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A stroke of kindness

Homes get makeovers in Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon

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KINGMAN – More than 65 volunteers-turned-weekend warriors will roll up their sleeves and lay out the drop cloths to give four local homes a makeover as part of this year's Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon.

The volunteers include a significant number of high school students, along with the Clean City Commission and members of civic and community

groups, according to event coordinator Nancy McBride.

Volunteers have already finished one home on North Charles Drive and will hit three other residences on Lucille Avenue, Hope Avenue and Burbank Street Saturday morning. Prep work was done on the homes last week.

This is the third year Kingman has participated in the program, which McBride described as sort of a barn

raising for the community.

"The best part is when homeowners come outside and see it finished," McBride said. "You can see it in their eyes how appreciative they are. It lifts their spirits. It lifts the look of their home and the look of the neighborhood."

This year homeowners had two body colors and four trim colors to chose from. The paint and supplies See PAINT, 12A



Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club paint a home on Lucille Street as part of this year's statewide Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon. Courtesy

Residents not happy with Board of Health

Questions about barium, other elements in blood left unanswered

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KINGMAN – Some members of the public who attended Tuesday night's Mohave County Board of Health meeting were not satisfied with a presentation by staff on how various elements, such as barium and aluminum, can get into the human body.

In July, several members of the public, including Golden Valley residents Luca Zanna and Alan DiCicco, asked the board to investigate why several Mohave County residents were testing positive for high levels of barium, aluminum, strontium 90 and uranium in their blood.

Tuesday evening, Mohave County Epidemiologist Anna Scherzer gave a presentation to the board about what the different elements were, how they worked and how they might find their way into the human body.

Each of these elements is naturally present in the Earth's crust and the human body, even though some of them are not necessary for the body to survive, Scherzer said. Many of the elements are also used in the manufacturing process of various goods and can be found in food and water.

The elements can also be hazardous under certain situations, she said, depending on how long a person has been exposed to the hazardous substance, how large of a dose they received, whether there were other chemicals or drugs that could have interacted with the See DOSE, 13A



RODNEY HAAS / Miner

Dennis Kuneff (left) a volunteer with the American Legion helps Traci Dixon locate her dad's cousin, Melvin Barnett, on the Moving Wall Thursday at Fireman's Park. Barnett was killed during his one-year tour in 1968-69. Dixon's dad also served during the Vietnam War. The Moving Wall is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. and will be on display until Sunday.

The Moving Wall

Residents visit wall, honor fallen loved ones



Redistricting commission hears complaints, praise about maps

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KINGMAN – The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission still has a bit of work to do, according to a handful of residents who spoke out at a public meeting Wednesday night in Bullhead City.

Only one member of the commission, Scott Freeman, attended the meeting with one of the commission's attorneys and a representative from Strategic Telemetry, the commission's consultant.

The commission approved the draft congressional and legislative voting district maps earlier



SUZANNE ADAMS / Miner

Denise Bensusan speaks at the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission's public hearing Wednesday evening in Bullhead City.

this month. This is the second round of public hearings the commission has held on the redistricting issue. See DISTRICT, 12A



Mikel Weisser / Courtesy

Before: This is how Mikel Weisser looks after growing his hair for three years, which will change drastically tonight.

After: This is how Mikel Weisser looked after he ran a similar cut-my-hair-for-money promotion when he was a teacher at Bullhead Junior High.

Teacher's hair is fair game in fall fundraiser

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KINGMAN – Mikel Weisser, a social studies and language arts teacher at White Cliffs Middle School, has been growing his hair out for three years. Today, at the school's annual fall festival, he'll say so long to those locks.

Members of the community are not only invited to watch Weisser get his hair cut, they can take part in the action. He plans to charge \$2 for someone to take the first snip of his shoulder-length hair; after that people can pay \$1 for each additional snip. It also costs \$1 to watch, he said.

Weisser ran a similar promotion when he was a teacher at Bullhead Junior High.

This will go on till all the hair on his head is gone, including the goatee. There is a limit, however, to Weisser's zaniness – his eyebrows and eyelashes are off limits.

The money raised by the promotion will go to the See HAIR, 12A

Public invited to tour pricey, vacant school

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KINGMAN – Members of the community are invited to tonight's Lee Williams High School dedication ceremony and open house.

The event starts at 5 p.m. in the school's cafeteria, 400 Grandview Ave.

Representatives of Core Construction and DLR Group – the two entities contracted to design, build and refurbish the high school – will be there along with Kingman Unified School District employees and its Governing Board, the Williams family, Mayor John Salem and County Supervisor Gary Watson.

Hors d'oeuvres will be offered and tours of the facility are planned.

The school, which will have an initial capacity limit of 1,200, was made possible by \$79.9 See LEE, 3A

ARIZONA

Bagged salad blends from Taylor Farms are being voluntarily recalled after a sample from the state of Washington tested positive for salmonella.

The products were distributed in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Puerto Rico. There have been no reported illnesses blamed on the recalled items.

Salmonella can cause fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain, especially in the young, elderly and those with compromised immune systems.

Consumers who have questions about the recall may contact Taylor Farms consumer relations toll free at 1-877-323-7374.

OHIO

(AP) – The exotic-animal owner who killed himself after turning loose dozens of lions, tigers and other beasts was deep in debt, and a fellow big-cat enthusiast said Thursday that he had taken in so many creatures he was "in over his head."

A day after sheriff's deputies with high-powered rifles killed nearly 50 animals set free by Terry Thompson, the sheriff refused to speculate why he did it.

However, court records show that he and his wife owed at least \$68,000 in unpaid taxes to the IRS and the county, and he had two federal tax liens filed against him last year. He had just gotten out of federal prison

LIBYA

(AP) – Moammar Gadhafi, Libya's dictator for 42 years until he was ousted in an uprising-turned-civil war, was killed Thursday as revolutionary fighters overwhelmed his hometown of Sirte and captured the last major bastion of resistance two months after his regime fell.

The 69-year-old Gadhafi is the first leader to be killed in the Arab Spring wave of popular uprisings that swept the Middle East, demanding the end of autocratic rulers and the establishment of greater democracy.

Interim government officials said one of Gadhafi's sons, his former national security adviser Muattassim, also was killed in Sirte, and another, one-time heir apparent Seif al-Islam, was wounded and captured.

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