one-half years.

The Outstanding Young Women of America Program is designed to honor women who distinguish themselves in areas such as community service, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation.

Gila River Indian Community Governor Donald Antone Sr. sent a letter of congratulations to Lowery on her selection.

Lowery, who is Hopi-Laguna, got her undergraduate degree in social work from Brigham Young

University, and earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Utah.

Before being employed at Gila River, she worked as a Community Health Director in the Indian Health Service hospital in Owyhee, Nev.; as a Clinical Social Worker in the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Boise, Idaho; and as a Mental Health Social Worker for the IHS in Salem, Ore.

Her community work includes serving on the Phoenix Indian Center board of directors, the Affiliation of Arizona Indian Centers board of directors, and the National Association of Indian Social Workers.

Lowery also has served on the Indian Advisory Committee of the Arizona State University School of Social Work, on the Allocations Panel of the United Way, and is an appointee to the License Appeals Board of the City of Phoenix.



Christine Lowery GRIN Photo

Bureau of Indian Affairs appoints new Pima Agency superintendent

Denise Homer, administrative officer for the BIA's Pima Agency at Sacaton since November, has been appointed superintendent of the agency.

Homer, a Mojave from the Colorado River Indian Tribes at Parker, took over the superintendent's post May 24.

She became the administrative officer at Sacaton Nov. 24, transferring from a similar post at the Fort Apache Agency.

Homer has been with the BIA six years. Before that she worked with the National Congress of American Indians and the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

She attended Haskell Indian Junior College, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in applied sciences at Northern Arizona University.

Homer, 53, is the daughter of Pete Homer Sr., a recognized figure in Arizona Indian affairs.

Vernon Palmer, who was acting Pima Agency superintendent since October 1986, has been assigned to the Phoenix Area Office, reassuming his position as area roads engineer.

No administrative officer has yet been assigned to fill the post previously held by Homer.

The superintendent's post became vacant in mid-October when then superintendent Edmund Lee

Thompson, and administrative officer Lonnie King resigned from the

bureau shortly after being reassigned to the Phoenix Area Office.



Denise Homer GRIN Photo

Tohono O'odham elect new tribal leaders

Voters on the Tohono O'odham Nation elected a new tribal chairman and vice chairman in reservation-wide balloting May 23.

Enos Francisco Jr. and vice chairman running mate Angelo Joaquin Sr. unseated incumbent chairman Josiah Moore. Moore's vice chairman partner was Bernard Siquieros, head of the tribe's Education Department.

Franciso is a former tribal vice chairman, Joaquin is a tribal councilman from Gu Achi District.

Francisco's victory was by better than a 3-2 overall margin.



Pamela Pratt

Sacaton resident gets bank post

Pamela Pratt, a Sacaton resident, has been appointed assistant manager and corporate officer of the Valley National Bank's Sacaton office.

She joined Valley National Bank in 1979 as a teller at the Chandler Main Office, and since then has served in various positions within the bank's branch system, including operations utility and operations facility manager.

Pratt, a native of Ajo, is married to George Pratt. They have two children.

She is the youngest of seven children. Her mother is Mrs. Ruth Morago.

Gila River students at Casa Grande High School are recognized

Ron Nasewytewa and Delores Thomas were cited as outstanding Indian students, and 24 graduating seniors from Gila River were recognized during an awards ceremony honoring Casa Grande High School Indian students.

The seniors were among close to 100 Gila River and Tohono O'odham students at the high school who were recognized for their academic and extra curricular activities this past school year.

The awards were presented by Gila River director of Student Services Earl Chico during an awards ceremony May 13 sponsored by the Gila River Indian Community Education Department.

Nasewytewa and Thomas were named Indian senior boy and Indian senior girl respectively. Nasewytewa is the son of Julia Nasewytewa of Sacaton, Thomas is the granddaughter of John and Delores Mikesell of Casa Blanca.

Elmer Smith was named the most determined senior. He is the son of Ramone and Loretta Smith of San Tan.

Graduating seniors who were cited: William Andrews, Thomas Gonzales, Duane Johns, Chesley Justin, Marco Marquez, Eddie Miguel, Ron Nasewytewa, Peter Rhodes, Brian Santos, Elmer Smith, Gerald White and Lamroy Enos.

Cynthia Jackson, Marlana Jackson, Leticia Miguel, Sandra Parsons, Lilly Santos, Dawn Terry, Delores Thomas, Christina Webb, Leatrice White, Martin White, Ann Manuel and Andrea Johnson.

Graduating Tohono O'odham students who were given certificates were Calvin Antone, Ivan Juan, Norbert Juan, Julie Manuel, Florine Zepeda and Leanna Tashquith.

For their participation in sports, the following students were awarded certificates.

Ron Nasewytewa in cross country and track; Duane Johns in cross country; William Andrews in JV cross country and varsity track; Timothy Jackson in frosh football; and Jeffery Martin in JV football, boys track and JV soccer.

Darren Rhodes in varsity football and varsity wrestling; Peter Rhodes in varsity football; Sean Soatikee in varsity swimming; Dena Dixon for JV volleyball and JV softball; Carla Jackson for JV volleyball; Delores Thomas for varsity softball; Carolyn Marrietta for JV girls basketball.

Two students from Gila River, Loren Johns and Darren Rhodes, received notice for having perfect attendance during the first semester of the school year.

The first semester is divided into three six-week increments. Those students with perfect attendance the first two increments were Ginger Martin, Delberta Salkey, Karla Marrietta, Trina Dixon, Lavell Rhodes.

Students with perfect attendance during the first six-week period of the first semester were Jolene Paul, Carla Jackson, Roxanne Norris, Susan Pedro, Kimberly Enos, Marlana Jackson, Ron Nasewytewa, Peter Rhodes, Brian Santos, and Gerald White.

Students with perfect attendance during the second six-week period of the first semester were Jolene Antone, Tina Howard, Timothy Jackson, Reginald James, Debra Stone, Mark Thompson, Keith McDonald, William Andrews and Delores Juan.

Those students who had perfect attendance the first two increments of the second semester were Lavell Rhodes, Johanna Joe, Loren Johns, Sean Soatikee, Ginger Martin, Delberta Salkey, Jolene Antone and Titus Blackwater.

Those students cited for perfect

attendance in the first six-week increment of the second semester were Thomas Gonzales, Gerald White, Shelley Satala, Roxanne Norris, Cynthia Garcia, Rodney Jones, Colleen Mallow, Charlene Manuel, Gayle Noline, Sheila Winn and Tracy Coffin.

Students with perfect attendance the second six-weeks of the semester were Roland Enos, Ernestine Lucero, Caroline Marrietta, Irvina Pablo and Jeffery Martin.

Students who made the honor roll in either or both semester were awarded plaques.

Delores Thomas, Ron Nasewytewa, Jeffery Martin and Darren Rhodes were given plaques for making the honor roll both the first

and second semesters.

Duane Johns was recognized for being on the honor roll the first semester. Thomas Gonzales, William Andrews, Victoria Pedro, Johanna Joe and Lila Stone were given plaques for making the honor roll the second semester.

Lamroy Enos was recognized for his participation and completion of the Portable Assisted Study Sequence program, which allows students who dropped out to complete high school and earn a diploma.

And Darren Rhodes, Tanya James, Lila Stone and Delberta Salkey were cited for serving as delegates to the United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference in Denver.

Five earn Career Center certificates

Five members of the Gila River Indian Community earned certificates for completing training programs at the Gila River Career Center.

The students were presented their certificates of completion April 30.

Receiving cashier certificates were Larry Antone of Sacaton and Euphrasia Lyons of Ak-Chin.

Certificates in the general building trades program were awarded to Eugene Paul Kisto of Sacaton, Donald Eugene Johns of Sacaton, and Manfred F. Catha of Bapchule.

If your child will be in Head Start make sure he's medically fit

The Head Start Program in the Gila River community won't have a Round-Up this year.

If your child hasn't had a dental or physical, please make appointments at the hospital. These are requirements that need to be completed before your child can be enrolled in Head Start.

The deadline for all paperwork on incoming Head Start children to be in the Early Childhood Office is July 15.

This coming school year four year olds will again be given preference.

Those students who will be returning still need to complete new forms. All applications must be forwarded to the office at Sacaton for a child to be put on the Head Start roster.

Head Start office staff will be at the center at Maricopa Colony July 9 from 8 a.m. to noon, and the District 6 Service Center July 13 from 8 a.m. to noon to take applications.

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Community Calendar

- May 30** — Memorial Day Service and activities by American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post. 7 a.m. 10K run at VNB parking lot; 8 a.m. memorial service at District 3 Monument; 9 a.m. volleyball tourney south of Tribal Annex.
- May 30** — Gila River hosts meeting of tribal councils from Tohono O'odham, Ak Chin and Salt River, 9 a.m. to noon at Gila River Arts & Crafts.
- June 1** — Opening of student photo exhibit at Gila River Tribal Office, Sacaton.
- June 3** — Gila River Tribal Council. Swearing in of newly elected tribal council members. Ceremony 9 a.m.
- June 30** — Public hearing on rehabilitation of septic tanks on Gila River, 6.30 p.m. in tribal council building, Sacaton.
- June 30** — Deadline for submitting information on current address, marriage license, birth certificates to Gila River Enrollment Office.

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Middle school photography students to exhibit their works this summer

The photography students at Sacaton Middle School will once again be presenting an exhibit of their best work this summer.

All the photos in the exhibit are the work of Pima/Papago students from the Gila River Indian Community.

The exhibit will consist of some twenty mounted and framed black and white photographs representing work of the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in Bill Carey's middle school photography class.

"We are presenting our best photos again this year, and this time we hope to let more of the community share this fine art," Carey said.

The exhibit was displayed in May at the Sacaton Elementary School and Sacaton Middle School.

It will be on display at the Gila River Tribal Office June 1 through June 19, and at the Gila River Arts & Crafts Center June 22 through July 20.

The photos are on a variety of subjects, from desert scenes on the reservation and local Pima cultural subjects to fun photos of children, pets and friends.

Carey said, "All the photographs represent the feelings and experiences of the students. We hope this will be one more outlet for Pima cultural art. Although people don't often think of photography as an art form, it most definitely is. This exhibit is a very positive means of involving Pima students in their own artistic culture."



"ARIZONA"

by: Susan Whitson 7th Grade



"NIKKI"

by: Angie Leos 8th Grade



"BIRTHDAY PARTY"

by: Jolene Moffett 8th Grade

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Fear of dentist can be overcome with introduction at early age

Your child's first visit to the dentist is as important as those first steps or first words.

It's a social and developmental milestone equal to any other, and it sets standards for dental care that will stay with your child throughout life.

The Sacaton Dental staff recommends that a child's introduction to oral care begin immediately after birth.

By gently cleaning their baby's gums after feedings with a soft, damp washcloth, parents can get their child accustomed to oral hygiene as an important, everyday routine.

A child's introduction to professional dental care should take place early in life as well. The Sacaton Dental staff recommends that a child's first dental visit take place at the age of three unless a problem develops before then.

During the first dental visit, your dentist will examine your child's mouth for any signs of tooth decay or other problems.

The teeth may be cleaned and X-rays taken to make sure the facial bones and teeth are developing properly.

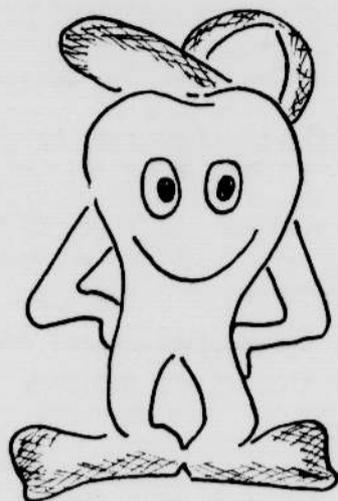
If you live in a non-flouridated area your dentist might prescribe fluoride supplements for your child's teeth.

It's wise to acquaint your child with the dentist and dental office before a dental emergency or need for treatment arises.

Foster an image of the dentist and dental staff as friends who will help your child take care of his or her teeth and gums.

The first dental visit should be a positive, non-threatening experience. Treat the trip as a pleasant adventure to look forward to.

During the visit, your child should be allowed to inspect the dental equipment. And at each step during the examination, your



child should be told what is going to happen before it happens.

The more in control your child feels, the more pleasant and rewarding the experience will be.

If your child enjoys the first dental visit, future dental visits will be eagerly anticipated, rather than feared.

These early experiences will color your child's attitude toward dental care. By about seven, your child should look to undergoing a dental examination without your presence.

For a single, free copy of the publication, "Your Child's First visit to the Dentist," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Department of Information and Education, American Dental Association, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60611.

This column is offered as a public service by the Sacaton Dental staff. If you have a specific question that you would like to have answered, send your question to Dr. Henry E. Jones Jr., PHS Indian Hospital, P.O. Box 38, Sacaton, AZ 85247.

*by Sacaton Dental Staff
for Gila River Indian News*

Gila River WIC, Well Child Clinic to start summer schedule June 1

The Gila River WIC Program will begin its Well Child Clinic summer schedule beginning June 1.

The schedule will be as follows:

Blackwater—the second Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Sacaton—the first and third Friday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

San Tan—the second Friday of each month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Casa Blanca—the first and third Wednesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ak-Chin—the first Tuesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gila Crossing—the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, WIC will be at Gila Crossing every Monday, except the first Monday of each month, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Maricopa Colony—the first

Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lone Butte—the first Monday of each month from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Sacaton WIC Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday mornings are reserved for first prenatal certifications, Well Child Clinic, and special appointments.

If a field clinic is missed, vouchers may be picked up at Sacaton during regular clinic hours Monday through Thursday.

If someone in your family is pregnant, breast-feeding, or has a baby or preschool child and would like to know more about WIC services, call 562-3311 or 963-4323, extension 272.

*by Gila River WIC Program
for Gila River Indian News*

Common sense can help treat some stomach ailments at home

Vomiting and diarrhea are common medical problems usually caused by virus or bacteria. Gastroenteritis, as this problem is called, may also cause stomach cramps, muscle aches and fever. The problem is usually self-limited and goes away after a few days, but may last up to a week.

Some simple common sense recommendations may hasten recovery and prevent complications. As with any illness, one needs to rest and "take it easy."

The basic plan is to let the gut rest so that it can heal after being infected. Dehydration or loss of too much fluid also needs to be prevented.

Recommendations for care of vomiting and/or diarrhea include:

1. Stop all milk and solid food.
2. After vomiting, let the stomach rest for an hour, then start with ice chips and sips of water or rice water (two tablespoons rice boiled in one cup of water and strained).
3. When clear fluids are tolerated well, advance the diet to easily digestible food such as bland cooked chicken, rice, cooked cereal without milk, toast and jelly, mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes, bananas, plain tortilla, or soda crackers.
4. Then let your appetite be the guide to starting other foods.
5. Avoid milk and fried or fatty foods for a few days, as these are hard to digest. Avoid fruits and fruit juices because these may worsen diarrhea.

For infants and children who are under one year old:

1. Stop all milk, formula and solid food.
2. Use Pedialyte or Lytren instead of water for the first 12 hours. DO NOT give Kool-Aid, jello water, tea, pop, or apple juice.
3. After 12 hours, begin half-strength Prosobee or Isomil.
4. Increase to regular strength Prosobee or Isomil after 24 to 36 hours.
5. Over the next one to three days, as the diarrhea and/or vomiting resolves, return to the regular diet for age.

Be sure to watch for these warning signs and seek medical attention:

1. Inability to keep down even water.
2. Signs of dehydration (listlessness, dry mouth, no pee, no tears when crying).
3. Fever greater than 101 orally.
4. Mucus, blood or worms in the bowel movement.
5. Severe abdominal or stomach pain.
6. Vomiting blood.

With these recommendations one can care for most gastroenteritis at home. Pedialyte, Prosobee and Isomil are available at local stores or from the hospital. The hospital telephone number is 562-3321.

If you are in doubt about an illness in your family, be sure to seek medical attention.

*by Sacaton Hospital staff
for Gila River Indian News*

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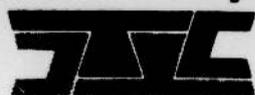
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Kids Can Cook program starts June 1

A "Kids Can Cook" program, for children 3 to 8 years old will be held this summer by the Gila River Community WIC Program.

The program will begin June 1 and continue through August 20. Classes will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, in the pink Maternal and Child Nutrition Trailer

behind the hospital at Sacaton.

For registration and more information, stop at the Gila River Nutrition Office in Sacaton, or call 562-3311, extension 272.

Free lunches will be provided for the children through the Summer Food Service Program.

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FBI called to investigate anti-Indian hate groups

The FBI and Justice Department have been called on to investigate the activities of anti-Indian hate groups following a clash in late April in Wisconsin between Indian fishermen and members of an organization called PARR, Protect America's Rights and Resources.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) called on the Federal agencies to investigate PARR after the group's leader reportedly was among a rock-throwing mob of about 400 who attacked four boats of 12 Lac du Flambeau spearmen and some 15 other tribal members on a landing at Lake Butternut.

Many of the Indians were injured, including an elderly woman who was dragged from a truck.

The Lac du Flambeau spearmen, as well as other tribes in the area, are guaranteed rights to take fish, including walleye pike, from Wisconsin lakes in their region.

Symbols of opposition to Indian fishing rights have cropped up in Wisconsin, including bumper stickers that say "Save a Walleye, spear an Indian."

Other bumper stickers show a backlash against a recent Supreme Court decision upholding treaty hunting rights for Indians in the Great Lakes area. One such bumper sticker reads, "Save a Deer, Shoot an Indian."

The NCAI says PARR is just one of several anti-Indian groups that have cropped up across the country over the past several years.

In the Northwest and Great Lakes areas the anti-Indian groups complain about Indian fishing rights; in the East they oppose Indian land claims; in the Southwest and Midwest they attack Indian water rights and jurisdiction.

In the past many of the complaints said the Indians were "super citizens," having more rights than non-Indians.

James Watt is fired as lawyer by Crow Indian tribe

The Crow Indians, charging that he is taking the side of the federal government in the tribe's \$130 million boundary dispute, fired former Interior Secretary James Watt as their lawyer.

The tribe's new attorney, Jean Bearcrane, said of Watt, "He said the United States has taken good care of the Crow Tribe. The Crow Tribe knows better."

Watt was hired in 1985 to represent the tribe in its suit claiming a surveyor's error was made when the boundaries of the Crow Reservation were established in 1868 in southeastern Montana.

Watt, who would have been paid 10 percent of whatever settlement was finally reached, agreed with the Justice Department on certain points that went against the tribe's positions in the suit, according to the tribe.

Bill seeks Indian remains from Smithsonian Institution

The planned introduction of a bill that would require the reinterment of thousands of Indian skeletal remains held by the Smithsonian Institution has been announced by Hawaii

Democratic Sen. Daniel Inouye.

In the mid-to late-19th Century, Army officers were instructed to send Indian bodies to the U.S. Surgeon General, and in most cases only skulls were sent.

The remains of the Indians were placed in the Army Medical Museum for study, and in the late 1800s and early 1900s were transferred to the Smithsonian.

The remains included men killed in battle as well as those of women and children.

The bill is still in rough draft form, but it will allow the Smithsonian about five years to determine tribal identification and geographic location of the remains.

Those which can be tribally identified would be offered to be returned to the tribe, and those unidentified would be reinterred in a mass grave on top of which a national monument would be raised to honor the deceased.

IRS avoids confrontation with Lummi Indian fishermen

A potential confrontation between the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Lummi Indian fishermen in Washington state was avoided when the IRS agreed not to confiscate Lummi fishing assets as payment for back taxes until Congress acts on a bill that would prohibit taxation of Indian fishing revenue.

The Interior Department asked the Treasury Department to delay the IRS from taking property until the Indian fishing bill is acted on.

Agents of the IRS in Washington were preparing to seize Indian property because tribal fishermen refused to pay taxes on revenues generated by fishing.

Several tribes were prepared to defend their property if the IRS had moved in, according to an Interior Department spokesman.

Indian liaisons for census

In an effort to get the most accurate count of American Indian and Alaska Natives, tribal governments on more than 300 reservations are being asked to appoint a liaison to work directly with the U.S. Census Bureau in preparing for the 1990 census.

Letters were sent recently by the Census Bureau to 322 reservations asking that each assign a member of the tribe to serve as a primary contact with the bureau on 1990 census matters.

The effort is called the Tribal Liaison Program, and is part of the Census Bureau's goal to get an accurate count of Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

The directors of the bureau's 12 regions will visit reservations as a followup to the letters sent by the Census Bureau.

The Tribal Liaison Program will run through September 1990, and those serving as tribal liaison will receive training on why, how and when the census is taken, and how American Indian and Alaska Native communities can use census data.

Indian actor Will Sampson gets heart, lung transplant

Will Sampson, the Indian actor and activist, underwent a lung and heart transplant April 22 in Houston, and

his condition is reported as precarious.

A Creek Indian from Oklahoma, Sampson, 53, was nominated for an Oscar for his role as Chief Bromden in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

A special fund has been set up to pay for "extraordinary expenses." Contributions can be sent to the American Indian Free Clinic, c/o Will Sampson Fund, 1330 S. Longbeach Blvd., Compton, Calif. 90221.

House bill places 2-year hold on taxing non-Indians

The House version of a Senate bill that would prohibit tribal governments from levying new taxes on non-tribal members on reservations for a two-year period was introduced into the House in late April by Montana Republican Congressman Ron Marlenee.

The bill also requires the President to appoint a commission to review the economic impact of the taxes.

In introducing the bill, Marlenee said non-Indians on reservations are faced with dual taxation and taxation without representation.

A second bill introduced by Marlenee, the Indian Nondiscriminatory Act, would require the Secretary of the Interior to approve all tribal tax ordinances and says that these taxes apply to Indian and non-Indian property.

Program helps Indian girls break stereotypical hold

A program that shows Indian girls they can break away from the stereotypical constraints that keep them from achieving in work, family and their personal lives is being used by a school in Minnesota.

The Heart of the Earth Survival School in Minneapolis, which is an alternative school for Indian children

in grades seven through 12, says the program attempts to show Indian girls that they have choices to make about the direction their lives will take.

The effort is to help Indian girls eliminate the stereotypes which prohibit them from choosing freely among the wide variety of values and roles that are available to them, according to a program spokesman.

"We want to show these young girls that they have many options, including traditional and contemporary roles. We want to show them how they might benefit from educational opportunities and help them realize that they are only limited by themselves," said program director Stephanie Autumn.

Instruction in clarifying values, making decisions, assertiveness, family planning, identifying skills, looking at non-traditional careers and financial aid for school or training are included in the program.

The program currently involves about 150 girls in 10 Minnesota locations, but the staff is looking to expand it to a nationwide effort.

White Mountain Apaches win \$5.5 million suit

The White Mountain Apache Tribe won a \$5.5 million suit against the Federal government, claiming mismanagement of the tribe's rangeland and forests prior to 1946.

The U.S. Claims Court awarded the tribe \$3.627 million for federal mismanagement of the tribe's rangeland, and \$1.797 million for mismanagement of the forests.

The tribe had sought over \$1 billion, but federal law says tribes can only sue the United States for damages before 1946 for mismanagement of their natural resources.

The tribe says it will file an appeal in an effort to win damages for mismanagement of its natural resources after 1946.

Stewart Indian Museum planning sixth arts and crafts fair June 20

Stewart Indian Museum will hold its sixth annual Arts and Crafts Fair and Competition Pow-Wow June 20 and 21.

The event will be held on the campus of the former Stewart Indian Boarding School campus.

A reunion of all former Stewart Indian School students, staff, their families, and friends will be held during the fair.

Members of the graduating classes of 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972 and 1977 will have special reunions.

Fair officials are looking for handmade Indian arts and crafts for sale in the Stewart Indian Museum Trading Post.

Those interested may write to the Stewart Indian Museum, 5366 Snyder Ave., Carson City, Nev. 98701.

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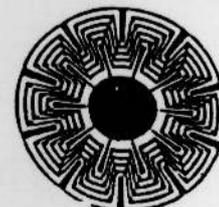
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