



Goodale volunteers for opening

State representative joins group seeking appointment to take Brotherton's spot

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KINGMAN – Arizona Rep. Doris Goodale, R-Kingman, announced Wednesday she will not run again this fall for her state seat and instead has asked to be appointed as a short-term replacement for Mohave County Supervisor Joy Brotherton, who died May 19 after fighting a serious blood infection. Goodale, who lives in District 4, said she was not able to get the required

number of registered voter signatures in time to file for reelection because of intense rehabilitation efforts after suffering a stroke Sept. 21 while eating lunch with her sister in Las Vegas. The deadline was 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Mohave County Elections Department. "My priority is rehabili-



DORIS GOODALE

tating myself to be able to return to the Legislature at some point," said Goodale. "I didn't go out and campaign because I was focused on getting better. In the meantime, I love Mohave County and Arizona, and I feel that serving as a supervisor would be perfect for me right now." Goodale took office in 2008, and her term expires Dec. 31. She would be eligible to run again for state representative in 2016. Goodale, who is in

Phoenix participating in a special session of the Legislature and hopes to be home by this weekend, said she plans to remain in office until the end of the year. Goodale joined a list of four other District 4 residents seeking nomination by the Mohave County Board of Supervisors to temporarily fill the seat vacated by Brotherton's death. The person selected would serve until Nov. 4, when the general election takes place.

Decision may come Monday

The Mohave County Board of Supervisors will consider nominating a temporary replacement for Supervisor Joy Brotherton at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Mohave County Administration Building auditorium, 700 W. Beale St. Potential candidates for nomination have until then to submit letters of interest to the board for the seat.

Those seeking nomination by the board were Jean Bishop, Bob Boyd, Curtis Cutshaw and Ted Roper. Boyd, Cutshaw and Roper unsuccessfully ran for the office in 2011. The district includes west

Kingman, Golden Valley, Oatman, Chloride, Dolan Springs, Meadview and White Hills. Nine candidates for the two-year remainder of Brotherton's term filed **See SEAT, 3**

I Shall Return



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Nathan Byrne portrays General Douglas MacArthur recently when Hualapai Elementary School held a "Night of the Notables." Third grade students chose an eminent person in history and dressed as that person. They answered questions from other "notables" and attending adults as their chosen historical figure might have answered them. The questioners tried to guess their identity, which was revealed at the end of the event. One MacArthur quote: "Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons."

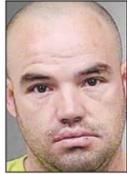
Loader trial on to jury

Sanity question hangs heavy in case of murder, dismemberment

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KINGMAN – A Mohave County jury began deliberating the fate of accused murderer George Allen Loader this morning after closing arguments were held Wednesday afternoon.

The questions they have to answer are many, but the case essentially depends on which expert witness is more credible: Dr. Ernest Harman, a psychiatrist who testified for the state or Dr. Richard Lanham, a psychologist who testified for the defense.



GEORGE LOADER

Loader is accused of shooting John Oppenheim in the neck with a shotgun on the evening of Nov. 21, 2011, killing him. Loader then decapitated Oppenheim and dismembered his body, enlisted the help of his girlfriend to clean up the mess and went to bed. The next day, he placed the remains in a chest of drawers, loaded the chest into a family van and drove to a dirt bike track off of Bank Street at least six miles north of the Butler area.

Loader told his sister what happened. When she drove to where he said he set fire to Oppenheim's remains to confirm the story, she called police.

Loader's defense was that Oppenheim's death **See JURY, 3**

7 arrested at holiday river checkpoint

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KINGMAN – Seven of 160 watercraft operators stopped at a checkpoint at Katherine Landing in Bullhead City over Memorial Day weekend were arrested for operating under the influence.

Nearly 30 percent of the 160 operators had been drinking.

Five of the seven were arrested for being over the legal blood-alcohol content limit of 0.08 and two were arrested for OUI drugs. One of the alcohol-related OUIs was classified as extreme, with the operator reportedly exceeding a blood-alcohol content of 0.15.

While the number of operators arrested was relatively low, 45 of the

160 stopped had consumed alcohol, noted Game and Fish supervisor Velma Holt-Buhr, who said boaters needed to be responsible on the water.

"That's close to 30 percent of watercraft operators having consumed some alcohol," said Holt-Buhr, who is based at the Game and Fish Region 3 office in Kingman. "It would be nice to see more people designating a sober operator before taking to the water."

Agents and officers with Game and Fish, along with the Nevada Division of Wildlife, National Park Service and Kingman Police Department, also performed safety inspections at the checkpoint.

The two most common violations were the lack **See OUI, 3**

TUCSON MAN MURDERED IN MEXICO

(AP) – The U.S. Consulate General in Nogales, Mexico, has reissued travel warnings after an American citizen was murdered there last weekend. Citing multiple and ongoing credible threats, the Consulate General on Tuesday repeated warnings against unnecessary travel in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico and surrounding areas. The Consulate first issued a public caution on Sunday, one day before a Tucson man was murdered in Nogales.

A spokeswoman said the U.S. Department of State was aware of the death of an American citizen in Mexico over the weekend and said officials were working with Mexican authorities on the case. Mexican media have identified the man as 25-year-old Jorge Luis Soto of Tucson.

THE NINE-POUND STEAK DINNER

(AP) – A Nebraska woman celebrated breaking a Texas steakhouse's speed record for eating a 4½-pound slab of beef by polishing off another one.

The Amarillo Globe-News and the Big Texan Steak Ranch's Twitter page say that competitive eater Molly Schuyler finished her first steak in 4 minutes and 58 seconds. The previous record was 8 minutes and 52 seconds.

The 5-foot-7, 125-pound mother from Bellevue, Neb., ate her second 4½-pound steak in 9 minutes and 59 seconds.

The restaurant foots the bill for anyone who can eat one of the steaks, a baked potato, shrimp, a salad and bread roll in under an hour, so Schuyler ate those side dishes as well.

OH DEER, THE VAN'S BEEN TOTALED

(AP) – A suburban Chicago woman is grateful her family is safe after a 200 pound deer leapt from an overpass, landing on their minivan as it traveled along an Illinois interstate.

Heidi Conner said the doe came to rest in the middle of the West Dundee family's Chevy on Sunday. She and her four children were traveling about 70 mph on the Jane Addams Tollway. She says the accident was bizarre, adding "nobody can believe this deer fell from the sky."

Illinois State Police say witnesses reported seeing the deer jump from an overpass. Conner says the crash totaled the van and caused minor injuries, but says the way the deer landed on the vehicle was "a miracle in itself." Police say the animal died.