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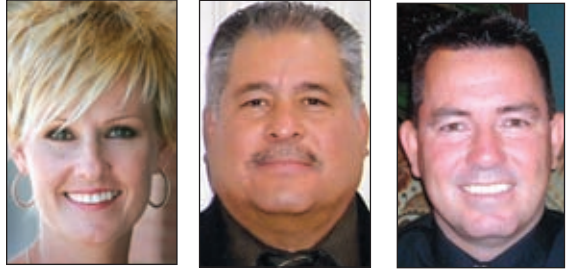
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Three seek justice seat

Longtime Justice of the Peace Phil Bain of Casa Grande is retiring and two Democrats, **Brandi Bain-Clark**, left, and **Robert M. Mendez**, center, and Republican **Roger Valdez** are seeking his seat. One candidate from each party will advance from the Aug. 24 primary.

Justice Court candidates bring cases to area voters

By SCOTT MCNUTT
Staff Writer

With the pending retirement of longtime Justice of the Peace Phil Bain in Casa Grande, the office has a wide-open contest. The seat is sought by Democrats Brandi Bain-Clark and Robert M. Mendez and Republican Roger Valdez.

One candidate from each party will advance from the Aug. 24 primary.

Justices of the peace preside over traffic and misdemeanor cases from the area outside the city and also civil lawsuits up to \$10,000. Their courts are part of the county and state judicial system.

Brandi Bain-Clark

Clark, 34, is a lifetime resident of Pinal County. Her father is the current justice of the peace. She lives in Casa Grande with her husband, Brandon, and two small children. Clark spent the past 13 years working in the human resources profession in both the private and public sectors.

She attended and graduated from the Casa Grande

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Study: Docs don't tell on colleagues

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
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CHICAGO — Your doctor could be drunk, addicted to drugs or outright incompetent, but other physicians may not blow the whistle.

A new survey finds that many American physicians fail to report troubled colleagues to authorities, believing that someone else will take care of it, that nothing will happen if they act or that they could be targeted for retribution.

A surprising 17 percent of the doctors surveyed had direct, personal knowledge of an impaired or incompetent physician in their workplaces, said the study's lead author, Catherine DesRoches of Harvard Medical School.

One-third of those doctors had not reported the matter to authorities such as hospital officials or state medical boards. The findings, appearing in today's Journal of the American Medical Association, are based on a 2009 survey of 1,891 practicing U.S. doctors.

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IMMIGRATION AND POLITICS

Border images now trendy in Arizona campaign ads

By PAUL DAVENPORT
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — The Arizona desert is frequently used as backdrop for TV ads and other campaign offerings by the state's politicians, but this year it's often not for stately saguaros or picturesque landscapes.

Instead, look for the fence on the U.S.-Mexico border. The illegal

crossers dashing through brush. The Border Patrol on watch. Signs warning of border-related crime.

Immigration and border security has been an issue in Sen. John McCain's high-profile primary race. But as the Aug. 24 primary approaches, Republican candidates for offices from governor on down the ballot are aggressively staking out positions that make them look

tough on border security and immigration enforcement.

"The Republicans here are just taking a cookie-cutter message and that's just that immigration is a problem and we need border security first before we do anything else — border security, border security," said Rodolfo Espino, an Arizona State University assistant professor of political science.

That despite boycotts, legal challenges and street protests aimed at Arizona's new law on immigration enforcement. Indeed, the U.S. Department of Justice's filing last week of its own suit challenging the law allowed Republicans to add to the campaign season's anti-Washington drumbeat.

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U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick and fellow Democrats held an open house at the party's new campaign headquarters at 711 E. Cottonwood Lane. From left are Paula Maniszko, president of the Democrats of Casa Grande; Julie Davidson, Democratic field organizer; Kirkpatrick; and Arizona Rep. Barbara McGuire.

Dems open Casa Grande campaign hub, as local GOP provides unwelcome greeting



As Democrats were celebrating the opening of their new campaign headquarters in Casa Grande, members of the Western Pinal Republican Club conducted a curbside rally. Secretary Tom Ramsdell waved at passing motorists as other members brandished a banner.

By ALAN LEVINE
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A list of visitors including U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick helped open a Democratic campaign headquarters in Casa Grande, including some she wasn't happy to see.

Members of the Western Pinal Republican Club also were at 711 E. Cottonwood Lane for a curbside rally.

After introducing her staff, family members, Democratic candidates and current office holders, among them County Supervisor David Snider and state Rep. Barbara McGuire, Kirkpatrick welcomed the more than three dozen well-wishers to the newly opened

facility Saturday. It will be available to Democratic candidates who want to have a presence in the city.

"I'd like to take a minute to thank everybody for stopping by," the freshman congresswoman said. "This is a grand opening of our Casa Grande campaign office, and we're delighted to have this space and to have you here. This will be the energy center for the campaign, and I know that you're getting some comments about the health care vote.

"That was the right vote. No question about it," she said of her support of the new health care law to the applause of everyone in the room. "But the work's not done.

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DAYBREAK | WINNING THE LOTTERY

Luck is a lady who wants her privacy

By PAUL J. WEBER
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BISHOP, Texas — The odds that Joan Ginther would hit four Texas Lottery jackpots for a combined nearly \$21 million are astronomical. Mathematicians say the chances are as slim as 1 in 18 septillion — that's

18 and 24 zeros.

Just as unlikely? Getting to know one of the luckiest women in the world.

"She wants her privacy," friend Cris Carmona said.

On a \$50 scratch-off ticket bought in this rural farming community, Ginther won \$10 million

last month in her biggest windfall yet. But it was the fourth winning ticket in Texas for the 63-year-old former college professor since 1993, when Ginther split an \$11 million jackpot and became the most famous native in Bishop history.

But she's a celebrity who few in

this town of 3,300 people can say much about.

"That lady is pretty much scarce to everybody," said Lucas Ray Cruz, Ginther's former neighbor. "That's just the way she is."

At the Times Market where

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Steve Nurenberg/Associated Press

Frank Gutierrez buys lottery tickets at the Times Market in Bishop, Texas, on July 9. Bishop native Joan Ginther, who now lives in Las Vegas, won \$10 million last month on a \$50 scratch-off ticket. She won four Texas Lottery jackpots for a combined \$21 million, and the last two winning tickets were purchased at the Times Market store.