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A stormy meeting between residents of Corona del Sol Estates and the owner of an assisted living group home that is soon to be developed in their neighborhood drew a crowd of homeowners to air their qualms.

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The changing face of love

Challenges persist to create baubles that endure the test of generations

Editor's note: Last year, when Don Kirkland authored this piece in anticipation of Valentine's Day, noted gemologist Lorin Jones had just taken over as owner of a popular Tempe jewelry establishment. Now, a year later, he still deals with the changes in an evolving industry, but with a better notion of how to meet the needs of those who want, as ever before, to show that true love remains unfettered, age notwithstanding.

When Cupid takes aim, is he more likely to hit grandma and grandpa or a couple of Generation Z lovebirds? It's a conundrum Lorin Jones faces every year, and whatever the answer, it's likely to have lifelong implications for Jones' growingly discerning clientele.

Jones, owner of one of the East Valley's oldest jewelry-crafting establishments, says the annual celebration of Valentine's Day reminds him—he's been making rings for more than three decades—that couples 50 and up tend to look at engagement and wedding rings with an altogether different perspective than those inhabiting the younger generations.

That was his view this time last year, and it hasn't changed.

The arrival of this day of endearment for those long in love, or even the newly infatuated, means that Jones has got to be ready for almost any creative challenge, whether it involves coming up with a 21st century design or one evoking the feel-good sentiments of times past—like the white or yellow gold grandma and grandpa would have wanted, or the tech era, where a newly in-love couple see their future being locked in immortality by the ring-finger bounds of tungsten, black cobalt or titanium, previously

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Sparks flew as residents expressed dismay regarding the assisted living group home a local businessman plans to establish in an upscale South Tempe neighborhood. — Photo by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

Assisted-living home provokes outcry as neighbors fear a disruption of quietude

By Joyce Coronel

“When you buy into a neighborhood and you live this long, you want neighbors. I didn't build my house to have a business become my neighbor,” says Gwen Mastin as she contemplates the forthcoming assisted living group home to be developed in her South Tempe neighborhood, Corona del Sol Estates.

The quiet, upscale homes situated west of McClintock Drive and south of Warner Road were constructed decades ago when fields of farmland dominated the area.

Mastin and her husband raised their children in the house

they built and never imagined a business would spring up next door to them. “This is all about making money,” Mastin says.

“What happens if his license—it can be revoked if he doesn't pay it on time—what happens if this financially doesn't turn for him?”

Jim Robinson, owner of Avana Assisted Living, the Tempe-based business which purchased the home at 1426 E. Calle de Arcos, says the property had fallen into pre-foreclosure when he bought it last summer. The company owns a second property at 44 E. Knight Lane, near Rural and Carver roads, which has already been transformed into an assisted living group home. There are no residents there—yet.

Robinson said he didn't realize how big an industry residential

assisted living was until his own father, suffering from Alzheimer's, became a resident at one in Illinois.

“As I've done my research, it's unbelievable how many residential assisted living homes there are around the Phoenix area,” Robinson says.

“In certain parts of the Valley, you can throw a stone and hit about 50 of these homes. And you would never know it from the outside because they look like any other residential home.”

That's cold comfort to people like Jill Etienne, who lives near the property on Calle de Arcos.

“We just feel like this type of development would change the dynamic in the neighborhood



New campus park pays tribute to arts dedication of departed principal

By Michelle Hirsch

Music is in the air because dreams really do come true.

The newly dedicated Janet Tobias Harmony Park on the campus of Kyrene de la Paloma Arts Integration Academy in West Chandler was the dream of the school's beloved late principal, Janet Tobias, who passed away suddenly late last summer.

Tobias was a long-time advocate for students being involved with the arts, often speaking with policy makers, community members and business leaders about supporting her convictions. Her influence provided particular momentum while she served on the board of directors of the Chandler Cultural Foundation, the organization that oversees the programming and operations for Chandler Center for the Arts.

Tobias frequently spoke about her vision for an outdoor space on the Paloma campus where students could come together to make music. She reminded others of studies that show playing music helps build reasoning skills and cognitive development, increase confidence, reduce anxiety, elevate mood, foster listening and a sense of belonging.

Her leadership, enthusiasm and what many called

NOTEWORTHY — Children play at the newly dedicated Janet Tobias Harmony Park, named in honor of the late principal of Kyrene de la Paloma Arts Integration Academy. The park was built on the school's campus.

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a contagious mantra—"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work"—garnered the support of school staff and the local community to help make her dream a reality.

As more people joined Tobias in spreading the word, corporate and small business sponsors, Paloma PTA members and even supportive golfers organized an inaugural Harmony Park Golf Tournament, held last May, that raised over \$20,000 for the purchase and installation of the first of four outdoor musical-theme displays.

Then, recognizing the success of Tobias' efforts, Kyrene Foundation awarded the school a \$5,000 grant to further the dream, adding a fifth instrument and student benches, and supporting Paloma's mission: Inspiring academic excellence through arts integration.

The permanent outdoor instruments include a harp, xylophones, marimba and drums that produce what Kyrene school officials say produce concert-quality sound for students to engage in while playing on the musical instrument playground.

Students have been enjoying the musical instrument park for a few months, according to a spokeswoman, but the community unveiling of the park was delayed until just recently when the Chandler Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting dedication with hundreds

in attendance.

In addition to Chandler Chamber and City Council members, the event hosted Kyrene School District Governing Board members, administrators, teachers, support staff, students and families who gathered to celebrate the opening of what is now known as Janet Tobias Harmony Park.

To complete Tobias' dream, say Kyrene officials, more instruments and sun shades are still needed to finish this unique playground.

That's why members of the Paloma community say they're currently organizing the second annual Harmony Park Golf Tournament, scheduled Saturday, May, 2, featuring prizes, a silent auction, hole contests and sponsor packages, with golfing spots for the public still available.

Golf tournament registration information: HarmonyParkGolf.com

(For any who don't golf but would like to support the continued musical learning and enjoyment of the Janet Tobias Harmony Park, a tax deductible donation can be made at palomadoves.org/janet-tobias

Said Chandler Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Terri Kimble:

"Music was her inspiration, and that inspiration continues to live on every day here in Chandler because of her."

Tempe South Little League advocates for special kids

Tempe South Little League is looking for participants to play in its first Challenger Division.

Founded in 1989, the division is Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges.

The division accommodates players ages 4-18 or up to age 22 if enrolled in school. Registration fee is \$25.

Those who can participate in a traditional Little League baseball program with reasonable accommodations should do so.

Maureen Atwood, a Tempe South mom, grew up with a brother with Down Syndrome who played in the Challenger division. "Now my husband's career is in special needs, so we're immersed in that community," Atwood said.

When the league asked if Atwood would spearhead the Challenger division, she stepped up to the plate.

"I think participating in



adaptive sports of any kind gives these students a chance to build friendships outside of the classroom, get their bodies moving, get some fresh air and most importantly, have fun," Atwood said.

"I also think this program will be great for our current athletes to help out with the Challenger team and give back to our community."

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Commentary

by Don Kirkland

A surprisingly cordial public meeting and a disappointing goodbye to a place that brought new excitement to South Tempe

Perhaps one of the realities faced by publications like ours is the seemingly endless flow of content we receive that involves controversy, disharmony, daily aggravation, dissatisfaction with some part of living in our community, or all of the above.

So it was refreshing, not only for us but for the readers who said they were happily surprised to read our story by correspondent Lee Shappell regarding a Tempe City Council and mayoral candidate forum sponsored by Tempe Interfaith Council.

The tone of the meeting was highlighted, Lee noted in his coverage, by a remarkable display of camaraderie: During the presentations, Mayor Mark Mitchell and opponent Corey Woods shared a hug-worthy bro moment, and even an exchange of jovial

banter about how often any forthcoming city council members should let the interfaith group host another such refreshingly positive gathering—maybe once a year, maybe monthly.

“Weekly,” Woods lightheartedly suggested, drawing smiles from both sides of the aisle and the incumbent mayor as well.

The particular irony of this gathering, however, was the juxtaposition of two public summits going on simultaneously, one on the national stage protesting presidential impeachment, the other keynoting the platforms of those competing for three Tempe City Council seats.

“Wouldn’t it be great if the rest of our country could have been at this meeting, and could have seen how we do it,” asked one reader.

Yes, it would, we replied. We’d even suggest some chuckle-provoking retorts for both sides. Good ones, too.

‘It was OK, but we wouldn’t go back’

Coverage of the mayor-council forum wasn’t the only Page 1 story that drew attention in our last edition.

A number of readers who likewise were surprised at seeing the news about Tempe Public Market Café’s unexpected closure, shared quite a variety of opinions about the place’s departure. Some sorry to hear about it, others not so much.

Generally speaking, we here at Wrangler News were delighted to learn during the café’s pre-opening days that a successful wine-and-dine enterprise would be expanding from its roots in Phoenix to the

site of a onetime convenience store at Warner and Rural roads.

We dispatched our contributor Billy Hardiman to the place on opening day, and we’re sure his superb photo coverage tweaked the interest of a lot of the place’s early-on customers.

We, of course, were among those initial visitors, dropping by within the first couple of days. But, like at least several other readers, our reaction was pretty much ho-hum. Likely, we surmised, a result of not unexpected start-up pains.

Later visits, however — actually, only two more — produced similar reactions. What we heard most often when we asked others for their opinion was mostly universal:

“Not a bad place...but we wouldn’t go back.”

Thus, while we didn’t become regular patrons, the news of the café’s demise came to us as a disappointment.

We felt sorry that a place that could have brought so much pleasure to the residents of our community, and did for a while, decided to sell out as a result of whatever circumstances. The owners’ decision did not, however, deserve to be derided for that choice as one reader suggested we should have done.

Finally, thanks to Tempe Public Market Café for bringing some new excitement to our neighborhood, even if it was short lived. It seems the anticipated arrival of Postino’s, whose management has pledged an early takeover of the now vacated spot, can do nothing but pick up the best of—and presumably improve upon—what Tempe Public Market Cafe left behind.

Good luck, and thanks, to all involved.



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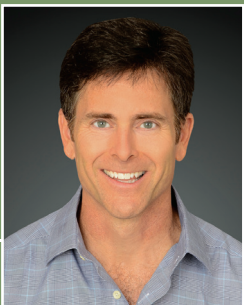
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Converted garage now home to the artistry of ceramics

By Janie Magruder

If you've ever viewed a beautifully glazed, exquisitely textured ceramic mug or vase and wondered, "How'd they do that?", your chance to find out is coming.

And for *Wrangler News* readers, one such occasion is in our own neighborhood.

The 19th annual ASU Art Museum's Ceramic Studio Tour will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 22-23 at 12 sites, including Sandy Blain's Warner Ranch home, around Tempe, Phoenix and Scottsdale. The event is free and open to the public.

Presented by the museum's Ceramics Research Center, the self-guided tour is a rare opportunity to see the working and living spaces of professional artists and watch demonstrations of wheel-throwing, hand-building and glazing techniques. A wide range of functional and sculptural artwork also will be exhibited and for sale.

"It's intriguing to see at each of the tour's stops five different artists, all dedicated teachers, demonstrating different clay forming and surface finishing techniques," said Blain, a tour host for the past 14 years.

Blain will be joined at her home by Sandra Luehrsen, Mesa Community College; Jane Kelsey-



Sandy Blain demonstrates her artistry in the backyard of her South Tempe home, one of the sites of the ASU Art Museum's Ceramic Studio Tour.
—Photo courtesy Sandy Blain

Maple Glendale Community College; Esmeralda DeLaney (GCC); and Michael Ceschiati (Chandler-Gilbert Community College).

Demonstrations of sculptural coil building, fired ceramics and mixed-media surfaces, figurative sculptures and more are scheduled.

As a girl, Blain worked in her grandmother's flower shop in Chicago, planting and flower arranging. She was especially interested in the relationship of botanicals to their containers.

Blain became a high school art teacher, later joining the faculty of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she taught until moving to Tempe in 2004. In addition to presenting workshops around the country, she also is an adjunct faculty member at

Mesa Arts Center.

Inside her clean, bright studio—formerly the garage—Blain spends hours mixing chemicals and glazes, molding chunks of clay and imprinting the rolled-out sheets with found objects, from corrugated cardboard and odd scrap wood to spiky metal gears and bumpy rubber mats.

The pieces will dry there before being moved into her backyard electric kiln and fired to 1,900 degrees. Layers of glazes are applied by an industrial sprayer in ways that capture interest and invite reflection. This space is also where Blain uses her potter's wheels.

Her studio walls are lined with dozens of functional vessels—flower vases with multiple spouts, three-dimensional songbirds on mugs (microwave-safe), covered butter plates (dishwasher-safe) and artsy cream pitchers.

Blain's works have been featured in numerous books and in juried and invitational exhibitions regionally, nationally and internationally. A recent series of unconventional cylinders, which she calls *Cityscapes*, reveal levels, balconies, overhangs, cantilevers and windowed walls.

The heavily textured vessels, between 10 and 22 inches tall, are mostly concrete-hued, but each has a unique marking of bright color. They evoke thoughts of a row house with individual residences each distinguished by a colored front door.

Perhaps one will find a way into your home later this month.

Visit asuartmuseum.asu.edu/studiotour for more information including Blain's address, a map and demonstration schedule.



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Traditionally King Cakes are oval-shaped to show unity of all Christians. The Mardi Gras season which begins on the "Twelfth Night" (January 6th) is expressed on King Cakes

by using the carnival colors of green (signifying Faith), gold (signifying Power), and purple (signifying Justice).

In the past, a bean, pecan, pea, or coin was hidden inside each King Cake. Today, a tiny plastic baby is used. As a King Cake is cut, each person awaits anxiously for a piece to locate the "baby". The person who finds the baby is "King of the Party" and obligated to bring a King Cake to the next seasonal celebration.

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Luncheon celebrates win for kids battling cancer

Music, fashion tell story of group's successes . . .

Don't forget the tissues

By Janie Magruder

Patti Luttrell wants us—you included—to take a bow: South Tempe, West Chandler and other East Valley residents have helped raise more than \$4.8 million to sustain families battling childhood cancer via an annual celebration that started in 2005.

Your support is an inspiration—literally.

“So many of our volunteers and other supporters come from this area,” said Luttrell, who with her husband Steve founded Children’s Cancer Network in their Warner Ranch home in 2004. “They say it takes one person to make a difference, but this community *really* makes a difference.”

Next month, residents can help push the cancer-awareness initiative over the \$5-million mark by attending Inspirations 2020: Desert Blooms, the nonprofit organization’s 16th annual luncheon, fashion show and auctions, both silent and live.

It’s scheduled 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort, 5402 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale. Tickets are \$95 per person, \$950 for a table of 10, \$1,600 for a VIP

Runway Table of 10.

Attended each year by an average of 700 people, the event is made memorable by the involvement of childhood cancer survivors—from smallest to tallest, some with hair grown back and some not, warriors of brain tumors, blood cancer or something equally devastating.

They confidently strut the ballroom runway in clothes they’ve selected for themselves and donated by Macy’s. The music is loud and upbeat, and the kids’ smiles, waves and swagger evoke myriad emotions. Wise guests have tissues nearby.

“It’s about the kids, and that’s key in all we do,” Luttrell said. “They feel the support, they realize how special they are, and isn’t that the heart of inspiration? We want to them to feel our love and support, and give them strength and assurance that they can do anything.”

The Luttrell’s own son is certainly proof of that. Jeff was diagnosed in 1993 with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at age 5. Over the course of 23 years, Jeff endured multiple rounds of chemotherapy and radiation, a bone marrow transplant, four relapses of leukemia, secondary cancer of the tongue, additional treatment and more surgeries than the family cares to count.

Now 31 and cancer-free for three years, Jeff was the genesis of CCN’s founding. His sister Jenny had learned of family members who, following the death of their little girl in the hospital room next to Jeff’s, had no gas in their car to go home, and no money to buy it.

“That just blew Jenny away,” Luttrell said, “and she told me that night, ‘We are going to make a difference.’ I said OK.”

Two years later, the first luncheon/fashion show was held, drawing a surprising (to Luttrell) 350 guests and raising \$7,500. The proceeds were split between bone marrow transplant units at hospitals in Tucson and Phoenix, earmarked for gas and food cards for families.

Today, the event generates hundreds of auction items, from \$35 gift baskets to the-sky’s-the-limit private jet vacations, golf packages and precious jewels.

As it has evolved, the event attracts not only generous guests but one particularly beloved one: Jeff Luttrell himself.

“Inspirations is an event where everyone gets to show their true self,” he said. “The kids’ true passion and joy comes out on stage, and they get to show people who they really are without cancer being an influence.”

CCN has grown, too, with many programs and events that bolster young cancer survivors and their families. These include free hospital admission bags, wigs, college scholarships and survivorship conferences, school programs that teach healthy children about cancer and an annual cancer run that raises funding and hope.

And, of course, there will always be gas cards.

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Students teaching students: Academy kids conduct study with special ed classes

By Robyn Martinez

ASPIRE Academy students spent time last semester conducting a study focused on ensuring that all students in their Connolly Middle School campus have access to quality STEM activities.

“As a chief science officer, my job is to influence people with STEM,” said ASPIRE/CMS student Connor Clemens.

Chief science officers are elected by their peers and are responsible for planning and creating high-quality STEM experiences. At ASPIRE Academy, chief science officers work with STEM Cells, partners to the CSOs who work alongside them to design and present STEM activities, referred to as STEMonstrations.

While presenting at the ASPIRE and Connolly campuses, this group of 11 ASPIRE CSOs and STEM cells noticed that PALS and PUPALS students were not participating in their school-wide STEMonstrations.

Students in the PALS and PUPALS class have special learning needs in the areas of mobility, communication, self-care, and learning self-sufficiency. This sparked concern for ASPIRE students, and they began to think of ways that they could reach this group of students with STEM.

Their solution? Take the STEM activities directly to these students. Using differentiated and appropriately modified STEM learning experiences for the self-contained special education students, ASPIRE students visited PALS and PUPALS classrooms during the day in between their



Students from ASPIRE Academy have been reaching out to fellow students at their school with special learning needs to include them in STEM learning activities.

— Photo courtesy Tempe Elementary School District

core classes.

Emphasizing key science vocabulary such as force, electricity, motors, and magnetism, they introduced their modified STEM activities to the group of students. They also focused on learning about how the PALS and PUPALS students learn best and in a way that made STEM learning fun, challenging and engaging for them. This approach resulted in significant findings.

ASPIRE Student Averie Schwab shared that her fellow ASPIRE students conducting the study realized how bright and creative the PALS and PUPALS students were, and how good they were at thinking outside of the box that they are often put in.

“Compared to other students on campus, these students have quite remarkable focus and determination,” Schwab said.

“We realized that success for the PALS and PUPALS students was keeping them engaged and excited in STEM activities and games, and filled with joy. The PALS and PUPALS students surprised us by making their own

modifications to the STEM activities and games,” said ASPIRE student Chloe Daniel.

“We had focused on the PALS and PUPALS students succeeding on our terms, when we should have thought of meeting the cognitive and physical learning needs of the students,” said ASPIRE student Silas Flores.

“We learned to modify the games to accommodate the cognitive and physical limitations of these students, which led us to create the ‘Yo-Yo in a Cup.’” Flores added that they hope to continue creating STEM activities that will meet the needs of diverse learners.

The 11 ASPIRE Academy and Connolly chief science officers and STEM cells, joined by ASPIRE teacher Ariel Roller and Dr. Gerry Taylor, presented their study findings last month at the Arizona Educational Research Organization Conference.

“I thought the experience was a great way to encourage inclusion among two groups of students who typically don’t have an opportunity to interact,” said PALS teacher Casey Riter.

“The ASPIRE students did a wonderful job of supporting my students in the various labs and didn’t seem flustered when directions had to be restated. Overall it was an awesome learning experience.”

Taylor said that the partnership between ASPIRE and the PALS and PUPALS classes is going to continue throughout the school year. “As STEM ambassadors for our school, Connolly’s chief science officers and STEM cells are committed to ensuring that all of our students have opportunities to engage in high-quality, hands-on STEM learning experiences,” said Taylor.

“As a result of their STEM interventions, the CSOs and STEM cells developed an expertise in STEM education among self-contained students that few educators and researchers possess.”

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Custom-jewelry artist and Day's Fine Jewelry owner Lorin Jones at work in his state-of-the-art studio in South Tempe. — Wrangler News photo

Love

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found only in aerospace applications.

And then there's the matter of what stone to use and what shape to cut it.

These kinds of decisions seem to confront enamored couples ever more frequently, Jones says, effectively changing the traditions that most jewelers have followed for years.

"So I try to pull the ideas of all the generations together: Things that the millennials like as well as what the people of my generation like," says Jones.

"My generation was into the look of richness; millennials are more minimalist. Like it used to be a diamond they wanted for the centerpiece. Now it's a colored stone."

The dilemma of selection doesn't end that simply, though. "The most unique ring I was ever asked for was a peridot that was meteorite based with a lot of different colors but more resilient. Very unique."

That kind of modernization in jewelry design is one of the elements that keeps Jones constantly renewing his interest in—and excitement for—his craft.

"The message in all this is that change is good. With each new generation, their desires illustrate how

they want to be different from the generations before them."

As to what's on the horizon jewelry-wise, Jones says changes happening in recent years provide an intriguing roadmap for what's coming next. "These days, alternative metals are much more popular," Jones said.

"Companies are introducing metals like stainless steel or those that can be treated so the texture will be black when (the ring) is worn."

Now, with Valentine's Day fast approaching, Jones says he expects even more requests for nuanced jewelry design. And rather than worry about his ability to provide the customer with a suitable answer, he looks forward to both the challenge and the opportunity.

"Somebody comes in and wants a meteorite in the center of their ring, you gotta be ready for anything and everything. It's what makes this such a great job."

Jones and his wife Ginger are the owners of Day's Fine Jewelry, a landmark among stores featuring creative, handmade design and, not to be overlooked at this special time of year, an unwavering passion for their craft.

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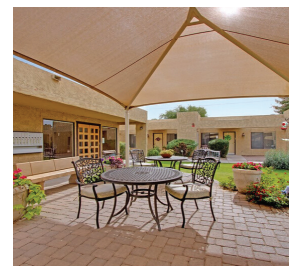


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Annual report hails city's 2019 successes

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"The city of Chandler takes great pride in delivering nearly 450 very diverse services," said City Manager Marsha Reed.

"It takes the commitment of many people and organizations to create the quality of life Chandler enjoys today. We're proud to serve and share our progress with the community."

The report, available at chandleraz.gov/2019AnnualReport, describes major projects, profiles the community and shares accolades received in 2019. It also previews items residents can anticipate occurring in 2020.

Highlights:

- Chandler experienced the lowest crime rate ever in nearly 50 years of tracking that statistic and community partnerships helped prevent crimes, fires and drownings.

- Development in Price Corridor, West Chandler and other employment areas attracted \$190 million in investment and will lead to companies creating nearly 4,000 jobs. Development, major events, street improvements and a new parking garage illustrated the growth of dining, entertainment and employment in Downtown Chandler.

- Chandler Center for the Arts celebrated its 30th anniversary season, new public art debuted and the new Chandler Museum marked its first year in operation. Chandler Public Library unveiled early literacy spaces and Tumbleweed Recreation Center upgraded its fitness facilities.

- The Pecos Water Treatment plant performed its 30th year in operation by delivering 10 billion gallons of drinking water. Wastewater treatment plants reused eight billion gallons of wastewater for irrigation purposes. Street maintenance and technology upgrades optimized the ability to travel in Chandler. Relocation of underground utilities in Price and Willis roads cleared a path for Salt River Project to install its transmission lines.

- Taxpayers experienced some of the lowest costs for services, utility charges, sales tax rates and staffing levels in the Valley. Adherence to financial policies earned Chandler AAA bond ratings and national recognition for financial reporting and budgeting.

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By Diana Nelson
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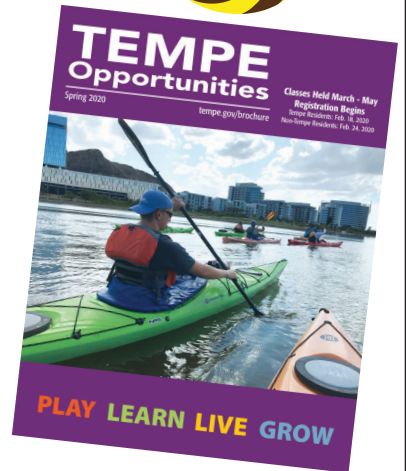
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and the reason why everyone lives here,” Etienne says. She and her husband moved into Corona del Sol Estates last summer, enticed by the previous owners of their home who told them it was a very family-oriented neighborhood with block parties and other social gatherings. There is talk among concerned residents about pooling resources to hire an attorney to fight Avana’s development of the house on Calle de Arcos, Etienne said.

Neighbors concerned

Mark Kaiser, president of the Corona del Sol Estates Neighborhood Association, has met with Robinson.

“The concerns of the neighborhood revolve around excessive traffic and a change from the old family-style neighborhood to having businesses interspersed among the residents,” Kaiser said.

“The concern is that if you have a 10-patient assisted-group-living home, you’re obviously going to have care attendees there which will bring some number of cars on a daily basis and then you’ll have visitors. So there’s concern that there will be more than normal traffic on the street.”

Robinson counters that he’s already got a plan to allay those fears.

“We’ll create a ton of parking space. We already have a nice big driveway but we’ll also be creating a roundabout driveway. There are several other homes in the neighborhood that have those.”

According to Kris Baxter-Ging, a public information officer for the city of Tempe, there are 74 current or pending group homes in Tempe.

“Once a group home submits, we add them to this list so we do not have another home apply for the same area. These homes are for adult care, persons with disabilities or child shelters,” Baxter said.

The Tempe Zoning and Development Code also has a requirement for a 1,200-foot separation distance from the lot line of one group home to the lot line of an existing group home. That’s a little less than a quarter of a mile, so depending on the size of the neighborhood, there is a possibility that more than one group home could be established in a Tempe neighborhood.

Chandler’s response

Neighboring Chandler has a similar restriction of a 1,200-foot distance between group homes. According to Stephanie Romero, public information officer for the city of Chandler, there are 222 registered or pending group homes in Chandler.

David De La Torre, planning manager with Chandler’s Development Services Department, said the city’s zoning code allows group homes to have up to five residents. However, a group home for residents who have a disability can request a “reasonable accommodation waiver” to have more than five residents up to a maximum of 10.

“Generally speaking, people living in an assisted living home are considered to have a disability. The definition of a disability in Chandler’s code mirrors the definition used in federal law that protects discrimination of people with disability, which is very general and inclusive of various types of disabilities,” De La Torre said.

“Currently in Chandler, there are 27 registered or pending group homes with more than five residents. Eight of those 27 are approved to have 10 residents.”

Although work had not yet begun on preparing the Calle de Arcos property for its planned usage, Robinson said he plans to begin demolition work any day now and hopes renovation will be complete by May 1.

The city of Tempe approved Robinson’s building permit Jan. 19. He now must await state licensing, something he will apply for after a sprinkler system and alarms have been installed.

He said he’s hoping residents of Corona del Sol Estates will feel differently about the presence of a group home in their neighborhood once they can see that their current concerns have not materialized.

“I hope that over time, not only will they just tolerate the fact that I’m there, but that they can actually embrace it,” Robinson said.

Property values

Residents of Corona del Sol Estates don’t seem placated by these assertions, however, as evidenced by the appearance of 50 or 60 neighborhood residents at an informational meeting on Feb. 1 that grew heated and led to raised voices and shouting.

“It got down to personal attacks on me,” Robinson said. “They called me a snake and a liar.”

If the rhetoric seemed over the top, it’s because the residents are seriously alarmed at the prospect of what’s to come.

“The quietness is going to be gone with 10 people living there,” Mastin told Wrangler News. “This isn’t about being compassionate... it’s all about making money.”

According to Avana’s website, monthly pricing for the facility starts at \$5,000 for a private suite with a bathroom. The most expensive accommodations run \$7,500 for a two-bedroom suite with half-bath and patio.

Kaiser, the neighborhood association president, toured Avana’s group home on Knight Lane. The home there is larger than the one on Calle de Arcos, he said.

“Inside it was neat and clean and new—it was open and airy,” Kaiser noted.

Still, Kaiser said, the concern is that home values in the area may slip with the establishment of group homes on quiet streets like theirs. Nick Bastian, a South Tempe Realtor who lives not far from the property, offered his take on the situation.

“I don’t know that this particular use is going to be anybody in the neighborhood’s favorite use, but I don’t think it’s going to have a real negative impact,” Bastian said.

“These types of properties—depending on how they’re run and managed—a lot of times you won’t even know they are there.”

And, he noted, alluding to another thorny community issue, 10 elderly assisted-living residents next door might just be a quieter alternative to the possibility of a 10-bedroom Airbnb.

Cities across the nation have grappled with that hornet’s nest for the last few years.

In fact, another South Tempe home last year was converted to a vacation rental with paved-over lawns and reportedly 10-bedroom occupancy, which the state legislature has ruled cities cannot regulate.

Unlike an Airbnb, “I have to be licensed by the state,” Robinson said. “My license will be on the wall and there will be regular inspections.”

As the Calle de Arcos project continues, Robinson is slated to move forward with renovation in hopes of having residents soon. As to the property on Knight Lane, he already has bookings and deposits in place.

“There’s a large demand for this,” Robinson said. “Tempe is underserved.”

Not all residents of other neighborhoods are similarly concerned about the arrival of group homes in their area.

Steven Fox lives near the property on Knight Lane and offered no objections to the presence of a group home just steps away. In fact, he said, having it there has already been a good thing.

The owner alerted police when it seemed someone might be burglarizing Fox’s home. “They were digging through some stuff I had—it was harmless but it told me that if something’s going on with my place, they’ve got a bunch of people watching,” Fox said.

“They’re harmless—they don’t make noise. I mean, I don’t see what the problem would be. It’s not a halfway house or something like that. I don’t seem them as a negative neighbor.”





Residents roil

Corona del Sol Estate residents showed up en masse for a meeting with the man who purchased a home in the quiet, upscale neighborhood in order to turn it into an assisted living group home. Neighbors posed questions and aired concerns, challenging Jim Robinson, lower right, the owner, to address their considerable worries for the future of their family-oriented community. The gathering grew heated at times—not from the warm winter sun that beat down on the canopy.

— Photos by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

SPORTS

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3 girl wrestlers among top sectional finishers

Corona's girls state championship wrestler from last season, **Sierrah Thrun**, competed at Section I sectionals at Desert Vista High School to qualify for the 2020 Division I State Wrestling Tournament to be held Feb. 13-14 to qualify for the state tournament Feb. 14-15 at Findlay Toyota Center in Prescott Valley.

Thrun won her section on Saturday and will be the defending girls champion in the

110-pound weight class.

Thrun won in the same weight class last year in the girls inaugural championship wrestling tournament which included 10 weight classes.

This year, 160 girl wrestlers qualified for the state tournament based on the results from the 10 weight classes in eight sections held Feb. 1.

According to the AIA rules, though, the top two finishers in each of the

weight classes will advance to the state tournament after the victories are certified.

Besides Thrun, three other Tempe girl wrestlers were listed in the top finishers at the sections.

Sofia Rubio from Marcos de Niza was first in the 185-pound division from Section I, while her teammate, **Ashley Troglia**, took third place in the 145-pound weight class. **Sunshine Romero** from Tempe High School placed third in Section I in the 160-pound weight class.

Corona Boys Wrestling

The Aztec boy wrestlers have their Sectional III Tournament this weekend, Feb. 8-9, at Desert Vista High School to qualify for the tournament in Prescott Valley. On Jan. 24-25 the Aztecs competed in the Diego Gadea Wrestling Invitational held at Salpointe High School.

Corona took 4th place out of 22 teams that participated in the event, missing out on taking 3rd place by .5 points. Gila Ridge scored 175.5 points to take 3rd place while the Aztecs scored 175 points for 4th.

Taking the honors for the Aztecs with a first-place finish in the 122-pound division was senior **Anthony Gonzales**, who defeated a Pueblo wrestler to maintain his 33-4 record.

Freshman **Tyler Ham**, with a 26-9 season record, took home a fourth-place medal in the 108-pound weight class after losing in a 2:10 fall to a Blue Ridge wrestler.

Senior **Matthew Gable**, 15-17 record, was sixth in the 128-pound event as was sophomore Sasso Villasenor, 17-18 record, in the 162-pound weight class.

In the 140-pound division, Corona sophomore **Anthony Garcia**, 25-11 record, defeated a Sahuaro wrestler to take 5th place, while senior **Shane Aguarin**, 30-8 record, lost to a Sahuarita wrestler in the 147-pound weight class to receive a 4th place medal.

Sophomore **Micah Castro**, 24-13 record, in the 154-pound weight class defeated a Sahuarita wrestler to take 5th place and Corona junior **Joshua Gutierrez**, 17-9 record, lost in a 5-0 decision to an Empire wrestler to earn a

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4th place medal in the 172-pound event. Aztec sophomore **Eldon Milton**, 8-3 record, defeated a Gila Ridge wrestler in a 2:41 Fall to earn a 3rd place medal in the 184-pound weight class while senior **Jack Koeller** lost in a 197-pound 3rd place match to a Waldon Grove wrestler to earn a 4th place medal.

Corona Boys Basketball

The Aztecs, with only three regular season games left, are fighting to be one of the top eight teams who get a bye and do not have to play in the 6A Conference Play-in Tournament to be held Feb. 14.

Currently ranked No. 13, just ahead of coach Sam Duane's Perry Pumas, the Aztecs are going to have an uphill battle to make any headway against their No. 13 ranking because all three of the last regular season teams Corona is scheduled to play against are ranked above them.

First, the Aztecs were scheduled to play at No. 2-ranked Highland on Feb. 4, and on Feb. 7 Corona has a game at No. 1 Desert Vista.

Finally, on senior night, Feb. 11, they are scheduled to play at home against No. 10 Mtn. Pointe.

Depending on what ranking they receive after the regular season, the Aztecs will most like have to fight their way out of the Conference Play-in Tournament on Feb. 14 in order to play in the 6A State Basketball Tournament starting at the higher seed, Feb. 19.

Marcos de Niza Basketball

The Padres, with a 13-11 record, are currently ranked No. 16 in the 4A Division with three games left in the regular season.

Unlike Corona, Marcos has a good chance to move up in the rankings because all three games the Padres have left to play are against teams ranked below them.

On Feb. 4, currently No. 16 Marcos was scheduled to play at No. 21-ranked Poston Butte; then, on Feb. 7 the Padres will play at home with a game against No. 36 Saguaro. The Padres' last regular game of the season will be an away game on Feb. 11 at No. 26 Seton Catholic.

The Padres will honor their nine seniors during their last home game, Feb. 7.

Marcos' senior-laden team is led by two brothers, **Russ Lingruen** and **Tommy Lingruen**. Both have started and played all 24 games so far this season and are leading the team in several statistical categories.

Tommy has scored 494 points, or an average of 20.6 points a game, hitting 54 percent of his shots, while Russ has scored 487 points or 20.3 points a game shooting 52 percent.

The only other player on the team with significant points is senior **Asael Worden**, who has scored 281 points playing in 23 games for an average of 12.2 points per game.

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Corona's junior striker, Amaya Antonio, has been named player of the game three times after scoring eight goals and earning 16 points in nine games. —Photo courtesy Kris Cartwright

Tommy Lingruen leads the team in rebounds with 289 total rebounds or an average of about 10 rebounds a game while Russ Lingruen has 148 rebounds in 24 games or close to six rebounds a game.

Worden is next in line with 107 rebounds or 4.7 rebounds a game.

The only area where the Lingruen brothers do not dominate is in the assist department. Worden is the assist leader with 2.4 assists a game, followed closely by senior **Camrion Bryant** with 2.2 assists a game.

Senior **Ethan Arroyo** and junior **Nehemiah Washington** are the only two players besides the Lingruen brothers who have played in all 24 games.

Arroyo fills in where needed averaging 3.3 points a game hitting 54 percent of his two-point shots while averaging two rebounds a game along with 1.5 assists and .5 steals a game.

Washington averages 3.2 points a game hitting 56% of his shot attempts.

Senior **Jaden Upshaw** has played in 22 games and leads the team with his 1.88 assists to turnover ratio, while senior **Matt Canada** has played in 19 games and is second in assists to turnover ratio at 1.11.

The last two seniors on the team who will be honored senior night are **Jaden Davis** and **Garrett Lamb**. Both have seen time on the court and played in significant games this season: 18 games for Davis and 16 for Lamb.

The only players on this season's team who could

be back next season, in addition to Washington, would be juniors **Jase Langley** and **Brennan Hill**, and sophomore **Aidan Baker**.

Corona Girls Soccer

Corona's girls soccer team, with a 7-5 overall record, is currently ranked No. 13 in the 6A Division rankings but would like to move up in the rankings before the end of the season to get a better seeding for the 6A Conference Play-In Tournament scheduled for Feb. 13.

As it stands, the No. 13-ranked team would play the No. 20 ranked team, or Tolleson Union, and have to win to get into the 2020 6A State Girls Soccer Tournament.

Corona was scheduled to play currently No. 6-ranked Desert Vista on Feb. 4 at home on senior night and sat currently No. 17-ranked Mountain Point on Feb. 7.

Defeating Desert Vista would definitely move the Aztecs up in the rankings, but losing to Mountain Pointe would most likely move them down in the rankings.

The Aztecs are led in goals and points by junior striker **Amaya Antonio** who currently has scored eight goals and 16 points playing in only nine of the possible 11 games.

Antonio has been named player of the game three times this season by head coach **Matt Smith**.

"Amaya can dominate a game, scoring goals with a solid finish," said Smith. "She does a good job scoring off of set pieces."

Other players of the game include sophomore **Allyson Watchel** (two times), **Cassida O'Connor**, **Suzannah Scheuerer**, **Kira Caspers**, **Samantha Camino** and **Paige Sever**.

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Sophomore Watchel is a defender and team captain that coach Smith counts on to organize Corona's defense and keep the young team focused.

She also had a header goal that helped win the game against Basha early in the season. She has scored two goals and four points this season playing in all 11 matches.

Sophomore O'Connor scored two goals, including the winning goal, plus two assists in Corona's 4-0 win over Maryvale. She has played in all 11 matches, scoring a total three goals and five assists to earn 11 points, the second most on the team.

Coach Smith can count on senior midfielder Scheuerer to put forth a great defensive effort in winning balls and being defensively accountable.

She has played in all 11 matches scoring two points on two assists.

Sophomore midfielder Caspers had three assists and helped create goals for her teammates in Corona's big 5-0 win over Cortez in early December. She has played in 10 matches tallying five assists and five points

Freshman Camino scored her first career goal early in the year in the Aztecs' 3-1 win over Kofi and currently has three assists and five points playing in 10 matches.

Coach Smith says he relies on striker Sever to come in off the bench and provide an impact both in the midfield and up top like she did in their game against Desert Ridge on Jan. 24. Sever has played in all 11 matches and is credited with two goals and two assists for a total of six points.

Senior midfielder **Ally Sharp** has played in all 11 matches scoring three goals and one assist for a total of seven points.

Other Corona athletes who have scored goals, assists and points for the Aztecs are senior midfielder **Sheyla Castro**, who has played in all 11 matches and is credited with two assists and two points, and junior defender **Ashley Hill**, who has played in 10 matches, scoring one goal and is credited with two assists for a total of four points.

Junior striker **Emily Sammon** scored one goal and one assist for a total of three points playing in nine matches and junior defender **Abby Benedict** who has played in all 11 matches scoring one goal for a total of two points and defender **Aja Lister** scored one goal while playing in 11 matches. Senior midfielder **Catelyn Bradley** played in seven matches scoring one goal and junior defender **Jazzy Schineller** played in all 11 matches recording one assist. Seedings will be determined by Feb. 10.



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Oscar predictions and view of a seemingly universal theme

A few weeks ago on Saturday Night Live, the comedienne Melissa Villaseñor performed song summaries of several of this year's Oscar nominated films. Each time, her summary closed by noting that the film in question was rooted in "white male rage."

It's arguable that, in some sense or another, white male rage is the single most pervasive theme in the history of American movies, maybe of movies worldwide.

But Villaseñor's point is taken; from Joker to The Irishman to Jojo Rabbit to 1917 to Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, white male rage seems particularly well-represented among this year's Academy Award nominees.

Anyway, here are a few notes on the 92nd annual awards, to be presented earlier than usual, on Sunday, Feb 9:

Best Picture: My prediction to win—and that of Vegas, at this writing—would be the Sam Mendes WWI drama 1917. It's an absorbing film, however my own favorite of the nominated pictures was Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, although I liked Scorsese's The Irishman as well. And I must confess that, shamefully, I still haven't caught up with the acclaimed Parasite, though I've seen earlier work by its brilliant director Bong Joon-ho and I don't doubt that it's as great as everybody says it is.

Best Actor: Probably the closest there is to a lock is Joaquin Phoenix as the title character in Joker, and it's hard to argue with Phoenix's achievement. But in a subtler way, Leonardo DiCaprio seemed just as good to me as the jittery cowboy star in Once Upon a Time in Hollywood. Robert

DeNiro did restrained and ultimately moving work in The Irishman, and Jonathan Pryce was great as one of the title characters in The Two Popes.

Best Actress: Renee Zellweger is heavily favored to take the award for her impressive turn as late-vintage Judy Garland in Judy, and again, I'd be hard pressed to dispute the greatness of her acting feat, whatever the shortcomings of the surrounding movie. But a word should also be said for Charlize Theron's flawless impersonation of Megyn Kelly in the slightly underrated Bombshell.

Best Supporting Actress: I thought Florence Pugh's Amy was the best thing about Greta Gerwig's generally overrated version of Little Women. But Laura Dern is favored to win for her turn in Marriage Story, and I've always been a fan, so that's what I'm rooting for.

Best Supporting Actor: The current favorite here is Brad Pitt as the unflappable stuntman in Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, and his easygoing performance was a delight. So was Anthony Hopkins as cranky, troubled Pope Benedict in The Two Popes, and Tom Hanks as a relentlessly

compassionate Fred Rogers in A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood. But Al Pacino's grandly clownish Jimmy Hoffa in The Irishman is his most memorable performance in years.

Best Director: Sam Mendes leads the pack for 1917, and will likely take home the Oscar unless the opinion takes hold that his one-continuous-shot approach on the film is a gimmick. I loved his quote dismissing this criticism, however: "We experience life as a single shot. We go through life with one unbroken take. It's editing that's the gimmick."

The Show: Like last year, the show is scheduled to do without a host, opting instead for a procession of presenters. Presumably this was seen as the likeliest way to prevent controversy. It's also the likeliest way to prevent entertainment.

Snubs: No doubt any number of omissions could be cited, but two leap to mind: First, how does Rami Malek win Best Actor for lip-synching Freddy Mercury in Bohemian Rhapsody, but the excellent Taron Edgerton, singing for himself, get overlooked for (the admittedly uneven) Rocketman?

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Second, Lulu Wang's *The Farewell* was overlooked in general, but especially for Best Original Screenplay, for Best Supporting Actress for Zhao Shuzhen as the formidable Nai Nai, and for Awkwafina for Best Actress. No offense to anyone in that category, but I didn't see five better performances than her's this year.

One More Prediction: (also a boast): Earlier this year, in these very pages, I predicted that the animated short film *Hair Love*, which showed before *The Angry Birds Movie 2*, would be nominated for an Oscar. I was right; now I'll go out on a limb and predict that it will take the award. But I could be wrong, of course; the film is definitely, and refreshingly, not about white male rage.

Pointer Sisters headline Ostrich Fest

Three-time Grammy Award winners The Pointer Sisters will headline the 32nd annual Chandler Chamber Ostrich Festival on Sunday, March 15.

It is an American R&B vocal group originally from Oakland, Calif., that achieved mainstream success over four decades with a repertoire that included genres such as pop, disco, jazz, bebop, blues, soul funk, dance, country and rock.

The Pointer Sisters first broke into the scene with their 1975 debut album featuring the hit single "Fairytale" which earned them a Grammy Award for Best Country Vocal Performance. Their success continued well into the 1980s where they won two Grammys for their top 10 hits "Jump (For My Love)" and "Automatic."

The group's other U.S. top 10 hits include "Fire," "He's So Shy," "Slow Hand," the remixed version of "I'm So Excited" and "Neutron Dance." The trio currently consists of Ruth Pointer, her daughter Issa and granddaughter Sadako.

This year's Ostrich Festival will kick off with '90s pop band 98° on Friday, March 13 and Blues Traveler on Saturday, March 14.

Tickets are on sale now at OstrichFestival.com.

Adult tickets will be \$15, \$8 for seniors 55-plus and children 12. Children three and under will be admitted into the festival free of charge.

Limited VIP tickets will be available for purchase. Adult VIP tickets start at \$50 and are subject to increase; VIP tickets for children will be \$30. Adult ticket prices on Saturday and Sunday will increase to \$20 at the gates after 2 p.m.

Ride tickets and all-day ride passes must be purchased separately. Family Packs and individual all-day ride passes will be available for purchase at a later date.

Tickets are on sale now at OstrichFestival.com.



Singer-songwriter Walt Richardson is a familiar face to Tempeans and people all over the Valley. He will perform 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at The Watershed, 5350 S. Lakeshore Drive, Tempe. Fans have banded together to help fund the publication of Richardson's music. To support him, search Walt Richardson Music at GoFundMe.com. The campaign is nearly halfway to its goal of \$25,000. 'He is such a treasure to our community and has given so much of his time, effort and caring to us that it would be so nice if we could return some of that feeling back to him,' wrote one fan in a letter to *Wrangler News*.
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Michael A. Pollack, longtime Valley developer and entrepreneur, will be the title sponsor for Assistance League of East Valley's Casino Mardi Gras fundraiser from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 at Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes.

The event will help provide new school clothing and uniforms for almost 10,000 needy school children this year.

Pollack has been a major supporter of the League's work for many years, including renovating the building for the organization's upscale thrift shop at 2326 N. Alma School Rd. in Chandler.

The ballroom for this year's event will feature casino-style gaming with professional dealers, live and silent auctions, and an herb-crusted roast beef or lemon chicken buffet.

A \$75 registration fee will gain entrance, along with dinner, game chips, free drink and entertainment. Live auction items include premium seats for an Eagles concert in a suite at Talking Stick Arena on April 21, with free food and parking.

For the first time, the silent auction will include several vacation packages. There's a beach package for seven nights in a two-bedroom condo in Spain, Bali, Mexico or Hawaii, and a family trip for seven nights in Orlando, Fla.; Hilton Head, So. Carolina; Lake Tahoe, Calif.; or Maui. Reservations for the event are available online at the organization's website, www.assistanceleagueeastvalley.org or by mail or in person at their thrift shop, located on Alma School Road just north of Warner Road.

Chandler Regional adds Barrow clinical trials to brain cancer treatment protocols

Two East Valley hospitals are now partnering with the Ivy Brain Tumor Center at Barrow Neurological Institute to expand a novel Phase 0 clinical trials program, said to be the first of its kind in neuro-oncology.

In addition to Barrow's capabilities at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, brain cancer patients will now have the option to enroll in the clinical trials at Chandler Regional Medical Center and HonorHealth Research Institute at Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center, according to Dignity's announcement.

By adding additional research facilities, the Ivy Center hopes to accelerate study enrollment, allowing researchers to quickly determine which experimental therapy combinations show promise in treating aggressive brain tumors.

The expansion will also reduce or eliminate the need for East Valley clinical trial participants to commute to Phoenix for treatment and whose current care team will still be involved throughout the treatment regimen.

"Our vision for expansion is to open Ivy Phase 0 clinical trial research sites throughout Arizona, as well as nationally and internationally," said Dr. Nader Sanai, the center director.

"Our trials are generating groundbreaking discoveries and opening research sites across the globe, (which) will allow us to provide critical brain tumor patients with potentially life-saving treatment options."

Both Chandler Regional and HonorHealth Research Institute at Scottsdale Osborn are now enrolling patients in the center's Phase 0/2 combination study of ribociclib and everolimus. In this trial, the drug combination is administered in preoperative Rb-intact recurrent high-grade glioblastoma multiforme patients scheduled for resection.

"The goal of these innovative trials is to extend the lives of brain tumor patients, and by offering easier access to those who don't live near Phoenix we are giving them a fighting chance at beating this disease," said Dr. Kaith Almefty, Barrow neurosurgical oncologist at Chandler Regional Medical Center.

"It's exciting to see the progress this program has already made in just 18 months. I'm looking forward to seeing it continue to expand because brain cancer patients need better options." Information: ivybraintumorcenter.org.

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February 2020



Geeks Night Out is March 18

Discover the science at the 8th annual Geeks Night Out on Wednesday, March 18, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road.

Tempe's signature Arizona SciTech Festival event is presented by State Farm and blends science, technology,

engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

The free event showcases everything from robotics and solar-powered race cars to Science experiments and coding exercises.

There will be live entertainment, food trucks, eSports and more.

For more information, visit tempe.gov/geeks.

COMING UP

Roundtable with Randy and Robin

Residents are invited to attend the next Roundtable with Randy and Robin, which is a community conversation event brought to you by Councilmembers Robin Arredondo-Savage and Randy Keating.

The theme of their conversation will be "What's Coming in 2020."

Join them from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Connections Café inside the Tempe Public Library at 3500 S. Rural Road.

For more information about their service to Tempe, visit tempe.gov/keating and tempe.gov/arredondo-savage.

Connecting with Kuby

Join Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby for a cup of coffee or tea and the opportunity to talk about what you care about most in our city.

She'll be in Connections Café at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, the last Saturday of most months from 1-4 p.m.

The first 20 minutes will cover a topic and then the events are open for any other conversations.

The next two events take place Feb. 29 and March 28.

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Spring training in Tempe

Take in a Los Angeles Angels game at beautiful Tempe Diablo Stadium as spring training begins on Feb. 22.

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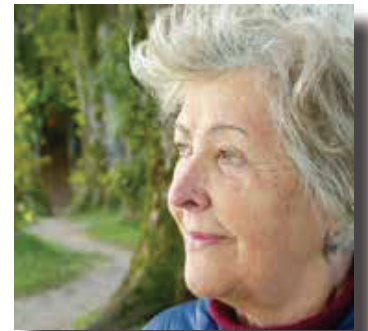


Annual Dementia Friendly Tempe Summit March 28

The 2020 Dementia Friendly Tempe Summit brings together a dynamic panel of experts – including those living with dementia and their caregivers – to share the latest to Live Well (with Dementia).

You are invited to this free community event on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Edward Jones Training Center, 8333 S. River Parkway, in Tempe.

There is emerging good news about the role of future treatments and a healthy lifestyle in treating and delaying the onset of



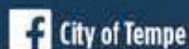
dementia's symptoms.

Please register at <https://agefriendlytempe.eventbrite.com> to secure your seat at the summit, or call 480-350-8534.

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In partnership with presenting sponsor FOX Corporation, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual State of the District with Congressman Greg Stanton on March 20, 2020 at Rio Salado College in Tempe. Congressman Stanton, Arizona's 9th District U.S. Representative, will address attendees and provide updates on federal issues affecting our community, district, state and country to a regional audience of community, educational, political, business and civic leaders. If time permits, the audience may participate in a brief Q&A at the completion of the address. This year's event is expected to sell out, and early registration is recommended. To learn more visit our website at www.tempechamber.org.



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Event to Celebrate Military Excellence

The Tempe Chamber Military Affairs Committee is proud to announce it's second Annual Red, White, & Blue Awards Ceremony on March 11, 2020. This breakfast event will recognize stellar members of our local Military through scholarships and special recognition awards. Registration for the ceremony is available on our home page at www.tempechamber.org.



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- Navy Operational Support "BUC Joel E. Baldwin Memorial Award"
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- ASU ROTC Scholarship (Navy)
- ASU ROTC Scholarship (Air Force)

Meet Chamber Endorsed Candidates



On February 19th the Tempe Chamber will host a special Emerging Issues Forum allowing the community and chamber members to hear from the candidates endorsed by the chamber. This event will take place from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the Alamo Draffthouse Cinema Tempe. Registration is open at www.tempechamber.org.

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MCC announces education veteran as interim president

Maricopa County Community College District Interim Chancellor Dr. Steven Gonzales has named Mesa Community College Executive Vice President Dr. Lori Berquam as MCC's interim president.

She began serving in the new role Feb. 1.

MCC serves a large population of students from Tempe, Chandler and other area communities.

Prior to making the decision, officials said, Gonzales visited MCC to meet with a range of stakeholders and leaders from the college's shared governance structure.

"Dr. Berquam's extensive leadership experience coupled with the support she has earned from college leadership, students and employees for advancing key initiatives, namely student success, makes her a strong and very logical choice as MCC's interim president," said Gonzales.

"She will provide strong leadership and ensure that key priorities continue to thrive at MCC."



Berquam has more than 30 years of leadership experience in higher education.

She is actively engaged in advancing MCC institutional priorities including guided pathways; shared governance; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and strategic planning.

Dr. Richard Haney, who served as MCC president since July 2018, submitted his resignation earlier this month.

"While Dr. Haney was not with our system long, his impact was significant. We will miss his leadership, passion to serve our students and his friendship," said Gonzales.



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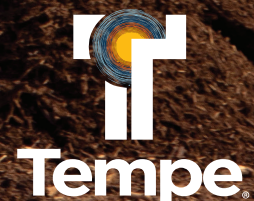


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Hearts aflutter

By Sally Mesarosh

Spend a little time at Kiwanis Park and chances are you'll find several more reasons to love Tempe. On the north side of the lake, a palm tree on the east side of the parking lot by the playground is home to several rosy-faced lovebirds.

Visitors gather to watch the distinctive green and red parrots as they swoop in and out of the tree, perching on the bark and scampering around the nest.

Rosy-faced lovebirds are not native to Arizona, originating in southwestern Africa. Over the years, the pet birds have escaped and established themselves in the urban Sonoran Desert.

Since at least the mid-1980s, feral flocks were reported living in residential neighborhoods of the Valley. The lovebirds found in the area represent the only known feral population in the United States.

Most exotic species do not survive long in the wild, but during the past 25 years, populations of these highly adaptable birds have increased and become regulars in Tempe and West Chandler parks and backyards.

They nest in cactus plants, palm trees, roof tiles and junction boxes on power poles.

Joe Crouse of the Ecological Restoration Institute in Flagstaff, also a board member of Arizona Field Ornithologists, said their population is continuing to grow as the Valley's urban footprint expands and provides additional suitable habitat.

"It sounds like they were first reported in (this) area in 1987," Crouse said. "Nearly all of the sightings seen outside Maricopa County look to be from roughly 2013 on. There are some reports from as early as 2006, but there are only a few."

A current map provided by Crouse shows a heavy population in the East Valley area.

Frances Dent, who works at the front desk of Kiwanis Park Recreation Center, says she first noticed the birds about two years ago and estimates 10-25 of them live in the palm tree at the park.

"I'm a nature nerd," Dent said.

"I love to watch the birds and take photos of them."

A survey conducted in 2010 by the Arizona Field Ornithologists detected 948 rosy-faced lovebirds in a 24-mile section of both the East and West Valley. Investigators drove through neighborhoods and listened for the birds' high-pitched calls.

The lifespan of a lovebird is 15-25 years. A pair can potentially rear three broods (4-5 eggs per clutch) in a season.

The current lovebird population in the Valley, apparently self-sustaining, seems to be not dependent on humans for food and shelter.

The population is expected to continue to grow.

Bird and nature lovers might include a trip to Kiwanis Park on their list of things to do for the upcoming Valentine's Day holiday.

Sources: Frances Dent, Kiwanis Park front desk; azfo.org/journal/Rosy-facedLovebird2011.html; and Joe Crouse, Arizona Field Ornithologists.



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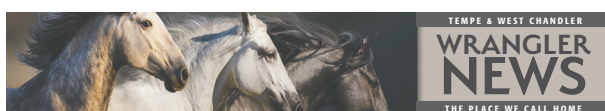
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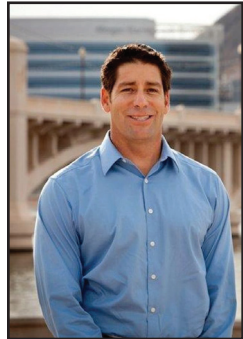
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Campaign Update

Joel Navarro

Editor's note: Due to an inadvertent delay in the receipt of content for candidate profiles appearing in the last edition of Wrangler News, the following statement by Joel Navarro is included with this issue.

Public service has stood at the heart of my professional life since my earliest days as a firefighter. Whether on the frontlines as a first responder or as a member of the Tempe City Council, I view the chance to serve my neighbors as an honor and privilege.



Joel Navarro

I am proud of my record while serving on the Tempe City Council. Together, we are delivering results and building a stronger, safer Tempe.

Here are just some of our wins:

Attracting high-quality jobs and businesses to Tempe; Enhancing public safety services and keeping Tempe families safe; Achieving smart and sustainable growth around downtown; Enhancing aging neighborhood parks with updated equipment and design; Helping establish Tempe PRE, a full-day, high-quality

preschool program; Creating a regional work group on fighting opioid addiction; Implementing an education coordinator to work with city educational programs from K-12 to college; Supporting Veterans initiatives; Helped Improve appearance of streets and rights of way landscape.

I will always put Tempe first and continue to fight to improve our quality of life.

I encourage you to learn more about our campaign at NavarroForTempe.com. You can contact me with any questions at joel@navarrofortempe.com. I hope to have the opportunity to serve you again and respectfully ask for your vote.

About . . . Corey Woods

As a two-term State Senator representing south Tempe I work to advance our community every day. As a result, I know how critical it is that we improve Tempe's infrastructure, increase our affordable housing supply and support our local schools in order to keep our city moving forward. Producing solutions to these and other issues will take a visionary leader who is able to build consensus and efficiently solve problems.

That's why I'm writing today to officially endorse and ask you to support my good friend Corey Woods, whose vision, experience, and proven leadership abilities make him the right choice to be Tempe's next Mayor. With the election on March 10 and ballots mailed to Tempe voters on February 12, every hour counts in this highly competitive race.

Join me in supporting Corey Woods by either donating today via his website or meeting me this Sunday for a neighborhood canvass in support of Corey. Go Corey!

Sean Bowie, State Senator
Legislative District 18

Tempe needs informed and active leadership. One example among many... Why we support Corey Woods to be our next Mayor.

A few years ago, a developer purchased the last parcel, 3.7 acres, of farmland which was situated in the middle of a single-family residential neighborhood.

Our neighbors looked forward to this development. But the original proposal was for many more units than the community found acceptable. All the traffic for the new apartments would empty onto residential streets. We reached out to Council member Woods. He contacted the developer who agreed to meet directly with representatives from the neighborhood. Over three meetings we reached an agreement to reduce the overall design from 44 units to 39 units.

Corey collaborated with the community and trusted us to fashion an acceptable deal.

We need this type of forward-thinking leadership. He will go out front on an issue or roll up his sleeves and work behind the scenes.

Join us in supporting Corey Woods.

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About . . . Mark Mitchell

I'm Maryanne Corder, former Neighborhood Services Director for the City of Tempe. I cherish the diversity and unique character of every neighborhood in our City, and that's why I'm asking you to support and help re-elect Mark Mitchell as Mayor of Tempe.

In my time with the City, Mark always put neighborhoods first. He takes the time to listen to residents, to consult with the community, and to make decisions with our neighborhoods in mind. He always has.

Mark likes to say "the cornerstones of our city are our neighborhoods, and the cornerstones of our neighborhoods are our parks." I agree with him. The heartbeat of our city can be found in our neighborhoods. That's why Tempe has introduced character areas throughout the city, so residents have even more input to decide how their neighborhoods are developed.

And under Mark's leadership, the City has created an all-inclusive playground index for . . . our parks to ensure

that everyone can enjoy our great parks - increasing safety, accessibility, and modernizing equipment. And you'll notice that there are more bike paths around Tempe than ever before - 215 miles of bikeways.

Mark's also fought for new economic opportunities for our city. Since 2012, Tempe's brought in over 33,000 new jobs and \$3 billion in private investment, while preserving our historic areas. And all that investment extends to investment in our residents, which is why Mark and the Council are investing \$60 million into revitalizing and re-dedicating parks all over Tempe, and investing \$80 million into refurbishing our roads.

It's important to Mark that all these great investments extend to our entire city. You'll see the free-of-charge Orbit bus in South Tempe these days and a beautifully re-dedicated Estrada Park. There's also new and exciting businesses on the way to South Tempe, like Postino WineCafe and the Porch neighborhood gastropub.

Commentary . . . By Jennifer Adams

Tempe City Councilmember Jennifer Adams writes about how the city's new trash and recycling collection schedule helps keep costs lower.

One of my goals in communicating with you every month through these articles is to keep you informed about issues and topics that affect south Tempe residents.

This week, every residential trash and recycling resident in the city experienced a change to when their waste is collected. Some of you have a new recycling day, some have a new trash day and, for some, both days have changed. The city added Wednesdays and stopped collecting on Fridays.

But why did Tempe do this?

After reviewing a lot of research and considering the issue, I believe there are good reasons for the change.

As many of you know, I am always looking for fiscally responsible decisions and problem solving. This change is aimed at keeping our rates as low as possible. In addition, this new schedule is quite positive for our environment.

Everything related to solid waste is handled separately from the rest of the city budget – it is called an enterprise fund. That means Tempe must recoup its costs to provide the services. The rates we charge are only paid by those who use the service and are only what we need to cover expenses for employees, gas, vehicles and related costs. Your water services are also run through an enterprise fund and your water bill is determined in this same way.

In 2019, Tempe studied solid waste rates and

operations. It was discovered that we could be more efficient and save taxpayer dollars by modifying our collection routes to prevent costs from getting higher. The previous boundaries, which were set in relation to the U.S. 60 freeway, were changed. New routes are based on the number of homes in an area and the amount of material being collected.

New monthly rates and collection dates were approved by the City Council in December and staff has worked hard to ensure customers know about the change.

For those in the green organics bin program, that collection remains the same day as your recycling.

Not only is this change going to help your wallets by keeping rates lower, it also helps the environment. More efficient routes mean that drivers will use less gas and reduce the amount of vehicle emissions.

If you have questions about your new schedule, you can call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 or Tempe's customer service team at 480-350-8361. To learn more, visit tempe.gov/SMART.

I take a lot of pride in keeping our south Tempe neighbors informed. How is this going so far in your neighborhood? You can always connect with me by calling 480-350-8835 or emailing me at jennifer_adams@tempe.gov.



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Carrillo Ranch	4686 W. Carla Vista Dr, Chandler, 85226	2,536	4 / 2	\$500,000
Corona Del Sol Estates	8850 S. Poplar St, Tempe, 85284	2,184	3 / 2	\$589,900
Hearthstone	3612 W. Elgin St, Chandler 85226	1,570	3 / 2	\$330,000
Oasis at Anozira	1893 E. Drake Dr, Tempe, 85283	1,758	3 / 2	\$380,000
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