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GRIC pushing legislation to stop TON's Glendale casino, calls on voters to write their senators in support of H.R. 1410 – Keep the Promise Act

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community hosted an info session for its tribal members last Saturday at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass to discuss the matter of the Tohono O'odham Nation's proposed Glendale casino.

Gov. Gregory Mendoza opened the Jan. 11 meeting. "Our goal today is to provide you with information to help you understand why we oppose the casino in Glendale," he said.

"To start," said the governor, "I would like to say that this dispute has not been easy for me, personally. The Tohono O'odham people, they're our *hajuñ*, our family. And I believe a lot of us here are [part] Tohono O'odham. I am. ... And it pains me that this dispute continues."

"But this dispute is not with the Tohono O'odham people," he said. "Our objection [is] to a reckless course of action that is contrary to a promise the Tohono O'odham Nation, Community and many other Arizona tribes made to each other and to the voters of the state of Arizona.

"The political leadership of the Tohono O'odham Nation chose a path that puts all Arizona tribes' casinos at risk and would

cause serious economic harm to all Arizona tribes, including the Gila River Indian Community."

HISTORY OF GAMING IN ARIZONA

Attorneys Linus Everling of the GRIC Office of General Counsel and Jason Hauter of the Akin Gump law firm presented an hour-long slideshow, which detailed in chronological order the birth of the Arizona tribal gaming compact, the steps TON took to get the proposed casino rolling and what actions the casino opponents (including Gila River, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and state of Arizona) have taken to stop it from becoming a reality.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act passed in 1988, allowing tribes to enter into gaming agreements with states. By the early 1990s, Arizona had begun to establish gaming compacts with tribes but before long, private dog- and horse-track owners sued against them.

The tribes needed to form a unified front to combat the track owners and ensure cooperation. This alliance was formalized with the signing of an Agreement in Principle (which is kind of like a pre-contract written handshake),



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Community member Harlan Bohnee (D4) drafts a letter to Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake in support of H.R. 1410.

signed by 17 tribes including all four of the O'odham sister tribes between 1999 and 2000.

Finally united, the tribes campaigned for the Tribal-State Gaming Compact listed as Proposition 202. It passed with 50.9 percent of the vote in 2002.

According to Everling and Hauter, the Arizonans Fair Gaming & Indian Self-Reliance initiative (17 tribes including TON) advocated for Prop 202, promising that it "ensured no additional casinos in the PHX-metro area (7 maximum)" and "would keep gaming on reservations and did not allow it to move into non-

dian neighborhoods."

The gaming compact was created to run on a "balanced and cooperative approach" meaning it is not a free market and all tribes, regardless of size and location, get a chance to participate. To create such a market required some concessions such as limiting the size and quantity of each tribe's casinos. Gila River, for example, gave up the option of building a fourth casino and has limited the size of its three. It also partners with other tribes like the Navajo Nation and Pueblo of Zuni who run machines out of GRIC's buildings.

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'BAD FAITH'

When TON revealed that it intended to open a casino in the heart of Glendale at 91st and Northern avenues, a few blocks from where the Phoenix Coyotes and Arizona Cardinals play, the pronouncement caused an uproar from the state and Arizona tribes.

"We first learned of the Tohono O'odham Nation's plans to open the casino in Glendale in early 2009," said Gov. Mendoza. Since then, the Community has rallied with the state of Arizona, SRPMIC and a majority of fellow Arizona tribes to fight the Glendale casino through litigation and legislation.

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Maricopa Colony neighborhood breaks ground in District 7

By Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

A new year brings optimism and high hopes for prosperity. For District 7 residents, those expectations will be met once a new neighborhood of 25 homes is finished on the southeast corner of 79th Avenue and Baseline Road. The new Maricopa Colony neighborhood will be completed by late November or early December of this year, according to Department of Community Housing, but the anticipation and excitement officially began on Jan. 3 at the groundbreaking ceremony. "What a great start to the new year," said Gov. Gregory Mendoza.

Jeff Jordan, DCH Project Manager, said he felt really close to this project and is looking forward to the development of a neighborhood that will have many features that the old houses lacked.

The homes previously on the site contained 25 low-rent units and were demolished in June and July of 2013. The homes were in poor condition and, according to Jordan, many of the homes were out of "code compliance," and "built in the late 70s, early 80s."



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Contractors, architects, residents, DCH, Lt. Gov. Lewis and Gov. Mendoza during the groundbreaking ceremony for 25 new homes in District 7 on Jan. 3.

Before demolition, 12 of the homes were vacant and condemned by GRIC Building Safety Assessment. Families lived in the remaining 13 units, but after another building assessment those were also condemned.

Community Housing temporarily relocated the 13 families. The majority moved to District 6. One family relocated to District 3 and another outside the Community.

For those familiar with the

previous residences, Jordan acknowledges that the new neighborhood is "going to look totally different."

The housing units had many drainage issues and lacked energy efficiency.

The new homes will be incorporated with attributes to reduce energy costs such as foam insulation, solar window screens and dual-pane windows.

The homesite will be surrounded by an integral block wall system to reduce noise pollution from Baseline Road.

A major component of the new site will be new retention basins to solve the drainage issues troubling the neighborhood. The 25 homes were designed with a neighborhood-feel in mind, with many details in the styling and finishing of the residences. Some of the features mentioned were two-car garages (with automatic garage door openers), ceiling fans, tile roofs, patios and appliances included for the residents.

"These designs are so different from the typical homes you see on tribal land," said District 7 Council Representative Devin Redbird.

The architect on the project is ID Studio and the contractor is Kautaq Construction Services, LLC, a company from Alaska.

The project is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY STATE OF THE COMMUNITY ADDRESS



3rd State of the Community Address
by Governor Gregory Mendoza

Wednesday, February 5, 2014
8:30 a.m.
Community Council Chambers
Governance Center, Sacaton, Arizona

"A New Generation of Leadership Serving the People"

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In Loving Memory



On Dec. 27, 2013, God called my babygirl Isabelle Marie Humeyumptewa or little miss humeyumptewa up to heaven, she was only 4 months old. Isabelle was my everything. She was such a happy baby. A fighter too. Isabelle brought so much joy and love when she was around.

She had a medical history that led her into Cardon Children's Medical Center for a month. She gave us all quite a scare but she pulled through. Unfortunately on Dec. 27, 2013, in the afternoon when we lost her. She was worked on by the Ak-Chin Fire Dept. and then transported to Chandler hospital by a helicopter, where they told us she didn't make it. We held a carwash at the old Fire Dept. on January

1, 2014. Her services were here in Ak-Chin on the 3rd and 4th of January. It's still such a huge heartache to us, but on behalf of both mine, Gabrielle Compton and her dad, Deshaun Humeyumptewa's families, we'd like to say thank you for all the love, support, and help. Thank you to Ak-Chin Public Works, Ak-Chin Social Services, Ak-Chin Fire Dept., Ak-Chin Youth Council and every single individual who donated and led a helping hand. Isabelle will be missed but never forgotten.

In Loving Memory of
 Isabelle Marie
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 08/12/13-12/27/13

PUBLIC HEARING

February 12
at 10:15 A.M. - 12 P.M.
 District 5 Service Center
 Casa Blanca, AZ



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To hear and comment on what the Area Agency on Aging, Region 8, has done and plans to do for our elders.

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 Miss Gila River Pageant: Set Up
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 Entertainment: Assisting with entertainers/hospitality
 Informational: Assist with MCT Informational booth

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Look for new Lone Butte Trade Center Fly By, opening in May



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Above, L to R: Paul Valasco, Sterling Thomas, Leland Fulwilder, David Montiel, Kimberly Lewis, and Brent Erikson. Below: A rendering from Architekton

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Things are looking very optimistic this year for entrepreneurs Sterling Thomas and David Montiel, as they placed their shovels into the ground to welcome the new Lone Butte Trade Center Fly By on Jan. 2.

Guests from Architekton, Cochise Contractors, Gila River Lone Butte Casino and a small group of Community members gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony as Barnaby Lewis gave a traditional blessing on the five-acre site.

Lone Butte Trade Center owners Thomas (District 4) and Montiel (Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community) plan to utilize the area to increase the Trade Center customer base by building a store and gas station off the Loop 202 San Tan Freeway and Kyrene Road – adjacent to Lone Butte Casino. The new location is also expected to create revenue in the form of taxes paid to the Gila River Community, according to a press release about the event. “We are very excited about the store,” says Thomas, 37.

The original Lone Butte Trade Center, which opened 18 years ago as a three-section mobile smoke shop within the Lone Butte Development Park, has generated tax revenue and land lease payments to the GRIC Treasury since its opening. After much success and minor setbacks, Thomas and Montiel are excited to start construction on their \$4 million-dollar investment.

“I’m just glad we’re at this point now where we can break ground and start construction,”

says a hopeful Thomas regarding the store. “I hope the business is successful and flourishes...and it’s exciting to think about the future and how the Lone Butte Development Park plans to develop the loop between Kyrene Road down to Wild Horse Pass Road. We’re all excited to see that.”

The new Chevron-branded convenience store will include six gas islands, a room dedicated to the large selection of low-priced tobacco products, a drive-thru service window and of course friendly staff. The store will also include a walk-in freezer selling beer and wine once it obtains its liquor license, which would make the Trade Center Fly By the first Community member-owned business to obtain a license.

The Lone Butte Trade Center Fly By will also incorporate one of the Valley’s most unique architectural designs and state-of-the-art store floor plan. Architect Greg Lambright of Architekton says “David let me get creative with designing...This one will be similar to the [On-Auk Mor] on Hayden and McKellips,” a smoke shop near SRMPIC.

Once the shop is completed, the owners hope that it will create job positions for Gila River Indian Community members in security, service, management and maintenance. They also plan to have future services which may include a deli and carwash.

Construction began Jan. 6 and is set for completion by May. A 3-D model of the store is available for review on Youtube.com by searching “Lone Butte Trade Center Fly By.”



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community AGRICULTURAL LEASE PAY OUT*

Thursday, February 20, 2014

8:30am

Seniors and Disabled

10am - 6pm

General Landowners

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Questions

Contact SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730

*Ag lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received and cleared through banking institutions by February 1, 2014

Gila River Indian Community

Electronic Waste Collection Day

On November 16th, in recognition of America Recycles Day (November 15), the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) hosted the Community’s first electronic waste (e-waste) collection day. The event was an official America Recycles Day Organization event and was one of many events taking place across the United States for America Recycles Day.

At this first event, more than 100 items were collected and included items such as big screen TVs, computers, game consoles, cell phones, and DVD players. The collected e-waste has since been taken to the Salt River Landfill Materials Recovery Facility for recycling and will be parted and re-used in other items we use daily. There were a total of 32 participants, and DEQ would like to thank the GRIC Department of Public Works, and all who assisted in making this first event a success.



As an incentive, DEQ held a raffle drawing that included 9” RCA tablets, MP3 players, and \$25 Rawhide Gift Cards. Thank you to Rawhide for the donation of the gift cards and congratulations to all the winners!

"We Recycle!"

COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

Here are some regular updates on the on-going issues pertaining to the Gila River Indian Community.

Proposed Glendale casino info session details history, financial impacts and 'Keep The Promise'

From Page 1

Mendoza said that through litigation proceedings and research, it was discovered that "the Tohono O'odham Nation had secretly planned to open a casino in the Phoenix metropolitan area since at least as early as the year 2000."

The plaintiffs (GRIC, et al) call these plans "bad faith" actions. They assert that TON acted in bad faith by deliberately breaking the 1999 Agreement in Principle and acting against promises set forth by the Prop 202 campaign.

Over the course of nearly a decade, Mendoza said, "the Tohono O'odham Nation actively concealed a plan to pursue this casino because its leaders and its advisors knew that it was politically controversial."

As the presenters showed Community members last week, notes from a TON meeting on the secret project in 2001 read,

"put in a shell company...need to keep quiet." The TON did just that in 2003 when it bought land (the same vacant lot they now hope to build a casino on) in Glendale through a shell company called Rainer Resources, Inc.

TON transferred the property ownership from its shell company to the Nation Jan. 20, 2009 and eight days later filed a Land into Trust Application with the U.S. Department of the Interior. It is speculated that this application was timed to coincide with the changing of federal administrations (from Pres. Bush to Pres. Obama) so as to pass unnoticed in the shuffle. Casino opponents caught the move though and the lawsuits started to fly.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

If the Nation succeeds and gets its casino, Gila River will face dramatic revenue losses and

financial cutbacks.

"I have worked with our management team to...look at ways of how this will impact our tribal administration," said Mendoza. "My management team is fully aware of the possible threats that could impact our annual budgets."

Hauter said if the casino opens, the Community will lose around 30 percent of its current annual gaming revenue in the first year and possibly more in years after. These losses would result in the reduction of jobs and services such as transportation and housing. Per capita payments would also likely be reduced.

Worse, the move "would increase chances of expansion of non-Indian gaming in Arizona" and other Arizona tribes may be motivated to encroach upon the Phoenix market. Eventually, argues GRIC, the "balanced and cooperative approach" to the Ari-

zona gaming industry will fail, leading to an every-tribe-for-itself gaming climate, a casino arms race with each other and non-Indian casinos and Las Vegas-style gaming in Arizona.

KEEPING THE PROMISE

After years of lawsuits and court appeals, casino opponents decided to go another route to achieve their goal – pass a law that explicitly prohibits any new casinos in or around Phoenix. That bill is H.R. 14010 – Keep The Promise Act of 2013.

H.R. 1410 was filed last year by Arizona Congressman Trent Franks of Congressional District 8. The bill passed through the House of Representatives with broad bipartisan support and now waits to be heard (discussed) in the Senate.

Passage of H.R. 1410 would effectively block any new casino that any tribe would plan to put near Phoenix between April 2013 and January 2027, when the gaming compact expires. It would settle the court cases Gila River, the state and TON are tied up in.

The bill is extremely simple and brief, only four pages long. The active ingredient in the bill reads: "Class II gaming and class III gaming are prohibited on land within the Phoenix metropolitan area acquired by the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe after April 9, 2013."

In the lobby outside of the Sheraton meeting room, the tribe provided stations at which meeting attendees were encouraged to draft and sign letters to Arizona Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake entreating them to give H.R. 1410 a hearing and to vote in its favor.

Saturday's presenters encouraged Arizona voters everywhere to reach out directly to their sena-

tors to do the same:

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"Your leaders took an oath to protect the interests of the Gila River Indian Community members and we take that oath very seriously," noted Gov. Mendoza. "We did not pick this fight. It was thrust upon us by actions of the Tohono O'odham Nation's political leaders and by the lawyers and lobbyists that advise them."

The majority of Community members who spoke during the Q&A session supported the bill and GRIC's actions. Their primary concerns were forming a united front with fellow tribes (at least six other tribes back Gila River) to oppose the casino, the loss of revenue and services that GRIC would incur if the Glendale casino does open and the hajuñ factor.

"One of my concerns is that it disrupts the harmony between us," said Severio "Ace" Kyyitan, a Community member. Nonetheless, he said he feels that, legally, the TON broke its promises to the state and tribes.

"In my opinion," he said, "they've kind of stepped out of line. Because what's down is down...they've agreed to it and it's time that they own it. We've got other issues challenging at our doorstep: state, federal. As indigenous people, we need to continue that unity and that harmony together."

Gov. Mendoza testifies to remedy state voting issues for Community members



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Gov. Gregory Mendoza read his written testimony to the National Commission on Voting Rights in a hearing held at ASU on Jan. 9.

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

In open testimony to the National Commission on Voting Rights (NCVR), Gov. Gregory Mendoza called for better education and more streamlined communication with the Arizona Secretary of State's office to improve voter participation in the Gila River Indian Community.

The NCVR, organized by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, "will conduct fact-finding hearings across the country that will look closely at the record of discrimination, election administration problems, voter registration procedures, and other challenges that voters are facing," according to materials provided by the commission. In a hearing held at the Arizona State University College of Law on Jan. 9, tribal leaders, election representatives and minority group advocates gave testimony on hindrances to the most basic right of democracy.

"One of the main obstacles I saw during the last election was that voters were still getting turned away from the polls over address issues," Mendoza said. Although provisional ballots were

sometimes used in these cases, Mendoza said, "there needs to be more done to increase the ability of voters to use regular ballots, and the default should not be to provide voters with provisional ballots."

The state's remedy for home address problems at the polls is to remind voters to keep their voter registration forms up to date. Address dilemmas are particularly problematic in the Community. Not only is it common for Community members to change their addresses between election cycles; many do not have physical street addresses to begin with, making filling out the necessary paperwork confusing.

Mendoza also cited the lack of adequate training for some poll workers and up-to-the-minute information for the electorate. "The problem is one of education, for both poll workers and voters," Mendoza said.

Better communication with state offices would also be essential. "For example," Mendoza said, "the Secretary of State's office could work with us before elections to seek volunteers for polling precincts and ensure that they are properly trained well in advance."

During a break in the hearing proceedings, commissioner Dr. Doris Marie Provine, a professor emerita at ASU, said she was encouraged by the high level of voter interest in tribal communities. "So if we can remove the roadblocks there does seem like there will be good participation," Provine said.

Other speakers who gave testimony included: LeNora Y. Fulton, Apache County recorder; Alessandra Soler, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona; Casey Dreher of the Arizona Students Association; and Peri Jude Radevic, executive director of the Arizona Center for Disability Law.

NCVR is an offshoot of the 2005 National Commission on the Voting Rights Act, which contributed a report that factored into the decision to reauthorize Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act in 2006. (Section 5 prevented nine states with a history of voter discrimination, including Arizona, from changing their election laws without prior federal consent.) Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court effectively struck down Section 5 in *Shelby County v. Holder*.

Because of the Supreme Court decision as well as the enactment of more restrictive voting laws in many states, the Lawyers' Committee decided to reconvene the NCVR. The NCVR's findings will be compiled into two reports: one on voter discrimination and another on election administration and electoral reform.

"The reports and the records from the hearings will be made available to anyone seeking to reform or improve existing voting laws," NCVR handouts stated, "including but not limited to policymakers, advocates and the voting public."

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

WINTER BIRD COUNT

Saturday
February 8, 2014

Schedule & Meeting Sites:

- 7am - Please meet at the location nearest you:
 - D5: Casa Blanca Shell Station
 - D6: Chevron Station (51st & Pecos Rd.)
 - D7: District 7 Pavilion
- 11am - Cultural Event
HuHuGam Heritage Center
- 1pm - Bird Count Event Ends

Please Note: Transportation is not provided for this event.

Family Event - Everyone Welcome
- all minors must be accompanied by an adult -

HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER

Auppa I'ivakithak Mashath

This name for this month references the A'uppa (Cottonwood), which are the first trees to sprout new growth during the winter months. This is the meaning of the month as seen in the word i'ivakithak, which refers to the buds sprouting out from the tips of the tree branches. The O'otham name for Florence, Arizona is S-a'uppak (place of many Cottonwood). The wood of many trees are used to build traditional O'otham structures and many other purposes.

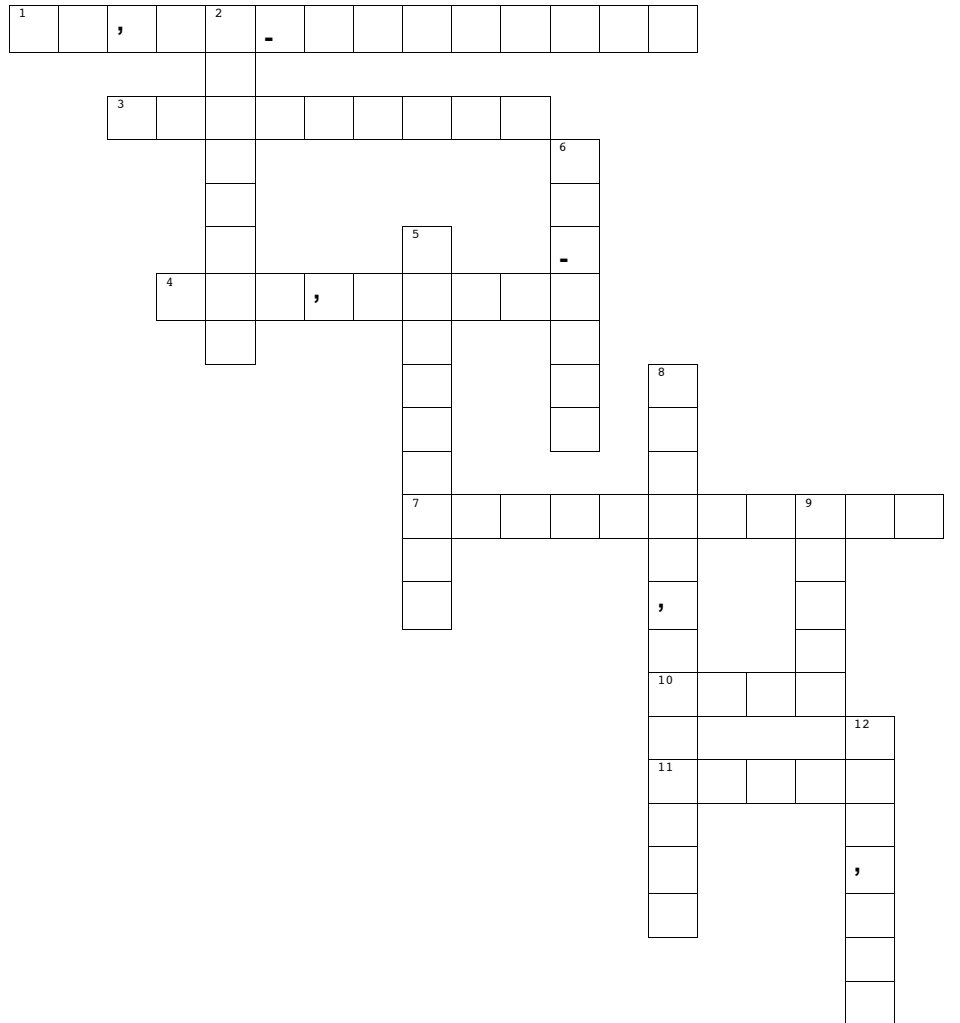
As young boys we all learned to chop wood and make fire. We learned how to maintain the ha:sa (axe) by keeping the head tight on the handle and keeping the cutting edge sharp. It was our duty to start the fires in our wood burning stove and outdoor cooking areas. When our supply of ku'ag (mesquite firewood) began to run low, father would instruct our older brother "Tho ku'ago si'alim! Him ko kekchoth ha'ha'sa!" (We are going after firewood in the morning! Go get the axes ready!). And we in turn would help our older brother drive wedges into the wood of the head to tighten them and file sharp cutting edges on all the blades. Very early the next day we would get ready for a day in the field. Father and our older brother would always take along their rifles to hunt for Chu:v (jackrabbit) and Tho:b (Cottontail) along the way.

After a quick breakfast we were off before day break in our trusty old pickup truck. We would head for New York Thicket to cut down firewood. The roads were passable back then, after the floods of 1983 and 1994 the landscape is very different, and in places too soft for two-wheel drive vehicles. We all worked together cutting down trees and stacking the ku'ag into the bed of the pickup truck until we had a full load. On the way home we would ride on top of our stack of firewood keeping an eye out for game along the roadside. In his book "A Pima Remembers" George Webb relates his personal experience growing up on a common O'otham farm in the chapter titled "Boy Hood" and describes in detail a common kosin (storage shed) in the chapter titled "The Great Wheat Harvest".

This month's cross word will focus on the many uses for wood. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives.

Crossroad Puzzle

cheth'thondag	ha:sa	ku'ag shoñmona	vagivi:kud
chulmuñig	ke:sha	na:tha	vav'nadag
giumtham	ku:boñthakud	u:s ga:th	vav'nim



Across

1. Cut firewood
3. Wood chips
4. House beam, rafter
7. Fireplace
10. Axe
11. Fire

Down

2. Match
5. Slingshot
6. Archery Bow
8. Support Post
9. Cord of firewood
12. Rick of chopped stacked wood

Tummy Time- Exercise for Babies!



"Remember:
Tummy to Play,
Back to Sleep."

"Baby's head will need to
Be supported when laying
down."



Have you ever thought about letting your baby get exercise? Well, Tummy Time is the perfect exercise for your baby from birth to 4 months of age.

Infant's need to build upper body strength and neck strength. Tummy time gives baby the means to accomplish this. Giving your baby an object to gaze at while doing the tummy time also helps exercise baby's eye muscles. That's three exercises for baby in one activity.

All you need to do is lay baby down on a blanket (stomach down), place your arm or soft object under baby if he or she still needs support. And place your toy in front of

baby and let baby work! You and baby can do this as many times you want; as long as baby permits you to. Sometimes baby needs time to adjust to new routines, so keep it short the first few times. Like us, when we work out; baby will get tired and his muscles can be sore. If baby is cranky and upset, give him a massage or warm bath to soothe him. Always give baby recognition for doing a great job and encourage him to keep up the hard work.

Author

Catherine Thomas

Resources: Parents As Teachers

Materials Needed for Tummy Time

1. Baby's Blanket
2. Small pillow or toy for support
3. Used can of formula, oatmeal container, or plastic cup or bottle
4. Glue, tape, or stapler
5. Beans or rice to weigh down container
6. Paper and black marker

Cut a piece of paper and draw a pattern for baby to look at. →

Attach the paper to the container you chose with glue, tape, or staple.

Place toy and baby on rice in the container to weigh the object down and



Place toy and baby on blanket and enjoy!

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- HOPELESSNESS/ HELPLESSNESS
- GIVING POSSESSIONS AWAY
- EXPOSURE TO SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR OF OTHERS
- FREQUENT AND DRAMATIC MOOD CHANGES
- ISOLATION/ WITHDRAWAL
- ALCOHOL OR DRUG ABUSE/DEPENDENCE
- VERBALIZES SUICIDAL THOUGHTS
- LOSING INTEREST IN THINGS ONE USED TO CARE ABOUT
- SAYING FINAL GOODBYES

Logos for Gila River Health Care, Gila River Prevention Center, and Family Planning are at the bottom.

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Health Care driver puts CPR training into action



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Just days after Manny Lopez was certified in First Aid/CPR through Gila River EMS, Lopez sprung into action to help a man in need.

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

Manny Lopez, a medical transport van driver for Gila River Health Care, was content.

It was his day off, Dec. 5, a Saturday. He had just picked up some parts for his truck at a junkyard when his phone rang. It was his 4-year-old grandson Nicholas. He was at the Tilted Kilt restaurant in Tempe with his mother — Lopez's daughter — watching the Oklahoma football game. He urged his grandpa to join them, and Lopez hurried over. He was excited to enjoy a typical weekend outing with his family, but this afternoon would be anything but typical.

Lopez pulled into the parking lot and got out of his car. It was as he was walking toward the entrance that he noticed something was wrong. A middle-aged man was lying on his back outside and being attended by another younger man.

"I looked over there and I saw the guy lying flat on the floor," Lopez, 51, said. "So I yelled at the guy, 'Hey what's going on over there? Everything all right?'"

Everything wasn't. The older man, a Tilted Kilt employee,

had collapsed. The younger man didn't know the man on the floor nor did he know what to do next. As Lopez got closer, he noticed the older man was taking heavy, deep breaths.

"And I look down at him and he takes his last breath, dude, his last breath," Lopez said. "Just one deep breath and he let everything out."

Fortunately, Lopez was exceptionally equipped to handle this life-threatening situation. Just two days before, on Dec. 3, he had taken a work-required First Aid/CPR certification class taught by Gila River Emergency Medical Services. The knowledge allowed him to spring into action without hesitation.

"I remembered everything from class, it was fresh," Lopez said. He sent the younger man inside to call 9-1-1 and alert the Tilted Kilt staff to what was happening. "So I get on my knees and I start my CPR on him."

Time seemed to slow down and Lopez's adrenaline ramped up as he became hyper-focused on the collapsed man. He began giving the man chest compressions and he heard the commotion of people coming outside. A woman — Lopez believes she was also a

Tilted Kilt employee who knew the unconscious man — volunteered to give the two mouth-to-mouth breaths for every 30 chest compressions that Lopez was pumping out. Another bystander counted aloud to help Lopez stay on track.

The man on the floor started breathing again, if only faintly. "We roll him over real slow on his side," Lopez said. "And he takes a couple little breaths and he stops again." They rolled him gently onto his back again and started the process over, repeating it three times.

Lopez could hear the ambulance sirens getting nearer. He continued administering CPR as the emergency medical technicians arrived and started setting up their equipment. "And then finally the [EMT] taps me on the shoulder," Lopez said. "I move out of the way. He's ready to take over."

The EMTs picked up where Lopez left off. They used an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to try to shock the man's heart back into action, and gave him an epinephrine shot. Finally they loaded the man onto the gurney and placed him in the ambulance. Thanks to Lopez's immediate intervention, the man was breathing on his own as the ambulance pulled away.

Earlier this month, Lopez recounted his actions to me at the Sacaton Hospital cafeteria. A big man with a friendly disposition, Lopez wore a blue polo shirt, a black Bluetooth earpiece, and an army-green Dallas Cowboys hat with his sunglasses resting on top. His dark goatee was speckled with gray.

Lopez lives in Mesa with his wife Jofina, who is Navajo. He just started working for the Community in October. Gigi Navarro, director of Transportation and Fleet, requires all employees in her department, which include medical

transport drivers like Lopez, to become certified in First Aid/CPR. "It's a great thing to have because we do never know when it's going to happen," Navarro said, "whether it be here in our Community or even in your own home."

She added: "If there was ever a need where one of the Community members was in distress and they needed CPR or first aid, I feel confident that my drivers, having that education, they would be able to handle a situation."

Grace Watson, a certified EMS instructor, runs the Gila River CPR instruction program. Regularly scheduled classes occur once a month in Districts 3 and 6. The one-day class lasts about eight hours and is open to all Community members and Community employees. The class Lopez took was taught by Jose Lopez and Mark Williams.

To enroll, contact Ms. Watson at 520-796-4592.

"In 2014, Gila River EMS hopes to offer the classes twice a year at each District Service Center," Watson wrote in an email. "We teach approximately 1,100 people a year in CPR/AED and Basic First Aid."

In an article by Dr. Bentley J. Bobrow that appeared in a supplement to the January 2014 issue of the Journal of Emergency Medical Services, Bobrow wrote: "Bystander CPR is a critical link in the chain of survival. It has been shown to more than double a victim's chance of surviving an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest." Bobrow is the medical director of the Bureau of Emergency Medicine Research and Trauma System at the Arizona Department of Health Services.

The Monday following the emergency incident, Lopez met with Navarro and other department officials to share his story. "And I said, you know what, 'I want to thank you guys for hav-

ing this class,'" he said. "I think it makes a difference in a person. I didn't even think twice to help this guy that I didn't even know."

Sadly, the man Lopez helped did not survive. He died three days later, Lopez was told.

It was hard news for Lopez to hear. He had been torn about whether he even wanted to know at all. When he shared his ambivalence with Watson, he said she told him: "You did what you had to do and the last thing you remember is you saw him breathing when he was leaving..."

Lopez heard via EMTs at the scene that the man would have likely died at the Tilted Kilt if not for Lopez's immediate action. Though hearing about the man's death was difficult, knowing he may have extended his life even briefly was reassuring. "I felt good about that because...probably if he was aware and very weak, his family got to come and see him and be with him for his last three days at least," Lopez said. "And that's like, man, that's OK."

After the ambulance drove away, Lopez, snapped back to reality, went inside to join his family, which had no idea he was involved in the commotion outside. When 4-year-old Nicholas saw Lopez he let out an exuberant "Yaaaayyy!"

Lopez responded with a "Yaaaayyy!" of his own. "And he looks at me, big old smile and he runs over to me and..." Lopez's eyes watered and his voice trailed off as he recalled the embrace. Seeing his vibrant grandson moments after helping a man struggle against death reminded him of the preciousness of life.

"I was meant to take this class, I was meant to be there at that time," Lopez said. "You think about all that and it's a good feeling. And I would do it in a heartbeat again."

Maricopa Colony - Gila River Indian Community

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What is NFPA 704?

Submitted by
GRIC Chemical Tribal Emergency Response Commission

Have you seen this sign? What does the sign mean? Who are they for? People see these signs every day, what are they? For first responders and other public safety groups they communicate a lot of information in an emergency when there is not a lot of time!

People see the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 704 diamond but rarely pay much attention to them. These signs can be found when hazardous materials are being transported or where they might be stored.

The diamond signs with the distinctive red, blue, yellow and white colors are easier to read and interpret than you may think. Red represents flammability (fire) and is at the top corner. Blue represents health risk

and always in the left corner. Yellow distinguishes reactivity hazard of substance and can be found in the right corner. The bottom white section is the specific or special hazard, which gives additional information that may not fall into the above three categories, such as if the substance is an oxidizer or corrosive. It also tells you if you should not use water or if the material is radioactive.

There is also a numbering scale system; the higher number is connected to the color/category with the greater risk to the substance. For example, 0 and 1 indicate there is low or minimal risk hazard, while 3 and 4 warn the user there is a higher risk.

Now you have some general knowledge on how to read the NFPA 704 hazard diamond sign, this will allow you to know what is being transported or stored in or around your Community.

TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

“MASCHAHAMDUD A JENIKTHA”

SMS prepares for robotics competition



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Jones Williams holds his LEGO robot during a workshop at Sacaton Middle School on Jan. 10.

By Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Robots have taken over Sacaton Middle School. Not evil robots invented by a mad genius but fun robots built and programmed by the middle school students who are preparing for a May 1-3 international robot competition in Albuquerque, N.M.

Science teacher Jo Ellen Kinnamon and her middle school students are headed to Albuquerque to participate in RoboRAVE International 2014 where they will compete with teams from countries like China, Columbia, Cuba, Mexico and the Czech Republic as well as teams from other tribal communities.

RoboRAVE is a competition where teams of two to four and ages eight and up build and program “autonomous and/or remote controlled robots,” according to RoboRAVE materials.

“We’ve got some good things going on,” said Kinnamon.

Kinnamon oversaw a Saturday robotics workshop in the basketball gym as the students fine tuned their little machines. The class was held Jan. 10.

There weren’t any kitschy laboratory artifacts or retro sci-fi props, just a group of students who were enjoying their Saturday by working in groups and solving problems on their LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT 2.0.

The educational NXTs come in

a toolkit with everything the students need to bring their “do-it-yourself” robots to life: a 32-bit microprocessor, motors, sensors, software and customizable LEGO pieces.

In order to prepare for the upcoming competition, Kinnamon invited two men to engage and inspire the kids to have fun while they get ready for the competition. It helps that the two gentlemen are the co-founders of RoboRAVE.

Russ Fisher-Ives and Fabian Lopez traveled from New Mexico to Sacaton Middle School to talk about the upcoming competition, now in its 12th year, which gives the students hands-on instruction in science, math and robotics.

As a retired science teacher, Fisher-Ives knows how hard it is to keep a young mind focused on mathematics and science, but he sees tremendous value in using robots as a way to stimulate learning development. “It’s the biggest magnet I have ever seen in education,” he said.

Jones Williams, a seventh grade Sacaton Middle School Student from District 5, is one of those sagacious students Fisher-Ives mentioned.

“I became fascinated with robots and technology,” said Williams.

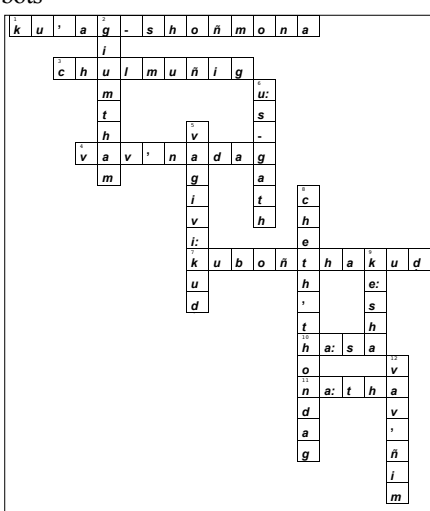
David Roman, Technology Integration Specialists from the Pinal County Education Service

Office, works on the robots with the students on Wednesdays.

The funding for the program was made through donations from the Community and GRIC entities.

Kinnamon wrote in an email. “In past years we have received funding for our science club that helps all of the interests of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), they are; Gila River Sand Gravel, Gila River Telecommunications, GRICUA, Gov. Mendoza and Tribal Council, Barrett Foundation former CEO of INTEL, Gila River Lone Butte Development Authority. Some these entities have already sponsored us this year and we are still sending letters out for donations.”

For gift opportunities email Kinnamon at jkinnamon@sacaton-schools.org.



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Superintendent Crispin J. Zamudio, who sees poor attendance as the root of Ira Hayes High School’s struggles, won’t accept failure.

New IHHS Superintendent looking to boost grades, attendance

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

Officials at Ira Hayes High School are hoping a new year and a new superintendent will help flip the narrative at the long-struggling District 5 charter school.

Newly hired Superintendent Crispin J. Zamudio, who took over in early December, spoke to students at a Jan. 6 kick-off assembly about the need for a fresh direction at the school and what it is going to take to get there. He promoted three concepts he wants to engrain in IHHS students: change, advancement and leadership, with an emphasis on the first.

“If you don’t change you cannot have the other two,” Zamudio said.

The first order of business was to dispel rumors that the school would be closing its doors. Board Chairman Fred Ringlero said that while IHHS was in a transition period after Principal Wendy Ong retired last spring and that its charter is up for renewal this semester, the school will continue on.

“I’m here today to indicate to you we are not closing down,” Ringlero told the assembly. “You will continue getting your education and it will be here at Ira Hayes High School.”

Added Zamudio: “We’re open for you; we’re open for the Community. Now, it won’t be easy from now all the way to the end.”

Ringlero said Zamudio was hired for “his background in dealing with charter schools and his history of turning around Valley charter schools.” According to Zamudio, he holds a master’s degree in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University and brings 11 years of experience as a school administrator. This is not his first interaction with the Gila River Indian Community: he began his career, in 1992, as an after-school math tutor at St. Peter Indian Mission School.

In his speech to the students and in a letter he sent home to parents, Zamudio emphasized that failure would not be an option. He plans on creating meaningful Community relationships, getting the parents involved and inspiring kids

to give maximum effort to raise the school’s lagging test scores.

IHHS currently has a “D” grade, which is based on year-to-year improvement on state tests. Failure rates are high and students are lagging behind in major benchmarks for math, reading and writing.

The root of the problem is poor attendance. Arizona state law requires that students attend 90 percent of school days to be eligible to receive credit for a class. IHHS’ attendance was 69 percent when Zamudio took charge. The school has 78 students.

A mathematician, Zamudio knows that numbers don’t lie. “We’re going to continue to push you but if you’re not here, we can’t push you,” he said.

To encourage students to come to school every day, Zamudio plans to tie attendance to certain desirable programs, such as sports, and raffle off prizes like MP3 players. He’ll also require students to make up absences after school.

“The way I see it, if you improve your attendance, the student will perform, and they will test better and they will graduate,” Zamudio said in a phone interview.

The tribal truancy law may help as well. Officer Cliff Smith told the students that once they reach five unexcused absences, they are considered truant and would face a fine through the Gila River Community Court of up to \$500.

Zamudio is not sugarcoating the enormity of the obstacles ahead. But he believes that if a school like IHHS — a tiny tribal public charter school with limited resources — can engineer a major turnaround, surrounding school districts and even state officials will take notice.

“When I interviewed for this position, I told the board we have a big problem,” Zamudio said. “But the bigger the problem the bigger the reward.”

Before he wrapped up the assembly, Zamudio challenged the students to buy in. “Are you all in like we are? Are you in or not?” he asked. “I am. We are...Failure is not an option.”

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Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013**

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday December 18, 2013, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:07 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Reverend Irving Terry
REVEREND TERRY PROVIDED SOME TOUCHING WORDS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis (9:08)

Council Members Present:

D1-Cynthia Antone, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Dale G. Enos; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Norman Wellington, Barney Enos, Jr.; D5- Annette J. Stewart, Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Albert Pablo, Terrance B. Evans; D7- Devin Redbird (11:25)

Council Members Absent:

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS

1. Gila Crossing Community School Third Grade Class Performance

THE THIRD GRADE CLASS OF GILA CROSSING PROVIDED SOME ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND AUDIENCE

2. St. Peters Indian Mission School - Junior High Performance
THE ST. PETERS JUNIOR HIGH PROVIDED SOME CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND AUDIENCE

(15-minute reception to follow in the lobby)

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED

FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 10:27AM]

REPORTS

1. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services Semi-Annual Status Report

Presenter: Fred Pinsky

REPORT HEARD

2. Ira Hayes American Legion Post No. 84 July 1 – September 30, 2013

Presenter: Urban Giff

REPORT HEARD

3. GRICUA Report - FY13 Quarter 4

Presenters: John Lewis and Leonard Gold

REPORT HEARD

4. Sun Valley Marina Development Corporation Annual Report October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013

Presenters: SVMDC Board and Copper Train Management

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending November (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller and Mike Jacobs

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR AN HOUR AND HALF BREAK

RECONVENED AT 2:40PM]

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Write-Off Of Sixteen Accounts Between The Years of 1999-2012 Due To The Members Being Deceased And The Delinquent Amounts Are Uncollectable (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Amendment And Restatement Of The Retirement Plan For The Employees Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Catherine Longford and Sharon Harvier-Lewis

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Jeri Thomas Located In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30613-0429 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Rescinding GR-09-98 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Bruce Schurz, And Approving A Continuation Of The Fifty Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Wade Schurz, Located In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30413-0597-01 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Attached Management Agreement And Design Review Agreement With Sheraton, LLC. For The Development Operations, And Management Of A Business Hotel Within The Toka Sticks Development Area And For Other Purposes (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; with stipulation in Executive Session)

Presenters: Steve Heeley and Ron Rosier

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Status Of Community Participation In Interior's Land Buy-Back Program (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with the recommendation to proceed with the recommended next steps of 1 and 2 as outlined in the memorandum; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Jason Hauter and Office of General Counsel

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO WITH

RECOMMENDATIONS 1 AND 2 AS OUTLINED

IN THE MEMORANDUM

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Special Audit Report Sun Valley Marina Corp. With Response (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to concur with the recommendation of Internal Audit and further forwarding this matter to the Special Investigator; the audit will function as the potential code of conduct violation complaint; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND THAT

GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT FORWARDS

THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDIT

AND CONCURS WITH THE

RECOMMENDATION BY INTERNAL AUDIT;

AND THIS MATTER BE BROUGHT BACK

BEFORE THE COUNCIL WITHIN 90-DAYS FOR

REVIEW AND FOLLOW UP

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 5:10PM]

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Litigation Team Update

Presenters: Linus Everling, Litigation Team

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS

FYI

NEW BUSINESS

1. Blackwater Community School Tribal Allocation SY2013/2014 Written Plan (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Jacquelyn Power

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE AMENDMENT TO THE BLACKWATER

COMMUNITY SCHOOL TRIBAL ALLOCATION

SY2013/2014 WRITTEN PLAN

2. January 1, 2014 Community Council Meeting – Holiday

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE THE

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING FOR 2014 ON

JANUARY 2, 2014, NEXT COMMUNITY

COUNCIL MEETING DATE

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Council Concerns

Presenters: Community Council

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR

LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE TO

ADDRESS THE ISSUE AT THE SPECIAL

MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2013, 1:00PM;

REQUEST LT. GOVERNOR CONTACT THE

COUNCIL SECRETARY TO BE PRESENT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND

THE RULES TO ADD A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE ATTACHED MANAGEMENT

AGREEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW

AGREEMENT WITH SHERATON, LLC. FOR

THE DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS, AND

MANAGEMENT OF A BUSINESS HOTEL

WITHIN THE TOKA STICKS DEVELOPMENT

AREA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

4. A Resolution Approving The Attached

Management Agreement And Design Review

Agreement With Sheraton, LLC. For The

Development Operations, And Management Of A

Business Hotel Within The Toka Sticks

Development Area And For Other Purposes

Presenters: Steve Heeley and Ron Rosier

APPROVED

MINUTES

*1. July 24, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes

*2. July 29, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2013 AND JULY 29,

2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>CONCERNS REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S POSITIONS

WERE EXPRESSED

>COUNCIL HOLIDAY EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FRIDAY,

DECEMBER 20, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38pm

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Community Council Action Sheets **Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014**

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, January 2, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:07 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1- Cynthia Antone, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Dale G.

Enos, Carolyn Williams; D4- Monica Antone, Norman Wellington,

Barney Enos, Jr.; D5-Annette J. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin

Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.. Albert Pablo, Terrance B.

Evans; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Jennifer Allison; D5 - Janice F. Stewart

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

REPORTS

1. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Allocation Annual 3rd Quarter Report SY2012-2013

Presenter: Jacque Bradley

MOTION MADE, SECOND AND DEFEATED TO

TABLE

REPORT HEARD

2. Gila River Health Care Tobacco Tax Grant Annual Report – FY2013

Presenters: Bonita Lyons, GRHC Representatives

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3. Thwajik Ke Residential Treatment Center Update - Program

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Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority



What's New at GRICUA:
Congratulations Neil Banketewa
 GRICUA Board Member Neil Banketewa has successfully completed the Credentialed Cooperative Director Program offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The knowledge that Mr. Banketewa has obtained through NRECA's education and training courses will continue to benefit GRICUA in the years ahead.



Pictured L to R: GRICUA Board Chairman John Lewis and Board Member Neil Banketewa

GRICUA Budget Billing

You don't need to guess to predict your future energy bills. GRICUA Budget Billing is a no cost program that balances the seasonal highs and lows of your bill to make your payments predictable each month and enhance your family's budgeting. Call (520)796-0600 today and learn about this new budget billing program.

Featured Employee



Paul Bradsher

Paul Bradsher is a member of the GRICUA Design Team. Some of his duties include: commercial designing, inspector and Blue Staker. Paul has been with GRICUA for 5 years. He enjoys being outdoors and spending time in his blacksmith shop. He also hopes this is the year the AZ Cardinals win the Super Bowl.

Energy Conservation Tips

- Install a programmable thermostat and set it to lower the temperature at night and whenever the house is unoccupied. Lowering your thermostat by 10 degrees at night can reduce your heating bill by 10 to 20 percent.
- Make sure your programmable thermostat is:
 - Installed properly.
 - Programmed appropriately – a programmable thermostat only saves energy when it is programmed.
 - Not located in an unheated space, a poorly-sealed or seldom-used room, or in direct sunlight near a heat source. The thermostat should be able to sense the average temperature in your home. If it is not in the right place, contact a heating and air conditioning professional about having it moved.
- Lower your thermostat and wear socks

- and a sweater indoors. Lowering the thermostat by just one degree Fahrenheit can reduce energy use by 3 percent.
- If you have a forced air furnace, inspect your filters at the beginning of the heating season and monthly during the season. Clean or replace them if there is significant dust build-up.
- Install foam insulation gaskets behind electric outlets and switch plate covers.
- Get a humidifier to add moisture to the air. The air inside your home can be very dry. Moisture air feels warmer, so a humidifier can help you feel comfortable.

Windows and Doors

- Keep doors and windows closed as much as possible. That includes overhead doors on attached garages.
- Seal off unused rooms (as long as the room is less than 100 square feet and isn't the room where the thermostat is located). Close the floor or wall registers and return air vents, and keep the doors closed.
- Open south-facing window curtains, drapes and blinds during the day. Close window coverings at night to keep the heat in.
- Weather-strip and caulk doors and windows. Check window frames for cracks and fill them with caulk that contains silicon.

Water Heater

- Make sure the water heater is set no higher than 125 degrees.
- Drain off a bucket of hot water from your water heater annually to remove sediment that will interfere with the heater's long-term use.
- Install a water heater blanket if your water heater is older than 5 years.
- Insulate the pipes around the water heater with inexpensive, easy-to-install pipe insulation.

Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2014

GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.
 February 6
 March 6
 April 7
 May 8
 June 5
 July 8
 August 7
 September 8
 October 9
 November 6
 December 8

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

GRICUA is a member of Arizona Blue Stake. Please call 1-800-782-5348 to request an underground line locate of both GRICUA and SCIP on reservation facilities.

GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricuacomment@gricua.net. You can also go to our website at www.gricua.net.

GRICUA's Hours of Operation
 Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
 Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

First Page
 NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
 TITLE 20, CHAPTER 2
 HOMESITES ORDINANCE
 The Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") will be considering the Homesites Ordinance at their regular meeting on January 28, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., located in Conference Room B of the Community Council Secretary's Office. A copy of the Homesites Ordinance in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. If you are interested in providing comments to the Homesites Ordinance, please attend the scheduled LSC meeting, or you may also contact your Council representative, and/or the LSC's Chairperson at (520) 562-9720.

DRAFT CHAPTER 2. HOMESITES
 20.201. Authority.
 This chapter is adopted pursuant to Sections 1 (a) (9), (13), (19), and Section 4 of Article XV and Section 2 of Article XVI of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community (1960).

COMPLETED LEGISLATION

TITLE 13 BUSINESS LICENSES AND TAXATION
CHAPTER 1 DEFINITIONS
 13.101 "Business" includes all activities or acts engaged in or caused to be engaged in with the object of gain, benefit or advantage, either direct or indirect, but not casual activities or sales. A casual activity or sale occurs when a person engages in an isolated transaction that is not conducted with such frequency or is not one of a series of activities as to be sufficient to consider the person

authority pursuant to the express delegation of authority by Congress under the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. §§ 461 et seq.), which provides the Community the authority to organize and adopt the Gila River Indian Community Constitution and Bylaws (March 17, 1960) and to enact Ordinances governing conduct within the exterior boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation ("Reservation") (25 U.S.C. §476). The Community enacts this Ordinance to regulate certain activities within the Reservation in accordance with Montana v. United States, 450 U.S. 544 (1981). The Community finds that the activities regulated under this Ordinance threaten or affect the political integrity, economic security or health and welfare of the Community, including activities of nonmembers where:
 (1) the non-members enter into consensual relationships with the Community via commercial dealings, contracts, leases, or other arrangements;
 (2) the conduct of a non-member threatens or affects the political integrity, economic security or health and welfare of the Community; and (3) the Community provides the privileges and benefits of Community services or other advantages of civilized society to non-members.

B. Findings. The Community Council finds as regularly conducting the activity. "Business" shall include, but not be limited to:
 a. A manufacturing or industrial concern.
 b. Wholesale merchants.
 c. Retail merchants.
 d. Automobile service stations or garages.
 e. A cotton gin or dairy enterprise.
 f. A farming or agricultural operation making use of more than two hundred acres of land within the Gila River Indian Community.
 g. A concern providing crop dusting, harvesting, planting or similar services to farming or agricultural operations.

that providing Homesites on Reservation land has a direct effect on the health and welfare of the Community and its members and is an action taken pursuant to the inherent powers of the Community to exercise civil authority and to provide for the welfare of its members. The Community Council intends for this Ordinance to govern the provision of Homesites and Residential Lease's on both Community and Allotted trust land within the exterior boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation. The Community Council further intends that this ordinance requires that Community members abide by the Homesite Ordinance and disclose all relevant information to the Community in the assignment of Tribal homesites.
C. Sovereign Immunity. Nothing in this Title shall be interpreted or construed as consent by the Community, its sub-organizations, or any agent thereof to be sued in any court. This Title is not a waiver of the Community's sovereign immunity or consent to be sued for any purpose.
D. Severability Clause. If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision; and shall not affect the

h. Retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers or any other business not located or having a place of business on the Reservation, but making sales and deliveries on the Reservation.
 i. Any enterprise or amusement park, sports arena or center which is open to the public.
 j. A motel, hotel, rooming house, trailer court or park, or mobile home park.
 A copy of this ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinators' offices and the Community Council Secretary's Office.

Public Notification
 IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
 IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
 COURT DATE NOTICE
 In Re: Ramona White-Jones
 Docket Number: CV 2013-0338
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party or jail time may be ordered.
 Adjudication Hearing, Sacaton Judicial Center West End Judicial Center
 Post Office Box 368 5741 W. Pecos
 721 W. Seed Farm Rd. Laveen, Arizona 85339
 Date: Monday, February 10, 2014 Time: 1:30 P.M.

may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party or jail time may be ordered.
Answer Response Hearing
 Sacaton Judicial Center
 Post Office Box 368
 721 W. Seed Farm Rd.
 Sacaton, Arizona 85247
 (520)562-9860
 Date: Friday, February 21, 2014
 Time: 9:00 A.M.

Public Notification
 GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
 IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
 In Re Case: Russell White (Amended)
 COURT DATE NOTICE
 Docket Number: CV-2014-0003
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for you arrest, forfeiture of you bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
Answer Response Hearing
 Sacaton Judicial Center
 721 W. Seed Farm Rd.
 Post Office Box 368
 Sacaton, Arizona 85147
 (520) 562-9860
 Date: Friday, February 21, 2014 Time: 10:00 A.M.
 Court Date Notices issued to all parties present in open Court.

Public Notice
 1. GAIL BROWN
 Permanency Hearing
 Case #: J-10-0121/0122
 Court Date: January 29, 2014 at 3 p.m. in Courtroom #2, 1st Floor
 FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS
 Jurisdiction: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court
 Address: 10005 E. Osborne Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 Building: #23
 Contact: 480-362-6315

Public Notification
 IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 Sacaton Judicial Center
 Sacaton, Arizona
 Jewel Whitman, Dayton Whitman
 Plaintiff(s)
 Vs
 Sherwin Darrell Johnson,
 Defendant(s)
 Case Number: CV-2014-0001 (TEMPORARY)
CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER:
 THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Restraining Order against the named defendant, Sherwin Darrell Johnson.
 THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED Jewel Whitman and Dayton Whitman, and Malcom Whitman IN ANY MANNER: FOR THE PERIOD OF: January 10, 2014 to February 14, 2014.
 A hearing is set for February 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at 721 W. Seed Farm Rd. Sacaton, AZ.
 FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

Public Notification
 IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
 IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
 COURT DATE NOTICE
 In Re: Corine Miguel
 Docket Number: CV 2013-0350
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party or jail time may be ordered.
Answer Response Hearing
 Sacaton Judicial Center
 Post Office Box 368
 721 W. Seed Farm Rd.
 Sacaton, Arizona 85247
 (520)562-9860 Date: Friday, February 21, 2014
 -Time: 9:15A.M.

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Development and Services
 Presenters: Bonita Lyons, Cheryl Cuyler
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RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving Reclassification Of The Tribal Ranger/Police Officer Position (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Edward Alameda
 TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Enacts The Following Amendment To Title 2 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code To Decrease The Number Of Associate Judge Offices (LSC forwards to Council with changes and recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Anthony Hill, Office of General Counsel
 APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

1. Sun Valley Marina Board of Directors Appointment
 Presenters: Reviewing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT DANELLE SPRING

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO RE-ADVERTISE THE VACANCY FOR THE SUN VALLEY MARINA FOR 60-DAYS
 [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

2. Gila River Health Care Board of Directors Appointment
 Presenters: Reviewing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MYRON G. SCHURZ AND ROBERT HORTON
NEW BUSINESS

1. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Allocation Written Plan SY2012/2013 (ESC forwards to Council with cover letter and with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Mario Molina
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Code of Conduct Complaint Dated 12/13/13 (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for an investigation)
 Presenters: Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO FORWARD FOR INVESTIGATION

3. Code of Conduct Complaint Dated 12/19/13 (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for an investigation)
 Presenters: Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO FORWARD

FOR INVESTIGATION BY OSBORN MELADON AND RETURNED IN 60-DAYS
 [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

4. Declaration of Vacancies (2) - Gila River Gaming Commission
 Presenter: Jaqueline Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE A 60-DAY VACANCY

MINUTES

1. July 24, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
 APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS

2. July 29, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
 APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO GO BACK TO NEW BUSINESS ITEMS #2 AND #3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND WITH RESPECT TO NEW BUSINESS ITEMS #2 AND #3, IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT WITH ATTORNEYS COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL TO PROCEED IN OBTAINING AN ATTORNEY TO HANDLE THE MATTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:16AM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



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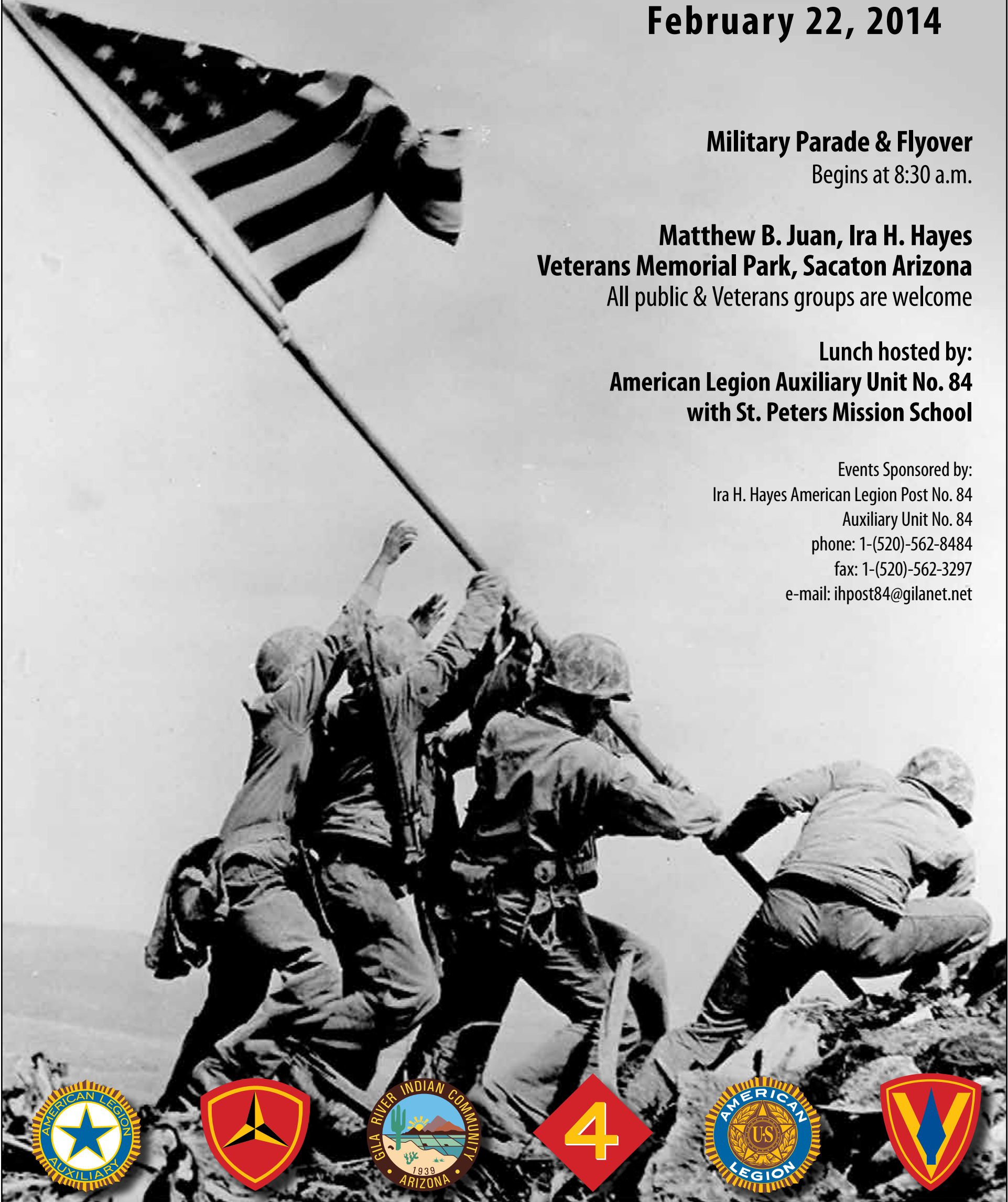
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February 22, 2014



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