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In the biggest power shift since 1948, the GOP/Tea Party wrested 64 House seats away from the Socialists (Dems) & now holds a strong majority in the House: more 240 members, well over the 220 needed to carry a vote. In the Senate, Republicans hold 47 seats, reflecting 6 GOP/Tea Party gains: AR, IL, IN, ND, PA, & WI. The Socialist Party (Dems) maintain their iron death-grip on 53 seats Senate seats.

The Tea Party, the grass-roots coalition of well-educated Patriots, conservatives, & libertarians which spontaneously appeared on the national scene within the last two years, calls for the restoration of the guiding principles of the Constitution & the downsizing of gov't, including tax cuts, repeal of Obongo-care, & an audit of the federal reserve. Tea Party statesmen such as Rand Paul (KY), Michele Bachmann (MN), Marco Rubio (FL), & Jim DeMint (SC) are rising stars & at least one of them (DeMint or Rubio) is sure to be a presidential contender in 2012.

**The Jackalope says:**  
"The Socialists (Dem-Tyrants) want US to give Obongo time.  
*Excellent idea:*  
25-to-life would be appropriate."

Conservative governors such as our own brave, beloved Jan Brewer, Chris Christie (NJ) plus newly-elected Tea Party gov's including

**Now that the dust has settled** Susana Martinez (NM), Sam Brownback (KS), John Kasich (OH), Tom Corbett (PA), Nikki Haley (SC), & Paul LePage (ME) will constitute a formidable contingent on the national scene. These Tea Party gov's have promised to work together to undo Obongocare, to roll back abortion, to restrict illegal immigration, & to advance states' rights as called for under the 10th Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

**To Progressive Dems, whose goal is to make US a totalitarian state within a world gov't, our US Constitution, that divinely-inspired contract under which we live, is no better than a pile of used Pampers.**

The Framers of the Constitution intended the States to stand between US & the feds, protecting US from tyranny, such as we have seen in the on-going SB 1070 fight. Remember

last year when Speaker Nancy Pelosi was asked "Where in the Constitution, is the federal gov't given the right to force people to purchase medical insurance?" Pelosi laughed in the man's face & said: "You've got to be kidding!"

Thanks to socialists' (Dem-Tyrants') blind arrogance, the blatant America-hating actions of our illegal alien fake POTUS, & the vitality of the decent American people comprising the Tea Party, the run-away train called Obongo Socialism has been de-railed.

The GOP now has a majority. But remember: the GOP is a big tent, including not only Patriots & Tea Party members but also die-hard RINOS & progressive Republicans.

It's up to US Patriots to hold their feet to the fire & insist that they vote the *right* way!

There's something new along Old 80: a little sign reading *JBS Five Rivers*. This CO company has operated the Yuma Feedlot since 1987 ... if you're having trouble placing the Yuma Feedlot, it's because that feedlot is located in Yuma County, CO. Five River's corporate HQ is in Greeley, CO, where Warren H. Monfort starting farming more than 80 years ago. JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding has more than 650 employees in more than a dozen feedlots spread out across the great states of CO, NM, TX, OK, KS, ID, WI, OH, & now Yuma County, AZ.

**The  
McElhaney's  
sign is gone**

**Sushi on  
the Hoof**

Tark Rush of Hyder has been engaged in aquaculture for decades.

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AZ Game & Fish is offering reward money for info leading to the arrest of those responsible for two recent cases involving the illegal introduction of exotic fish into Yuma canals.

Recently adult peacock bass were found in a canal near Yuma. Peacock bass, a fast-growing exotic fish species, can out-compete other established game fish species, plus import new diseases & parasites into our waterways.

The second case involves a 32" shark of unknown species but similar to a lemon shark. Some sharks are able to survive in both fresh & salt

water & can pose a serious public safety threat & a threat to other established fish populations. This shark was found dead in the Yuma West Main Canal near 1st St. and 14th Ave. on 20 Nov. 2010. Although still uncertain whether the shark had been put in the canal alive, biologists from AZ Game & Fish believe that the shark was caught in either San Diego or Mexico and transported to Yuma, then placed in the canal.

Sharks, both freshwater and saltwater, are restricted live wildlife in Arizona & possessing, transporting, or stocking them in AZ waters is illegal. Officer Myers states, "Anyone with information on either of these cases is encouraged to contact the hotline toll-free at (800) 352-0700 or report online at [www.azgfd.gov/ogt/shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/ogt/shtml).

**Frustrated that the “little white ball” will not go further down the fairway?**

Attempting to make the changes that your golfing buddies offer week to week? Step back, catch your breath, & analyze your game. Trying to work on 3 different aspects of your game at the same time

**Are you constantly searching for the magic to improve your ball striking? Pro John Baas offers some golf tips**

& expecting marked improvement will not happen. Find the one area that needs the most work & start there with the help of your PGA professional. Let’s now cover some of what I see are the most common mistakes.

**PUTTING...** So you can’t make it from 5 to 10 feet on a regular basis? The

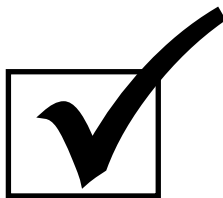
tour average is only 55% at this distance. Problem noticed is that the putter face thru impact moves in all directions 3 inches past the point of impact. Solution is to focus on keeping the putter face square to your target line until the ball gets to the cup — do not shove the face at the cup — think “target line” while allowing the right hand to release. Work hard to control the putter face thru impact & not allow it to “fly” all over the place. Tour average is 29 putts per round Where do you stand?

**SAND PLAY...** so you don’t get it up and down every time? Well, the sand save

average on tour is 48%, & they practice more efficiently than you do! Let’s begin by opening the clubface at address where the heel of the clubhead is closest to the ball & the toe of the face is lying wide open. Develop a path with the shaft that does not allow for the face to rotate close thru impact. Name of the sand game is “GET IT OUT.” Your fault is the clubface is not open enough at address to allow for the effective bounce of your sandwedge to slide under the ball, & you are trying to get too close to the hole instead of “on the green.”

**FAIRWAYS & GREENS...** the tour average for 2006 is 8 out of 14 fairways and 12 greens hit per round. You need more control over your game & a little more distance! Your buddies say “keep your head down, eye on the ball, don’t look up, I will watch it for you” & you still get lousy results. Maybe you are after the wrong correction. Does the shaft feel loose & out of control at the top of your swing? Let’s begin

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by checking your grip to see if you are letting go at the top. This loss of grip pressure will allow the shaft to dip way past parallel & the grip will rotate in your hands without you feeling it, causing the clubface to return at impact ineffectively. If this is you, take a tee & place at the butt end of your

club, then allow your top hand to secure the tee thru-out the swing, allowing for more control and effective ball striking.

**CHECKPOINT**... does your glove wear a hole in the top pad of your hand? Classic "milking the grip" leads to the inconsistency you are trying so hard to correct.

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Documents filed in May in federal court in San Antonio show an indictment against Ahmed Muhammad Dhakane, charged with smuggling hundreds of people, including 300 Somalis from the terrorist group Al Shabob, from Brazil, to Mexico, then into the U.S. Terrorism experts quoted in the federal indictment say the group is responsible for terrorist attacks and suicide bombings worldwide. "To this day we do not know where those 300 Somalis are," said Rep. Michael McCaul (R - TX). "All we know for sure is that they are still in the US."

While Obongo's fraudulent administration sues AZ because we want border security & Janet "No-Profile" Totalitariano has her men frisking babies & nuns in airports, Islamic terrorists simply walk across our broken border. Now don't you feel safe?

The Jackalope says: "Obongo & the Marxists in his illegitimate administration are trying to treat US like a bunch of mushrooms: keep US in the dark and feed us a bunch of BS." A Chinese Jin-class submarine-launched ballistic missile rent the evening rush-hour sky west of LA on 8 Nov. Clearly visible to a million onlookers more than 30 miles away - and countless millions more who watched the KCBS news-clips again & again on you-tube - the spectacle was immediately IDd by the gov't as merely an "optical illusion" or "jet contrail." This, despite the fact that the plume pillared vertically out of the Pacific & the FAA verified that no aircraft were flying in the area at that time. Retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Jim Cash stated: "There is absolutely no doubt that what was captured on video off the coast of California was a missile launch, was clearly observed by NORAD, assessed by a four-star general in minutes, and passed to the president immediately." The Reds were sending a message. No wonder Obongo chain-smokes & spends all his time watching ESPN: nothing in his vacuous resume has prepared him for dealing with the big boys. Now don't you feel safe?

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The Jackalope met with Warren Beddall recently

**Warren Beddall, the founder of Precious Pets, is a big man with a big heart**

at Bubba's. Over coffee, in his Australian accent which has not changed even though he has lived in America for 25 years, the blue-eyed

### Precious Pets

man who looks like a Viking told of his commitment to serving pet owners who have lost their adored animals: Precious Pets offers a unique service: pet cremation

"How did you happen to come to America?" the Jackalope asked.

"I came here on vacation & never left. That was in 1986. I had wanted to come to America since 1957 when we got our first tv & I watched my first American cartoons."

"Before you started Precious Pets, what kind of work did you do?"

"Tile-setting, construction, long-distance truck driving."

"How did you happen to start such an unusual business?"

"I was standing in line at a checkout counter behind a woman whose dog had recently died. I love animals & I felt so sorry for the lady when I overheard her talking about how it took three weeks to get her pet's ashes back from Phoenix. And when she mentioned the cost, I was shocked! I

knew that pet cremation should not cost that much. I thought it was wrong to charge so much for a necessary service. I decided to offer this service at a low cost."

"You mean that Yuma vets send deceased animals to Phoenix to be cremated?"

"Yes, Phoenix ... & the turn-around is about three weeks. The grieving owners are in limbo all that time, waiting to receive their pet's ashes. I do the procedure here. And I treat the animals, both before

& after the cremation, with respect. I go to the home & pick up the body. Those pets were

beloved members of people's families & they deserve to be handled with respect. A few days later, I deliver a hand-carved hardwood box containing the ashes."

**The death of a pet is a sad thing, but inevitable**

"You pick up the body & deliver the hardwood box of ashes. Does your service cost more than the Phoenix service?"

Warren shook his head. "No, it's quite a bit less. I agree with Dr. DioGuardi, the vet at Foothills Animal Hospital, who said: 'We love animals. We're not in the business of profiting off the death of a pet.'"

"Was it a lot of paperwork & jumping thru hoops, getting your business set up?"

Warren nodded. "Inspections, documents, lots of paperwork & background checks. State, County, City. But that's all right. It's for the protection of the public: keeps out the flakey fly-by-nights."

Warren Beddall is not a fly-by-night-type. He's big as a bear and steady as a rock. His unusual business, Precious Pets, is a service which helps ease the pain of a sad transition.

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# Hall of Birds

Bird Notes by Jan Hall

## Turkey Vulture

Also known as "buzzards," these big birds are a common sight hereabouts. Soaring on wind currents, these birds might appear to be majestic from afar but, up close, you would see a small, bald, rather ugly red head. Get



close enough, & you might hear one hiss, which is what they do when they feel threatened (usually, they are silent). Small animals and birds are not afraid of these vultures as they will not be looking for live prey. Scavengers, they eat carrion (such as roadkill), finding food by smell. If you look very carefully you might spot a grey-headed Black Vulture among the Turkey Vultures.

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At the end of 1974, when, in freezing weather, large numbers of rodents suddenly swarmed out of their burrows, & snakes came out of hibernation & froze on the earth's surface, a series of earthquakes soon followed. Over the next couple of months, animals were unusually restless & agitated — goats, horses, & mules refused to go into pens, cattle sought higher ground, chickens dashed out of coops in the middle of the night, pigs squealed strangely, cats & dogs picked up their offspring

## Animals Sense Earthquakes

Did you notice the unusual number of dead coyotes by the freeway last April?

One woman in KY reported that her pet rabbits stopped running around the house, stopped playing, & thumped their hind legs for an hour straight -- then an earthquake struck.

& carried them outdoors, fish darted about aimlessly in the waters, birds left nests, & insects congregated in huge swarms — which unusual behavior alerted the authorities to expect an earthquake. It struck on 4 Feb 1975: a magnitude 7.3 earthquake. Because of the forewarning, loss of human life was minimized.

How do animals know that an earthquake is coming? Theories include changes in the magnetic field of the earth or bio-electric changes at the cellular level ... but no one knows for sure.

This last April, before the big earthquake which caused so much damage to buildings just south of the border, the Jackalope noticed an increase in roadkill: for several weeks, every trip to Yuma showed a coyote or two dead on the side of the 8.

Were the coyotes agitated by the imminent earthquake & did that feeling compel them to rush to their doom on the fatal freeway?

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Thanks to Linda's expert first aid, the fingers were saved.

Linda has served Tacna since 2005; Indy, the tabby, has served 2 years. On the job 24/7, this mighty hunter keeps the premises free of big waterbugs,

rodents, reptiles, vinegaroons, & scorpions.

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Next March will mark Linda's 25th anniversary with the Postal Service. We are fortunate that she opted to take a substantial grade-reduction in order to serve here. A farmgirl from PA, Linda appreciates our beautiful Mohawk Valley, & we appreciate her!

Q: What's the difference between Obongo & his dog Bo?  
A: Bo has papers.

# PIZZA

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### Mohawk Valley School Budget Increase Voted Down

Of the 307 votes cast on Mohawk Valley School's proposed budget over-ride, 66% were *against* the tax increase: **104 yeas, 203 nays**. Principal Rutan is looking at the idea of stretching the budget (which is \$100,000 in the red) by combining two grades under one teacher. As the current student/teacher ratio is about 15:1 (160 students, 11 teachers), that option sounds pretty good: the idea that smaller class size makes for better learning is an unproven theory.

**On the other side of the Mohawk Mtns is Dateland Elementary**, the only school in the Hyder School District. Dateland School has 133 students. An astounding 36 of Dateland's 133 students live in Tacna & should by rights attend Mohawk Valley School.

Instead, twice a day, a bus makes the 55-mile roundtrip between Dateland & Tacna, ferrying these 36 students who chose Dateland over Mohawk. It's not surprising that Mr Luna, who disliked our beautiful Mohawk Valley so much that he would

not  
lower  
him-

The State of AZ pays schools \$3K per student. Mohawk is \$100K in the red while 36 Mohawk students attend Dateland. You do the math

self to live here, drove dozens of students out of his district & into another. The Jackalope wonders *why* Mohawk's School Board & District officers allowed this outrageous situation to develop? Mr. Luna's incompetence was well-known for years.

The Jackalope hopes those involved start taking their School Board responsibilities more seriously ... or get out of the way & let others do it.

Earlier this year, former Principal Luna, who disliked our beautiful Mohawk Valley so much that he refused to live here, preferring to commute from his home in distant Phoenix, left his position precipitously & apparently under a dark cloud. Before he resigned or was otherwise removed, Mr. Luna complained that, without an influx of funds, Mohawk would not be able to buy new math books & that using the old math textbooks put his students "at risk."

The Jackalope wonders if arithmetic has changed all that much of late ... at least with the old-fashioned textbooks from the 1960s, kids learned how to make change. Nowadays, the under-30s need a cash register to tell them how many nickles & dimes to give back. Would the new books Mr. Luna craved teach the kids how to make change from a dollar?

### Why did Principal Luna leave?

Was it out of shame because he hired special-ed teacher, Clyde Imhoff III, whose hobby was collecting child pornography documenting the rapes of pre-schoolers? Imhoff used to view his collection on his work computer ... on work time.

Was it because Mr. Luna's vast ignorance finally became too embarrassing for even his employers to overlook? In April, shortly before he disappeared from the scene, Mr. Luna told the *Yuma Daily Sun*: "The Roman Empire failed because they stopped educating their citizens."

Earth to Luna: *The Romans never had a public school system & the educational system they did have worked very well for a thousand years ... until the barbarians invaded.*

Is Mr. Luna really as dumb as he sounds -- or is he really very clever? Mr. Luna has been described (by a former employer, someone who knows his qualifications) as very *good with budgets, good at business*. If that is true, **why is Mohawk Valley School deep in the red?**

Would Alfredo Luna, the bean counter, be willing to explain to US where the money *really* went? People who work at Mohawk Valley School talk privately, off the record, about the terrible waste which went on under the incompetent (or criminal) Mr. Luna's watch ...

Mr. Rutan has stepped into a big mess & he will have to make tough decisions to set things right. We wish him the best of luck in his new position as Principal of Mohawk Valley School.

Dem-Tyrants love democracy as long as the masses (that's US) obediently vote for the

### Destruction of America

**Prop. 8, 2010.** 70% of CA voters said: Marriage is between a man & a woman ... & an openly homosexual Marxist judge immediately blocked the new law.

**SB 1070, 2010.** 70% of AZ voters said: Illegal aliens are here *illegally* & Arizona law enforcement should not wink at that ... & a Marxist Clinton-appointee judge immediately blocked the new law.

**Prop. 755, 2010.** 70% of OK voters said: OK judges should consider only state & federal laws when deciding cases & must not apply international law or *Sharia law* ... & an America-hating Marxist Clinton-appointee judge immediately blocked the new law.



Maybe an America-hating Marxist judge will make Imam Obama's dreams come true: crown the Muslim usurper *King of the Universe* & order US to kiss his Kenyan ankles.

**Imam Obama refuses to identify our enemies: the Muslims who are determined to destroy US.** Obongo deliberately punishes US, humiliating US by probing & scanning US so as to please the very people who hate us, our liberties, & our culture. If Americans continue to tolerate this rape of our 4th & 14th Amendments, soon we won't be able to enter a sports arena, a shopping mall, or a parking structure without passing thru an x-ray scanner checkpoint. Would a Muslim allow his 4 wives & kids to be treated like this? **Imam Obama is laughing at US.**

**Obongo-lovers claim that the story of Jesus' nativity is myth & the story of Obongo's nativity is gospel.**

**"Obongo's overseas trip has been such a disaster that people in Kenya now claim that he has an American birth certificate.**

Days before the election, the 9th Circus struck down Prop 200 (2004), ruling that Arizona does not have a right to require proof of identity in order to vote. The Court believes that, if someone *swears* he is a legal resident & eligible to vote, then *that's good enough*. 20 million illegals could have voted last month, with the Court's full blessing. Voter fraud in Somerton is so outrageous that the State Attorney is investigating. But voter fraud always works to Raul "Boycott Arizona" Grijalva's benefit & is part of the reason for this America-hating Marxist's victory.

## Wellton Crime Blotter

By David J. Rodriguez  
Police Corporal

Since June of this year, we have been getting quite a few burglaries at our RV Parks. We conducted a search warrant and recovered some stolen items & two subjects were arrested. A witness did see a male approximately 6' tall, wearing black clothing, running through the RV park.

Wellton Police Department encourages anybody to call 911 or 928-785-4700 to report any suspicious activity or vehicles driving through. Below, the stats for the month of October 2010.

RADIO CALLS (Dispatched): 80  
ON VIEW-OFFICER INITIATED CALLS: 278  
FELONY CALLS: 12  
MISDEMEANOR CALLS: 28  
REPORTS TAKEN: 82  
ARRESTS MADE: 19  
TRAFFIC STOPS (Warning issued): 25  
TRAFFIC STOPS (Citation issued): 5

“A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight & nothing he cares about more than his own personal safety is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.” John Stuart Mill

Q: What's the difference between Obongo's Presidential Cabinet & a federal pen? A: One is filled with tax evaders, blackmailers, & threats to society. The other is for housing convicts.

## Bright Idea!

Tacna craftsman creates unique lamps of cholla inlaid with semi-precious stones such as chrysocolla. Only very limited number of these charming lamps are available. Contact this reclusive craftsman, a grizzled old rockhound, thru the Jackalope.



In 2009, Imam Obama gave over one billion dollars to Palestine, a gift which was okayed by the Dem House of Reps. The gov't of Palestine is Hamas, a terrorist org which is outspoken in its **plans to annihilate Israel.**

In other words, Imam Obama, Pelosi, Grijalva, & other pro-terrorist Dems conspired to give over one billion tax dollars - your money - to Hamas. Did you get a COLA increase in 2009? No, but PBS, NPR, NEA (the National Endowment for Arts) all received handsome subsidies which they put to good use producing anti-American programming and "art." To NEA, crucifix or a Bible in a toilet is **art** but a Koran in a toilet is **hate speech.**

Under Obongo-care, you will be forced to purchase medical coverage or be nailed by the IRS. If you are a small business owner, you will be forced to provide medical coverage to your employees or face a **\$2,000 fine per employee.**

But Imam Obama, who is so generous with your money, made sure that his fellow **Muslims are exempted** from purchasing medical insurance: Islam considers insurance a form of gambling, which is forbidden. So the **millions of Muslims** which live in America get free medical coverage. Oh yes: Imam Obama has admitted an **extra** million of his fellow Muslims this year; they are on the **fast-track to citizenship.** Won't be long 'til there's a mosque in the Foothills.

Funny thing: Mormons get a bum rap because of polygamy, but in the US, it's okay for a Muslim to have a whole harem of wives. Under Attorney General Eric Holder, the law of the land, **polygamy laws,** are **not enforced against Muslims.** *Why?* Imam Obama says **enforcing the law would be insensitive to their culture.**

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The seasoned citizen entered the Tacna PO & took his regular seat, carefully lowering himself onto the chair, where he often shifted, not fidgeting, just trying to find a less painful position.

The seasoned citizen entered into conversation with the talkative Jackalope & the subject turned to scorpions.

*Jackalope:* My cats are working overtime, hunting scorpions.

*Citizen:* You ought to be hunting them. Catch 'em & sell 'em. I used to do that. I'd go out with a blacklight after a light rain, see 'em all over the ground. They glow. One night, I seen hundreds of 'em near the canal bridge over by County 42nd, 43rd.

*Jackalope:* Who would want to buy a scorpion? I very much doubt they make good pets.

*Citizen:* Lots of people. It was a fad. Like pet rocks. I had a friend

Just grab 'em  
right behind  
the stinger

used to encase them in plastic. I once helped him pack up a shipment of 500 scorpions in plastic, sent 'em to Italy.

*Jackalope:* How did you manage to catch 500 scorpions? Did you scoop 'em up with a net?

*Citizen:* No ... just pick 'em up right behind the stinger. They can't sting you if you grab 'em there. Anyway, except for little bark scorpions, they don't hurt any more than a bee sting. I always left *them* alone. But the big scorpions, they won't hurt you.

*Jackalope (horrified):* You picked up big scorpions with your bare hands?

*Citizen (nodding nonchalantly):* You just grab 'em right behind the stinger.

*Jackalope (shuddering):* Uggh. I couldn't do that!

The seasoned citizen smiled tolerantly.

*Citizen:* Well ... I guess you could try picking 'em up with a spatula.

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## Scorpions!

When Cindy who works at the at the Tacna PO found a few little scorpions in her back yard, she brought in some geese. The geese do a good job of keeping the area scorpion-free. Greg at RDO mentioned that he killed 3 scorpions in his trailer (& a sidewinder) in the last month; he's heard that guinea fowl eat scorpions and that a farmer in Dome Valley raises guineas.

The Jackalope did a little reading & learned that peacocks & geckos, as well as cats, chickens, geese, & guineas, go for scorpions.

## Snakes!

Benito at the Tacna Dump killed a rattlesnake the first weekend in November. It was hiding under a small pile of yard trash which had spilled over the side of the big metal bin. Benito told the Jackalope that, normally, he scoops up brushy spills in his arms (he wears gloves) but for some reason, *this time*, he went & got a pitchfork to move the pile. God & the angels were watching out for Benito! The uncovered rattler coiled & struck but Benito was far enough back that it missed. Benito lost no time in dispatching the serpent to the Happy Hissing Grounds.

You don't have to go to Dateland for a date shake. Angela of Gonzo's Tacna Market & Country Kitchen uses the original recipe created at Martha's Garden, the date grove in Yuma, where she learned to make date shakes. Angela uses real ice cream (not the semi-liquid mixture that you find elsewhere) a little skim milk, and date paste. That's it!

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William & Mary Lou Holoboff (of Wellton & Granite, OR) have been working on the latest Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society project, constructing water-capture tanks for the big critters. (ADBSS works with state and federal agencies responsible for the management of desert bighorn sheep habitat.) When rivers are dry & there has been no rain for months or years, bighorn sheep have no place to drink. The big critters can't cross canals or water themselves at those sources so volunteers like the Holoboffs lend them a hand. More than 60 of these volunteer-constructed tanks dot the map of AZ, including tanks in the Mohawk & Copper Mtns. Good job!

Dear Jackalope: I came home from work late one night & let the dogs in. A scorpion was riding on the back of one

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The Jackalope**

of the dogs and, when I patted him, the scorpion stung me. I was all by myself and I got so sick, I thought I was going to die. Come to find out, our wood pile was infested with little wood scorpions (what you call "bark" scorpions), 20 or 30 of them, swarming like ants. Louise

Dear Jackalope: The other day, I went to put my hand on a doorknob &, at the last second, saw a great big golden ranger spider sitting on it. I jerked my hand back & screamed! My mom laughed. It was funny. Cassie

Dear Jackalope: Reading your story about scorpions reminded me of the time a great big yellow scorpion ran across the room & I screamed like a little girl. My kids still laugh about it. Aaron

Dear Jackalope: I enjoyed reading Jan Hall's article about grackles.

I now know that grackles are the black birds that flock around the pool & patio at my mother's condo in Yuma.

A few weeks ago, one of the grackles fell in the pool & couldn't get out. He flopped & struggled & squawked &, amazingly, the rest of the flock flew in excited circles over the pool, all loudly "grackling" (my word for the cackling racket they make). I think the grackles were frantic because they wanted to rescue the drowning fellow. Never would I have imagined that birds would act like this! Sherry

Dear Jackalope: Your story about scorpions brought this memory to mind.

When I was a kid, I had a little pet scorpion, about 2" long. I used to let it crawl on me, & it never tried to sting me. I took it to school to identify it. Carried it in my pocket in a babyfood jar. Found out it was a highly toxic southwestern variety: one of your bark scorpions. How it got to Missouri, I'll never know.

Somehow, the little bark scorpion got out of my jar & hid in my clothes. When I took my shirt off at home, it stung my shoulder a couple times. Its venom was some kind of nerve toxin. I had sharp pains in my shoulder & arms for a couple days, but it wasn't serious or anything & I still like scorpions: they eat spiders & I hate spiders....

By the way, most American varieties of scorpion can give a nasty sting but aren't usually deadly unless you are allergic. If you get stung by one, resist smashing it. Instead use something to catch it because if you go into toxic shock, the ER will need to identify the particular scorpion to know what anti-toxin to give you. Steve

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The weather has turned cold! The Jackalope is aware that 55°F might not seem cold to our visitors from Canada or Montana but, remembering those recent six weeks of 115°F weather, it sure feels cold! Here are two fabulous slow-cooking recipes which will warm up your home & your insides. Ladies: send your favorite recipes to [editor.of.the.jackalope@gmail.com](mailto:editor.of.the.jackalope@gmail.com)

Dear Jackalope, here is a good Baked Apple Butter recipe. I taste the mixture every couple of hours while it is cooking & adjust the seasonings as required. It cooks down so the finished butter is spicier than at the beginning. Esther Morrow

5 qts apple puree (8 qts of apples, quartered & cored, cooked, & put through collander)	3 tsp cinnamon ... & ... 2+ tsp allspice ... & ...1/2 tsp cloves ... & ...1/4 tsp salt
2 cups apple cider	BLEND spices with 1 cup of the sugar before adding to apple puree.
1/4 to 1/2 cup cider vinegar (depending on tartness of apples)	BAKE in a slow oven for 8 hours, stirring every half-hour.
6 cups granulated sugar	
1/2 cup brown sugar	After baking, seal in hot, sterilized pint jars.

Dear Jackalope, our favorite soup recipe began as Habeeb Salloum's Harira Soup recipe printed in *Countryside Magazine* but changed a lot over the years, due in part to the fact that, although I love recipes. I do a lot of dump-cooking: I just hate waste, so I try to use what I have. This particular recipe stopped changing so much once we hit upon a combination that really revved up our engines. It had been a dump session &, after supper, my husband made sure I wrote down what had gone into it. Now I try to keep the ingredients on hand to be able to keep it as true to that version. Helen Dallman

COOK In 6 qt crockpot on <i>high</i> until simmering well, then <i>low</i> for at least 5 more hours:	2 medium garden tomatoes, chopped
4 Tbsp butter	1/2 cup each: dry lentils; & dry, whole barley (instead of pearled)
2 lbs. ground elk, or chopped elk of any cut, browned in a little vinegar and a few pinches each of pepper, paprika, salt, and cumin	2 handfuls dry pasta noodles (whole wheat)
1 small can (4 oz) mild green chiles	2 to 2&1/2 quarts natural chicken or beef stock (instead of just broth; stock is made with bones)
1 can (15 oz) cooked garbanzo beans -- <i>not with preservatives other than salt</i>	1 tsp each of the following: pure sea salt (without additives); ginger (freshly crushed, or powder); paprika; black pepper; oregano; & cumin
1 can tomato sauce -- <i>not with preservatives other than salt</i>	1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
1 onion, chopped & 4 cloves garlic, crushed	1 lemon, juiced (4 Tbsp lemon juice)

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