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Tribe this fiscal year is operating with budget of \$5.3 million

The Gila River Indian Community this fiscal year is operating on a \$5.3 million dollar tribal budget that was adopted by the tribal council in September.

This year's budget of \$5,310,804 breaks down as follows: tribal administration, \$893,986; council expenses, \$623,804; Legal expenses, \$218,683; Judicial expenses, \$395,129; and program expenses, \$269,674.

The tribe has projected income totaling the full budget amount as follows: business income, \$1,690,724; interest income, \$690,000; agricultural income \$891,773; and \$2,038,307 in other income, which includes Gila River Farms, Docket 228 judgement funds, indirect costs, court fines, sales taxes, and revenue from services and permits.

In addition to tribal funding, individual programs and departments

may receive grant and contract money that isn't included in the tribal budget, which only allocates tribal revenue.

Program budgets break down as follows:

- Insurance and bonding- \$96,278
- Certified audit- \$40,000
- Consultants- \$30,000
- Education Assistance- \$199,059
- Miss Gila River scholarship- \$1,500
- Career Center loan payment- \$11,302
- Facilities maintenance- \$84,758
- Public relations- \$20,000
- Water suit legal expense- \$290,000
- Four River Legal Services- \$55,729
- TWEP Administration- \$26,390
- Land use planning assistance- \$214,242
- HHS health insurance- \$13,000
- Planning and Evaluation- \$138,423
- Law Enforcement Services- \$170,324

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Tribal telephone company awaiting FCC approval to take over system

Now that it has signed a purchase agreement with U.S. West, Gila River Telecommunications is eagerly awaiting Federal Communication Commission approval, and gearing up to take over operation of the reservation phone system.

FCC approval, along with the approval of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Arizona Corporation Commission, is essential before the company can take over the U.S. West system.

But FCC approval will also finalize GRTI's efforts to be recognized, and treated, as an independent telephone company, Joanne Miles, spokesperson for the tribal phone company, said.

Miles said the federal agency's approval is expected within 60 to 90 days.

The actual take over of U.S. West facilities will take place in phases, she

said.

Currently, GRTI has just two customers, and payment has already been made to purchase the toll cable that will allow these customers to access phones off-reservation.

The toll cable will also provide off-reservation access to the new 51st Avenue housing projects, she said.

Construction of a local phone call cable for the area will begin once contract bids are accepted, a selection is made, and FCC approval is won.

GRTI is working to provide phone service to its current customers and the 51st Avenue housing project as soon as possible, she said.

The company is also preparing to bill the Sacaton exchange, and U.S. West is cooperating with GRTI to provide the data necessary for the

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AN INJUSTICE!—Gila River Indian Community Chief Judge Renay Peters is dealt an injustice during the Oct. 28 Sacaton School Carnival, as he serves as a target in the wet sponge throw. Peters helped the school raise money, and also managed to walk away with a clean face by the day's end.

Second land owners' meeting is set to discuss Maricopa Road project

A meeting for allotted land owners to discuss the Maricopa Road Improvement Project is scheduled for 10 a.m. Nov. 11 at the District Three Service Center.

The meeting will give allottees an opportunity to choose the most appropriate location for the interchange.

About 60 land owners attended an earlier meeting last month to discuss the project, Cecil F. Antone, acting director of the Gila River Physical Resources Department, said.

Three possible locations for the interchange were discussed at the Oct. 28 meeting. It was the recommendation of those attending, however, that a second meeting be held so that a consensus decision could be made on the location with a larger percentage of the allottees present, Antone said.

A total of about 340 allottees are affected by the project, and meeting notification letters will be mailed to all affected land owners.

Off-reservation voters in Pinal County's newly formed Maricopa Road Rural Road Improvement District approved the sale of \$10 million in general obligation bonds for the improvement of the road, which will convert it into a four-lane divided parkway.

Land appraisals for parcels in the area of the project have been completed, and once a definite location has been selected, landowners must sign right-of-way agreements compensating them for the land before the project proceeds.

The road is used as a shortcut route between I-10 and I-8 by residents of Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa and Chandler.

But tribal officials say the project will not only solve traffic problems, it will also create economic development opportunities for the tribe by providing the necessary infrastructure for commercial and light industrial developments within the Gila River Indian Community.

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Gila River council approves seven major changes to tribe's tax laws

Seven major changes in the tribe's tax laws were approved by the Gila

River Indian Community Tribal Council during its Oct. 4 meeting.

The changes were recommended by the council's Legislative Standing Committee and were approved without amendment, Daniel R. Tree, chairman of the committee, said. Approved changes are:

- 1) Increasing the tribe's construction tax from 1½ percent to 3 percent.
- 2) Increasing the liquor tax from 2 percent to 6 percent.
- 3) Retaining the current 2 percent tax

on cigarette sales. The current tax is now in effect for only six months, Tree said.

- 4) Reducing the current privilege tax from 4 percent to 2 percent.
- 5) Eliminating the current 2 percent food tax.
- 6) Prohibiting all tax waivers.
- 7) Rescinding a past tribal council motion granting a tax waiver to the Akimel O'otham Smokehouse shop.

Juvenile Rehabilitation Center celebrates its first year under tribe

The Gila River Juvenile Rehabilitation Center celebrated its first year under tribal administration Oct. 3 with a dinner honoring employees who've contributed to the center's success.

Special honors went to staff members who've been with the program since its inception, and who've consistently demonstrated their commitment to the community's youth through their work.

Honorees, who were also celebrating their one-year anniversary, were; Elmay Allison, Gregory Giff, Thomas Gonzales, Cecelia Manuel, Garren Manuel, Patricia Millard, Domingo Quintero, Deanna Sabori, and Laura Yergan.

Other staff members recognized for their caring and diligent work were; Doris Allison, Casey Bilagody, Myrtle Charles, Iva Lee Domingo, Vernon Foster, Greg Howard, Rodney Jackson, Les Manuel, Alma Nelson, Carol Nelson, Violet Ojeda, Deby Pablo, Marvin Pablo, and Larry Simmons.

Special mention was given to Lisa Bond-Maupin, Gregory Giff, and Agatha Listo for their outstanding

contributions in significant and specialized areas of the program.

During its first year under tribal administration, the JRC has doubled its staff size from 13 to 26 employees, and expanded many services, as well as establishing a new division of juvenile probation, prevention and aftercare.

The new probation division provides varying levels of community supervision to approximately 40 youth each month.

The prevention division, though still in the development stage, has already established two programs that currently are operating: restitution and diversion.

Another prevention program will begin operating Nov. 15. It is an eight-week program targeting not only those youth who are first-time offenders, but also youth with a high truancy rate.

For more information on any JRC program contact Greg Giff or Laura Yergan at 562-3373. For further information on probation, prevention, or the Aftercare program, call Lisa Bond-Maupin at 562-3351.

Gila River phone company is waiting FCC OK on phone system purchase

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changeover, so the transition shouldn't affect customers in any way.

"This changeover should be invisible to the customer once approval from the FCC has been made," Miles said.

In addition, GRTI has been granted central office sites from Districts one, four, five, and seven.

The central offices are multi-purpose, low-maintenance buildings and yards that will house the sensitive

electronic computers used to control, monitor and relay incoming and outgoing calls.

Currently, GRTI has a service order clerk position open, which is set to be filled by mid-November.

Applications may be submitted to any district service center, to the tribe's JTPA office, or directly to the GRTI office in the Lone Butte Industrial Park.

For more information on GRTI services call 1-800-233-GRTI.



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Sacaton school is trying to turn cash register receipts to computers

Sacaton Middle School is working to turn cash register receipts into computers.

As unlikely as that might seem with the help of Safeway's "Apples for the Students" program, students might just succeed.

The middle school started collecting register tapes from Safeway stores to get free Apple computers, printer, and software through the grocery store chain's program.

"In this program, Safeway stores give our school the opportunity to acquire any of five different Apple Computer Systems for our classrooms," Vivian Martinez, coordinator at the middle school, said.

Apple computers are the standard

for educational computers and the school thinks it would be ideal if every student could eventually have extensive hands-on access to a classroom computer, she said.

"What we are doing is collecting register tapes from their stores and turning them back in to the store. They'll take a small part of every dollar total on those tapes and buy the computers we want for our school," Martinez said.

Sacaton Middle School is asking parents and community members to support this program by sending their Safeway register tapes to the school with their children or dropping them off at the school office.

For more information contact Martinez at 562-3339.

Gila River college fair is set Dec. 27 at Arizona State University

The Gila River Indian Community Student Services office, in conjunction with Arizona State University, is planning a college fair Dec. 27 at ASU.

The event is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in ASU's Memorial Union building in Tempe.

In-state community colleges and universities will be represented at the fair and will provide admissions information to prospective students.

Sessions are designed primarily for seventh and eighth grade students, high school students, parents, and re-entry students (those who have been out of high school for a year or more).

Topics will include financial aid, career exploration, high school preparation, admissions, housing, parental involvement, and re-entry services. The fair will also include a tour of the Arizona State campus.

Transportation will be available through the Student Services office. Those interested in attending the

workshop should call Student Services at 562-3316.

Gila River budget this fiscal year is \$5.3 million

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- Community Services assistance- \$297,422
- Head Start assistance- \$123,494
- Scouting Program- \$23,111
- Utility Authority- \$86,149
- Training- \$60,000
- HRD Administration- \$296,484
- Economic development support- \$128,880
- Gila River newspaper- \$25,740
- Retirement former governor- \$12,000
- Expert assistance- \$140,000
- Hazardous materials equipment- \$3,328
- Gila River Youth Council- \$38,752
- Enrollment- \$39,227
- TERO- \$9,990
- Community fire protection- \$50,606
- Pima-Maricopa Arts Festival- \$1,500
- Tribal Social Services- \$51,490
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR THE GILA RIVER PESTICIDE REMOVAL SITE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the availability for public review and comment of the administrative record for the Gila River pesticide removal site.

On May 17, 1984 a complaint of pesticide odors emanating near the residence of Joe Thomas was investigated by the Gila River Indian Community Department of Physical Resources. The investigation found contaminated soils, pesticide odors, and a number of pesticide containers.

On June 14, 1984 the site was referred to EPA by the Arizona Department of Emergency Services to provide sampling and technical assistance. Based upon the lack of resources at the Gila River Indian Community to relocate residents of the area, the extensive site sampling and hazard mitigation needed, EPA initiated an immediate removal action at the site.

Excavations and chemical treatments have reduced the contaminants. A soil cap of the site has been completed which with proper maintenance will prevent further exposure to the contaminated soils.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

OCTOBER 23, 1989 - NOVEMBER 24, 1989

EPA encourages community members to review the administrative record and submit comments during the four-week period, beginning October 23, 1989 and ending November 24, 1989. Copies of the administrative record will be available for public review on October 23, 1989 at the following locations:

Ira Hayes Memorial Library
Gila River Indian Community
Sacaton, Arizona 85247
(602) 562-3225

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Written comments on the administrative record should be sent to:

Richard Martyn
On-Scene Coordinator
U.S. EPA, Region 9
215 Fremont Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

District and Community Services Program news

DISTRICT ONE

•The elderly of Blackwater have tortilla sales every Thursday. For big orders please place them on Wednesday. The tortillas sell for \$3 a dozen. Anyone at the District One Service Center will be happy to take your order. The elderly are also planning to have a tamale sale on Nov. 14. Tamales will sell for \$1 each.

•A Community Efforts meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9th at the District One Service Center. The meeting includes a potluck supper.

•A district community meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 20 at the service center.

•The recreation meeting for District One is scheduled Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. at the service center.

DISTRICT TWO

•District Two won a first place award for its float, depicting the World War II flag raising on Iwo Jima, during Ira Hayes Recognition Day Sept. 30. The float also included a listing of all veterans of the community. The district wishes to thank all volunteers who worked on the project. Special thanks to "Corny" Antone for donating a trailer and pickup. Community members are encouraged to volunteer for upcoming projects.

•Congratulations to Chidette Jose who was recently sworn in as district representative on the Youth Council. Pam Calabasa is alternate. Congratulations also to outgoing representative Maraya Acuna for her

participation in 1988-89. The district is very proud of all these students.

•District Two residents participated in many successful events this past month. On Oct. 14, The Gila River Dialysis Support Group held a bingo fundraiser and food sale at the service center with a strong community turnout. The elderly in the community had their annual senior citizens picnic at Encanto Park in Phoenix, and then went to the state fair. Dracula, He Man, Jason and countless little goblins and ghouls gathered at the service center Oct. 27 for Blackwater Community School's Halloween party.

•Plans are being made for the district's annual Veterans Day activities. All district members are encouraged to participate and recognize the veterans who have served so proudly in war and peace time. Special guest speakers and various entertainment groups will participate in the event.

DISTRICT FIVE

•The winners of the Rhoda Johns Memorial Tournament were Ak Chin, first; Morago Farms, second. The sportsmanship trophy went to the San Tan girls' team.

DISTRICT SIX

•A benefit dance and food sale are scheduled Nov. 10 at the district community building to benefit Diane Jackson and family. The Jackson home recently burned and the family lost all its household goods. The food

sale will start at 6 p.m. and the dance is scheduled at 8 p.m. with music by the Verdon Jackson band.

DISTRICT SEVEN

•The district's elderly are planning a fishing trip as soon as they purchase a new community vehicle. The tribe has allocated \$10,000 toward a new van, and the district must come up with the balance of the cost.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

The Community Services Program has started accepting applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps

families pay their home heating costs.

Applications may be picked up at local service centers, and district coordinators and their intake workers will be available to assist applicants.

In order to speed the process, program workers ask that applicants bring with them several documents required to apply for assistance. These include proof of income for all family members. Proof of income may be award letters, check stubs, and copies of checks. Applicants must also bring social security numbers and birthdates for all family member over the age of 18. Handicapped and disabled applicants must provide a doctor's or CHR statement.

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TO YOUR HEALTH

Most people gain four to seven pounds from Thanksgiving to Christmas

Now is the time to plan for a lean holiday season. The average American gains four to seven pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Most of us overeat during the holidays and promise to go on a diet at the first of the year.

But the extra pounds gained during the holiday season are pounds most of us can't afford to add.

According to a recent Stanford University study, 90 percent of all Americans are above their ideal body weight. More than half of our children are overweight.

But gaining weight doesn't have to be a part of the holiday season if you do some careful planning.

First, you can learn the calorie content of different foods, especially the high fat, hidden fat foods, so you can make wise food selections.

Then, you can make changes to lower your total calorie intake and increase your level of physical

activity, and thus control the number of calories you burn.

By making some simple changes, you can still enjoy special holiday foods without gaining the traditional holiday weight.

Increasing physical activity is one way to keep the added calories of the holiday season from piling up. Another choice is to reduce the amount of fat you eat.

Today's holiday celebrations are centered around high fat, high calorie feasts.

Gravy, stuffing, nuts, and tamales are loaded with fat and calories. You don't have to give up these foods, just save some calories somewhere else.

Have a little less of something that isn't as important to you. Do without a food you won't miss.

For example at breakfast, instead of eating a plain doughnut or a muffin, choose two pieces of toast with jam.

You'll lose five pounds between now and February 1 by making that

one change. Skip the daily two strips of bacon and eat one less egg and lose another five pounds.

At lunch skip the mayonnaise on your sandwich. You'll lose another three pounds.

Start walking 20 minutes a day and by next Thanksgiving you'll be 25 pounds lighter.

Save some calories where you can. White meat of turkey is lower in fat than dark meat. Take off the skin and save more fat calories.

Gravy has 60 to 70 calories per tablespoon. When was the last time you used just a tablespoon of gravy on anything? A big serving of gravy can add 700 calories to your holiday meal.

Stuffing baked outside the turkey

has half the calories of stuffing cooked inside the bird.

Baked potatoes have fewer calories than mashed potatoes. Save calories by baking sweet potatoes, if you really must have them.

Most of the calories from pie are in the crust. Try eating only the filling.

The important thing is to learn how to balance food calories with the energy you use up through physical activity or exercise.

Exercise is a tradition worth adding to your holiday season, especially in Arizona.

Thirty minutes of walking a day can make the difference in not gaining weight this year. So plan ahead for a lean holiday—the choice is yours.

by Joanne Hurley

Serious about losing weight? Try this

If you want to lose weight the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital is sponsoring two very successful programs that can help you meet your goals.

Participants in the hospital's HMR Fasting Program have a lot to boast about. Collectively, program members have lost a total of 2,140 pounds, or more than a ton.

The hospital's second weight loss program, the Pima LEEN Workshop, a non-fasting weight loss class, has been held for five weeks and total participant weight loss has been 127 pounds, with an average weight loss of 5½ pounds for each class member.

The program's spokesperson, Joanne Hurley, notes that losing one pound a week might not sound like a lot, but that is 50 pounds lost in a year, or 100 pounds in two years. With time and practice at eating right, that fat is gone forever, Hurley said.

The next fasting class is set to start in January. The next free-of-charge, Pima Leen Workshop—the hospital's non-fasting weight loss program—starts Nov. 30 with classes at noon or 5:30 p.m.

For more information on either program, or to register, call 562-3321, extension 373.

Everyday stress can be dangerous, but there are some things you can do

It's Friday afternoon and you're headed to town. You're in a hurry and don't realize the speedometer is hitting 65. Suddenly, you hear that dreaded siren and see flashing lights in the rearview mirror.

Just when you were feeling so good, now you're starting to feel bad. Your heart is pounding, your palms are sweating and suddenly you can feel a headache coming on.

That's stress, the physical reaction our bodies create when we're faced with circumstances we don't want to deal with.

Basically, our body revs itself up to deal with perceived danger. We pump out lots of adrenaline to mobilize all our energy at once.

One hundred years ago you

probably only got stressed out when you encountered something dangerous in the wild.

A lot of energy was just what you needed, either to run away or stand and fight. But, times have changed and it's rare to encounter real physical danger these days.

A little stress can add the spice to life, which is one of the reasons people skydive and rockclimb. But too much stress creates all kinds of problems, and many people don't even realize it when they experience stress.

Unfortunately, we haven't changed as much as the times, so situations that produce stress, and which can't be handled with fight or flight, result in lots of destructive chemicals called corticoids running around in our bodies.

Over time, this has a destructive effect on our health. Scientists are beginning to relate consistent stress to medical problems such as heart attacks, diabetes, immune system impairment, and a host of other problems.

Uncontrolled stress certainly makes our lives less pleasurable and may even shorten them considerably.

There are two elements to consider in handling stress, the physical and the emotional.

Calm the body and the mind for true relaxation. Most stress management techniques will employ both elements.

A simple breathing technique to handle day-to-day stress follows.

First, breathe in deeply and slowly through the nose. Try to expand the belly first, then the chest. The inhalation should take about four seconds.

Hold the breath for an additional four seconds, consciously trying to clear your mind of all thoughts. Now exhale slowly through the nose again, allowing your muscles to relax as the air escapes.

Repeat this procedure several times until you feel relaxed and refreshed.

Clearing your mind and achieving real muscular relaxation is difficult at first, but with practice you can learn to do it fairly easily.

by George Dallam

PUBLIC NOTICE

On October 16, 1989, The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company (U S WEST Communications) filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for approval of the transfer of ownership of assets owned by U S WEST Communications and located within the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona to Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Gila River Indian Community. The ownership of the Sacaton exchange (prefix 562), which is located wholly within the Reservation, is being transferred to Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., in its entirety. In addition, facilities located in areas within the Reservation and that are presently served by U S WEST Communications' Laveen (prefix 237), Coolidge (prefix 723), Chandler-Main (prefixes 732, 786, 821, 899, 963), Chandler-West (prefixes 554, 759, 940, 961, 496, 893), Chandler-South (prefix 895), Maricopa (prefix 568), and Higley (prefix 988) exchanges, will also be transferred to Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Services now being provided by U S WEST Communications within the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona will thereafter be provided by Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., except that U S WEST Communications will continue to carry toll calls between the Reservation and points outside the Reservation pursuant to a contractual agreement with Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. The transfer will occur in phases and will not cause any interruption in the provision of basic telephone service.

Any member of the public desiring to support or protest the application may write to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554 on or before November 5, 1989 in accordance with 47 CFR 63.90.

PEOPLE



YOUNG LEADERS—These young people were sworn in as officers of the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council in October. From left to right: Ginger Martin, president; Terrance Evans, vice president; Zuzette Kisto, treasurer; and Ron Nasewytewa, secretary.



COMING OUT—During the Nov. 3 and 4 Pima-Maricopa Arts Festival, Shannon Davis and Patrick King, members of the Salt River Basket Dancers, performed in a "Coming Out Dance." The group was among many dance groups and performers who participated in third annual event.



NEW HOSPITAL DIRECTOR— Vi Johnson beginning Dec. 4 will take over the job of service unit director at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital. She worked with the Gila River Tribe 15 years—five years as a public health nurse, five years as director of public health nursing, and five years as director of the tribe's Department of Health Services.



SNAKETOWN REUNION—Gila River Community members who worked on the field crew of the Snaketown archaeological dig in 1964 and 1965 will gather this month for a reunion. The excavation, headed by Dr. Emil W. Haurly, unearthed traces of the oldest irrigation system in the United States. The field crew, *Top Row*: (left to right) Roger Pedro; Leroy James; Fred Marrietta Jr.; Larry Porter; Iver Sunna; Fred Marrietta Sr.; Leonard Manuel; Joseph P. Marrietta; Joseph O. Marrietta. *Middle Row*: Clinton Lewis; Everett "Moon" Howard; Eldridge Cross; David Moore; Jones Williams; Delbert Lewis; Job Hayes; George Kyytan; Raymond Cawker. *Bottom Row*: Eddy Harrison; Rupert Hall; Leonard Stone; Dennis Williams; Justin Miller; Larry Lewis. *Not Pictured*: Lab crew members Amenda Lewis and Evelyn Jones. (Photo by Helga Teiwes, Arizona State Museum)

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Brown tells tribes BIA must be effective and efficient

Two days after completing his first 100 days in office, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Eddie F. Brown told the more than 400 delegates to the 46th annual conference of the National Congress of American Indians that many recent events in the Bureau of Indian Affairs point to a greater need for more effective and efficient use of federal staff and of financial and institutional resources on Indian lands.

"One recent audit report said the Bureau is doing a poor job in the area of dam safety; just this morning an Inspector General's report pointed out deficiencies in the accounting of Indian trust funds; and we can expect soon a report from the subcommittee on investigations of the U.S. Senate summing up the results of their months of investigations," Brown said.

He said the task of correcting deficiencies must be accomplished in a period where there is greater demand and shrinking resources.

"I know the Bureau is facing critical internal challenges in carrying out its trust responsibilities in Indian Country as we move from the role of providing services to one of technical assistance and monitoring," Brown added.

He said he didn't fall into the trap of going into a closet in Washington, D.C. with a group of advisors and coming up with an Indian policy and then spending two or three years selling it to the Indian people.

"I wanted to take an approach that I think is long overdue as regards governmental relationships with Indian tribes. I wanted to first consult with Indian tribal leaders and then jointly put together an agenda that over the next three to four years we could work together to implement. Over a period of time I believe that it will prove to be most beneficial to Indian tribes and the federal government in really addressing the trust responsibility we have in regard to Indian people," he said.

State governor appoints Indian health care panel

Arizona Gov. Rose Mofford last month named a 23-member Indian Health Care Advisory Council to address the needs of Arizona Indians, and to develop a health care system that will make the best use of state and federal resources.

The council will be made up of 20 Arizona Indian tribes, the Department of Economic Security, Department of Health Services, and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System. Representatives of the federal

Health Care Financing Administration, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the executive Office of Management and Budget will serve as technical advisors.

ASU homecoming scheduled for Native American alumni

The Arizona State University Native American Alumni Association is hosting a tailgate party before ASU's homecoming football game Nov. 11 and has purchased a block of game tickets for sale to returning alumni.

The pre-game party, or Homecoming Fiesta, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at College Avenue and Seventh St., about one block from the football stadium. Admission to the fiesta is free, and food will be on sale during the party.

A Native American Alumni Association meeting is also scheduled Nov. 11 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Arizona State University Memorial Union in Tempe. Membership in the association is open to any Native American graduate of ASU.

For more information on purchasing football tickets, on the fiesta, or association meeting, contact Raquel Gutierrez at 965-3701, 965-3566, or toll-free at 1-800-ALUMNUS.

Tohono O'odham demand that BIA educators be banned

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has transferred Santa Rosa Boarding School principal Thomas Goff and Sells BIA agency director for education Kenneth C. Whitehorn from their posts on the Tohono O'odham reservation following demands by the Tohono O'odham Nation that they be removed from their jobs.

The nation's Legislative Council and executive office filed a position paper with the BIA Oct. 20 calling for their firing, saying Whitehorn withheld information on Goff, relating to his tenure as principal of Polacca Day School on the Hopi Reservation.

Goff, as principal of the school, supervised convicted child molester John Boone.

In the position paper submitted to the BIA, tribal officials stated Whitehorn "has deceived the Tohono O'odham by not declaring the complete history regarding the circumstances that occurred at the day school on the Hopi Nation and the way that the Santa Rosa Boarding School principal was involved...There is the appearance that he used his position as ASE here, to get the principal out of Polacca before the pedophile was arrested."

Whitehorn has been transferred to the BIA's Eastern Navajo Agency in Crown Point, N.M. He

couldn't be reached for comment. Goff has been transferred to the BIA area office in Phoenix and assigned to the office's education program.

Goff said the U.S. Department of Justice has asked him not to comment on the matter due to a pending lawsuit involving the child molestation victims of Boone.

Boone, a former teacher at the Hopi school, is serving a life sentence in federal prison after confessing to molesting more than 100 children.

BIA spokesman Carl Shaw said Whitehorn and Goff both were transferred from the O'odham reservation because of the nation's request, but he noted that both men had also requested transfers.

They felt they couldn't be effective in their jobs given the tribe's position, he said. The BIA is investigating whether Boone's supervisors failed to act on warnings that he was molesting children.

Shaw said an earlier investigation had been conducted and, "We don't believe they (Goff and Whitehorn) were involved or had knowledge of any wrongdoing before Mr. Boone was arrested."

Former O'odham chairman goes to court to get his job back

Calling it an "extremely painful and very divisive" dispute for the Tohono O'odham Nation, tribal Judge Rob Williams said he would decide by the end of November whether to dismiss a petition to declare invalid the hearings that

removed former chairman Enos Francisco Jr. from office.

Francisco is asking the court to declare the hearings invalid in an attempt to get his job back. In his petition, Francisco cites the outcome of the tribe's July 29 referendum election as one reason the proceedings should be declared invalid, and he should be returned to office.

During the referendum election, Tohono O'odham voters strongly rejected the rules and procedures used by the tribe's Legislative Council during its removal hearings.

Judge Williams heard arguments from Francisco and tribal attorney Dabney Altaffer during an Oct. 25 hearing and then decided to take the matter under advisement, according to a tribal court clerk.

Francisco was removed from office March 31 for negligence of duty by a vote of the Legislative Council following removal hearings.

Tohono O'odham tribal attorneys filed a motion to dismiss Francisco's petition saying the referendum results have no meaning, since under the tribe's constitution only tribal ordinances and legislation can be put to a referendum vote.

Tribal attorney Dabney Altaffer also stated that the court has no jurisdiction to question the Legislative Council's hearing rules.

He said the tribal constitution gives the power to conduct removal hearings exclusively to the Legislative Council.

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