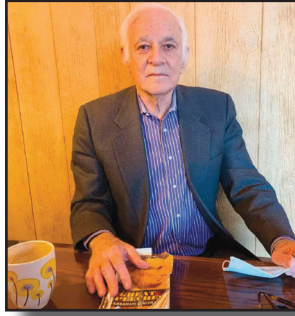




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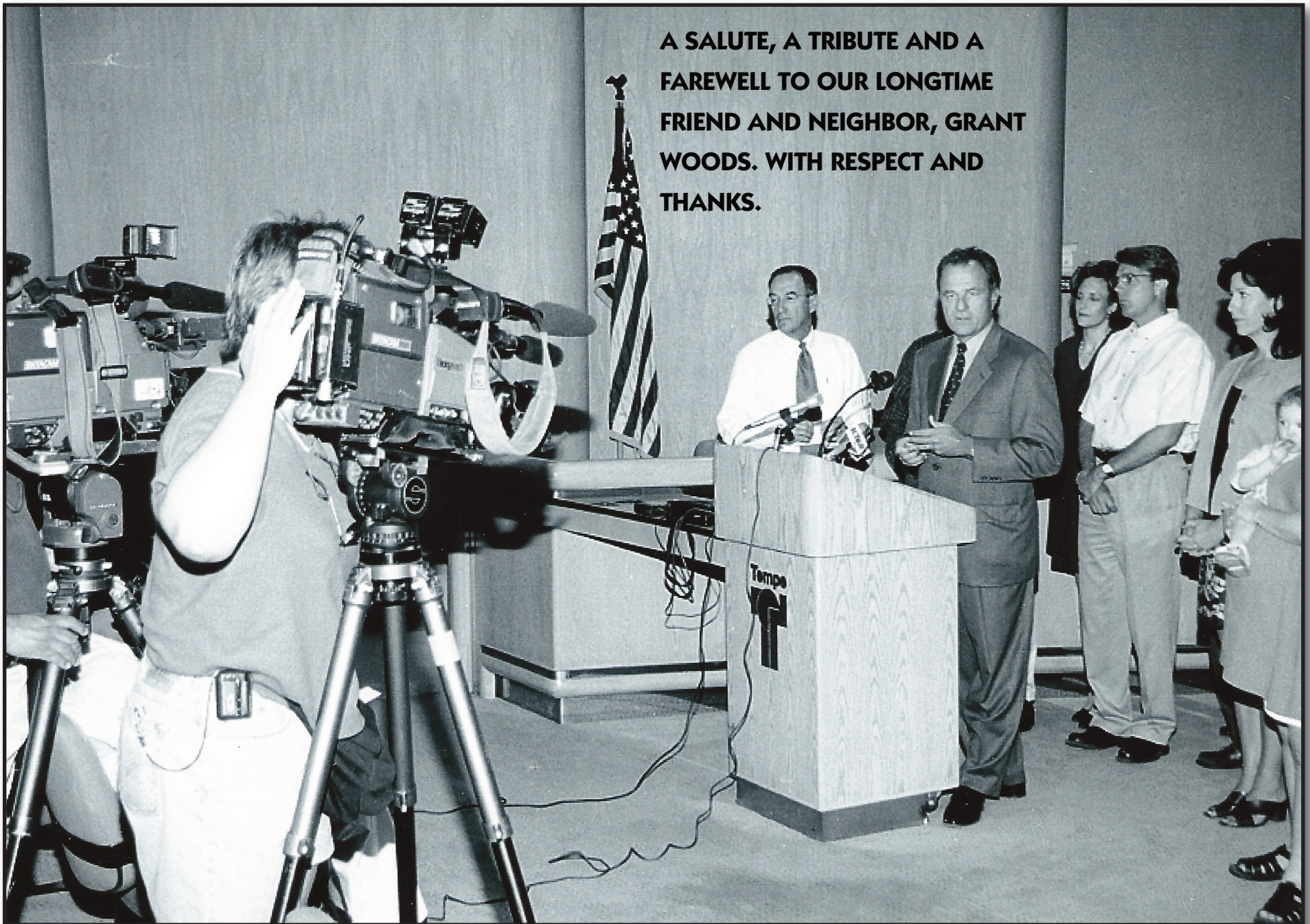


At the annual rerunning of Arizona State's Homecoming, everyone's a Sun Devil – even the family dog.

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Grant Woods speaks at lecturn during SRP controversy as Mark Moorehead, second from right, a leader of South Tempe community campaign listens. RECOLLECTIONS, Page 3.

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# THEY'RE NOT HORSING AROUND AT CITY HALL



The Tempe City Council votes to move forward with action against owner of a wall that encroaches on a South Tempe bridle path. — *Wrangler News file photo by Billy Hardiman*

## Council action may bring down wall in bridle path dust-up

By Joyce Coronel

Disgruntled neighbors in Tempe's prestigious Buena Vista Ranchos, Calle de Caballos and Sunburst Farms horse-property communities have been heard: Tempe City Council on Oct. 14 unanimously approved action in a long-standing controversy that could lead to a block wall coming down that was built by a Shady Lane Estates homeowner that extends into an equestrian-path easement.

"We actually got them (City Council members) to change their minds," said Matt Schmehl, who worked alongside groups objecting

to the wall.

The City Council approved options up to and including legal action in the dispute over the wall in the easement of the bridle path near Carver Lane along a trail that winds through three South Tempe neighborhoods.

The City Council's approval authorizes city staff to engage in action beyond alternative dispute resolution if necessary. Options will likely involve members of the public who raised issues concerning the bridle path, residents of Shady Lane Estates and the Shady Lane Estates Homeowners Association.

City staff is expected to present options and take appropriate actions based upon this approval by Council to work toward amicable and legal resolutions to benefit the community.

—DUST-UP, Page 24

## Strife in the fast lane ADOT issues 'Notice to Proceed' for construction of Broadway Curve Improvement Project

**H**ave you had it already with big, slow-moving trucks, barriers, narrowed lanes and freeway closures on Interstate 10 in Tempe and West Chandler?

Then you'd better take a sedative because Arizona Department of Transportation is just getting warmed up on a three-year project from Loop 202 around the Broadway Curve, past Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, over the Salt River and to the Interstate 17 split southeast of downtown Phoenix.

But it will be worth it. The result will be more lanes and better traffic flow, especially on the curve and near the I-10 interchanges with U.S.

60/Superstition Freeway and State Route 143/Hohokam Expressway.

ADOT has issued the formal Notice to Proceed to Broadway Curve Constructors to begin construction in earnest on the 11-mile Interstate 10 Broadway Curve Improvement Project.

A new project video ([i10broadwaycurve.com/videos](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i10broadwaycurve)) in English ([vimeo.com/541797247/a0f721de70](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=541797247a0f721de70)) and Spanish ([vimeo.com/582293601/c7ea33e884](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=582293601c7ea33e884)) provides a glimpse at what motorists and others in the region can expect when construction is completed in late 2024.

Most work on ADOT's largest urban freeway reconstruction project will occur on eastbound and westbound I-10 from Loop 202/South Mountain Freeway to I-17. Additional work will occur on eastbound and westbound U.S. 60/Superstition Freeway from I-10 to Hardy Drive and on northbound and southbound State Route 143 from I-10 to the Salt River.

— CURVE, Page 22

## Recollections of Grant Woods: Neighbor, advocate, friend

*Editor's note: Many area residents awoke to news of the passing of onetime Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods, saddened not only because of his popularity as a memorable leader but for his years as a South Tempe neighbor. One resident of the nearby Pecan Grove Estates neighborhood was Mark Moorehead, who now lives with his wife Lynda Exley in Prescott. The following chronicles Moorehead's recollections of the role Woods played in a controversy surrounding SRP's plans to expand its Kyrene generating capacity in early 2000.*

By Mark Moorehead

**L**et's take a moment to recognize former Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods, who recently passed.

He was a tireless advocate for South Tempe residents' back in 2000 when SRP planned to quad-

— WOODS, Page 25





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## 1,000 turn out for 'For Our City' Day

Nearly 1,000 volunteers chipped in to help others in the community during Chandler's 11th annual For Our City Day Chandler, the city's celebration of National Make a Difference Day.

The city's Neighborhood Programs staff and community leaders organized hundreds volunteers for beautification projects that included basic yard work, painting homes, spreading gravel, disposing of unwanted items and general clean up from Arizona Avenue to McQueen Road, and Chandler Boulevard to Galveston Street in Chandler's Armstrong, Galveston and Historic Silk Stocking neighborhoods.

Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke unveiled the city's new neighborhood trailer, which will be used by city staff for large-scale

The fabric of a community can be measured by its compassion to help its most-vulnerable residents. Nearly 1,000 volunteers, including Mayor Kevin Hartke (right photo), participated in the 11th Four Our City Day Chandler, helping with clean up and house painting. — Chandler photos

— CHANDLER, Page 6



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A massive effort, such as For Our City Day Chandler, requires not only hundreds of volunteers but also equipment to support them. Chandler has it, including its newly wrapped community tool trailer, which was unveiled at this year's event. – Chandler photos

## Chandler

From Page 5

community clean up.

Hartke was joined by Kiwanis Club of Chandler in painting the exterior of a home, spreading gravel and cleaning the alleyway in the Galveston neighborhood.

After the event, volunteers and community members enjoyed a free neighborhood celebratory gathering and lunch at Gazelle Meadows Park, 500 N. Exeter St.

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Management, For Our City-Chandler and Salvation Army sponsored the event.

Volunteer groups included Dignity Health, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Zovio, Target, Kiwanis Club of Chandler, Baha'is of Chandler, students from Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Chandler4Change, and city staff from Chandler Fire, Chandler Police, city manager's office, law, human resources, clerk, information technology, public works and utilities, community services, Municipal Court and neighborhood resources.





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# Remembering our veterans

Commentary . . . By Glynn W. Gilcrease

## Uniting the country with Marine Corps values

**W**hen I volunteered for the Marine Corps in 1969, little did I realize how much influence the values I learned would stay with me through my life and form many of my worldviews.

I also believe these values could provide ways to help heal and unite the country in the polarized age in which we live.

Never leave the fallen behind: This value is inculcated into every Marine starting in boot camp, not only as a principle for the battlefield but in all aspects of life.

Marines are trained to always go back for the wounded and the dead, but also for those in our country who have fallen behind in the race of life, many not having food or shelter.

I grew up in Weslaco, Texas, the home of Harlon Block. If you remember the award-winning photograph of the flag-raising over Iwo Jima in World War II, looking at the photograph, Harlon is the Marine to your right with his back turned toward you.

On the other side, to your left, with his arms outreaching for the flag is Ira Hayes, the Native American from right here in Sacaton, Arizona. Ira was decorated for his heroism in the battle for the island of Iwo Jima. Harlon was killed walking near Ira as they came down the mountain after the photograph was taken.

Harlon was first misidentified in the photograph because his back was turned toward the camera. But, Ira went back for Harlon.

**Marines go back for each other. They make the weak stronger and the slow faster, treat each other respectfully regardless of color or sex, and are always faithful to our country and each other.**

Ira wrote a poignant, heartfelt letter to Harlon's mother and then hitchhiked to Weslaco and promised Mrs. Block he would make sure Harlon was properly identified. And, Ira kept his promise.

In Weslaco, there is the Harlon Block Memorial Sports Complex and other tributes to Harlon.

Harlon was the reason I volunteered for the Marines during the Vietnam Era. Then, establishing my career as a trial lawyer in Tempe, and learning what Ira Hayes had done, "never leave the fallen behind" has special and emotional meaning to me.

I use the slogan in supporting the Boys and Girls Club of the Valley, where many of the children in our Valley communities are left behind because they are poor, have only one or no parents living with them, are abandoned, or have both parents working to try and make ends meet.

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link:

This means we must try to lift our neighbors and brother-and-sister citizens

and not kick anyone down the ladder, as too often seems to be what is happening around us these days.

Maybe you know someone, perhaps a neighbor, who is down and needs some encouragement or a helping hand.

I propose that you reach out, regardless of that neighbor's political persuasion, race, or sexual preference, and help them up. If we could only view each other as fellow Americans, as one giant unbreakable chain that we strengthen and support regardless of political differences, just imagine how that would look and feel! In the Marines, it meant reaching back for a Marine who might be slower or weaker, so we could all achieve our goals as a unit. We can do that for all Americans, too.

We are all one color, Marine Corps Green:

This saying was used in getting across the notion that the color of one's skin didn't matter in the Marine Corps, and I never saw that it did.

This isn't meant to trivialize or ignore any isolated incident of prejudice that may have happened in the Marines, or in any branch of our Armed Forces.

It was instilled into every Marine that we are all one color.

The Marines had some pretty effective ways of getting this concept across in boot camp, such as informing us that we would all, regardless of race, be treated exactly the same—harshly and rigorously in training—and, we were!

Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful): The



Marine Corps was established by the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775.

In 1883, the motto *Semper Fidelis* was officially adopted; and, in 1889, John Phillip Souza wrote a great march by the name *Semper Fidelis*.

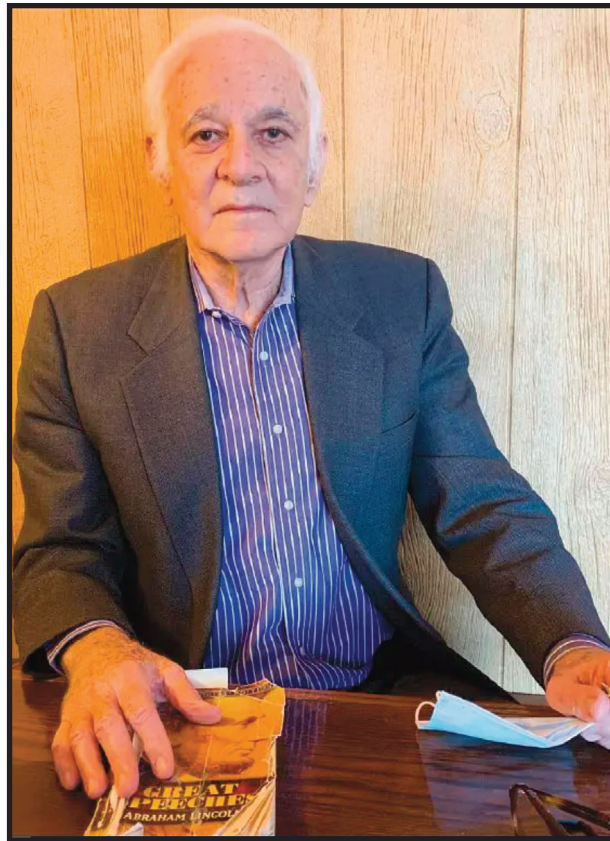
The march is different from the Marine Corps Hymn. You will see Marines always stand when the hymn is sung or played. You will often hear Marines shorten the motto as they say to each other, "Semper Fi."

What it embraces are all of the values and principles I have written about here.

Marines go back for each other. They make the weak stronger and the slow faster, treat each other respectfully regardless of color or sex, and are always faithful to our country and each other. Integrity, commitment, and selflessness define being faithful.

We can work together using these values with the common mission of uniting our divided nation.

Toys for Tots Program: On Nov. 1, the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program will



Glynn Gilcrease: Marine Corps training provided longtime Tempe attorney with 21st century worldview.

— Wrangler News photo

begin.

This is a program where Marine recruiters across the county will collect toys to give to underprivileged kids at Christmas.

Beginning in 1947, the Marines have contributed 604 million toys to 272 million kids. This is a very special humanitarian effort that we can all participate in with the Marines.

You can learn more information about how you can help with this wonderful project which embraces the Marine Corps values by contacting the Military Affairs Committee at the Tempe Chamber of Commerce or visiting [Toysfortots.org](http://Toysfortots.org). T

The contact information for the Marine Corps recruiters is:

**Tempe:** 1350 E. Broadway Road, Suite 105, Tempe, AZ 85282; (480) 921-7762

[Mario.torres@marines.usmc.mil](mailto:Mario.torres@marines.usmc.mil)

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# Be in the know about events in Chandler

Celebrate with Chandler! There are happenings of all kinds throughout the community nearly every day of the year. Everyone can find something to love in the City of Chandler, from blockbuster festivals to live concerts to cultural celebrations, signature events, and family-friendly fun.

**Visit [chandleraz.gov/special-events](http://chandleraz.gov/special-events)**

Just one example of an upcoming event, the Field of Honor Memorial Ribbon Cutting Ceremony takes place Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. at Veterans Oasis Park





# The many faces of our nation's service veterans

By Angela Menniger

Heroes come in many forms, but for anyone who knows a veteran or active-duty military member, the term “hero” takes on a deeper meaning.

Honoring a veteran’s missed holidays and celebrations as well as sacrifices and bravery to stand in harm’s way, Downtown Tempe Authority, collaborating with Tempe, introduced Elevate Our Heroes, a program to recognize military heroes who served, are serving, or have given their life to the nation.

Elevate Our Heroes is among two programs in Arizona that allows community members to publicly honor and recognize military members through individualized banners that serve as living tributes in the community.

Downtown Tempe Authority provided a way for families, friends, businesses or organizations to shine a light on their military

heroes, living or deceased, by sponsoring a banner.

The full-color banners will be displayed in Downtown Tempe on the area’s iconic lamp posts.

The idea was a hit. Banners quickly sold out.

Tempe resident Suzanne Durkin-Bighorn is honoring her dad, John T. Durkin, who served in the U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas, as a canine military-police officer.

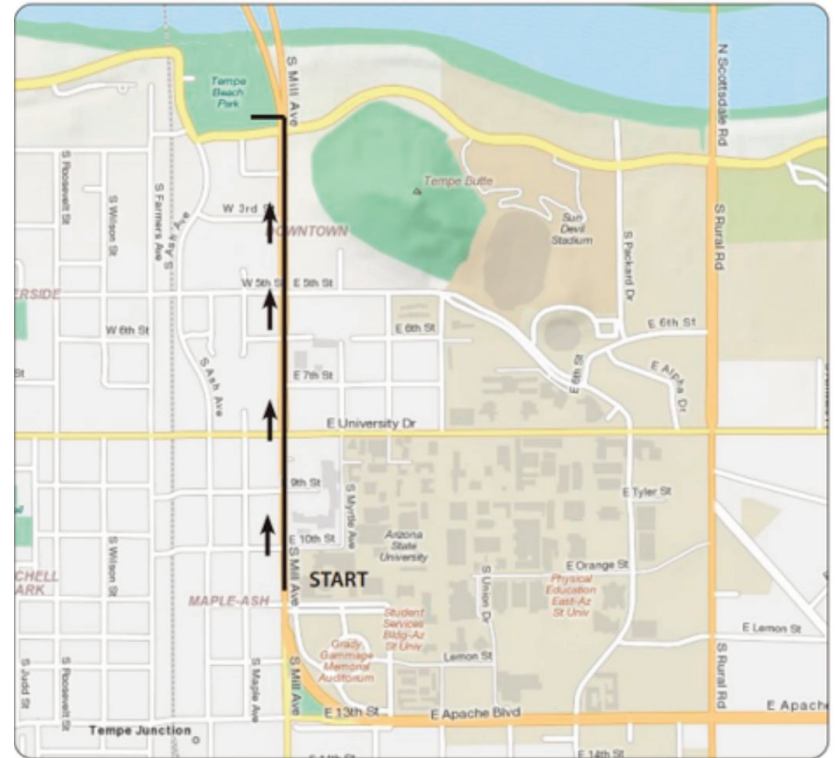
“Sponsoring a military banner in his memory gives me the opportunity to share him and his service with my community,” said Durkin-Bighorn.

Customized with the name, branch of service and official military photo of the service person, each banner will be displayed in November this year and next during National Veterans & Military Family Month.

Banners will be returned to the sponsoring members or businesses as a keepsake.

More than 115 banners were available for purchase for \$125 through Military Tribute Banners, which helps raise funds for various non-profits, veteran organizations and communities desiring to honor and support U.S. military.

Information: [downtowntempe.com/Military](http://downtowntempe.com/Military).



**2021 Tempe Veterans Day Parade** — The parade starts promptly at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11. The marchers will gather at the Grady Gamage Auditorium parking lot at 9 a.m. for order-of-march assignments and lineup. Parade itinerary includes a brief ceremony at Tempe Beach Park and a picnic with all participants and sponsors.

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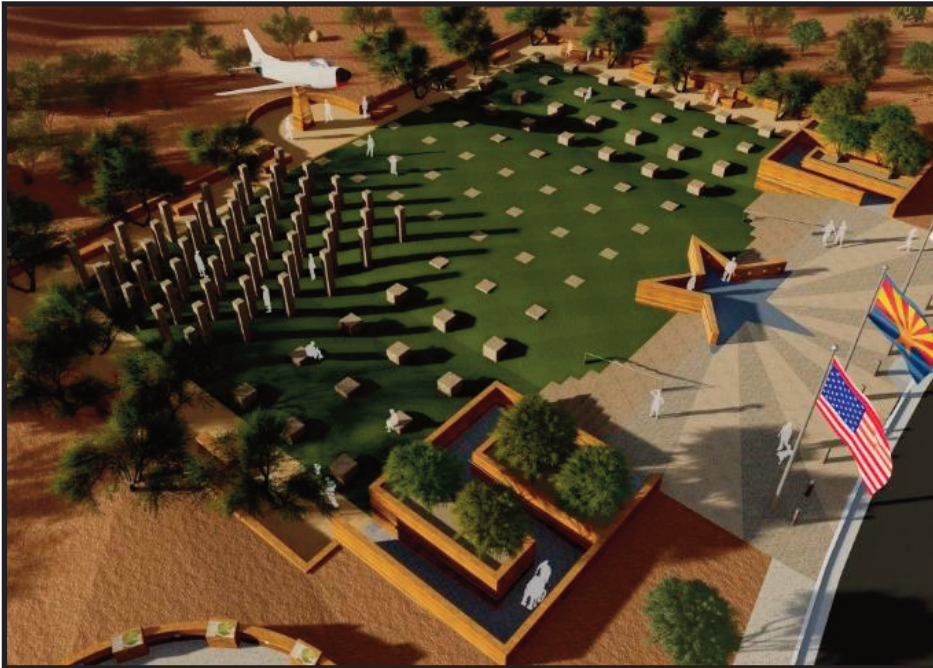


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The Chandler Field of Honor Memorial covers nearly an acre at Veterans Oasis Park. – Chandler photo

## Chandler's Field of Honor Memorial ribbon cutting set for Veterans Day

A solemn and striking memorial to East Valley veterans, the Field of Honor Memorial, comes to completion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5 p.m. Nov. 11 at Veterans Oasis Park.

The Field of Honor honors the enduring sacrifices made by the men and women of the U.S. armed forces. General parking is available at Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center, 5901 S. Hillcrest Drive. A shuttle will run to Oasis Park, 4050 E. Chandler Heights Road.

The memorial covers nearly an acre on the northeastern corner of Chandler Heights and Lindsay roads, in the park.

Since the first phase was dedicated in 2016, the Field of Honor has served as a tangible monument honoring all the men and women in all branches of the U.S. armed forces since our nation's founding, as well as those who will serve for generations to come.

The memorial space is a tribute to not only those who served or are currently serving, but to their

supportive family members, who've made their own sacrifices on behalf of our county.

The Field of Honor features an elevated plaza with a star-shaped overlook reminiscent of the form of the Arizona state flag. Below, visitors see a rolling, grass-covered landform that emulates the ripples of the American flag blowing in the wind.

A grid of stone columns of various heights defines the flag's stars and stripes and also symbolizes soldiers marching in unison. Twenty-one of the stone cubes are submerged as a tribute, symbolizing a 21-gun salute for those who did not return from war.

### Path of Honor

Chandler's second annual Path of Honor, which winds along the lake at Veterans Oasis Park, is featuring large signs during November that pay tribute to Chandler veterans who have honorably served in the U.S. armed forces.

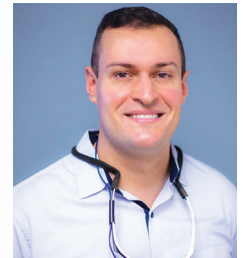
Featured stories that tell about Chandler's veterans were selected from the city's Veterans Database and the Chandler Museum's collection.

*More information about Chandler Veterans Day events: [chandleraz.gov/VeteransDay](http://chandleraz.gov/VeteransDay).*



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# Classes in Spanish boost career options, even for native speakers

By Janie Magruder

**A**mong the things McKenna Baker of Tempe learned in kindergarten — along with share everything, take a nap every afternoon and don't hit people — is Spanish.

In her ensuing years at Kyrene de los Niños and Kyrene del Norte elementary schools and at Kyrene Middle School, McKenna took Spanish/math, Spanish/social studies and Spanish/science.

"It's all I've ever known," the 14-year-old said.

Now, McKenna is among 10 freshmen in the new Dual Language Program at Marcos de Niza High School. Launched this fall, it's the only high-school program of its kind in the Tempe Union High School District and, according to district officials, the only one in Arizona.

Marcos offers two courses — Spanish and science taught in Spanish — for freshmen in the program. Next year, it plans to add Spanish 4 and Spanish/world history for sophomores. The school



Marcos de Niza High dual-language program teacher Laurie Varela works with McKenna Baker, one of 10 freshmen in the only program of its kind in the Tempe Union High School District. — *Wrangler News photo by Andrew Lwowski*

will further expand the optional program for its juniors (2023) and seniors (2024).

Kelly Muchmore, Spanish teacher and Dual Language liaison at Marcos, said it made sense for the school to create the program because students from its feeder schools come in with years of Spanish in their heads.

"It's a natural progression to the high school,"

Muchmore said, "and an opportunity for students to become multilingual. The U.S. lags behind our counterparts in terms of language teaching and languages spoken by the adult population, and a lot of that is because, historically, we haven't started teaching them until high school or college. But kids learn faster and their retention is better, so the younger we start, the more likely they will be successful in that and other subjects, as well."

The Marcos program is for students who don't have Spanish-language backgrounds, rather than for heritage speakers, although the latter also can enroll, she said. If students don't have support at home to learn, read, hear and use Spanish, they can get it at school.

"Learning a second or third language is an overall benefit to students," Muchmore said. "It can help them be more successful in job skills, but it also benefits their cultural awareness and sensitivity, and promotes diversity and inclusion."

Additionally, students can earn college credits through Rio Salado Community College and the Seal of Biliteracy from the Arizona Department of Education for their diplomas and transcripts.

The Marcos faculty has readily accepted the

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new model, she said, to the point that a choir teacher wants to plan a concert with songs in Spanish.

"Anytime we have a program that has a positive impact on kids in the community and helps prepare them for the future, draws in students who are motivated and academically focused, that program is going to be supported," Muchmore said.

One-third of the students' school day is spent speaking and learning in Spanish. Teacher Laurie Varela said it's interesting to see how well the students are doing, given their dual-language programming in elementary and middle school.

"Their vocabulary, their language is spot on," Varela said, "but how can we improve their writing and use of more descriptive words?"

Classroom time also invites students to think more critically about their plans for the future, their opportunities for world travel and expansion of horizons, she said.

McKenna enjoyed an assignment from Varela to research and present a two-minute talk in Spanish about a

person in history who shares the teen's birthday. She chose Mayra Garcia, a beach volleyball player, who competed in the 2004 and 2008 Summer Olympics.

McKenna gets why Spanish is important.

"It's really more about jobs and getting a higher pay because, for any job, it's helpful to know how to speak Spanish," said the aspiring Disney animator or pro volleyball player.

She saw the benefit of knowing a second language two years ago while on a road trip in Mexico. When the family car broke down, the then-seventh-grader translated and negotiated the diagnostics and repairs between her parents and the mechanic.

Her dad buys Spanish-language newspapers for her to read and translate, but otherwise she only speaks it occasionally at home.

"Only out of spite," McKenna said. "My parents don't know Spanish, so when I'm trying to annoy them, I'll speak in Spanish all day."

## 'Milestones' museum exhibit celebrates Tempe's birthday

For Tempe's sesquicentennial, or 150th birthday, Tempe History Museum has unveiled a new exhibit, "Tempe 150 – Milestones," to commemorate the occasion.

The Tempe 150 exhibit at the museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., showcases the city's history through photographs, artifacts and documents.

The diversity of Tempe's residents is a key ingredient in the city's growth and success.

Tempe 150 looks at some of those important milestones and the people who shaped them.

From cattle drives to ASU to the Valley Art Theatre to old Dewey Street in San Pablo, Tempe has gone from a small, thriving frontier town to a large suburban college town over the span of 150

years.

The Tempe 150 exhibit highlights the influence of pioneers from Mexico, Canada, Denmark, Lithuania, Lebanon, China and Japan, as well as the Native Americans who called this region home.

Explore the new and familiar stories to reveal the history of the city in a brand new light.

Tempe 150 runs through Feb. 26 and is open to Valley residents of all ages. There is no admission charge.

The museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

*For more information, visit [tempe.gov/museum](http://tempe.gov/museum).*

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## SPORTS

# After slow start, Aztecs ready to defend 6A East Valley title

By Alex Zener

Corona del Sol, in first place in the 6A East Valley Section through games of Oct. 22, had three games left, all of them section games, giving the Aztecs a chance to rally from a disappointing 0-4 start and repeat as section champions.

On Nov. 5, Corona will play at Westwood which was 4-3 overall and 2-0 in second place in the East Valley Section. On paper, Westwood has outperformed Corona in all comparison categories except sacks per game. What stands out is the

difference in passing yards per game. The Warriors have twice as many average passing yards as the Aztecs.

Corona's final regular-season game is Nov. 11, at home against Tucson High Magnet School. Corona's seniors will be honored. The Badgers were 1-6 in sixth in the 6A East Valley Section at 0-2. They lost to Westwood, 46-20, and Skyline, 48-31, but still had Mesa and Dobson to play before competing against Corona.

The Aztecs played at Dobson on Oct. 29 in a game too late to get into this edition. The Mustangs were 2-4 overall and 0-2 in fifth place in the 6A

East Valley going in. On paper, Corona's offense had more rushing yards, more total yards and had averaged more points than Dobson. The Mustang defense had twice as many sacks per game.

Corona picked up its second win of the season Oct. 15 at Mesa in convincing fashion, 42-13, scoring six touchdowns, four of them on the ground by junior running back **Jonathan Kubat**. Another came through the air on a pass from sophomore quarterback **Connor Ackerley** to senior **Jeff Lambert** and another on a fumble recovered and returned for a touchdown by senior defensive lineman **Theren White** for a 42-13 win.

Ackerley, who completed eight of 12 passes for 190 yards, is showing that he can throw the long ball. He hit senior wide receiver **James Miller** with a 50-yard completion early in the game and Lambert caught two passes for 82 yards and a touchdown.

Junior kicker **Carston Kieffer** made all six of his point-after kicks. Sophomore kicker **Malcolm Flynn** punted four times for a 32-yard

average.

On defense, junior linebacker **Ryne Cook** was the leading tackler with five. Senior **Peyton Bauer** had a sack and junior defensive lineman **Matt Orthmann** and White combined for a sack.

On Oct. 22, the Aztecs lost a close non-section away game, 13-7, at Williams Field. With a chance to score from the Black Hawks 13-yard line, Corona lost the ball and the game on a failed fourth down attempt when Williams Field sacked Corona's quarterback with less than a minute to go.

Kubat scored his 11th rushing touchdown of the season. Senior **Peter Katsiris** was the leading receiver with 70 yards on two receptions, senior linebacker **Nathan Cormier-Ward** had nine total tackles and Lambert eight, two of them for a loss.

Junior defensive back **Tristan Van Dam** snagged an interception and junior defensive back **Tristan Shafer** caused and recovered one fumble.



They've toiled in the hot sun since June, putting in high-mileage training through a brutal summer, and now runners on the Corona del Sol High boys and girls cross-country teams hope it all pays off with a trip to the state meet. From left, Diego Frausto, Grant Murad and Callumm Rohr lead the pack in a recent meet; Tyler Tsinger gives it his all; and Reagan Benally attempts to pull away. — Wrangler News photos by Andrew Lwowski





### Marcos de Niza Football

The Padres were ranked fifth in the 4A Desert Sky Section at 3-4 overall and 0-1 in section play through games of Oct. 22 with three section games left before the 4A State Playoffs start Nov. 19.

The Padres are led by sophomore quarterback **Braesen Leon** who had completed 123 of 210 passes for 1,549 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Leon's leading receiver is junior **Mason Stromstad** who had 30 receptions for 416 yards and four touchdowns, followed by junior **Clinton Hopkins**, with 25 receptions for 362 yards and a touchdown, and senior **Brody Bybee**, with 15 catches for 179 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior **Joesyiss Williams** had 11 receptions for 222 yards with three touchdowns.

The other four passing touchdowns were scored by junior **Juan Lopez**, sophomore **Mike Turner**, junior **Jamaal Young** and junior **Elijah Woods**.

The Padres' leading rusher is senior **Malik Coleman**, with 280 yards on 48 carries and four touchdowns.

Next is Woods, who had only played in three games but has carried the ball 31 times for 180 yards and two touchdowns.

Up next the Padres will be at Seton Catholic on Nov. 5 and home against Mesquite on Nov. 12. Marcos was scheduled to play Benjamin Franklin, 5-2, at home on Oct. 29.

### Corona del Sol volleyball

The Aztecs, 24-6 and No. 4 in 6A, are on a 15 to 1 winning streak with only two regular season games left before the state playoffs.

On Oct. 26 Corona was scheduled to play at No. 32 Mountain Pointe and on Oct. 29 at home against No. 8 Sunnyslope.

The top eight teams will have a bye into the 6A state tournament, which starts Nov. 4 at the higher seed. If Corona continues to hold the No. 4 ranking, it would will face off against the No. 13 team at home on Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. The No. 13 team at press time was Tucson Rincon/University.

### Corona del Sol swimming and diving

The Division 1 diving finals are Nov. 4-5 at Brophy College Prep. The D1 swimming finals are Nov. 5-6 at Skyline Aquatic Center.

The Aztecs last regular-season meet was the Tempe All City Invitational on Oct. 28 at McClintock High School.



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## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOMECOMING

The pageantry of Arizona State University's Homecoming Parade and Block Party on a picture-perfect day brought out alums eager to reconnect as well as generations of Sun Devil families celebrating together. From the cheerleaders, to the marching band, to Tempe Mayor Corey Woods—even to the family pooch—it was Forks Up!

— Photo essay by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News











## DIVERSIONS

# TCA's new indigenous cultural adviser makes her mark

By M.V. Moorhead  
Special for wranglernews.com

This is how Violet Duncan recalls her first exchange with administrators at Tempe Center for the Arts.

“They said, what ideas do you have? I said I have a bunch!”

They must have liked the sound of her ideas. Duncan was hired as Indigenous Cultural advisor for TCA in January.

“Basically, it’s a dream-come-true job,” Duncan said. “I’ve always wanted to make sure there were spaces for Native American performing arts.”

And with November being National Native American Indian Heritage Month, it’s only right that Valley audiences get to see the fruits of Duncan’s ideas on Nov. 20, with the inaugural edition of the Indigenous Arts Arizona Festival.

“It’s the first one, but we hope it becomes an annual event,” Duncan said.

A native of Kehewin, Alberta, Canada, with Plains Cree and Taino tribal background, Duncan went to school and worked in Canada and the U.S. before settling in the Valley 14 years ago. She’s a performing artist—a dancer, choreographer and storyteller, who has performed both nationally and internationally, even in Nelly Furtado’s “Big Hoops” music video.

She also held the title of Miss Indian World.

More recently, Duncan is the author of several children’s books, including *I am Native*, *When We Dance* and *Let’s Hoop Dance!* A

mother of four, she’s married to Mesa native Tony Duncan, an Apache with an impressive performing record of his own. He’s a six-time world champion hoop dancer.

The Indigenous Arts Arizona Festival runs all day Nov. 20. Opening ceremony is 10:30 a.m. featuring the Ira Hayes Color Guard. A variety of dance and theater performances follow, including mainstage events by Red Mountain Creations—“traditional people from the Tempe area,” notes Duncan—and Yellowbird Productions, also from Arizona. “Across Turtle Island,” featuring traditional and contemporary dances and “trickster stories,” including hoop-dance performance by Tony Duncan, will be on the main stage.

The event isn’t only about performing arts, however. Workshops, in painting and mask-making for kids, as well as wellness and mindfulness classes, are on the bill, as well.

“It’s possible to everything,” Duncan said.

There is no admission charge.

Duncan says that the festival represents a new, ongoing commitment to indigenous performances at Tempe Center for the Arts. “This is just one big event, but we’ll have other, smaller events. ... We’re just excited to offer more space for indigenous artists,” she said.

### Indigenous Arts Arizona Festival

10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20; Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway in Tempe.

Admission is free.

More information at [tempecenterforthearts.com](http://tempecenterforthearts.com).



Mesa native Tony Duncan, an Apache with an impressive performing record – he’s a six-time world champion hoop dancer – will perform at the Indigenous Arts Arizona Festival. – Photo courtesy of Tony Duncan



Violet Duncan is Indigenous Cultural advisor at TCA. – Neil Schwartz Photography



Children dancers are part of the festival. – Onion Lake Pow Wow 2021 photo



The Indigenous Arts Arizona Festival runs all day Nov. 20 at Tempe Center for the Arts. – Photo courtesy of Violet Duncan



## Performing arts series 48 LIVE debuts Nov. 5-6 at Tempe Center for the Arts

Staff report

**T**empe Center for the Arts announces a new series to showcase the musical, theatrical, dance and visual artists from around Arizona in its new series, 48 LIVE.

TCA will kick off 48 LIVE on Nov. 5-6 with a two-day Festival at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. The festival is appropriate for all ages.

The 48 LIVE Festival includes concerts with local bands, Las Calakas, Carvin Jones Band, J White and Rebekah Rolland; performances of Stray Cat Theatre's production of *Our Dear Dead Drug Lord*, storytellers from the Arizona Storytellers Project as well as performances from contemporary dance company CONDER/dance and Native hoop dancer Tony Duncan.

The 48 LIVE series will continue throughout the year on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. Upcoming performances include Phoenix Afrobeat Orchestra on Nov. 13, Carmela y Más on Nov 18, Walt Richardson on Dec. 2 and Slay Bells: A Dragalicious Holiday on Dec. 9.

For more information visit [tempecenterforthearts.com/48LIVE](http://tempecenterforthearts.com/48LIVE) or call 480-350-2822.

### 48 LIVE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

#### Tempe Center for the Arts

700 W. Rio Salado Parkway

Friday, Nov. 5, 5:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Free except where noted. (Some reservations required).

#### FRIDAY

**5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.:** CONDER/dance Gathering Light, East Breezeway, free. See the performing arts meld with public art under the newly installed temporary exhibition in the East Breezeway, *Gathering Light* by Kris Manzanaras. TCA Resident Artist CONDER/dance performs

its newly commissioned work, *Gathering Light*, to open the TCA 2021-22 season in collaboration with Manzanaras.

**6 p.m.:** COLOR exhibition, Gallery at TCA, free public reception.

Meet some of the exhibiting and resident artists in the Gallery's new exhibition, *COLOR*. Discover how color shapes the world in which we live.

**6 p.m.:** Danielle Durack, Sculpture Garden, free.

With influences of Sara Bareilles and Ingrid Michaelson, Phoenix local Danielle Durack channels pain, heartbreak and long-lost love into an evening of indie folk. Join her in the Sculpture Garden for a relaxing happy hour of new music from her album, *No Place*.

**7 p.m.:** AZ Storytellers, Rooftop Terrace, free.

Five Valley favorites from the AZ Storyteller Project will tell their first-person stories in the only way those from Arizona can do. They will share tales that sound too hilarious, too wild, too surprising to be true. Join them on TCA's rooftop terrace for some fire-side fun.

**7:30 p.m.:** Stray Cat Theatre presents *Our Dear Dead Drug Lord*, Studio, \$20 A dizzying, terrifying, and hilarious roller coaster ride through the dangers and damages of girlhood.

**8 p.m.:** Las Calakas, Theater, free but online ticket reservations required.

Rock-out with the off-the-charts, energetic Cumbia fusion band, Las Calakas. These guys love to party and will have you on your feet dancing in the aisles.

**9:30 p.m.:** J White, Lakeside, free but online ticket reservations required.

Saxophonist, songwriter, producer and recognized Billboard artist., J. White is a songwriter, producer and musician who commands your attention with amazing soulful sounds. Having shared the stage alongside many industry greats like Smokie Norful, Dave Hollister, Warren Hill, Nick Colionne, Peter White, Euge



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Tempe Center for the Arts



## 48 LIVE

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Groove, P.J. Morton and urban jazz saxophonist and flautist, Najee, J. White's music intertwines the sounds of smooth jazz with a hint of "straight ahead" jazz to deliver a sensual, harmonic, and melodic sound you don't want to miss.

### SATURDAY

**10 a.m.:** Dance Fitness with Weezy, Lakeside, free.

Part of TCA's S.H.A.P.E. - an arts-meets-wellness series. Get your dance fitness on with Founder and Co-Artistic Director of Epik Dance Co, Weezy. Learn fun dance moves with this charismatic, high-energy member/coach of the Phoenix Mercury Hip Hop Squad and coach of the Phoenix Suns' Solar Squad (High-Energy Hip Hop Dance Team).

**11 a.m.:** DIRTYOGA, Lakeside, free.

Part of TCA's S.H.A.P.E. - an arts-meets-wellness series. Yoga and art merge to explore the theme of Expectation & Presence using bodywork and visual collage.

**12 noon:** My Favorite Color, TCA Lobby, free.

Part of TCA's S.H.A.P.E. - an arts-meets-wellness series. Family event sponsored by the Gallery at TCA highlighting the current exhibition, COLOR.

**1 p.m.:** Sound Bath and Meditation, Lakeside, free.

Part of TCA's S.H.A.P.E. - an arts-meets-wellness series. Experience the healing power of sound. Using a combination of high vibrational instruments, this thousands-of-years old practice, induces calm and creates a "bath" of healing sound waves.

**2 p.m.:** Stray Cat Theatre presents Our Dear Dead Drug Lord, Studio, \$20.

A dizzying, terrifying, and hilarious roller coaster ride through the dangers and damages of girlhood.

**6 p.m.:** Rebekah Rolland, Sculpture Garden, free.

Part of duo, Riso... acoustic guitarist, Rebekah Rolland returns to TCA after her hugely popular TCA online virtual performance.

**6:30 p.m.:** Tony Duncan, North Patio, free.

Experience the rich culture of Native America through

Hoop Dancing & Flute performances by five-time World Champion Hoop Dancer Tony Duncan.

**7 p.m.:** Jerusafunk, Rooftop Terrace, free.

It's Klezmer, but with a little funk in the trunk. This nine-piece ensemble, according to the Phoenix New Times, "... is not only one of the most original bands in town, it's one of the most fun." Get ready to rock with Phoenix's first and only Klezploitation band live at the 48 LIVE festival.

**7:30 p.m.:** Stray Cat Theatre presents Our Dear Dead Drug Lord, Studio, \$20

A dizzying, terrifying, and hilarious roller-coaster ride through the dangers and damages of girlhood.

**8 p.m.:** Blues by the Bridge featuring the Carvin Jones Band, West of Main Entrance, free.

World-renowned blues guitarist Carvin Jones mixes time-honored classics from Hooker, Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan with his own originals. With an uncompromising muscular, brass knuckled style on his Black Fender Strat, this ace guitarist and broad-brimmed, fun, charismatic front man closes out the festival with a concert next to beautiful Tempe Town Lake.

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## Curve

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The project work zone has three segments: west, from 24th Street to 40th Street; center, from 40th Street to approximately Southern Avenue, including SR 143; and east, from approximately Southern Avenue and Ray Road, including U.S. 60. At times, work will occur in all three segments simultaneously.

Broadway Curve Constructors began preconstruction activities this spring, including utility relocation, geotechnical investigation, work-zone set up and removal of rubberized asphalt.

In coming weeks, ADOT anticipates construction beginning on median concrete-barrier walls in the west segment, and in the east segment where native plants and trees will be salvaged so they can be transplanted when construction is complete.

Most of the immediate construction will occur in the east segment on eastbound I-10 from Baseline to Ray roads, where crews will begin to do earthwork, modifying catch basins and extending storm-drain pipes. I-10 will be widened by one lane. Sound walls will be built where warranted. The Guadalupe Road bridge over I-10 will be widened.

Crews will pause work that requires highway closures during the holiday season from mid-November to early January 2022. Some construction activity that does not directly impact motorists will continue. ADOT anticipates all improvement work on eastbound I-10 from Baseline to Ray being complete next year.

Beginning in 2022 and continuing through 2023, work will include new bridges over I-10 at 48th Street and Broadway Road; new Collector-Distributor lanes from Baseline Road to 40th Street; widening I-10; reconfiguring ramps; and widening or constructing bridges, including the two I-10

bridges over the Salt River.

A third phase of work is set for late 2023 through summer 2024, and will significantly impact SR143 and I-10 through the Broadway Curve. With Collector-Distributor road construction complete, crews will build the new direct connections from I-10 to SR 143. Drivers will use the new Collector-Distributor roads as an alternate route while sections of I-10 remain under construction.

The final phase of work is scheduled in 2024 from summer through fall, with the focus on finishing lighting, signage and landscaping; putting down the final road surfaces; and lane striping.

**More information: Bilingual Project Hotline, 602-501-5505 or email [Info@i10BroadwayCurve.com](mailto:Info@i10BroadwayCurve.com). You can also download the free mobile app, TheCurve ([i10broadwaycurve.com/mobile-application](http://i10broadwaycurve.com/mobile-application)) or visit the project website at [i10BroadwayCurve.com](http://i10BroadwayCurve.com).**

ADOT encourages everyone who lives, works and drives in the project area to stay ahead of the curve by downloading the free mobile app and signing up for email alerts for traffic and project updates.

Information is also available at [i10BroadwayCurve.com](http://i10BroadwayCurve.com).

The I-10 Broadway Curve Improvement Project is identified in the Maricopa Association of Government's Regional Transportation Plan, funded by a half-cent sales tax approved by Maricopa County voters in 2004 through Proposition 400. MAG identified the need for this project to reduce travel times on I-10 during peak hours, improve airport access, support ridesharing and transit, and prepare the region for future growth projections.

Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors.



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## Dignity Health/Chandler Regional sponsoring golf tourney for people with disabilities

**W**est Chandler golfers and their citywide neighbors will tee up on Friday, Nov. 12, when the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities' rolls out its 25th annual golf challenge.

The event, presented by longtime sponsor Dignity Health of Arizona/Chandler Regional Medical Center, offers reserved tee times at the Bear Creek Golf Club, featuring 18 holes of golf, golfer gifts, polo shirts, special contest holes and opportunities to win team prizes and raffle items benefitting the committee's scholarship fund.

Golfers will also have a chance to compete for prizes ranging from golf foursomes and sports memorabilia to themed baskets and dinners at some of the area's finest restaurants.

Said Collette Prather, event organizer:

"The generosity of a host of corporate sponsors, community partners like RAD (Recreation and Athletics for Individuals with Disabilities) and the golfers themselves has helped to make the golf challenge one our most successful fundraising events." Prather noted that the tournament contributes nearly \$10,000 each year toward

Chandler Parks & Recreation's efforts to support more than 300 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families living in Chandler and neighboring cities.

Participation is \$85 for individual golfers, \$325 for foursomes, \$425 for those who want to be a tee box sponsor and host a foursome.

Physical distancing guidelines will be in place for all events. Bear Creek Golf Club is at 500 E. Riggs Road, Chandler.

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# Dust-up

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Tempe City Attorney Judith Baumann did not immediately respond to a request for comment from Wrangler News.

Schmehl and others who live in the area spent 14 months doing research and communicating with city officials, urging them to enforce the law that they say is on their side.

"The letters helped. I think what had to become obvious to them is that I wasn't going away and the neighborhood wasn't going away," Schmehl said. "We also made it clear to them that we did have a source of funding and were prepared to go to court if necessary."

That included potential action not just against the Shady Lane homeowner but also against the city.

"This is a really important action by Tempe, and it actually does show that the mayor and Council have listened to us about our concerns," Schmehl wrote in an email to neighbors who oppose the wall.

Schmehl said that in similar situations, cities typically would first cite the homeowner for the wall. Thirty to 60 days would be given for response. The homeowner could choose to ignore the citation or fight it. Schmehl does not believe that such a fight in this case would be winnable for the homeowner.

The neighborhood's 1995 plat map—the official record of easements and rights of way—contains clear references to the bridle-path easement.

The controversy was spurred last fall when the resident of Shady Lane Estates hired a surveyor and built a 328-foot-long block wall that extends 10 feet into the bridle path.

Tempe officials initially said it is not a city matter but a private-property issue, and therefore the city has no jurisdiction.

"We have been in contact with the homeowners association and understand that the wall was approved by their architectural committee, so that's just a very brief background to make the public aware of the issue and the fact that the city has spent some time looking into it," Baumann, the city attorney, said at the time.

An Aug. 17, 2020, email from Shady Lane HOA President Larry Heywood to Christa Zamora, a South Tempe resident who objects to the wall, states that the neighborhood's architectural committee did not object to the building of the wall "as long as the owner of Lot 7 adhered to any restrictions by the City of Tempe or any other approvals required. ... If there are easements on a lot, compliance with the requirements of any such easements are the responsibility of the lot owner."

A March 2020 email from Ryan Levesque, Tempe Deputy Community Development Director for Planning, to the surveyor and the Shady Lane Estates homeowner at the center of the tempest stated that:

"You are seeking to abandon an easement, but because the city required the easement at the time of the zoning action (condition of approval), the reversal of a condition of zoning would require going through the very same process that the condition was placed on the property (an ordinance through a public hearing)."

There was no public hearing before the wall went up.

Schmehl said at that time that city-approved bridle paths are "under attack while the city of Tempe relies on an unelected official, the city attorney, for unreliable advice."



Many residents of South Tempe purchased homes with bridle-path amenities with the expectation that they could ride their horses from home. They are concerned that any encroachments into the trails could threaten their future. — Wrangler News photo by Billy Hardiman

Schmehl noted that his group's research revealed that a city 12-inch water pipe runs along the path, and "the size of the water-line easement does not meet the width requirements and may in fact be encroached upon by the offending wall."

The very existence of Shady Lane Estates, Schmehl said, was conditioned upon the development honoring the easement.

"The evidence is clear that this encroaching wall on the bridle path is a knowing and willful violation of the legal stipulations on the plat map and the laws enumerated in the Tempe City Code," Schmehl said.

Patti Lines bought her home in Sunburst Farms two years ago.

"I did everything I could to be in this neighborhood," Lines said.

That included pooling all her resources to pay cash for the home she says is "a piece of crap." She said that she wouldn't have been able to obtain a loan for it. It wasn't about the house—it was about the horse.

"This is irrigated property and so I have a green patch for my horse to graze in. I have trails to ride on and I'm close to everything," Lines said. "It's a very peaceful feel here."

Cheryl Rogers owns three horses and has lived in Sunburst Farms since 1982. She said she uses the equestrian trail that passes through the area twice a week.

The Shady Lane Estates homeowner built a wall just inside his property line yet it extends 10 feet into the bridle path due to the easement.

Residents fear that the wall could set a precedent that endangers their rural way of life.

"If we let him take that portion of the easement with no action, then that sets a precedent that could let other homeowners take back their easement with no consequences," Schmehl said. "And if we start losing portions of our bridle path, that impacts all of our property values and the lifestyle that people like in this neighborhood."

Buena Vista Ranchos, Calle de Caballos and Sunburst Farms neighborhoods in South Tempe are unique in that they contain the only bridle-path system in the city.

Rogers says she attended Tempe City Council meetings back in 1995 when the developer of Shady Lane Estates proposed his project.

"We said, 'It's not a good idea to put non-horse

properties surrounded by horse properties because they are not going to like the flies and the dust," Rogers said.

Tempe City Councilmember Jennifer Adams lives in South Tempe and frequently rides her horse on the trail.

"It's really kind of a mess. A lot of these people lived there then and they didn't want this Shady Lanes development in the first place. So they went to the council meetings," Adams said. "I would never have approved that. You've got big estates in the middle of horse property—that's just not a good fit in my opinion."

Schmehl provided Wrangler News with a string of emails between Jim Flack, the commercial surveyor hired by the homeowner who had the block wall built, and Tempe officials leading up to the building of the wall.

In a December 5, 2019, email to Flack from Kathy Pettigrew, real estate management coordinator for community development and building safety in Tempe, Pettigrew explains that "Shady Lane Estates was carved out of an area where equestrian paths and uses were already in place, causing the City to require the subdivision to be conditioned to continue to be subject to them. The City would have no authority to abandon any portion of that path as it is not a public easement nor right of way, and I have no evidence that the City has any property interest nor authority to regulate the path."

In a March 2, 2020, email, Levesque, the Tempe Deputy Director of Planning, responded that because the city required the easement at the time of the zoning action as a condition of approval, any reversal of a condition of zoning would require going through the same process that the condition was placed on the property.

"I don't believe there is support for such a request, as staff would be the recommending body," Levesque wrote.

In an Aug. 17 email from Larry Heywood of Heywood Management, the company that manages Shady Lanes Estates, to Christa Zamora, a Sunburst Farms resident, Heywood said the development's architectural committee did not object to the building of the wall "as long as the owner of lot 7 adhered to any restrictions by the City of Tempe or any other approvals required...if there are easements on a lot, compliance with the requirements of any such easements are the responsibility of the lot owner."

A plat map at the Maricopa County Assessor's office shows property details of the Shady Lanes subdivision and contains clear references to the bridle path easement.

Wrangler News made several attempts to obtain comments from the Shady Lane Estates resident who built the block wall but received no response.

Schmehl wrote to the City Council and mayor Aug. 14, 2020 outlining that in 1995 when the Shady Lane Estates developer sought a variance, an agreement was struck that "Shady Lane would contribute and maintain a portion of horse path on their border. At that time the south Tempe homeowners were encouraged by city staff to agree to the variances and accept this compromise. It was expressed to the staff at that time that it was important to maintain the rural setting that is unique to South Tempe and we were assured by the city that the requirement to include the additional horse path and the trees within would do that. The intent of these requirements was to buffer the existing AG zoned homes from exactly what is now occurring with the addition of the wall in the middle of the horse path."

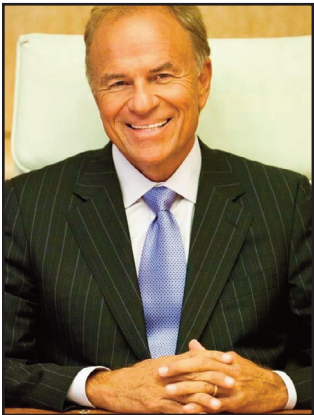


## Woods

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multiple the size of its Kyrene Oasis Gas Powered Generating Plant on the northeastern corner of Kyrene and Elliot roads.

Only one politician was willing to jump into the fray and serve as a mediator between highly organized vocal residents and a powerful utility company. That was our good neighbor Grant Woods. Standing firmly on one side of the issue was the grass roots organization Stop Tempe Oasis Project, a dream team of local activists including a seasoned public relations spokesperson and emergency room physician, a high-profile corporate attorney, an environmental controls and emissions expert, a veteran



real estate professional and a neighborhood activist representing a group of HOAs.

On the other side was SRP, one of Arizona's largest utility companies.

SRP's plan was to build three 150-foot tall emissions stacks in an expansion of an electrical power plant that would generate 790 tons of nitrogen oxide, carbon monoxide, sulfur and other pollutants annually in the middle of South Tempe.

After months of street protests, signature gathering and pressuring of local politicians to take a stand during an important election year, both sides agreed to meet and discuss their positions. Woods, who had just left office as Arizona's attorney general and reentered private practice, performed this difficult and thankless role pro bono over a period of four weeks while working two complex trials, conducting a daily segment on a local talk radio show and juggling a busy family schedule.

The discussions and arguments were intensive, highly technical and exhausting, with both sides refusing any serious concession.

At 9 p.m. on the last day of discussions, emergency room physician Todd Taylor read a prepared

statement rejecting SRP's proposal of a slightly reduced plant expansion.

Participants were about to stand up and go home. At this moment, Woods, with his amiable demeanor and sense of humor, implored the two sides not to give up.

Everyone sat back down and pressed onward. Woods went back and forth in sidebar conversations with the two groups for three more hours.

Thanks to Woods' optimism and determination in reaching a compromise, a deal was struck at exactly midnight.

SRP agreed to a much smaller version of the proposed expansion and a more environmentally friendly generator. *The Arizona Republic*, in its May 17, 2000 editorial titled SRP Plant Expansion Solution a Classic, called the agreement a conflict resolution standard for others to follow.

Woods, visibly exhausted but still able to deliver a cordial smile, shook hands with everyone on both sides, closed his notebook and walked humbly out of the room.

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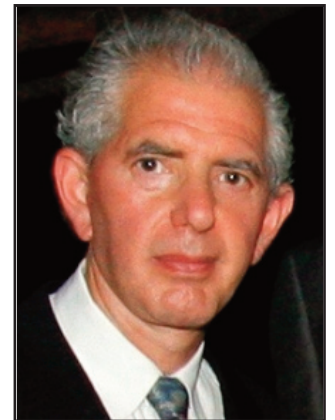
Robert "Bob" Lewis passed away on October 2, 2021 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1942. Bob was an Honors student at Lebanon Valley College and attended Hahnemann University (now Drexel University) Medical School. After serving as a captain in the United States Air Force at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, Bob began his ophthalmology residency at the University of Texas in San Antonio. In 1975, he opened his practice, Ophthalmic Surgeons and Physicians in Tempe, Arizona.

Dr. Lewis was a long-time member of the Maricopa County Medical Society, the Arizona Ophthalmological Society, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He served as President of The Phoenix Ophthalmological Society, Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at Banner Desert Samaritan, and was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons. He was a clinical lecturer at the University of Arizona Medical School and taught courses in cataract surgery in the United States and throughout the world. He was proud of his office staff and during his many years in practice, he astutely assembled an outstanding group of highly qualified physicians and technicians to carry on his tradition of delivering excellent care and concern for each patient. He retired in 2012.

Bob was fun-loving and enjoyed reading, politics, sports cars, traveling the world, dancing and most of all music — especially jazz, rock, blues and reggae. Always a life-long learner, he spent the past ten years taking classes in astronomy, politics, international relations and Jewish history. Bob was a favorite student in the creative writing program at Scottsdale Community College where he enjoyed exploring his life and his feelings through writing. He wrote award-winning poems, essays and short stories incorporating slices of his Philadelphia childhood, meeting and marrying Bonnie—the love of his life, and his travels.

Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bonnie; his son Todd, grandchildren, Zoe and Sienna; his son Rand, his wife Marcy, grandchildren Justin and Noah, and his son Jason, his wife Jennifer and grandchildren, Ellie and Owen.

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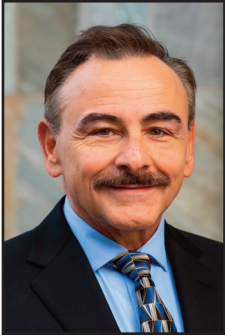
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# Chandler honors veterans with Field of Honor completion

## Commentary by Matt Orlando



Jennifer Adams

**O**n Nov. 11, the Chandler City Council, alongside East Valley veterans, will be cutting the ribbon on the final phase of the Field of Honor at Veterans Oasis Park. I invite you to attend this outstanding tribute.

As a veteran, recognizing and remembering our nation's servicemen and women who have defended the freedom we

enjoy, has long been a priority of mine.

In 2008, I started meeting with city staff and local veterans groups to develop a concept plan for a veterans memorial in Chandler.

Following a feasibility study, in 2012, I was honored to chair the original committee of veterans

and community and business leaders who helped to facilitate a fundraising campaign that led to the completion of the first phase in 2016.

I am forever grateful to this committee and the donors that helped raise over \$750,000. The Gila River Indian Community was our biggest supporter, contributing \$500,000 toward the project.

Through Council support, the final design and construction was approved in November 2020. This memorial is not only a point of pride for me, but for Chandler and the East Valley.

The memorial is unique in its concept and design due to a foundation of six core values — Freedom, Recognition, Reflection, Sacrifice, Memories, and Family — which are highlighted in this mission statement for the memorial:

In pursuit of FREEDOM for all, millions have served this country they love;

They deserve our RECOGNITION, for they have

earned our utmost respect;

We will consecrate a place of REFLECTION, and welcome all to join in the salute;

Though we can never repay their SACRIFICE and actions exemplifying service greater than self;

Forever, their MEMORIES will live in our hearts, and we shall not fail to pay them tribute;

Together, our united American FAMILY will find strength in this healing oasis, this Field of Honor.

Throughout the month of November, the city is celebrating and honoring past, present and future military veterans from Chandler and the Southeast Valley through various events.

Please visit [chandleraz.gov/VeteransDay](http://chandleraz.gov/VeteransDay) for more information and [chandleraz.gov/FieldofHonor](http://chandleraz.gov/FieldofHonor) to read more about the memorial.

*Matt Orlando is a member of the Chandler City Council.*

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