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A new low in the world of dirty tricks? **We don't know the answer. Do you?**

In our memories of abhorrent attempts to undermine the reputation of respected community leaders, here's a new high, or low actually, to the trash pile we thought had already exceeded the stratospheric limits of violating our principles of communications morality.

Sadly, the notion that it's OK to send unsigned letters about those we dislike to newspapers, public officials and others has been around for a long time. But now comes a yet more odious mode of mud-slinging: an anonymously sent correspondence signing the name of someone respected by the community without that person's apparent knowledge or awareness.

This, it seems, is what likely happened in the recent distribution of a vicious attack letter against an existing member of the Tempe City Council by—are you ready for this?—someone claiming to be a fellow member of the same body.

The supposed signator of the letter has disavowed being involved with, or even knowing about its writing or distribution, and no one at City Hall is willing to share the details of who put it into the hands of, and proudly discussed it with, the mayor and city manager.

The only affirmation available from the city's public information infrastructure is that the whole messy matter has been placed in the hands of the Tempe City Attorney's office for investigation, and no more details will be made available until that probe of potentially slanderous behavior is completed.

We've decided, however, that our own investigation will be more transparent.

We know there are those in City Hall and elsewhere who can identify the real author of this latest venture into the realm of dirty tricks, and who we hope will be willing to help us—confidentiality assured—expose the details of a reprehensible, below-the-belt effort at undermining the confidence we have in our community's leadership. Are you one of those someones?

Let us hear from you. Help us expose this kind of deplorable behavior in the midst of a community that simply doesn't want, and won't allow, good people to be so maliciously attacked.

From: Garlid, Doreen
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Ching, Andrew
Cc: Woods, Corey
Subject: I can no longer stay silent

Dear Andrew,

I had a really difficult time getting to sleep last night thinking about [REDACTED] and the way he has been treated by [REDACTED]. Unfortunately, this most recent incident and [REDACTED] unexpected resignation reminded me of an article I read in the [REDACTED] (I went back and looked it up). The article described how [REDACTED] staff members and created a hostile work environment. Unfortunately, it seems that this behavior has continued in [REDACTED] a councilmember.

It is terribly sad [REDACTED] other City of Tempe staff members are so afraid of making [REDACTED] mad and being retaliated against, that they have not been able to stand up for themselves and bring these issues to your attention. I have always thought of myself as someone who sticks up for or speaks up for those who cannot, especially if someone is getting bullied. Consider this email a first step for me to stand up [REDACTED] those who are getting bullied in hopes that we can begin to address this hostile work environment.

It is simply unacceptable that [REDACTED] has been free to cause so much stress and anxiety on city staff and create such a work environment. [REDACTED] has a reputation for doing great work and is well respected by his peers, staff, and councilmembers. [REDACTED] immediately resign and to take a leave of absence. This is unacceptable! I feel terrible that I stood by and watched this happen...hoping that [REDACTED] would change.

We have a Council Code of Conduct that holds councilmembers accountable for their actions while in office. I believe that the bullying of staff, making demands of staff [REDACTED] creating a hostile work environment, and attending city events while seeming to be intoxicated are all cause for action. Based on my understanding of the code of conduct I believe [REDACTED] has violated a number of those provisions as listed under "Grounds for Disciplinary Action; #2, #5, #9, #11, #12, and #14."

Andrew, I believe it's time, perhaps past time, that we address this behavior before more damage is done to the workplace culture and environment at the City. We need to ensure the City of Tempe work environment is one where everyone feels empowered to contribute without fear or anxiety caused by inappropriate office behaviors. We are better than this...I know it with all my heart.

I love working at the city and I love working with our staff. That is what makes this email difficult to send but the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Doreen

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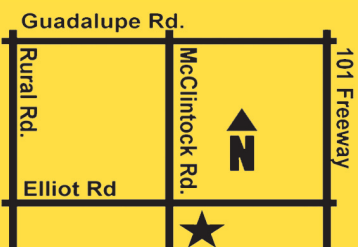
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Council candidates' differences emerge in forums

7 vying for 3 seats in March 8 all-mail primary election

By Lee Shappell

Wrangler News
Executive Editor

The candidates' forums are over. Ballots are in the mail to voters. By March 8, Tempe may have a new City Council member — or three.

Or not.

In a field of seven vying for three seats, it might be difficult for three candidates to receive a majority of votes cast and emerge outright winners in the all-mail primary election. In that case, there would be a runoff in the May 17 general election.

The three winners,

whether in March or May, will be sworn in to four-year terms in July.

Three candidate forums showed that it is anything but a field full of clones, although some candidates align closely with the majority voice of the current Council.

Jennifer Adams, completing her first term on City Council, is among those vying for a seat.

Lauren Kuby and Robin Arredondo-Savage, whose terms also expire, declined to seek re-election. Kuby is running for

Arizona Corporation Commission.

That opens the door to newcomers — or in the case of Arlene Chin, a quasi-newcomer. Chin was appointed to a Council opening in 2019 and served for a year.

Joining Adams and Chin on the ballot are Casey Clowes, an attorney and equality activist, who was unsuccessful in a Council run two years ago; Berdetta Hodge, a member of the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board;

Gina Kash, who served 21 years at the Arizona House of Representatives as a director of operations and senior policy advisor on water, environment and natural resources; Harper Lines, an artist and corporate social-responsibility professional; and John Skelton, a Tempe businessman and former Arizona Cardinals quarterback.

Among the field, Skelton is the only business owner and the only parent of a young child, in the Kyrene School Dis-

trict. He lives in South Tempe.

Clowes is the only candidate who is not gung-ho for a proposed city deal with the Arizona Coyotes of the National Hockey League to build a sports-entertainment complex near Priest Road and Loop 202, although several others said that while they favor it, they need to be convinced that it pencils out in the city's best interest. Clowes grew up in South Tempe and attended Corona del

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Forum

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Sol High.

Kash is the only candidate who has not accepted campaign funds from special interests.

Lines, a politics novice, who appeared to be a long shot when he filed, made impressive showings during the forums and has emerged a legitimate contender. He lives in the Kiwanis Park area of South Tempe.

Hodge has experience in elected office and in dealings between government entities and schools. While knowledgeable about Tempe issues, her absences from two of the three forums

to instead attend TUHSD school board meetings raised questions about whether she should have resigned from the board to run for City Council. She indicated that if questions were sent to her after the forums she would respond to them.

Adams also is a South Tempe resident.

A multitude of hot-button items face the new Council this summer, among them are dealing with climate change, homelessness, law enforcement and possibly the Coyotes' deal.

It is possible that the city will have signed an agreement with the team to move forward by the time the new Council is sworn in, but the new

Council will face financial obligations to the project, including infrastructure.

"When I go out and knock on doors, that's what people want to talk about," Skelton said. "It sounds like a good deal for the city. I am for it. It's entirely privately funded. The land currently is non-revenue generating."

He pointed out that the land first must be remediated at a cost of perhaps \$1 million and that traffic in the neighborhood must be studied. Clowes said she grew up playing hockey and attends Coyotes games.

"I enjoy the sport," she said. "But I would look at the cost of the arena rather than something else in the public interest.

I'd also be interested in the city's GPLET program (Arizona's Government Property Lease Excise Tax is a redevelopment tool to reduce a project's operating costs by replacing real property tax with an excise tax). Why do we need to give millions in tax breaks on valuable land that could be used for something else? I don't think we need to give subsidies to billionaires for arenas that are highly unpopular."

Kash said she would reach out to the community to take its pulse on the project.

"But it is a good idea to draw in a lot of money for local businesses," Kash said. "Yes, I would support that."

Lines cautioned that the team once was \$1 million late in payments to Glendale.

"You have to take that into consideration," he said. "You also have to look at job opportunities and economic development. The city might not be saddled with a big debt but there are other burdens we should consider."

As a sitting City Council member, Adams is involved in negotiations with the Coyotes' in their request for proposal and could not comment directly about it.

"As I do with every project, I will evaluate everything very carefully and see if it makes sense," Adams said.

Chin said that she would support anything that brings jobs and development to Tempe.

"That's very important to me," Chin said. "The concern I have would be the infrastructure cost and moving the city operations yard to another location. I would need any expenditures to meet a public-good check mark. Overall, I am supportive of more investment for Tempe but I have to make sure it makes sense financially for Tempe."

The public weighs in on Tempe Council candidates in this issue's Opinions section, Page 8

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OPINIONS

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Adams an inclusive, accessible leader

Tempe is facing a challenging time. We need leaders on our City Council who are accessible and experienced enough to offer solutions and inclusive leadership.

Councilmember Jennifer Adams is an inclusive and accessible leader who works to make Tempe a vibrant and safe city for all. I'm supporting her for re-election because I know she will help lead Tempe forward. I hope you will join me in supporting Jennifer in the upcoming election.

I've been in her seat as a councilmember before I served as mayor of Tempe, but I've also been a resident of Tempe for decades. Jennifer has earned my vote from both perspectives, because of how she goes out of her way to include community members in decision making and because she is so clearly dedicated to being responsive to her constituents.

I'm grateful to have someone so hardworking and accessible in city hall, and I hope you'll join me in re-electing Councilmember Jennifer Adams for another term.

— Neil Giuliano

The writer is a former mayor of Tempe

Jennifer Adams connects Tempe

Jennifer Adams is getting my family's vote for Tempe City Councilmember this upcoming election in March. I met Jennifer as a neighbor before she was on the City Council. At that time, she was still working for the City as Facilities Manager. I asked her if she could put me in touch with the right people to renew our aged and decayed landscaping right-aways around our

neighborhood. She connected me with the right people leading to vast improvements.

Because of this, I wholeheartedly supported her for her first run as a City Councilmember and now support her for re-election. Jennifer continues to connect people to get things done for our residents. Jennifer identified a neglected, but important local effort to test and/or replace old fire hydrants to ensure improved fire safety in our neighborhoods.

She has proved her "street smarts" by recently securing millions of dollars in a measure to repair and repave Tempe's crumbling roads. She hears our pleas.

My neighbors and I greatly appreciate her effort to keep the City accountable to its zoning enforcement code by standing up against encroachment of easements and ensuring Tempe's aesthetic standards are kept high.

It's these things that draw and keep people living in Tempe when they can depend on the city standards being upheld and services being delivered.

Jennifer connects with unique needs of both North and South Tempe. She spearheaded the annexation of a forgotten county island for clean-up and inclusion in the tax base and understands the internal and external growing business influences that drive demand for infrastructure, living space and quality of life. I truly feel Jennifer is connected with Tempe's needs and she can connect citizens with others to help meet their community's needs. I hope you join me in voting with your mail in ballot for Jennifer Adams on or by March 8th.

— Katy Holditch

The writer has lived in Tempe for 26 years

Tempe Chamber announces support of 3 business-friendly council candidates

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce has announced its endorsements for the upcoming Tempe City Council elections. The Chamber Board of Directors voted to support incumbent Jennifer Adams, former councilmember Arlene Chin and current Tempe Union High School District Governing Board Member Berdetta Hodge.

"We have an outstanding field of candidates this election cycle," said Tempe Chamber interim president/CEO Anne Gill. "Adams has grown into her position on council and deserves a second term. Chin keeps an open line of communication with the Tempe Chamber and earned the business community's trust. Hodge has a consensus approach to business, which is what our city needs."

Candidates were interviewed about

a wide range of issues facing Tempe citizens and businesses, from infrastructure and transit to union interests and government transparency. Candidates were also evaluated on their viability as a candidate and ability to work with the Tempe business community.

Seven candidates are running. The all-mail Primary Election is March 8. Ballots have been mailed.

If a run-off election is necessary, the City General Election is May 17.

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce represents nearly 650 businesses with more than 70,000 employees. For more than a century, the Tempe Chamber has been dedicated to sustaining Tempe's quality of life and keeping our community and economy vibrant. Additional information can be found at www.tempechamber.org.

Decide for yourself. Watch City Council candidates forums:

- Jan. 12 candidates forum at youtube.com/watch?v=U0Fk_xwyqa0.
- Jan. 19 candidates forum at youtube.com/watch?v=QuJuQbgh_q4.
- Feb. 2 candidates forum at youtube.com/watch?v=FZN2zXV8i9E.



Commentary

W. Chandler has identity. Older neighborhoods being preserved. Businesses taking note.

I invite Chandler residents and businesses to join me and the City Council for the State of the City event to celebrate the success of the past year and reflect on where we are heading.

This year's event will be on February 17 at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

We'll begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., my remarks at 6:30 p.m. and a free concert at 7 p.m. featuring multi-instrumentalist, singer and composer Quetzal Guerrero, also known as QVLN.

We'll recognize our youth by kicking-off the year-long Chandler Changemakers campaign, highlighting amazing entrepreneurs, awarding-winning inventors, champions, survivors and charitable contributors.

The winners of a youth art contest will be announced as students ages 6-18 show us what Chandler looks like through their eyes.

I'll reflect on Chandler's successes, highlight business growth and celebrate the people and investments contributing to our quality of life.

I'll also have more to share regarding new initiatives and things for watch for in 2022. Here's an exclusive sneak peek for *Wrangler News* readers:

Building is booming in Chandler. For the second consecutive year, the value of building permits exceeded \$1 billion, led by the private investment in office and industrial properties that are producing space for businesses to expand and create jobs in Chandler.



Kevin Hartke

Another business expansion in the Price Corridor, our largest employment area, will be announced at the event.

West Chandler, recently outfitted with new identity signs, has become our second-largest employment area with nearly 28,000 jobs.

It's an area that is attracting several expanding businesses, including Cranial Technologies, Mechanical Keyboards, Rinchem, Skin Script, Stryker and Vir-

Tra.

Chandler's population now surpasses 280,000 residents and our taxpayers experience some of the lowest costs for services, utility charges and sales-tax rates in the Valley. Our crime rate is the lowest it's been in 35 years when our population was fewer than 80,000 residents.

Efforts to preserve the character and quality of existing neighborhoods is occurring through partnerships involving homeowners, businesses, non-profits, volunteers and city staff.

We've devoted many resources toward helping people stay in their homes and rental units during the pandemic, including monitoring eviction court cases, connecting people with financial assistance and preventing homelessness.

I'll address these and many more Chandler highlights at the State of the City.

I look forward to seeing you there!

— Kevin Hartke is mayor of Chandler

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Sunset Branch Library to fully reopen on Feb. 14 in explosion aftermath



Chandler Sunset Branch Library, damaged in August by an explosion at the print shop next door, fully reopens on Feb. 14. Here, volunteers log in books, DVDs and CDs collected during a recent drive to benefit Friends of Chandler Public Library.

—Chandler photo

More than five months after an Aug. 26 explosion next door at a print shop forced Chandler's Sunset Branch Library to close, it is expected to reopen fully Feb. 14 after nearly a quarter-million dollars in damage from the blast is repaired.

While the building and some contents were damaged by the explosion and resulting water-line break, no one in the library was injured.

Limited service has been offered from the lobby but the public has not been able to access book stacks and other services normally offered at Sunset.

The biggest change that visitors might notice is that a new programming center replaces the former computer lab that suffered significant damage from the explosion next door.

The heaviest damage at the library was to the roof. Some walls and the building's slab sustained cracks due to the explosion. The library also lost some books as a result of falling ceiling tiles and water from the leak.

While repairs were being made, about 20 Sunset staffers were re-assigned to other branches.

The library reopens just after Friends of Chandler Public Library conducted a successful Book Drive & Curb-side Drop-off on Jan. 29. Library staffers welcomed books, DVDs and CDs that were donated by the public. The library took delivery of an array of materials: cookbooks, how-tos, biographies, fiction, nonfiction and children's books

that donors' kids had outgrown.

Collected items will be sold through the Friends of Chandler Public Library book shops to help the library support-group raise critical funds for library programs and services.

More about Friends of Chandler Public Library:
chandlerlibrary.org/friends.

Full reopening of the Sunset Branch also coincides with Love Your Library Month in February, the perfect time to tell Chandler Public Library what you think about the library system.

"We're going to be looking to see what we do best and how we can better improve to meet the needs of the community," said Tara Anglin, community engagement coordinator.

Has the library provided you or your family a source of enjoyment or education over the years? Have you downloaded free magazines, checked out movies, or attended programs like Storytime? Been helped by a stellar library staff member, read the best book ever, participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, or simply picked up a Grab & Go Bag? Or maybe you love your library for the support it gives to others in our community.

Friends of Chandler Public Library wants to know. Love Your Library Month, celebrated nationwide, is an opportunity for community input. Patrons are encouraged to visit chandlerlibrary.org/friends to let the library know what you think.



Guns & Roses: Want something different for your honey this year? Nothing says 'I love you' like flyin' lead

By Janie Magruder
Special for Wrangler News



Valentine's Day this year is on a Monday, a holiday on which Americans will spend nearly \$24 billion, according to the National Retail Federation.

Despite the lingering pandemic and inflation recently hitting a 40-year high, 53 percent of consumers plan to celebrate, reported the NRF, projecting a per-shopper gift average of \$175.41, about \$11 more than last year.

As always, candy, greeting cards and flowers will speak the language of love the loudest, but plenty of cash also is expected to be spent on evening-out experiences and jewelry.

"Love is expressed in a number of different ways," said Vincent Vasquez, C2 Tactical's managing member.

To that end, C2 Tactical, an indoor shooting range and firearms-training facility in Tempe's Emerald Center, at Interstate 10 and Warner Road, has a popular Date Night package.

"This is an experience that two people can share together that can bring them closer," Vasquez said, "to provide confidence in knowing that your loved one can take care of you."

For \$125 per couple, you'll get two handgun rentals, two boxes of 100-round ammunition, four targets, eye and ear protection, and a dedicated safety officer on the range. Book a Date Night package for February 14 and take 15 percent off. Use promo code "Valentine" when booking online: c2tactical.com. Availability is expected if you order soon.

"Everyone can go to dinner, but that can be a hassle because Valentine's Day is so busy and finding a time slot can be difficult," Vasquez said. "We offer entertainment with a unique bonding experience."

If you are skeptical, know that C2 Tactical is no stranger to the ways of love.

A couple met later in life — he was retired, and she was a test driver of luxury sports cars. They shared a love for Jeep off-roading, world travel, firearms and, eventually, each other.

When it came time to get hitched, they decided against satin and lace for her and formal black tie for him. Instead, they donned Western attire and cowboy boots. Keeping with the theme, the venue — and the reception — could not have been more untraditional.

"If a couple shoots guns together, why not at their wedding?" posed Britany Shulla, an ordained minister through Universal Life Church Ministries, who officiated.

Quite literally, they had a shotgun wedding, at C2 Tactical. The couple got the Shotgun Wedding package, which includes the reverend and the room, and enough guns for guests to aim-and-

shoot on the range. Cake, photography, flowers and wedding-party swag can be added on.

And not to get ahead of ourselves, but C2 Tactical also offers bachelorette and bachelor parties, starting with the "Get to the Choppa" package, \$400 for up to five shooters. Part of the reason for offering these packages is to demystify the sport, Vasquez said.

"In addition to being fun and exciting, it's empowering. People who are nervous about it, they may be afraid, and they find it was amazing. It's 'I can't believe I did that,'" he said.

Weapons are chosen with the individual's experience and comfort levels in mind, and training is provided, too, Vasquez said.

"So, if you're new, you're not having to worry about a Dirty Harry-type of explosion," he said.

Of course, the Internet has no shortage of other offbeat, less-explosive Valentine's Day options that, if you're willing to pay extra for shipping, may arrive in time. To name a few:

- Surely every girl wants a bouquet of gourmet salamis, the most direct route to her stomach. Choose from three or six Olympia Provisions sausages, wrapped in butcher paper and red ribbon. \$50-85, plus shipping. From Food 52, food52.com.

- Is your honey threatening to move out from nonstop viewing of Netflix since 2020? Say "I love you" with this Binge-Watching Survival Kit, complete with socks, decision coin, stain remover and more. \$22, plus shipping. From Pinch Provisions, pinchprovisions.com.

- Summon your inner Monet with the Date Night Paint by Shadows Kit at Uncommon Goods. Maybe you can't visit Paris right now, but you can paint the City of Lights. \$40, plus shipping. From Uncommon Goods, uncommon-goods.com.

- The cover photo alone on *Fifty Shades of Chicken: A Parody in a Cookbook* will get your mouth watering. By F.L. Fowler, this book has 50 seductive recipes — dripping thighs, bacon-bound wings and mustard-spanked

chicken — among others. And since it's on Amazon, it might arrive on time!

Let's be honest, there are some of us for whom it just wouldn't be Valentine's Day without flowers, preferably roses. Renee Potter, a fourth-generation florist and owner of Fred's Flowers on Warner Road in south Tempe, has a theory on how Valentine's Day 2022 will go.

For the first time since 2011, Feb. 14 falls on a Monday, a mostly subpar day for feeling celebratory. Or human, even. Additionally, Valentine's Day is the day after the Super Bowl and the final week-end of the Waste Management Open in Scottsdale.

"It feels like the 14th will be a big, last-minute rush," said Potter, who will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, a day her shop normally is closed. "People are going to wake up Monday and, 'Oh ..., I partied all weekend.' We're prepared, and will have a lot of fresh product on hand."

Valentine's Day packages aren't a thing at Fred's Flowers, and a point of pride with Potter is that customers aren't boxed into buying an arrangement from a website photo.

"What our neighborhood and community have come to expect from us is customization and persona touch we give them," she said. "Ninety percent walk past the displays and right up to the counter and say, 'Hey, here's what I want and what I want to spend.'"

Potter's advice is to score big by remembering your valentine while you're buying chips for Super Bowl-watching or putting gas into your car to drive to the golf tournament.

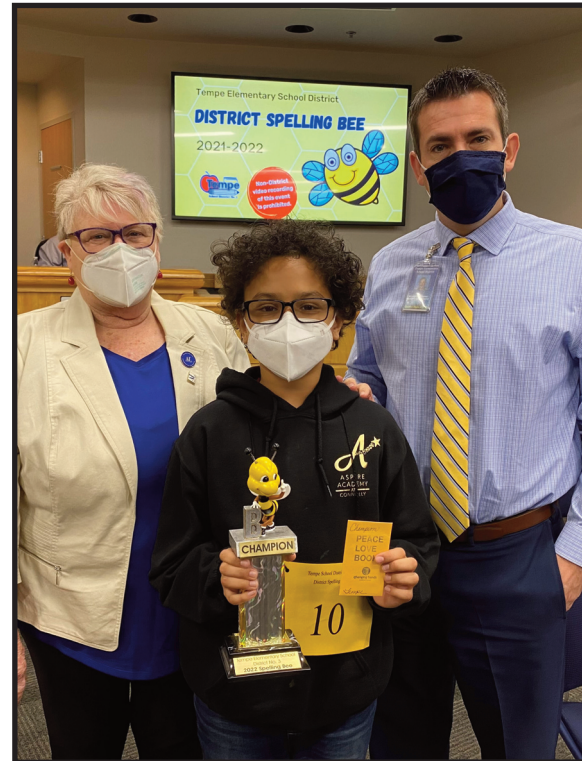
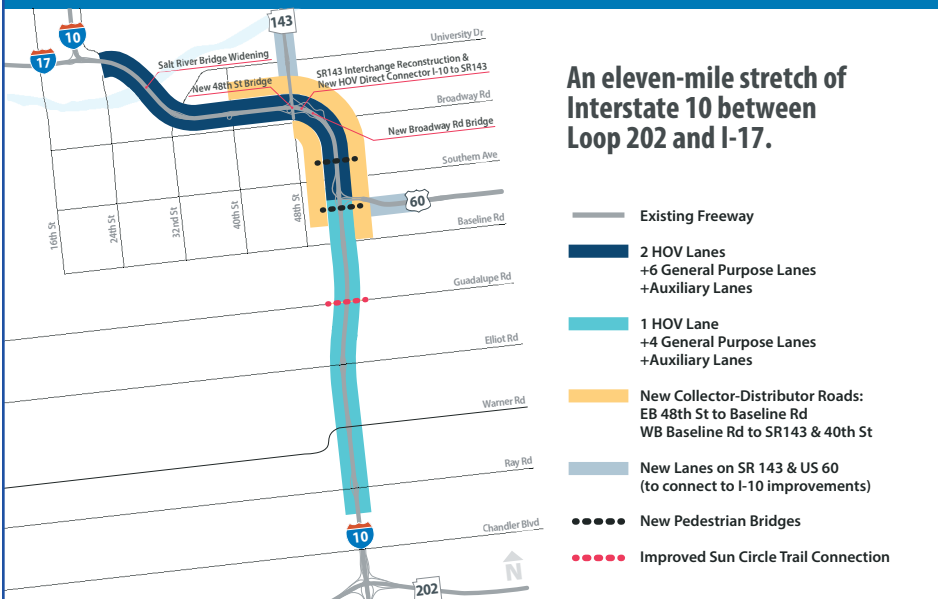
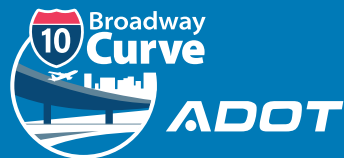
Order as soon as you can and, because deliveries may be challenging this year, consider picking up your flowers, inside the store or at curbside. You'd be surprised how far a personal floral delivery with a handwritten card will go, she said.

You're not limited to roses, of course. Potter sends her husband cut orchids because they are unusual and last a long time. But her personal favorite Valentine's gift? Chocolate-covered strawberries, of course.



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Napal native wins district spelling bee; six advance to regionals

Bibhu Parajuli (center), winner of the Tempe Elementary School District spelling bee, is flanked by Anna Ayala (left) of Assistance League East Valley, which provided the awards; and Michael Minghine, Tempe Elementary assistant superintendent of administrative services.

—Tempe Elementary School District photo

By Sarah Auffret and Amy Garza
Special for Wrangler News

Tension was high as 40 students stepped to the podium one-by-one to test their spelling ability at the annual spelling bee hosted by Tempe Elementary School District on Jan. 26 at the district office.

Bibhu Parajuli, a sixth grader at Connolly Middle School, won in the 16th round by correctly spelling the word, "magnetic." English is Bibhu's second language, as he was born in Nepal and his first language is Nepali. No stranger to the pressure of spelling bees, Bibhu was also a runner-up in the district bee two years ago when he was a fourth grader at Broadmor Elementary.

He was presented with a trophy and Changing Hands bookstore gift card by Assistance League of East Valley, which co-sponsored the event with the Tempe Elementary district.

His strongest competition came from Theo Richard of Broadmor, who went back and forth with Bibhu for the final 10 rounds and was first runner-up.

Some contestants requested word etymology, alternate pronunciations

and definitions to help them along. The competition continued for about an hour and a half with words getting tougher and tougher each round.

Tempe finalists, each of whom received a trophy and gift card from Assistance League, are Theo Richard of Broadmor Elementary, Alan Garay Serrano of Fees College Preparatory Middle School, Abdurrahman Adeniye of Scales Technology Academy, and Ailee Sumrall of Ward Traditional Academy.

The six students will go on to compete at the Maricopa Region 1 spelling bee on Feb. 12 at McKemy Middle School.

From there, winners from each region will progress to the state championships on March 19, hoping to represent Arizona at the televised Scripps National Spelling Bee in June. LaVar Burton is this year's host.

Assistance League of East Valley is an all-volunteer organization which provides nearly 10,000 elementary students and homeless teens with new school clothing, uniforms, shoes and hygiene items each year.

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Chandler Family Fishing Clinic can lead to a whopper of a story

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Fishing can bring families together, and Chandler is doing its part to help with its annual Family Fishing Clinic, 8 a.m.-noon on Feb. 12 at Veterans Oasis Park.

The art of fishing, how to rig a rod and reel, and how to cast will be explained by expert anglers from Chandler Nature Center and Trout Unlimited during the gathering at the park, 4050 E. Chandler Heights Road.

The clinic is perfect for beginners, even those who never have held a rod, as well as seasoned anglers. Those 10 and older are required to have an Arizona fishing license to fish.

CNC will have a limited number of complimentary general licenses available. Registration for licenses is available at chandleraz.gov/registration. The early bird gets the worm as free licenses are first come, first serve. Visit



Chandler's annual Family Fishing Clinic is Feb. 12 at Veterans Oasis Park. –Chandler photo

Arizona Game and Fish Department for information about fishing licenses and regulations.

This clinic is designed for the enjoyment of the entire family, according to Cadia Hernandez, Chandler recreation coordinator at the nature center.

"It's an opportunity to appreciate the great outdoors while learning to

fish and discover the aquatic life beneath the surface of Veterans Oasis Lake," Hernandez said.

The Family Fishing Clinic will include an array of related activities, including fish-related arts and crafts, games and educational booths.

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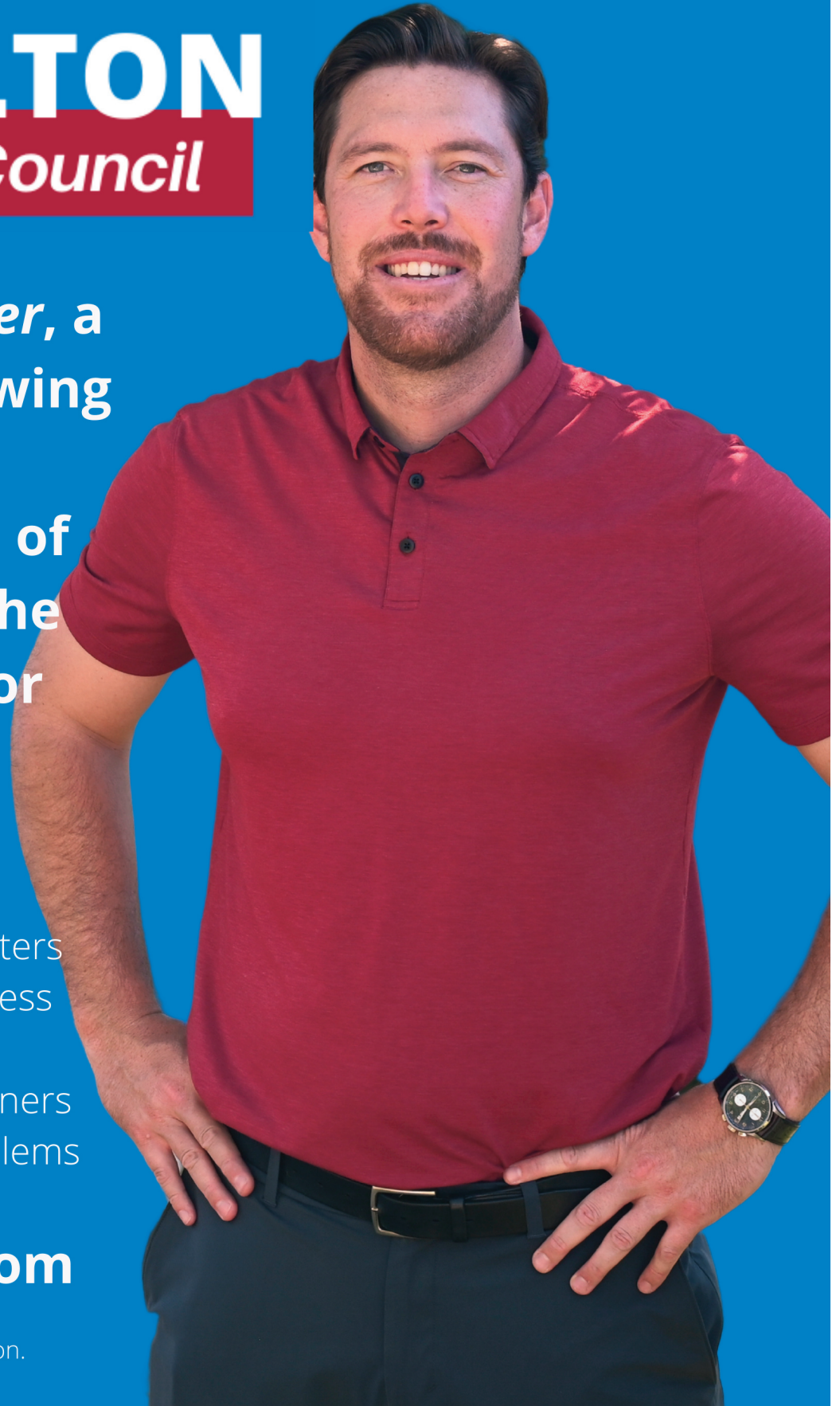
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DIVERSIONS

Marcos de Niza's spare take on 'Charlie Brown' brings it to life

By MV Moorhead

Wrangler News Arts and Culture Writer

Plagues are hard on everybody, certainly, but especially hard on the live theater.

Bubonic plague shut down the theaters several times during the career of William Shakespeare. In 1593, The Bard used the free time to write his narrative poetry masterpieces like *Venus and Adonis*.

The celebrated drama department at Marcos de Niza High School in Tempe has likewise been limited for the past two years by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We were lucky," said Patrick McChesney, director of theatre at Marcos de Niza for the past 21 years. "We got done with our musical (*Seussical the Musical*) just before everything closed down."

McChesney proudly adds that "our *Cat in the Hat's* Brock Drew won Best Male Lead at the Gammage High School Musical Theatre Awards."

This was the last show to see the stage at Marcos de Niza for two seasons, however. But with the latest variant seemingly in retreat, the decision was made for the school's young performers to return to the boards.

This year's selection?

"After the coronavirus hit," McChesney said, "we weren't sure how many kids would want to do a show. We wanted to do something a little smaller."

Thus *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, the perennially popular 1967 stage adaptation of Charles M. Schultz's

Peanuts by Clark Gesner, was the choice. It's a spare, simple production, normally requiring a cast of just six: Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder, Sally (originally Patty) and, of course, Snoopy.

But McChesney, who directs the show, soon saw that he had more talent on his hands than the show's small *dramatis personae* could accommodate.

"We found we had an amazing freshman class," he said. "So we added an ensemble, with characters like Peppermint Patty and Marcie."

Even the security blanket, beloved dance partner of Linus in the number "My Blanket and Me," is brought to choreographic life by ensemble actors in the Marcos de Niza production.

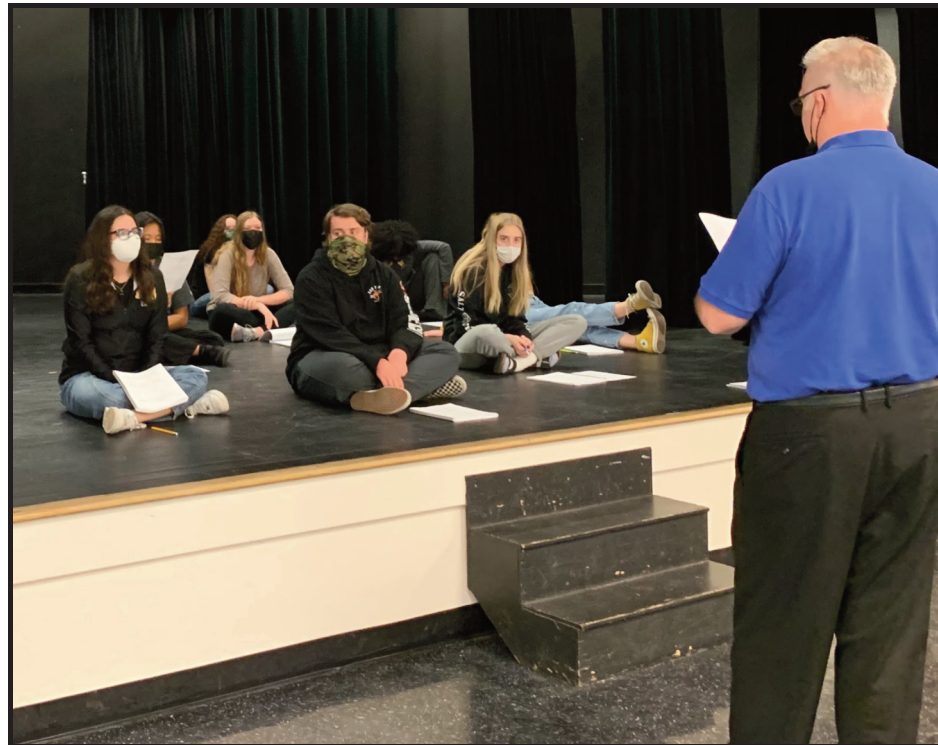
"I think the key to that character is to always keep that earnest energy," said senior Ethan Lawmaster, who plays Charlie Brown.

Optimism is also central to the role, says Lawmaster, and he regards the trait as reflective of his own personality.

"I have been since I was little," he said.

Of her role, Kaitlyn Jacobson, a senior, who plans to study theater at Grand Canyon University, said, "Snoopy is very cool, very relaxed. Except when it comes to food."

Performances of the family-friendly show are 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, through Saturday, March 5, in the Marcos de Niza auditorium. Admission price is \$5 to students, veterans and senior citizens, \$10 to the general public.



The Marcos de Niza High Drama Department, which went dark the past two years during the COVID-19 pandemic, is set to return March 2 with its production of 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.' (Top photo) Lilliana McGrew is Lucy and Adam Verdugo is Schroeder in the play. (Bottom photo): Theater students are directed by Patrick McChesney, who is in his 21st year.



Chandler Children's Choir and Mariachi Pasión to team for free concert at Corona del Sol

It's a rare combination, a children's choir and a mariachi band. They're very different kinds of musical groups.

But South Tempe and West Chandler patrons may experience them together when Chandler Children's Choir and Mariachi Pasión perform ¡Sí! ¡Sí! ¡Sí! Choir Meets Mariachi together at a free community concert at 2 p.m. Feb. 26 at Corona del Sol High.

The concert is sponsored by the Tempe's Wave-maker Arts Grant.

Chandler Children's Choir, in its 14th season, comprises singers ages 7-18. Mariachi Pasión, a band of Valley women of varying ages and professions, was formed 20 years ago when original members were students at Arizona State University looking for gigs.

"The fusion of a children's choir with a mariachi band is probably something that has rarely been done before, but with our diverse community, we are anxious to try it," said Aimee Stewart, artistic director and co-founder of the children's choir.

According to Stewart, Issa Johnson, a Board member and past choir parent, also plays violin in Mariachi Pasión, and "has been instrumental in bridging the gap between languages, culture and musical styles as we prepare to perform together."

Johnson said that putting the two together "makes sense."

"Mariachi is an intergenerational experience: Songs beloved by our grandparents are still appreciated by newer generations," Johnson said. "I love that the Chandler Children's Choir and Mariachi Pasión are

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Film Fare

Latest in slasher series makes me want to SCREAM – for all the wrong reasons

By MV Moorhead

Wrangler News Arts and Culture Writer

“Ghostface” is back, skulking around the California town he’s haunted periodically since the ‘90s, murdering youth and the occasional adult.

Our heroine (Melissa Barrera), whose estranged sister is the first victim of this new spree, returns to town to probe the case, which eventually involves her with the aging characters from earlier episodes.

Of all the worthwhile works of the late Wes Craven, his tongue-in-cheek 1996 slasher saga *Scream* never has been among my favorites.

It’s OK, but I’ve always thought it was a little too pleased with itself and cute in its self-conscious “meta” deconstruction of the “rules” of the slasher genre.

Also, the Big Reveal always seemed to me like a slight cheat.

As I watched this fifth film in the series—also titled *SCREAM*, though it’s another sequel, not a remake—I also realized that, as a moviegoer, not a critic, I’m pretty much done with slasher flicks.

Without bringing any moral judgements into whether the genre is valid or not, I can say that it isn’t enjoyable for me anymore. I no longer have that aesthetic callousness that I had in my 20s. I can’t laugh

with amusement, like the young characters in this film do, while watching the depiction of beautiful young people being butchered.

I keep thinking of somebody breaking the news to their parents.

In fairness, it should be said that, judging by this new *SCREAM* at least, the “rules” of the slasher flick seem to have shifted a little over the last few decades. Most notably, the girls are no longer paralyzed with terror.

They fight back, hard and often with success. And this helps, no doubt, but not enough for me to seek these movies out any more for my own entertainment.

All of these disclaimers are to make clear that when I say the new *SCREAM* is excellently done, it’s not as a fan of either this series in particular or slasher movies in general.

But on its own terms, the movie, directed by Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett from a script by James Vanderbilt and Guy Busick, is excellently done, funny and cleverly structured, with strong acting both from the youngsters in the cast and from series veterans like Courteney Cox, Neve Campbell, Heather Matarazzo, Marley Shelton and especially David Arquette, dimly amiable as ever.

There’s trenchant commentary here on the absurd “fan service” requirements of today’s movie fran-

chises, and the petulance of today’s almost impossible-to-please fans. Early on, I guessed, correctly, the identity of the killer but that wasn’t a deal-breaker for me.

Also, like last year’s *Halloween Kills*, this film is, if memory serves, much gorier than the original *Scream*, but I can’t say I found it especially scary. That wasn’t a deal-breaker either.

As I’ve gotten older and wimpier, I’m OK with horror pictures that aren’t that scary.

Celebrate Railway Day on Feb. 26 at Arizona Railway Museum



Train lovers, history buffs and people of all ages may climb aboard and explore the glory days of travel on America’s railroads during Arizona Railway Day in Chandler.

The Feb. 26 celebration runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Arizona Railway Museum, 330 E. Ryan Road in the southwestern corner of Chandler Tumbleweed Park. Festivities are free and hosted by volunteers of the museum.

Arizona Railway Day includes displays of artifacts and memorabilia, tours of vintage railcars and a large sale of railroad books, magazines and timetables. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

New for 2022: Visitors can walk through 12 passenger cars.

Museum volunteers will explain the historical importance of railroads and what is required to restore and refurbish these railcars to keep them “alive” as a testament to the glory days of rail passenger travel. Some cars feature sleeping arrangements and dining facilities, complete with custom-made railroad dining-car china.

The museum’s diesel locomotive will be open, affording visitors the opportunity to blow the horn. Chandler’s historic steam locomotive No. 2562 will be on display. Outdoor include an array of railroad signs,

Railway

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signals and mining equipment.

The museum's standard entry fee is waived, however donations are appreciated. Visitors should access the park on Ryan Road from Arizona Avenue or McQueen Road. Parking is free. Although the display building and restrooms are ADA compliant, due to the historic nature of the equipment, access to the railroad cars is not ADA Compliant.

The Arizona Railway Museum is normally open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, September through May. It is closed during the summer.

More information: azrymuseum.org or 480-821-1108.

Choir

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coming together for this concert. To me, the pairing is symbiotic and earthy."

The concert will feature each group individually as well as a few collaborative pieces. For example, CCC regularly performs the state song, "I Love You, Arizona." For this concert, the song has been translated to Spanish and will be performed with Mariachi Pasion.

When Stewart introduced the song at a recent rehearsal she said, "Several of our singers brightened up because they also speak Spanish."

Johnson added, "The musical arrangements will have the mariachi instrumentation at their core but are being kept to the simplicity of their origins so that the children's voices can highlight these tunes that have become timeless in our (Mexican) culture. We are preparing something very 'Arizona' for the concert."

More information: chandlerchildrenschoir.org.

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Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Corona girls soccer on verge of locking in 6A state tourney berth

Talk about getting hot at the right time, Corona del Sol High's girls soccer team put together a five-game streak and improved to a No. 9 ranking in 6A, setting itself up to possibly avoid a Feb. 9 play-in game for the 6A conference state playoffs.

Corona (Central Division-leading 7-2) shut out Desert Ridge, 2-0, on Jan. 28 for its fifth straight win. It had three regular-season matches remaining before the play-in. If it improves its ranking by even one position, Corona would qualify directly for the playoffs and avoid a play-in.



Alex Zener

During the streak, junior defender **Aja Lister** became the team leader in assists and sophomore forward **Kiera Campbell** scored

three goals and added seven points.

Cassidi O'Connor is the leading scorer with six goals in those five games and leads the team with 14 points. She also has two assists.

The Aztecs also are getting strong play from freshman forward **Chloe Derouin** (two goals and five points in three games), freshman defender **Sadie Robertson** (a goal in five games), senior midfielder **Olivia Bradley** (two assists and two points in five games), senior midfielder **Paige Server** (one assist in six games), freshman forward

Kelsey Eastman (one assist and one point in six games), senior goalkeeper **Rosalia Oyserovich** (saved 24 of 26 opponent shots on goal) and freshman goalkeeper **Amara Yetka** (four saves in two matches).

Others who contributed to the streak: senior defender **Ally Wachtel**, senior defender **Ashley Lutes**, senior midfielder **Kira Caspers**, junior midfielder **Samantha Camino**, junior defender **Erin Karlin**, sophomore forward **Kyarra Aparicio**, sophomore midfielder **Giana Garza**, sophomore defender **Celine Sarian**, sophomore defender **Avry Scholl**, freshman defender **Ella Barria**, freshman defender **Kayley Weid**, sophomore midfielder **Maia Flanagan** and junior midfielder **Kailee Austin**.

Teams ranked first through eighth have a bye into the playoffs. Teams ranked ninth through 24th play to determine which additional eight teams make the playoffs, which begin Feb. 12 at the higher seed.

Corona del Sol boys soccer

Corona's boys were a four-game streak after a 1-6 start before playing Desert Ridge to a double-overtime 0-0 draw on Jan. 28.

The Aztecs fought hard against the No. 14 Jaguars (12-3-4).

Corona defeated Westview, 5-2, at home on Jan. 10 to begin the streak. Junior midfielders **Aran Garza** and **Nico White** both scored two goals each and junior forward **Andrew Davies-Boerner** scored one. Garza added two



Seniors on the Corona del Sol girls soccer team are honored for their years of hard work in the program.

—Corona del Sol girls soccer program photo

assists and White added one.

The next night, Corona defeated Boulder Creek, 2-1, as Garza scored a goal and sophomore forward **Sean Maguire** kicked in another and had an assist.

The Aztecs third straight win was 3-0 over Valley Vista. Junior forward **Atkerson Aldaba**, Davies-Boerner and White each scored a goal and had an assist.

The Aztecs got their fourth straight at Queen Creek, 4-1. Garza scored his seventh and eighth goals of the season and increased his assists to five for a team-leading 21 points. White scored his sixth goal and improved to 15 points, second on the team. Davies-

Boerner scored a goal and one assist to give him three goals in eight games.

After their tie against Desert Ridge, the Aztecs (5-6-1, 1-0-1) were ranked 27th. Corona must be ranked at least No. 24th to qualify for the Feb. 9 6A state tournament play-in game. The Aztecs had three late-season matches remaining to potentially move up.

The seniors were honored at the final home game on Feb. 7, against the Pride: goalkeeper and team captain **Aidan Burns**, goalkeeper **Jacob Feliz**, defender **Padraic Maguire**, forward **Drew Moraga**, midfielder **Nick Fiet**, forward **Patrick Ngendahayo**, forward **Frankie Sunderland**, forward **C.J. Gordon**, and **Bennett Gunning**.

Chandler Sports Hall of Fame honors local athletic greats

The accomplishments of seven athletes, coaches and athletic administrators will be celebrated during the Chandler Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Hamilton High auditorium.

Festivities return after a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tickets, which include induction ceremony and luncheon, are \$15 and available online through eventbrite.com.

"We are excited to get back," said John Vincent, co-chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. "I'll tell you what, this

year's class is a truly deserving group with an incredible list of athletic accomplishments at the highest levels."

Class of 2022 inductees are:

- **Dr. Camille Casteel, Chandler Unified School District Superintendent:** The retired 25-year school-district superintendent was a staunch supporter of high school sports.

- **Phil Gonzales, Hamilton High boys tennis coach:** His teams won 16 regional or sectional championships, reached six state quarterfinals, had five state semifinal finishes, two state runner-up finishes and won two state

doubles championships.

• **Greg Haagsma, Valley Christian High boys basketball coach:** With 666 career wins, he ranks fourth all-time among Arizona prep basketball coaches and is the second-winningest active coach. He led teams to six state titles. He led the girls program five seasons before taking over the boys.

• **N'Keal Harry, Chandler High football:** The Chandler High and Arizona State graduate became a first-round NFL draft pick in 2019 and now plays wide receiver for the New England Patriots.

• **Markus Howard, Perry High basketball:** After transferring to Findlay Prep for his final two seasons, he went on to become a consensus first-team All-American at Marquette and now plays in the NBA for the Denver Nuggets.

• **Cole Luke, Hamilton High football:** He went on to a distinguished football career at Notre Dame and played in the NFL for the Carolina Panthers and Washington Commanders.

• **Sierra Rodriguez, Basha High softball:** After helping Basha win back-

to-back state championships, she went on to play at Yavapai College, Phoenix College, Arizona State and for the Mexican National Team.

In addition to the inductees, the Hall of Fame will honor Haagsma's six state championships and give Special Recognition Awards to Mark Tucker, longtime Hamilton High offensive line coach and 2020 recipient of the National Football Foundation Frank Kush Coaching Award, and Kerry Croswhite, longtime Chandler High swimming and diving coach, who passed away in 2020 due to complications of COVID-19.

The Chandler Sports Hall of Fame, a nonprofit 501c3 organization, celebrates the rich history of Chandler athletics by honoring teams, athletes, coaches and administrators who have brought recognition to the city through their exceptional talent. The selection committee comprises former coaches, school administrators, athletes and others with an interest in the history of Chandler athletics.

*More information:
chandlerpedia.org.*



Among the Class of 2022 inductees into the Chandler Sports Hall of Fame are (top photo) Valley Christian High basketball coach Greg Haagsma and (at left) former Perry High basketball player Markus Howard, now of the NBA's Denver Nuggets.

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Here's how you can take part:

- Virtual budget forum: Wednesday, Feb. 16, Noon via Webex
- In-person budget forum: Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m., Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.
- Online survey: tempe.gov/forum through March 7

In addition to these options, the city will be out in the community with pop-up engagement opportunities in the coming months and comments will also be taken at upcoming Council Work Study Sessions.

Learn more at tempe.gov/BudgetPlan.

2022 Neighborhood Celebration



This year's recognition event for neighbors and neighborhoods is a re-imagined celebration on Saturday, March 26, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., at Kiwanis Park Fiesta Ramadas, 5711 S. All-America Way.

There will be an in-person awards celebration with music, games and refreshments.

A scholarship also will be given to a high school senior in recognition of Dolores Huerta Day on April 10.

Nominations are open through Feb. 15 for neighbors who deserve to be recognized in any one of several different categories.

Visit tempe.gov/NeighborhoodCelebration for event and nomination information.

PlayDay at Kiwanis Park on Feb. 26

Bring the entire family out to PlayDay on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kiwanis Park.

Kids of all ages can take part in free games and activities including youth sports, kayaking, crafts and more.

Learn more at tempe.gov/PlayDay.

Spring class registration starts Feb. 22

Ready to try something new this spring? Tempe offers an array classes and activities for every age, interest and ability. Classes include exercise, fitness, arts, yoga, boating and so much more. Peruse all offerings and register by visiting tempe.gov/play. Registration begins Feb. 22 for residents and Feb. 28 for non-residents. Classes begin in mid-March.

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Site of former Honeywell complex on Warner Road to be industrial park

Demolition of the iconic vacant Honeywell International six-story office building near Priest and Warner roads in South Tempe has begun to make way for an industrial park.

Minnesota-based Opus Development Co. bought the 18-acre property from Honeywell early this year for \$9.3 million.

The site is about a mile east of Interstate 10 and has easy access to Loop 101, Loop 202 and U.S. 60.

Two new speculative industrial buildings with a combined 197,000 square feet will be constructed on the property.

The perimeter of the new complex will be heavily landscaped, as will the

central court area where the drainage basin on the existing property will be reworked into a focal point.

JLL Capital Markets, led by Brian Ackerman and Connor Clark, arranged the sale for Opus Development and will be the new owner's leasing team.

The property currently has the six-story building — which was built in 1984 and has more than 442,000 square feet, two surface parking lots, underground utility infrastructure and a large retention basin — which will be retained in the new complex.

Most recently, 200 people were employed in high-tech jobs at the Honeywell site.



An artist's rendering depicts the two-building industrial park that will replace the iconic six-story former Honeywell building, which is being razed. — Opus

1,000 new jobs coming to State Farm in Tempe; most to be work from home



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Insurance giant State Farm, which occupies most of the massive Marina Heights complex on the southern shore of Tempe Town Lake, says it is adding 1,000 positions.

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The Tempe expansion is among 3,000 new State Farm jobs being created across the country, brought on by what the company describes as "record-breaking growth."

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4TH ANNUAL RED, WHITE & BLUE AWARDS RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING MILITARY & PUBLIC SERVICE

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee (MAC) announced its fourth annual Red, White & Blue Awards Ceremony on March 23rd at 8AM. This hybrid event will be hosted at Grace Community Church.

This awards ceremony will recognize eight individuals from various branches of the military and public service for their courageous work and dedication. This event furthers the MAC mission to act as representatives for the Tempe Chamber and the city of Tempe and promote good fellowship and mutual understanding for and with the United States military communities.

"As Chair of the Military Affairs Committee, I have the honor & privilege to help recognize eight individuals who have displayed exemplary service in our military & public service," said Kevin O'Brien. "We encourage the community to join us in celebrating the leadership,

selfless service, integrity, courage & honor that these service members represent."

Awards will include:

- Kyle Brayer Veteran in Public Safety Award
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Co-sponsored by Chabad of the East Valley, Chandler Jewish Preschool & Kindergarten and CTeen, the Challah bake at the center, 875 N. McClintock Drive, will feature activities for children while their dough is rising, including arts and crafts, sports and a bouncy house.

There is a \$15 per person fee (maximum of \$30 per family).

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Challah in its more widely known usage, refers to a braided bread traditionally eaten at Shabbat and other holidays and is considered among the most famous Jewish foods.

The historic event carries added significance as Jewish communities worldwide celebrate the year of Hakhel, a once every seven years opportunity to celebrate Jewish unity and learning.

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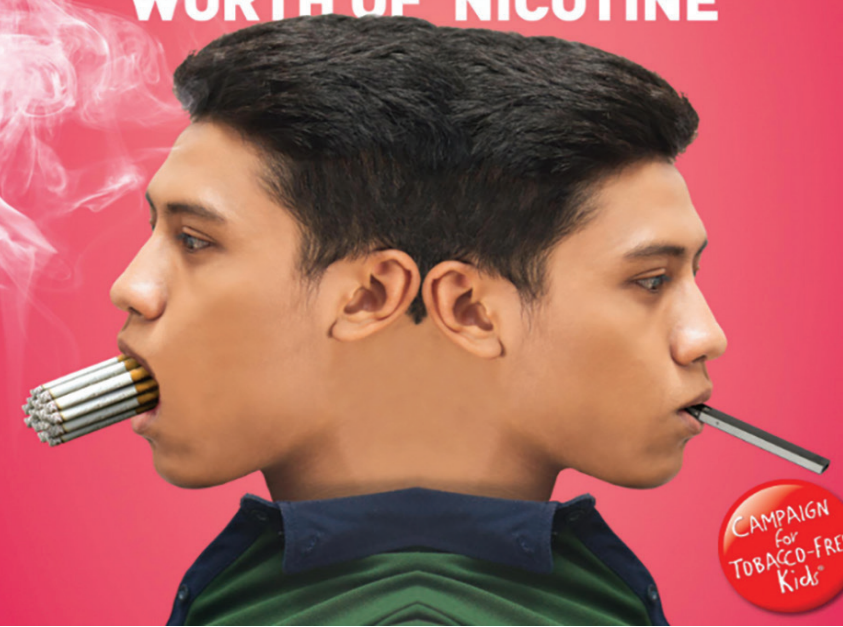
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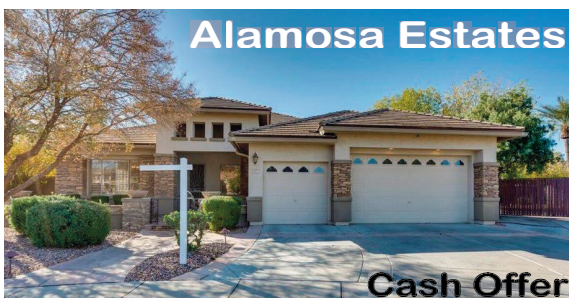
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