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Tribal phone company makes down payment on U.S. West system

Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. has signed a \$1.8 million agreement with U.S. West for the purchase of its on-reservation phone system, GRTI chairman Cecil F. Antone said.

The agreement was signed last week and the tribal company made a downpayment of \$267,000 toward the full \$1.8 million purchase price, he said.

GRTI also received word last week that its \$3.9 million interim loan from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) had been approved.

Once the final loan papers are completed, the money will be used to pay the balance of the phone system purchase price, and to begin construction of the GRTI system, Antone said.

GRTI has asked REA for a total loan of \$9.2 million to cover its entire purchase and construction costs.

The tribal company was created last year to take over the operation and maintenance of the reservation's current phone system.

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

their districts.

Although the purchase agreement has been completed, it will be some time before GRTI personnel actually take over the U.S. West system, Antone said.

The company must first wait for the approval of the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Federal Communication Commission.

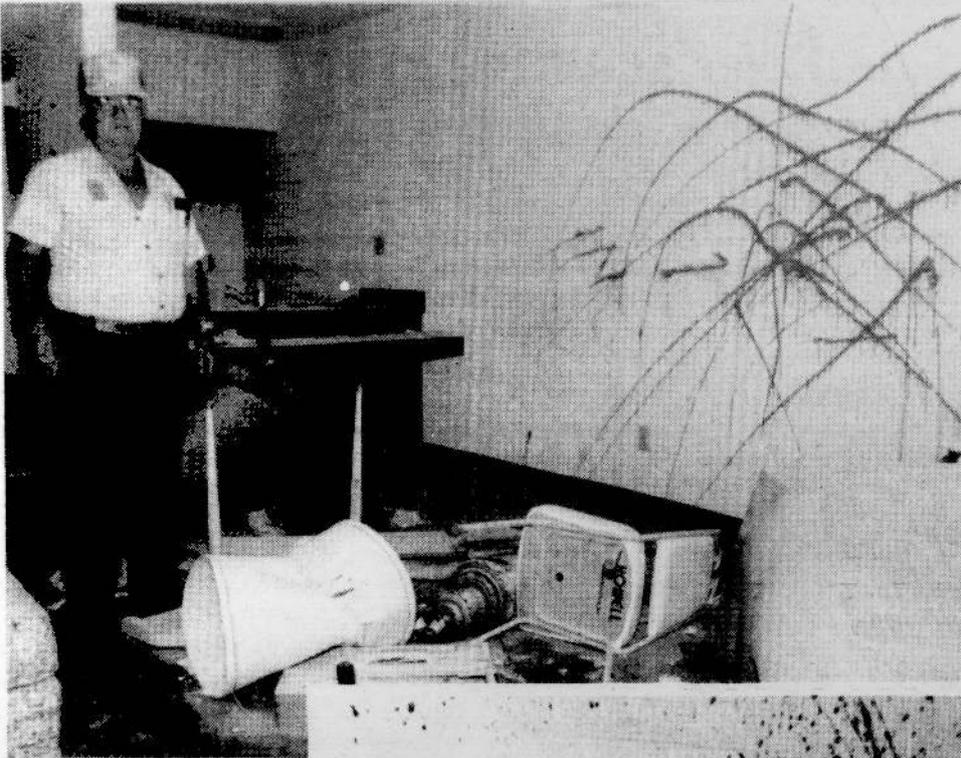
Then construction work can begin on exchange buildings. Once exchange construction is complete, about 30 GRTI workers will take over the system, Antone said.

He noted that there will be no interruption of phone service during the takeover period, and a transition team has already been set up to ensure a problem-free change over.

Although the contract negotiations were lengthy, Antone said the final purchase agreement with U.S. West was very favorable to the tribal company.

He said GRTI purchased the system at its depreciated cost, or book value, and was able to decline the purchase of some equipment that didn't meet REA standards—a point that had caused negotiation problems.

Earlier this year, GRTI officials said that phone systems often sell for as much as three times book value.



SENSELESS—The damage done to facilities at the Gila River Career Center over the Labor Day weekend by several young community members was called senseless by Henry Valencia, who is with the maintenance department at Central Arizona College. The young vandals broke into classrooms and apartments to deal out damage pictured above. They also broke about 80 windows throughout the complex. See story on Page 6.



Major changes in tribal tax laws are taken to Gila River tribal council

The Gila River Indian Community's Legislative Standing Committee has recommended five major changes in the tribe's tax laws, including increasing the reservation's construction and liquor taxes and prohibiting all tax waivers.

The recommendations were made by the standing committee during the tribal council's Sept. 28 meeting. Council members asked the

committee to study the tribe's tax laws and recommend reforms, if needed, earlier this year, Daniel R. Tree, chairman of the Legislative Standing Committee, said.

Changes recommended by the committee 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 cigarette 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.

Under the current tribal budget, revenue from sales taxes has been projected at \$300,000.

Tree said the pros and cons of the committee's recommendations will likely be debated during the council's regular monthly meeting in November.

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First of its kind ceremony will swear Youth Council into office Oct. 14

Six new representatives of the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council will be sworn into office during a first of its kind ceremony Oct. 14.

According to a national Indian youth organization, the oath of office ceremony will be the first ever held for a youth council, Greg Mendoza, coordinator of the youth council program, said.

The ceremony is set to take place from 10 a.m. to noon in the Gila River Tribal Council Chambers in Sacaton.

Special guest speakers will be National Miss Indian U.S.A. Dora Roanhorse, and Mary Kim Titla, a reporter with KVOA-TV in Tucson and Arizona's first Native American television reporter, Mendoza said.

Newly elected representatives who'll be sworn in by Gila River Chief

Tribal Judge Renay Peters are David Jackson, District 1; Chidette Jose, District 2; Zuzette Kisto, District 3; Marty Walker, District 5; and Janelle Hutchison, District 6.

A reception will follow the ceremony. A dance honoring the new representatives is scheduled from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., and community members are encouraged to attend both the ceremony and dance, Mendoza said.

The tentative location for the dance is the District 3 Community Building. But those interested in attending should look for announcements to be posted at district service centers, tribal buildings and reservation stores, he said.

The next youth council meeting is scheduled Oct. 28 at 9 a.m. in the District 7 Maricopa Colony Service Center.

Gila River scouting program in need of a few good men and women

The Gila River Scouting Program is in need of a few good men and women.

Adults over the age of 18 are needed to become scout leaders in all areas of the reservation.

Gila River boys and girls do want to become involved in scouting, but they lack adult leaders to help them, according to Lance Perkins, a volunteer with the organization.

In fact, the survival of the Gila River scouting program may depend on whether there are adults who care about the children in their communities enough to volunteer, he said.

Adult volunteering doesn't mean volunteering for a lifetime. Adult volunteering can mean being available for just one hour a week to lead meetings.

Scout leaders are usually responsible for leading groups of five to eight new scouts, Perkins said.

Volunteering also means giving some of your time to help out on field trips, camping, handicraft and group activities, he added.

Basically, it means giving some time to help young people who are on their way to becoming adults, he said.

The aim of the scouting program is to establish scouting groups for boys and girls in each community, but the program must first have adult community volunteers.

If you think you'd like to lead a group in your community, Perkins encourages you to volunteer, and he suggests bringing a friend and volunteering together.

For more information contact Perkins at 562-3441, P.O. Box 917, Bapchule, AZ 85221.

U of A Indian Alumni Association looking for grads, former students

The University of Arizona American Indian Alumni Association will hold its Ninth Annual Reunion Oct. 28 in Tucson.

The event, part of the university's homecoming festivities, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon in the school's student union building.

This year's Tanner Award for outstanding service to the Native American community goes to Victor

Masayesva, a Hopi artist who is nationally known for his work in video productions and still photographs. Masayesva did graduate work in

English at the University of Arizona.

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Proposed ordinance outlines who can and cannot live on the reservation

Public comment is being sought on a residency ordinance proposed by the Gila River Indian Community's Legislative Council Standing Committee.

The proposed ordinance would make it illegal for non-tribal members to reside within the boundaries of the reservation.

Non-members legally married to members and their children, as well as persons engaged in and authorized to do business on the reservation would be exempt from the ordinance.

Currently, the tribe doesn't have an ordinance that deals with the question of who can legally reside on the reservation—the proposed ordinance would spell this out, Daniel Tree, chairman of the Standing Committee, said.

Originally, the main intent of the legislation was to deal with illegal aliens living on the reservation and reportedly selling drugs and alcohol, Tree said.

The committee began working on the ordinance, thanks to a petition drive launched by Ricki Francisco,

Tree said.

Francisco delivered a petition, signed by about 500 community residents, to the council asking legislators to address the problem, and credit for the ordinance should go to her, he said.

Tribal members have until Oct. 31 to comment on the legislation.

The tribal council is likely to vote on the ordinance during its regular

meeting in November, Tree said.

Copies of the entire ordinance are posted in district service centers, he said.

Comments may be submitted to any service center office, or mailed to the Legislative Standing Committee, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Ariz. 85247.

For more information call 562-3311, 963-4323, or 836-8178, extension 231.

Landowner meetings being planned for Maricopa Road rights-of-way

Allotted landowners may soon be receiving notices to attend a meeting to discuss right-of-way agreements for the Maricopa Road Improvement Project, Cecil F. Antone, acting director of the Gila River Physical Resources Department, said this week.

A final configuration for the road is still being developed, so the tribe isn't yet sure which parcels of allotted land will be affected.

Land appraisals for parcels in the area of the improvement project, however, have already been completed, he said.

Landowner meetings will be held regarding signing right-of-way agreements for the road and compensation to allottees, he said.

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.

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

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

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

According to tribal officials, the improvements should not only solve traffic problems, but also create economic development opportunities for the tribe by providing the necessary infrastructure for

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PEOPLE

Rescuer receives Azule Award

The Gila River Indian Community's Azule Award was presented to Cornell B. Johns for his heroism in

saving the life of Candace Jackson, who nearly drowned in the Sacaton canal in August.

Jackson and her six-year-old sister Carmen fell into the canal Aug. 10. Johns jumped into the canal and was

able to rescue Candace. Carmen Jackson drowned while trying to pull her sister out of the canal.

Johns, a carpenter's helper with the Housing Improvement Program, was honored for his alert and immediate reaction in rescuing the young girl. In addition to the recognition award, he received a \$500 savings bond.

Physical Resources director resigns

William T. Talbow, director of the Gila River Indian Community's Physical Resources Department, resigned Sept. 30 to accept a job with America West Airlines.

Talbow, who had worked for the tribe for the past 15 years, was honored at a luncheon on Sept. 16. Approximately 65 staff and board members gathered to celebrate his years of service and to thank him for his dedication to the community.

District 6 resident boxing silver medalist

Cedric Allen, 13, of District 6, won second place honors in April as a silver medalist in his division during the National Silver Gloves Championship.

Following that competition Allen qualified to represent Arizona at the U.S.A. Amateur Boxing Federation Junior Olympics Regional Tournament in Greeley, Colorado.

He won a bronze medal for third place in that competition.

Allen, who has only participated in amateur boxing for nine months, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Martin.

According to his coach Fernando Sepulveda, Allen "has the potential to become very successful in this Olympic sport...This young man's dream is to have the opportunity to reach for the 1992 U.S.A. Olympics."

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Exemptions from state tax on electricity

Indian community residents who meet certain state requirements may be exempt from state taxes on electricity for their homes located on the reservation, according to Steve Ehrman, Indian services coordinator for the Salt River Project.

According to Ehrman, if you are a Salt River Project customer, you may be exempt from paying state sales taxes if you meet all of the following conditions:

- You receive residential electric service from the Salt River Project on the reservation.
- You are an enrolled member of the

Gila River Indian Community.

- You apply to the Salt River Project for an exemption.

Applications for exemptions are available at SRP business offices, or by calling SRP at 236-8888. They are also available at the tribal enrollment office and the housing authority office in Sacaton.

Ehrman notes that if a person who has an exemption closes his or her electric account with SRP, or makes a name change on their account, their exemption ends and they must reapply.



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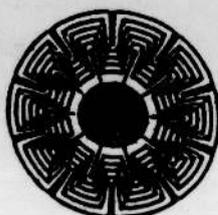
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Stop twiddling thumbs about education

Dear Editor:

A study recently released by the National Center for Education Statistics reports that as of 1988, 4.2 million young adults, ages 16 to 24, were not enrolled in school and were not high school graduates.

Overall, the dropout rates were 15 percent for whites, 22 percent for blacks, 28 percent for Hispanics, and 35 percent for American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

Education will only improve if dramatic change is implemented. We need to change the basic structure of the system and the thinking of elected officials and educational leaders. Obsolete and inflexible points of view can no longer be the status quo.

We need more evaluations of educational personnel to weed out incompetents, increased high school homework, more rigorous high

school requirements, tougher college admissions requirements, exposure to student incentives, and awards for successful schools.

Parents and students must know they are listened to and heard. What better way is there then to allow the parents to make decisions where their children attend school. Parental involvement plays a major role in education, which starts in the home.

The Gila River Tribal Council needs to be reminded that it placed education as a high community priority, that education deficiencies, academic, vocational, and social problems' need to be addressed.

It is critical that our tribal education and political leaders actively support parental choice.

Instead of talking about what parents want, give them what they deserve—a bigger voice in the decisions affecting their children's education.

Establishing positive quantity and

quality education for our community's young people prepares them for higher-echelon job opportunities in the world of work and in the political arena.

A major plan to rescue our educational system that includes a set of performance goals should be in

place.

We must all work together in addressing the pros and cons of education by putting legs to our words instead of twiddling our thumbs and point fingers.

Daniel R. Tree
District 5 Community

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It's time to get involved with your community—it needs you

Whatever happened to Ray Road? Way back in the mid 1970s District 6 initiated a move to close this road for a number of reasons.

Years went by and so did the move for closure. No action was taken and there was no help from the big shots.

It's now 1989 and there's still just talk of closure, and today there's still no plan to close the road. Once again the westend is shunned. Don't you community members get tired of all the promises?

To discuss this and other issues is one reason we encourage you to attend district meetings and be part of the system.

Let's not give up easily. Let's talk and present our ideas and be part of the decision making, especially when it affects our reservation.

Squatters for long have come in and taken what they want to establish their homes. They have made roads that bring with them hunting, mesquite wood gathering, and other privileges they don't pay for. And we allow this. How gullible have we

become?

There were eight people at the regular District 6 Community meeting Monday Sept. 25. The council, represented by two members, gave an interesting report of the Sept. 20 meeting, and there was much discussion that gave us a better understanding of tribal issues.

Tribal operations will guide our future if we sincerely involve ourselves in the mechanisms of the whole structure.

But District 6 has joined the ranks of complacency. At the community meeting this problem was discussed. The Resident Board met Sept. 26 with this subject on the agenda.

Several ideas, suggestions, projects, and changes were discussed, and a report will be brought to the community meeting Oct. 23. So watch for meeting announcements.

Your community needs you. Attend meetings.

Marion Miles
District 6

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- OCTOBER 14— Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council swearing-in ceremony for newly elected youth council members. 10 a.m., Sacaton Gila River tribal council chamber. Reception following. Community is invited.
- OCTOBER 14— Dance to honor newly swom-in members of the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council. 8 a.m., District 3 Service Center, Sacaton, (tentative).
- OCTOBER 27— Halloween Party sponsored by Blackwater PTO. 6 p.m., District 2 Service Center.
- OCTOBER 27— Girls' Softball Tournament, Casa Blanca Ball Field. Call Irving Johns for information, 562-3441.
- OCTOBER 28— Girls' Softball Tournament, Casa Blanca Ball Field. Call Irving Johns, 562-3441.
- OCTOBER 28— Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council meeting, 9 a.m., District 7 Maricopa Colony Service Center.
- OCTOBER ??— Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays throughout the month, Dental Unit Trailer will be at the District 1 Service Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call the Service Center for information.
- NOVEMBER 3 & 4— Pima-Maricopa Arts Festival, Gila River Arts and Crafts Center.



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Gila River Community District news:

•The Community Services Program reluctantly says goodbye to former District 7 coordinator Fred Ringlero, who has accepted a position as Gila River area community development coordinator with Save the Children Federation.

He is assisting the districts with projects to bring unity, sobriety, and fitness to the children of the Gila River Indian Community.

We extend our appreciation to District 7 resident May Mercado who stepped in as acting coordinator. She provided excellent service to the community.

•Community Services would like to introduce the new District 7 Service Center coordinator to the community. He is Darrell Gerlaugh, a resident of District 4.

He was previously employed at Coleman Spas in Chandler as a supervisor.

He also served in the Navy supervising the largest communication station in the world, and also operated his own bakery at the former Olberg Trading Post.

•There are currently seven Community Services job openings—one in each district. Positions available are: Community Aide, District 1; Driver/Janitor, District 2; Assistant Service Center Coordinator, District 3; Secretary I, District 4; Driver/Janitor, District 5; Assistant Service Center Coordinator, District 6; Assistant Service Center Coordinator, District 7.

Check your service center for these job announcements or you may contact the tribal personnel office for more information.

District 1

•Blackwater School PTO is planning a fundraiser Halloween Party Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. at the District 2 Service Center. Blackwater School is also planning a bingo fundraiser and food sale Oct. 13.

•The Indian Health Service dental unit trailer will be in District 1 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. It will be parked near the district service center and open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The trailer is fully equipped and a dental hygienist will be available for teeth cleaning and to answer questions.

Services are available to both children and adults by calling for an appointment. For more information call the District 1 Service Center.

District 3

•The District 3 recreation program will be sponsoring a Halloween party in October. Look for posters announcing this upcoming event.

District 4

•The elderly of District 4 plan to attend the Arizona State Fair on Oct. 20. The fair is scheduled Oct. 12-29.

District 5

•The District 5 Recreation Committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to create a solid recreation program in fiscal-year 1990. The committee's meetings are held

the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the district service center, unless otherwise posted.

Currently, the recreation committee is working on by-laws. Goals include taking bids for basketball courts.

•A girl's softball tournament is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 27 and 28 at Casa Blanca Ball Field. There is an entry fee of \$75 and the deadline for entries is Oct. 23. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place, and for sportsmanship and all-tournament teams.

For more information contact Irving Johns, coordinator, District 5 Service Center, 562-3441.

District 6

•Gila Crossing Day School principal John Rumer encourages all parents to see that their children attend school regularly.

Each time a student is absent, they miss valuable class instruction, as well as other class and school activities.

District 7

•Wesley Sunn has resigned as community chairperson, and Lenita Fragua has handed in her resignation. Therefore, the community is looking for two more people to fill these positions.

•The Akimel O'odham Pee-Posh Youth Council is looking for a District 7 representative. If you know of anyone who is interested, contact the district service center for more information.

•All parents and guardians are encouraged to participate in the Gila Crossing Day School Parent-Teacher Organization, which meets the second Tuesday of each month in the school gym.

Please plan to attend. Fundraising and other activities are planned each year that provide money to buy school-related items for students.

•The district would like to thank everyone who helped make Mustering In Day a great success. Thanks go also to the following enterprises who made donations: Gila River Indian Community Telecommunications, Maricopa Mission of Seventh Day Adventists, and Lone Butte Development Corporation.

The Veterans would also like to thank MICA Farms for their donation and Gila River Arts and Crafts for their donations.

•A big thanks to Pamela Thomas for all the hard work she put into the volleyball tournament. The results were: Maricopa's of District 7, first place; American Indian Nursing Home, second place; B.J.'s, third place.

The most valuable female player award went to Mary Lewis of the American Indian Nursing Home. The most valuable male player was Jerry Smith of the the Maricopa's of District 7.

Special thanks to the Presbyterian Church and Joe Manuel for donating the use of the PA systems during the day's activities.

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All-Indian alignment of Pima Freeway approved

Salt River Pima-Maricopa voters upheld a tribal council decision to negotiate with the Arizona Department of Transportation for an all-Indian alignment of the planned Pima Freeway.

The council decision was supported by a 161 to 120 vote. It gives tribal government staff permission to negotiate a right-of-way for a six-lane freeway across Indian land.

The referendum election was scheduled after 41 Salt River Community residents signed a petition calling for a vote to repeal the tribal council's resolution.

Tribal president Gerald Anton said the resolution "was not a final decision on anything. It was only a decision to proceed with negotiations with the state and its right-of-way procedures that include land surveys."

ADOT has proposed taking a 400-foot-wide section of Indian land that stretches eight miles in exchange for 581 acres of state and federal land northeast of the reservation and about \$175 million.

100-year-old dispute between railroad and Paiutes settled

The Southern Pacific Transportation Co. has agreed to pay a \$1.2 million settlement to end a century-old Walker River Paiute land dispute in west central Nevada.

The tribe filed suit in 1972 because the railroad never officially gained congressional approval for a right-of-way through a narrow stretch of 400 acres on the Walker River reservation.

Hopi and Navajo tribes challenge federal mining regulations

The Hopi and Navajo tribes have filed suit in federal district court in Washington, D.C. challenging new regulations proposed by the federal Office of Surface Mining.

The new regulations give OSM the "exclusive and sole" regulatory authority for surface coal mining operations on Indian lands.

If adopted, OSM—not tribal governments—would decide when mining would be permitted on reservations and how it would be controlled.

According to federal law, the only way the tribes can contest the proposed regulation is to fight it in court.

Tribes and state take equal recognition in Washington state

Washington state has signed an accord recognizing the state's 26 Indian tribes as sovereign, and calling for a government-to-government approach to working jointly on problems of mutual concern.

Washington Governor Booth Gardner signed the agreement Aug. 1, calling it the "most positive step taken since statehood."

Known as the Centennial Accord, the historic document is the first

document of its kind, and might be called a national model for relations between states and Indian tribes.

"The tribes are sovereign governments and should be treated as such... It is our interest to improve the ability of both tribal and state governments to perform as governments. State government will no longer be an obstacle to tribal sovereignty," Gardner said.

Bureau of Indian Affairs director Eddie Brown hailed the accord and praised the two governments for working out differences that have for too long kept the tribes and state at odds.

"A lot of credit is due Governor Gardner for being so willing to work with the tribes and accord them the recognition they are due; and the same credit is due all tribal leaders in the state for joining hands with a government so many have considered their enemy in the past," Brown said.

The tribes and the governor have identified economic development, social services and natural resources as areas in which they hope to make initial progress.

One-quarter of all firefighters are Native Americans

Native Americans from reservations across the country make up 300 20-man crews, or almost a quarter of the 25,000 firefighters who've been fighting the raging wildfires in Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

When coupled with their Bureau of Indian Affairs counterparts, the total number of Indians makes up more than a quarter of the active personnel involved in fighting fires nationwide.

Tribal firefighters have been paid almost \$25 million through the BIA for their efforts.

Florida tribe signs oil exploration lease

Oil exploration, long common on western Indian reservations, is moving east to Florida where the Miccosukee Indian tribe has agreed to a five-year oil lease with the Shell Western Company, a subsidiary of Shell Oil.

The tribe has agreed to lease 70,359 acres of the Miccosukee Reservation for oil and natural gas exploration and drilling.

While the Miccosukee Reservation lies within the Florida Everglades, half of the leased acreage is designated as a water conservation district by the state of Florida.

The governor's office has said oil wells will not be permitted in the conservation district.

Tribal chairman Bill Cypress said the tribe wouldn't exploit its own environmentally sensitive land for profit.

"The tribe has never damaged the environment in Florida and never will do so," he said.

All-Indian rodeo at Arizona State Fair

The Fourth Annual All-Indian Rodeo is scheduled Oct. 19-21 at the 1989 Arizona State Fair.

It will be held at the grandstand

with events running from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. each day.

The All-Indian Rodeo helps generate revenue for Arizona's Indian centers. Last year, more than \$16,000 was donated to the Affiliation of Arizona Indian Centers to help fund special projects that benefit Indians of all Arizona tribes.

Participation is open to all Indians and entries close at midnight Oct. 14. For more information call 252-4304, extension 331, or call Shirley Lee at 871-2324.

Arizona Indian poets sought

ATLTL, a Native American arts service organization based in Phoenix, will publish a book of poetry by Indian writers residing in Arizona.

The book will focus on the Arizona Indian experience—ancient, contemporary, futuristic, tribal, individual, urban and rural.

The submissions deadline is Nov. 1 and payment for accepted work will be in copies of the publication.

Submissions should include a short biographical statement, including tribal affiliation and relationship with Arizona. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of poetry.

Send submissions to: ATLTL—Chapbook, 402 W. Roosevelt, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Penn State offers graduate fellowships for American Indians

Penn State is offering master's degree fellowships for American Indian students interested in special education training.

Students from various states including Arizona have graduated from the program that was established in 1983 through a U.S. Department of Education grant, Anna Gajar, associate professor of special education and the program's director, said.

The program is affiliated with Penn State's nationally recognized Native American Leadership Program.

The American Indian Special Education Teacher Training Program is designed to prepare American Indian teachers to effectively work with mentally and physically handicapped American Indian children.

Participants in the program will receive a monthly stipend of approximately \$650, dependency allowance, remission of tuition, and a textbook allowance.

Graduates will receive a master of education degree in special education. Depending upon application qualifications, the course of study will involve at least a one-year commitment.

The deadline for submitting applications for spring semester, which begins January 1990, is Nov. 15. The application deadline for fall semester 1990, which begins August 1990, is April 15, 1990.

For more information, write Gajar at the American Indian Special Education Teacher Training Program, Penn State University, 226B Moore Building, University Park, PA 16802, or call (814)862-2284.

Stewart celebrating 100 years

The Stewart Indian Museum is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Stewart Indian Boarding School in 1890 with a series of special exhibits, beginning with a January exhibit honoring graduates of the former federal boarding school.

The museum is seeking graduation photographs from former students, especially from classes graduating before 1970.

The association does have all of the graduation photographs from 1970 to 1980, but it's seeking photographs from all the decades the school was in existence.

If former graduates want their graduation class honored, they should contact the museum. The association will make copies of the photos and return the originals to their owners.

The museum is planning a permanent display of class graduation photographs by the Ninth Annual Stewart Indian Museum Arts and Crafts Fair and Pow Wow, which is scheduled for June 16-17, 1990.

Former students and staff have donated photographs, artifacts, baskets, and newspaper clippings.

Anyone who has memorabilia they would like to donate, or who has graduation photos that could be loaned for copying, should call (702)882-1808 for more information. The Stewart Indian Museum is located at 5366 Snyder Ave., Carson City, Nev. 89701.

Tohono O'odham Nation rodeo and fair

The Tohono O'odham Nation will hold its 52nd annual All-Indian Rodeo and Fair Oct. 20-22 in Sells.

Rodeo events will begin at 1 p.m. all three days with a junior rodeo on Friday Oct. 20. Senior events are set for Saturday and Sunday.

All rodeo activities will be held at the tribe's livestock complex about three miles west of Sells on Arizona Highway 86.

In addition to the rodeo, there will be carnival rides, food booths, arts and crafts exhibits, school and tribal government displays, baseball and basketball tournaments, a 12-mile walk, and a pow wow on Saturday.

Three dances will be held: the Miss Tohono O'odham Coronation Dance on Friday, and two chicken scratch dances, one Saturday evening, the other on Sunday.

Vendors interested in selling food or arts and crafts should contact Neomi Norris at 383-2298. Booth fees for all three days are \$175 outside, and \$75 inside the livestock complex. Inside booth fees are less because the livestock complex closes its doors at 6 p.m..

Those interested in entering the rodeo should call the rodeo office at 383-2588.

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