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**Jose Garcia Recovering from Heart Condition**

AIA365.com Multimedia Journalist/Historian

PHOENIX, AZ (October 7, 2013) – On Friday, October 4 while preparing video for an AIA365.com story at his home, Jose Garcia suffered a sudden episode from a heart condition.

After being revitalized, Garcia was placed on a 36 hour induced coma to help him recover. He awoke on Sunday, October 6 and is currently undergoing tests to determine the extent of his injuries, as well as the cause of his condition.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

The AIA and AIA365.com family wishes Jose Garcia a healthy and speedy recovery.

**About Jose Garcia:**

Garcia joined the AIA365.com staff with the position of Multimedia Journalist/Historian in August 2012 after working for The Arizona Republic for nearly 12 years as a high school sports reporter and contributor to Channel 12's Friday Night Fever show for seven seasons.

Garcia's experience has helped to evolve AIA365.com by providing video blogs and features as well embracing and fully utilizing the technology websites have to offer today. Garcia has made Twitter a primary focus of the association in interacting with its member schools and the general public. His latest initiative with AIA365.com was overseeing and mentoring students in the new AIA365.com Student Insiders program, where a student journalist from each school is able to contribute news content to AIA365.com

Prior to working at the Republic, Garcia did an internship at the Minneapolis Tribune and also worked for the L.A. Times as a high school sports score-taker. He studied Journalism at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and served three years in the U.S. Army (1992-95). Garcia lives in Goodyear with his wife, Gina, and two children, Adrian and Vianey.

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