



The Gila River Indian News



A Gila River Indian Community Publication
Sacaton, Az.

VOL 5 NO. 5

MAY 4, 1989 PAGE 1

Four newcomers win seats on Gila River Council

Four newcomers and one River Indian Community Tribal incumbent won seats on the Gila Council during elections May 2, but a

victor has yet to be declared in District 5 where a May 23 special election must be held to break a tie vote.

In District 5 incumbent Lucius S. Kyyitan tied with Emmett White, and the tribal council passed a resolution calling for a May 23 special election.

Polling places will be open in the district from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. to break the tie, according to tribal Election Board chairperson Janice Apkaw.

The tribal council certified the following election results on May 3.

DISTRICT 2

Winner Dorinda L. James, 36 votes; Nathan Allen, 10 votes; Arnold Kisto (incumbent), 9 votes; Garren Manuel (write-in), 1 vote; Virgil Nish (write-in), 1 vote.

Manuel had been disqualified as a declared candidate because he didn't establish full residency until June 1988, Apkaw said. Residency must be established one year before the election.

DISTRICT 3

Winner Gary Cooper, 50 votes;

Perry Jackson (incumbent), 46; Edmund "Lee" Thompson, 30; Carolyn Rhodes, 33.

DISTRICT 4

Winner John A. Flores, 59 votes; David Yesk, 46; Weldon J. Salkey, 42; Barrington Russell, 25; Lester Gage (write-in), 1.

DISTRICT 5

Tying for the most votes were Emmett White and Lucius S. Kyyitan with 40 each; Gordon Santos Sr., 22; Gerald Sunna, 9; Brenda Robertson, 12.

DISTRICT 6

Winner Sally R. Pablo, 29 votes; and the following write-in candidate results, Mike M.H. Zillioux, 5; Joann Sundust, 2; Anselm Shelde, 1; Fred Ringlero, 1; Tonja Miles, 1; Florian Acunia, 5; Delores Raphael, 1; Marian Miles, 1.

DISTRICT 7

Winner Roderick Sunn, (incumbent), 22; Alex Antone, 15; Martha Miller (write-in), 3.

District 1 had no representative whose term expired this year.

\$3 million in Docket 228 money could be distributed by next fall

After two and half years of work, only about 387 names remain to be added to complete the tribal roll—the first step that must be completed before more than \$3 million in Docket 228 per capita payments can be made to tribal members, according to the tribal enrollment office.

While the enrollment process is near completion it will still be some time before per capita payments are actually disbursed.

The roll itself will take another two or three months to complete and then the tribal council and Bureau of Indian Affairs must go through a final

approval process, Tina Notah Enas, Gila River Tribal Enrollment Office coordinator, said.

That process involves the certification of the enrollment list by the tribal council. Then the list must be approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and then the Interior Secretary must approve it.

Once that is done, checks will be readied for disbursement based on the computerized tribal enrollment list.

Since disbursements will be made based on the enrollment list, if you

See Disbursal of Gila River's...Page 5

"I yelled, 'Come on out,' but he just...ran back inside."

Awards weren't on his mind when several months ago Jim Williams crawled into a burning Sacaton home to pull a man from certain injury, perhaps death, but this week the Gila River Indian Community recognized Williams for that act of heroism.

Williams, a health educator with the Gila River Department of Health Services (DHS), was presented with the tribe's Azule Award and a \$500 savings bond.

Williams said that Feb. 7, Wednesday started innocuous enough.

"It was about 10:30 in the morning. I went to the DHS office across from the bank," he recalled.

"I saw this house, and it had smoke coming out from the attic, the vent below the roof."

That home belongs to Laura Jackson, which is located just west of the Gila River Chevron Service station.

Williams said he went to the home to see if anyone was home. "This man comes running out, he was motioning for me to come," said Williams.

"I yelled, 'Come on out,' but he just turned around and ran back inside.

"I got down and I crawled part way in, but I just couldn't see, there was too much (black) smoke. When I came back out, a policeman was there," he said.

Officer Danny Williams tried to enter the home, but he too was driven back by the smoke.

Jim Williams then took the policeman's flashlight and crawled back into the house, the ceiling of the thick, black smoke was now



Jim Williams

about one-and-a-half feet above the floor.

"Just by chance I bumped into the guy, he was standing in the hallway," Williams said.

"I stood up and grabbed him, and walked him out. He was in a panic, you could tell he didn't know what to do," he said.

Williams then pulled the main switch to cut electric power to the home, and then went back inside to locate the source of the fire.

Using a fire extinguisher he found in the house, he put out the fire which was centered in a hall bathroom.

"When I got back to the office I was covered with soot," Williams said.

The man pulled from the house was Derek Jackson, who was taken to Hu Hu Kam Hospital and treated for smoke inhalation.

INSIDE:

Complaints on police continue - Page 2

Grad Night aims to protect - Page 3

Secretary of the year - Page 4

Memorial Day Gathering - Page 5

New job openings at Gila River - Page 6

Letter on housing fiasco - Page 7

Cattle rustlers caught - Page 8

Gila River Indian News
P.O. Box 459
Sacaton, Arizona 85247

Second BIA police administrator is asked to leave by tribal council

The Gila River Tribal Council passed a resolution in April demanding the removal of a second BIA police official, Agency Special Officer Henry Spomer, saying he is unable to properly supervise workers and hasn't properly administered police department finances.

In March the council passed a resolution calling for the removal of police Captain James Burgess, citing a lack of effective leadership.

The April resolution states that Spomer, who heads the BIA Law Enforcement Services department at the Pima Agency in Sacaton, is "unable to properly supervise officers, clerical workers, and other employees under his command as can be evidenced by the substandard performance of BIA officers, (and) poor employee morale..."

The legislative document cites a 1987 BIA review of the department which notes a variety of department deficiencies, and also holds Spomer accountable for the actions of Burgess, who he supervises.

Spomer says deficiencies cited in the report no longer exist, and that his department has made great strides to improve the quality of law enforcement services since he became special officer five years ago.

Spomer added that many of the complaints in the resolutions are so general that it is hard to ascertain just what the specific problem might be, and to respond to the criticism.

He questioned why the tribe hadn't first taken specific complaints

directly to him so that he could attempt to resolve any problems that might exist.

"Tribal officials have never brought any problems to me...They've never asked me to go before the council and answer any questions," Spomer said.

Burgess has declined to comment on the resolutions.

As to the BIA's next move now that the council has called for removal of the police officials, Phoenix BIA Area Office spokesman Larry Rummel said the bureau is evaluating the allegations made in the resolutions and isn't going to take any action until it determines whether the charges are substantial.

"We're not going to get rid of someone just because someone doesn't like him," Rummel said.

But Lt. Gov. William Rhodes said the BIA has already evaluated the performance of Spomer and Burgess in its 1987 report, and the charges are substantial.

He added that the tribe didn't obtain the report until last year.

"The evaluation has already been done. There's no need to do it again. They're just going around the bush," Rhodes said.

Rhodes said the tribe will take the matter to its Congressional representatives if the BIA doesn't act to remove Spomer and Burgess.

In addition to criticisms of supervision of employees and charges of low employee morale and financial mismanagement, other

specific allegations made from the report centered around mismanagement of the Juvenile Detention Center.

The resolution stated that "mismanagement of the Juvenile Detention Center and Rehabilitation Center "caused the inhumane and cruel treatment of community inmates by subjecting the inmates to a diet that did not comply with minimal nutrition standards, and did not provide children with educational services, and failed to provide sufficient health care service to incarcerated children..."

Spomer said charges made in the report aren't valid and were answered in writing after the report was made.

However, these responses weren't included in the final report, he said.

The audit team that made the report didn't speak to Spomer or Burgess, instead they relied on employee interviews, Spomer said.

Spomer questions the validity of these interviews saying many of them were simply gripe sessions, and auditors never asked whether supervisory decisions were made based on what was best for the program or the individual involved.

At the time of the report, many employees were complaining about salaries, overtime and training, and due to budget constraints employees aren't always able to get what they want in these areas, he said.

As an example he cited requests by employees to be sent to training workshops out of state.

These requests are generally turned down because of the cost

involved, and employees are usually trained in large groups at local workshops to cut costs, he said.

As to specific charges concerning the detention center, Spomer said he didn't understand the health care charge since at the time a doctor was visiting the center weekly, and any child who said he or she was sick was immediately transported to the hospital.

As to the charge that education programs were inadequate, Spomer said he had arranged a meeting with tribal officials and local school superintendents to set up a program, but a tribal official at the meeting said it was an internal family problem best left up to the tribe.

At that point the superintendents didn't want to have anything to do with developing the program, Spomer said.

In 1987, Spomer was told by the acting agency superintendent that he had no authorization to run an education or rehabilitation program at the center, Spomer said.

He said the charge of inadequate nutrition stemmed from a supply foul up that caused ordered meat products to be delivered to BIA school, instead of the detention center.

The shipping error wasn't the fault of police officials, he said.

The delay meant inmates had to eat a meatless diet for a week, but they still received balanced meals, he said.

He noted that officials also spent money from their own pocket to buy food while waiting for the delayed shipment.

First American Credit Union starts construction at new office site

First American Credit Union, which has many members from Gila River, began construction of a new branch office in Casa Grande this month.

According to credit union officials, the new branch was needed because the financial institution has outgrown

its present office, located at 220 W. Florence Blvd.

The building, designed by DD & A Architects and Interior Designs of Scottsdale, is located at 1005 N. Pinal Ave. Construction is expected to be completed late this summer.

Robinette's

FOOD STORES



SACATON SUPER MART

P. O. Box 129 • 310 Ocotillo Lane
Sacaton, Arizona 85247

GILA RIVER INDIAN NEWS
Published by the Gila River Indian Community

Urban L. Giff, Editor

Colleen Moyah, Managing Editor

The Gila River Indian News is published once each month. Issues are available at public places and places of business on the Gila River Indian Community and near its boundaries.

Information about mail subscriptions and advertising rates is available by writing to Gila River Indian News, P.O. Box 459, Sacaton, Arizona 85247. (602)562-3311.

* GILA RIVER INDIAN NEWS *
P.O. Box 459 Sacaton, Arizona 85247

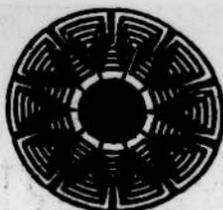
Enclosed is my check/money order for \$8.00. Please send me a one-year subscription.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____

Zip: _____



GILA RIVER ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER

We've got much more than simply fine arts and craft work. Come and see for yourself.



I-10 at Exit 175
Open 8 to 5

RENT-A-FLIK AT ARIZONA TRADERS Sacaton, Arizona

COMING SOON:

- Accused
- Coming To America
- Iron Triangle
- High Spirits
- Halloween 4

- VHS Movies, VCR, Camcorder Rentals, Sales, Service
- Over 1600 Movies to select from Weekday & Weekend Specials!
- Special Discounts to Community, School & Youth programs
- Latest Releases

**ONE (1) FREE MOVIE
RENTAL WITH THIS AD
(Good thru May 1989)**

OPEN:

**Monday - Friday 7 am to 7 pm
Saturday 8 am to 5 pm**

Public Notice AZD 981425622 of A Proposed Closure Plan For Surface Impoundments

*****Hazardous Waste***
Management Unit**

Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 265.112 (d) (4) the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX office requests public comment upon a closure plan proposed for five surface impoundments and a trench operated by Arizona Processing Inc. located at the intersection of Maricopa Road and Riggs Road in Chandler, Arizona. Arizona Processing Inc. is engaged in cotton seed delinting. Their process of removing lint from cotton seeds is by centrifuging the seed in a dilute (7%) solution of sulfuric acid and water. The spent solution is considered hazardous by having a low PH.

The five surface impoundments are approximately 200 by 500 feet long by 50 feet wide and 8 feet deep. A trench from the process area to the surface impoundments also to be closed, is approximately three feet wide by three feet deep, and 450 feet long. The surface impoundments were used for collection and drying of spent acid and lint solution. The Closure Plan outlines the steps that will be followed to close and decontaminate the impoundments and trench.

Copies of the Closure Plan may be obtained by calling Vern Christianson at (415) 974-8122 or by writing to:



**U.S. EPA, Region IX
Vern Christianson (T-2-2)
215 Fremont Street
San Francisco, CA 94105**

A copy of the Closure Plan may also be reviewed at the Sacaton Public Library in Sacaton, Arizona. All comments upon or objections to the Closure Plan must be sent to Vern Christianson at the above address within 30 days of the date of this notice.

EPA shall hold a public hearing if substantial public interest exists or if a request for a public hearing is received. Request for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. If a public hearing is to be held, a public notice stating the date, time and place of the hearing will be made at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

Any person may provide written or oral statements and data pertaining to this Closure Plan at the public hearing.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who you know would be interested in this matter.

Grad Night is scheduled to honor and protect young graduates

Graduation, it's a time to celebrate achievements and the hope of a bright future, but deciding how to celebrate may be a life and death decision.

For many youth, graduation party plans often include alcohol and drugs, a dangerous and sometimes lethal combination, especially when combined with driving.

The Gila River Youth Council Program, the tribal Johnson O'Malley Program, and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program are sponsoring two chemical-free, all-night celebrations as safe and fun alternatives to the typical keg party.

With the theme "Pride of the Tribe: Chemical Free," the aim of the tribally sponsored parties is to ensure that none of the class of 1989 will be injured or killed in alcohol-related accidents.

"We want to make sure that all of our eighth graders and seniors have a chance to attend their 10-year reunion," Greg Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community Youth Council coordinator said.

Nationally, more young people between the ages of 16 and 20 are injured or killed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. in May and June than any other time of year, according to statistics provided by the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council.

For American Indians the statistics are very grim. Each year about 1,000 Indians and Alaska Natives die from injuries, approximately half of these deaths are from injuries sustained in motor vehicle accidents.

Injuries are the leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives between the ages of one and 44. The average age of those who die is 27.

The two tribal parties, known as Grad Night, will feature a variety of activities, including dinner, videos, games and disc jockey hosted dances.

Grad Night is a community awareness program that creates

positive memories not memorials—it celebrates healthy living in a fun-filled, chemical-free environment and it's a chance to support your basic values with positive love put into action, Mendoza said.

Participating in Grad Night gives recognition to native youth for their achievements but is also an excellent opportunity to spread the word that Native Americans are taking positive steps in all aspects of their lives, he said.

All across the country, native youth are choosing to pursue healthy lifestyles by staying in shape, eating balanced diets, and avoiding cigarettes, alcohol and drugs, he said.

They have discovered that the best of life is enjoyed with a clear head and a healthy body, and that you don't need chemicals to have a good time, he said.

The first Grad Night is scheduled June 3 to honor the graduating classes of St. Peter's Mission School, Sacaton Middle School, Chandler High School and Junior High, Coolidge High School and Junior High, and Casa Grande Union High School and Junior High.

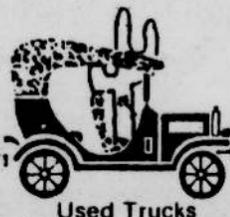
The June 3 celebration is tentatively planned at the District 3 Service Center and at the Sacaton Exhibit Building.

A second Grad Night is scheduled June 10 and tentatively planned to be held at the District 7 Service Center in Maricopa Colony. It will celebrate the graduation of students at Laveen Elementary School, Kyrene Junior High School, Estrella Mountain High School, Carl Hayden High School, Tolleson High School, Corona Del Sol High School and Maricopa High School.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer or for more information contact Mendoza at 562-3334, Jackie Boni at 562-3316, or Wayne Juste at 562-3356 or on the west end, 237-2812.

SUPER DEALS!

70 Buick LeSabre 4-dr	\$785
76 Cutlass 2-dr	\$695
66 Chevy Impala	\$485
72 Toyota Corona	\$650
75 Ford Van	\$900
75 Buick Electra	\$750
80 Plymouth Horizon	\$750
71 Ford pick up	\$1550
80 Plymouth pick up	\$1450



Used Trucks

A.A.A.W.
Used Cars
WHOLESALE & RETAIL
SALES
821-1585

**301 S. Arizona Ave.
Chandler, AZ 85224
(Located next to
Southside Liquors
in Chandler)**

ADVERTISE ADVERTISE
ADVERTISE ADVERTISE
ADVERTISE ADVERTISE

Community Calendar

- MAY 13**— Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council meeting, 9 a.m., Sacaton tribal council chamber.
- MAY 16**— Special Bond Election, Casa Grande Union High School District, to improve current campuses.
- MAY 22**— Registration for classes starts for Gila River Career Center and Central Arizona College.
- May 26**— Memorial Day Gathering. KZZP disc jockey dance, Sacaton fairgrounds exhibit building, 8 p.m.
- MAY 27**— Memorial Day Gathering. Volleyball tournament starts at 7 a.m., other activities include pow wow, chicken scratch dance at 8 p.m. See schedule on Page 5 of this issue.
- MAY 27**— Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council meeting, 9 a.m., Sacaton tribal council chamber.
- MAY 28**— Memorial Day Gathering. Volleyball tournament starts at 7 a.m. See schedule on Page 5 of this issue.
- MAY 29**— Memorial Day. Holiday.
- JUNE 7**— Oath of office for new Gila River Tribal council members, Sacaton tribal council chamber.

CALENDAR COURTESY OF:

ARIZONA TRADERS, INC.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

PHONE 562-3355

P. O. BOX 67

SACATON, ARIZONA

**When You Need Money
We Treat
You Like
You Own
The Place.**



Because you do. As a member of First American Credit Union, you're a shareholder. Our concerns are you and your personal financial needs—your car repairs, your vacation trip, your home improvement...

Check with your Credit Union first for your financial needs.

Your Community Credit Union.



220 W. Florence Blvd. P.O. Box 99 • Casa Grande, AZ 85222
(602) 836-8848

Spelling bee winner is champion for second year in a row at St. John's

According to teachers at St. John's Indian School, Cheryl Lewis has a way with words.

With a victory in March, the eighth grade student of Komatkee became

the winner of St. John's annual spelling bee for two straight years.

Runner-up this year was seventh grader Kesi Navakuku of Maricopa.



Cheryl Lewis and Kesi Navakuku

Public Health Nursing's Cheryl Pablo is secretary of the year at Gila River

Gila River's 1989 Secretary of the Year Cheryl Pablo is a computer whiz who isn't afraid of hard work.

Pablo, who was named secretary of the year during a luncheon April 28, has been a secretary for the tribal Public Health Nursing department's 29 staff members for the past two years.

In addition to her regular duties, as timekeeper, bookkeeper, administrative assistant and office manager, she has designed and developed a computerized data base to collect clinical information on clients, making it possible to retrieve important information quickly. That, in turn, means clients receive services faster and more efficiently, Pablo's boss, PHS Director Dianne Garcia-Smith said.

Pablo has also completed a certificate in computer programming. And to keep one step ahead of her work, she also has been known to come into the office on weekends.

Says Garcia-Smith, "She is a valuable and hardworking professional."

Other secretaries honored for ten years of service were:

Gladys Alvarado, Gila River Tribal court. Cheryl Blackwater, Tribal Court; Cordelia Blackwater, Early Childhood program; Veronica Enos, Law Office; Paula Gonzales, Special Services;

Janice Jones, Boarding Schools; Carmelita Marrietta, Medical Transportation; Carmen Pablo, ADAP; Joanne Rhodes, Tribal Court.

YEAR ROUND BARGAINS!

TRY US FIRST

- Bunk Beds • Beds • Dinettes • Bookcases
- Books • Chairs • Used Appliances
- Desks Etc.

Mon.-Sat.
9-6
711 N. Arbor
Flor. Blvd. Casa Grande

Bargain Korral
836-0751

Komatke Shopping Center

P.O. Box 517 Laveen AZ 85339 237-2097

WE NOW HAVE

VIDEO MOVIES! Wed. Is \$1 Day

• **"THE BOSS" 44 oz Pepsi 89¢**

• **CIGARETTES name brands**

Kings \$9.75 100's \$10.00

• **CHOICE OF Crush, RC, Hires**

RC Cherry, 2 liter bottle 99¢

OPEN: Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fri. & Sat. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mon.-Thur. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**NINTENDO
IS COMING!**

Disbursal of Gila River's Docket 228 money could be next fall

Continued from Page 1

have changed addresses since your original application for tribal membership, you must inform the enrollment office.

If you don't, your check will likely be sent to the address listed in your original application.

If your correct address isn't known, your check will be sent to the BIA Agency in Sacaton, and officials there will try to locate you.

You may mail address changes to the enrollment office, or submit them in person.

The enrollment office is now closed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, so enrollment workers can concentrate on adding final names to the enrollment list, Enas said.

A September target date has been set for disbursement, but both the enrollment office and BIA emphasize that this is only a target, and payments won't necessarily be made at that time.

At the end of March the total amount of money in the Gila River Docket 228 account was \$3,702,203.66, Ray Fry, a tribal operations specialist with the BIA Pima Agency in Sacaton said.

The tribe's original settlement amount has earned more than \$1.2 million in interest, he said. The money has been invested in 20 to 25 banks nationwide.

The principal amount has been earning about \$30,000 to \$32,000 a month, Fry said.

The money is part of an approximately \$6.3 million land judgement settlement that was awarded in 1985 and distributed among the Gila River Indian Community, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Ak Chin O'odham Tribe.

The settlement amount was divided up among the tribes according to the number of tribal members in each.

Under a use plan approved by the Gila River Tribal Council, tribal members will receive 80 percent of the settlement amount. The rest of the money will be used by the tribal government.

Currently, there are about 10,000 tribal members on the roll for Docket 228 payments. Based on that number, tribal members would receive between \$410 to \$412 each, Fry said.

But if the roll creeps closer toward 11,000 members, the per capita distribution will be approximately \$375, he said.

In order for a tribal member to participate in any per capita distribution of Docket 228 money, he or she must have submitted an enrollment application or update to the tribe by Oct. 8, 1986.

And according to a use plan approved by Congress, those tribal members eligible to participate in a per capita distribution are those born on or prior to, and who were living on Aug. 10, 1986, the effective date of the plan.

Tribal members under the age of 18, at the time of the per capita distribution, will have their per capita money held in trust until they reach 18, Fry said. In addition to the principal, they will get any interest the money has earned.

Additionally, anyone who is

approved for tribal membership, but who submitted their application after the October 8, 1986 cutoff date may be on the tribal roll, but left off the Docket 228 payment.

Creating an up-to-date enrollment list has been a slow and meticulous process.

Before the current enrollment process began in October of 1986, an accurate tribal roll had not been maintained since 1974, Fry said.

The 10,000 names now on the tribal roll represent thousands of hours of work for the enrollment office's staff of six. Names were added to the list at the rate of about 300 per month, Enas said.

For each name added to the roll a family tree or ancestral trace must be completed, a blood degree verification must be done, correct tribal identification numbers must be confirmed, correct addresses verified, and, due to its importance for the per capita distribution, enrollment date must be carefully checked.

Once this research work is done, names are then placed on the tribal roll and encoded into the BIA computer. Tribal workers have access to the BIA's computer and have been encoding the list directly into the agency's computer, thus saving a lot of time, Fry said.

Workers use Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to take care of this computer work and encode at about a rate of 30 tribal member files a day. Enas said.

The enrollment office and BIA have been working together and "making an all out effort to make sure the disbursement becomes a reality within a reasonable amount of time," Fry said.

Memorial Day Gathering scheduled May 26 through 28 at Sacaton

The Gila River Fair Commission is sponsoring a Memorial Day Gathering May 26-28 that will feature dances, a volleyball tournament and pow wow.

On Friday, May 26 a KZZP disc-jockey-hosted dance will be held at the fairgrounds exhibit building from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The volleyball tournament is set to begin at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 27 at the fairgrounds and will continue again on Sunday at 7 a.m. There is an entry fee and a jackpot prize will be awarded. For more information call Annette Johnson at 562-3819, after 4 p.m.

The pow wow is scheduled to begin

Saturday afternoon at the Education Building Annex grounds, although a definite time for the event has not yet been set. For more information on the pow wow contact Perry Jackson at 562-3607.

On Saturday night, a chicken scratch dance is scheduled from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the exhibit building.

Food booths are available for a fee of \$50 per day.

The fair commission would like to begin holding monthly events and is seeking volunteers to help with planning.

For more information on the Memorial Day Gathering, or to volunteer, you may call Ted Lewis at 562-9238, or Jackie Boni at 562-3316, or 562-3317.

American Legion seeking names of veterans

Ira Hayes Post No. 84 of the American Legion is seeking the names of veterans who've served in World War I and II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War for recognition on a veterans monument to be located in Sacaton.

Names submitted by veterans, or family members, will be engraved on a plaque that will be placed on the monument.

The group is asking that a copy of the veteran's discharge paper DD-214 be submitted.

But if this isn't available, a form listing necessary information may be obtained by contacting Lance D. Lewis, project coordinator, at 562-3321, extension 216.

All information must be received no later than July 31 and should be sent to: Ira H. Hayes Post 84, American Legion, Box 186, Sacaton, Ariz. 85247.

The monument is scheduled to be completed in September with a dedication ceremony tentatively scheduled in October.

Position Available

Full time Native Catholic Executive Director for the Tekakwitha Conference National Center. Strong administrative skills required. Relocation necessary. Must be ready to begin responsibilities no later than September 1, 1989. Salary and benefits negotiable - corresponding to qualifications. Please apply before May 15, 1989. For job description and further information, contact: Executive Committee, Tekakwitha Conference, P.O. Box 6759, Great Falls, MT 59406-6759, (406)453-0740.

GARY CROPPER
CHEVROLET

Geo
IMPORTS

Pick your interest rate!

24 MONTHS	2.9%	36 MONTHS	5.9%	48 MONTHS	6.9%	60 MONTHS	9.9%
	APR		APR		APR		APR

Get Special GMAC INTEREST RATES ON SELECTED MODELS, OR ...
... CAVALIER, CORSICA, BERETTA, CAMARO, CELEBRITY, S-10 PICKUPS AND GEO METRO, NOVA, SPECTRUM & PRIZM



FREE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION ON FULL SIZE PICKUPS
(C1500 to C3500 Series)



CASH BACK UP TO \$1,000

Offer expires June 5, 1989

• SALES • SERVICE • PARTS • LEASING • BODY SHOP

GARY CROPPER
CHEVROLET **Geo**
Imports

1990 N. PINAL AVE., CASA GRANDE Se Habla Espanol 836-2147 All Vehicles Subject To Prior Sale

"Your Complete Satisfaction Is Our Number One Goal...That's CROPPER CARE"

Kids Can Cook Program starts in June for children ages 4 through 12

The Gila River Maternal and Child Nutrition Program will hold cooking classes for children ages 4 to 12 beginning in June.

The Kids Can Cook Program will be held during three sessions, 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. in Sacaton on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, beginning June 12 and continuing through July 27. A

maximum of 15 children can attend each session.

Children will learn to cook by preparing their own lunch. There is no charge to attend the classes, which will be held at the Department of Health Services Building (across from the Chevron station). For more information contact the Maternal and Child Nutrition Program.

Don't wait until you get sick before thinking about your health

When thinking about our health, most of us only consider whether we are feeling good or bad. We generally only get concerned when we are sick.

This is a reactive approach, meaning we only do something about our health once it's clearly turning for the worse.

A reactive approach tends to go along with the idea that fate determines our health rather than ourselves.

Often a reactive approach addresses a problem too late, particularly when the disease is one that develops without obvious symptoms.

Unfortunately, even when we feel normal, we are often doing things to ourselves that will affect us negatively later. Smoking is a classic example.

Although smoking generally will not make you feel bad immediately, or even in a few years, the cumulative affect of smoking for many years has been shown to greatly increase your risk (likelihood) of dying prematurely from a variety of chronic diseases. Fortunately, few O'odham smoke on a regular basis.

The concept of promoting wellness, or optimum health, is a proactive approach, meaning that we do things to improve our health before it deteriorates, thereby preventing disease and enhancing our lives.

For this approach to be truly effective, we must strongly believe that we control our own health.

We cannot rely on physicians alone to cure us, rather we must also actively pursue a lifestyle that creates good health.

A central tool in a proactive health care approach is the idea of risk reduction.

To reduce risk for yourself, you must first find out what and how much certain aspects of your lifestyle potentially affect your risk for disease or accidental death.

Common sense will tell you many of these things we do routinely can have a negative effect on our health as well.

A quick and easy way to find out your health risk is to take a Health Risk Appraisal or HRA.

An HRA is simply a questionnaire about your lifestyle asking things like how much you exercise, how you drive, what your cholesterol is, and other information that may be related to your chances for premature death.

Based on how you answer the questionnaire, you will receive a confidential report outlining how much your habits and ways of living affect your current chances of dying from specific diseases, as well as how to improve these odds for the future.

There are Health Risk Appraisals designed for Native Americans.

Contact your local health agency to inquire about an HRA, or similar tests designed to appraise your health risks.

by George Dallam

New employees added at Gila River

The Gila River Indian Community welcomed the following new employees in March and April.

Leland Martinez, assistant building inspector, Physical Resources Department; Paula Rhodes, secretary II, Economic Development; Kandi Kastl, secretary I, Student Services;

Liza Bond Maupin, treatment coordinator, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center; Suzanna Acuna, secretary, Special Services; Christopher Nish, youth facility detention staff, Juvenile

Rehabilitation Center;

Leslie Manuel, youth facility detention staff, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center; Pennie Warwick, youth facility detention staff, Juvenile

Rehabilitation Center; Rodney Jackson, youth facility detention staff, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center; Hermalene Moore, teacher aide, Casa Blanca Day School.

by Gila River Personnel Services

Gila River job openings announced

The Gila River Indian Community Personnel Services Office has announced the following job openings.

•Medical Van Driver/EMT Trainee, \$10,374-\$10,920 per year, closing date May 5, 1989.

•EMT-IEMT-Para-medic, \$13,904-\$14,636 per year, closing date May 8, 1989.

•Teacher, \$25,500-\$29,800 per year, closing date May 11, 1989.

•Assistant General Counsel, \$26,000-\$30,651 per year, closing date May 10, 1989.

•Development Clerk, \$10,791-\$13,773 per year, closing date May 4, 1989.

•Development Officer, \$10,791-\$13,773 per year, closing date May 4, 1989.

•Youth Basic Education/ GED Classroom Instructor, \$18,159-\$23,559 per year.

GR Career Center, CAC registration

Registration will begin May 22 for summer classes offered by Central Arizona College in Sacaton at the Gila River Career Center and at four other western Pinal County locations.

Summer classes in six and eight-week sessions will be offered. The six-week session, which runs from June 5 through July 13, includes day and evening courses in Sacaton, Signal Peak, and in locations in Casa Grande, Coolidge, and Eloy.

The eight-week session, to be held May 30 through July 20, includes day and evening classes at Signal Peak and in Casa Grande.

Fundamentals of Composition will be offered during the six-week session at the Gila River Career Center.

The GRCC will also offer open entry/open exit training courses during the summer months. Developmental Studies and GED,

Secretary "Brush-up" Review, Micro-Computer Applications, GED Testing Preparation, and Basic Skills Tutoring are some of the courses available this summer at the career center.

Registration will be held 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 22 through 26, and at 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, May 30 through June 1. Registration will be available in the Registrar's Office at Signal Peak.

The last day to register for the eight-week session is May 26, the last registration day for the six-week session is June 1.

For more information on CAC's summer schedule of classes call the Signal Peak Campus at 426-4444.

Information on open entry/open exit courses available at the Gila River Career Center in Sacaton is available by calling the GRCC at 723-5522.

New scholarships offered by CAC

Applications for two new scholarships for the 1989-90 school year are available through Central Arizona College's Office of Financial Aid.

The Regents' Community College Transfer Scholarships, which provide for the payment of registration fees for the 1989-90 academic year, are available for 80 community college students transferring to an Arizona university. The application deadline is June 15.

The Arizona Society of Practicing Accountants is offering a \$500 scholarship to a community college student who has demonstrated a strong interest in accounting as a career field and has completed 24 credit hours of study. The application deadline is June 10.

Additional eligibility requirements exist for all three scholarships. Applications and more information are available by calling CAC's District Office of Financial Aid at 426-4425.



A national toll-free hotline staffed by American Indian volunteers to answer questions on AIDS and related issues.

The Indian AIDS HOTLINE

☎ I-800-283-2437

Hotline hours Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time.

For more information contact
THE NATIONAL
NATIVE AMERICAN
AIDS PREVENTION CENTER
6239 COLLEGE AVENUE
SUITE 201
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94618
OFFICE TELEPHONE (415) 658-2051

LETTERS & COMMENTS

Housing director should be commended, not pressured

Dear Editor:

Subject: Executive Director Gila River Housing Authority

Pressure is being put on the executive director of the Gila River Housing Authority, Mr. Steve Jones. A move is in place to replace Mr. Jones.

Since Mr. Jones has been in the position of executive director for the housing authority, it has been given national and international recognition.

This means that much has happened to improve the total operation of the Gila River Housing Authority.

On a personal note, I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Jones as chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the housing authority for two terms, and have seen many improvements brought to the housing authority.

Both Mr. Jones' record and leadership should be given some consideration. He has been the chairman of the Southwest Indian Housing Authorities Association, which is an elected position from the HUD region. His election was a vote of confidence in his leadership from all 43 housing authorities, which voted him into office.

At Gila River Housing Authority some staff members have already left due to what is happening with Mr. Jones' position.

The executive director is a key position, and Gila River Housing Authority has gone from a troubled housing authority to being eligible for new housing units and new construction. This eligibility takes much work and effort on the part of the housing authority.

HUD's criteria includes the whole operation: administration, management, financial management, accountability, other HUD programs and implementation of these programs.

There are several reviews performed by HUD, and finally, there's an Administrative Capabilities Assessment, which is the main instrument used by HUD to evaluate what each housing authority is eligible for in the area of new housing units and HUD programs.

As each district can see, there is housing construction going on, and the Gila River Housing Authority has been eligible for new housing construction and other HUD programs.

This means that the housing authority is doing its job and is in compliance with HUD regulations, rules and guidelines.

The housing authority has even received HUD demonstration projects, which are over and above existing programs.

If the Gila River Housing Authority didn't receive funding for new housing units and didn't receive HUD program dollars, it would mean that the housing authority isn't doing its job.

Since the new housing units and construction are in place, it means Gila River Housing Authority is well qualified and has met the criteria of HUD to be eligible for funding.

If the housing authority is doing its job and is eligible for funds and new housing units, why are there steps being taken to get rid of Mr. Jones for

being successful at what he is doing?

If the Gila River Indian Community decides to let Mr. Jones go, it will be a real loss for the community and the region.

His leadership will be missed and his capabilities as an administrator in the field of Indian housing will also be missed.

Many of the tribal people of the Gila River Indian Community have been put to work under Mr. Jones' administration. Many tribal members now have a home under Mr. Jones' administration.

Why is a successful tribal administrator being picked on, and more importantly what will the future be for the Gila River Housing Authority under a new administrator?

I personally commend Mr. Jones for all of his efforts: a commitment to serve, a commitment to meeting the housing needs of the community, and a commitment to put more people to work and to develop careers for several individuals.

While working with Mr. Jones, I gained the knowledge and confidence to be an executive director myself in my hometown community.

He is to be commended for what he has given the Gila River Community, yet he has received little or no recognition.

Sincerely,

Terrance H. Booth, Executive Director,
Metlakatla Housing Authority,
Metlakatla, Alaska
(Former Chairman,
Board of Commissioners,
Gila River Housing Authority)

Youth organization needs community support

Dear Editor:

I would like to say "hello" to each and every member of the Gila River Indian Community on behalf of the Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council and myself. As most of you already know, the AOPPYC is already moving towards its objectives. We would like to thank you for all the support you have given us so far. We hope that we can continue to count on it in the future.

One of the objectives of the Youth Council is to give the youth of Gila River a chance to voice their opinions on issues that concern them. The council is more than willing to accomplish this task, but we cannot do this without other youths' opinions.

In each district of our community the Youth Council Representatives will be starting youth committees.

During these committee meetings the youth of your district will meet and discuss various issues that concern them.

It isn't only up to them to plan such activities, but to work during these functions and see that they are carried out. It's also up to the youth to attend the scheduled meetings regularly to ensure that all the activities they want to happen become a reality. It is not enough that the youth say what they want, but they must also work for it and make it happen.

The youth can do these projects, but it is up to the rest of the community to support and assist them.

You could be the person who make things happen. You have the opportunity to make things a little better for your community and youth with AOPPYC, but it's up to you to get involved. It's up to you to attend meetings and assist in activities that the youth sponsor. After all, this is for your children, your nieces and nephews, your grandchildren and for those yet to be born.

Don't you want them to be the best person that they can be? I'm not promising you that all these things will happen, but what I'm saying is that it's up to you to get these things started.

The Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council members can do their best to try and get these things started, but your assistance is needed. Don't think that I am saying that you won't do it, I am only pointing out that you need to get involved and make sure that these things happen for your youth.

I know that if we all work together we can provide a better tomorrow for our community, our families, our children and ourselves.

Thank you,

Timothy H. Terry, Jr.

President/District 2 Representative
Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth
Council

Rodeo Queen Committee blew this contest

Dear Editor:

To those community members who read the name Rainee Thomas, Rodeo Queen and then failed to see her assume the duties of Rodeo Queen, a short note of explanation.

Despite the public announcement of her victory in the Gila River News, she was abruptly informed that another person was actually the Rodeo Queen.

Without any apology public or private, she was expected to surrender gifts and other promised frills accompanying the winner.

The Rodeo Queen Committee (appointed by the Fair Commission) acted arbitrarily and with no concern for her reputation or self-esteem.

The first runner-up, Rebecca Walker showed her support for Rainee and protested against the unfair action of the Rodeo Queen Committee by withdrawing from the contest also.

No apology or other act of contrition has yet been displayed by any member of the Rodeo Queen Committee.

Thanks to all of you for your expressed support for the two young members of our community.

Respectfully,

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Laws Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Tyrone Thomas

Casa Grande schools need Gila River votes

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, May 16, the Casa Grande Union High School District will hold a special bond election.

Following the defeat of the February 14 land acquisition bond election, the Governing Board held a public forum and a series of board work sessions to determine what their next course of action should be concerning the district's critical facility needs.

They concluded that the majority of

the district's voters want the high school to remain on its current downtown campuses.

At the present time, a community survey is being conducted among the district's five communities to determine the kind of downtown facilities renovation plan that the voters will support.

It is anticipated that during the next school year, a plan will be proposed for the expansion and modernization of our downtown campuses that is acceptable to a majority of the voting public.

In the meantime, the district is facing immediate student safety, security and space needs that must be addressed, as well as major maintenance and improvement projects needed to ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment for our students.

In calling for the May 16 \$1.6 million bond election, the Governing Board used the following criteria: first priority was for major maintenance projects and equipment needs that involved the safety and security of our students; second priority was given to additional space needs for our students over the next several years; and the final priority was for planning, architectural and engineering fees to design and prepare for long range facility improvements on our downtown campuses.

The Governing Board is committed to improving facilities on our downtown campus and they need your help.

They are asking you to study the facts, reach a decision, and vote on May 16.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I want to extend my deep appreciation to the voters of the Gila River Indian Community for their past support and urge you to cast a positive vote on May 16 for current and future generations of CGUHS students.

Sincerely,

Clark A. Stevens,
Superintendent

A good word for Mul-Chu-Tha and those who served

Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly thank and commend the Gila River Fair Commission and its subcommittees for organizing the 27th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha tribal fair.

I don't think the community is aware of the time and effort involved in putting together the tribal fair.

Only those who have served on the fair commission or its subcommittees know the amount of personal time away from family that is involved.

The people who serve on these committees don't get involved for the glory or the recognition. I feel they do it for the community.

I am sure there are people in the community who have concerns or questions about the Mul-Chu-Tha, but choose not to voice their concerns or questions.

I would like to encourage anyone having any concerns to feel free to contact the fair commission. I'm sure your input would be appreciated. Only with more community support will the Mul-Chu-Tha continue to improve.

Again, I would like to thank the Gila River Fair Commission for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Dale G. Enos

ARIZONA/NATIONAL

State considers smokeshop tax

The Arizona House of Representatives is considering legislation that would impose a 30-cent-per-pack luxury tax on cigarettes sold at 17 smokeshops on reservations throughout the state.

If the bill becomes law, cigarettes sold on reservations still would be exempt from state sales taxes, but tribal leaders say the luxury tax alone could have a devastating effect on shops on their reservations.

House Ways and Means Chairman Mark Killian, R-Mesa, the bill's sponsor, says the measure would close a tax loophole.

He said an estimated \$5 million in state revenues is lost annually because non-Indians go to reservations to purchase cigarettes.

Rep. Ben Hanley, D-Window Rock, told the Arizona Republic that the tax could be self-defeating because if non-Indians quit shopping at reservation smokeshops, sales will drop and the anticipated tax revenues will evaporate.

Rep. Jack Jackson, D-Window Rock, called the bill "a slap in the face of the Indian people."

April Fools prank angers Salt River tribal leaders

A Scottsdale radio station's early April Fools Day prank drew the anger of Scottsdale police and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community tribal leaders.

They denounced a bogus broadcast by radio station KSLX-FM that caused listeners to jam police emergency lines because they feared a violent Indian uprising at Scottsdale Community College, which is located on the Salt River Reservation.

The broadcast, which took place March 31, included "on the scene" reports that tribal members had closed Pima Road, launched a violent riot at the community college, and had torched an ABCO supermarket on the reservation border.

Reid Reker, general manager for KSLX, told the Arizona Republic that announcers had informed listeners it was not a real situation.

Reker also stated that as part of the phony broadcast, someone acting as "Wally Walapai" was holding the announcers hostage until "all white men moved east of the Mississippi River."

Yaqui tribal member is nominated to head BIA

President Bush has nominated Eddie F. Brown, a Tohono O'odham/Yaqui and member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, to be Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

Brown will assume his post at the Interior following hearings before the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and confirmation by the full Senate.

If confirmed by the Senate, Brown's primary responsibility as head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs will be the administration of programs serving more than 1.4 million Indians and Alaska Natives.

Brown recently left his position as director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) after two years in that post.

Previously, he spent one year as an associate professor and director of community affairs at Arizona State University.

The 43-year-old nominee, who

grew up in Ajo, will be no newcomer to Washington and the BIA.

From 1985 to 1986 he served in the BIA's Washington central office as chief of the social services division where he was responsible for planning, developing, and coordinating the \$117 million social service program, and served as the principal advisor for social services.

Brown won acclaim for his work in the social service area when as assistant director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security from 1979 to 1985, he reshaped the state's contractual relations with tribal governments.

Brown has a Bachelor of Social Science degree from Brigham Young University and has a Masters and Doctorate degree in Social Work from the University of Utah.

From 1972 to 1975 he was an assistant professor in the School of Social Work/Native American Studies at the University of Utah, where he taught at the graduate level, and served as advisor and consultant in American Indian Social Work Career Training programs.

In 1975, he joined Arizona State University's Graduate School of Social Work as associate professor and taught at the graduate level in the areas of community organization, social policy and planning, and administration.

Interior secretary's sigh tells all

It was a wordless response but a telling one. When asked by NBC's "Today Show" co-host Jane Pauley about Indian Affairs being a major item on the Secretary's agenda, Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. sighed deeply. That response was immediately observed by Pauley who laughed and asked him, "Why did you heave a deep sigh?"

"Because that does present a big problem," Lujan said during the March 13 show. "We have those hearings that Senator (Dennis) DeConcini had and they have focused on corruption items, but it's much more than that. It's child abuse, it's poverty and lots of other things," he said.

Lujan said he hoped to get moving to correct these problems as soon as the new assistant secretary for Indian Affairs was on the job.

Utes sign \$45 million power plant and greenhouse agreement

The Ute Indian Tribe has signed an agreement with Bonneville Pacific Corporation to construct a \$45 million power plant and greenhouse near Rossevelt, Utah.

"This cooperative agreement between a sovereign nation and a private sector organization is a unique opportunity to use tribal resources to promote economic development and to alleviate unemployment problems," Ute Tribal Chairman Lester Chapoose said.

Approximately 120 tribal members will be employed by the greenhouse where high grade tomatoes for the national market will be grown.

The power plant will employ 28. Bonneville selected the site because of the available natural gas and work force, Ann L. Garrett, public affairs director for the company, said.

In addition to jobs and the revenue from the natural gas and lease agreements, the Ute Tribe will be able to purchase half of the project in 15 years and the other half in 25 years if it chooses.

Sac and Fox Nation wins \$29 million defense contract

The Sac and Fox Nation has won a \$29 million contract with the Defense Department to manufacture chemical protection suits for the armed forces.

Sac and Fox Industries, a wholly owned industrial arm of the tribe, will begin work immediately in its manufacturing plants in Commerce, Cushing, and Idabel. It's expected that the contract will create 550 to 800 new jobs.

"It's the most significant economic development story for Indians in Oklahoma in a generation," James Branum, head of the tribe's industrial plants, said.

The chemical resistance suits to be manufactured consist of an outer layer of tough fabric, a lining and an inner layer of fabric containing a charcoal laminate that make the uniform impermeable to airborne chemical agents.

The Defense Department has the option of awarding an additional \$27 million contract if it likes the tribe's work on the first 491,000 suits.

Indian trust fund earns \$133.4 million

The Indian Trust Fund account of the Bureau of Indian Affairs increased by \$133.4 million in fiscal-year 1988 as a result of 7.7 percent earnings on its \$1.7 million balance.

It marked the first year increase in earnings over the previous year since fiscal-year 1983 when a high of 10.87 percent interest was recorded.

In FY 1987, the fund earned \$127.7 million based on an interest rate of 7.4 percent.

The largest category held in trust was \$1.2 billion in 334 tribal accounts. This category alone earned \$90.1 million.

The category of Individual Indian monies (IIM) accounts, with a total of 290,390 accounts, earned \$36.8 million in interest for a year-end balance of \$453.6 million, down by \$14 million from last year. The number of IIM accounts has decreased by 5,000 since last year's report.

Five other categories of accounts—power, irrigation, Papago Cooperative, Alaska Native Escrow and contributed—earned \$6.4 million in interest.

Heaviest investments were in certificates of deposit, totaling \$1.3 billion and \$426.5 million invested in various papers of government securities.

At the end of fiscal-year 1988, the BIA entered into a trust services contract with the Security Pacific National Bank to provide accounting and investment advisory services.

Cattle rustlers caught

A federal judge has ordered three men to pay nearly \$5,000 in restitution for rustling cattle from the San Carlos Apache Reservation last year.

One defendant was sentenced to a 90-day jail term, and two other defendants were given three years' probation.

Federal prosecutors had asked the judge to impose jail sentences on the men because they "stole cattle from a poor segment of society which has about 62 percent unemployment."

Although a tribal attorney was quoted as saying that approximately 1,000 cattle are stolen yearly from reservation ranges, prosecutors told the judge, "it's the first time the tribe has actually caught someone red-handed."

New Census report on Indians

The U.S. Census Bureau has published a booklet titled "We, the First Americans," which describes American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut populations, based on the 1980 census.

The topics covered include population totals, family composition, education, labor force status, occupation, income and poverty status.

The first section of the booklet covers social and economic characteristics of the Indian population; the second presents social, economic and housing characteristics of the Indian population on 10 reservations with the highest number of Indians in 1980; and the third section covers social and economic characteristics of the Alaska Native population.

Copies are available from the Government Printing Office, 710 N. Capitol St., Washington, D.C. 20401 for \$1.75 each. Ask for stock number 003-024-06902-4. A 20 percent discount is given for orders of over 100.

U.S. Attorney cited for helping Indian crime victims

Stephen McNamee, U.S. Attorney for the District Of Arizona, was honored in April by U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh for his role in developing a model program for assisting crime victims and witnesses of federal crimes, especially Native American victims.

McNamee, whose district includes 20 Indian reservations, has made violent crime within Indian country a top priority, particularly the prosecution of individuals who victimize Native American children.

Annual Prescott pow wow is June 10 and 11

The Second Annual Prescott Inter-tribal Pow Wow is scheduled June 10-11 on the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Reservation.

An open 10 K Run and a two-mile fun walk will open the weekend's events on Saturday, beginning at 7 a.m. at the Sheridan Resort.

Entries and fees will be taken in advance and at the beginning of the race. A special division and award for all Indian runners is planned. For more information regarding the races, contact Gerald Brownlow, 445-5774.

Gourd dancing is set to begin at 11 a.m. each day. The pow wow grand entry is scheduled at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be 12 contest categories, including a clown contest.

Food and arts and crafts booths will be open each day at 10 a.m. Supper will be served to all dancers and singers on Saturday at 5 p.m.

Camping will be available at the pow wow grounds, located on Sundog Ranch Road off of Highway 89 on the reservation in Prescott. A \$5 fee per camp will be charged.

For more information contact Lenora Jones, 445-8790, or Gracie Romo, 778-7518.

RTISE ADVERTISE ADVE
ADVERTISE ADVE
E ADVERTISE ADVI
RTISE ADVERTISE ADVE