Fifteenth century storage pit revealed in the wall of a backhoe trench at the Larder site (26CK6146).

Next General Meeting: December 18, 2006
<http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aahs/aahs.shtml>
Tobacco has been in the news a lot in recent months, and the subject was on our November ballot. Because tobacco has been in the forefront of many people’s minds, I thought it might be interesting to explore Tucson and southern Arizona's connection to tobacco in the nineteenth century.

One important source of tobacco, both in its raw form or in the finished product—primarily cigars—was Sonora, Mexico. I do not know when Sonorans began to make cigars on a commercial basis, but it may have occurred as early as the late 1700s or the early 1800s. Regardless, tobacco products were probably being shipped to Tucson from that date. After the Gadsden Purchase, tobacco products were transported across the border with or without paying customs duties. Needless to say, the latter was the preferred choice.

The trade in Sonoran cigars and other goods, such as flour and oranges, was substantial after the Gadsden Purchase. Trading of these products did not stop at any given time after the area became part of the United States; instead, it experienced a slow decline over several decades. Construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad through Tucson in 1880, and the gradual tightening of border and customs controls, helped to slowly reduce the steady stream of inexpensive goods from Mexico. Railroad transportation provided access to national and international markets that, to some degree, made Mexican products less desirable.

As early as September 1869, the Weekly Arizonian reported tobacco smuggling from Sonora, and in April 1874, the Weekly Citizen stated that the tobacco and cigar trade with Sonora was “very large.” J. P. Fuller, who later purchased the Agua Caliente Ranch in northeastern Tucson, was hauling thousands of cigars to Tucson from Hermosillo in the early and mid-1870s.

Seeing the success of the Sonoran tobacco trade, a few Arizonans decided that they could get on board the gravy train by developing a tobacco industry closer to home. A few farmers and other entrepreneurs began experimenting with tobacco crops. Probably only some of the actual production was reported in the newspapers. A tobacco crop was raised in the Sonoita Valley by Thomas Hughes in 1873, the first mention I found; near Tubac in 1876; on the San Pedro in 1882; near Tucson in 1886, 1891, and 1894; at Tanque Verde in 1894; and at then-abandoned Fort Lowell in 1894. None of these enterprises lasted more than a season or two.

About the same time, others decided that by making cigars in Tucson, they could supercede Sonoran production. This too, was doomed to failure. In 1878, Joseph Goldtree and his brother, Isidor, began the manufacture of cigars. Their effort was short lived, as were those of Wellhoff and Zier (1879); William Griffin (1880); Charles Prindle (1884); C. Brichta (1893); Chan Tin Wo, a respected Chinese merchant (1894); and a man named Friedman, who operated the Tucson Cigar Factory from about 1897 to roughly 1904. Friedman, who purchased his tobacco from Cuba, seems to have been the last of these local cigar makers.

Whatever the source of cigars, by 1884, Tucsonans were cigar-smoking fools if a Weekly Citizen article is to be believed. Tucson, at the time, had a population of nearly 10,000, two-thirds of whom were Mexicans who only smoked cigarettes, according to the newspaper. Two thousand male Tucsonans, it further reported, smoked 15,000 cigars every day. That amounts to 7.5 cigars per day per man. It would take at least 3-4 hours to smoke that many. It all seems a bit exaggerated, but it does show that cigars were an important consumer luxury for nineteenth century male Tucsonans.

—James E. Ayres (Jim), President

RETURN OF THE AAHS FIELD TRIPS!

Cocoraque Butte
December 9, 2007; 9:00 a.m.
The trip is full, but a waiting list is available; another trip will be scheduled in the spring.

O ur December field trip will be to the Cocoraque Butte, a Hohokam petroglyph and archaeological area, located in the Avra Valley west of Saguaro National Park and now part of the Ironwood National Monument. We will explore the butte and its surrounding desert floor, which contain an extensive Hohokam village and numerous rock art panels that are exceptional for their complexity of design and the number of elements. The trip will be lead by AAHS member Albert Lannon, who has spent many hours wandering the area.

Meet to form car pools in the BUS PARKING AREA at the Saguaro National Park West Visitors Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m. High-clearance vehicles are required to access the site. Exploration of the site involves a couple of miles of easy walking and optional (but highly recommended) scrambling to the top of the butte. Bring your lunch and water, and wear sturdy shoes. You may want gloves for climbing over basalt. Rain cancels the trip. For further information, contact Katherine Cerino at 520.721.1012 or <kcerino@gmail.com>. [$5 for members; $10 for non-members]
Prehistory of the Las Vegas Valley, Southern Nevada  
by Rick Ahlstrom

The presence of readily available surface water, whether in lakes, streams, or springs, was a critical determinant of Native American settlement throughout the Desert West. These water sources produced desert oases that were utilized by people over thousands of years. A number of oases of this kind can be found in southern Nevada’s Las Vegas Valley. Over the last six years, HRA, Inc. Conservation Archaeology has conducted archaeological investigations around one such oasis, located in the southeastern corner of the valley along Las Vegas Wash. At times in the past, this reach of Las Vegas Wash supported marshes and mesquite bosques, natural habitats that played an important role in attracting people to this locality. Today, most of the sites in the area are preserved within the boundaries of Clark County Wetlands Park.

Highlights of HRA’s work in Wetlands Park, and elsewhere in the valley, have included the analysis of valley-wide site records to document the clustering of human occupation in the valley’s favored locations; the first complete, reported excavation in the valley of a prehistoric pithouse (dating to the A.D. 400s to 500s); testing of a unique site with hundreds of storage pits dating between 300 B.C. and A.D. 1500; investigation of a fieldhouse or farmstead site that was occupied in the A.D. 600s, probably by migrants from Virgin Branch (i.e., Anasazi) settlements located some 40 miles to the northeast; analysis of artifacts and specimens from past excavations in the Wetlands Park Area, including stone tools, potsherds, ornaments of marine shell, animal bones, and plant remains; and documentation of prehistoric subsistence, relating both to the exploitation of the previously mentioned wetland resources and to the possibly intermittent history of maize farming in the valley. Evidence of the latter suggests the Las Vegas Valley lay along the American Southwest’s northwestern “farming frontier.”
2006 AAHS Annual Raffle

Please donate prizes for our December Scholarship Raffle, to be held during the December 18 general meeting. Below is a list of donated prizes received to date. Please note any raffle prizes you would like to donate to: Mel Copeland, 4165 North Avenida del Cazador, Tucson, Arizona 85718, or you can bring the prizes to the December meeting. Raffle tickets will be sold during the December meeting. Call 520.577.6079 for more information.

- Three-day, two-night stay at Maswick Lodge, Grand Canyon, including in-park bus tours (from Xanterra)
- Two-night stay for two, Monument Valley, Utah; includes a ½-day tour (from Gouldings Lodge and Trading Post)
- One-night stay for two at La Posada, Winslow, Arizona (from La Posada Hotel LLC)
- Weekend tour for two (from Southwest Mission Research)
- Two tickets to Arizona Opera, Susannah, Sunday, April 29, 2007, 2:00 p.m. (from Werner Zimm)
- Ceramic canteen (from Mel Copeland)
- Collecting the Weavers Art (from Laurie Webster)
- History is in the Land, by T. J. Ferguson and Chip Colwell-Chanthaphonh (University of Arizona Press)
- Byron Cummings: Dean of Southwest Archaeology, by Todd W. Bostwick (University of Arizona Press)
- Little River, by Scott O’Mack, Scott Thompson, and Eric Eugene Klucas (Statistical Research, Inc.)
- San Xavier to San Augustin, by Scott O’Mack and Eric Eugene Klucas (Statistical Research, Inc.)
- Pots, Potters, and Models: Archaeological Investigations of the SRI Locus of the West Branch Site, Tucson, Arizona, by Karen C. Harry and Stephanie M. Whittlesey (Statistical Research, Inc.)
- One 3-volume Salmon Ruins Report (from the Center for Desert Archaeology)
- A complete set of all in-print Archaeology Southwest issues, January 1999–July 2006 (from the Center for Desert Archaeology)
- A one-year supporting membership (from the Center for Desert Archaeology)
- A one-year membership (from the Arizona State Museum)
- A one-year family membership (from Tohono Chul Park)
- Four guest tickets (from the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum)

NEW AAHS MAILING POLICY

The Board of Directors has approved a new policy relating to replacement of missing issues of Kiva and Glyphs. The Post Office does not automatically forward third class mail, such as Kiva and Glyphs, when an individual requests that mail be forwarded to a new or temporary address (“temporarily away”). One must make special arrangements with the Post Office, and pay to have third class mail forwarded.

AAHS has to pay “postage due” on all undeliverable, and thus returned, publications. The society pays for the original postage to mail Glyphs, it pays postage due for the returned issues, and it pays again when mailing an issue that the subscriber did not receive due to failure to have third class mail forwarded. Also, missing issues of Kiva are billed to AAHS at the full publisher’s rate when they are re-sent.

Because we operate on a razor-thin financial margin, AAHS can no longer continue to re-send missing issues without recovering its costs. These costs may include printing, postage, and postage-due charges. For example, for the month of July 2006, over a dozen Glyphs were returned with postage due.

We will, of course, continue to re-send issues to individuals and libraries who have not changed addresses and find they are missing a particular issue.

It is incumbent upon all AAHS members to keep their address information current. If a move to a new address is imminent, please notify the Vice President for Membership, Doug Gann, at 520.882.6946 or dgann@cdarc.org.

To give everyone an opportunity to absorb this change, the policy to recover costs for having to re-mail copies of AAHS publications will be effective January 1, 2007.

RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES AT THE TUCSON PRESIDIO AND AN UPDATE ON THE PRESIDIO’S RECONSTRUCTION

Presented by Homer Thiel, Tuesday, December 5, at Old Town Artisans, 201 North Court, in downtown Tucson. Free, on-street parking nearby. Superb Mexican buffet begins at 6:30 p.m.; talk begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost of buffet, including tax and tip, $12.25; cash bar.

This program, presented by the Tucson Presidio Trust for Historical Preservation, will bring you up-to-date on archaeological discoveries within the northeastern corner of Tucson’s Presidio San Augustín and the ongoing reconstruction activities. You will get a preview of future activities at the presidio, which is scheduled to open in May 2007. For reservations, please contact Gayle Hartmann at 520.325.6974 or gayleh@theriver.com.

CORRECTION — MISSING PAGE FROM KIVA 71(3)

Please note: Page 336 was inadvertently omitted from the tie-dye article in the recent perishables issue of Kiva. The page can be downloaded from the AltaMira website: <http://pdfs.altamirapress.com/Ki/VA_/KIVA_V71N3Page336.pdf>.
OTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS...

LA FIESTA DE TUMACÁCORI

In recognition of the many cultures, including Tohono O’odham, Yaqui, Apache, Mexican, and Southwestern, that were historically and are presently associated with the upper Santa Cruz Valley of southern Arizona, La Fiesta de Tumacácori presents the traditional creations of these cultures annually on the first Saturday and Sunday of December. The fiesta features some 50 food and crafts booths, continuous live entertainment on stage, and children’s activities both days from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The mission grounds are open throughout the weekend, and admission is free.

AAHS will again participate with a booth—a great opportunity to sell raffle tickets! Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. Contact Bill Hallet at 520.722.9298 or billhalay@aol.com.

SNEAK PREVIEW — ARCHAEOLOGY SUMMER CAMP FOR ADULTS!

No bones about it—this summer camp is unique! For the first time, Arizona State Museum bioarchaeologists Lane Beck and John McClelland team up with ASM zooarchaeologist Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman to offer you a week-long course on human and animal bone identification. Plan ahead for July 23-27, 2007. [$270 ASM members; $300 non-members]
OLD PUEBLO ARCHAEOLOGY
5100 W. Ina Rd., Tucson, AZ 85743
520.798.1201, <info@oldpueblo.org>

“Third Thursdays” Lecture Program
7:30 p.m., Old Pueblo Auditorium

December 21, 2006: Ted Pressler, Archaeology and Winter Solstice in a South American Culture
January 18, 2007: Gayle G. Hartmann, Finding Coronado’s Route: Crossbow Bolts, Carat-head Nails, and Other Oddments
February 15, 2007: Laura Tohe, Women in Charge of Themselves: Southwestern Matrilineal Cultures
March 15, 2007: Jay Craváth, Kokopelli: Mystery of a Flute Player

Volunteer-assisted Excavations and Free Tours
With Old Pueblo Archaeology Center
Campbell Avenue Archaeological Site

Check out something new at something old! Old Pueblo Archaeology Center has begun archaeological excavations in Tucson at 3883 North Campbell Avenue, in cooperation with CNN Realty Services, and is providing free guided tours and opportunities for volunteers to participate in the excavations on February 23-25, 2007, and March 2-4, 2007. Tours will be offered every hour starting at 9:00 a.m. on each of those dates, with the last tour of the day starting at 1:00 p.m. For those wishing to dig, hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on each date.

No reservations are needed to tour, but Old Pueblo can accommodate no more than 15 volunteers per day to dig. So, to participate in the dig, you must be an Old Pueblo Archaeology Center member, at least 14 years old, and must call 520.798.1202 at least two days ahead for reservations.

The “CNN Camp Bell” archaeological site is on the western side of Campbell Avenue between Allen and Roger roads. According to Dr. Courtney Rose, project director, the site is part of an ancient village inhabited between A.D. 950 and 1450 by the Hohokam, ancient desert farmers of south-central Arizona known for their distinctive pottery, pithouse architecture, irrigation systems, and shell jewelry-making. Studies of the site date to have identified Hohokam pithouses, an unusual slab-lined pit, other outdoor pits, and several hundred artifacts. Some areas where trash was burned historically on the property may be more than 50 years of age, making it historically significant.

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