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# China signals it might OK UN sanctions against Iran

WASHINGTON — China on Monday indicated for the first time that it might back new U.S. sanctions against Iran, giving a significant boost to President Obama as he opened a 40-nation summit called to energize global efforts to prevent terrorists from obtaining materials for use in a crude nuclear weapon.

The Chinese statement overshadowed an announcement that Obama would get rid of all of its highly enriched uranium — enough for several bombs — by 2012, a move the United States had sought for years.

China's backing of a new U.S. sanctions resolution in a foreign parliament, however, is unlikely to support sanctions as tough as those Obama and European leaders seek in response to Iran's repeated rejections of U.N. demands to suspend a uranium enrichment program Western powers charge is for nuclear weapons. Iran says it doesn't seek nuclear arms.

However, a statement by China that "it stands ready to maintain consultation and coordination with the United States" on a new U.N. sanctions resolution marked a shift in Beijing's previous refusal to consider new measures against Iran.

China issued the statement after talks ahead of the opening of the Nuclear Security Summit last week in Berlin, their fourth meeting in just over a year.

Presidents, prime ministers, kings and other leaders from 46 countries converged on Washington for the gathering, which the White House described as the largest international conference in the United States since the treaty that founded the United Na-

## Nuclear Security Summit

Five U.S. summits participated in the summit in Washington, D.C. (clockwise from top left): President Obama, Prime Minister Netanyahu, President Sarkozy, President Napolitano, and President Medvedev.



President Obama greets Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu during the summit at a news conference for the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, D.C.

tion in 1944. Obama called the summit a part of his plan to seek a world without nuclear arms, which last week saw him sign a new nuclear-arms-reduction pact with Russia. He also called out a new U.S. nuclear strategy favoring the development of new warheads and

reducing the number of nations that could use the sophisticated U.S. nuclear strike.

The day was foregone, however, by a new report that said if new U.S. sanctions were imposed, the goal of "locking down" within four years the world's stocks of highly enriched uranium and plutonium that are considered vulnerable to theft by criminals and terrorist organizations such as al-Qaida.

"Turned that object of the Nuclear Security Summit and the efforts that follow will have to stall the nuclear-security effort onto a later and broader timetable," said the study, published by Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs and the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a non-governmental policy center. There are 3.5 million pounds of highly enriched uranium and half a million pounds of plutonium in the world, according to the Belfer Center. Most of the materials are in the United States and Russia, but there also are large stocks in countries with significant security concerns such as Pakistan.

# Census director says border areas, big cities lag in returning forms

WASHINGTON — With five days left for people to return their census forms, Census Bureau director Robert Groves on Monday argued those in big cities and border regions to step up the response to avoid voter by-standers next month.

So far, about 65 percent, or more than 77 million households, have completed and mailed back the 10-question forms. The Midwest leads the pack, while the southern and western U.S. and big cities such as New York, Chicago and Philadelphia are lagging.

At a news conference, Groves said most of the lagging areas are either rural or have dense populations, or have non-English and non-English-speaking people. That was also the case in 2000.

While there have been anecdotal reports of congressional lawmakers in only partially filling out the form, Groves said there is no evidence of that.

"Things are going quite well," he said, referring to overall mail response, which remains on track to match or surpass the 2000 mail-back rate of 72 percent.

"But the clock is ticking. We would love to avoid sending out letters to large numbers of households around the country," Groves said.

The Census Bureau is asking people to mail their forms by Friday as it prepares to send more than 600,000 census takers its boxes beginning May 1. Homes that have not yet received census forms can call 1-800-872-6668 in New York, Hawaii, Alaska and Oklahoma, with toll rates of less than 60 percent.

## AREA PARTICIPATION

A breakdown of area participation in the 2010 Census.

Alaska	42%
Arizona	67%
California	58%
Florida	65%
Illinois	64%
Michigan	52%
Minnesota	42%
North Carolina	46%
Ohio	54%
Wisconsin	41%
Mississippi	27%
South Carolina	52%
Texas	41%
West Virginia	41%

at more than 40,000 help centers around the country.

The agency has estimated it would save \$1.5 billion in follow-up visits if everyone who received a census form mailed it back. The population count, conducted every 10 years, is used to distribute U.S. House seats and more than \$400 billion in federal aid.

The highest participation rates are in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Nebraska, where return rates range between 71 percent and 70 percent. North Carolina and South Carolina, which have participation of 67 percent and 66 percent, topped their mail-back rates from 2000. Arizona's rate is 62 percent.

Alaska ranks at the bottom in participation, with 44 percent of households returning their forms. It's followed by West Virginia, Louisiana, West Virginia, New York, Hawaii, Mississippi and Oklahoma, each with rates of less than 60 percent.

# White House analysis finds earmarks down 17% in '09

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress obtained about 7,000 fewer earmarks for their home states last year, according to a White House analysis released Monday.

Lawmakers snafuled 9,192 earmarks in total last year, a 17 percent drop in the number of earmarks and a 27 percent reduction in cost.

"All too often, earmarks are an easy vehicle for special-interest deal-making inserted into congressional spending bills without filter," White House budget chief Victor Orszag said in a statement.

"Although more needs to be done, the news is encouraging. Earmarks are down by double-digit percentages," Orszag said.

Earmarks like road and water projects are a cherished tradition and skyrocketed during GOP control of Congress. Democrats have succeeded in cutting them back a little and have limited returns to make the process more open and less subject to corruption.

House Republicans have sworn firm off this year as they seek an edge in the November elections.

"None of the earmark process is a symbol of how Washington has broken, and we have done far too little to fix it," said House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Still, budget watchdog groups and the White House itself said the drop in earmarks is not quite that dramatic because accounting for some water projects has changed.

White House budget office spokesman Tom Gartin said that even when those projects are excluded, the cost of last year's earmarks went down by about 14 percent from the year before.

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Kelly Hall  
Socorro County Fairgrounds  
1 Fairgrounds Road, Socorro, New Mexico 87801

**April 29, 2010**  
Holiday Inn - Airport  
4550 S. Palo Verde Road, Tucson, Arizona 85714

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# Dems surmount initial GOP move to block jobless-benefits extension

WASHINGTON — Democrats in the Senate won an initial skirmish Monday to restore unemployment benefits to households of thousands of jobless people despite Republican criticism that it would add \$1 billion to the nation's debt.

The 60-34 vote killed a GOP filibuster against debating the measure, which would extend jobless benefits through May 1, along with short-term extensions of several other lapsed programs.

Senators on both parties claimed each other for allowing the programs to lapse last week, having agreed to transfer thousands of people who have been out of work for more than six months without federally financed benefits averaging \$354 a week.

Republicans blocked the measure last month. Monday's vote buys time while House-Senate talks continue on a far larger measure to extend them through the end of the year.

At least 10 million unemployed people lost their benefits last week but who would have been eligible to reapply for additional weeks of compensation if the program's authority had not ended on April 8. More than 5 million people continue to receive the extended benefits, but 200,000 people such as waiters lost them if the measure continues.

Several other programs have also lapsed, including federal food assistance, higher Medicare payment rates for doctors and government health insurance subsidies for people who've lost their jobs.

In particular, the expiration of the programs means that the newly jobless aren't eligible to sign up for health insurance subsidies but that people currently covered under the so-called COBRA law retain the benefits. People living in flood plains can't sign up for flood insurance, while the Medicare program has delayed payments to doctors rather than impose a 31 percent cut.

Monday's vote is a first step. Democrats voted to extend the jobless benefits without putting spending elsewhere in the government's \$1.7 trillion budget to pay for them.

Republicans blocked the temporary measure last month, saying it should have corollary spending cuts so as not to increase the deficit. But 21 Republicans had voted for another temporary measure covering March after Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., initially blocked it, single-handedly and caused a public-relations disaster for the party.

Now, Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., is leading the charge against the measure, which would add \$9 billion to the deficit.

"My goal is to get it paid for," Coburn said.

"I don't think that one could contend that somewhere in the federal budget we can't find \$9 billion over the course of the year, which could be used to pay for the program," said GOP White House adviser

subject to corruption.

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**UNITED WAY**

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Among other things, United Way says its audit team will begin reviewing detailed financial statements — something that had not been done in the past. It will also review its conflict-of-interest policies.

Also, a task force is in the process of recommending revisions to the purchasing policies, which the agency's finance committee is also reviewing. Revised policies will be presented for approval at the May board meeting, officials say.

Among the DeVries report's findings:

- The United Way staff failed "in most cases" to follow its purchasing policies — which were unclear to begin with — on the largest purchases, which totaled more than \$1 million each in 2008 and 2009 from 24 vendors for everything from printing to temporary staffing to computer support.

- Thirteen vendors who were each paid more than \$10,000 over the past two years did not have written contracts.
- A lobbying payment of \$10,000 was labeled for each of the past two years (it went to Lewis & Roca in Phoenix), but there has been no lobbying agreement since 1996. The lobbying payment was "approved as part of our regular budget process," report authors were told by then-Ducein, former senior vice president for the local United Way. Ducein recently left to take a job in Texas. His position here has since been eliminated.
- The agency's computer-support contract, which exceeded \$90,000 in each of the past two years, was not bid since 2002. The contract was renegotiated in October 2009 and approved by the information technology committee then, Ducein said.
- Financial reports from management staffers were often included in the consent-agenda portion of board meetings, which

"would serve to minimize the importance on board members asking questions as consent-agenda items are meant to be uneventful, uncontroversial items."

For example, in September 2008, financial statements with significant information were part of the consent agenda. Those statements showed an unrestricted loss of \$1.2 million, plus a loss of \$400,000 to philanthropic and endowment funds. At the same time, spending was over budget by \$612,000 for salaries, professional fees, and events and promotional costs.

- On large purchases, the only bid documents retained were for health and dental services, DeVries said. "Many contracts were also older than the current fiscal years."
- A contract with Moonson for advertising for \$18,761 in 2008 showed "an inherent conflict of interest in the owner's relationship to an officer of the board." The report added, "it appears" the agency sought bids, interviewed the principal candidates and selected

Moonson as the most qualified candidate. It doesn't say whether documents support that appearance, who conducted the interviews or whether there were written standards to determine who was most qualified. It does say — as the Star has reported before — that the contract was disclosed on the United Way's tax returns.

The report recommends reviewing the conflict-of-interest policy to address whether there should be a prohibition on doing business with related for-profit vendors "due to the potential for negative publicity based on appearance." The review should also address procedures to identify, track and monitor all payments on behalf of related parties, it says.

Longtime agency President and CEO Ed Parker, who was paid a salary of more than \$180,000 a year and \$20,000 in benefits, was due to leave June when his contract expired. Instead, he left in February and is being paid until June.

United Way's last finance chief,

hired in November, quit three months later.

There are currently no term limits for members of the board of directors, but Sable said Thursday that one of his future agenda items is to consider imposing them.

United Way listed the financial consultant last year to assess the agency's financial picture after senior management suspended more than \$400,000 in quarterly payments owed to 20 local charities. Some agencies waited for four months and eventually got paid in January.

Sable has said the cash crunch occurred mainly because United Way was not reimbursed promptly by a state agency for work done to expand a children's program.

United Way expects to name a new CEO by June and find a new finance director soon afterward, Sable said. In the meantime, board member Jim Holmberg is a board executive he is talking with the union staff. Holmberg is a retired Bank of America in Southern Arizona executive.

**Marana school district votes to cut 113 support-staff positions**

The Marana Unified School District voted Thursday to cut 113 support-staff positions during its regular Governing Board meeting.

The latest round of cuts was in response to state budget cuts, which

will reduce the district's budget for the next school year by \$5.6 million, according to a district spokesman.

The support staff includes secretaries, classroom aides, custodians and librarians.

The district's budget could be

reduced by \$10.3 million if Arizona voters do not approve the 1-cent-per-dollar sales tax for a special election on May 18.

About two weeks ago, the Governor signed a cut of 64 certified staff members, including

teachers, counselors and librarians; six administrative staffers; and two essential employees.

The district has approved the reduction of 185 total positions.

In addition, more than 41 positions have been eliminated due to

attrition.

Class sizes in the district are expected to increase by four students per class.

The district still will provide free full-day kindergarten for the 2010-11 school year.

**CHURCH**

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actions, saying a handful of resignations of low-level bishops carries no moral weight when the senior Catholic leadership, including Benedict, has been conspicuously in cover-ups but has never taken responsibility.

"When both the pope and Cardinal Riedy have been implicated in protecting sex offenders, does the resignation of individual bishops contribute to the protection of children?" asked Maue Lewis, director of One in Four, an Irish lobbying group for child-abuse victims.

"When the most senior churchmen consistently deny responsibility for their failures, can we have any confidence that the culture of

secrecy has changed?"

The most prominent resignation to date in the United States was that of Cardinal Bernard Law as Boston archbishop, who stepped down after the U.S. scandal erupted in 2002.

On Wednesday, Benedict promised "direct action" to confront the scandal, and the Vatican has said it will do everything in its power to bring justice to abusive priests and implement "effective measures" to protect children.

The Vatican recently posted guidelines on its website instructing bishops to report abuse to police when civil laws require it. The Vatican insists that has long been church policy, though it had never been explicitly written before.

Victim groups have pressed for more, including a wholesale putting of the ranks of complicit bishops

and an admission from the Vatican that it encouraged a culture of secrecy that let abuse fester unchecked for decades.

While that may not be in the offing, clearly the pressure is having an effect.

On Wednesday, Cardinal Darío Castrillon Hoyos bowed out from celebrating a Mass this weekend in Benedict's honor at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, the nation's largest Catholic church, after advocates for abuse victims objected to his presence there.

The cardinal wrote a letter in 2007 congratulating a French bishop for shielding a priest who was convicted and sentenced to 18 years for sexually abusing 11 minors. At the time, Castrillon Hoyos headed the Vatican's Congrega-

tion for the Clergy.

The Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, or SNAP, which had complained about Castrillon Hoyos' presence at the Mass, has been at the forefront in pushing for the Vatican to crack down on abuse and fire the bishops who shielded it.

Moriarty, the Irish bishop who resigned Thursday, said he was stepping down because he realized that "renewal must begin with accepting responsibility for the past."

Moriarty, 73, acknowledged in December that he didn't challenge the Dublin Archbishop's practice of concealing child-abuse complaints from police. He served as an auxiliary Dublin bishop from 1991 to 2002.

"The truth is that the long struggle of survivors to be heard

and respected by church authorities has reworked a culture within the church that many would simply describe as un-Christian," Moriarty said in a statement. "This has been profoundly disappointing for all who care about the church."

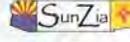
In March, the pope accepted the resignation of Irish Bishop John Magee, who was accused of shielding child-abusing priests from prosecution in his southwest Irish diocese of Cloyne.

In December, the pope accepted the resignation of Bishop Donald Murray of Limerick, who was accused of particularly poor handling of abuse allegations while serving as a bishop in Dublin.

Brady, Ireland's only cardinal, has said he would resign if he is found to have endangered children by his actions.



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**Annual Meeting for Parents of Home-schooled Children**

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**NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AGENTS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

The Board of Directors of the Association of Commercial Real Estate Agents for the State of Arizona is pleased to announce the results of the 2010 election. The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors for the term ending on June 30, 2011:

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## VALLEY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. 46th Annual Meeting

- Saturday, May 1st, 2010
- San Simon School Gym
- San Simon, Arizona

Registration: 12:00 p.m. Arizona Time  
 Meeting: 1:00 p.m. Arizona Time

Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Members Meeting



Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will make necessary provisions for anyone with disabilities. Please call 602-421-5371 to make arrangements by Thursday, April 22nd.

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# Asparagus is busting out all over

By Tom Hyden  
For El Defensor Chieftain

The signs of spring — robins, tulips and asparagus? The cool weather has kept it in the ground but now it is growing with a vengeance. Asparagus is with us for only a short time in the spring and perhaps that is why we appreciate it so much. It is our first crop of the spring and it begins to grow only when the conditions are right.

For most of the past month, the spears have been budding, fully formed, just below ground level waiting until soil temperature, overnight low temperature and moisture were all optimal. I irrigated last week, and that was all the plants were waiting for. Now I'll be harvesting every day for seven to eight weeks.

### Grown Worldwide

Asparagus is a perennial member of the lily family — same family as onions and garlic. It is native to most of Europe, northern Africa and western Asia but is very adaptable to various climates and soils, and is now grown worldwide.

Asparagus thrives in places with cold winters and dry seasons. Peru is the top exporter of asparagus followed by China and Mexico. The United States is the top importer of asparagus.

Asparagus plants can continue to produce crops for 15-20 years with proper care. I hear a lot of food stores and the most common one is about the spring ritual of walking the banks of the irrigation canals and picking asparagus. Most of that asparagus seems to be gone, perhaps due to weed spraying or regular mowing or water years in the past.

Asparagus is high in folic acid, potassium, fiber, vitamins B6, A and C. It contains no fat, no cholesterol and is low in sodium.

### LOCALLY GROWN



### Long-lived Plant

Asparagus can be started from seed but is difficult, takes several years and I don't recommend it. The usual method is to buy one-year-old crowns (the asparagus plant). Most seed companies offer several varieties. The old favorite is Mary Washington but it has been surpassed by the Jersey series from Rutgers University known as "Jersey Giant" and "Jersey Knight". They produce large rust-resistant long-lived plants. The University of California has produced a series better able to tolerate heat and dry weather known as "UC 157, U.C. 500" for the West Coast. I have UC 157 and like it very much.

Choose wisely the place for your asparagus bed. It will be there for up to 20 years. Now is not too late to order and plant asparagus crowns, but seed companies may be sold out. The crowns should be planted as soon as they arrive.

Asparagus like full sun and want soil that drains well, at least has no standing water. Loosen the soil 12 inches deep, if possible, and add plenty of compost or organic matter. Have a trench prepared 6-8 inches deep and 6-8 inches wide. Set the plants in the

trench 12 inches apart and cover with 2 inches of soil.

In two weeks, as they begin to grow, add another 2 inches of soil and continue every two weeks until the soil is slightly mounded and the straw-sized spears are growing strongly.

There should be no harvest for the rest of the summer. Your first harvest will be next spring and will only be for two weeks. This light harvest in the plant's third year appears to stimulate it to higher production for its entire life.

Two years from now (if you plant in 2010) in the spring of 2012, you can have a full eight-week harvest. We must stop harvesting at eight weeks in order to give the plant time to replenish the stored food in its roots. The plant has been living entirely off stored food for eight weeks while we harvested.

### The Rewards

Asparagus will like plenty of water. It is actually very easy to water with several kinds of drip irrigation systems. The standard 1/2-inch black plastic pipe with emitters placed every 12 inches will work nicely, as will the newer, lighter weight flat pipes with the emitters incorporated in the pipe.

After the initial work of bed preparation and planting, your asparagus bed will require very little work and will reward you with a spring treat for many years to come.

Hyden began his gardening career at age 8 in order to win a Cub Scout badge. Since then, he has been a school teacher, served five years in the Peace Corps, survived earning a master's degree, and is still in search of the perfect tomato and rhubarb in the desert. He and his wife, Robyn Harrison, live on a farm between Latit Lopez and San Antonio, N.M.

## Bosque task force annual cleanup

Submitted to El Defensor Chieftain  
By Bob Merkel

The Spring Bosque Cleanup is set for Friday, April 16. Those who are interested in helping with the cleanup will meet at Otero Riverine Park (east end of Otero Street) at 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and help, and then enjoy a tasty lunch.

Crews will work along the Rio Grande bosque north and south of Otero Street, especially at the Riverine parks.

Participants should wear jeans and long-sleeves shirts or jackets, bring gloves, sun protection, water, and bug repellent. Trash bags, EZ Reachers and tools will be provided. Lunch will start at noon at Escondido Lake.

Hodogs and hamburgers will be supplied courtesy of Save Our Bosque Task Force along with bottled water.

Participants are asked to bring a potluck dish to share, such as a salad, chips, casserole or dessert.

The task force expects that some of the tasks will not be completed before lunch, so anyone who can devote some more time to more cleanup in the

afternoon is welcome to stay — and greatly appreciated.

Over the past several years the Rio Grande Bosque has been transformed into a wonderful, shady recreation area for Socorro-area residents and visitors.

The Riverine parks with picnic tables, the hiking trail near the river and Escondido Lake are all results of the Task Force and cooperative civic groups working together. These cleanups are semiannual events with each one focused on one part of our river reach.

SOBTF is made up of people from the County Commission, the Fire Marshal's Office, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Refuges, N.M. Forestry, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and others.

The task force generally acts by initiating and coordinating local efforts to improve this place we all call home.

SOBTF also supports ecological research, salt cedar and Russian Olive removal, conservation easements, and fire and flood protection projects.

For more information call Bob Merkel at 575-838-2296.

## COLORING CONTEST WINNERS



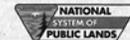
Six-year-old Gabriela Paz was the winner of El Defensor Chieftain's Easter coloring book contest for the girls ages 4-6 category.



Four-year-old Aden Myers was the winner of El Defensor Chieftain's Easter coloring book contest in the boys ages 4-6 category.

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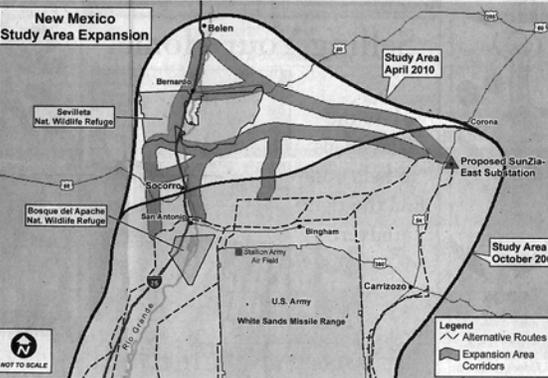
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April 27, 2010  
Kelly Hall  
Socorro County Fairgrounds  
1 Fairgrounds Road  
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April 29, 2010  
Holiday Inn — Airport  
4550 S. Palo Verde Road  
Tucson, Arizona 85714

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## El Defensor Chieftain (April 14, 2010)

### Library Lines – Mammoth Public Library

**By Diana Stirling**  
 Next Tuesday, April 20, Mammoth Public Library in conjunction with the Arizona Humanities Council will present a free program by Elena Diaz Björkstén called *In The Shadow of the Smokestack*. Here's a description from her summary on the Arizona Humanities Council speakers bureau page:

presentation traces the lives of Mexican Americans who worked in the early underground copper mines of Morenci and those of their families who lived in a mining camp that became a company owned town. Diaz Björkstén examines their social, political, and cultural experiences to explain how they met the everyday challenges of living in a different environment

without giving up their family values, languages, or traditions."

There are many parallels between the experiences of miners in Morenci and those in our Tri-Communities area. Join us for this enjoyable and informative free program at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 20, at the Mammoth Public Library.

Want to brush up on your computer skills? Or do you need to start learning how to use the computer from the very beginning? Come and join our Beginning Computer Class for Adults, Thursday mornings at 10:00. Registration is not required, just show up. Whether you are an absolute beginner or you just need a few questions answered, this class is for you. Please bring a flash drive if you have one so you can save your work.

Mammoth Public Library is located at 125 Clark Street (the entrance is off McFarland) in the basement of Town Hall in Mammoth. For more information about these or any of our other programs, call 520-487-2026 or visit our site at [library.townofmammoth.us](http://library.townofmammoth.us). We hope to see you soon at the Mammoth Public Library!

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### Remembering the Oracle Community Center

Reminiscences of the Oracle Community Center will be the topic of April's Third Thursday Speaker Series.

Many Oracle residents may participate in this program, as anyone involved in any with the history of the center, from building the actual structure to attending its events, is encouraged to share memories during the program.

As a kick-off of the Center's 25<sup>th</sup> annual Oaks Festival, this Third Thursday event will take place on April 22, which is actually the fourth Thursday of the month.

As always, a by-donation dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the discussion will

begin at 6:30 p.m. To help with the cooking, call Julie Szekely at 896-3393. For more information about

the evening's plans, call Edna Mac Hendrickson at 896-2358. The Center is located at 683 East American Avenue, Oracle.



### Fire

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 quickly coming and setting up fans and drying equipment at the school.

Paula said that this was the first time she had ever used a fire extinguisher. She has been trained in the use of the fire extinguisher along with the staff at the school but never thought she would have to use it. She encourages everyone to purchase a portable fire extinguisher and be trained in its use.

Thanks to Paula's quick reaction to the crisis and the response of the Oracle Fire Department, the school only suffered moderate water damage. The water heater has been replaced with a new one. School was closed on Tuesday last week to dry out the rooms that were still wet. School resumed on Wednesday.

Oracle Fire Department Battalion Chief Larry Southard told the *Miner* that Paula did everything right. From calling 911 to leaving the building after putting out the fire and calmly telling the fire fighters that there was no one in the building and giving them the location of the fire.

"She should be recognized for saving the school from incurring substantial damages," Southard said.

Southard would also like everyone to recognize the importance of fire extinguisher training. The Oracle Fire Department offers fire extinguisher training as a courtesy service. They will come to your place of business or they can make arrangements for a training session at the Oracle Fire Station. If you are interested in fire extinguisher training contact the Oracle Fire Department at (520) 896-2980.

**The first person to correctly identify the lady holding the reins in this picture, taken during the 1995 Oaks Festival parade, will win a raffle ticket to any raffle item at the Oaks Festival. Call 896-9326 to submit your answers.**

### Papuni

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 will be displaying. Frank says he likes how the art show is growing.

"It's a good opportunity for artists to share their techniques, much like chefs share their recipes," he said. "It brings the community as a whole together and brings people from out of town. I hope it inspires up and coming artists. I look forward to seeing a lot of people coming out to see a lot of interesting things artists are doing in Oracle."

Come and visit Frank and Angelina at Nonna Maria's Ristorante & Pizzeria. Enjoy some pasta, pizza and "Papuni" art. Ask for the "Art Show Special," a medium pizza and a bottle of wine for \$25, being served now through April 18. Nonna Maria's is located at 2161 Rockliffe Boulevard in Oracle. If you would like to see more of Frank's art (both his food and paintings) go to [www.nonnamarias.com](http://www.nonnamarias.com).

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### San Manuel Miner (April 14, 2010)

**Shirly Morgan Elmore, 76**

Shirly Morgan Elmore was born July 16, 1933, in Alamogordo to the late Roy Ray Morgan and Edith Gwynedlyn Holcomb Morgan. She was a member of St. Frances Catholic Church, a retired book-keeper for Primary Security Company and an accomplished artist.

Shirly is survived by her loving husband, J.T. Elmore, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; her son John and granddaughter Madison, both of Tuscaloosa; her sister Vada Chapman G.W. of Lubbock, Texas; and brother Roy Morgan, of Albuquerque.

Honorary pallbearers include her nephews Gary, Larry and David Chapman; nieces Debbie Sonnemaker and Ginny Morgan Jorgenson; her brother-in-law Larry Elmore; sister-in-law Marty Elmore; and special friends Martha Ann Elmore, Jeffery Elmore, Jef-

frey Allen Elmore, Timothy Elmore, Rowe Elmore, Marlene Brown, Joe Reed and Todd Dillard.

The family would like to extend an extra special thank you to the nurses and staff at DCH MICU for making a very difficult time bearable and comforting.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes for donations to be made to your favorite charities.

The family has entrusted the care of their loved one to the Skelton Funeral Home of Reform, Ala., and the family will receive guests after the service at the funeral home. The service will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2010.

A memorial service will also be held at a later date, when Shirly's remains are returned to southern New Mexico to be scattered in Morgan Canyon, which was her family's original homestead.

**Richard 'Dick' Clinton la Brecque, 80**

Richard "Dick" Clinton La Brecque passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Dick was born in Griveton, N.H., on Oct. 29, 1930. He married the love of his life, Catherine (Cathy) Bardwell, Nov. 8, 1952, while serving in the United States Marine Corps. After his discharge from the Marines, he returned to New Hampshire, where he trained as an electronic technician and later accepted a position with Raytheon Corp., where he worked on a number of defense projects until his retirement in 1991. He was president of the years he spent as quality control engineer for the Patriot Missile System.

Dick, Cathy and their five children moved to Alamogordo in 1964. They lived here from 1964 until 2006 when they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. Dick and Cathy also spent four years in Germany while Dick oversaw the installation of Patriot Missile Systems there. During this time, they traveled extensively throughout Europe; it was the best time of their lives.

Dick loved to hunt and fish and helped teach hunter's safety for several years. Dick enjoyed camping with his family in the mountains near

Alamogordo and traveling to destinations all over the United States during their summer vacations. Dick was a loving and devoted husband to Cathy, who lost her long battle with Alzheimer's disease Oct. 11, 2009.

Dick is survived by two brothers, Robert La Brecque and John La Brecque, in New Hampshire; three sons, Richard La Brecque, of Bonderant, Wyo., and his wife, Valerie, Douglas La Brecque, of Sparks, Nev., and his wife, Marge, David La Brecque, of Noblesville, Ind., and his wife, Jane; two daughters, Sharon Smith, of Jerome, Idaho, and her husband, Randy, and Linda Ross, of Alamogordo; and nine grandchildren, Monica, Paul and Bradley Ross, Colin and Corey Smith, Emily and Dan La Brecque, and Nani and Angel Romero.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Cathy La Brecque; parents Maude and Aime La Brecque; sister Bea Fisk; and brothers William, Edward, Elwood, Ken and Harold La Brecque.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in Alamogordo. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls, Idaho.

**Johnnie 'Scooby' Ward III  
Senior Airman**



Johnnie "Scooby" Ward III was a loving and caring father, son and brother who was truly loved and will be sorely missed. He passed away Friday, April 9, 2010, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was born Sept. 8, 1980, in Alamogordo to Lois and Johnnie Ward Jr.

Johnnie was full of life and had a personality that would put a smile on your face and warm your heart. His boys were the love of his life. Johnnie truly touched a lot of hearts. He had a love for bowling, basketball, softball and football.

He entered the United States Air Force on Sept. 6, 2005, at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. His last duty station was at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, where he was a health services management journeyman and worked at the 99th Medical Operation Squadron.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother Mae Effie Schooler, grandfather Cleveland Smith, aunt Puleite Peterson, uncle John L. Smith and nephew Kenneth Bryant.

Johnnie is survived by his sons LaDorian T. Ward and Kian A. Ward, of Las Vegas; parents Lois Ward, of San Antonio, and Johnnie Ward Jr., of Memphis, Tenn.; sister Chandra L. Ward and her husband, Aaron Populo, of Alamogordo; brother Paul Ward, of Memphis; and numerous



aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home with Pastor Willard Avery officiating.

Pallbearers include Rodney Scharmack, Josh Kerlin, Jason Kerlin, Jon Daily, Donnell Bryant and Aaron Populo. Honorary pallbearers will be Mark Audrade, Shayne Whitlock, Scott Vanhorn, Darrin Davenport, Tyrone Kitcher, Joseph Campauelli, Michael Crowther, Thomas Crowther and Darrick Miller.

Interment will follow at Monte Vista Cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2010.

The Ward family has entrusted the care of their loved one to Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home to direct the arrangements.

To sign the online register book, please visit [www.webfh.com/hamilton-odell.com](http://www.webfh.com/hamilton-odell.com).

**Obituaries**

**Neil Wayne Mitchell, 45**



Neil Wayne Mitchell passed away Wednesday, April 14, 2010. He was born in Clovis on April 28, 1964, to parents Richard and Mary Mitchell. The family lived for a short time in Albuquerque and Moriarity, where Richard was employed with the state. They found their way back to the Mitchells' beloved mountains in 1968 and built Chalet Camper Village, an RV park located five miles east of Cloudcroft on U.S. Highway 82.

Neil attended all 12 years of his schooling in Cloudcroft, becoming a second generation graduate of Cloudcroft schools in 1982. He then attended UTI in Phoenix, where he received his automotive diesel mechanic certification. Upon completing his training there, he returned to his home in Cloudcroft and was employed in Alamogordo with Milne RV.

During this time he married Jonell Myers and they made their home in James Canyon. To this union were born six children. He soon left Milne RV to assist Richard with the operation of Chalet Construction, eventually taking over as sole owner of this enterprise. Neil was very skilled at his work and loved his job. From septic tanks to roads, placement of mobile homes to snow removal, you name it, Neil was the man to call. He is known and respected throughout the southern mountain communities. He strived to please and loved nothing more than to know that he had done a job well.

He married his present wife, Cressie, whom he called his ROCK, in January 2005. They made their home in Mayhill on land that has belonged to her family for eight generations. Together they fulfilled their dream of creating their beautiful mountain home. He so effortlessly made so many of their dreams come true and they were blessed with many wonderful

happy every day and is glad to be in his new home. Let us celebrate him reaching his destination and beginning his walk with God.

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." — Romans 8:18

Neil is survived by his wife, Cressie, of the family home; his six children include Jared Wayne, of Alamogordo, Justin Neil, of Tularosa, Jordan Ely, of Portales, Jessica Marnell and her husband, Josh Ham, of Tularosa, Britney Jerrica, of Las Cruces, and Trevor James, of Cloudcroft; two granddaughters, Sadie Lynn and Saige Marie, also of Alamogordo; father, Richard and his wife, Deniece, of Cloudcroft; mother, Mary Mitchell, of Alamogordo; sister Carla and her husband, Gary Jones, of Cloudcroft, and their children Kaylin and Trent; brother Lawrence Mitchell, of Washington state; and numerous other extended family.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2010, at Cloudcroft Methodist Church with Eddy Coleman, the Rev. Bill Sharp and Bill Boverie officiating.

Pallbearers include Dwayne Brown, Lynn Ellison, Mike Crokovic, Gary Jones, Vance Myers, Ridge Watson, Billy Davis and Frank Batte. Honorary pallbearers are Carey Cook and Jim Robinson.

Interment will follow at James Canyon Cemetery.

Should friends desire, contributions may be made to the Neil Benefit Account at First National Bank, Cloudcroft.

The Mitchell family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home to direct the funeral services.

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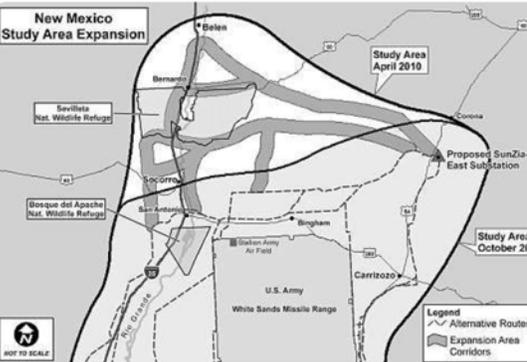
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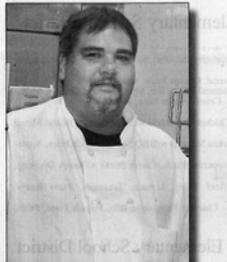
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## Chef's Choice for Eloy



**Charlie Bradfield**  
Robson Ranch Grill, Executive Chef

April marks the first full month of spring and in Arizona, that can mean temperatures up into 80s and 90s. Some days will just be too warm for a cup of soup, so I start adding some chilled soups to my specials this time of year. Spring always brings to mind cool and refreshing, so this is the first recipe I turn to. My tasty Chilled Hill Country Peach Soup - something that's perfect for family get-togethers and outdoor dining. It's ideal to have on hand for the upcoming summer months, as well.

### CHILLED HILL COUNTRY PEACH SOUP

- 3 - 15oz. cans sliced peaches in syrup
- 1/4 cup White Zinfandel wine
- 2 cups peach nectar
- 1/4 cups buttermilk
- 4 oz. plain yogurt
- 2 Tbs. honey
- 1/3 cup fresh chopped mint
- Dash ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. mace
- 1/4 cups heavy cream

**RECIPE INSTRUCTIONS:**  
Simmer first three ingredients for half hour. Cool. Add remaining ingredients. Refrigerate overnight, and serve cold. Garnish with ground nutmeg.



## Florence woman to compete for the title of Mrs. Arizona America to set example for kids

**FLORENCE** — Stacy Ramirez, a Pinal County volunteer and employee of the town of Florence, will represent Pinal County in competing for the title of Mrs. Arizona America on May 22, 2010 at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

A committed volunteer and a 14-year employee of the town, Stacy was chosen for the title of Mrs. Pinal County from a field of applications received from throughout the area. Stacy's commitment to raising her children with a strong sense of giving back to their community through volunteerism and fundraising activities were significant in her being chosen for the title of Mrs. Pinal County.

"I feel it is my duty and my privilege to represent our community," says Ramirez. "And I want my children to follow in my footsteps in giving back to their communities." Stacy has given



**Stacey Ramirez**

her time to Toys for Tots, community cleanups, Valley Farms 4-H club and assisting the Florence Parks and Recreation department during holiday events.

Stacy's husband, Pat, is a Pinal County Sheriff's sergeant and her children Alexis, Jake and Corbero are extremely proud of her. In addition to being a committed wife, mother and volunteer, Stacy also enjoys watch-

ing her family show livestock throughout the state, exercising, and watching her kids grow up.

Stacy will compete in three categories for the Mrs. Arizona America title: personal interview, swimsuit and evening gown. Contestants for the Mrs. Arizona America pageant must be married and live in the city or county they represent. The winner will receive a prize package worth thousands of dollars and will go on to compete for the title of Mrs. Arizona America in September of 2010, in Tucson.

For sponsorship or ticket information please call 480-392-8503 or e-mail [bonnieproduction@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieproduction@gmail.com).

## Is this your next best friend?



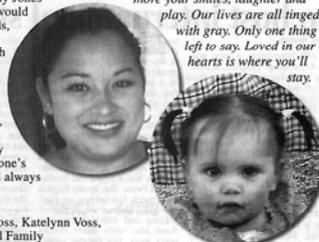
Submitted photos/Pinal County Animal Shelter

Hello, readers, I'm Copper. I am a neutered male, tan, 1-year-old redbone hound. I am very friendly and housebroken and I will even smile for you. Look at my beautiful eyes. If you like my looks, please adopt me. If you are interested in taking me home, call the Casa Grande Animal Care & Adoption Center at 426-9300 and leave a message; we will call you back. The shelter is located at 202 E. First Ave.

## TO SANDY & AUTUMN . . . ever since that tragic day when you both were taken away . . . no more your smiles, laughter and play. Our lives are all tinged with gray. Only one thing left to say. Loved in our hearts is where you'll stay.

The family of Sandy Jones and Autumn Voss would like to thank friends, relatives and the community for such an outpouring of support, kindness and prayers that were given during our loss. The cards, flowers, food and money were greatly appreciated. Everyone's thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Bless All.  
Mark Voss, Sean Voss, Katelynn Voss, Christina Jones and Family



## Briefs

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**in Arizona.** All blood donors are needed. To schedule an appointment, call Karen Pitman at (520) 381-6300 x5839 or go on-line to [www.bloodcentral.com](http://www.bloodcentral.com) and use the sponsor code: [casagranderegional.com](http://casagranderegional.com). This drive is being conducted by United Blood Services, Arizona's number one non-profit blood supplier. United Blood Services is the blood supplier for CGRMC.

### Pinal County War Memorial Fundraiser

The foundation for creating a memorial for the soldiers of Pinal County is raising money to create a permanent memorial to be located in our county. The memorial will be for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our armed services in any of our wars or conflict. The timeframe is one year. We are going to start off with a golf outing on Saturday, May 15, which is Armed Forces Day. The Memorial will be located in Pinal County. Please think about helping out and joining us for a great day of golf and supporting this effort. Call for further information at Grande Valley Ranch Golf Club, (520) 466-7734. You are invited to a RIDE TO REMEMBER, honoring fallen officers in Pinal County. This ride is being held to HONOR FALLEN OFFICERS THROUGHOUT PINAL COUNTY and to raise money for our Pinal County Peace Officer Memorial and high school law enforcement students from CAVIT. We are raising money for the memorial upkeep and repair and the students are raising money to help fund a trip to the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C. They are planning on leaving May 13 and returning May 16. Please join us to honor fallen officers throughout Pinal County. All riders will be asked to wear (on

your jacket) or fly (on your bike) an 8 1/2 by 11 banner/fly honoring one of our fallen heroes. The banner will state: Riding in Honor of (your fallen hero) and their End of Watch date. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call Lieutenant Tamatha Villar at Tamatha.Villar@pinalcountyaz.gov or (520) 705-4245. Thank you for supporting this event!

### CGRMC Seeks Volunteers

Casa Grande Regional Medical Center (CGRMC) is seeking volunteers to work on our front desk and in our gift shop four hours a week. We are looking for individuals who are service minded, enjoy working with people, and make customer service a top priority. If you have time and the desire to give back to your community, you may apply online at [www.casagrandehospital.com](http://www.casagrandehospital.com) in the volunteer section or call Jacki at (520) 381-6541 for more information. We look forward to working with you!

**FLORENCE** — Women of Great Expectation presents the 2010 Women Waging War Conference and Luncheon, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 15 at the Blue Adobe reception center, 301 N. Main St. Host is Annette Milanowski, founder of Undeniable Worship and who is passionate to see the body of Christ activating Heaven on Earth, where miracles, signs and wonders are a part of everyday life. Co-host and speaker is Apostle Robin Blue, CEO/founder of Robin Blue Ministries. Attire for this event is battle fatigue, camouflage or casual. Registration fee is \$18 if paid by May 3, or \$25 at the door. RSVP by mail. Make checks payable to Undeniable Worship Int'l, P.O. Box 1252, Florence, Ariz. 85132. Call 723-7824 or visit [www.undeniableworship.com](http://www.undeniableworship.com).

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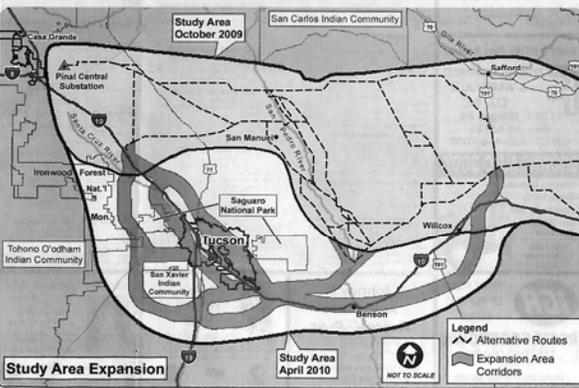
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My name is David L. Jackson. I was born in Collins County, Texas, April 5, 1870. My folks were farmers and they put me to plowing when I was very young. I had to reach up to hold the plow handle. I "went on my own" at about the age of 14. I attended several sessions of school and suppose I reached about the equivalent of the 6th grade. Whatever other learning I got was "catch as catch can," along with several courses I took from a correspondence school. The rest was just acquired the hard way.

I came to White Oaks on July 7, 1897, by way of San Antonio, N.M. In San Antonio there were enough of us passengers for White Oaks to charter a private stage rather than wait for the regular mail stage. We left the river at Sunday morning, arriving at the hotel in White Oaks at 7 a.m. Tuesday. The road was 100 miles long and we changed four horses four times on the way.

After breakfast at the Baxter Hotel, operated by Mr. U. Ozane, I went out on the street to look the town over and see what information I could learn. I was told there was no work to be had in White Oaks as the men had finished timbering the new shaft at the Old Abe Mine. I also learned that the Helen Ray Mine at Nogal was in operation and that I might find employment there. The superintendent of the Helen Ray was a White Oaks man by the name of Morris B. Parker. The stage to Nogal was owned and operated by McReynolds and McCoy. As we traveled along the road, McCoy told me a great deal about the country and the people. We arrived at Nogal shortly after noon and I caught a ride up to the mine. I found Mr. Parker and he gave me a job but it did not last long. They closed down the mine about the first week in September.

When the Parkers went back to White Oaks they took me with them. I told them I expected to try my luck in Arizona. Mr. Parker told me that a freighter, who freighted between El Paso and White Oaks, making the trip every two weeks, would be along shortly and I could go back as far as El Paso with him without any cost by helping him with the horses and other work along the road. This sounded good to me as I could save money on transportation. While waiting the return of the freighter, I busied myself helping do the house work in the Parker home.

One day I strolled down to the cyanide plant. It was being operated by James H. Parker, a brother of Morris B. He asked me if I ever worked with a shovel. My answer was, "Yes," so he said you may as well, if you want, work in the cyanide plant while waiting the return of the freighter. I readily accepted the job and went to work. This plant was owned by the Gunn boys. After about a week's work, they raised my wages fifty cents a day and I decided not to go to Arizona.

I rented a cabin and bought up enough supplies to start batching, working daily at the cyanide plant. After nearly a year I began to think I would like to have a "cook." I began corresponding with a girl I had known in Texas. She was then living in Galveston, Texas.

I told her as well as I could about the country, and so we decided she would come out to White Oaks and we would be married. She came in the latter part of September and we were married September 24, 1898 in White Oaks by Levin W. Stewart, who was then the Justice of the Peace. I have a photostatic copy of our marriage certificate which I prize very highly. Certificates were issued in the territorial days of New Mexico instead of licenses. She departed this life May 4, 1954 so it is batching from now on for me.

After working at the cyanide plant I got a job at the Old Abe Mill at ore sorting. After about a year they put me to firing the boiler and running the engine and from that to amalgamating in the mill. I liked the job very well. It was better pay then I had been receiving, also I knew amalgamating would eventually make a man dead but I thought I might be able to get by, so accepted the job. It finally did cause me to lose my hearing and I am now wearing a hearing aid which I think is a poor excuse!

Along about 1904 the Abe closed down for quite a while. Lots of the boys went to Arizona and went to work. Arizona paid better wages than New Mexico at that time. The saying was among the boys, "it is either lease or leave!" I finally met a man I had worked with, Allen A. Lane. We were talking on the street one morning and he told me that two groups of men had been

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## C'zozo Considers ...

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booth throughout most of last year's Labor Day Street Fair and was aware of how many people were drawn to Carrizozo for that event.

"It was really well attended," Gross said. "For something like that, I don't think we should charge for the use of the park. It doesn't make sense to me because it's an event that's used to promote Carrizozo."

Carrizozo's town clerk/treasurer, Leann Weibrecht, said that, although the street fair does promote the town, the town simply can't afford to continue to incur costs from the event.

The first draft of possible usage fees for the town's parks, as presented to the trustees for consideration, would set fees of \$100 per day for special events at McDonald Park, and \$75 per day at Fred Chavez and Spencer Parks. A \$200 per day fee for rental of the town's municipal swimming pool is also suggested, along with a requirement for the lessee to provide certified lifeguards while using the pool. Along with the rental fees, the draft suggests a \$150 refundable clean-up deposit.

Weibrecht explained that the gazebo park in the Valle Del Sol subdivision was not included in the park policy draft because the subdivision is a special assessment district.

"I don't know if we can use the special improvement district money to pay the electric bills and the garbage bills for an event," Weibrecht said.

More research is required before the town officials will know how the park at Valle Del Sol can be used, she explained, but that location will be added to the

park policy if possible. That site has been the venue for Carrizozo's annual July 4th celebration for the past two years and has drawn larger-than-ever crowds to that event.

"Right now, most events are held in our parks here in town," Weibrecht said. "The main thing is that this (draft) isn't complete yet. We're just asking for suggestions and ideas."

Trustees Lee Gross, Wes Lindsay and Dennis Vega all voted to approve the proposed park policy as drafted, with Vega saying that it could be amended at a future meeting.

Petty told The News on Tuesday that groups that need to reserve park space or require additional services like clean-up or electricity will be required to complete the application form and pay rental fees.

"If it's going to cost the town, we need to recoup those losses," he reiterated. "We don't have any money and we can't give away anything for anyone."

### Grizzly News

Thurs., April 15  
Jr. High Girls/Boys Trackmeet at Magdalena

Sat. April 17  
Carrizozo FFA Pig Sale at VoAg Farm Viewing 2 pm Sale 3 pm.

Varsity Boys/Girls Relays in Carrizozo.



## RABIES CLINIC

will be held

APRIL 17, 2010

Where: Carrizozo Fire Station  
Time: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Cost of one year Rabies Vaccination . . . \$6  
Other vaccinations will be available

Vaccination Clinics will also be held at the following locations:

\* Nogal: 9:00 to 9:45, across from the Nogal Store.

\* White Oaks: (Fire Station) 1:00 to 1:30 pm.

Ancho: 2:15 to 3:00 pm  
State Law requires Rabies vaccinations on all Dogs and cats over 3 months of age.

Sponsored by: Carrizozo Animal Clinic, Mary Jane Cooper, DVM

## KELLY'S RESTAURANT

NEW MEXICO FOOD and MORE

Is Open . . .

Monday thru Friday  
11:00 am to 7:00 pm

1108 E. Ave. -- Carrizozo -- Ph. 648-3277

## Obituary

BETTY PATTON McCABE

Visitation for Betty Patton McCabe, 85, of Ruidoso will be today, Thursday, April 15 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. with the funeral service on Friday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. in First Christian Church followed by a private burial at Ruidoso Hondo Valley Memorial Park.

She died April 9 at the Mescalero Care Center, she was born March 19, 1925 at Austin, Texas.

Betty obtained her broker's license in the early 1970's and went on to a successful career as a real estate professional serving on the local Board of Realtors and was also the first female president of the organization.

Betty also served on the Village of Ruidoso planning and zoning commission and was active in local politics for many years. Betty was a member of the First Christian Church for over 40 years playing the piano for many years in the 1970's. Betty married Vic McCabe of Colorado City, Texas in 1985 who preceded her in death in 2008.

Betty is survived by her four children, Barbara Patton of Odessa, TX, Ken Patton of Amarillo, TX, Mel Patton of Newport Beach, CA and Vae Patton of Ruidoso; four grandchildren, as well as many great grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.



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When we were operating the North and South Homestake we sold our first tungsten. We didn't know until then that tungsten had any value. It had been thrown away and the only name they had for it was blackjack. That is what all the miners called it. We found out in 1911 that it was valuable and at that time, Boulder, Colo., had mined four-fifths of all the tungsten produce in the United States.

Tungsten yet is still a good paying proposition. As I understand it, the Little Mack mine is going to start up in a few days and work tungsten on a big scale. I don't know the source of the supply but I suppose they have it. That's why they are putting in catpillars. As I understand, they have got the mill ready to go into operation in the next few days.

The old North Homestake was discovered, some say, by a fellow who was on escape and he couldn't stay anywhere for long. He found it one day and traded it off to some miners for a six shooter and a couple of bottles of whiskey or something like that - little of nothing. The gold was in the grass roots, then the miners came and it was very rich down a little way. Finally the mining settled down where a man could make a living and it is on that level until this day.

In separating gold from the rock of the mine, it is thrown into a mill, run through a crusher, and it goes down in a bin through the feeders and into the mortars of a stamp mill. The stamp pounds out the gold and water washes the sand out of it. Then you feed in mercury in the mortars, you have to know by the evaluation of the ore just how much mercury to feed to catch the gold. If you get too much, it will make the gold too soft and it will get away from you. If you don't add enough mercury, the gold gets away from you because you don't have enough mercury to catch it.

Gold clings to mercury the same as iron to a magnet. After you get ready to clean up you take this dirt out of the mortars and put it into a barrel. Then the sand is washed out until you get out to the rich and then it is panned out.

You put that into a retort and the heat drives the mercury off and leaves the gold inside and then you have got the gold back to its natural state again. Then after you get that you put it into a graphite crucible and melt it. That takes the impurities out and then you pour it into a mold to make a gold brick ready for the market.

All you have to do is send it to a United States mint, which is in Denver, Colo., for this area. You know what the weight of the gold is and what the price is and not like any other commodity, you know how much you are going to receive from the shipment in advance. You might miss it a few dollars but you can get close enough so that you can be satisfied that you have not been skinned.

Then the United States will send you a check from the United States Treasurer for the amount of the shipment.

During the years we operated the mines, we had our trials and tribulations. We had the misfortune of having three brothers, the Kelt boys, fall in stoves in the mines. These incidents of course were at different times.

One night when I was getting ready to go to bed somebody knocked on the door and I opened it. My wife had just gone to bed. It was Lane, my partner. He said "Get your hat and come on!" It was cold and I put my shoes back on and we went out. He said Jules Kelt who was working in the mine, had fallen down a slope where he was working. I said, "Did it kill him?" and he said, "I don't know." I knew that before he got to a landing place in that stove it was 125 feet.

Well, we got a horse and buggy out of the livery stable about 8:30 at night and pulled up to the mine on a dead run. They had already got Jules out. He was the oldest brother of Herman Kelt. They had him wrapped up in towels and things from the washroom where the boys changed their clothes. He was just as bloody as any human I ever saw. He was cut all over but no bones were broken.

The boys running the machine below heard the fall and thought that it was rocks falling down in the chute. They started the machine up again and the machine makes so much noise that they couldn't hear anything. But the drill stuck again and heard someone groan. Some of them

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## USDA Changes Will Benefit NM Livestock Producers

U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is making it easier for livestock producers not affected by bovine tuberculosis (TB) to move their animals across state lines, even if TB is present in the state. The changes are expected to result in substantial savings in cost and time required to test cattle for bovine TB.

Under USDA's new policy, mandatory movement restrictions for previously affected areas will remain in place but a number of requirements will be relaxed. For example, beef cattle will be able to move from an area where TB has been detected to an area where it has not been detected even without testing, and commingled herds will no longer be required to test. Dairy cattle considered "closed herds" moving in New Mexico between locations in and out of the zone will also not be required to test.

The USDA made these changes in consultation with ranchers and dairy producers, and after determining that cattle can be moved safely without jeopardizing the health of other herds.

"These new regulations are long overdue. New Mexico's livestock industry is the state's single most important agricultural commodity with total annual sales of milk and beef cattle totaling over \$2 billion. There are over 1.5 million cattle and calves in New Mexico, including

**NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS**  
PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENT DATE

LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER reminds Lincoln County property owners, they must pay their Second Half Property Taxes by May 10, 2010 to avoid penalty and interest.

ACCORDING TO N.M. STATE STATUTE 7-38-83, TIMELINESS-B. ALL ACTS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE DONE BY MAIL ARE TO BE POSTMARKED ON THE REQUIRED DATE.

The Lincoln County Treasurer's Office does honor the postmark, but your mailed payment MUST BE POSTMARKED BY May 10, 2010. If you mail a payment on May 10, 2010, request the postmaster stamp the post date in your presence, to insure the postmark of that date.

INTEREST shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month. (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1979).

PENALTY on taxes that become delinquent, shall be imposed at one percent (1%) of the delinquent tax total, or a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00), for each month they remain unpaid. (Statute 7-38-50).

By N.M. State law, property taxes are the personal obligation of the property owner, whether or not the tax bill was received. Mail payments or contact us at the address and phone number below should you have questions regarding your property tax bills.

Thank You.

Beverly A. Calaway  
Lincoln County Treasurer  
P.O. Box 970  
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301  
(575) 648-2397 or (800) 687-2705

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Get Well Soon Wishes to Patrice and Jeff from the Gang!

## Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet

May 1st, 2010 -- 5:00 p.m.

at Mountain Annes Dinner Theater  
2710 Suddehr Dr. -- Ruidoso, NM

-A total of 13 firearms and bows, with many other great items will be auctioned, both in live and silent auctions.

-The cost is \$65.00 for a membership and dinner, with proceeds coming back into Lincoln County for Elk habitat programs.

Call Dusty Romero 575-937-0883

## Old Lincoln

by Rosalie Dunlap

Finally have my new computer working and now to learn to use it.

The Taylor sisters had a "sister weekend" at the Perry Ranch recently. They were Shirley Dimas, Hannibal MO; Margaret Watson, Captain; Ellen Faye Womack, Captain; Liz Montes, San Patricio; and Phoebe Taylor, Lincoln. It was the first time for too many years that all five were able to be together. I imagine a lot of stories were told on each other and catching upon families.

Twenty-four scrapbookers met for the weekend retreat at the Ft. Lone Tree. There is new scrapbooking equipment and a great variety of new paper, stickers, embellishments and ideas. It is so much fun to go around and see the wonderful ideas the group have.

Everyone had a great time gossiping, laughing, and just having a great time together. They were from Carrizozo, Captain, Roswell, Ruidoso, and Gallup. I know I have missed some.

The women from Roswell had attended the funeral of the two young men who had died of carbon monoxide, before coming to the retreat.

Carolyn and Gene Christman returned Thursday evening after a week in Hooper, CO. They had their checkup with the doctors.

Carolyn is working on having a quilting class at La Placita. For further information call 1-575-653-474.



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 on itself? Well, folks, that is what you get Saturday night at Finley Gym. There is an amendment to cut the number of trustees from 11 to 5. That is where the \$300,000.00 comes into play. Think about it, when was the last time you called your Co-Op trustee. For that matter do you even know who it is or what purpose they serve? I don't. I do know that Socorro makes the front page of the Journal as the highest paid Co-Op board in the state! Forgetting, (if you can) that we end up sending them on vacations for 'meetings' and providing them with insurance benefits, why would we ever need 11 of them? This meeting may be crowded (I hope so) and it may be inconvenient, but this is the time to strike a blow for freedom from waste. Give the money to the workers if you want but let's cut the pork. Go to the meeting, let your voice be heard. Create some real change!

**Rick Coddington  
Socorro**

**Thank You**

To the editor:  
 Thank you for your concern and caring. Your words, thoughts and prayers are comforting.

**The Robert L. Irelan  
Family**

**Public Safety**

As a representative of Probation Parole and Community Supervision Officers, of the Seventh Judicial

District, I would like to take advantage of 'National Public Safety Telecommunications Week', April 11-17, 2010 to say "Thank you" to the professionals whose decision-making and communications skills often make a life-saving difference in an emergency situation.

Probation Parole and Community Supervision Officers, along with various agencies within the City and County of Socorro, recognize the hard working, dedicated individuals who perform the job duties of the telecommunicator- the voice on the 9-1-1 telephone line, and the radio that provides guidance, comfort, and instructions to those in need. We thank you for the hard work, the long hours, weekends, and holidays you work to ensure police, fire, and medical assistance can be provided to the citizen's you serve.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank you for helping to make the community a better place to live and work. As we honor you during this 'National Public Safety Telecommunications Week', I wish each and every one of you the very best.

**Sincerely,  
Hilario J. Bernal  
Juvenile Probation  
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**Major General Comes In From The Cold**

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 manufacturers, generals, everyone to that of the average soldier, at that time thirty dollars a month. He also suggested a limited plebiscite on the decision to go to war, a vote in which only those who would fight would be allowed to vote. Lastly, Butler called for a return to truly defensive deployments for American forces (today the U.S maintains more than 700 military outposts in over 150 otherwise sovereign nations).

If Smedley Butler's recommendations seem quaint or hopelessly idealistic, perhaps it's because we have become so familiar with, so conditioned by the drumbeat of war. Perhaps it's because we live in a time when the most crucial of our constant wars (so we are told) is placed in the charge of a man widely acknowledged to have lied

about the death of a famous athlete under his command for propaganda purposes and covered up prisoner abuse for which, in the words of one perpetrator, "written authorizations were required . . . indicating that the use of these tactics was approved up the chain of command."

Military enablers of U.S. business interests constantly stress the honor of their profession. I wonder when we will be seeing the honest testimony of men like General Stanley McChrystal.

*Dave Wheelock, a member of the Oneida Nation, holds a history degree from the University of New Mexico. Mr. Wheelock's views do not necessarily represent those of the Mountain Mail. Reach him at dave@wheelock@yahoo.com.*

**Veterans Officer To Hold Office Hours**

Theresa Zuni, New Mexico Veterans Affairs service officer will hold office hours from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Apr. 16, in the council chambers at Socorro City Hall. This is an opportunity for military veterans to voice their concerns and ask questions about their benefits. Zuni will

be able to help vets with paperwork or address questions concerning veterans affairs. All veterans - from Socorro, Magdalena, Alamo, and surrounding areas - are welcome. Vets are requested to have with them their DD-214 and any other pertinent paperwork.

**Recalling Life In Tokay**

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 where that there wasn't decent water. I lived with all that - not having water, it's awful. It was just awful to do laundry. We caught cistern water, you bet. I drank cistern water. We had an old barn when we lived at the caboose and that's all the drinking water we had, was what we caught off the roof of the barn. And we had a pit in the ground, caught it off the roof and it ran down into that concrete. Before I was married Dean dug a hole and plastered it and covered it, caught rain water. And you had to be very careful with it. It didn't rain that much. But it was wonderful. But most of the ranchers in that country used cistern water, 'cause the water's so bad. But now they got water softeners and things like that. But still, the water on the ranch is terrible, except for that one well at the house and that well under the hill there on the highway. He has that good water. That's the only good water I know from there to El Paso. It's terrible water!"

**Evelyn:** "Well it (Tokay) had, you know - in the 1800s and the twenties there were about 3,000 people lived out there. Because there was Tokay and Carthage and Farley, and they lived in those little canyons, and all mined coal. Then out on the open flat country were ranches. But Tokay was a big coal mining operation. And those mines were operated before we even became a state. And they were underground mines and small - and these Mexican men would have to go down and bend down to go in there and it was dangerous mining, 'cause it was small veins and they had to tunnel down, way down in there. And it was the coal that they used for smelters. And there was a railroad up there and they hauled coal to El Paso to the smelter, and they used that coal in Socorro to heat the public buildings. All the public buildings, the courthouse and the schoolhouses and Tech. were heated with that coal from Tokay. And it was real black, smoky. You'd see it run down the adobe walls. It was ugly."

And the people that ran that mine then was B. H. Kinney. And they had a brick plant in Albuquerque, and they hauled this coal to Albuquerque. They were still hauling coal to make bricks. Anyway, Tokay was pretty busy in the early - all the twenties and much of the thirties. And then in 1948 they were totally closed down and we bought the area. In 1948 we moved to Tokay. In 1948 we bought the old Kinney house. Mr. and Mrs. Kinney lived there and that's where their children were born. They had four boys. They still have a Kinney brick plant in Albuquerque."

**Evelyn:** "There was a com-

pany store and a school. There were several houses, rows of houses. And then under the hill they had a little - there's just nothing but ruins there when I went there. But Tokay still had several houses there. And that long concrete house was a rooming house that we used mainly for storage and things, because it was just a concrete - 16 rooms with 16 windows and a chimney outlet in every fourth room. That's the building that's the Bed and Breakfast now. When I first heard about it they said it had bachelor guys, they had one room with one faucet in it, and that the end room they had a place where they could take baths. So I think it probably was a rooming house."

**Evelyn:** "Anyhow, we moved to Tokay and had good, nice soft water. And I had trees, and I could have a garden, and I had chickens and a milk cow, and...."

And we had a little more country, so we could buy more cattle and.... We had to have more country so we could make a living. So that's how we spent our lifetime, getting little pieces of land together and trying to create a big enough area to raise cattle. Then we leased the Fish and Wildlife for several years and we had lots of cattle on the river. But years later they fenced it, decided they didn't want cattle down there. Then we had to cut down. And ultimately we lived there 'til Dean died (Tokay). It was 22 years ago.

He was buried twenty two years ago the day before yesterday [1987].... But he was born and raised in this country. Worked on ranches and did....they're an old family. They were here in the 1800s."

*Next week part three of the Evelyn Fite Oral History.*



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# From Green TO GREENER

• Recession inspires a rewarding idea in raised garden beds

By KATE MCGRAW

For the Albuquerque Journal

The economic recession forced green designer and builder Ken Kuhne into a new vocation, and he says it's giving him more joy than his previous 36 years of building custom homes.

He's building raised, covered garden beds of his own design. Not only is he making a living, his beds have created work for a woodworker and two upholsterers — and produced thousands of pounds of home-grown vegetables and herbs for his customers.

"This is the greatest thing I've ever done. I'm loving it," Kuhne said.

The birth of Kuhne's new business, Grow Y'Own, came two years ago when a project he'd worked on for nearly three years fell through.

After six designs, great plans and everything ready to go, the California couple called him at his Galisteo home and said they were putting the project off for five years.

"I'd thought I'd do this last, great house and then retire," Kuhne said. "I lay in bed all night wondering what to do now. The construction industry was starting its decline. I'd get everything else on the back burner to get this done for them. And as I lay there, I thought, 'I gotta help people grow their own food.'"

"I remembered my father saying that in hard times, people need the basics — shelter, clothing and food," Kuhne continued. A longtime avid backyard gardener himself, he took his idea to his neighbor, gardener/vegetable maven/cookbook author Deborah Madison.

"She showed me a picture of a raised garden bed and said that was what I needed to do. But a better bed — one that people in the Southwest, with our challenging sun, wind and soil, could use."

He put on his designer cap and came up with a wooden bed that could be placed anywhere, filled with good soil and topped with a UV-resistant cover. His prototype required a few tweaks. "My first cover was a kind of shower cap thing that had elastic and fitted over the bed. Not so workable."

Kuhne's next idea has proven a winner. He designed a raised bed of Western red cedar — the most rot-resistant, bug-repellent sustainably grown wood — that has a lip built on its edge. A cord runs in a strip along the cover that can be drawn tight against the lip. The cover forms a sleeve over a UV-resistant electrical conduit formed into hoops above the bed.

Three covers include a regular summer cover of N-Sulate, a triple-weight, breathable polypropylene; a new, deluxe summer cover of the same material with integral screening on the ends that can be zipped shut but that provides cross-ventilation; and a winter cover of 6-mil, heavy-duty plastic called Flex-O-Glas. All the covers are UV-resistant, Kuhne said. "They can stand up to the New Mexico sun."

**Home grown**  
Like Madison, Kuhne is an evangelist for the benefits of growing your own food. "It helps cut the food budget and cuts the carbon footprint when you're not eating food that's shipped from 1,500 miles or more away," he said. "Plus, you don't know how that food's been raised and watered."

In his two 4-foot-by-8-foot garden beds, he grows chard, four kinds of lettuce, 10 different herbs, carrots, beets, Lacinato kale, spinach, arugula, green onion and leeks. Last spring, Kuhne installed six similar beds at Larragie School and helped the students grow greens, herbs, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers ("especially jalapeños — those kids would pick a jalapeño

## Grow Y'Own

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and pop it in their mouths like candy") and eggplants.

One harvesting day, the kids paraded through the school to the cafeteria, he said, each one bearing two handfuls of freshly grown food.

"We have people growing food all winter, particularly greens and root crops. When you're growing great greens and beets and carrots, everything's unexpectedly sweeter. They just have more sugar as a winter crop," Kuhne said.

His Web site features comments from customers as far away as San Diego and Michigan, and as close as Galisteo neighbors. Madison writes that her raised beds "make it possible to grow vegetables in a backyard that is otherwise infested with wandering, thirsty, plant-choking roots. In winter that drops to the teens each night in winter, I still have a robust harvest of arugula, asiel, and other greens happily growing under the fitted row covers. This is a terrific solution to many of the challenges that the New Mexican backyard gardener faces."

Kuhne says a family can install a raised bed garden "for the cost of its summer salad produce." He added that most customers amortize the setup within three to four months, sooner if they plant "starts" rather than seeds. He has a whole list of local growers who can provide starts.

**The options**  
His beds come in three sizes — 4-foot-by-4-foot for \$275, 4-by-8 for \$365 and 8-by-8 for \$450. Extra covers are \$75, and metal gopher screens can be attached to the bottom for \$55.

He has also designed a small heating system — an extension cord with a 100-watt work light that he places inside an upside-down ceramic flower pot so it radiates heat in the December-to-mid-March starting season.

The beds can be watered by hand, but Kuhne can also install a soaker hose system with a timer. "These things are like a little terrarium," he said. "You shouldn't water them a lot. You don't want to soak out the environment of the bed."

The beds come with a six-page instruction sheet, including a recipe for amended soil to fill them, and, in Santa Fe County, he will deliver and set up the beds free.

He says Grow Y'Own has sold close to 200 raised bed setups in less than two years, including some shipped elsewhere from orders placed on his growyou.com Web site or from Santa Fe Greenhouses' High Country Gardens catalog.

Kuhne definitely jumped on a bandwagon that was gaining speed. The USDA reports that 43 million American families grew some of their own food last year, up a startling 20 percent from the year before and undoubtedly pushed by the recession and by reports of dangers in conventionally grown food.

Since he began in the spring of 2008, Kuhne's business has grown to the point that he's able to employ local help. Woodworker Jeff Carbone helps build the beds in Galisteo. Steve and Judy Romero of Enchantment Upholstery in Santa Fe make the covers, and the work has increased to the point that they've added another employee.

"It's one of the things that gives me great pleasure — the fact that this is creating local jobs," Kuhne said. "People ask me if I'm going to outsource the work, and I say, 'Are you crazy?' I'd rather raise my prices than outsource."



In the two 4-foot-by-8-foot beds at his home in Galisteo, Ken Kuhne grows a variety of herbs and vegetables like chard, four kinds of lettuce, carrots, kale and green onion.

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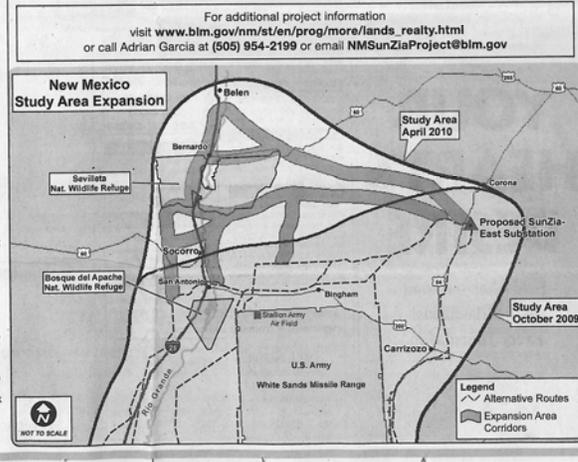
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## NEWS

# No-Heat, No-Cool period approaches

From the Energy Team  
49th Civil Engineer Squadron

The No Heat, No Cool season is a base program held twice a year that can save the base up to five percent, or \$300,000, on its annual energy bills, and Holloman enters this season today.

Members of the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron will begin turning off heat to buildings as part of the base No-Heat, No-Cool season. During this period, an intensive preventative maintenance program will be performed.

"Through our recurring maintenance program, we will be able to service our equipment to prevent system failures," said Maj. Kristina Selstrom, the 49 CES Operations Flight commander. "We look forward to the change-over period between heating and cooling to accomplish the majority of our maintenance and ensure the quality of life for all personnel on Holloman."

Today the plan will kick into action and continue until about May 15, weather permitting. Sometime after May 15, air conditioned buildings will switch to cooling.

"The base averages around \$18,000 a day in utility bills per month," said Gary Krivokapich, 49 CES resource efficiency manager. "A large portion of Holloman's energy usage is related to heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Taking advantage of mild weather is an excellent opportunity to



Courtesy photo  
**Airman 1st Class Bryan Avila, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron, installs a new high-efficiency chiller at the German air force headquarters building. This maintenance is being accomplished early in the No-Heat, No-Cool season.**

save valuable energy dollars. We can get an approximate 30 percent reduction during this period, which is vital to our success in meeting reduction goals of 30 percent by 2015.

"Energy conservation is everyone's responsibility. We must all contribute to meeting our reduction goals and be good stewards of our tax dollars and Earth's resources."

In addition to reducing how long things are left on, Holloman is installing more efficient equipment to help save energy. Holloman is scheduled to start a retro-commissioning (tuneup) of the air conditioning and heating of up to four buildings this year. The 49 CES is also scheduled to start \$1.8 million in high-bay lighting retrofit projects on the largest buildings, and a \$1 million project for lighting occupancy sensors for 170 buildings.

"The overall plan is to save energy for the base."

said Ron Elswick, 49 CES heating, ventilating and air conditioning supervisor. "Dormitories and billeting are the main priority for switching to air conditioning, followed by training facilities, administrative facilities and the industrial facilities."

The facility managers are the first point of contact for any building and equipment problems.

"We understand it has been warming up significantly recently, but we ask Team Holloman to be patient during this transition period," said Col. Stephen DiFonzo, 49th Mission Support Group commander. "We encourage Airmen in poorly ventilated areas to open windows and use fans to help circulate the air."

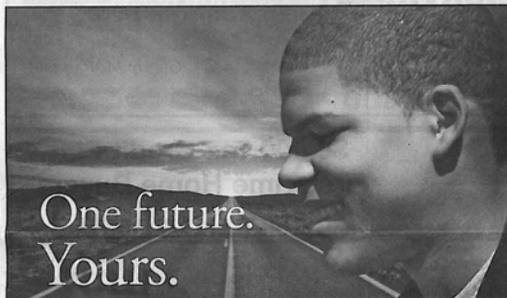
Not all buildings will be affected by the No-Heat, No-Cool campaign. For more information on saving energy, call 572-5731 and ask for someone from the energy team.

The Hollogram (April 15, 2010)



STEPHEN BACK / Fort Bliss Monitor

**Bliss Armed Forces Day:** Fort Bliss will open its gates to the El Paso community May 15 to celebrate Armed Forces Day 2010. Festivities are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Noel Parade Field – admission is free. Planned activities include displays of military, fire department and law enforcement equipment; a health fair, chili cook-off and a car show featuring hot rods, street rods, muscle cars and classics. Numerous organizations will display their programs including a travel fair, a military police working dog team demonstration, high school JROTC drill team competition and rappelling. The Rappel Tower and the marksmanship center will be open for patrons to test their skills. There will be installation historical tours, making stops at the health fair, marksmanship center and the Rappel Tower. Entertainment will be provided by the 62nd Army Band and others. A variety of food and drink concessions will be available. For more information, call Fort Bliss Public Affairs at 568-4505.



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# Deciding where to give

## Best use, accountability should top the list

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

When it comes to personal finances and contributions, deciding how much and where to donate can be a difficult decision.

Jeremy Settles, owner of a small technology firm in Austin, Texas, and his wife Dr. Cynthia Settles, of Casa Alegre Pediatrics, put a lot of thought into how and where to donate. Their decisions centered on needs, financial accountability and giving back to a community that supports them.

"Ultimately, everyone's motives for giving can be different, but for my wife and I it comes from a genuine sense of supporting a community that has always supported us while sharing the gifts we have been blessed with," Jeremy Settles said. "We make sure a large portion of what we give goes into endowments or a capital campaign because we know those dollars will provide the biggest benefit for the longest period of time."

The couple devotes much of their time and finances to supporting the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM), of which Jeremy Settles has served as co-chair for the Nonprofit Economic Crises Campaign (NECC) and as a member of the CFSNM Marketing Committee. He also is a board member for the Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico, a supporting organization of the CFSNM. Cynthia Settles serves as a board member for the Mesilla Valley Hospice Foundation.

"The community foundation is extremely important for this com-

munity. The entire premise of the foundation is to support the organizations that do good in the community, specifically by providing long-term financial support," said Jeremy Settles, referring to endowments. "In addition, the money that is put in the endowments provides perpetual financial support and that's the key. The money put into the endowments lasts forever."

In 2009, the CFSNM acquired and managed permanent assets of \$1.18 million and total invested assets of \$1.12 million through 74 endowments, 33 of which went to support local nonprofits. To keep agencies financially strong, the CFSNM sets up endowments for nonprofit agencies who want to build capacity for sustainability while also managing temporary and donor-advised funds. The CFSNM also serves as the fiscal agent for community programs.

"Endowments and cash gifts are both important. All organizations need support today, and everyone needs cash flow for the next day, quarter and year," Jeremy Settles said.

"While we don't want to take away these cash donations from the supporting organizations, all donors and organizations need to keep in mind the value of an endowment is infinite."

"This means those organizations helping the people in the most need in the community will always receive help, no matter what the economic situation. It is through the community foundation that the vast majority of nonprofits in the community receive their long-term support."

For Jeremy and Cynthia Settles, giving remains as important as the vehicles through which

they give, and they believe giving through the CFSNM allows them to know their financial gifts are making a real difference.

"By contributing to an organization like the community foundation, you have the assurance they are making sure the organizations they support are fully compliant with nonprofit standards, versus giving to an organization you don't know anything about," Jeremy Settles said. "The community foundation has done the work for you, and they make sure the nonprofit is in good standing and helping the community around them."

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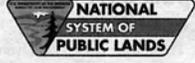
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# JPC Rejects RFP Bids

By Chuck Wentworth  
SENTINEL

During a closed-door executive session Wednesday evening, April 14, members of Sierra Vista Hospital's (SVH) Joint Powers Commission (JPC) decided to reject the two formal bids received in response to a request for proposals (RFP) the facility published last December.

The RFP was generated to seek a potential development partner, that would provide support through the construction of a new hospital and that could possibly oversee management of that facility into the future. A total of 53 firms requested applications for the RFP and as the March 15 submission deadline neared, SVH officials were anticipating as many as 17 formal responses.

However, when March 15 actually arrived only two formal bids were officially received. A specially appointed sub-committee of the hospital's governing board was tasked with reviewing the submitted proposals and forwarding their recommendations to the JPC. Discussions concerning these proposals were restricted to closed-door executive sessions, but following Wednesday's executive session, sub-committee chairman Greg D'Amour announced that both of the bids SVH received would not warrant further consideration.

In a prepared statement, D'Amour explained that one proposal, submitted by the Rhode May Keller MacNamara architectural firm, was being rejected for failure to meet established criteria. The second proposal,



(SENTINEL Photo/Chuck Wentworth)

**CHANGING GUARD** - On hand to open the meeting and oversee the appointment of her successor, Sierra Vista Hospital Joint Powers Commission chair Lori Montgomery (standing) prepared to bid farewell to her post April 14. Before departing, Montgomery welcomed newly appointed members of the commission and congratulated the group's newly selected chairperson, Eunice Kent (left) and vice-chairman, Alvin Campbell (center).

from HMC/CAH Consolidated, Inc., a well-established healthcare firm, did meet all initial criteria, but was ultimately determined to be an inappropriate partner for SVH.

The RFP's failure to generate a worthy offer does dampen hopes of an easy path to and through construction of a new hospital. Although original plans still give hospital authorities until October 31 of this year to find a development partner, this potential funding pathway appears to be off the front burner. While there is still a possibility that a potential partner may arise in the next six months, time is growing shorter every day and the potential fruitlessness of another RFP process must be considered.

Meanwhile, the new hospital project will continue and if no partner is secured before the October deadline, SVH officials are prepared to move toward a public referendum to assist in funding. At the moment, it would appear as though local voters will be asked to consider increasing support for the facility through a direct gross receipts tax (GRT) allotment in a special election next year.

While hopes of finding a partner with deep pockets still linger, officials with SVH's steering committee recognized it would be difficult to secure such an agreement during the present economic downturn. Therefore, they ensured their plan for developing the new hospital hinged on two separate funding pathways. One would have been to link up with a big partner that could carry a significant portion of the weight, the other would be for the community to take the lead and follow through with construction of a new facility utilizing loans and other available revenue sources.

Recent legislative endorsement of a 20-year extension of the gross receipts tax levy provides SVH with considerable borrowing power and continuing improvement of the hospital's financial standing will no doubt cast a favorable light toward additional legislative support. Although still pending, release of approximately \$2.1 million in tax severance bond revenues will allow the new hospital project to proceed through the critical design and engineering phases.

Hospital authorities feel that these factors, the addition of a publicly supported referendum, as well as further private support in the form of available grants and donations, will generate sufficient revenue to bring the new hospital project to fruition. It is also felt that in

following this pathway, the community will demonstrate its determination to improve the region's healthcare infrastructure and gain yet unrecognized legislative support down the road.

**LEADERSHIP CHANGE** Following the March 2 municipal elections, representatives for the cities of T-or-C, Elephant Butte and the Village of Williamsburg addressed their appointment of members to serve on the JPC. Among the most prominent changes was the decision of T-or-C Mayor Lori Montgomery to relinquish her position as JPC chair. On hand to call the April 14 regular session to order, Montgomery acknowledged this decision and supervised the committee's selection of a new chair and vice-chair.

Committee member Walter Armijo's nominated Elephat Butte Mayor Eunice Kent and Sierra County Commissioner Alvin Campbell to fill the vacant leadership positions.

Through a show of hands, JPC members then chose Kent to serve as the committee's chair and Campbell to serve in the vice-chair position.

In addition to selecting new leaders, the JPC also welcomed four new representatives from the cities of T-or-C and Elephant Butte. Attending their first JPC session were T-or-C representatives Frances Sanchez and Freddie Torres and Elephant Butte representatives Kim Skinner and Alan Brown.

**BY-LAW REVISIONS**

Because of the new members and leadership change, most of the April 14 session focused on a thorough review of current hospital operations, financial status and on-going initiatives. The one item on the evening's agenda slated for action involved proposed changes to the hospital board's by-laws. Revisions in the group's by-laws were deemed necessary following the recent acceptance of the City

of Elephant Butte as a full member of the JPC.

As the committee moved to address the proposed revisions, it became clear that the membership changes had interfered with the usual communication process and prevented some members from having time to fully review the somewhat lengthy document.

In an effort to assure all members were thoroughly familiar with the material, the committee accepted a motion to postpone consideration of the proposed revisions. SVH Chief Executive Officer (CEO) D. Rush explained to the JPC that delaying a decision would leave the hospital without validated by-laws for the governing board and said this would place the facility at risk.

Noting that formal consideration of the issue was important, JPC members decided that they would schedule a special session at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, to vote on the proposed revisions.

## VFW Post 3317 Events

By Lori Pilegor

We'd like to thank all who came out to the Memorial at the Wall Saturday in support and remembrance for our POWs, MIAs and the Fallen. Mother Nature blessed us with a beautiful afternoon - one we locals refer to as barely breezy!

There are several meetings and events to note for the upcoming weeks: on April 24 during the general membership meeting, nominations for Post officers will be held, inclusive of a nomination to fill the Quarter Master position, recently vacated by Larry Potter's passing.

On a more upbeat note, Easter egg sales pulled in \$500 to be added to our burgeoning Gordon E. Lakas Scholarship Fund! However, time is running out to buy tickets on the showgun. The drawing will be April 29 after a special r/d dinner served from 4-7 p.m. at VFW Post 3317 in Williamsburg. All members and guests are encouraged to attend. Proceeds from this event will go to the scholarship fund as well.

In preparation for the expected huge turnout for ribs, the ladies are holding a "kitchen clean-up" day on April 16, to be followed that evening by a benefit dinner to assist Mark Theall, defer costs of his trip home to Boston to attend to family affairs necessitated by his father's passing last Saturday night. There will also be a blind draw doubles match this Friday at 3 p.m. hosted by Don to add to this fund. Mark and Tor will be gone the week of April 12. Thank you all in advance for lending a hand. If you have any questions regarding times and needs for this workday or dinner, please contact the ladies!

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SODA: Council president says expansion of project will 'come down to cost'

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"It's the size of one of your offices," said Ortiz. Ortiz said Wilson & Co. was looking at the idea of not having a ceiling in the open-space area, but exposed structure and ducts like the school has in the gym area.

Wilson & Co. is very familiar with and good at acoustics and professional music rooms, Ortiz said. "In my mind, it's mostly going to come down to costs," he said.

Ortiz wanted to get a submittal to PSFA in by Friday, and said it would entail a couple of things on the council's part, specifically a utilization report which includes what the space is going to be, curriculum for it as well as the gym and the enrollment projections.

Ogas asked that Ortiz work closely with Jerry Bennett, SODA's business manager. Julie Arleth, a parent of a SODA student, worried about ventilation for the new space. "My daughter got sick on the other side - there's no ventilation," Arleth said.

Pomeroy's resignation from the council. Approved the business reports which included a budget increase of \$187 of Title II funds for further teacher training in the computerized curriculum program E2020.

Tabled the 2010-2011 IDEA application. Set the date, Tuesday, April 20, for a public input meeting on the school budget, which has decreased \$30.00 (with loss of stimulus money) per unit from last year.

Ricky: Officer is 'thrilled' with new canine partner

from PAGE 1A

to give Ricky his commands. DeAnda said the training course at the DOC covered a variety of subjects, including obedience, grooming, felony searches and proper deployment. Some of the training was on-site, and he and the dog often went out to assist outside agencies.

Ricky is a multipurpose dog, and DeAnda also takes him to schools for demonstrations as a way to form a better relationship between the police and the community. Ricky was selected in part for his demeanor, a dog that can be taken around the public.

a fleeing suspect during his short tenure as a police dog. His training will continue, and a Los Lunas Police officer has volunteered to be a decoy. That training session is expected to take place in late April.

totally loving it. It's helping me with community policing skills and providing a link between the department and students. They love him everywhere we go. He's a good dog. He's a good pet."

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COLLEGE DAY SET AT LOS LUNAS MIDDLE SCHOOL. Los Lunas Middle School will be having a College Day to promote college awareness for students. The school is looking for students who attended Los Lunas Schools, especially LLMS, and who are currently in college or are recent college graduates. The school would like for them to attend the College Day and share their educational experiences with the students. College Day is set from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14, at LLMS. For information on how to participate, call Lori Dearing at 866-8424 or e-mail ldearing@llschools.net.

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New Mexico Study Area Expansion. Map showing study areas for April 2010 and October 2009. Legend: Alternative Routes, Expansion Area, Corridors. Locations include Belen, Bernardo, Socorro, Bernalillo, Corona, Bingham, Carrizozo, U.S. Army, White Sands Missile Range, Sevilleta Nat. Wildlife Refuge, Bosque del Apache Nat. Wildlife Refuge, and Station Army Air Field.

## Safford kindergarten registration starts April 26

Registration for kindergarten students who plan to attend Safford Unified Schools during the 2010-2011 school year will be held April 26, 27 and 28, 2010, at the Safford School District Office at 734 W. 11th St. In order to register, the child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2010. Parents will need to bring their kindergarten child, a state-certified birth certificate (not a hospital copy) and the child's immunization record.

Parents of 3- and 4-year-olds with special needs may request screening for preschool. Registration for students with last name beginning with letters A-L is Monday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-7 p.m. Students with last names beginning with letters M - Z will register Tuesday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-7 p.m., with registration being offered again Wednesday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. A new book will be given to each registered student. For questions or more information call 928-348-7054.

## Annual Substance Abuse Conference is April 21

Stacy Hall of the 3mons Project will be the keynote speaker for the fifth annual Graham and Greenlee Substance Abuse Conference on April 21 at the Eastern Arizona College. The 3mons Project consists of mothers whose lives and families have been impacted by their children's drug use. The concept behind 3mons is to encourage everyone who hears their message to share it with at least three other mothers or caregivers of children. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Gerald Hoopes Activity Center. Cost of the conference is \$25. There will be several sessions throughout the day. These sessions will address sexting, underage drinking, prescription drug abuse, drug enforcement and narcotic terrorism. Presenters include Greenlee County Sheriff Steve Tucker, Craig Smith, Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center, John Ekman, psychiatric nurse practitioner, Herschel Medlin, Safford Police Department, and Anthony Coulson, Drug Enforcement Agency.

## Rogers Family Reunion in Gilbert April 24

The J.K. Rogers Family Reunion will be held April 24, 2010, at the Gilbert Highland Shale Center in Gilbert. This is just south of U.S. 60 and Higley Road. Taya McHenry Greenwald and Kathy McHenry Dickson, granddaughters of longtime Gila Valley resident Ross W. Rogers, are the co-presidents. Go to [www.JKROGERS.com](http://www.JKROGERS.com) for complete information and site location. All friends of the family are invited. J.K. is the "Father of Graham County," and his history can be found on his Web site.

## Second half of 2009 property tax due May 3

Jean Reynolds, Graham County treasurer, reminds property owners that the second half of 2009 real property and personal property taxes is due and payable now. The last day to pay without interest is Monday, May 3. Interest will be added at a rate of 16 percent per year on all unpaid taxes. Property taxes may be paid at the Treasurer's Office in the General Services Building at 921 Thatcher Blvd. in Safford or mailed to: Jean Reynolds, Graham County Treasurer, P.O. Box 747, Safford, AZ 85548-0747. A drive-by mail drop box is also available for tax payments. It is located in the east parking lot of the General Services building. Property tax amounts are available by using the parcel information search online at [www.graham.az.gov](http://www.graham.az.gov). For inquiries regarding taxes call 482-3440 or send e-mail to: [reynolds@graham.az.gov](mailto:reynolds@graham.az.gov).

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## Pima Town Cleanup is April 19-23

The town of Pima has declared April 19 through April 23 as Town Cleanup. All Pima residents are encouraged to take an active part in getting involved in this beautification project. As a special incentive, the town crew will be picking up burnable items such as branches, bagged grass clippings and weeds April 19-23. Items must be neatly stacked and cut so they can be loaded by one person. The crew will not pick up old appliances, old tires, any building materials, concrete or masonry supplies, automobile parts or metal. Town residents are responsible for hauling all other trash or household items to the landfill that will be available for free dumping April 17-24. Residents should be prepared to state their names and give a physical address. During this period, landfill charges will be waived for Graham County residents hauling trash from their household. Residents must have identification to document their place of residency within the town of Pima. Identification may include a photo ID driver's license or other photo ID showing place of residency or address. Citizens of the community along with church affiliations are encouraged to organize cleanup groups. With the permission of homeowners, groups can go onto private property and help with the cleaning of debris. This type of community participation will help to enhance the immediate area.

## SHS class of 1990 planning 20-year reunion

The Safford High School class of 1990 is looking for classmates for its 20-year reunion. Alumni should contact Jennifer (Nichols) Blackwell at [jblackwell@93yuma.com](mailto:jblackwell@93yuma.com) or Joe Taylor at [mysunanceguy@cox.net](mailto:mysunanceguy@cox.net) to make sure they're on the list. Reunion dates are Oct. 15 and 16, 2010.

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Scoping meetings are scheduled in your area for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

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- 1) In Pima County, Arizona, west of the San Pedro River and within the Tucson area, and
- 2) In the New Mexico counties of Lincoln, Socorro, Torrance, and Valencia, north of White Sands Missile Range.

Scoping meetings will be in an open house format and are scheduled from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Technical and environmental information about the EIS and the proposed SunZia Project will be available, with an opportunity to submit comments. Agency and project staff will be available to answer questions and look forward to your attendance.

