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## Blowin' into town . . . Memories of monsoon seasons past



Photographer Billy Hardiman, whose camera and creative skills are always at ready, shared one of his photos of the lightning that flashed through our neighborhood last August. You'll find some worthwhile suggestions about dealing with our seasonal visits by Mother Nature starting on this page, plus more at [WranglerNews.com](http://WranglerNews.com)

### Sellers hails bipartisan solution to voters' rights

District I supervisor Jack Sellers, a former Chandler councilmember, may be a relative newcomer to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, but there's nothing new about his advocacy for the rights of voters.

The board, of which Sellers has been a member since replacing Denny Barney in February, took action on June 26 to enhance the way county elections are run in the nation's fastest-growing county.

The board approved the final, amended recommendations of a countywide election work group, following high-level, bipartisan

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### Tempe count shows homelessness rising

The number of individuals in Tempe experiencing homelessness rose from 276 in 2018 to 373 in 2019, according to data gathered during last January's Point-in-Time count held throughout the region. A new effort undertaken by the city of Tempe last month aims to sharpen understanding of the numbers on a deeper, city-wide

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### Ready for monsoons? Read on . . .

The city of Tempe wants all of us to be prepared for when the tropical storms bear down, bringing dust, debris and plenty of lightning in their wake. The typical season starts June 15 and ends around Sept. 30.

Families are being encouraged to pack a three-day bag of supplies that includes a gallon of water per person/pet per day, alongside nonperishable food, flashlights, radio, batteries, medications, first aid kit and a back-up power source for cell phone chargers and medical equipment.

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# How to cool down your risk as our heat goes up

## Emergency physician offers reminders — again — about how to stay safe

By Diana Nelson

The summer swelter has arrived, and with it some sound advice to make sure you have plenty of your favorite icy beverages on hand along with an assortment of shady spots to retreat to.

And, of course, a refresher of the things you have learned in years past but may have forgotten.

Whether you're new to the state or an Arizona native, a few standard recommendations, coupled with a review of ways to avoid heat-related illness, are always in season, says Dr. Sandra Indermuhle, a board-certified emergency department physician at Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center.

Indermuhle offers specific advice on ways to avoid the health conditions that extreme heat can cause.

- If you exercise outside or perform yard work, be sure to do it as early as possible. Avoid being outdoors between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

- Staying hydrated is the Valley's mantra—and, because we live in an arid climate, it's required all year long. The usual guideline of 64 ounces of fluid a day is a minimum and should be increased during summer. So be sure to drink water or other clear fluids that replenish electrolytes. Also, limit soda, caffeine and alcohol during any outside activity.

- Protect your skin by wearing sunscreen so that you don't allow yourself to get sunburned. Reapply after any extended time outdoors. Also, wear a hat,



loose clothing and sunglasses whenever possible.

Be sure to never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.

"Despite the usual warnings by the media to be mindful of the heat, there are plenty of people who don't always follow the recommended guidelines," said Indermuhle.

"Those are the people we usually see in the emergency room."

In her experience, says Indermuhle, more elderly people with underlying medical conditions, typically those who take beta blockers or diuretics for heart or blood pressure, are at higher risk. And, she says, even some anti-depressants and antihistamines can contribute to having more trouble with the heat.

"Children also are more susceptible to heat-related reactions because they generally lose more fluids without replacing them," noted Indermuhle.

For those who don't follow commonly held

medical advice or do so and still experience heat-related symptoms, Indermuhle says an emergency room trip may be advisable.

The three categories of heat-related illnesses include heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Cramps usually occur due to dehydration from sweating. When symptoms escalate to heat exhaustion, they also include nausea, general weakness, dizziness and more severe body cramps from a loss of water and salt in the body.

Heat exhaustion means that the body is unable to cool itself properly and, if left untreated, can progress to heat stroke. "Cooling off, preferably indoors and by re-hydrating your body, may relieve this condition," said Indermuhle—especially so the symptoms don't advance to heat stroke, which is serious and is diagnosed as when the body temperature exceeds 105 degrees.

"If we see a patient who has progressed to heat stroke, it's a critical condition because it can advance to damage the brain or internal organs," said Indermuhle.

The Emergency Department at Chandler Regional Medical Center is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

For more information about waiting time or to schedule an appointment, visit the hospital online at [www.dignityhealth.org](http://www.dignityhealth.org).



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## Tempe woman among top grocery execs



A Tempe woman has been recognized as one of 2019's "Top Women in Grocery" by Progressive Grocer magazine, a national food retailer publication.

Evelyn Alvarez is one of three Fry's leaders locally to receive the national award recognizing women who display exceptional achievements both in and out of the office. She will be honored at

the Progressive Grocer awards gala in November in Orlando, Florida.

As project manager for Fry's, company officials say Alvarez is responsible for managing the design, construction and successful completion of new stores, multi-story, multi-use projects, store remodels and expansions for the company's 122 locations.

She is currently managing the construction of a Fry's store in downtown Phoenix.

Fry's operates six stores in Tempe. A West Chandler Fry's Food and Drug location at the southeast corner of Ray and Rural Roads closed some years ago and a Goodwill thrift store is now operating on the premises. A Fry's Marketplace is on the northwest corner of the same intersection.

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## Hartke lauds Intel's 'investment'

Volunteer hours net \$1+ million for some of area's most lauded organizations

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More than 6,000 Intel employees in West Chandler don't wonder—they take the time to volunteer regularly at schools and nonprofit organizations based in Arizona.

As a result of those volunteer hours, the Intel Foundation is providing \$1.2 million in matching grants to hundreds of Arizona-based organizations.

At a recent company celebration, top volunteers and community leaders gathered in downtown Chandler to reflect on the milestone.

Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke lauded the employee volunteers for their efforts.

"Community service is integral to ensure Chandler is a great place to live and work," Hartke said.

"Volunteering is an investment—and an investment in our community is an

investment in our future.

Companies like Intel, who support employees to go out and do something wonderful, are vital to the community."

Ben Swan, Development Manager for Maricopa County Animal Care and Control, offered his take on the work of Intel volunteers.

"The support of Intel employee volunteers at our facilities enables us to better serve animals in need across Maricopa County; they are indispensable to our mission," Swan said.

Intel Arizona Community Engagement Manager Theresa Niemeyer closed out the celebration with a call to action to employees.

"We have some of the most generous people working here at Intel in Arizona. When we invest our time and our talent with local organizations, we make a tremendous difference all across the state of Arizona.

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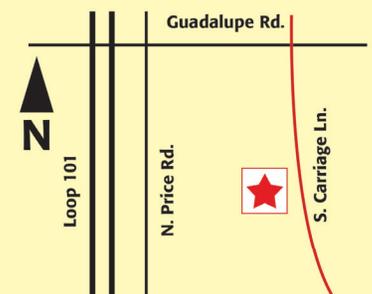
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## Dignity's Patty White announces retirement After 35 notable years, a bit of earned relaxation awaits

Wrangler News staff

For Patty White, retirement may be a bit of a challenge. After 35 years of juggling increasingly responsible roles with Dignity Health, the longtime Tempe resident and former president of Chandler Regional Medical Center plans to hang up her executive mantra and spend more time with her husband and grown sons.

Not nearly as time-consuming, one would assume, and a lot more relaxing.

White, who most recently served as president and CEO of Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, is stepping down after years of being both a nurse and administrator.

She was feted by the St. Joseph's and Barrow Neurological foundations, whose board members and community well-wishers gave what many wanted: a truly memorable sendoff.

According to Dignity media accounts, White grew up in farm country in rural Missouri before pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Central Missouri State University, followed by a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Arizona.

She began her career as a cardiovascular nurse more than 30 years ago, serving at the bedside of countless patients at St. Joseph's while progressively moving through management positions in the organization.

Over time, her title evolved to Chief Operating Officer, Chief Nursing Executive and Vice President of Operations at St. Joseph's, before being appointed president of Chandler Regional in 2009. She served in that position for three years before heading back to St. Joseph's in 2012, assuming the title she currently holds.

For the past seven years, according to Drew Whitney, marketing and communications director for St. Joseph's Foundation, the staff who have worked with White regard her as one who has "tirelessly led a team of 5,000 medical professionals, support staff and volunteers who are dedicated to providing excellent patient care and improving the quality of life in the



community."

White is known to be highly respected in all aspects of her profession, having dedicated her career to improving the patient experience and health in the community.

She has dedicated time to the Fresh Start Women's Foundation Board of Directors and Executive Committee and has been extensively involved with the American Heart Association, serving on the association's Phoenix Chapter Board as well as on the Heart Ball Committee and Go Red for Women Committee.

In addition, she is a previous member of the American Hospital Association's Governing Council for Metropolitan Hospitals, which required her to visit legislators in Washington, D.C., to provide input and advocacy on the association's behalf.

Other affiliations include the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board, the Health Futures Council at ASU, the Desert Southwest Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Chandler Chamber of Commerce and the East Valley Leadership Board.

In her spare time, she was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Outside of work, White is an avid runner and outdoor enthusiast who enjoys spending time with her grown sons and her husband, Dwight, with whom she lives with in Tempe.



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## The faces of homelessness Panel seeks to make city more livable

By Diana Nelson

Homelessness is a thorny social problem not easily solved. Still, several Tempe-based community leaders and organizations remain determined to search for solutions and to share their expertise with the public.

Among them are researchers from ASU, staff from the city of Tempe and the Arizona Historical Society, which is housed at Arizona Heritage Center in Papago Park.

By hosting public programming, the state's historical museum is striving to fulfill its mission statement "to connect people through the power of Arizona's history," says Marilyn Murphy, the museum's communications manager.

"While our organization works to preserve the state's past, we also are dedicated to strengthening Arizona's communities through public programming and educational outreach," said Murphy.

"We believe hosting events to dialogue about important social problems, such as homelessness, is a necessary and worthwhile contribution

to make the state more livable and a better place."

An upcoming panel discussion on July 16 is in conjunction with an exhibit at the Arizona Heritage Center called, "I Have a Name," a collection of black-and-white portraits of people living on the streets by local art photographer Jon Linton.

Linton began taking pictures to chronicle the lives of the homeless in various places throughout the Valley in 2007. As an outgrowth of the project, he created a non-profit called "Let's Be Better Humans." He says he was moved to begin the organization as a reminder to all that we exist for one another.

"We all strive for purpose and understanding, to hear and to be heard, to see and to be seen, to leave this world a better place than we found it," says Linton on the website for the non-profit he founded.

The photos will be on display at the Arizona Heritage Center until Oct. 5, said Murphy, who mentioned that a presentation at the museum in April

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Photographer Jon Linton displays one of many black-and-white photos in his collection.

focused on affordable housing.

The featured speakers, both from ASU, addressed how difficult finding an appropriate housing can be because many landlords are reluctant to house those struggling with addiction or mental illness.

One of the affordable housing speakers, Melissa Kovacs, associate director for research at the Morrison Institute for Public Policy, also gave specific details about homelessness across the Valley.

The total number of homeless people in Maricopa County was 5,605 in 2017, and it was 6,298 in 2018. And in that time, the number who were unsheltered — sleeping in a park or in a car — increased 12 percent, she said.

About 1,100 were children.

She also outlined some of the challenges that the homeless experience, including risk of violence or disease along with increased emotional dis-orders.

The result of a lack of affordable housing in the Valley also leads to encampments in parks, greenbelts and other public spaces, which can mean additional security expenses for businesses or arrests for the

homeless, who are charged with trespassing.

Some cities have tried various approaches such as outlawing sitting on a sidewalk or camping in parks, without much success.

But the city of Tempe has earned kudos from the Maricopa County Regional Continuum of Care as an innovator in creating services for the homeless.

In 2002, Tempe created a Homeless Outreach coordinator position to work with people on the streets, along with an advisory committee that eventually became the Tempe Homeless Coalition.

Tempe continued to further define its approach to ending homelessness by building an inter-departmental teams, including the CARE7 Crisis Response and the HOPE (homeless outreach program effort).

In 2014, the city's Human Services Department was developed to provide direct services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The city explains its efforts to solve homelessness more fully at [www.tempe.gov/endinghomelessness](http://www.tempe.gov/endinghomelessness)

## Count

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level.

Dozens of volunteers and city of Tempe staff spent the morning of Friday, June 28, counting the homeless individuals during the city's first-ever summer Point-in-Time Homeless Count.

The effort mirrors the annual Department of Housing and Urban Development's mandated Point-in-Time count held each January in communities across the region and will give Tempe a snapshot of the number of people who are homeless during both the winter and summer.

Information collected during the two counts enhances the city's understanding about needs in the community and could help determine how resources are allocated during different times of the year, said Nichole Stevens, the city's homeless solutions supervisor.

"We want to ensure that we have the most accurate and timely information possible to best meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness, as well as the needs of the broader community," she said.

Thirty-five volunteers and city staff members spread out around the city for five hours to count people on the

street, in parks, under bridges and at a mobile shower site.

They used a mobile app to streamline the survey process, asking a range of questions that provide important information, such as whether a person is a military veteran.

They tracked individuals with pets, which is key to finding solutions for someone who might be hesitant to access a shelter or other services where pets aren't allowed.

Volunteers counted both individuals and families like Elige, his wife Lana and their adult son Doug. The family lost their \$45-a-night hotel room, which was affordable with their collective income until the rate increased.

Doug, 24, said he quit his job because the hours and long bus rides each way meant time away from helping his parents maneuver the streets.

He plans to work again but now is focused on surviving the heat. Homeless for at least three months, the family carts around their only remaining belongings and finds shade, water and ice where they can.

"People don't realize this can happen just overnight. If you don't have a lot of money, but enough, and then something happens, you're here," said Elige, 64, who has difficulty walking.

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## Count

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As volunteers and city staff surveyed people, they offered information about resources, such as what type of housing Elige might qualify for because of his disability or where the family could immediately get food stamps.

The January count helps the city gain valuable data about Tempe's homeless population, said Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby, who regularly participates in the process.

"But our human services staff, the most innovative in the Valley, knows that populations and needs shift from season to season. There is no one-size-fits-all approach," she said.

"With a summertime P-I-T count, we will better understand the demographics of the people we serve and will use that data to invest our resources more wisely."

According to the count taken in January, Maricopa County as a whole showed 6,614 people experiencing homelessness, an increase over 2018.

Information: [tempe.gov/endinghomelessness](http://tempe.gov/endinghomelessness)

## Action Agency kicks off drive to help needy with food, funds

According to the calendar, summer began June 21, but for those who live in Tempe and West Chandler, cranking up the air conditioning begins long before then.

The surge in electric bills leaves many gasping at what they owe.

For low-income families, it may be difficult to pay their utility bills.

A local organization is offering welcome respite. Tempe Community Action Agency has partnered with Salt River Project and Arizona Public Service to provide utility assistance to low-income households struggling to make ends meet during a temporary family crisis.

The emergency utility assistance funds are available for households experiencing a short-term crisis such as unexpected job loss or medical bills, and are available to residents of Tempe.

The program can help pay overdue bills and prevent potential service disconnects.

"Extreme temperatures serve as a reminder that home energy isn't just a matter of comfort—it can be a matter of health and safety," TCAA Executive



Director Deborah Arteaga said.

"With the help of our utility partners, we are able to assist households during extreme financial hardship by offering services that ensure their well-being."

### Hunger relief grant

TCAA, which also operates Tempe's largest food pantry to assist low-income individuals and families, has received a \$126,400 grant from the Gila River Indian Community to support the agency's comprehensive hunger relief programs.

Funds from the grant were used to purchase a new vehicle for meal transit, signage and other equipment for the food pantry such as an air

curtain to help maintain energy efficiency and deter insects, a storage container and shade structures for Escalante Community Garden, food items for the pantry, and additional catered meals.

Emergency food boxes are distributed by the program at TCAA's main location and at various Tempe schools, benefiting more than 15,000 residents each year.

Through the additional grant funding, TCAA says it will be able to increase its community impact by expanding its ability to secure, store and distribute nutritious food.

This includes growing fresh produce at the Escalante Community Garden and providing nutritious meals to seniors who are homebound or are served at TCAA-operated senior centers.

The Escalante Community Garden is essential to TCAA's hunger relief focus, as it not only supplements the food pantry inventory but provides a learning space for children and adults to perform service work while learning how to grow and source their own food.

"We are incredibly thankful for the Gila River Indian Community's acknowledgement of the vital role that TCAA plays in improving the quality of life for the undeserved in the Tempe community," said Arteaga.

"This grant will allow our hunger relief programs to reach additional children, families and seniors, while supporting our commitment to ending hunger," she said.

Information: [tempeaction.org](http://tempeaction.org)

# Bariatric surgery: New enthusiasm, new energy, new life



By Sammie Ann Wicks

“I was always a big girl—since my teens,” says Chandler resident Janet Castro. Things have changed for Castro now, though: she’s lost more than 60 pounds in just one month.

“There came a point where I thought, ‘I’m just going to go on and do this thing,’” Castro says, referring to the life-changing bariatric procedure she underwent in early May. She’s quick to add that the surgery, and her efforts before and after, are not a quick-fix.

“This procedure isn’t a miracle—it’s a tool,” she says. “To be successful, you have to make major changes in your lifestyle.”

“After I had my kids, I’d already been through the typical struggles, the fad diets; you name it, I tried it. But after a while, your body just goes, ‘No.’”

Castro explains many of the changes required for bariatrics to work are related to diet, and start weeks before the actual surgery.

“Way before the surgery, you have to go on a liquid diet, and you have to be on a liquid diet a while after,” notes Castro. “Then after it’s done, you have to follow strict rules. For instance, you can’t eat too much or it’ll stress the stomach. You also can’t have drinks with your meals—you only drink something before and after your meal. You actually have to learn to eat again.”

And, she cautions, a candidate for the procedure has to be completely ready.

“They give you big requirements after you decide,” Castro says, “like diet instructions. They perform a scope to see if your esophagus is ready, and they even do

a psychological workup. They have to be sure everything’s right for your sake.”

This is confirmed by one of Castro’s physicians, Dr. Shawn Stevenson, Medical Director of Dignity Health Mercy Gilbert Medical Center’s Weight Loss Program.

“We might find that someone would not be considered a good candidate for this type of surgery if it was felt they could not or would not follow the prescribed diet around the time of surgery,” he says, “because this would inhibit their success—and could be dangerous to their health.”

Rather than body image, it was concern for her deteriorating health that ultimately moved Castro to go ahead with surgery.

“I remember that day last year when my doctor told me, ‘Janet, you’re borderline diabetic.’ I thought about my kids, what would become of them if something happened to me. I knew then that I was going to have to do something.”

Castro says she also had to consider the impact on her health of her now consistently high cholesterol.

“My family has problems with cholesterol,” Castro says, “my mom especially. She could eat cardboard and she’d still have high cholesterol. I knew losing weight would help me with mine.”

Castro notes she elected to have one type among several options offered for bariatric procedures, while a close friend chose a more extensive one.

“A friend and I decided to go in together to see if we qualified, like a team,” laughs Castro. “Me, with my procedure, I lost 85 percent of my stomach, which is now about the size of a banana.

“My friend wanted to be even more aggressive, where a kind of tube just below the stomach is rerouted around the small intestine and attached to the large intestine, and I’m told her procedure is sometimes reversible. Mine is not.”

Nowadays Castro’s bariatric surgery is performed laparoscopically, according to Stevenson.

This type of procedure, he explains, is done “through very small incisions, which decreases post-operative discomfort significantly, speeds up healing times, and allows a faster return to normal activities.”

Patients’ rate of weight loss, he adds, varies from person to person, and changes as the body adapts.

“Weight loss is typically faster shortly after the operation,” says Stevenson, “but hopefully, patients will lose about 10 pounds a month until they reach their goal.”

Castro confirms these variations in her own post-operative experience.

“I lost quite a bit at first, and then

the loss slowed down a little, and I got all worried. But then I realized it goes in cycles—the slower the better. Your body’s getting used to a new reality, and you have to have faith in that.”

For now, committed to the long-term, Castro says she’s delighting in the results she’s seeing.

“For so long, all I wanted to do was lie down and rest. I had no energy at all, and I would be sad that I couldn’t do more with my children. Now, I’m ready to go, ready to join them.

“Getting dressed now, I say to myself, ‘Hey, my clothes seem loose.’ And now I can go shop for smaller sizes.”

Castro says her husband’s support throughout her procedure, and after, helped her succeed.

“When I decided to do it, he was scared,” she remembers.

“He worried about the kids if something happened to me. But he’s so glad now—he laughs that he can get his arms all the way around me, and loves my new look.”

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# Pulling the strings . . . Theatre for teens exposes the hurt cast by bullies

By M.V. Moorhead

*Son of the owners of Tempe's popular Great Harvest Bakery gains an inside view of how hurtful comments cause anguish, and how experimental theatre helps teens learn to deal with those indignities*



Some of the most devoted theatre artists never set foot onstage, preferring to contribute from behind the scenes. Floyd Walston is among those celebrating this long and proud theatrical lineage.

"I do tech," says Walston, one of two sons of the owners of longtime Tempe bakery Great Harvest who works at the store while attending Mesa Community College and helping with productions in MCC'S theater department.

But even though his college experience has been backstage, he nonetheless acted as a mentor to the onstage performers in his most recent theatrical venture.

The last Saturday in June, Walston participated in Art Heals, a live performance at the Herberger Theatre Center that culminated this year's theater camp of Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona.

"Free Arts is a nonprofit that takes art to kids that are in group homes, foster homes and rehab centers, and uses art as healing," Walston explains. "I do theater at MCC, so I volunteered."

His contribution, he says, consisted of "hanging out with the kids, helping them with writing, memorizing... whatever they need."

Free Arts of Arizona is "the only nonprofit organization in Arizona devoted to delivering creative and therapeutic arts programs, at no cost, to children ages 3 to 21 who have faced abuse, neglect and homelessness."

Now headquartered on Camelback Road in Phoenix, Free Arts offers a chance for children to try their hand at expressing themselves through media ranging from painting to photography to creative writing to drumming



to welding.

The agency, originally inspired by a similar organization in California, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

Among this year's events was Art Heals, a show developed from the work of Free Arts children in this year's theater camp.

"We spent two weeks with the kids," says Walston, "teaching acting, spoken word and music and dance, as a healing tool. They turned this into pieces of a full-scale ordeal they get to present."

All this work paid off with a successful show on June 29.

"They had a great turnout of people," reports Walston. "Lots of people who had never seen a show before, which was cool."

One spoken-word piece made a particular impression on Walston.

"It was by a girl who had been bullied. Behind her onstage were bullies, on strings. She'd pull on the strings and they'd start saying negative things... 'Fat!' 'Emo!' 'Stupid' whatever. Then she'd drop the strings and the person would stop."

Walston says that "being with the kids, hearing their stories, helping them learn to cope with their trauma" was an enriching experience for him as well.

So, would he volunteer for the event again?

"Absolutely," says Walston. "It happens every year at the same time, the last two weeks of June. It was wonderful."

For more information about Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona, go to [freeartsaz.com](http://freeartsaz.com).

# Summer-sizzler days no sweat for grandmotherly cancer foe

By Joyce Coronel

As the daytime temperature in Tempe and West Chandler continues its steady rise toward sweltering degrees, most residents dream of a dip in the pool or a cool California get-away.

Not Caroline Olson.

On a sizzling afternoon in late June, the founder of Children Against Cancer sits at a folding card table outside a hardware store in Tempe, surrounded by teddy bears, asking for donations to her small non-profit organization. She's a grandmotherly type, an average American who has taken it upon herself to make a difference in the lives of desperately ill children.

Olson visits nearly two dozen hardware stores around the Valley each month in her quest to raise money to purchase teddy bears for pint-sized cancer patients at Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Phoenix Children's Hospital. On display between the teddies of various hues, including one dressed like a ballerina, is a letter from the cancer center thanking Olson for her hard work.

"Your thoughtful gift will help these brave children and their families in so many ways," the letter states in part. A photo of Olson presenting a teddy bear to a little girl stands in front of the donation jar. The child's mother told Olson her daughter had been suffering from bad dreams that she was going to die.

"She started sleeping with the teddy bear next to her head and the mom told me later that the bad dreams stopped," Olson says. She's been bringing the whimsical stuffed bears to children at the hospital and other cancer centers since 2001. "They call me the teddy bear lady," she laughs, but it's a title she's clearly proud to hold. She's given out more than



15,000 bears since she started.

Her website, [childrenagainstcancer.org](http://childrenagainstcancer.org), tells the story of Olson's organization and explains one of the reasons she's devoted to her work: "Our teddy bears do wonders to comfort and encourage very sick girls and boys who struggle with every breath they take just to survive another day. And these kids are scared!"

Outside the hardware store, a steady trickle of

shoppers wanders past Olson's table. A few stuff bills through the hole in the top of the donation jar. "Thank you, dear," Olson tells one donor. "God bless you," the man calls over his shoulder as he strolls away, keys in hand.

"I'm asking everyone to donate whatever they can so I can take the bears to the cancer center like I do every month trying to cheer up sick girls and boys," Olson says, adding that she buys the teddy bears herself using the donations she gathers. Most people give about \$5, she says.

In light of the high temperatures, even in the shade, the hardware store owner invited Olson to move her table inside where it's markedly cooler. Olson demurs. "People get busy inside the store—they're distracted," Olson says, her suntanned face a testament to her devotion to helping sick children despite of her own personal discomfort in doing so.

This only begs the question: Why does she do it? And what does she stand to gain?

"My mother died in my arms of cancer," Olson says simply. She did some

research and found out cancer is one of the leading causes of death in children. That discovery prompted her to take action, one woman and an army of bears against a formidable opponent that robs children of health and breaks their parents' hearts. So far, at least on a summer's day in this little corner of the world, the bears appear to be gaining ground.

According to the National Cancer Institute, an estimated 15,270 children and adolescents

ages 0 to 19 were diagnosed with cancer and 1,790 died of the disease in 2017. More than 420,000 Americans are survivors of pediatric cancers. Some of them, no doubt, have a special teddy bear tucked, a poignant reminder of their brush with death.

To find out more about Olson's organization or to make a donation, visit [ChildrenAgainstCancer.org](http://ChildrenAgainstCancer.org)

# Sports

Edited by Alex Zener

## Ex-McClintock athlete scores again as top goalkeeper in world finals

By Lee Shappell

Special for Wrangler News

Perseverance. Determination. Hard work. Andrew Weber says they're his pillars of success.

Weber, who grew up in Tempe, rode those attributes to a Division 1 college scholarship in men's soccer at New Mexico, then through the gauntlet of making a living in the sport when there were few opportunities nearly two decades ago, and now to new frontiers in business.

At this time last summer, Weber, 35, a McClintock High product who now lives in Scottsdale, was making big saves that landed him Most Outstanding Goalkeeper in the 6v6 World Championships in Portugal for Team USA.

Having played in Major League Soccer (he was on an MLS championship team

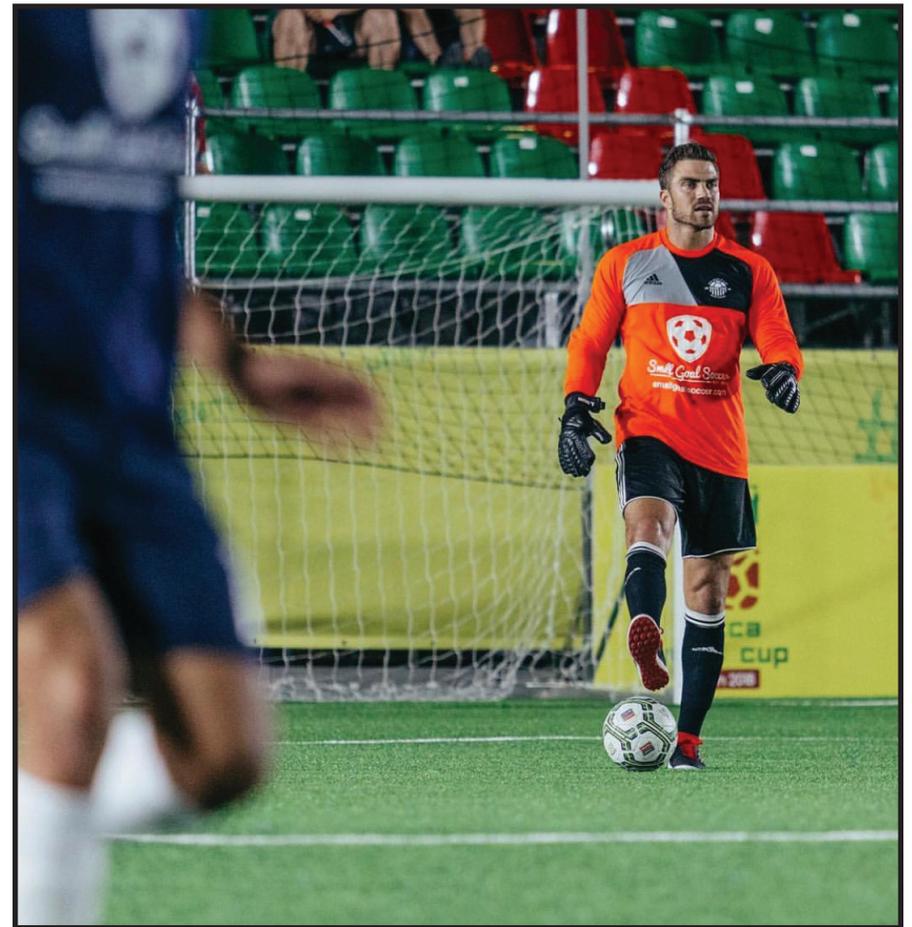
with the Portland Timbers) and the United Soccer League, Weber now is a sought-after goalkeeper coach. Weber has opened a coaching clinic for goalkeepers in the Valley, Net Kings Elite (netkingselite.com).

And after bumping into a soccer acquaintance he hadn't seen in years while buying a TV at a big-box store, he is entering into the world of sustainable energy as a consultant.

"It's funny. Soccer is such a small world, and it brings people together," Weber said. "That's what I loved about it when I was young, the way it helped me get through rough times, the family feeling of it. I just found myself migrating toward it.

"Soccer gave me a chance to see the world." In most of the rest of the world, where it is

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McClintock High alum Andrew Weber won Most Outstanding Goalkeeper in the 6v6 World Championships in Portugal for Team USA last summer. — Photo courtesy Andrew Weber

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known as football, soccer is king; even 6v6, or small-sided soccer, which is played not only with fewer players but also on a smaller field with smaller goals than traditional soccer. Crowds in Lisbon embraced it last summer.

It was Team USA's first appearance in the 6v6 World Cup, where it made a valiant run before falling to champion Germany.

In this country, the 6v6 World Cup was little more than a rumor.

Although soccer is growing, especially with women now playing it professionally, too, American football still is king. But in soccer, there is less equipment to buy and concussions do not seem to be front of the public's mind.

"I believe that soccer is a cultural thing," Weber said. "It's ingrained just about everywhere else in the world. I will say that it's coming on fast here. Look at the Women's World Cup this summer. You can see our country is getting behind the sport. The culture is shifting."

Andrew not only played soccer at McClintock, he was the Chargers' kicker of the football team.

"They didn't have Arizona State men's soccer here," he said.

"I always thought it would do great because of the talent pool. Kids had to go out of state to play.

"Now, look at Grand Canyon University and that beautiful soccer stadium they built. And you have Benedictine University. It's growing. The sport is definitely moving in the right direction and giving kids an opportunity to get a good education right here."

After college, the real scramble began for Weber.

"I went through so much in those days, but it was worth it," Weber said.

"It's easier today for kids coming out of college to make a living in soccer because the money's better. The other side of the coin is more foreign kids are playing in the MLS because at home they can't make that kind of money.

"I tell kids I mentor to just work hard and stay motivated. It will work out."

## Arizona Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Games

Goodyear Ballpark hosted the annual Arizona Baseball Coaches Association All-Star games for Arizona high school divisions 1A through 6A May 25-26.

Corona's 6A state runner up baseball team had three players play in the 6A All Star game on the South's team, May 26. The South defeated the North, 9-4, even though 14 of their batters struck out.

The difference was, the South also had 14 hits which led to nine runs being batted in.

ASU-bound Brian Kalmer, the Central Region Player of the Year, was selected to play at the third-base position for the South.

Kalmer used his impressive .458 batting average to drive in one of the nine runs the South scored.

Corona had two of the four pitchers chosen to play for the South team.

Jack Schobinger, who pitched 55 innings, facing 224 batters while allowing only 47 hits and 16 runs for an ERA of 1.53, was one of the pitchers selected.

His brother, Nick Schobinger, who pitched over 50 innings, facing 215 batters, while allowing only 49 hits and 22 runs for an ERA of 1.93 was the other pitcher from Corona.

## Former Corona Basketball Player

Former Aztec basketball player Alex Barcello announced June 25 on social media that he would not be returning to the University of Arizona to play basketball his junior year.

Barcello, who was known for his hard work and dedication both on the court and in the classroom, played a major role in Corona's last two of four straight 6A state championship seasons from 2011-2015.

In the first one as a freshman in 2013-14, Barcello

started the season coming off the bench as another shooting guard alongside senior point guard Casey Benson but ended up playing most of the game midway through the season.

In the second state championship in 2014-15 he was a sophomore when he ran the team alternating between shooting guard and the point guard position.

During Barcello's junior season, Corona's basketball team had a chance in the 2015-16 state championships to make it back to the finals but some bad luck with illness on the team kept them out of the semi-finals.

Regardless of the results, during Barcello's junior season the recruitment offers kept coming in.

He had an excellent summer between his junior and senior year during which he was recognized for his outstanding basketball skills at club and basketball camps.

His recruiting prospects kept going up until he was a Top 100 Player, according to the 247 Sports Composite (<https://247sports.com/>).

Barcello was noncommittal all that summer but finally in August 2016, just before his senior year of high school, announced his five top programs: University of Arizona, Virginia, Butler, Indiana and Stanford.

He committed later that month to the University of Arizona because he said he felt comfortable with the team and coaching staff and thought he could contribute to their program. He also made no secret that he was close to his family which could have entered into his decision to play close to home.

No one who has known Barcello, either on or off the court during his high school years, would have ever predicted his playing time and output his first two years as a Wildcat.

Watching Barcello during practice or in game situations in high school, it would be hard to imagine a more determined, hard-working, focused player.

For instance, in a game against Perry his sophomore season he put on a shooting exhibition of sorts with Perry's

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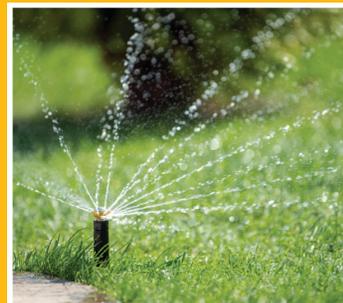
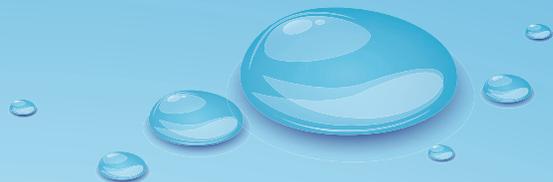
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Markus Howard. Howard would score a basket and then Barcello would answer with his own basket. And so it went, back and forth, until Barcello or Corona finally won 106-92.

Barcello scored 50 of the Aztecs' 106 points while Howard scored 47 of Perry's 92 points.

His senior year at Corona, 2016-17, Barcello, along with another outstanding Aztec player, Sabin Lee (Vanderbilt) led Corona to a 26-4 record after losing in the finals, 75-65, to No. 1 ranked Basha. It was not without a gritty effort by Barcello, who scored 25 points with eight rebounds. Likewise, for Lee, who had 19 points.

Barcello was named the Republic's Player of the Year his senior season, even though the Aztecs did not win the championship.

It is hard to totally predict how a player, who is good in high school, is going to transition into a college player, however the outcome for Barcello at the University of Arizona was unusual.

According to 247sports.com, Sean Miller is quoted as saying Barcello "has a toughness and physicality about him that will really allow him to be successful as a freshman." (<https://247sports.com/college/arizona/Article/Alex-Barcello-leaving-Arizona-133007262/>)

Another thing that intrigued Miller about Barcello was his ability to play both guard positions according to 247sports.com

But then his freshman year, Barcello played in only 21 of 34 games averaging 9.6 minutes a game. He scored an average of 2.4 points a game shooting 39 percent and 30.8 percent on three-pointers.

This past season, his sophomore year, he played in 30 of the 32 possible games still only averaging 9.6 minutes a game. His points were up to 3.3 points a game but he was still only shooting 39 percent on field goals and one percent less or 29 percent on three-pointers.

Why Barcello waited so long, three months after the season was over, to decide to transfer is anyone's guess.

Barcello may have realized, with some of the new

players recently signed at the University of Arizona, former Phoenix Pinnacle point guard Nico Mannion and guard Josh Green, for instance, that he may not get any more minutes than the first two years.

No word on where he may be transferring but it's rumored that Grand Canyon University may have scholarship openings.

## Steeplechase Racing at Grand Canyon State Games

Most people probably think of jumping horses at the Olympics when the word "steeplechase" is mentioned but two middle-aged Chandler women, Lyndee Tisinger and Carol Douglass, know for a fact that humans also compete in races where they jump hurdles and water obstacles.

The human steeplechase race dates back to 1860 in Ireland where hurdles and jumps were thrown into a distance race of 2,000 meters or 1.25 miles.

Tisinger and Douglass participated in the steeplechase races at the Grand Canyon State Games on June 29 with outstanding results.

Tisinger, a cross country and track coach at Pueblo Middle School in Chandler, and Douglass, a fitness consultant at Gold's Gym, with the encouragement and help of running coach Flash Santoro, decided last fall to learn how to steeplechase so they could compete at steeplechase events.

Tisinger and Douglass went from not being able to jump over a paper cup gracefully to being able to clear 18 30-inch-high barriers and five water jumps over 1.25 miles, setting state records in their respective age groups in the process.

It was not easy, but after months of focused training, they saw their hard work come to fruition when they braved 110-degree temperatures to compete in this exhausting event at the Grand Canyon State Games.

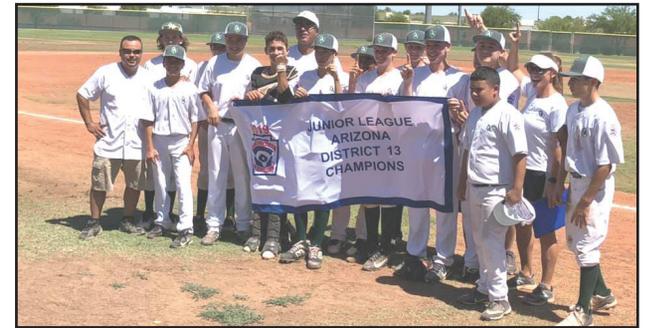
Tisinger, who competed in the women's 40-44 age

group, hit the All-American Standard of Excellence and now is ranked among the top competitors in the USA with her performance of 9:50 (7:55/mile pace).

Douglass, competing in the women's 50-54 age group, earned a top ranking by coming in at 10:52 (8:44/mile pace).

Because of their performance at the state games, both Tisinger and Douglass qualified to represent Arizona at the Master's Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in the steeplechase event on July 12 in Ames, Iowa, along with coach Santoro.

## Chandler American District 13 LL champs



Chandler American Little League's juniors defeated Chandler National's juniors 16-8 in a June 23 faceoff, sending the Chandler American team to the Little League State Tournament in Sierra Vista starting July 13.

The Chandler American team was undefeated in its regular season, playing against other teams from Tempe, Rio Salado, Chandler and Ahwatukee.

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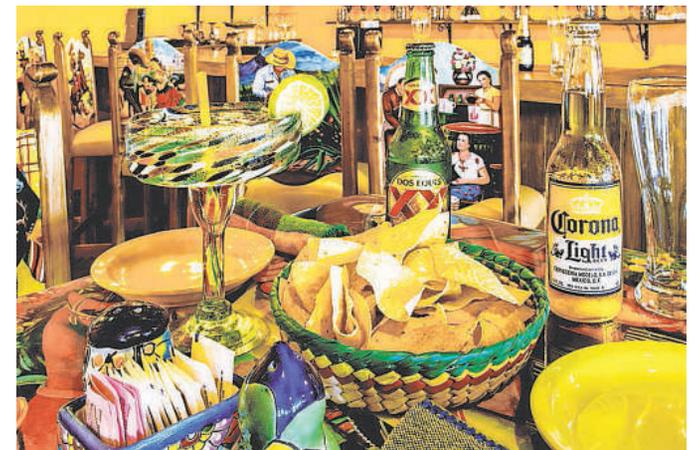
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# Voters

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conversations over the past several months.

The vote signals a unified effort between the Board, the Recorder, the Elections Department and executive county leadership to help ensure integrity of voting in the 2020 elections and beyond.

“Our ability to vote needs to be non-partisan; it’s a right and responsibility for all of us,” said Sellers.

“I’ve been impressed with the efforts of all the parties involved to find consensus in moving us forward with technology and a structure, focused on the voter, to ensure that our elections are efficient, transparent and fair.”

The Board’s unanimous action means:

- **Better vote tabulation:** Maricopa County will acquire new vote tabulation machines that protect the integrity and security of each ballot while also counting ballots more quickly.

- **Additional elections staff:** The county is in the process of completing an independent, staffing analysis to determine additional Elections Department personnel required to support a successful election season.

- **New executive structure:** The Elections Director position will become two director-level positions so both the Recorder and the Board will have a “point person” inside the Elections Department. One director will have oversight of the

assigned statutory responsibilities of the Recorder. The other will have oversight of the assigned statutory responsibilities of the Board.

In January, the Board of Supervisors directed the county manager to form a work group made up of Recorder’s Office leadership and county administrative leadership to look at countywide election processes and other recommendations regarding three specific areas: staffing, technology and organizational structure.

The 10-member work group focused on how to improve outcomes for voters while maintaining the efficiencies of the current system. They also were mindful of how any recommended changes would impact the 2020 elections calendar. You can read the group’s final list of recommendations on the county’s 2019 Elections Review Project website.

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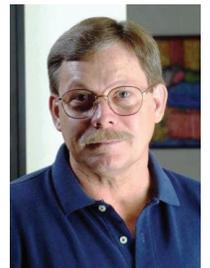
### Small Business Excellence Award Recipient



Over the past 10 years, Resound has grown substantially and has continually remained rooted and involved with the community. Resound is an active member of many Arizona-based associations such as the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, Conscious Capitalism Arizona, and Arizona Technology Council. To give back to the community they call home, Resound offers a scholarship program- offering their creative branding services to non-profit organizations either at dramatically reduced rates or free of charge.

### Spirit of Tempe Award

Woody Wilson, a die-hard jazz fan and community activist, took a hobby and built it into a world-class music series. Woody is the founder, president and executive producer of the Lakeshore Music, Inc., Concert Series, which is entering its 11th season at Tempe Center for the Arts. Woody is a member of Tempe Leadership Class XXI and has remained an active member within the community- bringing his creativity and energy wherever he has the opportunity. Woody has a deep passion for historic preservation and has worked on many Tempe projects. He is a past President of the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation, a board member of the Tempe Historical Society and past Director of the Rio Salado Foundation.



### Outstanding Community Leader Award

Tempe Leadership awarded Karyn Gitlis it's Outstanding Community Leader award. Karyn has been an active participant in the Maple Ash Neighborhood and a true leader in the community for close to three decades. She has been involved with the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation for over 10 years and received the Chuck Malpede City of Tempe Neighbor of the Year Award in 2013. Karyn is a member of the Tempe Leadership Class XXX and has served on numerous Tempe boards and commissions, including Tempe Aviation Commission and Tempe South Corridor Study Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.



### Volunteer of the Year Award

Suzy Greenwood is passionate about helping small businesses succeed and helping the community grow with them. She is the past Ambassador Chair, as well as the incoming Chair of the Women in Business Council and incoming member of the Board of Directors. Suzy is an active member of the Chamber and is at almost every event- going out of her way to proactively engage with other members and ambassadors. No matter the time or task, Suzy always asks, "Okay, what else can I do?" Suzy has gone above and beyond to help make the Chamber and our programs a success.



**SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Sun Devil Kick-Off Luncheon - Friday, August 23rd, 2019! Registration opens this month!**

Visit [www.tempechamber.org](http://www.tempechamber.org) or call 480-967-7891 to find out more or to register for all our upcoming events.

## Renovations begin on City Council Chambers

City Council Chambers at Tempe City Hall will undergo renovations to update technology, to make the building more energy-efficient and to increase accessibility.

Tempe City Council meetings and Boards and Commissions meetings will be moved to the Tempe History Museum and other locations until early 2020. Tempe City Council will meet at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Please check meeting notices for the new locations of future commission meetings.

Work on the Council Chambers will include:

- A new reception area
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Free. Details: [tempe.gov/SummerReading](http://tempe.gov/SummerReading)

### Tempe Time Machine

Tempe History Museum offers kids a ride to the past in the Tempe Time Machine. Check out free arts and crafts, stories, games and more every Wednesday for the rest of July.

Free Details: [tempe.gov/TimeMachine](http://tempe.gov/TimeMachine)

### Water is Life

The Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts offers free Saturday art experiences for all ages related to its Water: Life \* Art \* Science exhibition. Stop by from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on July 13, 20 and 27 for unique water-themed experiences led by some of the artists exhibiting in the gallery. Free. Details: [tempcenterforthearts.com/gallery](http://tempcenterforthearts.com/gallery)



## Neighborhood meetings for proposed Tempe General Plan amendment

Tempe is currently looking at two proposed major amendments to the General Plan 2040 – the Urban Core Master Plan/Transportation Overlay District and Broadway Industrial Hub – Tempe Maker District.

The Urban Core Master Plan is designed to guide future development in Tempe's urban core, while the updated Transportation Overlay District code will help promote transit ridership and shape development around the light rail and streetcar routes.

The Broadway Industrial Hub – Tempe Maker District is designed to encourage redevelopment, increased densities and diverse land use options in the area between Broadway Road, Southern Avenue, Priest Drive and Kyrene Road alignment.

### Meetings are:

*Urban Core Master Plan & Transportation Overlay District*

**6 p.m. Monday, July 8**  
Escalante Multi-Generational Center,  
2150 E. Orange St., Tempe

*Broadway Industrial Hub*

**6 p.m. Wednesday, July 10**  
MAC6, 1438 W Broadway Rd., #101, Tempe

*Urban Core Master Plan & Transportation Overlay District*

**6 p.m., Monday, July 22**  
Westside Multi-Generational Center, 715 W. 5th St.

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## Commentary

By Don Kirkland

To any who follow my occasional ramblings, it will come as no surprise that we try to observe the tenets I learned in my early days of newspapering. Even, that is, in the face of some significant writing, editing and—definitely not be overlooked—technological changes that have taken place in recent years.

I'll leave you to decide whether my (uncompromising? fanatical?) approach to publishing is justified or even wanted by most readers. Truthfully, though, whether you like the rules we follow or view us as living in a journalistic time warp, it likely won't change the way we do business.

With so many having become (again, uncompromising? fanatical?) followers of social media, it may seem foolhardy for little operations like ours to stick with the same old/same old approach to news gathering.

That's not the way we see it, however. In fact, now that we've once again wrapped one of our cars to resemble a small billboard on wheels — see photo at right — we notice more and more people approaching us when we're out and about, telling us they enjoy the paper and appreciate receiving it.

These are people, by the way, who represent a demographic that's wider than just a gaggle of oldtimers who won't let go of the past.

It's younger people as well — teens and beyond — who appreciate reading about new businesses,



new services, new ideas from our local schools, governments and health care providers, and who like the idea of holding in their hands the stories and photos about people and places they know.

In other words, it's a whole different experience than eyeballing something that instantaneously grabs your interest on Facebook, Twitter or any of the other popular online hotspots.

So here's what we believe:

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Here's some of what we know so far:

- Community journalism represents an approach

to information gathering that's different than the way social media sites do it. The stories we develop are based on information from the businesses, government entities, organizations and neighbors with whom we're in contact on a regular, sometimes daily, basis.

- We interview, photograph and tell stories about people we know and trust, doing our best to ensure that whatever we publish is accurate and not spun for PR purposes.

To let you be confident that we're printing stories that have been clarified, edited and expanded or condensed as needed and as time allows.

No, we can't always know that the information we receive from our sources is as fully vetted as it could be before sending, but we do our best with a staff of two to catch and remove questionable claims and undocumented superlatives so they don't mislead the reader.

Our goal is to try our best to make sure the news you receive in your driveway—as Wrangler News has been doing for the past three decades—delivers content you can both enjoy and trust.

We don't want to minimize the value of social media because it's become a big part of what we're doing now and into the future.

Just sayin' there's still a lot of good to be found in those (uncompromising? fanatical?) rules of yore that we still work hard to follow today, and in the pages of the newspaper you'll find in your driveway for what we hope will be a long time to come.

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# Monsoons

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The flooding of streets, sidewalks and homes can be much worse if the city's storm drains are blocked by debris. Residents can help prevent that by disposing yard waste in trash receptacles. If you notice excessive amounts of debris near a storm drain, report it to Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311.

You can also prepare your home by trimming trees so they are away from windows and roofs; clearing debris from your roof drainage system, including gutters and downspouts; pretreating pools with chlorine shock to help prevent algae growth; not applying fertilizers or other outdoor chemicals before expected storms; securing loose items on your property, such as patio and pool furniture; and unplugging expensive electronics such as televisions, stereos, home entertainment centers and computers—or installing power-protection devices.

In the event of a severe weather alert, the city of Tempe will post news and information at [tempe.gov](http://tempe.gov). Follow Tempe on Facebook @CityofTempe and Twitter @TempeGov to stay up to date on street closures. Flash floods are the number one thunderstorm-related killer, with most deaths occurring in vehicles. Be sure to avoid flooded areas and low-water crossings. Moving water 1-2 feet deep will carry away most vehicles. Keep children away

from creeks and washes when heavy rain is in the area and be especially careful at night when water depth and road conditions are harder to see.

Do not play or swim in flooded areas; water may be contaminated with chemicals and bacteria. Wash hands and disinfect any items that come in contact with flood waters.

Lighting strikes are a major feature of monsoons. Keep in mind that no place outside is safe from lightning during a thunderstorm—lightning can strike up to 10 miles away from a storm.

If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. Move inside a strong building or an enclosed hardtop vehicle. Avoid contacting inside wiring and plumbing during a thunderstorm; this includes appliances and corded phones.

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## Kyrene Corridor Market Snapshot

Subdivision	Address	Square Feet	Beds/Baths	Sold Price
Alta Mira	1938 E. Ranch Rd, Tempe, 85284	3,218	5 / 3	\$485,000
Corona del Sol Estates	1402 E. Caroline Ln, Tempe, 85284	2,753	5 / 3	\$710,000
D'Arcy Ranch	842 N. Sicily Dr, Chandler, 85226	2,151	4 / 2	\$409,000
Galleria	7248 S. Terrace Rd, Tempe, 85283	1,984	4 / 2	\$384,500
Valencia	3120 W. Ironwood Cir, Chandler, 85226	3,329	4 / 3	\$520,000
Warner Ranch Estates	136 E. Vera Ln, Tempe, 85284	2,616	4 / 2	\$529,000

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