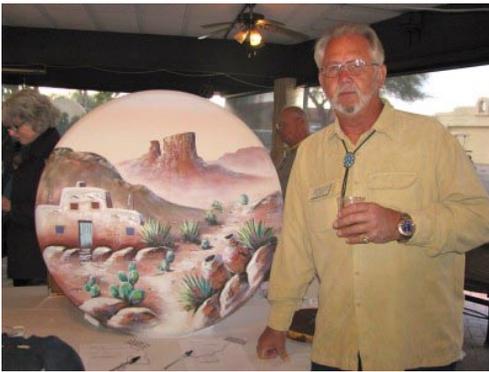


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Busy Times in Esperanza Estates



Greg Gramstad was the successful bidder on this wall mural donated by Ross Messick at the Art Auction hosted by the Arts Club. More photos on page 6.



The Mardi Gras party was a huge success! More photos on pages 4-5.



Linda Sielken, Lorna Kitchak and Louise McCabe serving up goodies at the Enhancement Team's Birthday Bash. More photos on page 5.



Rain didn't keep EE residents like Kevin Welsh and Dave Sielken from volunteering at the GV Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. More photos on page 3.

Upcoming Events

Enhancement Team's Ramada/Bake Sale

Saturday, March 7th

Preview for EE residents ONLY: Friday the 6th, 4-5 p.m.

There are less than two weeks until the sale. Donations of sale items and baked goods are still needed. If you have items to donate, please contact Bev Brow at 625-7741. For fashion accessories or jewelry, please call Carolyn Acher at 625-4326 or (402) 440-7773. To donate baked goods, call Sandi Oster at 625-0039. If you have a truck or large vehicle and can help transport sale goods to the ramada, please call Barb McCalpin at 867-8067. All proceeds go toward EE improvement projects. Thanks for your support... see you at the sale!

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Tuesday, March 17th

Details to come...



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The Food Bank Needs Our Help

As most of you know from a recent *Green Valley News* article, the Amado-Green Valley-Sahuarita Community Food Bank lost the sponsor for its annual donation matching program.

Please be generous in both food and financial contributions. 40% of the Food Bank's clients are children, 13% are senior citizens, and 45% are households representing the working poor.

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Around Esperanza



Joey Sourant models a free form felt scarf she taught the Fiber Arts Group how to make.

EE Pitches in at Haz Mat Event



Bill Duncan displays the pot he designed and created, with his wife, Dagmar, as part of the Arts Club's latest efforts. Photo by Mary Ferland.



One of the many saguaros that toppled in Green Valley after the winter rain. This one is on the trail just east of Holgado past the last quad on the right. Photo by Ron McLaughlin.

Mardi Gras Celebration



Who is this
half-masked man?
Answer on next page...



Dean Hess models one of the new EE
aprons, available for \$20 at future events
or by calling Marla Ries, 360-708-0855.



Mardi Gras 101

If you attended the Hospitality Committee's Mardi Gras party, you may have had your first taste of muffuletta and wondered about its origin and why it was served for Mardi Gras. The muffuletta is a popular sandwich on Sicilian bread originating with Italian immigrants in New Orleans. It was first made at Central Grocery in the French Quarter of New Orleans. The proprietors of Central Grocery pronounce the word "moo-foo-LET-ta."

One item incorporated into every Mardi Gras celebration is beads, traditionally thrown to the crowd from parade floats. However, many people don't know that the traditional Mardi Gras bead color scheme of purple, green, and gold holds special meaning as well. The purple represents justice, the green symbolizes faith, and the gold exemplifies power.

Answer: Del Bean. (Sorry no prizes, just pride of knowing your neighbors.)

Birthday Bash



Everyone got a birthday gift, but May Currie also won the door prize, a rustic planter.



Art Auction

Christie's and Sotheby's have nothing on EE when it comes to art auctions. The Arts Club's auction in January was a smashing success, netting over \$3,500 toward enhancing Parque Felicidad and other future club projects. Special thanks to all the donors, many of whom contributed their own art work, and chief event planners Stacie Meyer, Marla Ries and Joey Sourant.



Wildlife Watch: Gambel's Quail

By Mike Gerrard

One May morning a few years ago we were getting ready to leave our house for the summer. I was washing up a final few things when I saw a movement out of the corner of my eye. It was a family of quail, one of the most delightful sights to be seen around the neighborhood. We suspected that a pair of quail might have nested in the yard, but hadn't seen any sign of young ones. But there they were, an hour before we were due to leave, as if to say goodbye.



We missed watching those youngsters grow, but last year we stayed in EE longer and were lucky. We had two quail families come visiting our yard regularly, one with four young and the other with ten. Several times we had 14 young and four adults entertaining us all at once. Amazingly, all 14 young seemed to survive. As we've seen quail returning to feed in our yard in the last few weeks, it seems a good time to take a look at this comically endearing bird.

The first thing I wondered was, naturally, who was Gambel? Well, he was William Gambel, a 19th-century naturalist who spent a lot of time in the southwest. He traveled the Santa Fe Trail and the Old Spanish Trail, ending up in California. One of the birds he encountered and collected along the way was this curious quail with a bobbing topknot, which was named in his honor in 1843.

Gambel's quail are found from Texas to California, as far north as Colorado, Utah and Nevada, and south to the Mexico border states of Chihuahua, Sonora and Baja California. Fortunately for us they especially like the Sonoran Desert and, as we all know, they don't like humans getting too close. It's amazing Gambel ever managed to catch one, as at the slightest movement they set off screeching and squawking in all directions.

The name quail originally derives from the same root as the word quack, and the birds have several distinct calls. The most common has been described as a 'ka-ka-ka' call, which basically means 'is everybody here?' If there are young around, they ought to come running to mum and dad when they hear that call. Another call you'll hear a lot is a kind of low and bubbly 'whit-whit-whit' sound. That's usually when one quail is approaching a small group of quail — a covey — and is nervously saying, "I won't hurt you, and you won't hurt me... er, will you?"

Another call is the panic call, a very loud 'crear-crear-crear'. It's one of the most common sounds, as quail seem to be in a permanent state of panic. "There's a human 50 yards away... which way should I run... PANIC!" Then they set off at 100 mph... actually, they can fly at up to 35 mph, and run at about 14 mph — not bad for a bird that looks like a pear.

March sees the start of the breeding season, and a pair — which usually mates for life — can have anywhere from 5 to 20 young, depending on many conditions. Most of the time the quail will eat seeds off the ground, which is why you'll find them foraging near bird feeders. They'll also eat leaves, flowers, berries and fruit, but when the young hatch they and their parents eat ants almost exclusively.

Quail are devoted and very alert parents, as anyone who has ever seen a young family together will know. The father often sits on a wall or other high point, watching for predators and other dangers, while the family feed on the ground. When walking along, one parent will be up front and the other at the rear, with the young ones strung out in-between. At the slightest cause for concern, the young will do whatever the parents say, sometimes dash for cover, sometimes fall to the ground and stay still.

Gambel's quail truly are remarkable birds, definitely one of a kind. If you have a secure yard with no cat or dog, and have bird feeders and some good cover, you might well find quail moving in with you. They are definitely an EE treat.

Your Fascinating Neighbors

John Levi: Proud to be a Marine and a Native American

By Paul Lavanway

Esperanza Estates is full of interesting and accomplished people, with John Levi being one such a resident with an especially fascinating background.

Unbeknownst to many, John is one of those rare individuals whose lineage is primarily Native American. John's dad was a descendent of the Southern Arapaho (the name "Arapaho" translates as "People of the Blue Sky"), while his Mother was of Chippewa heritage (Chippewa is the French pronunciation of the name Ojibway or Ojibwa, the people of the upper Great Lakes).

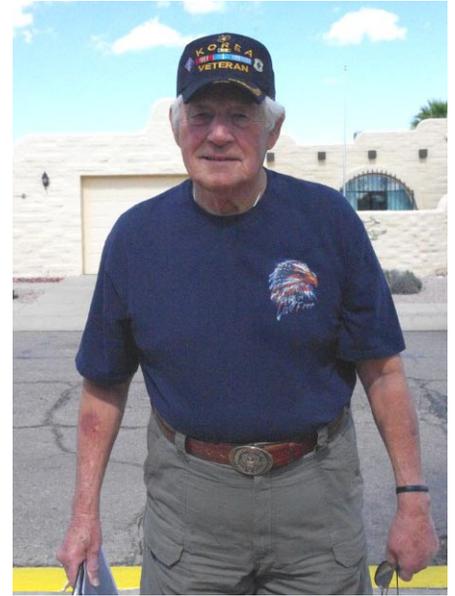
John's father, who also went by the name John Levi, was the prominent "John Levi of Haskell Indian School," an All-American fullback who's athletic accomplishments were legendary. Exactly how good was John Levi, Sr.? Well, here is what Jim Thorpe, the Carlisle All-American had to say following the 1923 Minnesota-Haskell Indians football game played in Minneapolis: "John is better than I was." To place this into perspective, it should be remembered that Jim Thorpe was voted as the greatest athlete of the half-century, 1900-1950, by America's sportswriters.

John's mother was born in Mackinaw City, Michigan and attended the Mt. Pleasant Michigan Indian Boarding School, one of the schools established under the Federal government's program to provide off-reservation boarding schools and vocational training to Native American children.

John grew up in a variety of places, including Fort Wingate, NM, Fort Totten, ND and Lawrence, Kansas (An interesting side item: According to John, "Kansas" is Indian for "People of the South Wind.") and as a young man enlisted in the U.S. Navy. With the start of the Korean War, he was assigned as a Navy Corpsman with the 1st Marine Division, participating in the Inchon landing and seeing combat in the Chosin Reservoir and 1951 Spring Offensive Campaigns.

Reflecting on the Chosin Reservoir campaign (a battle fought over some of the roughest terrain during some of the harshest weather conditions of the Korean War) John commented, "the cold was terrible...what with the troop's poor clothing, we were overwhelmed by frostbite and cold weather injuries...trucks, jeeps and weapons just stopped working. On the other hand, it (the cold weather) did help stop bleeding from gunshot and shrapnel wounds."

Elaborating further, relative to the Korean War, John said, "what still sticks in my mind is the destruction and suffering—the violence and killing—that the Korean people experienced. I felt sorry for them—they were caught in the middle—their homes were destroyed and their families split apart. That said, we may have stopped the spread of communism; I am proud that we helped establish the foundation for what became a successful South Korea."



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Following the end of his tour of duty, John attended Wichita State University, graduating in 1956 with a B.S. in Education; at that time he was also commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve, graduating from WSU's ROTC program.

John spent three decades teaching and coaching in the Wichita Public School system, achieving many honors, accomplishments and credentials along the way. Additionally, as a "Teacher, Coach and Soldier," he spent a total of 27 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, eventually attaining the rank of colonel. One of his most noted accomplishments was co-founding the Mid-America All-Indian Center (MAA-IC) in Wichita, an educational and cultural complex originally providing social services to the urban Native American. According to John, the principal objective of the center was, "helping Indians to transition from the reservation to urban areas, while also helping the young to hold on to their native traditions, culture and customs."

John and his wife, Mary, moved to Green Valley in 1990 and to Esperanza Estates in 1997. As one might expect, John is an "Esperanza Estates Enthusiast," saying, "Esperanza Estates — well, it has the best people, the friendliest people---it just doesn't get any better than here. There is a real feeling of security, and the Ramada has been a Godsend in terms of bringing people together."

And so, that is just a bit about our neighbor, John Levi. Someone who is not only a good neighbor, but who, in his own words, "is proud to have served his country and proud of his Indian heritage."

Bienvenidos Committee

Bienvenidos Committee members have been busy visiting EE's new residents to help orient them to the many facets of our wonderful community and find out a bit about these newcomers. Please join us in welcoming our new neighbors.

Ken and Terry van Apeldoorn (Calle del Regalo)

Ken and Terry are winter residents who summer in Surrey, a suburb of Vancouver, British Columbia. They have been updating and painting their winter home in EE, but look forward to enjoying some of their favorite activities: hiking, pickleball, and golf for Ken, and gardening, reading, and volunteering with the Animal League for Terry.

Tudor McCook (Calle del Ensalmo)

Tudor hails from Sun River, Oregon where she spends the summer months. She recently moved to our neighborhood from Quail Creek. Her interests lie in gardening and hiking, which both add to her enjoyment of the desert ambience. She is looking forward to enjoying the pool. Look for Tudor walking her beautiful silver standard poodle, Sophie!

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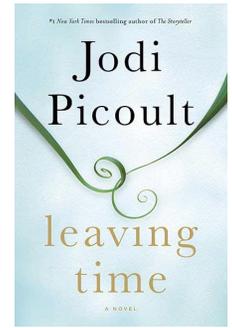


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Book Corner: Leaving Time

By Cindy Krantz

Jodi Picoult has written 22 novels, many which have been on the New York Times bestsellers list. Her storylines often center on complex human relationships and social questions involving moral decisions. This latest book has been described as “a book unlike anything she’s written before.” Having read most of her books I wondered what that difference might be and if I’d enjoy reading *Leaving Time*, despite its being unique. I was not disappointed and pleasantly surprised.



The plot revolves around a young girl’s quest to find her mother. When Jenna Metcalf was very young, her mother disappeared. Her father’s nervous breakdown left Jenna to be raised by her grandmother. Although she has her mother Alice’s journals, she continues to have questions whether her mother had abandoned her by choice or if she were still alive.

Jenna’s mother was a scientist who studied grief among elephants in a sanctuary. After a tragic incident where a co-worker was trampled to death, Alice was taken to a nearby hospital to determine the extent of her wounds. After being admitted, she mysteriously disappears. When Jenna reaches her teen years, she decides she needs to find out for herself what could have happened to the mother she never got to know.

Jenna enlists a psychic who specializes in missing persons and a detective who was involved in the original missing persons investigation. As the story unfolds through flashbacks, a wealth of information about elephant behavior enlightens the readers. One learns that these huge mammals have many “human” behavior patterns within their herds.

Picoult has done her research on elephant behavior and has intertwined the story of Jenna’s quest to discover the facts behind her mother’s disappearance with that of these mammoth creatures. The bonds between the matriarch elephants and their young parallel those of a daughter yearning to learn more about the mother she never was able to love for most of her life. The “twist” at the end of the book will make the reader reflect on all the facts which led up to its surprise conclusion. You’ll never see it coming!



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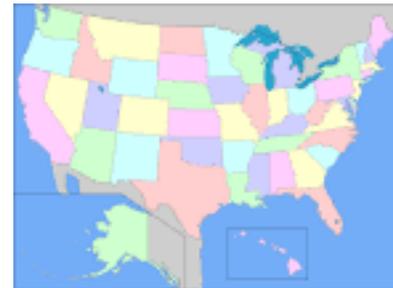
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What Do You Call A Person From...?

By Cynthia Surprise

When I started writing about residents of EE, I wasn't sure what to call them. Esperanzans? Esperanzites? That sounded almost biblical. I finally resorted to looking up the rules. For those of you who are interested, see the footnote. Happily the rules gave me the answer: we are Esperanzans.



Of course, I then got to thinking about what some of my fellow Esperanzans would be called based on their home states. While I sometimes refer to myself as a Bostonian, I actually live outside the city. So, should I say I'm a Massachusettsite or Massachusettser? To avoid these tongue twisters, local broadcasters frequently call us Bay Staters.

While the rules are often applied, tradition, folklore and custom often rule the day. Citizens of Michigan, for example, have long debated whether they are "Michiganians," "Michiganders" or "Michiganites." The state legislature finally resolved the issue in 1979 when it voted to make Michiganian the official name, but there apparently is still strong support for "Michigander." Note, however, that those who live in Michigan's Upper Peninsula proudly refer to themselves as Yuppers.

Nicknames are also popular references. Iowans may prefer to be called Hawkeyes, derived from chief Black Hawk who figured in the early history of Iowa. Jayhawker is a common nickname for a Kansan and many Ohioans call themselves Buckeyes.

Sooners are Oklahomans. The name Sooner reportedly goes back to the opening of the Oklahoma Territory in 1889. Lands were opened legally for settlement at noon on April 22. Some settlers sneaked in before the official time and were dubbed "sooners." Like many nicknames, this one's negative connotations faded over time and the name, Sooner, is now worn with pride.

Wisconsinites are also called Badgers. This nickname originally referred to the lead miners of the 1830s, who worked at the Galena lead mines in Illinois. The Wisconsin miners lived, not in houses, but in temporary caves cut into the hillsides. These caves were described as badger dens and the miners who lived in them were referred to as badgers. This derisive nickname was brought back to Wisconsin by these miners. Eventually, the nickname was applied to all of the people of Wisconsin and, finally, to the state itself.

Arizona residents are Arizonans, and like the ancients, those from Phoenix are Phonecians. But Arizonans who escape the summer heat by going to San Diego are not affectionately known there as Zonies. Sort of a reverse snowbird.

Then there are Illinois and its neighbor Indiana. Illinoisians from Chicago are Chicagoans, never Chicagans. Folks from Evanston, Illinois are Evanstonians. Indianans are often called Hoosiers from Indiana's nickname as the Hoosier State. There are no villans in Evansville, Indiana, only Evansvillians. Similarly, those from Louisville, Kentucky prefer Louisvillians to Louisvillans.

Minnesotans are also called Gophers and Newfoundlanders are Newfies.

Are there any Independents (Missouri) here? If you live in Liberal, Kansas are you a Liberal or a Liberalite?

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Folks from Utah are Utahn not Utaan or Utahan. Trojans are from Troy, New York. Washingtonians reside on either coast as residents of the state of Washington or the District of Columbia.

People from Maine are Mainers, not Maniacs, and are also called Down Easters. Why? When ships sailed from Boston to ports in Maine (which were to the east of Boston), the wind was at their backs, so they were sailing downwind, hence the term "Down East." When they returned to Boston they were sailing upwind, and many Mainers still speak of going 'up to Boston,' despite the fact that the city lies approximately 50 miles to the south of Maine's southern border.

While it can be amusing to try to figure out what to call yourself or your neighbors, remember there are limits. Sometimes the best thing to call people from Sioux Falls is "people from Sioux Falls."

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