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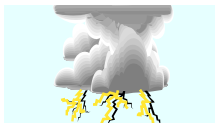


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**Season warm-up**



**Top, Fighting Knights head football coach Karl Thompson heads to the sidelines after giving team final instructions before a scrimmage against the River Valley Dust Devil at Lee Barnes Stadium at Lake Havasu High School Friday. Right, The Knights defense, shown here stopping the Dust Devils ball carrier for a 1-yard gain, was almost perfect, forcing three turnovers and giving up just one score late. Meanwhile Havasu's offense scored five times. Havasu opens the regular season next week at home against Yuma.**

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**City eyes tax break for local bidders**

Proposal excludes city taxes from bids

By **TONY WAGGONER**  
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

City Attorney Paul Lenkowsky could make the recommendation to the City Council on Tuesday against moving forward with an amendment to the ordinance that would allow local bidder preference.

It would be unlawful for the Lake Havasu City Council to consider local-bidder preference for construction projects within the city, Lenkowsky said.

In a letter addressed to the council, Lenkowsky refers to the case of Big D Construction Corp. v. City of Tempe.

The city of Tempe awarded a construction contract to the second-lowest bidder. Tempe based its decision on an Arizona Revised Statute §34-241 that stated a local-bid preference on certain contracts was allowed as long as the bidder could show proof of paid minimal taxes for the previous two consecutive years.

Bid D Construction was the actual lowest bidder for the contract. The company sued the city of Tempe, contending the statute it relied upon was unconstitutional.

The Arizona Supreme Court struck down state statute §34-241 upon appeal, ruling in favor of Big D Construction. The ruling stated Arizona's bid preference statute created an economic burden, not benefit, for the public entities bound to follow it. It goes on to say the statute had been so altered by amendment the financial burden it imposes, the discrimination it affects and the privileges it confers are no longer rationally related to any legitimate state purpose.

However, the council could vote Tuesday for an amendment benefiting local project bidders. A Lake Havasu City bidder is considered any bidder with a business within the city is subject to payment of the Lake Havasu City transaction privilege taxes.

An approval vote for the proposal would exclude the city's transaction privilege taxes from a local bid. The taxes would be included for a non-local bid.

TPT exclusion would not apply to the procurement of construction services.

Mayor Mark Nexsen said this would



**LENKOWSKY**

**Local teaches worlds apart**

Czech Republic students in classroom; LHHS youths online

By **TONY WAGGONER**  
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

For the better part of last school year, Lake Havasu High School English teacher Ginny Sautner wore slippers in the classroom.

It might sound funny to some, but it had to do with the surroundings and culture of where Sautner was teaching.

Sautner spent last year

teaching in the Czech Republic on a Fulbright Scholarship. By day, she was an English teacher to 17- and 18-year-olds in the city of Plzen. By night, she was an English teacher to students in Lake Havasu City.

Sautner was a faculty member of iQ Academy. iQ Academy is one online school in America changing the way students are taught.

Sautner's students would e-

mail their class work, and she would grade it and send it back. Once a week, she met with her students in an Illuminate live session on the Internet, where they could speak to each other.

Sautner said the fact she was 5,800 miles away while teaching Lake Havasu City students was not the only difference from the typical brick-

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**Ginny Sautner**

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**Brewer won't act on state property tax repeal bill until next week**

By **JACQUES BILLEAUD**  
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PHOENIX — The proposed repeal of a state property tax remained in question Friday as Gov. Jan Brewer approaches a deadline for deciding whether to include the levy on upcoming tax

bills. The governor wasn't expected to take action on the repeal until next week, leaving little wiggle room for county officials who are worried about running out of time to produce bills and the possibility of bills arriving in the mail after the Oct. 1 due date. Property

owners then have one month before they face penalties for overdue bills.

Jennifer Sweeney, government affairs director for the Arizona Association of Counties, said the state's 15 counties could adjust property tax rates if Brewer acts on the proposal by late Monday,

but face tough decisions about sending bills that might be inaccurate if it drags on longer.

"If that nightmare scenario happens and people don't get it on Oct. 1, it is the counties that will take the heat for it, even though it's the state's fault for not making a timely decision,"

Sweeney said. Earlier this week, the Legislature blew a deadline for approving the bill before counties were required to set tax rates. Lawmakers explained that the Monday deadline wasn't a hard

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