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Subject: Notification of Public Notices to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Mailing List Permit Number NM4890139088-TSDF

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the New Mexico Environment Department with the information identified in 20.4.1.900 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) incorporating 40 CFR 270.42(b)(2) regarding the permit modification request:

- Class 2 Permit Modification Request (PMR) entitled: *Revise Volatile Organic Compound Monitoring Procedures*

The information the Permittees mailed and published is included in Enclosure 1 and is summarized below:

- September 12, 2015 Public Notice for a Class 2 PMR entitled: *Revise Volatile Organic Compound Monitoring Procedures*
 - Publication of the public notices for the Class 2 PMR including
 - Public Notice from the Albuquerque Journal, Public Notice from the Carlsbad Current-Argus, Public Notice from the Roswell Daily Record, Public Notice from the Santa Fe New Mexican
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We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under our direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on our inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. We are aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Anthony Stone at (575) 234-7475.

Sincerely,

Todd Shrader, Manager
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for Todd Shrader

Philip J. Breidenbach, Project Manager
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Enclosure 1

Class 2 Permit Modification

Public Notices

12 pages

Public Information Meetings

Requested Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant



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5 - 7 p.m.

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THE WORLD



A crane lies across the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, on Friday after collapsing during a violent storm. Authorities said 107 were killed and at least 238 injured.

Crane collapse kills 107 in Mecca

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A construction crane collapsed on Friday during a violent rainstorm in Mecca, Islam's holiest site, crashing into the Grand Mosque and killing at least 107 people ahead of the start of the annual hajj pilgrimage later this month.

Saudi Arabia's civil defense authority provided a series of rising casualty numbers on its official Twitter account. As of late Friday, it said 238 were injured in the accident.

A photo posted online by the authority showed police and workers in hard hats inspecting a pile of collapsed concrete slabs inside a part of the sprawling, ornately decorated mosque.

Authorities did not provide details on the victims' nationalities, but it was likely that the tragedy will touch several countries.

The Grand Mosque and the cube-shaped Kaaba within it draw Muslims of all types from around the world throughout the year, although numbers increase significantly as the hajj approaches.

Performing the pilgrimage once during one's lifetime is a duty for all able-bodied adult Muslims.

Huge Nazi shelter reportedly found

WARSAW, Poland — A Polish explorer claimed Friday that he has found a massive underground structure in southwestern Poland that, he says, the Nazis built to protect thousands of people.

Krzysztof Szpakowski told a news conference that he has no doubt as to his find, which he says was based on evidence that he has gathered for decades, including witness statements, old documents and an

examination of the area by ground-penetrating radar and by dowsers.

Speaking on TVN24, Szpakowski said the structure was part of the "Riese" (giant) system of railway tunnels, corridors and shelters that the Nazis were building during World War II in the mountains around the city of Walbrzych.

He said that anything from technical appliances to armaments could be inside, but "not a gold train."

His conference was hosted by Walbrzych regional authorities, who said they have officially registered his information and are seeking state funds for the exploration.

Suspect arrested in U.S. woman's death

MADRID — A suspect in the disappearance of an American woman missing since April from a Christian pilgrimage route in northern Spain was arrested Friday and led authorities to the body of a woman, a Spanish security official said.

The arrest, and the discovery of the body, came after about 300 Spanish officers searched the area where Denise Thiem, 41, of Phoenix was last seen April 5 in the town of Astorga.

Authorities were trying to determine whether the body was that of Thiem, said the security official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of rules preventing the official from being named.

The official provided no details about the suspect or where the body was found.

Astorga is on El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route, also called the St. James Way, which ends at the Roman Catholic cathedral in the city of Santiago de Compostela.

— Journal Wire Reports

Four nations reject EU quota plan

Hungary threatens to jail immigrants

BY GEORGE JAHN AND KAMEL JAMCEK THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA — At least four countries Friday firmly rejected a European Union plan to impose refugee quotas to ease a worsening migrant crisis that Germany's foreign minister said was "probably the biggest challenge" in the history of the 28-nation bloc.

Hungary, which along with the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland said it would not support the proposal, threatened instead to crack down on the thousands of people streaming across its borders daily as they flee war and persecution.

The stance by those Central European countries reflected a hardening front against distributing at least some of the refugees among them and was a stinging rebuff to German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, who traveled to Prague to try to persuade them to reconsider.

While the Czechs, Slovaks and Poles have been relatively unaffected by the influx, Hungary has faced growing criticism about its stance toward the asylum seekers. Other EU leaders and human rights groups accuse the government of gross mismanagement or serious negligence in housing, feeding and processing the migrants traveling from the Balkans and through Hungary to Western Europe.

Peter Bouckaert of Human Rights Watch asserted Hungary was keeping migrants



A Syrian woman embraces her child after they arrive with other migrants on a dinghy from Turkey to Lesbos island, Greece, on Friday.

and refugees "in pens like animals, out in the sun without food and water."

A video that the rights group said was from inside a holding facility at the border town of Roszke showed metal fences surrounding clusters of tents and dividing migrants into groups. Guards were depicted throwing food into the air for desperate people to grab.

Erno Simon, a spokesman in Hungary for the U.N. refugee agency, said the housing situation in Roszke with nighttime temperatures falling to near freezing "is really very, very alarming."

Unfazed, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban threatened an even harder

line, saying his country intended to catch, convict and imprison people who continue to penetrate its new border barriers as part of get-tough border security measures scheduled to begin Tuesday.

"If they don't cross into Hungary territory legally, we will consider it a crime," Orban said, saying the "illegal immigrants" had no one to blame but themselves for any hardships suffered.

"They don't cooperate. They are not willing to go to the places where they receive provisions: food, water, shelter, health care. They have risen up against Hungary's legal order," he told a Budapest news conference. Hungarian police already

are overwhelmed by the influx and are unlikely to be able to mount an effective effort to jail those deemed to be entering illegally. Still, Orban's comments were likely to feed the trepidation some of the migrants already were expressing Friday even while still hundreds of miles away from Hungary.

"We heard they are hitting people," said 31-year-old Amer Zein, from the Syrian city of Aleppo, who crossed into Macedonia on Friday. Still, he was determined to push on to Germany with his wife and brother, and a friend, despite what he had heard was happening in Hungary. "We are afraid, but we must get through," he said.

Obama urges Russia to cut arms for Syria

Foreign minister says intention is to fight IS

BY JULIE PACE AND NATALIYA VABLYEVA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama warned Russia on Friday against "doubling down" on its support for Syrian President Bashar Assad, casting a recent buildup of Russian military equipment and personnel in Syria as an effort to prop up the embattled leader.

"The strategy they're pursuing right now of doubling down on Assad is a mistake," Obama said during a town hall with U.S. military personnel.

Russia denies it's trying to bolster Assad and instead says its increased military activity is part of the international effort to defeat the Islamic State, the terror group that has wreaked havoc in both Syria and Iraq.

Earlier Friday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov called on world powers to join his country in that pursuit, arguing that Syria's army is the most efficient force to fight the extremist network.

"You cannot defeat Islamic State with air strikes only," Lavrov said, a dig at Obama's strategy. "It's necessary to cooperate with ground troops and the Syrian army is the most efficient and powerful ground force to fight the IS."

Russia's military moves have panned what had been a notable uptick in optimism among U.S. officials about the prospect that Moscow was tiring of Assad, its longtime ally. Syria has been

gripped by civil war for more than four years, a conflict that has claimed more than 250,000 lives and created a vacuum for extremism to thrive.

For months, U.S. officials have been gauging Russia's willingness to help restart a political process to remove Assad from power. Obama, however, painted a grim prospect of that happening in light of Russia's new action.

"It could prevent us from arriving at the political solution that's ultimately needed to bring a peace back to Syria," he said.

Secretary of State John Kerry has spoken twice with

Lavrov this week to warn that the Russian military buildup could lead to an escalation of the bloody conflict. The crisis in Syria is also likely to be a major topic when world leaders head to the United Nations later this month for an annual gathering.

Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin are both scheduled to attend the UN meetings, though it's unclear whether they'll meet.

Despite the warnings from the U.S., Lavrov said Russia would continue to supply Assad with weapons that he said will help defeat Islamic State fighters.



OBAMA: Russians might deal a solution

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WIPP

System to boost airflow in underground

By Sarah Matott
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CARLSBAD • The Underground Ventilation System at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant is being upgraded to provide additional airflow into the facility's underground.

"The large fan that is part of the Supplemental Ventilation System (SVS) was recently downloaded to the underground and has been successfully installed," a news release said.

The fan is just one part of the new overall ventilation system that is being installed at WIPP.

Increasing the airflow in the underground will not only allow more activities to be performed in the underground, but the new ventilation system is also a part

of the WIPP Recovery Plan that was created in September 2014, officials said.

This new fan will work with the Interim Ventilation System, the second new installation at WIPP, which is expected to be done later this year, the news release said.

Tim Runyon, WIPP Recovery communications manager, explained that both systems are in addition to the current ventilation system that is in the underground.

Airflow at WIPP is made possible through a large high-efficiency particulate air filter (HEPA).

"The Interim Ventilation System will attach to the existing ventilation system and help pull air out of the mine through the HEPA filter," Runyon said.

The Supplemental Ventilation System, that is cur-

rently being constructed in the underground, will be placed by the air intake shaft in the underground to bring air into the underground.

"With the two systems we will be able to operate more equipment," Runyon said.

Currently, workers in the underground can only use a limited number of diesel equipment during ground control activities such as bolting, which is important to keep the roof and walls of the mine stable.

"The SVS will provide an additional 70,000 cubic feet per minute of airflow to the uncontaminated areas of the underground during mining activities and the contaminated side-streaming waste handling," the release said.

WIPP maintains that

safety continues to be a main focus as the underground recovery continues. The next WIPP town hall is scheduled for Oct. 1 at the Carlsbad City Council Chambers.

Sarah Matott can be reached at 575-628-5546.



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COURTS

Stepfather is found guilty of abusing 9-year-old who died

By Mary Hudets
The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE • Jurors on Friday found an Albuquerque man guilty of some child abuse charges stemming from the death of his 9-year-old stepson.

Jurors announced their decision in the case of Stephen Casaus after more than six hours of deliberation Friday.

They also met for a few hours Wednesday following closing arguments in a case that led the state to overhaul the way law enforcement and social workers investigate claims of child abuse and neglect.

The jury acquitted Casaus of one of the most serious charges, intentional child abuse resulting in death, but found him guilty of child abuse with reckless disregard resulting in death and lesser charges of abuse, tampering with evidence and two counts of intimidation of a witness.

Jurors had to decide whether Casaus participated in the abuse that led to the death of Omaree Varela or whether he acted with disregard by allowing the boy to be tortured or cruelly punished.

Casaus, who broke down repeatedly during the emotional five-day trial, appeared to show no emotion when Judge Stan Whitaker read the verdict.

Omaree's aunt, Sylvia Varela-Marquez, teared up as the verdict was delivered and held the hands of those seated beside her. She was among the last witnesses to testify for the prosecution, telling jurors that Omaree's younger brother and sister still call out for him in their sleep.

Casaus' attorneys had argued that he was not to blame for the boy's death. During closing arguments, they pointed jurors toward incriminating statements

made by the boy's mother. She's expected to stand trial separately.

Prosecutors argued that Casaus led to investigators the day Omaree died, saying first he was at a friend's home when his wife called him home because the boy had fallen.

Later, he told police that he was getting high in a bathroom while Omaree's mother kicked and stomped the unconscious child.

Casaus and his wife waited more than three hours to call for help while their son lay dying in a bedroom, prosecutors said. An autopsy later determined that the boy succumbed to internal bleeding from blunt force trauma.

Prosecutor Nicholas Marshall said during closing arguments it was Casaus' failure to call 911 and failed to drive the boy to the hospital — all medical neglect that caused the boy to die.

STATE LAND OFFICE

Yates Petroleum recognized

Current-Argus staff

To acknowledge the importance of the oil and gas industry in New Mexico, the State Land Office dedicated an educational pump jack Tuesday.

According to a news release, Commissioner of Public Lands Aubrey Dunn led the ceremony.

The pump jack represents the "Flynn-Weich-

Yates State No. 3," the first commercial oil well on State Trust Lands.

It was first installed earlier this year to acknowledge revenues made through oil and gas.

"Oil and gas revenues have played a vital role in funding the state trust beneficiaries for over 80 years," the release said.

The Yates, Flynn and Welch partnership was recog-

nized for drilling the first oil well on State Trust Land and members of the Yates family attended the ceremony, including CEO of Yates Petroleum Douglas Brooks.

"It is said that we build schools, we build hospitals and we build wealth for New Mexicans," Brooks said in the release, adding that Yates Petroleum had submitted \$620 million in revenue to the state this year.

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CRIME

3 in officer-involved shooting identified

Current-Argus staff

New Mexico State Police have identified the three police officers who were in an officer-involved shooting Sept. 11 in Artesia.

The three officers who fired their weapons during the incident were Kevin Mathews and Philip Macha of the Carlsbad Police Department and Allan Brooks, a reserve officer of the Lake Arthur Police De-

partment, according to a news release from the New Mexico State Police Department.

The three were attempting to serve a warrant for the arrest of Michael Todd Evans, 47, at his residence in Artesia.

In the process of making the arrest, Evans allegedly fired a gun at the officers, then was shot by the officers and later died from his injuries, the re-

lease said. Evans was allegedly armed with a .45 caliber Glock handgun.

Interviews with the three officers involved have been completed, but the investigation is still ongoing.

"All details of this incident are being investigated by the New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau. Further information will be released upon completion of the investigation," the release said.

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kind and thoughtful act; but more than that, thanks for the recognition from all my brothers and sisters who shared the honor and privilege of serving our country and its' people, and from the souls of those who gave all and from those they left behind.

I rejoice that there are still folks like you around and pray that the good Lord bless and keep you.

Irwin "Soony" Schaeffer
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Nuclear Waste 9-12

Asked for a key to the restroom, a woman inside the cashier's booth said she was getting ready to leave and told the reporter to ask "that other chick" for the key. The other employee was nowhere to be seen, so the worker asked one of two security guards standing nearby to watch her booth while she escorted the

said, referring to Correia, who reluctantly told a reporter that he makes \$45 per hour. "Why don't [he] find a solution instead of just locking the damn things? Especially on the biggest weekends of the year, like Indian Market and Fiesta. If they can't figure out how to work this out, then why is he there? It's ridiculous!

Fonda on the Plaza.

But he never mentioned the public restrooms across the street in the public parking garage on Water Street.

Contact Phaedra Haywood at 986-3068 or phaywood@sfmexican.com. Follow her on Twitter @phaedraann.

Bear: Attacks increased this year

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This makes the chances of close encounters rise, which could lead to "attacks that are primarily defensive in nature," Cherry said. "Vegetation is also full and grasses tall due to the rain, which helps make surprise encounters much more likely."

In Thursday's attack, the hunter told officials he was eating lunch under a tree when he spotted the bear and her cub in a watering hole. He took photographs and started shooting video of the animals when the mother bear got angry and charged. The hunter, who officials did not identify, climbed the tree to escape.

At one point, the hunter fell 15 feet from the tree and then managed to climb back up. He fired his pistol into the air and at the female bear in attempt to scare it, but the animal didn't leave. He then radioed for help. His guide told officers he found the hunter clinging to the tree nearly 50 feet from the ground.

The hunter told game officers he had seen five other bears before the attack.

The attack came a day after a female black bear with a cub clawed a runner on a trail near Los Alamos. Officers with hounds spent Thursday looking for that bear but suspended the search Friday because the dogs could no longer pick up the animal's scent.

Officers also were searching Friday and setting traps for the bear that attacked the elk hunter.

Before this year, the state had averaged two bear attacks a year for the last five years. The bears involved are rarely located, and their gender is usually unknown, Cherry said.

No bear attacks on humans were reported between 2002 and 2006, according to the department.

The two bear encounters this week involved mother bears who had cubs by their side. The Los Alamos trail apparently was thick with berry-filled bushes, and the watering hole near Ocate attracts thirsty animals.

The attacks come as the State Game Commission recently voted to increase kill limits on black bears and cougars in most hunting areas of the state, claiming that populations of both species have risen. Conservationists opposed to the decision

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR

- ◆ Stop and back away slowly while facing the bear. Avoid direct eye contact, as the bear may consider that a threat. Do not run. Make yourself appear large by holding out your jacket. If you have small children, pick them up so they don't run.
- ◆ Give the bear plenty of room to escape, so it doesn't feel threatened or trapped. If a black bear attacks you, fight back using anything at your disposal, such as rocks, sticks, binoculars or even your bare hands. Aim for the bear's nose and eyes.
- ◆ If the bear has not seen you, stay calm and slowly move away, making noise so the bear knows you are there. Never get between a mother bear and her cubs.

IF YOU LIVE OR CAMP IN BEAR COUNTRY

- ◆ Keep garbage in airtight containers inside your garage or storage area. Place garbage outside in the morning just before pickup, not the night before. Occasionally clean cans with ammonia or bleach.
- ◆ Remove bird feeders. Bears see them as sweet treats, and often they will look for other food sources nearby.
- ◆ Never put meat or sweet-smelling food scraps such as melon in your compost pile.
- ◆ Don't leave pet food or food dishes outdoors at night.
- ◆ Clean and store outdoor grills after use. Bears can smell sweet barbecue sauce and grease for miles.
- ◆ Never intentionally feed bears to attract them for viewing.
- ◆ Keep your camp clean, and store food and garbage properly at all times. Use bear-proof containers when available. If not, suspend food, toiletries, coolers and garbage from a tree at least 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet out from the tree trunk.
- ◆ Keep your tent and sleeping bag free of all food smells. Store the clothes you wore while cooking or eating with your food.
- ◆ Sleep a good distance from your cooking area or food storage site.

SOURCE: NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH

have disputed the department's population estimates, claiming they were based on faulty science.

Contact Staci Matlock at 986-3055.

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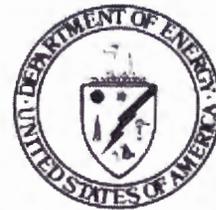
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Couple arraigned in toddler's death

Boston mother's bond at \$1 million; boyfriend is denied bail at hearing

BY DENISE LAVOIE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — The mother of a toddler whose remains washed up inside a trash bag on a Boston Harbor beach was ordered held on \$1 million cash bail Monday. The mother's boyfriend was denied bail on murder charges.

Rachelle Bond, the mother of 2-year-old Bella Bond, and Michael McCarthy appeared in court for an emotionally charged arraignment.

McCarthy is charged with killing Bella, whose body was found by a dog walker on Deer Island in June. Bond, who wore a gray zip-up sweater with the hood up in court, is charged as an accessory after the fact. Both are charged with unlawful disposal of human remains.

As a prosecutor detailed the state's case against the pair, Bella's godmother, Megan



RAY GREENHOUSE/THE BOSTON GLOBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rachelle Bond, left, is charged with helping dispose of her daughter's body. Michael McCarthy, right, faces murder charges in the toddler's death.

Fewtrell, yelled as she left the courtroom: "I hope you rot in hell!"

She was escorted from the courtroom while clutching a yellow stuffed duck, which she said Bella took to bed with her every night.

Joe Amoroso, who identified himself as Bella's biological father, yelled as McCarthy was being led away after his arraignment: "Mike McCarthy, you're done! You won't last a day."

A composite image of the chubby-cheeked girl with deep brown eyes had been viewed by millions as authorities tried to identify her. The big break came last week when Boston

police received a tip and a search warrant was executed at her mother's apartment.

Assistant District Attorney David Deakin said Monday that police got the tip after Bond broke down in tears Sept. 16 and told Michael Sprinsky, a friend of McCarthy, that McCarthy had killed Bella.

Sprinsky said Bond told him she had been off drugs for the last couple of days. When he told her that was good news, that she'd now be able to get her daughter back from state custody, he said Bond broke down crying and said, "I'll never see my daughter again," according to the prosecutor.

Bond told him: "Michael

McCarthy killed her," according to Deakin.

According to Sprinsky, the couple had locked Bella in a closet at least twice for 30 minutes to an hour while she screamed to be freed, the prosecutor said.

Sprinsky said McCarthy and Bond told him Bella was possessed by demons, Deakin said. During a search of their apartment, police found books on demons and demonology, Deakin said.

The prosecutor said Bond, 40, told police that one night in late May, Bella didn't want to go to bed and was fussy. McCarthy, 35, said he would go into the bedroom to calm her down, Deakin said.

A little while later, when Bond realized she didn't hear any noise coming from the room, she went in and found Bella lying on a bed and McCarthy standing over her with his hand near her abdomen, the prosecutor said.

According to Bond, McCarthy said, "She was a demon anyway. It was her time to die."

Bond's lawyer, Janice Basili, said McCarthy "essentially held her captive" and would not allow Bond to leave after Bella was killed.

McCarthy's lawyer, Jonathan Shapiro, said McCarthy reported knowing nothing about Bella's death.

THE NATION

Student withdraws in 'bomb' incident

DALLAS — The family of a 14-year-old Muslim student who got in trouble over a homemade clock mistaken for a possible bomb withdrew the boy Monday from his suburban Dallas high school.

Ahmed Mohamed's father, Mohamed El-Hassan Mohamed, said he has pulled all of his children from their Irving Independent School District schools. Mohamed said the family is still deciding where to send the children to school.

Ahmed has said he took the clock he made to MacArthur High School in Irving last week to show a teacher. Officials said he was taken away in handcuffs after another teacher saw it and became concerned. Ahmed wasn't charged, but he was suspended from school for three days.

News of the arrest sparked an outpouring of support for Ahmed, including from President Barack Obama.

LGBT national park urged for NYC bar

NEW YORK — Two members of New York's congressional delegation are leading a campaign to designate Stonewall Inn as the first national park honoring lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler made their announcement Sunday in front of the Greenwich Village tavern that was the scene of a 1969 uprising at a key moment for the nascent gay rights movement.

"When we look at our country, we have recognized women's rights, civil rights, all kinds of rights," Gillibrand said. "The time has come to give this part of our history an imprimatur of national importance."

The two Democrats were joined by other officials and members of the National Parks Conservation

and the Human Rights Campaign. National parks can only be created by an act of Congress. They include sites of cultural

or historic importance.

Secret Service apologizes to kids

WASHINGTON — The head of the Secret Service apologized for how a group of children suffering from cancer and their families were treated after they said they were pushed out of Lafayette Square on Saturday night.

Joseph Clancy, director of the Secret Service, called one of the organizers Monday after CureFest for Childhood Cancer said about 700 parents and children were ordered out of the park in front of the White House for at least two hours. The move disrupted their plans for a candlelight vigil to raise awareness and research funding for childhood cancer.

The organizer, Mike Gillette, said Clancy called him Monday and said he was "very sorry" and that the agency "did not handle the situation well." A spokeswoman for the Secret Service confirmed that Clancy made the call.

Alaska oil dividend hits record high

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Oil prices are so low that they are hovering at benchmarks not seen in years, plunging oil-dependent Alaska into a crippling budget deficit. But the industry's troubles won't affect how much the state's oil investment account pays out to Alaskans, even though the government has been scrambling to pay the bills.

This year's payout will be a record \$2,072 for nearly every man, woman and child who lives in the 49th state. Last year's check was \$1,884, and the previous high was \$2,069, in 2009.

After the discovery of oil on Alaska's North Slope, a permanent fund was established in 1976 so all generations of Alaskans could benefit from the riches of the state's natural resources. The state began distributing dividends to residents in 1982.

— Journal Wire Reports

Former peanut exec gets 28 years for outbreak

Salmonella killed 9 in 2008 and 2009

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, Ga. — A former peanut company executive was sentenced Monday to 28 years in prison for his role in a deadly salmonella outbreak, the stiffest punishment ever handed out to a producer in a foodborne illness case.

The outbreak in 2008 and 2009 was blamed for nine deaths and sickened hundreds more, and triggered one of the largest food recalls in U.S. history.

Before he was sentenced, former Peanut Corporation of America owner Stewart Parnell testified about the terror and

grief caused by tainted peanut butter traced to the company's plant in southwestern Georgia.

One of the victims was 10-year-old Jacob Hurley, who was 3 when he was stricken by salmonella from peanut butter crackers that left him vomiting and rushing to the toilet for nearly two weeks.

"I think it's OK for him to spend the rest of his life in prison," Jacob told the judge. Jeff Almer said his 72-year-old mother was battling back from cancer when she died in December 2008 after eating peanut butter from Parnell's plant.

"You took my mom," Almer said. "You kicked her right off the cliff."

When a jury convicted Parnell and two co-defendants a year ago, experts said it was the first time American food processors had stood trial in a food-poisoning case.

A federal jury convicted Parnell, 61, of knowingly shipping contaminated peanut butter and of faking results of lab tests intended to screen

for salmonella. Judge W. Louis Sands estimated Parnell faced up to 803 years in prison for his crimes, but a punishment that severe would have been "inappropriate." He didn't elaborate.

"These acts were driven simply by the desire to profit and to protect profits notwithstanding the known risks" from salmonella, the judge said. "This is commonly and accurately referred to as greed."

Federal investigators found a leaky roof, roaches and evidence of rodents at the plant, all ingredients for brewing salmonella. They also uncovered emails and records showing food confirmed by lab tests to contain salmonella was shipped to customers anyway. Other batches were never tested at all, but got shipped with fake lab records saying salmonella screenings were negative.

Emas prosecutors presented at trial showed that Parnell once directed employees to "turn them loose" after samples of peanuts tested positive

for salmonella and then were cleared in another test. Several months before the outbreak, when a final lab test found salmonella, Parnell expressed concern to a Georgia plant manager, writing in an Oct. 6, 2008, email that the delay "is costing us huge \$\$\$\$\$."

Parnell, who didn't testify during his trial and stayed silent years ago when called before a congressional hearing, apologized to the courtroom full of victims and their relatives.

"I am personally embarrassed, humiliated and morally disgraced by what happened," he said, acknowledging that some might see his apology as coming too late.

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Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Saturday, September 26th

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Visit www.dea.gov or call 800-882-9539 for a collection site near you.

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Little Argus » Sept. 22

The Carlsbad Current-Argus offers the Little Argus as a complimentary service to non-profits and community organizations for the purpose of running public service announcements and/or publicizing community activities.

Little Argus submissions may be sent to news@current-argus.com at least 24 hours in advance of the first day the announcement is desired to run. Submissions should be kept to 50 words or less and include crucial information such as time, date, location and contact information. Because this is a free service and space is limited, submissions will be printed on a rotation, meaning announcements are not guaranteed to run every day. Announcements with no clear end date will be removed at staff's discretion. Anyone with questions can call 575-887-5501.

Today

Story program: "Making Sense of Our Senses," a free preschool (ages 3-5) story program, will be at 10 a.m. Sept. 22 with read-aloud time, science exploration, crafts and play time at Carlsbad Public Library. Call 575-885-6776 for information.

Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair will be at St. Edward School located at 805 Walter St. daily from 7:40 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 21-25. There will be a family event from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 22. There will be plenty of door prizes raffled off. Shop online at scholastic.com/fair.

Announcements
Revival: Hillcrest Baptist Church is having a revival at 7 p.m. Sept. 21-25. Hillcrest is excited to bring Randy Hogue to Carlsbad as our revival speaker. The church will be worshipping the Lord in song with Nick Wolfe. On Sept. 22-25, the church will host a luncheon and a devotion time at noon in the fellowship hall led by Randy Hogue. All are welcome.

Wednesday

Child screening: There will be free child developmental screening from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 23 in the gym lobby of Loving Elementary School. Children will screened for fine and gross motor skills, speech and language and hearing and vision. Parents who have concerns about their child's development should bring them to this clinic. Call 575-745-2079 for more information.

Candlelight vigil: A candlelight vigil to pray for the Pope, our nation and the world, prior to his address to

PET OF THE DAY CATALIE PORTMAN



Meet the Current-Argus pet of the day, Catalie Portman. She is a small calico cat. Her animal ID is 29614367. Many other animals are searching for permanent homes at Noah's Ark Animal Shelter. The shelter is open from noon to 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 575-885-5769 or e-mail angel@ark.org. See more pets on line at noahsbarkshelter.org

The joint session of Congress will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 23 on the courthouse lawn. All are welcome to come pray. For more information, call 575-887-0606.

Infant and toddler program: There will be a free program for infants and toddlers (0-3) at 11 a.m. Sept. 23 at the Carlsbad Public Library. It will consist of creative movement, music, educational play and social time. Call 575-885-6776 for information.

Mammograms: NMSU Carlsbad is hosting mammograms on its campus by Assured Imaging Women's Wellness from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 23. Call 888-233-8121 for appointments.

Gordita sale: There will be a gordita sale at 11 a.m. Sept. 23 at 2322 1st Street in Carlsbad. Plates cost \$8 and include three gorditas, beans, rice and salad. Call 575-828-0309 to order.

Archery class: Blodgett Street Baptist Church will begin a 9-week archery class. "CenterShot Ministry" on Sept. 22 through Nov. 17. The class will be from 6-7:15 p.m. and is for all ages. The class is free and all equipment is provided. For more information, call 575-885-5033.

Full Moon Walk: There will be a full moon walk Sept. 27 at Living Desert Zoo and Gardens. Entrance will be from 6:45-7:15 p.m. There will be a total lunar eclipse, so bring a lawn chair. Regular entrance fees apply.

Dance: The San Jose Center is holding a dance from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 25. Must be 40 years of age or older and we ask that you bring a finger food dish to share. Admission is free and chips, dips and drinks will be provided. No alcohol is allowed. For more information, call 575-885-1402.

Instructional materials

Adoption: The Carlsbad Municipal School District's Instructional Department invites parents and community members to participate in the instructional materials adoption process. For more information, please contact your child's principal or school.

RCIA: St. Edward's Catholic Church is offering adult religious education classes for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith or complete their sacraments. Class is Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Contact the parish office for questions at 575-885-0600.

Board meeting: Southeast NM Community Action Corporation (SNMAC) will hold its board of directors meeting at 6 p.m. Sept. 24 at the SNMAC building, located at 1915 San Jose Blvd., Carlsbad. For more information, call 575-887-3939.

Community Focus: Community Focus invites anyone interested in our great community of Carlsbad and Eddy County to their weekly Friday meetings. Community Focus meets for breakfast and a presentation from a community leader. Presenters represent businesses, education, government agencies, tourism, non-

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profits and religious organizations. Anyone wanting to learn more about Carlsbad, and surrounding areas is welcome to join us. Meetings are at (HOP at 2529 S. Canal St. in Carlsbad. From 7-9:30 a.m. there is a meet-and-greet, breakfast (\$7) is at 7:30 a.m., and the presentation is at 8 a.m.

Computer classes: The Carlsbad Public Library will be offering free computer and tablet classes. Topics covered are Internet Basics, Tablets, Microsoft Word, Excel and Online Shopping. Please contact the library at 575-885-

6776 or stop by the library for details. Seating is limited and registration is required.
Volunteers: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), a nonprofit child advocacy organization, is preparing to train new volunteers in Fall '15. The organization is seeking volunteer citizens to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children living in foster care. These children will be placed in protective custody of the state by the court. CASA provides all necessary training. Three to four hours per week and an interest in being a powerful voice

for Eddy County's vulnerable children are all that is needed for the program. A screening and background check will be required. For more information, call 587-5066 or come by the CASA office at 119 West Mermod, Carlsbad, NM. Visit our website at www.eddycountycasa.com.
Celebrate Recovery: You are invited to Celebrate Recovery which meets each Monday night at 5:30 p.m. as a safe place to address your hurts, hang ups, and habits (addictions). 1502 W. Mermod. Info: 1-800-801-6530.

Public Information Meetings
Requested Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

WHO: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWPP)

WHAT: DOE and NWPP will conduct public meetings to provide information on the following permit modification request to the NWPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 13, 2010 2 - 5 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2010 8 - 7 p.m.
WHERE: Chartered by Marlott 2347 National Parks Highway Santa Fe, New Mexico 4021 National Parks Highway Carlsbad, New Mexico

WHY: On September 8, 2010, DOE submitted a Class 2 permit modification request package to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The permit modification request proposes the following:

- Add trichloroethylene to the Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) target analyte list for VOC monitoring as required by the May 12, 2014 Administrative Order
- Change the necessary VOC monitoring locations. Moving the location from the underground to the surface locations prevents unnecessary risk to VOC sampling personnel and provides a more practical way of determining the risk from VOC exposure to the non waste handling surface unit
- Change the type of sampling equipment used for VOC monitoring. The proposed equipment has been proven reliable by other types of monitoring at the WIPP facility and is inherently simpler to use
- Change the sampling duration for VOC monitoring. This will remove some variability that may occur when using a shorter sampling period
- Revise the method of determining compliance with the surface non-waste handling worker environmental protection standard for air emissions. This revised methodology is based on a direct calculation of risk to the individual as opposed to an indirect determination using pre-established approval risk assigned to each target VOCs
- Remove the minimum burning arrest average into verification exhaust rate. This rate is no longer needed since the initiation of disposal room monitoring
- Some editorial changes

HOW: To obtain additional information about this permit modification request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, NWPP at 1-888-338-0477. This permit modification is also available on the NWPP web site at <http://www.nwpp.gov> and at the NWPP Information Center, Shown-Wildcat Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, NM 88221. A copy of the requested permit modification may also be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.

COMMENTS: Written comments for the record must be sent to the NMED contact person at the address below and received no later than 5 p.m. on November 11, 2015.

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The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the Permit being modified is available from the files of the New Mexico Environment Department.

QUESTIONS: Any questions or comments to the Permittees regarding this permit modification request may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, PO Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221, no later than September 3, 2015.

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his heart and soul into promoting Silver City as a bicycling destination, Brennan says it's time to step down.

"There's potential out there, but nobody has yet grabbed the horns. Nobody has committed to be the race director yet," Brennan told the Daily Press. "It's still up in the air."

— Silver City Daily Press

Nelson show set for Nov. 29

LOVINGTON — Tickets went on sale Sept. 18 for the rescheduled Willie Nelson concert at the Lea County Event Center.

Willie Nelson & Family have confirmed their rescheduled date for Sunday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25, \$45 and \$65. Tickets can be purchased online at SelectASeatLubbock.com, by phone at 806-770-2000 or in person at the Lea County Event Center. All tickets that have not been refunded from the original date on Jan. 2, 2015, will be valid for this show.

— Lovington Leader

Acoma to receive \$1.16M for safety

GRANTS — According to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Pueblo of Acoma is due to receive two awards related to public safety valued at \$1,167,655 from the federal agency.

Acoma is one of eight tribes receiving public safety funds from the U.S. Department of Justice totaling more than \$8 million. The pueblo in Cibola County was the only one to receive two awards.

This money will help tribal leaders in New Mexico make their communities safer plac-

A listing of the awards is available at justice.gov/tribal/.

— Cibola Beacon

Official kept state in dark over mine spill

SANTA FE — Federal regulators refused to share water quality data for weeks following a blowout of toxic wastewater from a Colorado mine that fouled rivers across the Southwest.

That charge came from New Mexico Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Ryan Flynn Sept. 17 before the House committees on Natural Resources and Oversight and Government Reform. Flynn said the move by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency aimed to downplay the severity of the spill, hobbling the state's response. He said he remained concerned about contaminated sediments harming the environment and said a long-term monitoring plan offered by the agency was inadequate. That echoed concerns raised by Navajo President Russell Begaye, who questioned the EPA's role overseeing the response to a spill that it caused.

Republican lawmakers have used the events to bash the EPA for its handling of issues ranging from climate change to the protection of streams.

The Aug. 5 spill was triggered by an EPA cleanup team as it was doing excavation work on an inactive mine near Silverton, Colorado. The pollution tainted with heavy metals flowed downstream to New Mexico and Utah.

EPA spokeswoman Laura Allen says water-quality test results were made public as soon as they were validated.

entry-level employees.

In a press release, the resort said it made the decision to raise its minimum wage to ensure it continues to "recruit and retain the best ski, snowboard, instruction, operations and hospitality personnel in the industry."

"There's nothing more important to us than the people at Taos Ski Valley," said TSV CEO Gordon Briner in the release. "The mountain is spectacular, but it really is the spirit of Taos Ski Valley that makes us unique among all resorts nationwide, and that is embodied in our staff. This wage increase will help us compete for the best talent nationwide. Also, it's important to note \$10 is the entry wage, and most staffers actually earn more due to experience and seniority."

Taos Ski Valley typically hires hundreds of people at the start of each season to staff lift operations, ski and snowboard school, ticket sales, operations and hospitality. When fully staffed, Taos Ski Valley is one of the largest private employers in the entire state of New Mexico.

The decision to raise the minimum wage comes weeks after ski patrol employees announced they planned to vote on whether to unionize.

— The Taos News

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Public Information Meetings Requested Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant



WHO: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWPP)

WHAT: DOE and NWPP will conduct public meetings to provide information on the following permit modification request to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 3 - 5 p.m.
Thursday, October 15, 2015 5 - 7 p.m.

WHERE: Courtyard by Marriott 3347 Carlsbad Road Santa Fe, New Mexico
Shoen-Whitlock Building 4021 National Parks Highway Carlsbad, New Mexico

WHY: On September 8, 2015, DOE submitted a Class 2 permit modification request package to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The permit modification request proposes the following:

- Add trichloroethylene to the Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) target analyte list for VOC monitoring as required by the May 12, 2014, Administrative Order.
- Change the repository VOC monitoring locations. Moving the location from the underground to the surface locations prevents unnecessary risk to VOC sampling personnel and provides a more practical value for determining the risk from VOC exposure to the non-waste handling surface worker.
- Change the type of sampling equipment used for VOC monitoring. The proposed equipment has been proven reliable for other types of monitoring at the WIPP facility and is inherently simpler to use.
- Change the sampling durations for VOC monitoring. This will remove some variability that may occur when using a shorter sampling period.
- Revise the method of determining compliance with the surface non-waste handling worker environmental performance standard for air emissions. This revised methodology is based on a direct calculation of risk to the individual as opposed to an indirect determination using pre-established apportioned risk assigned to each target VOCs.
- Remove the minimum running annual average mine ventilation exhaust rate. This rate is no longer needed since the initiation of disposal room monitoring.
- Some editorial changes

HOW: To obtain additional information about this permit modification request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, NWPP at 1-800-338-8477. The permit modification is also available on the WIPP web site at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> and at the WIPP Information Center, Shoen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, N.M. A copy of the requested permit modification may also be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.

COMMENTS: Written comments for the record must be sent to the NMED contact person at the address below and received no later than 5 p.m. on November 11, 2015.

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The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the Permit being modified is available from Mr. Maestas at the New Mexico Environment Department.

QUESTIONS: Any questions or comments to the Permittees regarding this permit modification request may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, N.M. 88221, no later than November 3, 2015.

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migrants to spend a maximum of 36 hours in the transit center before being moved on, he said.

"Really?" asked Mohammed, a student from Damascus, who was sitting in the grass with his friends, upon learning that he would soon be heading north. A smile spread across his face.

Ostojic, who will take part in an emergency meeting of EU interior ministers in Brussels on Tuesday, said he was angry about Croatia's situation.

Ostojic called for strengthened borders in Greece, where migrants and refugees have been streaming into Europe from Turkey.

Croatian authorities said Monday that more than 29,000 people entered their country after Hungary sealed its borders and started turning away refugees and migrants early last week. Most were moving quickly onward toward Western Europe.

In a flurry of diplomacy, European nations will attempt this week to ease the crisis by distributing asylum seekers within Europe, bolstering border controls at Europe's edges and stepping up aid for refugee camps closer to Syria.

On Tuesday, EU interior ministers will discuss a proposal to allocate 120,000 new arrivals. EU leaders will then meet on Wednesday to discuss a broader strategic response to the crisis.

On Monday, German Interior Minister Thomas de Maizière announced that the nation's ruling coalition has agreed on a series of emergency measures to respond to the mounting refugee crisis.

In one notable retreat, he said the government has effectively backtracked on a proposal to get tougher on asylum seekers who apply for protection in Germany after entering and transiting through other EU countries.

Under EU law, Germany has the right to send them back, and a draft law circulating last week said such refugees would receive only food and a ticket home rather than temporary housing and benefits.

and sea regulators to accuse the German company of illegally installing software to evade standards for reducing smog.

John Schilling, a Volkswagen spokesman, said that the company would stop selling 2015 and 2016 Volkswagen and Audi models equipped with 4-cylinder turbo diesel engines, which the company has marketed as "clean diesel." The company will also stop selling used cars that have the engines, Schilling said.

He said he did not know how many models would be stuck on dealer lots as a result of the decision. This month, Volkswagen had said that 23 percent of new cars sold in August were diesels, or 7,400 vehicles.

The confirmation of the halt in sales came on the same day as Martin Winterkorn, chief executive of Volkswagen, apologized for conduct that

emissions. The decision to halt sales was first reported by *The Wall Street Journal*.

"I personally am deeply sorry that we have broken the trust of our customers and the public," Martin Winterkorn said in a statement.

He said the company would "cooperate fully" with the authorities and order its own independent investigation into the accusations.

In his statement, Winterkorn did not contest assertions by the EPA that Volkswagen sold cars equipped with software that could detect when periodic state government emissions testing was taking place.

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WHO: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP).

WHAT: DOE and NWP will conduct public meetings to provide information on the following permit modification request to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

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Skeen-Whitlock Building 4021 National Parks Highway Carlsbad, New Mexico

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- Remove the minimum running annual average mine ventilation exhaust rate. This rate is no longer needed since the initiation of disposal zone monitoring.
- Some editorial changes.

HOW: To obtain additional information about this permit modification request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, NWP at 1-800-338-6477. The permit modification is also available on the WIPP web site at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, N.M. A copy of the requested permit modification may also be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.

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