

# The Gila River Indian News

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## Tribal council calls for firing of police chief

A resolution calling for the removal or transfer of police Captain James Burgess, citing a lack of effective leadership, was passed by the Gila River Indian Community tribal council at its regular March Session.

The resolution said that Burgess, who is captain of police for Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement Services at the Pima Agency in

Sacaton, "has demonstrated that he is unable to properly supervise officers, clerical workers, and other employees under his command."

The resolution went on to say that Burgess "has been unable to communicate with members of the community and in fact has been disrespectful, rude and insensitive to community members under his

command and to the general public."

Burgess was also criticized by legislators for mismanagement of the Gila River Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Center, prior to contracting of this function by the tribe.

The council resolution stated that under Burgess' management inmates were subjected to a diet that didn't comply with minimal nutrition standards and children at the center were not given adequate education and health services.

The council cited a 1987 review of Pima Agency Law Enforcement and Detention Services conducted by the BIA that found and described a variety of law enforcement deficiencies that specifically concerned Burgess.

According to the council resolution, the report linked the following deficiencies to Burgess: a misuse of personnel, lack of good judgment regarding work priorities, lack of performance of administrative functions, lack of effective leadership, abusive and obnoxious behavior, and lack of appreciation and knowledge of personnel management. The council stated that these deficiencies haven't been corrected.

Both Burgess and BIA superintendent Denise Holmer declined to comment on the council resolution.

A second resolution calling for the removal of agency special officer Henry Spomer is on the council's April 5 agenda.

### Centennial fete for Sacaton church



C.H. Cook Memorial Church

The First Pima Presbyterian Church in Sacaton has scheduled its Centennial Celebration April 23 at the Charles H. Cook Memorial Church.

The event will honor the work of Cook, who came to work as a missionary among the Pimas a century ago.

Cook traveled to Arizona at the age of 30, and within two years had mastered the Pima language and began teaching English in an

adobe school near Sacaton, as well as continuing his work as a Presbyterian missionary.

Through his efforts the Presbyterian congregation's two-story mission-style adobe church in Sacaton was completed in 1918.

The April 23 centennial is set to begin at the church with worship services at 10 a.m., followed by lunch at noon, and an afternoon program starting at 1:30 p.m.

## Gila River voters will go to polls on May 2 to choose tribal council

Gila River voters will go to the polls May 2 to elect tribal council representatives for six of the reservation's seven districts.

Nominations for candidacy closed April 1 and the deadline for those not nominated by their districts to declare their intent to run is April 12, election board chairperson Janice Apkaw said.

A special tribal council meeting for the certification of qualifications of the council candidates is scheduled April 17.

Candidates are running for six vacancies, one in each district, except District 1.

Declared and nominated candidates running for three-year terms on the Gila River Indian Community tribal council are:

#### DISTRICT 2

Nathan Allen, Arnold Kisto (incumbent), and Garren J. Manuel.

#### DISTRICT 3

Perry Jackson (incumbent), Carolyn

Rhodes, and Lee Thompson.

#### DISTRICT 4

Weldon J. Salkey, Sherwin Whitman, and David Yesk. The incumbent Barrington Russell isn't seeking re-election.

#### DISTRICT 5

Brenda Robertson, Gordon Santos Sr., Gerald Sunna, and Emmett White. Incumbent Lucius Kyiyitan isn't running.

#### DISTRICT 6

Sally Pablo is the only candidate. Incumbent Anselm Shelde isn't a candidate.

#### DISTRICT 7

Alex Antone and incumbent Roderick Sunn.

District 1 has no representative whose term expires this year.

New council members elected in May will begin their terms with the first council meeting in June and will take the oath of office on June 7.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 2.

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## Water and Sanitation continues to collect on past, unpaid water bills

In the past year Gila River Water and Sanitation has collected more than half of \$116,000 in unpaid water bills accumulated by customers over three to four years, and is now pushing to collect the remaining \$56,000 of outstanding debt.

William Talbow, head of the Gila River Physical Resources Department, said to help customers catch up, three options or requirements have been offered.

One, the customer can pay

immediately. Two, they can sign a contract agreeing to pay off the amount they owe within 12 months, plus current charges. And three, they can request a hearing with the Water and Sanitation Board to review their payment history.

"The board is taking action to turn off (water) service to people who have not reacted to these options, or who have not paid their bill within the last 90 days," Talbow said.

"We had 87 people last month who

had failed to take action on the notices we sent out," he said.

Though the past due bills also include sewer and solid waste disposal, most of the debt is for water, he said.

"We've got it (the debt) down. It was \$116,000 last year. We've got the balance down to about \$56,000," Talbow said.

"We've got the system computerized now, we've improved the

accounting (and billing) practices," he said.

"We have many contracts now, people have been reacting...it's been a positive move," he said.

For those whose water has been turned off for non-payment of bills, "they must call the (Gila River) Physical Resources Department, 562-3301, and make arrangements to pay the past due balances," Talbow said.

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## Groundbreaking at Sacaton April 15 for veteran's memorial monument

American Legion Post No. 84 is set to break ground April 15 for a veteran's memorial in Sacaton's Veteran's Park.

The monument will honor Ira H. Hayes and all Gila River veterans.

Hayes, a Pima who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, participated in the flag raising on Iwo Jima.

Post 84, which was chartered in 1971, is seeking donations for the memorial as well as for a post building. Cost for both projects has been estimated at \$50,000.

A clubhouse will provide a base of operations so veterans' services, not

now available on the reservation, can be provided, the group says.

According to a Post 84 flyer, many Indian veterans do not take advantage of veterans benefits, such as education, home loans and medical services, because a means for applying for these resources isn't available locally.

It is anticipated that the memorial will be completed by October, and then work will begin on the clubhouse.

For information, or to make a donation, write Ira Hayes Post No. 84, P.O. Box 186, Sacaton, AZ 85247.

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## Community Calendar

- APRIL 8** — Community Gathering. "Indian pride through awareness." 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Casa Blanca Day School. Fun run, speakers, videos, entertainment.
- APRIL 12** — Deadline for declaration of candidacy for Gila River Tribal Council election.
- APRIL 14** — 27th annual Mul-Chu-Tha, Sacaton rodeo and fair grounds.
- APRIL 15** — 27th annual Mul-Chu-Tha, Sacaton rodeo and fair grounds.
- APRIL 16** — 27th annual Mul-Chu-Tha, Sacaton rodeo and fair grounds.
- APRIL 18** — Absentee ballots available upon request for Gila River Tribal Council election.
- April 22** — Gila River Water Conservation Committee meeting on proposed canal system. Gila River Arts and Crafts Center, 9 a.m.
- APRIL 22** — Youth Council Leadership Development Training. Gila River Arts and Crafts Center, 9 a.m.
- MAY 1** — Absentee ballots due for Gila River Tribal Council election.
- MAY 2** — Gila River Tribal Council Election. Polls open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- MAY 14** — Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council meeting, 9 a.m., Sacaton tribal council chamber.

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# Typing error causes tribe to bounce 64 checks totaling \$124,000

A typing error by a bank employee created an accounting nightmare that caused 64 checks issued by the Gila River Indian Community to bounce in February.

The checks totaling approximately \$124,000 were returned for insufficient funds when the federal government rejected a request for contract funds owed to the tribe because of the typo, tribal treasurer Alida Thomas said.

The calamity began when a Valley National Bank employee neglected to type in a dollar sign on a Gila River draw-down request for about \$130,000 in federal contract money, she said.

Expecting the money to be transferred immediately by wire to its bank account, the tribal government wrote checks relying on the funds.

But the error caused the federal reserve to reject the request for funds, and without the drawdown the tribal account was overdrawn.

An incorrect form letter from the federal government notifying the tribe of the rejection further complicated the situation, making it hard to track down the actual culprit.

Initially, the tribe received a notice stating that the Gila River Indian Community had requested more money than was authorized by the contract.

The tribe then had to double check with its funding agency to ensure the amount was correct.

Later the accounting department

learned that the notice was simply a form letter, and the actual reason for rejection of its request was a missing dollar sign, Thomas said.

To cover the bounced checks the tribal government cashed in a \$100,000 certificate of deposit, losing about \$2,000 in interest, Thomas said.

Enough money to cover the checks was placed in the tribal account within a day or two, she said.

In addition to lost interest, \$12.50

per check returned for insufficient funds was charged to the tribal checking account.

But Thomas says, since a bank error caused the problem, the tribe will request that the charges be credited back to its account once the bank has completed its end-of-month account analysis.

Had the problem occurred after the first quarter of the year the tribal government would most likely have

had enough funds in its account to cover the checks without the drawdown, she said.

But the error happened at a particularly inopportune time.

Yearly lease and rental income doesn't usually come in until after the first quarter, Thomas noted.

In addition, federal contract requests for funds usually take a little longer to process at the start of the year, she said.

# Pinal bond vote approval will improve Maricopa Road

Off-reservation voters in Pinal County's newly formed Maricopa Road Rural Road Improvement District have approved the sale of \$10 million in general obligation bonds for the improvement of Maricopa Road.

Total cost of the improvement project, which will convert Maricopa Road into a four-lane divided parkway, is \$52 million.

The Arizona State Transportation Board has already agreed to make the road part of the state highway system and to commit \$26 million of Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) funds to the project. Federal roadway construction money is also being sought.

In addition to solving traffic problems, the improvements will create economic opportunity by providing the necessary infrastructure for commercial and light industrial developments within the Gila River Indian Community, Cecil Antone, director of the tribe's Land Use Planning Department, said.

As a shortcut route between I-10 and I-8, Maricopa Road is used heavily by residents of Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa and Chandler, Antone noted.

Thus, road improvements will make future tribal developments more accessible to the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, he said.

Tribal officials are currently

meeting with ADOT to look at design plans for the four-lane highway, he said.

Once Maricopa Road has been officially accepted into the state highway system and the roadway alignment has been identified, ADOT has agreed to fence the right-of-way.

This should eliminate instances of auto accidents involving wild horses, which currently account for more than one-third of all accidents on the highway, according to a Pinal County Highway Department official.

Fencing could take place as early as fall 1989. Construction of the four-lane highway is likely to begin in 1990, Antone said.

# Foster parents are badly needed in the community

Arizona Gov. Rose Mofford has proclaimed April as Foster Family Month in Arizona—a time to recognize the importance of providing care for children who are temporarily separated from their families.

Within the Gila River Indian Community there are 23 licensed foster homes and four foster/adopt homes, according to Manuel Johnson, a foster care worker with Tribal Social Services.

The Foster Care Program is continuing to seek new foster families.

Should you consider becoming a foster parent?

Manuel offers the following quiz to help you decide if you have that special something necessary to take on the job of foster parenting.

### Are You Special?

1. Do you love children?
2. Do you believe in the family?
3. Do you care about your community?
4. Do you feel you have something to contribute to a young person's life?
5. Does your family have love to share?

If so, consider becoming a community foster parent.

For more information contact Johnson at 562-3396, or 899-9565.

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- \* On May 30, 1989, at 1:30 p.m., there will be a hearing where the Court will decide whether the settlement is fair. The hearing will be before Judge Paul G. Rosenblatt, United States District Court in the Federal Court Building, 230 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.
- \* If you think you may be affected by this case, you may come to the hearing and tell the Court if you object to the settlement.
- \* The Court will listen to your objection only if you send a written notice to the Court by April 30, 1989 telling them that you plan to appear at the hearing.
- \* If you need more information about the settlement, write to Christine A. Yalda at Four Rivers Indian Legal Services, P.O. Box 68, Sacaton, Arizona 85247 or call her on (602) 562-3369 or (602) 254-2081 (Phoenix line).

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# EDUCATION

## Scouts looking for adult volunteers and boys and girls for scout troops

Adult volunteers to serve as Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders and on scouting committees, and boys and girls who want to be scouts, are being sought in the Gila River Indian Community.

Lance Perkins, scouting coordinator for Gila River, said the adult volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

Scout leaders work directly with scouts, lead meetings, go on camp outs, hikes and other scouting activities, he said.

Committee members, he said, help manage and maintain scouting business such as memberships, treasury, secretarial and coordinate

scouting activities.

Scout troops and scout leaders meet once a week either on week nights or week ends. The meetings usually take about an hour.

Scout committee meetings are held at least once each month, said Perkins.

Boy and Girl Scout troops are made up of children 7 through 11 years old.

Adults interested to serve as volunteers, children interested in joining a troop, or communities interested in starting their own troop, may contact the community service center in their district, or contact the Scouting Program, P.O. Box 917, Bapchule, Arizona 87221. 562-3441.

## Free screening and education check being offered by Sacaton schools

The Sacaton School District is providing free screening to check for speech, learning, motor development, vision and hearing problems in children ages 3 to 5.

The screenings are part of an effort to identify children who might benefit from the district's special education programs.

Community members are being

asked to help identify youngsters in this age group who may have physical, mental, or emotional difficulties so they can be referred to appropriate education programs.

If you know someone who might benefit from the screening program, contact school superintendent Jacob Garcia at 562-3339.

## Cashier training course will start April 10 at Gila River Career Center

A three-week course in cashier training is set to begin April 10 at the Gila River Career Center in Sacaton.

The course is designed for those seeking employment as a cashier, and studies include cash register operation, selling skills, end-of-day balancing, inventory maintenance, and credit card and check-cashing procedures.

Classes for the 40-hour, three-week course, are scheduled 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Wednesday

and Friday of each week in room 210 of the GRCC.

Tuition for the program is \$50 per person, and payment must be made by April 6 to complete the registration process before entering the program.

Phone registration is available by calling 562-3349, or 723-5522. The skill center is operated by Central Arizona College, and job placement assistance is available to those who complete the course.

## Now is the time to seek financial aid through Central Arizona College

If you're planning to attend Central Arizona College during the 1989-90 school year, now is the time to apply for financial aid.

CAC officials say students should apply with the college's Office of Financial Aid immediately to be given priority consideration.

CAC begins awarding aid packages after April 15, and students who may be eligible could miss out on available financial aid if they wait too long to apply.

According to officials in the Office of Financial Aid, April 15 is a priority application deadline common among most college and universities.

The date was established because of limited funding available in two grant programs, the State Student Incentive Program and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant.

Because of limited funds available in those two grant programs, awards are based on a first-come, first serve basis.

As for other grants, there is no funding limit on the federal Pell Grant program, which can be awarded throughout much of the academic year.

Still, student eligibility for the grant is determined at the same time eligibility is determined for the SSIG and SEOG, making the entire process easier for those students who apply by the April 15 deadline.

The financial aid application process takes four to six weeks to complete.

Students should send their completed applications to the American College Testing Service in Iowa City, Iowa, the main processing center for all financial aid nationwide.

Financial aid packages are awarded soon after ACT notifies both the college and the student of eligibility. All federal aid programs are based on financial need.

More information is available by calling CAC's district Office of Financial Aid at 426-4425.

## Program readies students for college

A two-week program to help American Indian and other minority students prepare for college and learn more about business is being offered this summer at Arizona State University.

The program, sponsored by ASU's Academic Enrichment Office, is open to Arizona high school sophomores and juniors, and is scheduled July 9-21.

It will offer academic preparation sessions, company tours, and

information about various business disciplines and careers.

Fifty students will be selected based on academic performance, potential for college success, leadership and community involvement.

Applications are available from high school guidance counselors, or by contacting Geneva Duarte or Olga Hernandez at the Academic Enrichment Office, 965-4066. The application deadline is May 5.

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## Visit by federal officials prompts optimism at Sherman Indian school

Sherman Indian High School hosted U.S. Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. and Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos March 27 during the first day of a two-day, three-state tour of Indian schools by the Cabinet officials.

The unprecedented visit by the two Cabinet members to schools administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in California, New Mexico, and Arizona "reflects the commitment to improved education for Native Americans that President Bush, Secretary Cavazos, and I share," Lujan said.

The trip offered Lujan and Cavazos the opportunity to assess the opportunities and needs that face BIA schools.

The Cabinet members' aim was to identify qualities in successful programs that may be duplicated throughout the BIA educational system.

At Sherman, located in Riverside, Calif., school officials used the visit as an opportunity to propose that the high school be designated a special college preparatory school, Daniel Tree, president of the Sherman

school board and a member of the Gila River Indian Community, said.

The school, with an enrollment of 308 students, has already made significant progress toward creating a solid college preparatory program.

The visit presented an ideal opportunity to show off the school's success in this areas, including an innovative partnership program between Sherman and the state of California university and college system.

Under the California University Colleges Partnership Program, university personnel are working with the school on a one-to-one basis assisting the school in developing its college preparatory program, Tree said.

Partnership programs also exist between the school and the community of Riverside and the Gila River Indian Community.

In addition, Sherman students also may take advantage of a tuition waiver provided by the Western Association For Schools and Colleges (WAFSC).

WAFSC waives tuition fees for Indian students enrolled in California

state universities and colleges, Tree said.

During its next school board meeting, scheduled April 20-21, board members will also consider a proposal for a College Residential Program, Tree said.

Under this program Indian students attending nearby colleges and universities would live on the Sherman campus while they attend school, using campus apartments that are now vacant.

In addition to assisting the college students, the program would also provide positive role models to Sherman students, Tree said.

While no definite commitments were given by the Cabinet

secretaries, both men reacted positively to the college preparatory plan, Tree said.

Since a good percentage of Sherman students are from Arizona, the school board will also be approaching the Arizona Congressional Delegation for funding support for the preparatory school concept, he said.

The Cabinet secretaries' visit "helped to create a high motivation within both staff and students at Sherman.

Just the fact that you're in the top four schools that the secretaries chose to visit is something to be proud of," Tree said.



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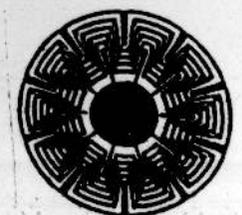
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# Ordinances will deal with drunk driving, child support, and residency

Three proposed council resolutions dealing with child support payments, residency requirements, and DUI's are set to be presented at district meetings for comment before

being voted on by the Gila River Indian Community tribal council, Legislative Committee chairperson Mary V. Thomas said. The Driving Under the Influence

(DUI) Ordinance would develop an agreement between the the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Gila River Indian Community to share information on DUI

convictions. Currently records of arrests for DUI's on the reservation are not forwarded to the state, and many repeat offenders who would have lost their license for convictions off reservation have retained their license because tribal court doesn't have the power to confiscate Arizona driver's licenses.

In addition to sharing information, it's hoped that an agreement could be developed that would give tribal courts the authority to confiscate licenses through a point system similar to the state's, Thomas said.

The proposed residency ordinance would make it illegal for non-members of the tribe to make their home within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Community.

The ordinance wouldn't apply to non-members legally married to members, as well as persons engaged in and authorized to do business on the reservation by the Gila River Indian Community.

The residency ordinance was developed to deal with reports of crimes committed by illegal aliens and transients residing on the reservation, Thomas said.

She noted that when these non-members commit crimes, tribal court doesn't have jurisdiction over them.

The child support ordinance was developed at the request of a community member who was attempting to collect child support payments from a spouse who was employed by the tribal government system, Thomas said.

It would create a system for the tribal court to help community children who need the financial support of an absent parent.

The courts would have the option of garnishing the wages of parents who have not provided child support to their children, she said.

The Legislative Committee is continuing to work on these resolutions and will be presenting them at district meetings in the coming months.

Community members are encouraged to relay any comments to their district council representatives, Thomas said.

## Canal plans focus of committee hearing April 22

The Gila River tribal Water Conservation Committee is sponsoring a meeting April 22 to discuss plans for a proposed canal system to improve water delivery to reservation farms.

The meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon at the Arts & Crafts Center in Sacaton.

Landowners who have been considering farming their land but have hesitated because of poor water delivery are particularly encouraged to attend.

Maps of the proposed canal system are available at each district service center.

The aim of the meeting is to determine whether proposed canal routes meet the needs of landowners and farmers, so those planning to attend are encouraged to review the system map before the meeting.



SPECIAL EXHIBIT FOR ISABEL JOHNS—Staff at the Gila River Arts and Crafts Center show off a new and nearly completed exhibit area in the center's museum. Squash blossom baskets, ranging from four-petal to 12-petal designs, made by Pima basket weaver Isabell Johns in the 1930s and 1940s are the feature of the exhibit. From left in photo, Gila River Arts and Crafts Center director Bruce Hamana, museum curator trainee Marcella Davis, and interns from Arizona State University's Anthropology Department, who designed and built the exhibit, Mike Williams and Bruce Steele.



## GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY SACATON, AZ. 85247

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### SCHEDULE FOR 1989 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- APRIL 12, 1989..... Deadline for Declarations.
- APRIL 17, 1989..... Special Tribal Council Meeting - Certification of Qualification of Council Candidates.
- APRIL 18, 1989..... Absentee Ballots Available (upon request).
- APRIL 28, 1989..... Orientation for Election Boards - 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers.
- MAY 1, 1989..... Absentee Ballots due by 5:00 p.m. (or Post-marked by April 27, 1989 if mailed).
- MAY 2, 1989..... TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7
- MAY 3, 1989..... Tribal Council Certification of Newly Elected Council Members.
- JUNE 7, 1989..... Oath of Office for New Council Members.

# ARIZONA/NATIONAL

## Tohono O'odham Council ousts tribal chairman

Tohono O'odham tribal Chairman Enos Francisco Jr. was removed from office March 31 for negligence of duty by a vote of the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council during a court of removal hearing.

The vote by the O'odham council was near unanimous, with only two dissenting votes and one representative absent.

Before leaving the tribal government building in Sells, Francisco telephoned Tohono O'odham Vice Chairman Angelo Joaquin Sr. to inform him of the vote.

With Francisco's removal, Joaquin is now the tribal chairman.

The tribal council dropped charges against Joaquin, who was originally included in the court of removal hearings, after deciding that sufficient cause didn't exist to remove him from office.

During two hours of voting on whether to remove the chairman from office, Francisco sat at a table 15 feet from his chief accuser, tribal council representative Tony Felix of San Xavier.

For the most part, Francisco sat unmoving with his hands folded. Felix scribbled on a legal pad and shuffled papers, seldom raising his head.

The removal process began when Felix formally filed charges accusing both the chairman and vice chairman of failing to properly administer tribal offices and programs.

Both Francisco and Joaquin strongly denied the charges saying the effort to remove them was politically motivated and represented efforts by the council to regain power it had before a new tribal constitution was enacted in 1986.

Felix was recently convicted on a drunken driving charge and several members of his district council have submitted a petition to the O'odham Legislative Council's Judicial Committee seeking his removal from office, citing the conviction.

Francisco says he will appeal the council's removal action first to tribal court, and then to federal court, if necessary.

He has maintained that the hearing was unfair and violated his rights because the legislative council acted as witness, prosecutor, judge and jury.

Although the council has already removed Francisco from office, Gerald Miguel, a Sells businessman, is heading a petition drive calling for a reservation-wide voter referendum on the issue.

Miguel said he started the petition drive because the hearing process as unfair, and the O'odham people should decide whether Francisco stays in office.

The legislative council itself drew fire for the manner in which the hearings were conducted and for a list ground rules it issued to govern

the conduct of voters attending the hearings.

The ground rules banned attendees from wearing sunglasses, hats, and bandannas. Pens and notepaper were not allowed in the hearing room, and reporters were not allowed to attend.

Voters were also admonished to stay in their seats throughout the hearing and not to fall asleep.

At the hearing room door police asked men to empty their pockets, and women's purses were searched for notebooks and pens.

Hand held metal detectors were also used to search for weapons—something new for Tohono O'odham tribal council meetings.

## Low-income children at higher risk for abuse and neglect

Low-income children, no matter what their race or ethnicity, are at a greater risk of being neglected or abused, according to a recent study sponsored by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN).

The study explored the relationship between race or ethnicity and abuse, and tested the relationship of family income to child abuse/ neglect.

The study classified children into three major categories: white, black and other.

It concluded that "there were no significant relationships between the incidence of maltreatment and a child's race or ethnicity."

In analyzing the effects of family income, families in the study were divided into those earning \$15,000 or more, and those earning less than \$15,000 in 1986.

Income was found to have profound effects on the incidence of abuse and neglect.

There was significantly more frequent maltreatment and injury or impairment among the low-income children, the study reported.

Findings also indicated that family income is a potent predictor of child maltreatment.

## Tribal companies liable off the reservation

The Arizona Supreme Court has ruled independent companies created by tribal governments can be sued in state courts over off-reservation accidents.

The high court decision overturns a lower court ruling that said such companies have immunity from suits over traffic accidents even if they occur off reservation.

The decision reinstated a \$100,000 judgement won by a Tempe woman, Cheryl Dixon, who was involved in an accident in Tempe with a truck owned by the Picopa Construction Co., a firm chartered as an entity of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

In making the decision, the Arizona Supreme Court said sovereign

immunity "was never meant to protect entities conducting non-tribal business."

The 4-0 ruling says immunity did not apply in Picopa's case because the firm was established for "purely commercial reasons," not to promote tribal culture.

Writing for the court, Vice Chief Justice Stanley Feldman noted that a ruling in favor of an Indian firm in a negligence case might deter other companies from entering into a contract with Indian corporations.

"Non-Indians will undoubtedly think long and hard before entering into business relationships with Indian corporations that are immune from suit. This may well retard a tribe's economic growth," Feldman said.

## Albert named new Salt River BIA superintendent

Raymond Albert, a former administrative officer at the Pima Agency in Sacaton, has been appointed superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Salt River Agency, Wilson Barber, BIA area director, announced last month.

A 15-year veteran with the BIA and

a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe, Albert most recently served as a program analyst in the Phoenix Area Office.

The Salt River Agency serves the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Mohave-Apache Community at Fort McDowell and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe near Tucson.

## Quechan Tribe planning heritage center

The Quechan Indian Tribe is planning to develop a new heritage center museum and tourist complex that could eventually include hotels and restaurants at Fort Yuma on Indian Hill.

Quechan tribal president Lorraine White said the tribe has selected BRW, Inc. with offices in Tucson and Phoenix, as consultants for the master plan design for the development.

The tribe also has hired a project coordinator who will be a liaison between the Quechans and the Yuma Crossing Foundation, which is developing a state park on the Arizona bank of the Colorado River opposite Indian Hill.

# 27th annual Mul-Chu-Tha is set for April 14, 15 and 16 at Sacaton

The 27th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha tribal fair is set for April 14, 15, and 16 at the tribal fair grounds in Sacaton.

The event features rodeo, dances, pow wows, arts and crafts, 16 food booths, and a fun run and parade.

Rodeo Queen Ranee Thomas, 15, of Casa Blanca, an eighth grader at Santa Rosa Boarding School will reign over festivities. Thomas was crowned during a pageant held April 1. Her parents are Tyrone and Lorna Thomas.

First runner up for the title of rodeo queen was Rebecca Walker, daughter of Carmelita Walker and an eighth grader at Sacaton Public School. Second runner up was Karen Enos, 19, of San Tan. Her father is Hugh Enos.

The following schedule has been announced by fair organizers:

**APRIL 13**  
**MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT**

A banquet to honor the three Miss Gila River Pageant candidates is set for 6:30 p.m. at the San Marcos Sheraton Hotel in Chandler. A dance will follow the banquet.

Tickets are \$22 and can be obtained by calling Byron Jackson, 562-3388

**APRIL 14**  
**MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT**

The pageant is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Sacaton Middle School gym. Master of ceremonies is Roy Track. A coronation dance will follow the event at the fair grounds exhibit hall.

Miss Gila River candidates are: Melissa Gomez of District 1, Denise Jackson of District 3, and Kimberly Enos also of District 3.

•Junior Rodeo - beginning Friday afternoon at the rodeo arena.

•Carnival - Friday evening, fair grounds.

•Food Booths - Fair grounds ramada

area.  
**APRIL 15**

•10 K Run and Two-Mile Fun Run - 7 a.m., Gila River Career Center. There is a \$10 entry fee. For information call Myrtle Charles, 562-3280.

•Parade - 10 a.m. downtown Sacaton.

•All-Indian Rodeo - 1 p.m., rodeo arena.

•Northern Pow Wow - Afternoon, north of the tribal administration building at the old school ball field. Host drum is Star Eagle Nation. Arena director is Andy Burdette. Prize totaling \$1,460 will be offered.

•Carnival - All day Saturday, fair grounds.

•Arts and Crafts Exhibits - All day Saturday fair grounds.

•Food Booths - Fair grounds ramada area.

•Ceremonial Dances - Ramada circle.

•Country Western Dancing - 8 p.m. - 1 a.m., exhibit building, fair grounds.

•Chicken Scratch Dance - 8 p.m. - 1 a.m., exhibit building, fair grounds.

KZZP (DJ hosted) Dance - 8 p.m. (tentative), Amphitheater.

**APRIL 16**

•Carnival - All day Sunday, fair grounds.

•Pow Wow - Afternoon, old school ball field, north of the tribal administration building.

•Arts and Crafts Exhibit - All day Sunday fair grounds.

•All-Indian Rodeo - 1 p.m., rodeo arena.

•Ceremonial Dances - Fair grounds ramada circle.

•Food Booths - Fair grounds ramada area.

For more information contact any of the following Fair Commission members: Fair Commission Chairman Ted Lewis, 562-9238; vice chairman Jay Pedro, 562-3311, ext. 332, or Jackie Boni, 562-3316.

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# Some residents of District 6 still at odds with Gila River Telecommunications

A March 11 meeting to discuss proposed phone rates failed to convince many District 6 residents and officials that Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. will provide long distance service at affordable rates.

During the meeting, held in District 6, residents voiced concern that calls from the reservation to areas off-reservation, but within the Phoenix metropolitan area, would become toll calls under the GRTI system. Under U.S. West these calls are now toll-free.

Bob Porter, a resident of District 6, said the fact that reservation residents will be forced to accept service from GRTI rather than have a choice of GRTI or U.S. West is objectionable.

Beyond lack of choice, Porter also voiced concerns about phone rates, including toll charges for calls within

the metropolitan area but outside reservation boundaries.

He said loan costs are likely to be passed on to the customer in the form of higher rates.

Porter also said that the elderly and those in outlying areas probably won't be able to afford the phone service.

During its regularly scheduled March meeting, the District 6 council reaffirmed its January resolution, which opposed the proposed phone service until a guarantee was made that phone users would have a choice of remaining with their present provider, or accepting the new system, District 6 chairperson Marion B. Miles said.

In answer to rate questions, GRTI officials have said that negotiations are under way with U.S. West so calls made to Phoenix and other exchanges bounding the reservation

will be toll free.

"I think what these people don't understand is that they'll have much better phone service when the system is built," said Bill Trower, operations manager for GRTI.

"We've come up with three different calling plans that should accommodate everybody on the reservation," he said.

The calling plans range from a \$10-a-month charge for a minimum number of calls to a \$30 monthly charge for unlimited calls to the adjacent Phoenix area, he said.

In addition to better phone service, the Gila River Indian Community as a whole will benefit from the revenue produced by GRTI and from the employment opportunities created for tribal members, he said.

The tribally owned company was created last year with plans to take over the operation and maintenance

of the reservation's current telephone system owned by U.S. West.

In addition, GRTI plans to provide cellular mobile telephone service, cable TV, and a two-way interactive video service that will provide a means for tribal members to participate in council meetings and instructional courses without leaving their districts.

Cost for the entire system, including purchasing equipment from U.S. West, has been projected at \$9 million.

GRTI hopes to obtain funding for the system from the Rural Electrification Administration.



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