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US lawmakers skeptical grocery merger will mean lower prices

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Business Writer

U.S. senators from both parties expressed skepticism Tuesday that a proposed merger between grocery giants Kroger and Albertsons would result in lower prices for consumers.

"Fewer local options mean less competition to keep prices low," said Sen. Alex Padilla, a California Democrat, in a hearing before the antitrust subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Padilla said Kroger and Albertsons compete in many California cities.

But the CEOs of Kroger and Albertsons insisted there will still be competition, and said a merger will help them counter growing rivals like Walmart, Costco and Amazon.

Kroger CEO Rodney Mc-Mullen said the days of shoppers buying all their groceries at one store once a week are gone. Shoppers often get their groceries at five or six different locations, he said.

"I just don't see less competition going forward," McMullen said. "It's easy for customers to take a left turn or a right turn."

Kroger announced its plan to acquire Albertsons for \$20 billion in mid-October. Together, the companies would control about 13% of the U.S. grocery market. If it's approved by U.S. antitrust regulators, the deal is expected to close in early 2024.

Sen. Mike Lee, a Utah Republican, noted the subcommittee would have little say in whether the merger will go through. That will be a decision for the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department. But he said the hearing was an important opportunity for the public to understand a merger that could impact their lives.

Lee needled Kroger for approving a \$1 billion stock buyback last year even as food prices were jumping

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Freeport awards \$150,000 grant to Gila Community College



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On Nov. 28, the Freeport McMo-Ran Foundation presented Gila Community College with a \$150,000 grant that will help to upgrade programs, equipment and the facility at the college's Miami Regional Training Center. The college is working to improve its advanced manufacturing/fixed plant, welding and HVAC programs by adding state-of-the-art equipment

and technology, providing students with up-to-date skills that lead to local employment in high-wage, high-demand fields.

Pictured: Robin Bradford, of Freeport McMoRan (front row, center), presents the grant check to Gila Community College Interim President Dr. Janice Lawhorn; to their right is Gila Pueblo Campus Associate Director Andrea Renon. In the back row, from left, are GCC welding instructors Ernie Baca and John Freeman; GCC Governing Board Vice President Sam Moorhead; Larry Giannotti, of Freeport McMoRan; GCC Governing Board Treasurer Kurt Knauss; and GCC Governing Board President Jan Brocker.

Home lighting contests underway

The annual "Holiday Home Lighting Contests" are underway for Town of Miami & Claypool residents. The most Beautiful, Original or Holiday Themed will be awarded cash prizes. Our "Secret Judges" from Miami Genesis will be cruising the neighborhoods.

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for consumers. Lee said U.S. households paid an average of \$110 more for food in October than they did a year ago.

"If Kroger wasn't passing on savings to consumers when it was competing with Albertsons, then why would we think it would

pass on savings after it eliminates competition?" he said.

But McMullen Kroger has lowered prices

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after other mergers, like its 2013 acquisition of Harris Teeter.

"From a business standpoint, that is our commitment," he said.

McMullen reiterated Kroger's plan to spend \$500 million reducing prices, \$1.3 billion updating Albertsons stores and \$1 billion on higher employee wages and improved benefits if the merger goes through.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota Democrat. asked about the timeframe for that spending and wondered who would make sure the company met its commitments. McMullen said those investments would be spread over four vears.

Others peppered the companies with questions about potential store closures or employee layoffs. Kroger and Albertsons have said they will sell or spin off up to 375 Albertsons stores in markets where they currently compete.

"The intent is not to close stores. The intent is to divest stores," Albertsons President and CEO Vivek Sankaran said.

But that didn't ease lawmakers' concerns. Several noted that when Albertsons acquired Safeway in 2015 for \$9.2 billion, the FTC required it to divest 168 stores. The largest buyer of those stores filed for bankruptcy protection nine months later and Albertsons wound up buying back some of the locations.

"When divested assets head into bankruptcy in less than a year, that remedy is an embarrassing failure," Lee said.

Sankaran said the FTC approved the buyer in that merger. This time, he said. Albertsons - pending the FTC's approval - may spin off stores into a separate

company that would be led by experienced leaders.

Kroger, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, operates 2,800 stores in 35 states, including brands like Ralphs, Smith's and Harris Teeter. Albertsons, based in Boise, Idaho, operates 2,273 stores in 34 states, including brands like Safeway, Jewel Osco and Shaw's. Together the companies employ around 710,000 people.

Federal lawmakers aren't the only ones scrutinizing the merger plan. Earlier this month, a bipartisan group of state attorneys general sued to block Albertsons from paying a \$4 billion dividend to its shareholders until they have reviewed the merger.

That payout is temporarily on hold after a state iudge in Washington said he needed more time to consider the matter.

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Annual Read-On Express coming Dec. 10

The Copper Basin Coalition and its partner agencies will be hosting the Annual Read-On Express on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the old train depot in downtown Globe. The goal of this event is to promote the importance of early literacy in our community. Early literacy refers to the development of skills students need in order to transition from learning to read, to reading to learn. These skills include vocabulary, phonics, language and numeracy, to name a few. Early literacy gives students the foundation they need to learn and grow.

Free books and crafts will

be provided at the event along with information from many resources in the community, an opportunity to have a story read to them, visit with Santa, ride a train around the property, receive milk and a cookie and many more fun things.

The Copper Basin Coalition is excited to host this event and is looking for community organizations, businesses, agencies and groups to participate. If you are interested in hosting a booth or participating, or if you have questions, please contact Julie Craig at Arizona Youth Partnership, JulieC@azyp.org or (928) 961-0426.

Globe Active Adult Center News

Our Alzheimer's Support Group meets Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 12:15 p.m. We serve biscuits and gravy Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., for \$3 per bowl. Our other activities include Walking Club and games Mondays at 8 a.m., stretch and flex Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., bingo Wednesdays and Fridays 9-11 a.m., ceramics Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and crafts Fridays at 9 a.m. For benefits assistance, call the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens at 1-800-293-9393. Lunch served Monday thru Friday at 11:45 a.m. 60 and over is \$2.50 per meal, under 60 \$5 per meal. We are located at 579 S. Broad St.; our

phone number is 928-425-9030.

Thursday, December 8 Chair Aerobics 9:30 a.m.

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Wheat Bread, Pears

Friday, December 9 Bingo 9 a.m./Crafts 9 a.m.

Beef Stew, Green Pepper Slaw, Cornbread, Mandarin Oranges

Monday, December 12 Walking Club 8 a.m./Games 8 a.m.

Open Face Turkey Sandwich, Yams, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Applesauce

Tuesday, December 13 Stretch and Flex 9:30 a.m./Alzheimer's Support Group 12:15 p.m.

Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Green Beans, Tortilla, Fruit Gelatin

Wednesday, December 14 Biscuits/Gravy 7:30 a.m./Bingo 9 a.m./Ceramics 9 a.m.

Albondigas, Corn Black Bean Salad, Carrots, Wheat Tortilla, Pears

Menus—All meals 2% milk

The Globe Active Adult Center is sponsored by the Older Americans Act, AZ DES Division of Aging, Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Gila County and the City of Globe. Globe Active Adult Center does not discriminate regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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Did you know that Santa submits children's letters to the Arizona Silver Belt and Copper Country News for publication? This year's Santa letters will run in the December 21 edition just in time for Christmas! Drop off your child's letter to the Arizona Silver Belt office at 298 N. Pine St. or mail it to us at P.O. Box 31 Globe, AZ 85501.

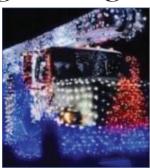


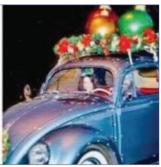
Christmas Light Parade, Luminary Event to brighten night of Dec. 10

On Saturday, December 10, two events will illuminate the night in downtown Globe and at Tonto National Monu-

Globe's annual Christmas Light Parade will start Saturday after dusk, at approximately 6 p.m., stretching down historic Broad Street from the TeePee all the way down to Yuma Street. This year's parade theme is "My Favorite Christmas Story," with an appearance by Santa himself.

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. that evening, Tonto National Monument plans to celebrate the festive season with a Luminary Event. Hike the Lower





Globe's annual Christmas Light Parade will start Saturday after dusk, at approximately 6 p.m., stretching down historic Broad Street from the TeePee all the way down to Yuma Street.

Cliff Dwelling Trail with glimmering luminaries to light your way. The trail will close to uphill hiking at 8 p.m. Bring water, a flashlight or headlamp, warm clothing and closed-toed shoes. This event is free and open to the public.

Christmas buggies schedule



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Tuesday, December 13, Globe, Six Shooter, Crestline, Skyline, Alhambra. Meet at the Bud Plant at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14, Central Heights, Pioneer Hills, Country Club Manor and Annex, Little Acres. Meet at Fry's at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15, Claypool, Lower Miami. Meet at Walmart at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 16, Miami. Meet at Bullion Plaza at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17, Downtown Globe area. Meet at the Bud Plant at 6:30 p.m.



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dren.

The 1.000 Books Before Kindergarten Program is going strong at the Globe Public Library. This program is to help children read 1,000 books before entering Kindergarten and encourage lifelong reading habits. You can register online at https://globepubliclibrary.azsummerreading. org/ or come to the Globe Public Library for the paper form. If you have used the summer reading program online, you can use the same login to register for 1,000 Books. For every 100

books, children will receive a reward. They will receive a grand prize when they finish the 1,000 books.

We also have Dial a Story. You can have storytime anytime you can get on your phone. All you need to do is dial (855) 614-6111. There will be a new story every week. The call is toll-free, so anyone can call and enjoy.

All these programs are free and brought to you through partnerships with the Friends of the Globe Public Library and the United Fund of Globe-Miami.

Festival of Trees returns to CVCA





DAVID SOWDERS/COPPER COLINTRY NEWS

A Globe-Miami holiday tradition has returned to the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts; the annual Festival of Trees, featuring a variety of Christmas trees decorated by community organizations and businesses. The festival, which opened November 18, runs through January 8 in the CVCA main gallery.







OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

Jayson-Michael Richard Hopkins

Javson-Michael Richard Hopkins, age 46, of San Carlos, Arizona, passed away Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, Jay passed in Phoenix, Arizona with his family by his side. He was born on Jan. 19, 1976 in Miami, Arizona to Luther and the late Pamela Hopkins, Jayson loved his family to the fullest and everything he did was for them. He is survived by his wife and soulmate Shalmarie Patti Hopkins; his sons Anthony Harney, Gary Harney III, Samuel Victor and Emmanuel Hopkins; his daughters Elizabeth Clark



(Matthew Clark), Kyra Hopkins, Riann Hopkins, Cynthia Hopkins and Jaesyn Hopkins; his grandchildren Destiny Harney, Samantha Clark, Zion Gomez, Killman

Clark, Jordyn Harney, Lozen Clark and Xiomara Harney; and his siblings Brian Hopkins and Patti Membrilla. Jayson had a big family and an even bigger heart. He was a beloved husband, Dad, Papa, uncle, brother and son. Jay was also operations manager at Renee's Resilience Recovery in Phoenix, Arizona. He was very passionate about his work and family. His death is a tremendous loss to everyone who had the opportunity to know and love him.

Jessie Campos

Jessie passed peacefully on Nov. 17, 2022.

She married Vicente (Vito) Campos, who preceded her in death in 2009. Jessie is survived by three of her children, Esther (Jim) Enriquez, Barbara (Bob) Carr and Danny (Brenda Pierce), and numerous grandchildren and

son Bennie Jo, who died in

2008.

Services were held on December 3 at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Miami. Rosary was held at 10 with mass following at 10:30 and interment at Mountain Breeze Cemetery.

The family was assisted by Bulman Miles Funeral Services in Miami, Arizona.

Geraldine England

Geraldine England, 81, of Globe, Arizona, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022 in Chandler, Arizona. She was a longtime resident of the Globe-Miami area and worked as a nurse in different capacities in her career. She was a lifelong member of the

great-grandchildren.

was predeceased by her



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is survived by her daughters Jacque Tebbin, Joanna Swonger, Jessica Mayfield and Jennifer Boyd-England. Services were held on Nov. 25, 2022.

Deadlines for Obituaries

ns Catherine Kinnard

Our Heavenly Father has called his faithful servant, Catherine Kinnard, back to her heavenly home.

Catherine was born to Harry and Mildred Olsen on April 23, 1937 in Safford, Arizona.

She married a handsome young man from Miami, Arizona named Bud Lee Kinnard on Oct. 19, 1957, in the Mesa Arizona Temple.

Catherine loved animals, especially cats, and has always had them in her life and home. She enjoyed reading anything that she could get her hands on. History was a passion of hers,



especially church history. Being a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she absolutely loved studying the scriptures and the gospel of Jesus Christ. She really shined as a teacher of the gospel in the many callings

that she served in, including being called to service missions in the San Carlos and Superior branches of the church.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Claypool, Arizona at 9 a.m.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Claypool, Arizona at 10 a.m.

Interment was held at Safford Union Cemetery in Safford, Arizona.

Assisting the family; Lamont Mortuary of Globe.

Christmas shoe boxes taking donations

Christmas shoe boxes are being held at Puff On Smoke Shop this year.

Donations can be in either cash or toys, no less than \$10 and no more than \$20.

If you are putting your child's name in to receive a gift, please state the child's gender and age; even if it's gender neutral we will accommodate all children.

Donations started on

December 1, name draws begin on December 20 and gift pickup will be on December 22 from noon to 5 p.m.

Holiday closures for Globe Public Library

Globe Public Library will be closed on December 10 for staff training. We will reopen on December 12 at 8:30 a.m. Globe Public Library will also be closed from December 24 through January 2 for Winter Holidays. We will reopen on January 3 at 8:30 a.m.

We hope you enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.

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Obituaries are due Friday morning by 9 a.m. for the Copper Country News and 9 a.m. on Monday for the Arizona Silver Belt.

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OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

Allen Mayo

In Loving Memory of Allen Mayo Feb. 15, 1956 – Nov. 22, 2022

It is with great sadness that the family of Allen Mayo announces his passing on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, at the age of 66. Allen was born in Dragerton, Utah to Wallace and Betty Mayo. They moved to Arizona when Allen was just 2 years old. Allen graduated Miami High School in 1974. As a young man he started working in the copper mines of the Globe-Miami area, which he did for 24 years. After some time, he realized his passion was helping others. That passion prompted him to become a volunteer firefighter with Central Heights Fire Department and Canyon Fire Department. He then decided to pursue becoming a paramedic.

Allen worked at Globe Fire Department as a firefighter-paramedic, a flight paramedic with Native Air and a paramedic at the Globe Community Hospital Emergency Room. Allen also served on the Rescue Diving Team. He was a hard, dedicated worker and was devoted to his profession. He has served his beloved community of Globe-Miami for many, many years. During his time off he enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing washers and poker, camping in the White Mountains and scuba diving in Jamaica. Allen also enjoyed playing fast-pitch softball and loved all sports, whether it was football, basketball, baseball or golf, but was devoted to his Arizona teams. Allen always came up with a nickname for

everyone and thoroughly enjoyed teasing and giving everyone and anyone a hard time. Allen was a loving husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend.

Allen is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Debbie; daughters Bernice Smith (James), Nicole Basford (Mike) and Brianne Ramirez; his mother, Betty Mayo, and siblings Leila Mott (Don), Annetta Thompson (Steve), Dennis Mayo and Ruth Lundguist (John); father- and mother-in-law, Richard and Lucy Casillas; sisters-in-law Lucy Gomez, Karen Gaona and Liz Mabbitt (Mike); and brother-in-law Richard Casillas. Allen will also be fondly remembered by his many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Allen was preceded in death by



his father, Wallace Alton Mayo, and sisters-in-law Rose Casillas and Cathy Mayo.

Allen will be greatly missed and loved forever.

The stories and mem-

ories he leaves behind will live on in his remembrance.

Viewing held was Lamont Mortuary on Friday. December 2 from 4 - 7p.m. Funeral Services were held Miami High School Auditorium on Saturday, December 3

at 11 a.m. Burial followed at the Globe Cemetery, and then a luncheon was held at Gila County Fairgrounds.

Assisting the family; Lamont Mortuary of Globe.

Volunteer to ring the bell

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers again to stand and ring bells for our yearly kettle program. We are getting an early start, hoping to get a better outcome than last year.

Everything we collect here in our community stays here to allow us to assist with different things for those who are in need in the Globe/Miami/San Carlos communities. We will have our kettles out again this year at Walmart, Safeway and Fry's.

Please call Yvette Angulo at 928-402-0517 or 928-425-4011.







OBITUARIES

Kenneth "Papa" Jason

With sad, yet joyful hearts to God for everlasting life, we announce the heavenly homegoing of Kenneth Jason. He died peacefully on Sunday morning, November 13. A service of witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 12:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Divine Grace Presbyterian Church.

Ken was a beloved member of the Globe-Miami community, having worked at various jobs since arriving here in 2006 with his dear wife Ginny. His favorite place to work



was his greeter position at our local Walmart. He especially loved to see the children and make them smile. Dressing up as Santa each Christmas season was his favorite job, however.

Ken leaves behind his

wife, two sons Ken (Michelle) and Mike (Lynn), eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. While he is missed greatly, we are assured that he has joined the many saints in heaven, awaiting our arrival.

The Dash, Poem by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak

At the funeral of a friend He referred to the dates on the tombstone

From the beginning...to the end

He noted that first came the date of birth

And spoke the following date with tears,

But he said what mattered most of all

Was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time

That they spent alive on earth.

And now only those who loved them

Know what that little line is worth

For it matters not, how much we own,

The cars...the house... the cash.

What matters is how we live and love

And how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long

and hard.

Are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left

That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough

To consider what's true and real

And always try to understand

The way other people

And be less quick to anger

And show appreciation more

And love the people in our lives

Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect

And more often wear a smile,

Remembering this special dash

Might only last a little while

So, when your eulogy is being read

With your life's actions to rehash...

Would you be proud of the things they say

About how you spent YOUR dash?



The mind behind the Rubik's Cube celebrates a lasting puzzle

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If you've ever had trouble solving a Rubik's Cube, a good piece of advice is to break it down into steps. It's worth a shot: That advice is from the man who invented it.

"Problem solving is a very basic activity of the human mind and if a problem is complex you need to divide the problem into smaller elements," said Ernő Rubik, who invented the cube in 1974.

Rubik has seen his colormatching puzzle go from a classroom teaching tool in Cold War-era Hungary to a worldwide phenomenon with over 450 million cubes sold and a mini-empire of related toys.

"For me, the cube represents what freedom means. Freedom is never endless," he said during a recent visit to New York. "It lets you do what is necessary to achieve your goal."

The original 3x3 Rubik's

has more than 43 quintillion — that's more than 43,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 — possible configurations, but the principles behind the cube have been refashioned for 2x2, 4x4 and 5x5 cubes, a board game called Rubik's Race, a pyramid, a tower and a Christmas tree, among others.

It even made the transition to electronic media with Rubik's Revolution and Rubik's Touch. Spin Master acquired the brand in 2021. Their latest brainteaser is called the Phantom, which takes the 3x3 original cube and adds a memory test: Using thermochromic technology, the multi-color tiles revert to black unless the heat of the user's hand keeps them visible.

"The principle of the cube is not limited," says Rubik. "The complexity of the task is to stimulate our mind and it makes it a much more enjoyable activity."

The goal of all Rubik puzzles is to start with some randomized and shuffled messy



AP PHOTO/RICHARD DREW, FILE

Professor Ernő Rubik, inventor of the Rubik's Cube, is photographed in New York on Sept. 18, 2018.

configuration and, by rotating faces or parts, transform each side into a single color or a pattern of colors.

Practiced cube-solvers can complete the Rubik's Cube in a matter of seconds, with the current world-record holder solving a cube in 3.47 seconds. There are also records at the World Cube Association for fastest solving while wearing a blindfold or using one hand.

It took 36 years after the invention of the toy for anyone to come up with an answer for the minimum number of moves to solve it. In 2010, a group of mathematicians and computer programmers proved that any Rubik's Cube can be solved in 20 moves.

Rubik was a budding artist who hoped to become a sculptor or a painter before he

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studied architecture, which he argues is art with a function: "Architecture is changing the environment according to our needs."

He got a degree in architecture at Budapest University of Technology and became a teacher in the interior design department at the Academy of Applied Arts and Crafts in Budapest.

Rubik regularly used physical models and materials to teach concepts in construction and design.

"As our body needs some kind of exercises, the brain needs that kind of exercise as well," he says. Thus was born an elegant teaching tool he named "The Magic Cube."

"I tried to make it as simple as possible because I thought the task itself is complicated enough," he says. "You don't need to complicate anymore."

The puzzle — which uses

rounded elements for the center core — is easy to use, but also hard enough to solve that more than one cuber has thrown it across a room in frustration.

"One of the main keys of the cube is the contradiction between complexity and simplicity," Rubik says. "On one hand, the cube is a very simple form. And on the other hand, the potential of the variation of movement is so complicated."

The brain-bending elegance of the Rubik's Cube is part of the reason it has endured, while other faddish toys and games — Tamagotchi or Shopkins, anyone? — have not.

"Usually these kinds of crazes are ending very soon," Rubik says. "But the cube didn't die."

In 2014, it landed in the National Toy Hall of Fame, joining such childhood classics as Barbie, Hit Wheels, G.I. Joe and the hula hoop. The hall noted that the cube has caused its own medical condition, known as "cubes thumb" or "Rubik's wrist." The cube has also show up in TV shows and movies from "The Simpsons" to "The Pursuit of Happyness."

Rubik recalls the early days when some people were convinced the cube was impossible to solve. He knew it could be done and was asked to prove it.

"I tried to explain and show people it is possible and if something is possible for me, you can do it yourself," he says. "It's a very nice proof of the power of science."



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Kurleen "Kay" Murray

Kurleen "Kav" Murrav. age 75, of Globe, Arizona passed away on Friday, Nov. 18. 2022 at Heritage Healthcare Center in Globe.

Kay was born in Ainsworth. Nebraska on Sept. 9. 1947 to Dewey Schmichael and Zetta (Halstead) Schmichael.

When her high school sweetheart Michael got out of the Navy in 1966, they soon eloped and started a family together.

Kay did volunteer work with the Miami Unified School District, working with children and teaching them to read. Besides her volunteer work she was a stay-at-home mom to three children.

Kay had many hobbies and activities that she enjoyed. She and Mike always had a book in hand, and they watched old Westerns together. Kay was always crocheting and made many items for her children and grandchildren. They always had a lot of dogs which



she complained about, but deep down I know she loved each one so much: she always had cute silly names for them. She was always writing letters to many family members out of state. Kay also loved to splurge on makeup and jewelry from Avon! If you knew Kay, you knew she was a huge fan of her sports! Her baseball team was the Arizona Diamondbacks of course, but she also liked the Cubs, Dodgers, and Boston Red Sox.

Words seem too small to express the sadness we feel about Kay's death.

How do we say goodbye to someone so very dear?

We remember all the precious moments shared and hold them close to our hearts. We thank our God for allowing their presence in our lives. We will miss them dearly but will cherish our memories forever. God be with you. Kay and Michael Murray; may you rest in peace together forever.

Kay is preceded in death by her husband Michael Roy Murray and her parents Dewey and Zetta Schmichael.

She is survived by her children Larry Murray, Patrick "Pat" Murray and Shannon Murray of Globe. Arizona; her grandchildren Joshua, Jake and Shelby Wampole, and Kayla Williams (Chris); and three great-grandchildren.

She was a witty, strongwilled woman who will be dearly missed.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

Assisting the family; Lamont Mortuary of Globe.

Sparklight recommends consumers increase vigilance during online holiday shopping season

With online sales expected to reach \$236 billion this holiday season, an increase of more than 15.5 % over the same period last year, there is good news for retailers: but this increase may also present more opportunities for cybercriminals. Sparklight encourages all consumers to be vigilant about their online safety when cybershopping this

"Given the pervasiveness of cybercrime, it's always very important to be cautious when sharing any personal data online," said Senior Vice President of Technology Services Ken John-"However, with the expected significant increase in holiday purchases made via websites, apps and social media platforms this year, it's more important than ever that shoppers use caution online during this holiday season."

Think before you click

Scammers and hackers have multiple methods for obtaining shoppers' financial and confidential information. Three of the most common methods used by cybercriminals to target online holiday shoppers include "phishing" emails, "smishing" text messages or "vishing" voice calls, all designed to appear to be from a trusted source

and to collect confidential account information. Online shoppers should always look out for one or more-of the most common warning signs of phishing or smishing attempts. Indicators of attempted criminal activity often include a suspicious address from the sender, or misspellings and grammatical errors in the email or text message. Requests for personal information, or to click on a link, are also signs that the message may not be legitimate.



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Book Club at Globe Public Library

Please note the date change. Saturday, December 3 at 2 p.m. the Book Club will be discussing "Welcome to Nugget" by Thea Wilshire. We will give those in attendance the January book, "The Witch-

es of Moonshyne Manor" by Bianca Marais. Everyone should be able to pick up a book. If there are leftover books, they will be made available to those who did not make it to the Book Club.

Globe Public Library Karaoke Club

If you love karaoke but want to be able to do it somewhere without alcohol, here is your chance. Globe Public Library will be hosting a karaoke club for people 16 and up. This club will meet weekly on Thursday at 7 p.m. Come sing with us Thursday night.



Explore more and hit the trail during the Eight4Two Challenge with Arizona State Parks and Trails

PHOENIX – The Eight4Two Challenge from Arizona State Parks and Trails is back for its third year, giving everyone an opportunity to win prizes for exploring more of Arizona's amazing and diverse state trails and parks.

For the challenge, hike, walk or bike eight different trails in at least four different state parks by Monday, Jan. 16, 2023 to win two free day-use passes (good for up to four people) and a custom, limited-edition sticker. A full list of state parks can be found at AZ-

StateParks.com.

On Jan. 1, 2023, Arizona State Parks will offer First Day Hikes as part of a national program to start the year off with exercise and fresh air, and all Arizona residents will get free entrance to a state park on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 16). Everyone par-

ticipating in the Eight4Two Challenge can include these great events on their calendars or check out ongoing guided hikes at the parks at AZStateParks.com/ events.

Register online, then log entries and submit the photos of your adventures. Photos may be used on so-

cial media and in Arizona State Parks advertising, and everyone who completes the goal will win the prizes. Tag #AZStateParks in photos on social media, using #842AZ.

To find more information, register and log your entries, visit AZStateParks. com/842-challenge/.

Kids' clubs at Globe Public Library

Globe Public Library has many clubs that kids 8 and up can join. These clubs met once a month on Fridays at 2 p.m.

The second Friday of the month is Kids' Cooking. These cooking activities vary from fun and simple to the science of cooking and baking. On December 9 we will be doing Holiday Favorites. Bring your holiday favorites to share if you want. We will be making some of our favorites, including hot cocoa bombs. If you bring a favorite to share, please bring the recipe.

The third Friday of the month is Game Group. This group plays games. The games are selected by those who come to play. We have several that the kids can choose from. We have card games, board games and beyond.

The fourth Friday of the month is STEM Club. We are currently doing Galaxy Quest in honor of the NASA Artemis Program. On December 23 we will be Astro Adventurers. We will be playing a game where the goal is to expand our influence in our solar system by collecting resources and adding spacecraft to our fleet. We will learn about the resources needed for

space exploration and where they could be found. In addition, we will explore the implications of space travel on human health in this interplanetary adventure

If you want to help come up with ideas and plan activities, the Youth Advisory Committee is the place for you. This group is for kids 10 and up.





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Wheatfields Southern Baptist Church Pastor John E Brandt

928-425-3601 • 276 E Green Ave, Globe Sun. School 9:45am, Worship 11am Tue. Bible Study 6pm

Globe Christian Center Pastor John Gooding, 928-425-7846

509 E Maple, Globe (by Globe HS) Sun. School 9:45am Sun. Worship 10:30am, 5:30pm Wed. Worship 7pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church Pastor David Hakes, 423-314-1686

2407 E Ash St, Globe Sat. Bible Study 9:30am, Worship 11am

Miami Church of Christ Minister Robin Verdugo

928-473-3989 • 735 N Sullivan Št, Miami Sun. Worship 10am

Sovereign Grace Baptist Church Pastor John Skaggs

928-425-8345 or 928-358-2612 201 E Yuma St, Globe (by Tri-City) Sun. School 9:45am, Worship 11am Wed. Worship 6:30pm

Divine Grace Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Valerie DeLaTorre

928-473-3158 305 W Live Oak St, Miami Sun. Worship 9:30am

Living Waters Community Church Pastors Jay & Gloria Petty

928-425-9462 or 928-812-4192 125 E Haskins Rd, Globe Sun. Church: 10am Tue. Women/Men's Fellowship 6:30pm Wed. Strive Youth 6:30pm Thu. Celberate Recovery 6:30pm

Family Fellowship Church Pastors Kenneth, Dennis & Scott Crick

928-425-0181 or 928-961-2466 200 E Oak St, Globe Sun. Service 10am Thu. Bible Study 6:30pm

Children of God



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Our Father loves us and has provided everything we need to live righteously.

When we trust in Christ, we become children of God. By using this language, Scripture indicates the nature of our relationship with Him: He is our Father, and we should respond as His children. This means we must learn to listen, obey, and love Him more and more.

The Father speaks clearly to us through Scripture. Many people claim they're interested in hearing from God yet struggle to find time to read His Word. Then there are those who say, "I don't understand it" and give up. But living within every child of God is the Holy Spirit, who helps to overcome any hindrances and brings correct interpretation of the Word. If you keep reading the Scriptures faithfully, He'll give you understanding.

Once a person is born into God's family, nothing can ever destroy that relationship—not even sin. However,

disobedience grieves the Father and hinders fellowship and communication with Him. Restoration, which is essential for spiritual growth, comes through confession and repentance (1 John 1:9).

Today's Scripture passage gives characteristics of the children of God. Are you a member of His family? If so, your life should be characterized by obedience and righteousness.

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Beacon

By Dr. DAN MORTON

When I was eight years old, we lived in Casper, Wyoming. Across a small valley was a hill that blocked our view except in the wintertime. I say that because about thirty miles beyond the hill was a beacon that served as a guide to aircraft, flashing a beam for miles, keeping airplanes in the air and on course. The reason we could see the light in the wintertime was that snowflakes in the atmosphere reflected the beam just as we do with a mirror and sunlight.

Years later my wife and I co-pastored the First Christian Church in Globe, Arizona. At the front of the building is a tower about thirty feet tall. On that tower is a powerful light and a cross. Together they provide light and safety for those passing by. To myself, I would think of this as the "Beacon on Broad Street."

The apostle Paul wrote of such guidance in his message to the Romans (15:4): "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

A beacon, whether by words or by light, can provide safety for each of us, but it requires action on our part. We must receive the signal, accept the message and respond appropriately. Our hope for safe travel, for right decisions, can be assured through the love of God and the ministry of his Son Jesus Christ.

Simple things to pray for during Advent

Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.

Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.

Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.

Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.

Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of a loving community.

Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.

Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.

Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.

Enjoying Life



Enduring satisfaction comes only from God.

King Solomon is traditionally considered the author of Ecclesiastes. According to Scripture, he was the wisest man who ever lived (1 Kings 3:12) and had wealth beyond imagination. What's more, he was blessed with the privilege of building God's temple. So we might expect that he'd have been content.

In searching for that deep fulfillment, Solomon explored all kinds of things. Ecclesiastes tells us that he indulged in the pleasures of the world, even dabbling in pursuits he knew were folly. But the satisfaction Solomon sought evaded him, so he tried another avenue. He undertook great projects, such as building houses, gardens and parks, and an extensive irrigation project (Eccl. 2:4-6). But in the end, he concluded it was all without meaning. The story has a familiar ring, doesn't it? Our culture pursues pleasure and does not accept limits on its passions.

Solomon had the wisdom and resources to accomplish whatever he chose to do. Yet the goals he pursued brought no lasting satisfaction. He concluded that the best course was to obey God (Ecclesiastes 12:13). True enjoyment comes when we align ourselves with His will. Any other way is meaningless.

This is a non-denominational event and everyone is welcome.

Worship Directory

Roosevelt Baptist Church

Dr. Roger D. Pike, 928-467-2349 18653 Hwy 188, Roosevelt, AZ Sun, Worship 11:00am • Wed, Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church - PC (USA) Rev. Robbin MacDonald

928-425-5560 or 928-965-7407 318 S Hill St, Globe & PO Box 1362 Sun. School 9:45am, Worship 11am

Maranatha Baptist Church

928-425-4198

1320 Saguaro Dr, Globe

Sun. School 9:30am to 10:15am Morning Worship 10:30am to 11:45am Maranatha Bible Club for 3yrs. old to 6th grade is Sundays at 4pm to 5:30pm

First Southern Baptist Church, Miami Pastor Gary McPherson

928-473-3311

880 W Live Oak St. Miami

Sun, B'fast 9 am, Sun, School 9:45am Sun, Worship 11am & 6pm Wed. Prayer Meeting 6pm

Pentecostals of Globe United Pentecostal Church Pastor David Staten

928-961-2191 425 N Devereaux St, Globe Sun. Class 10am, Service 11am

Wed. Service 7:30pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC

Pastor Barry Schwenk, 928-425-6006

750 W Paxton Ave, Miami

Sunday School 3:30 - 4:30 p.m • Wed. night Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Sun. Worship 10 am • splcaz.org

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Pastor Eric Hartzell

512-635-1910 630 N Devereaux St, Globe Sun. School 9am, Worship 10am, Wed. Bible Study 7pm

Trinity Baptist Church Pastor Dan Rifenoark

928-425-4740 1362 S Hagen Rd, Globe Sun. Worship 11am contact@trinitybaptistglobeaz.org trinitybaptistglobeaz.org

Globe Church of the Nazarene Pastor Mason Cassens

928-200-4358 226 Holly Rd., Globe Sun. School - 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship - 11 a.m.

Central Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Rob Craig, 928-425-5303

5468 Apache Ave, Globe

Sunday School(all ages) 9:45 a.m.

Sun. Worship Services & Childrens Church- 11a.m. (Nursery available)

Sunday Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

For all other services and events visit: centralheightsbaptistchurch.org

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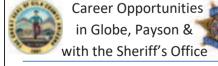
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favorite movie snacks and enjoy the movie in the meeting room. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Smoking and alcohol are not allowed. For a listing of the movies please contact the Globe Public Library at (928) 425-6111.

Adult (18+) board game night

Globe Public Library 6 and 20 starting at 5 is hosting an afterhours board game night for people 18 years old and up on December

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Someone thinks you are up to a challenge this week, Aries. Dive right in and prove them correct. There's much vou'll get done, but leave some time for leisure.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

There's not much you can't accomplish these next several days, Taurus. The key will be knowing just where to pull back so that you can do each iob well.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Think before committing to a project that is expected to take a

long time, Gemini. While you may have a lot of free time right now. that may not be the case in a few weeks.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, health concerns may come to the forefront this week. whether it pertains you or someone close to you. Empty your schedule so you can devote the utmost attention.

LEO - Jul 23/Aua 23

Leo, despite many looming deadlines, you are surprisingly relaxed about all the things you need to accomplish. Maybe that is because you have a lot of help.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Some unexpected time off has dropped into your lap, Virgo. Figure out if a small vacation or weekend getaway might be just what you need right now. Then make it happen.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A career change could be on the horizon. Libra. Do vour research before you take the full plunge into new waters. Maybe test things out before making a firm commitment. SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Home improvements could be coming soon, Scorpio. They'll interfere with your daily schedule for a bit, but the results will be well worth any disruption.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Your hospitable nature is a perfect match for the entertaining you will be doing this week. Sagittarius. Expect a houseful of people on one or more days.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 Spending certainly is up during the holiday season, but you may need to keep a closer eve on what is aoina on with your finances. Capricorn. Don't lose sight of your budaet.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

A few interesting possibilities may come across your desk, Aquarius. Look at them with a critical eye and aet a second opinion before moving forward.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Too many things seem like a priority right now, Pisces. You need to weed through all of your responsibilities and tackle the most uraent.

DECEMBER 4 Tyra Banks, TV Host (49)) **DECEMBER 5** Frankie Muniz, Actor (37) **DECEMBER 6** CoCo Vandeweghe, Athlete (31) **DECEMBER 7** Jon Moxley, Wrestler (37) **DECEMBER 8** Nicki Minaj, Rapper (40) DECEMBER 9

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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

Spaghetti is a versatile component in many meals

Spaghetti has been enjoyed around the world for centuries. While spaghetti is most often associated with Italy, pasta has deep ties to other Mediterranean nations like Greece, and several territories of the Middle East and Arabian Peninsula. In fact, centuries ago dry durable pasta was one of the main sources of nutrition for Arab traders, including those who landed in Sicily.

The flavor profile of spaghetti can change significantly depending on which ingredients added. Cooks needn't feel beholden to the standard "spaghetti and meatballs" "Spaghetti with Shrimp, Feta and Dill," for

example, may take its inspiration from Greek cooking. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of "Real Simple Dinner Tonight: Done!" (Time Home Entertainment) from the editors of Real Simple.

Spaghetti with Shrimp, **Feta and Dill**

Serves 4

ounces spaghetti (3/4 box)

1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon olive oil

pound peeled and deveined large shrimp

Kosher salt and black pepper

tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 teaspoon grated lemon zest

ounces crumbled (3/4 cup)

tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh dill

Cook the pasta according to the package directions, drain and return it to the pot.

Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season the shrimp with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper and cook, tossing occasionally, until opaque throughout, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in the lemon juice and zest.

Add the shrimp mixture to the pasta, along with the feta, dill, the remaining 1/4 cup of oil, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Toss to combine.



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Community Working Group meets Dec. 14

SUPERIOR – The next Community Working Group (CWG) meeting for the Resolution Copper mining project, located near Superior, Arizona, will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022.

Monthly meetings of the group have been moved from the Superior Chamber of Commerce to Town of Superior Offices, Library Room at 199 N. Lobb Ave.

Vicky Peacey, chief of staff to the chief operating officer for Rio Tinto, will answer questions and discuss review comments made by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) about the Final Environment Impact Statement (FEIS) developed by the U.S. Forest Service for the proposed Resolution Copper project. In 2021 USDA directed the Forest Service to withdraw the Notice of Availability and rescind the FEIS and draft Record of Decision. USDA took this step to allow the agency to conduct a thorough review, to ensure regulatory compliance of environmental, cultural and archaeological analyses, and to provide time for the Forest Service to fully understand concerns raised by tribes and the public and the project's impact to these important resources.

About the Community Working Group

The CWG focuses on potential environmental impact issues, science and policy, economic development and growth, and the pros and cons of the proposed development of the Resolution Copper mine, which could become one of the world's largest copper mining ventures. Members include residents and stakeholders from the Town of Superior, Queen Valley and nearby commu-

Monthly meetings of the group are now held in the Town of Superior office complex library at 199 N. Lobb Ave. Topics include environmental stewardship, transportation, education, health, safety, natural resource issues, air quality, community investments, recreational changes and other related subjects.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. For more information on the CWG, please visit the CWG website at http://SuperiorAZC-WG.org/. The site also posts summaries of all past meetings, presentations and other related articles.

About Resolution Copper

The Resolution Copper project is a proposed underground mine 60 miles east of Phoenix, Arizona, near the town of Superior. The project is a joint venture owned by Rio Tinto (55%) and BHP (45%). The ore deposit lies nearly 7,000 feet below the earth's surface. It represents one of the most significant untapped copper deposits today. The mine has the potential to supply nearly 25% of US copper demand.

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Broad St. in Globe. Dance in the New Year to the music of Bob Bigando and the Tumbleweeds. The post opens at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 31. No cover charge. Donations are accepted.



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