

# Luther King Jr.

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African-American studies department scheduled the service from noon to 15 at the UNM Alumni Memorial campus. A reception will follow.

## nath professor service award

merican Mathematical Society was today to present a 1998 Citation for service award to Liang-Shin Hahn, an professor in the University of New mathematics and statistics department.

rd will be presented during a meetmore. The citation is presented an contributions to the mathematics through public service.

being honored for popularizing cs among high school students, inwork in developing the New Mexchool Mathematics Contest.

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**Richard Wilson of the Environmental Protection Agency rubs his eyes during testimony in Albuquerque on the EPA's proposal to certify the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad. At left is Mary Kruger of the EPA. More than two dozen people testified at Wednesday's hearing. Supporters say WIPP is safe for the burial of radioactive waste. Critics argue that technical studies have been inadequate. Hearings were to continue this morning in Albuquerque and move to Santa Fe in the afternoon.**

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# Sparton Technology and agencies stop West Side water-contamination talks

By John Hill  
 TRIBUNE REPORTER

Sparton Technology and several government agencies have broken off court-ordered negotiations over how to clean up groundwater contamination at Sparton's site on Albuquerque's West Side.

That could mean further delays in efforts to stem the contamination that officials say could one day threaten wells used to supply some of the city's drinking water.

"It is headed towards trial," said Gary O'Dea, an assistant city attorney who is handling the case.

In July, a federal judge ordered Sparton and the government agencies to take part in settlement conferences before a U.S. magistrate.

Four conferences were held before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert DeGiacomo. But in December, the two sides reached an impasse, O'Dea said.

O'Dea and a Sparton official both declined to say why the two sides reached an impasse.

Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, the state of New Mexico and the U.S. Department of Justice had sued Sparton to force the company to

clean up the groundwater and stop the movement of a plume of contaminated water that now extends about 2,500 feet north-northwest of the plant.

The Sparton plant at 9621 Coors Blvd. N.W. built parts for nuclear weapons developed at Sandia National Laboratories between 1961 and 1994. Sparton now operates a machine shop at the site.

Solvents used at Sparton during the weapons work found their way into groundwater. If the contaminated water continues to move, it could eventually show up in drinking water wells, officials say.

O'Dea said the city and other plaintiffs have asked for a status conference with U.S. District Court Judge LeRoy Hansen. The top priority, O'Dea said, is to set a date for a hearing on a request to force Sparton to take the first steps to clean up the water.

Sparton, meanwhile, has filed an application with the state Environment Department to drill a well to help contain the plume. Contaminated water would be pumped to the surface, treated and reinjected into the ground in Calabacillas Arroyo.

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