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HONORS OUR VETERANS

As we prepare to celebrate another Memorial Day, we want to honor all the Desert Harbor residents who have ever served in the military. From the surveys collected throughout the month, we have learned that 3 residents served in World War II, 6 in the Korean War and the after years, 6 in the Vietnam War, and 8 have children or grandchildren who continue to serve in the military. To all, we want to express our gratitude by sharing some of their stories and pictures...

To any other veterans in the Park who are not mentioned in this article, we ask that you notify the Activities Committee so we can honor you next year. We have received many excellent stories and pictures which will be on display in the Clubhouse at the Memorial Day picnic and a few days afterwards. Please take a moment to stop by and thank all of our veterans for the sacrifices they have made and the patriotism they have shown. Let's make this Memorial Day a real MEMORIAL day!!!

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Changes already seen at Desert Harbor

Green Courte replaces American Land Lease CEO, directors



Trading of American Land Lease Inc. on the New York Stock Exchange was suspended Feb. 18, and the company voluntarily delisting itself on March 16 following its merger with Green Courte Partners, a real estate investment trust.

In addition, Chief Executive Officer Terry Considine and American Land Lease's five directors were replaced by the Chicago REIT that bought the company. On February 18, Green Courte Partners LLC Chairman, Randall K. Rowe, took over as chief executive. Green Courte Partners finalized the \$428 million acquisition on March 16.

As part of the merger agreement, two American Land Lease executives received bonuses for staying with the company. The board approved \$350,000 for Chief Financial Officer Shannon Smith and \$25,000 for lawyer John J. Cunningham Jr. They received half on February 23 with the rest due August 23.

Green Courte focuses primarily on the ownership and operation of manufactured housing communities, retail and mixed-use properties, and parking assets, while American Land Lease owns 30 manufactured home communities in Florida, Arizona and Alabama. To learn more about Green Courte on the internet, visit <http://www.greencourtepartners.com/>

Improvements are ongoing....

With the change in management, we are already seeing a new look at Desert Harbor. On May 4-6, 2009, streets on the west side of the clubhouse were milled and repaved. It's expected streets east of the clubhouse will be completed by the spring of 2010. By the end of May, the entire swimming pool area will be reworked where the decking will be removed and replaced with new material.

A FATHER'S DAY TO REMEMBER

By Jan Ginsburg

When the newsletter committee met concerning the June issue, the first item was to include an article regarding Father's Day. Everyone was in agreement, especially me, as I always thought Dads never quite got the spotlight that Moms did, you know, TV coverage, Hallmark commercials, etc. We have invited a few of our residents to contribute some of their own special memories of Father's Day with us.

Here is a little background information for you; the start of Father's Day was actually an idea to help children honor their fathers, which began in Spokane, Washington. A woman named Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Sonora was raised by her father, William Jackson Smart after her mom died, and she wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the sacrifices and, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's dad was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1926, a National Father's Day committee was formed and Father's Day was recognized by Congress in 1956. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be on the third Sunday of June. So Father's Day was born in memory and gratitude by a daughter who thought that her father and all good fathers should be honored with a special day just as we honor our mothers on Mother's Day.

Reminiscent of the 50's

by Jim McKersie Lot #177



Father's Day has always been a special day to me because I grew up in a fatherless home. It was important to me when I became a father to provide my children with a life style I had never known. I can say that we lived the very close family style reminiscent of the 50's which have carried over to this day. I am proud to be a father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

A Tribute

by Nelson Kaesberg, Lot #161

- He caught the first baseball I ever threw.
- He taught the silent lifting of the cookie jar lid.
- He is the definition of trust.
- He reminded me that work is hard.
- He joked that Santa was temporary but God was not.
- He painted success murals and made me copy them.
- He insisted that I learn.....well.
- He defined joy and sent me in search.
- He disciplined when appropriate.
- He whispered prayers for his family every night.
- He kept despair at bay.
- He made me laugh for no reason.
- He loved my mother without qualification.
- He cried when I left home.
- He was and is my best friend.



My Father



I am one of the luckiest guys I know! When I married sixty years ago, not only did I get my wife, but two boys who were three and five years old, and then we had a little girl. I am very proud of all three of my kids. I used to drive a gas truck when the boys were little and I used to take them along with me for the ride. One of the boys told me one day, "Pop, if you are going to drive like that, let me out and I will walk home!" We later moved to Ogallala, Nebraska where I worked for the Post Office for some thirty years and then we came here to Arizona.

"One of the luckiest guys I know!"

by Harv Nelson, Lot #131

25 Year Reunion

by Earl Shively, Lot #12

At a Father's Day reunion in 2005, most of my eight children and their families gathered in a rural setting in Warren, Ohio. Three children of my first marriage were unable to make it but still it was the first time in 25 years that the Shively family had gotten together. Many pictures were taken along with movies made of the relatives and children. It was a wonderful weekend in the 90 years of my life on this earth.



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A FATHER'S DAY...

Pandemonium

by Rick Hoskinson # Lot 182



Being a father seems to require that you are ready for pandemonium at any moment. In my infinite wisdom I had brought home a little runt of a feline to ease the moving transition from Sheboygan to Richfield WI for our two children. Who knew that our little Muffin had the heart of a lion and a definite idea of her place in the family. A year after she came to live with us (Ricky, 6 & Julie 4) it was evident that she did not consider herself the low man on the totem pole and decided to make her move on our unsuspecting daughter. As Julie rounded the corner from the living room, Muffin who had been perched on the staircase jumped down and landed on her head with teeth bared. Although the cat's teeth did not break the skin, Julie let out a shriek that could have had the neighbors calling 911. Julie ran to her Mom screaming and crying and I proceeded to chase the cat with Ricky hot on my heels. Our home was perfect for chasing a cat through the living room, then the dining room, then the kitchen while circumventing the downstairs hall closet, dining room table, kitchen appliances, and the lavatory. Neither of us thought to divide and conquer. The "Looney Tunes" cartoon unfolded before Julie and Diane's eyes sending them both into fits of laughter, as Ricky and I went round and round chasing the soon to be sail cat. Somehow the cat escaped our clutches, but Julie never forgave her and Ricky never forgot. So I think I handled that situation rather well, as far as pandemonium goes.

P.S. Muffin was a family pet for many years, but she was always leery of me and took her place for the most part, at the bottom of the totem pole.

"Dammit I loss my new pole"

by LeRoy Ague, Lot #126

Years ago when my father-in-law was alive, he and my two sons and I went fishing on Father's Day. Of course we all had to get new fishing poles and tackle. PoPo is what the boys called grandpa and he hadn't brought any gear with him from Colorado. Anyway, we made all our purchases and got worms and minnows.



Off we went to the nearby lake to get some fresh fish. We had been gone for quite a while and PoPo was getting tired, but we wanted to try one more spot. So we went over where the bridge was and Jeremy and Josh and I went down to the edge of the lake. PoPo decided he would try fishing from the bridge. Then he thought he would sit up on the rail to rest his old knees and bowed legs. He was a pipe fitter and carrying all the heavy pipes took its toll on his legs. Anyway, he kicks his one leg up on the rail and then the other but he didn't stop and down into the lake he went. It was about 20 foot deep there, so, to say the least he went down a long ways.

My boys where screaming "save him save him", and all I could do was laugh. I knew he was a good swimmer (he was a deep sea diver in the navy) and that he was going to be OK.

Soon his fitters' hat came up and shortly after, he came up with a big grin on his face. All he could say was "dammit I loss my new pole." We laughed all the way home.

That is one of many good memories that I have of my Father's Day. Hope all of you have some too.

Classified Ads -

These Ads are free for Desert Harbor residents

Entertainment Center - \$100.⁰⁰

54" X 44" high and 16 1/2 wide
Contact Cyndi Smith, #74
(480) 983-5819

Washer & Dryer - \$50.⁰⁰

or both for \$85.⁰⁰
Contact Thomas, #93
(480) 852-4629

2005 Honda VTX 1300 R

Bike has less than 300 miles on it and equipped with windshield, windshield bag, hand guards, easy clutch and Saddleman jumbo leather saddle bags. It is also equipped with a Voyager conversion kit with trailer hitch, LED lights and is easily removed for two-wheel riding in 5 minutes. Visit Motorcycle Service Shop, 1922 N. Rosemont, Mesa to see this bike. (480) 654-2300, Monday-Friday 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.
\$13,000 OBO -- Call Barbara at (480) 671-0213

Patio table and six chairs;

Glass top, six sided, with etched design and lazy susan attachment, 5 ft. across, \$200. Photos in club house hallway. Call Sylvia, #187, (480) 671-9488

U.S. Postage Stamps -

Postage will increase .02 cents on May 11th. Nancy Pavkov still has 800 (*eight hundred*) .01 cent stamps from the last rate hike. So please call if you could use stamps. Nancy, #61 (480) 983-4136

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WORLD WAR II

- **EARL SHIVELY (#12)** was in World War II during the years 1941-1945. He spent 2 years in the infantry, 2 years 8 months as a medic, and 6 months with the military police. His rank was T/5. With the Army he was stationed in many different places. Earl has a stepson who is at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. "I think that all children graduating from high school should have to spend one year in the military. Here they would get training in responsibility and discipline."
- **HARVEY NELSON (#131)** also served in the Army in WWII during 1943-1945. He was stationed all over Europe and had a rank of Private First Class. He has many memories such as landing on Omaha Beach, D Day, and the Battle of the Bulge. "The last and best memory was when they handed me my discharge," Harvey smiled. The Nelsons have two sons and one grandson who are also veterans, but all are out of the service at this time. Bob retired from the Air Force.



- **LARRY LEPIC (#83)** served with the US Army Air Corps during WWII. He enlisted in May, 1939 and stayed in the air force until 1947 when he was relieved of active duty. He was then recalled to Active Duty in 1951 and stayed until his retirement in 1965. He

then became an Airport Manager in Bellingham, Wasington until he retired once more in 1981. Larry is writing an autobiography titled B52 Larry-- A Life from the Left Seat. In it are several chapters on his military service which are most entertaining to read. A copy of his autobiography will be in the Library. He writes of his time in Hawaii before Pearl Harbor when he was repairing plane engines and spending weekends taking people on tour of the Island in a 1929 four door convertible Plymouth he purchased. What a tour guide!! Then when he had planned to enroll in the University of Hawaii for aeronautical engineering in January 1942, Pearl Harbor was attacked in Dec. 1941. He has an eye-witness account of experiencing the attack at Hickam Field from waking up in the morning to the Ka-BOOM of the first bomb, to believing that the Navy were "target practicing", to seeing the "red ball on the side of the fuselage" and realizing that the Japanese were attacking. He and

a friend, Doc, were commissioned by a motor cycle cop to take the back seat out of the 1936 station wagon they were driving and use it as a make-shift ambulance to take injured soldiers to the hospital. Some of the events he witnessed as he tried to save navy men will remain with him for the rest of his life, he wrote.

He worked on repairing plane engines destroyed in the battle of Midway, making a make-shift repair station on the sandy beaches of Midway. Throughout his military career he worked on airplane engines, taught Cadets to fly various planes, was a pilot himself for many including the B-52s, and had a lot of fun besides. At one point he was a guest of Gregory Peck who invited his student and him to see a private showing of the movie, "African Queen. He also met Susan Hayward at this time and had some memorable pictures taken.

Through the years he had risen from enlisting in the Army Air Corps to becoming a Major in the Air Force. "My career was most challenging to say the least, but when you balance the excitement, the comradeship, and the accomplishments, it was all worth the effort. What other life can be as rewarding?" Larry's granddaughter, Lizbeth Menke, is now serving with the U.S. Coast Guard in St. Louis, Missouri. LOOK FOR THE CHAPTERS OF HIS BOOK, FOR SOME FUN READING!

The **KOREAN WAR** period enlisted the service of many more of our residents:

- In the **ARMY** were:
- **FRED DIEBALL (#85)** who was drafted in Oct, 1953 and was stationed in Ft. Smith, AR, Ft. Knox, KY, Camp Polk, LA, Ft. Bragg, NC, and Ft. Riley, KS. He was a Specialist Third Class. He recounts an amusing story from his very early days in the Army. Please check the display on Memorial Day to read it!
- **GERALD CHAMPION (#37)** who served from 1948 - 1952. He was stationed in Germany and was a Corporal. His grandson, Daniel Lampi, is in the Air force in Colorado Springs, CO.
- **ALAN GOODWIN (#200)** who served from 1957 to 1960. He was stationed in Colorado, New Jersey, Georgia, and Germany. Alan served with the Army Signal Corps and was a Sergeant.

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Casino Trip for June

Cliff Castle Casino

at Camp Verde

Bobby Hitt will be performing a Lounge show at 11am and again in the afternoon

Thursday, June 11th

Check in time is 7:45 a.m.

Free Bus ride and receive \$10.00 upon arrival
No Bingo

Sign up early on Small Bulletin Board and also check there for more details.



Bobby Hitt

LOOKING FOR A NEW FORM OF EXERCISE?

By Jane Boudreau

How about joining our LINE DANCING Group. Line Dancing is a great aerobic exercise as well as a social activity. Leading our group is Mary Pat Summers. She begins our 40 to 45 minute routine with slower dances working up to a polka. We end our session with a waltz which cools us down. Remember this is a fun activity and you are not committed to joining us every week. Some of us leave for the summer and have to get back in shape when we return in the fall.

You say you can't dance. If you can count to four Mary Pat "says you can dance". All of the members of the group were beginners at one time. We still have problems dancing and talking at the same time. This is not a reflection on Mary Pat only a reflection of our skill level. But we do have a great time and our muscles know when we have missed a week of dancing. Line dancing is a form of dance that does not require a partner, which is great for those of us who are single, or have a spouse or significant other who does not want to dance.

Come join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM in the clubhouse. In a few months you will be ready to join the dancers at the next wedding reception, reunion or dance at a fraternal organization.

Exercise is fun when you are dancing.



"OUR MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT"

By Jan Ginsburg

Well, the end of May is here and it's time for us to celebrate and honor those who have fought to keep us free! Here at Desert Harbor on Monday, May 25th there will be a Memorial Day Cookout for all starting with Happy Hour at 4:30p. Chow time begins at 5p with sizzling hot dogs, sloppy joes & all the fixings to go with them. There's a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse where you can put your name and what picnic style side dishes you would like to bring. I'm sure it will be hot outside, so maybe bring your swim suits and make it a day.

ATTENTION: PANCAKE LOVERS

By Jan Ginsburg

To those of you who have faithfully attended, and loved our Pancake Breakfasts and Pancake Dinners this year, we have breaking news for you! For the months of JUNE, JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER only, these functions will temporarily be suspended! STOP; don't run to your nearest IHOP yet, we will be returning in October, 2009 with the 1st Pancake Breakfast, (date to be announced later).

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In the **AIRFORCE** were:

- **BOB MAYO** (#124) who served from 1954 - 1981. He was a Senior Master Sergeant (E-8) and was stationed in Germany, France, Thailand, and various stateside places. He received several special awards in his career: The Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award with/V Device. His family continues his military profession. His Son retired from the USAF after 22 years. His Granddaughter is in the USAF since 2000 and has served in Kuwait in Desert Storm. His Grandson is in the US Army and is currently serving in Iraq with the 4th Infantry Division. Bob has many memories he would like to share, but he primarily recalls "the men and women he served with over the years and their pride and commitment to their country and profession." By far his greatest memory was that he met and married his wife, Kathi, while in Germany.
- **ART ROBERTS** (#81) who served from June 1952 - 1956. He was an Airman First Class and was stationed in Tokyo and in Washington, DC in the Security Communications Division. "Although I never got to Korea, I spent 2 ½ years in Japan and saw the devastation the atomic bomb did to two of their great cities, and what they were doing to rebuild."
- **ARTHUR ANFANG** (#145) who served from 1952 - 1956. He was a Staff Sergeant and was stationed in both Korea and Japan. "I was happy to leave Korea for Japan." (Did you meet Art Roberts while you were **there??**)
- **RICHARD GOODRICH** (#60) who served from 1953 - 1957 and from 1959 - 1975. Richard was in both the Air force and the Navy. He was stationed in numerous places and earned the rank of E-7. One good memory of his military years was "meeting John Wayne and Ward Bond and sharing drinks with them in Tripoli, Libya."
- **RON RUETZ** (#73) - see Ron's info below in the Navy.



In the **NAVY** were:

- **KENNETH CAMP** (#178) WHO SERVED FROM 1952 - 1956. He was stationed on the USS Toledo CA 133. Ken was a Pipe Fitter First Class. He has a grandson, Jonathan Camp, who is currently in the Air Force.

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CELEBRATING OUR NATIONS BIRTHDAY!

By Jane Boudreau

On the fourth of July the residents of Desert Harbor will celebrate our Nations birthday with a traditional picnic with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. The picnic style pot luck supper will begin with Happy Hour at 3:30 PM followed by Dinner at 4:00 PM. Our local chefs will man the BBQ grills and the picnic committee will provide the condiments for the meat.

All those who plan to attend are asked sign up and indicate on the sheet the item they will bring. Picnic favorites: Baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni salad, deviled eggs and tossed green salads are always good options. Followed by a nice slice of chocolate cake and ice cream to cool us off on a hot July day.

Doesn't this make you want to attend? I hope these few suggestions have given you some ideas to begin planning for the picnic. Don't forget to bring your table service and something cool to drink.



Viewing the aerial fireworks display from Apache Junction H.S. is a great culmination of our Nation's Birthday Celebration. I understand there are several locations within Desert Harbor that provides a good view of the night sky. So, visit with the neighbors while sitting in your lawn chairs in your driveway or their's. Look what you can gain and not have to fight traffic getting to the venue or coming home.

Have a fun filled and safe Holiday!!

You Can't Be Too Safe When It Comes to the Swine Flu

Ron Ruetz and Helen Rietow (Lot #73) are making sure they take every effort to protect our community against the swine flu.



ARIZONA QUILTERS GUILD



Mesa, Arizona
March 12th - 14th, 2009

Congratulations to **Reni Dieball**, Lot 85, for taking home one 1st Place ribbon and one ribbon for “Exemplary Hand Quilting” on the same quilt, **Starburst X-Mas Symphony**. She also received a 2nd Place ribbon on another project she named **Summer Garden** at the Annual Symphony of Quilts Show held recently in Mesa, March 12th thru 14th, 2009.

Reni took her first quilting class in Denver, Co. in 1984 and through out the years she has won several awards including 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons and an honorable mention at the International Quilt Show held in Paducah, Kentucky in 1992.

Reni is chairperson of the Closet Quilters, a charter of the Arizona Quilters Guild. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 1 p.m. each month in our Desert Harbor clubhouse.

I am proud to know Reni and would like to offer my congratulations to her for winning these awards as she adds to many other accomplishments.

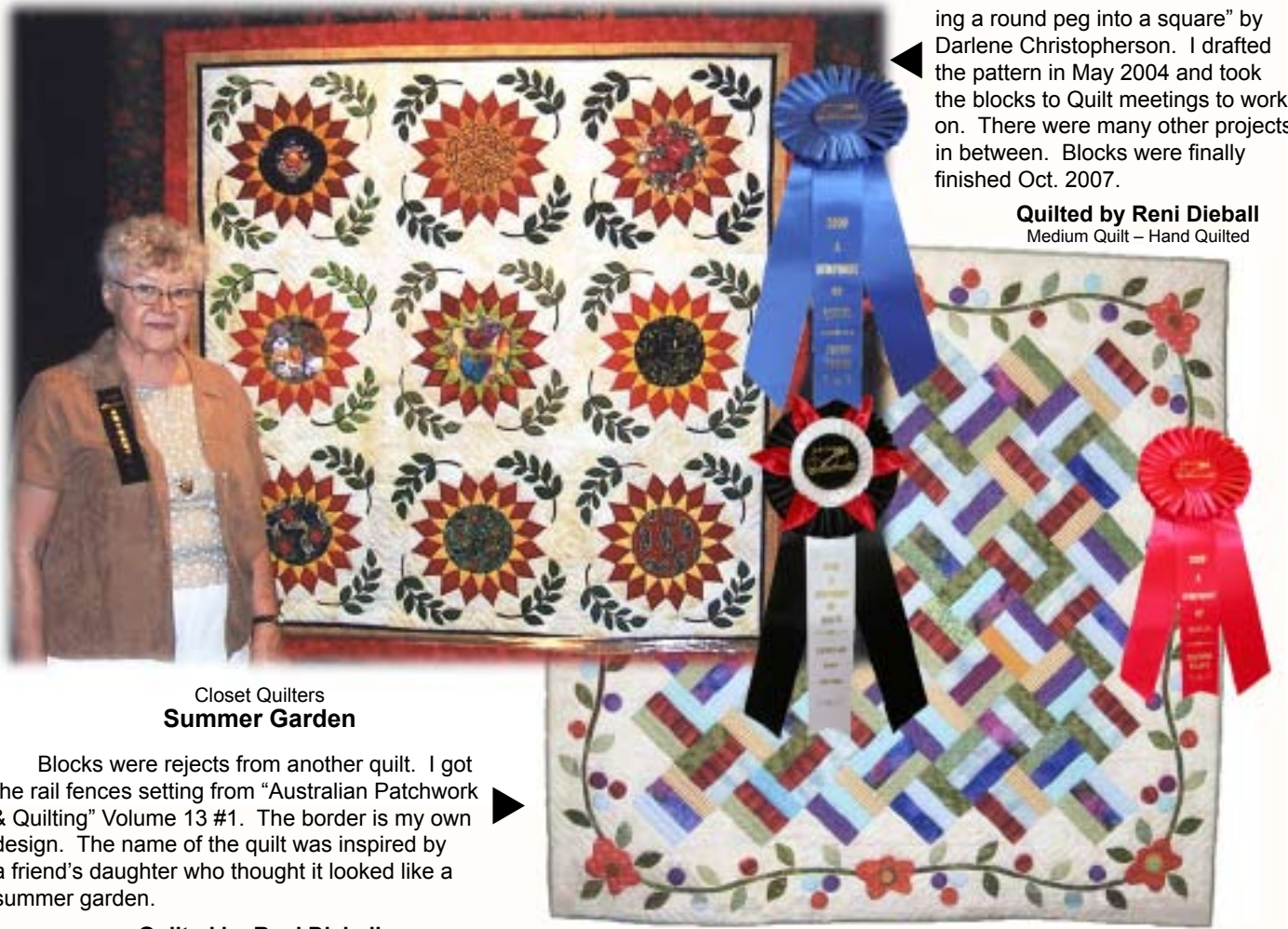
... submitted by Sharon Ziccardi

Closet Quilters

Starburst X-Mas Symphony

Seen in “Traditional Quiltworks”, 1995 Circular Patchwork or sewing a round peg into a square” by Darlene Christopherson. I drafted the pattern in May 2004 and took the blocks to Quilt meetings to work on. There were many other projects in between. Blocks were finally finished Oct. 2007.

Quilted by **Reni Dieball**
Medium Quilt – Hand Quilted



Closet Quilters
Summer Garden

Blocks were rejects from another quilt. I got the rail fences setting from “Australian Patchwork & Quilting” Volume 13 #1. The border is my own design. The name of the quilt was inspired by a friend’s daughter who thought it looked like a summer garden.

Quilted by **Reni Dieball**
Small Quilt – Hand Quilted

TO RECYCLE OR NOT TO RECYCLE

By Dave Borchardt #142

When we think of recycling, most of us think this is a fairly new idea when in fact recycling in one form or another, has been around forever. Centuries before the fall of Rome, bronze items were being retooled for different uses and the residue from fires was used to make bricks in pre-industrial Britain. As early as 1690, the Rittenhouse Paper Co. of Philadelphia had a paper recycling mill up and running. New York City's sanitation commissioners, George Waring, mandated recycling in 1895 and guess who enforced it? Teddy Roosevelt, who was the police commissioner of New York. Then there was Henry Ford, a man who believed in efficiency and thriftiness, set up a "disassemble line" so that old Model T's could be used in the manufacture of new vehicles. This was a guy who had the wood from shipping carts reused as floorboards.

And there are many, many other examples of early conservation efforts. The public conscious, however, really got raised by the first Earth Day in 1970, and that was the same year the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was formed. From 1970 to today, enormous progress has been made in recycling as city after city handed out bins and ordered paper, cans and other materials be placed in them. In the mid 1980's, there was only one curbside recycling program as compared to more than 8,600 in 2006 according to the EPA. In 1980 recycling kept 15 million tons out of landfills and only a couple years ago that number had risen to 82 million. That has stopped about 32 percent of our solid waste from ending up in landfills, and while that is a nice amount, there is still 68 percent that is still being dumped.

Here at Desert Harbor we have two large containers that are located on the west side of the clubhouse. One container is for newspaper and cardboard, and the other container is strictly for aluminum cans. Both of these containers are clearly marked, so please be sure to put the correct item in the proper container. For the first quarter (January-February-March) of 2009, our Activity Organization was paid a total of \$199.60. This was for 10,500 pounds (5.25 tons) of paper/cardboard and 172 pounds of aluminum cans. This is a grand total of 11,672 pounds that would have otherwise ended up in a landfill but thanks to our residents, we turned throw away items into money for our group. Like Connie Riter said "Not bad for stuff we throw out"! There really isn't a lot of extra effort that goes into recycling, it's just a matter of doing it and once you do, it will become easier and easier to continue. We ask all residents to please chip in and help with this recycling effort not only to help our environment, but to put a little extra money in our activities group.

For other items such as plastic bottles (no caps) and plastic milk cartons (again, no caps) there is a recycle station located on Idaho Rd., north of 60 about 1½ miles or so on the right side of the street, right next to the fire station. They have large round blue containers that are marked for different items. Please be sure to rinse out the plastic containers before taking them to recycle.

Again, we would really appreciate your helping our activity organization by recycling your paper, cardboard and aluminum cans in the containers here at Desert Harbor.



"RECAP OF RESIDENCE MEETING ON MAY 2nd"

By Jan Ginsburg

At the end of our May 2nd residence meeting, our secretary Cookie Pein read her letter of resignation as the secretary of the Desert Harbor Activities Organization, effectively immediately. Cookie read that she has been very proud to have served our community and will miss the people she has come to know. She said, with the inevitability of her job going away, and then, her relocation back east with her family, this was a good time to leave the position.

Cookie has served this community and board well, working hard with each elected group. We will all be very grateful and thankful for Cookie's time here at Desert Harbor, she indeed will be missed!

At this point in the meeting, Ken entertained nominations from the floor for secretary of the organization to fill the position until elections in the fall. Jackie Bowman at #102 was nominated and accepted for secretary. Nominations were then open to the floor for a board member to fulfill the vacancy left by Mary Lou Croyle until elections in the fall are held. Judi Quetschenback at #141 was nominated and she accepted.

Per our by-laws when only one person is nominated, an election need not be held. The secretary can and did cast a Ballot for the two positions to be placed.

A nomination committee was selected for next elections in November, 2009. Those members are: Dave Borchardt #142; Kay McKersie #177; and Jim Stephens #156.

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- **TOM HENNESSY (#70)** who served from 1948 - 1953 and was stationed on the U.S.S. Putnam DD757. He became a Petty Officer 2nd Class. "When I was honorably discharged on Dec. 3, 1953, I swore my life with the Navy was over. Little did I know! In December of 1984 I went to work for the U.S. Navy as a civilian and until I finally retired in March, 2006, I traveled all over the world training folks in club operations and computer applications."
- **RON RUETZ (#73)** who served from 1952-1954 with the Navy and from 1954-1956 with the Army. He was stationed in Great Lakes and in Germany and was an Electrician Mate in the Navy and a PFC in the Army. He has two granddaughters in the military now - Brooke DePoy in the Air Force and stationed in Okinawa, Japan and Delilah Rietow in the Navy on deployment now from Norfolk, Virginia.



In the **MARINES** was:

- **MIKE KERELUK (#82)** who served from 1958 through 1964. Mike was stationed in Okinawa, Laos, Hawaii, and California. He served during the Vietnam War and earned the rank of Sergeant, earning the Good Conduct Award. Mike vividly remembers marching across Laos through the flooded rice paddies.



In the **NAVY** were:

- **JOHN SMARTT (#20)** WHO SERVED FROM 1964 THROUGH 1968. He was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia and earned the rank of E-5. He received several awards including the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, and Letter of Commendation. He has a son who served in Desert Storm and Iraq, but is now discharged. During his career, John visited 29 countries, crossed both the Panama and Suez Canals, crossed the equator twice and the Arctic Circle. He was

stationed on the destroyer to pick up the Gemini Space Capsule with three astronauts aboard. He also helped pick up eight downed pilots off the coast of North Vietnam. They were right when they said, "Join the Navy and see the world!"

- **JERRY MILLER (#170)** Who retired after 23 years, as a BMC (E-7). He was stationed in Illinois, Rhode Island, Virginia, New York, , Cuba, Virginia, and California. He served on board the USS Yosemite, the USS Barry, the USS Joseph Taussig, the USS Kearsarge, and the USS McCloy. He received many awards including Expert Rifleman and Pistol Shot awards, Gallantry Cross Medal, Humanitarian Service award, Antarctica Service medal, and others. "...It's been an honor to have served with so many fine men and women... To my fellow service men and women, both past and present, I salute you all."

The **VIETNAM WAR** also called called many of our residents:

In the **ARMY** were:

- **DICK SMITH (#74)** who served 1966-1969 and was stationed in Panama and in North Carolina. He was a Sergeant and earned a Jungle Expert Award.
- **JIM STEPHENS (#156)** who served from 1961 - 1964.
- **DENNIS BOWMAN (#102)** who served from 1963 - 1965 and was stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas. He was a Specialist E-4 and earned a Weapons Expert Award. "I'm just glad I came back in one piece!"
- **DAVID DROUIN (#203)** who served from 1967 - 1970 and was stationed in New Jersey, Arizona, Texas, Vietnam, and Germany. He was a Specialist E-4 and earned an Expert Rifleman Award. "I met and chatted with Connie Stevens at one of the Bob Hope Servicemen Tours while in Vietnam."

In the **AIR FORCE** was:

- **ANTHONY TENAGLIA (#140)** who served from 1962 - 1966 and was stationed in Duluth, Minnesota. He was a Staff Sergeant.
- Also in the Air Force currently is the daughter of Rose Brunett (#140), **Staff Sergeant JESSICA BEZZI**. She is stationed in Hurlburt AFB in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. She has served some time in Kuwait and is now servicing airplane engines.



Do not arouse the wrath of the great and powerful ISP! Or was that the great and powerful OZ?

(Thanks to Frank Baum for the great idea.)

In my last offering to the readers of the newsletter, we discussed the ways to get online with your computer and I mentioned that this issue would be dedicated to that wonder of the 21st century, the ISP.

What exactly is an "ISP"? ISP stands for Internet Service Provider. It is an entity that has the communications and computer facilities that let you, the user, connect to its internet link. Yes, usually there is a fee for this service.

Sometimes the ISP is referred to as the host or server. A server makes files available to other computers. The client (your computer) uses software so you can perform online functions. There are many ISPs from which to choose. There are local, national and international suppliers. All providers are not equal. When looking for a provider, consider if they provide easy access to the resources, the services and the information that is important to YOU. These days, there are many to choose from. Some of the most popular in our area are Cox and/or Mediacom (The cable TV suppliers), Qwest, the local telephone company and AOL, Compuserve, Microsoft Network, Comcast and many others.

Where do I get the software to access the internet? Usually, your ISP provides the necessary software. If your provider does not provide free software, maybe they are not the best provider choice.

We talked briefly about a key part of internet software, the web browser, needed for access and to navigate the web, in a previous article and now we are "digging a little deeper" into this subject. Browsers vary in quality and in the number of accessories that they offer. The most important thing to remember is that a web browser enables you to ask for and view web pages.

Two of the most popular of the available web browsers at this time are Internet Explorer and Firefox. In addition to these two, if you are working on a Mac rather than a PC, Safari is the choice of browsers. If you have Windows on your computer, then you already own Internet Explorer. By the way, each of the browsers offered is free to download.

Actually setting up your computer to take advantage of your browser will be explained in detail once you choose your ISP and the browser that you wish to use. It is a very simple procedure and one that doesn't require any knowledge of the inner working of your PC or Mac. A lot depends on how you are going to access the ISP.

It might involve dialing a telephone number and tying up the phone while you access the internet (This is the slowest method) or your supplier might offer a DSL line (Digital Subscriber's Line) which is much faster than normal dial-up. Another alternative is through the cable company that supplies your TV viewing service and most, if not all, offer cable modem service which has speeds faster than dial-up or DSL. Also, some of the satellite companies also offer fast modems tied in with their services.

Once you are set up with the required hardware and software, you are now ready to explore the internet and the part of it called the World Wide Web. The WWW is a system for accessing information on the Internet. It is the graphical, multimedia portion of the internet.

The web links one internet site with another with hypertext links. With hypertext links, you click on words that are highlighted in a passage and jump to a new location where more information on that subject is provided.

Do NOT expect every resource on the internet to be available through the web. To be accessible, a document must be coded with links that can be read by web servers. E-MAIL AND NEWSGROUPS ARE NOT PART OF THE WEB.

There are plenty of things that you can do on the internet.

- You can find information on anything from A to Z.
- You have access to huge databases, libraries, and museums.
- You can send and receive email which can include photos and videos.
- You can shop online
- You can participate in online discussions and join share groups such as Facebook or Twitter.
- You can download files from a site to your PC
- You can make money on applications such as Ebay.
- You can even create your own web page, a place where people can learn about you.

Next article, we will talk more about internet access, the security and the pitfalls. The internet is just like anywhere else. There is information that everyone is happy to see and information that you never want to see. There are many more safe sites than unsafe sites. Whenever people congregate, there are always a few bad apples in the barrel. We will show you how to block the bad ones in the next discussion.



SHARE A RECIPE

Toni Ague's Chip Beef on Toast

4-6 servings

White Sauce

2 Tablespoons Butter

3 Tablespoons Flour

1½ cups Milk

Lawyer's season salt just a shake over the top of the sauce

Pepper

2 teaspoons yellow Mustard

1 cup cubed Velveeta Cheese

3 Packages of dried Beef chopped

6 hard boiled Eggs chopped

(slice 1 egg and add 2 slices to top of each serving.)

Minced onion

Melt the butter in a skillet. Stir in flour to make a paste and cook over medium heat for 2 minutes. Stir continuously, don't allow paste to brown. Whisk in milk. Whisk continuously, especially along sides and bottom to prevent lumps. Whisk until thickened and creamy. Then add Velveeta Cheese, yellow mustard, and onion. When the cheese has melted add the chopped dried beef and hard boiled eggs.

Serve over toast or biscuits and enjoy.

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS in JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
3	LeRoy Ague	126
3	Jim Wagner	33
4	Ann Haggerty	64
8	Betty Holly	40
9	Al Potratz	44
18	Robert Roy	130
19	Josephine Stambaugh	69
20	Jackie Justus	24
20	Larry Luby	86
25	Barbara Boyer	135
25	Harry Davis	94
28	Dick Smith	74

ANNIVERSARIES in JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
2	Art Roberts & Connie Riter	81
5	Jim & Kay McKersie	177
5	Wm. & Geraldine Peterson	30
8	Ken & Sylvia Novak	187
10	Ron & Deanna Fisher	78
12	Jerry & Susan Reynolds	68
14	John & Cathleen Smartt	20
15	Bob & Jane Berberian	188
28	Jim & Kitty Hutson	56
28	Larry & Marj Lepic	83
29	Bob & Sheila Galli	95
29	Rich & Sandy Schwiezer	89
30	Bob & Lorraine Albright	14

If you wish to add your birthday and/or anniversary to the list, please call Kay McKersie at 480-288-9531.

NEW RESIDENTS

Our Welcoming Committee:

Beverly Borchardt #142, 480-671-1682

Judi Q. (Quetschenback) #141, 480-854-7553

would like to visit with each of you, fill out some information and take a picture for our newsletter.



Lot #95

Robert Galli -

BD, March 10th

Sheila Galli -

BD, April 15th

Anniversary: June 29th

Bob & Sheila moved to

Desert Harbor from Illinois in April 2009. Their hobbies are horseshoes and playing cards. They hope to be full time residents and leave those winters behind. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. We are happy to welcome them to our community.

COMEDY NIGHT AT DESERT HARBOR

by Dave Borchardt #142



On Wednesday April 15th (Tax Day), we were delighted to have the comedy team of "Kitch & Calli" (Jerry & Maryellen Kitchen) to entertain us in a casual get together in the clubhouse.



This husband/wife team had us laughing almost from the minute they stepped up to the microphone. Everyone that attended seemed to have a very good time. They even surprised us with assistants Dick & Cyndi Smith with a "911, What is your emergency" routine. Who would have thought they had any comedic talents. Later Connie Riter and Art Roberts showed they too could make people laugh at their skit. Rumors are going around that Dick and Cyndi, as well as Connie and Art will soon team up with their own comedy show . . . Yeah right! We will keep you posted when and if we get more details.

We had a total of 89 people in attendance which resulted in \$200 profit for our Activities Organization. Good job!



Restaurant Review . . .

by: Kay McKersie

RIAZZI'S

2700 S. Mill Avenue
Tempe, Arizona
480-731-9464

Riazzì's is a family owned and operated business in Tempe. It first opened in 1947 on Van Buren Avenue and 52nd Street in Phoenix. When they moved the restaurant to Tempe, the faithful customers followed.

We started going there in 1973, when Jim began working at Motorola and he went with the lunch crowd to their favorite "eating holes". Soon he was taking the family out for the kid's favorite - - PIZZA!

Riazzì's serves wonderful Italian food with a wide selection. Their menu is posted at Riazzì's.com. Jim's preference is the Minestrone Soup with half n half, while I really enjoy the Eggplant Parmigiana.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS by Connie Riter

Ken Camp & Joann Hankinson, Lot #178



On a recent sunny Thursday morning, I had the pleasure of chatting with Ken and Joann in their spacious "Arizona/Living Room. They have lived here in Desert Harbor for 2½ years, having moved to their beautiful new home from Monte Vista (on Baseline and Ellsworth). By moving here, they were able to purchase a newer, larger home in a smaller park, and reduce their rent as well!

Ken was born in Nebraska and moved to Colorado when he was a young teenager. He retired in 1995 after being a Pipe fitter Superintendent with Natkin and Company for many years. (For those like me who don't know what a Pipe fitter does -- he worked on commercial heating and air conditioning units).

Joann was born in Romance, Missouri which is a tiny town about 90 miles southeast of Springfield. The town had one Church, one grocery store, and one school. Her family enjoyed farming on their land a little outside of town. Ken and Joann lived in Colorado before moving to Arizona. Joann worked in Albertson's Food Center for 44 years as General Merchandise Manager before she retired in 2001. Why did they move to Arizona? To get away from having to shovel snow, of course!

Ken has three sons who still live in Colorado, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Joann has one daughter who lives here in Mesa. She has 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Many of their pictures are on display in their entrance hallway....a constant reminder of their beautiful families.

Ken and Joann have known each other for 49 years and share many fun experiences together. Both like to travel, going on cruises, and visiting by car. They have been to Alaska, the Caribbean four times, and the East Coast, and are looking forward to traveling this summer to California, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Idaho, and perhaps Missouri. When they're home, they like to play cards and take part in other Park activities. Ken likes to golf and used to do ceramics and sing in a choir in his other Park. "He has a beautiful voice," Joanne smiles. Joanne enjoys shopping and getting involved in Park activities. She especially likes the "Ladies Luncheon" days.

When I asked Joanne what she liked BEST about Ken, she responded without hesitation. "He is fun to be with...we are compatible....We love being together!" and Ken, like the wise man that he is -- agreed with her!

Some Interesting Facts About APACHE JUNCTION HISTORY

By Kay McKersie

The first residents of the future City of Apache Junction in the early 1920's were the George Cleveland Curtis family from Utah. He thought the junction of two main roads (present day Apache Trail and Highway 88) would be an excellent place to set up business. He built a building to house his family and business consisting of a gas station, lunch counter and small grocery store. His enterprise was named the Apache Junction Inn (no rooms, of course).



Apache Junction Inn in 1926. Construction crews for the Roosevelt dam project provided steady flow of customers during the depression years.



Business was slow until the advent of the construction of two dams, Mesa Flat Dam in 1925 and the Horse Mesa Dam in 1927. These projects brought men to the area to work and they needed clothing and food.

The Civil Conservation Corps began sending men to work in the area in the early 1930's which helped the Curtis' business to survive through the depression. A building called the Superstition Wash Camp was built near today's Silly Mountain to house the two hundred men sent to work.

The Curtis' business was sold to Jack Anderson in 1945 and continued to be a part of Apache Junction until 1948.

Apache Junction was slow to grow as east Mesa expanded much more rapidly. It soon became known as a winter destination for people with travel trailers.

Apache Junction was not incorporated as a City until 1978, after eighteen years of negotiations with the residents.

Today Apache Junction has a summer population of 37,000 which mushrooms to over 70,000 in the winter. People are still drawn from the North because of our mild winters and beautiful scenery.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Ken Camp.....2009/10 Activities Org. President



Many events have happened since we last got together. I thought The Jerry Kitchen Comedy hour went well. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show.

Marty Burk (comedy) was here on Saturday the 23rd of May. This was our Saturday Morning Coffee Hour.

Our Mexican themed Pot Luck was on the 16th of May. We are going to try different themes for the fall start up. If you have any suggestions, please call one of the board members.

25th of May is our Memorial Day Cookout. Meat & Bread is furnished by ALL.

The food Bank is going well. We will continue throughout the year. Thanks to all that donate to this worthy cause.

Most of our Board members will take a short vacation through out the summer, but we will all be back in the fall.

Last but not least, the roads have been repaved on the west half of the park. The second half will be next year. Our swimming pool will have a new cool deck and lawn furniture, also.

Thanks to Jackie Bowman for taking over the Secretary position. Thanks to Judy Q for filling in on the Board. Thanks to Toni Ague for making the new Kitchen Aprons. Thanks to Carroll Cooper for the new Restroom sign.

Enjoy your summer and stay cool.

Notes from our

Property Manager

Yvonne Cavazos....(480) 288-8876

As of June 1st, our trash removal service will change the days of their pickup. They will pick up on Mondays and Thursdays.

The grills need to stay in the area they are located. When they are moved they tend to spill grease on the concrete and gravel leaving a stain that is impossible to get out.

At this time the entire swimming pool area is being reworked as the decking will be removed and replaced with new. The pool will remain closed thru May 27 during this project.

Swimming Pool hours for guest children are 10am -12 noon and 2-4pm. There must be a Desert Harbor resident with them at all times.

Desert Harbor's 2009 Activities Organization

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Treasurer: **Art Roberts**....# 81..480-641-7753

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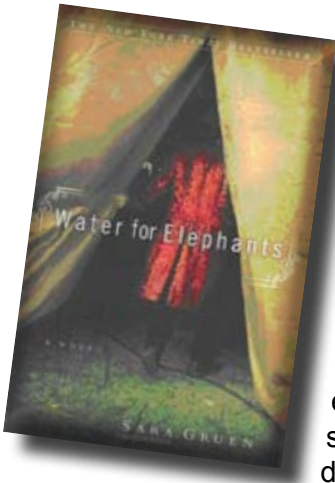
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Yvonne Cavazos...In Clubhouse

480-288-8876

⁽¹⁾ Jackie Bowman and Judi Quetschenback were appointed by the Board and approved at the Residents Meeting on May 2nd to serve until the Annual Elections in December.

A Book Review submitted by
Ruthann Sather



“Water for Elephants”

... by Sara Gruen

Are you curious to know why twenty-three-year-old Jacob Jankowski suffers the loss of his parents, skips his veterinary exams at Cornell University, and hops a train in the dead of night? If yes, then you need to read “**Water for**

Elephants” by Sara Gruen, available at the Apache Junction Public Library.

This is a fast-paced novel of circus life during the Great Depression. It has a cast of colorful characters for you to meet: Uncle Al, the owner of the Benzini Brothers Circus and ruthless businessman; Marlena, star performer and equestrienne; August, the animal trainer and Marlena's obsessively jealous husband; and Rosie, the elephant, cared for by Jacob along with the show's menagerie.

So, allow me to lure you under the "Big Top" for the most spectacular show on earth!

What Is It?



For fun, the newsletter committee decided to include a mystery contest in this issue for readers. Be the first to identify the object in the picture and specify its location. The first person to do so correctly will win. The winner will be the first person in line at the next Pot Luck Dinner.

Cut out the form below to write the date and time of your guess.

Clue: The object is not hidden and can be found in or around our community clubhouse.

“What Is It” contest.

My guess: _____ Name: _____ Lot # _____

Where did you find it: _____ Date: _____

Place your guess in the Suggest Box at the Clubhouse.

Deadline for this contest is June 24, 2009 to qualify.

Time: _____

LADIES ENJOY LUNCHEONS

by Jane Boudreau

LADIES GET ACQUAINTED SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON

On the first Tuesday of each month the ladies of Desert Harbor meet at 12 noon in the clubhouse for a pot luck style luncheon. During the month each of the attendees has selected to either prepare a soup, salad or dessert to share. The organizing committee prepares coffee and hot water for tea. Remember to bring a dollar for the 50/50 drawing. The drawing is normally held to help defray the cost of the coffee and paper products used.

If you have not attended one of these luncheons it's a wonderful way to meet your neighbors. A sign up sheet is posted on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board. Simply select the category of food you wish to bring in addition to your full table service including bowls to sample the soup.

We look forward to seeing you at our June luncheon which will be held on the 2nd at noon. If you would like assistance in getting to the clubhouse, contact: Jo Hankison, Carol Rysavy, or Elaine Anfang. Any of these ladies will arrange transportation.

LADIES LUNCHEON

The ladies of Desert Harbor also enjoy a monthly luncheon at a local restaurant. The luncheons will be held from September through May. A restaurant is selected by Agnes Miller, the coordinator, and who posts a sign-up sheet on the Activities Organization Bulletin Board. The sign up sheet enables Agnes to call the restaurant with a final count the day of the luncheon.

The May Luncheon was on the 19th at Mime's on Alma School and Southern. This is a lovely restaurant and I'm sure the ladies had a wonderful luncheon at this New Orleans style cafe.

If you are interested in meeting the ladies for lunch during the summer contact Agnes. Have a great summer and we look forward to our luncheons beginning again in the fall.



May 2009

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June 2009

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July 2009

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