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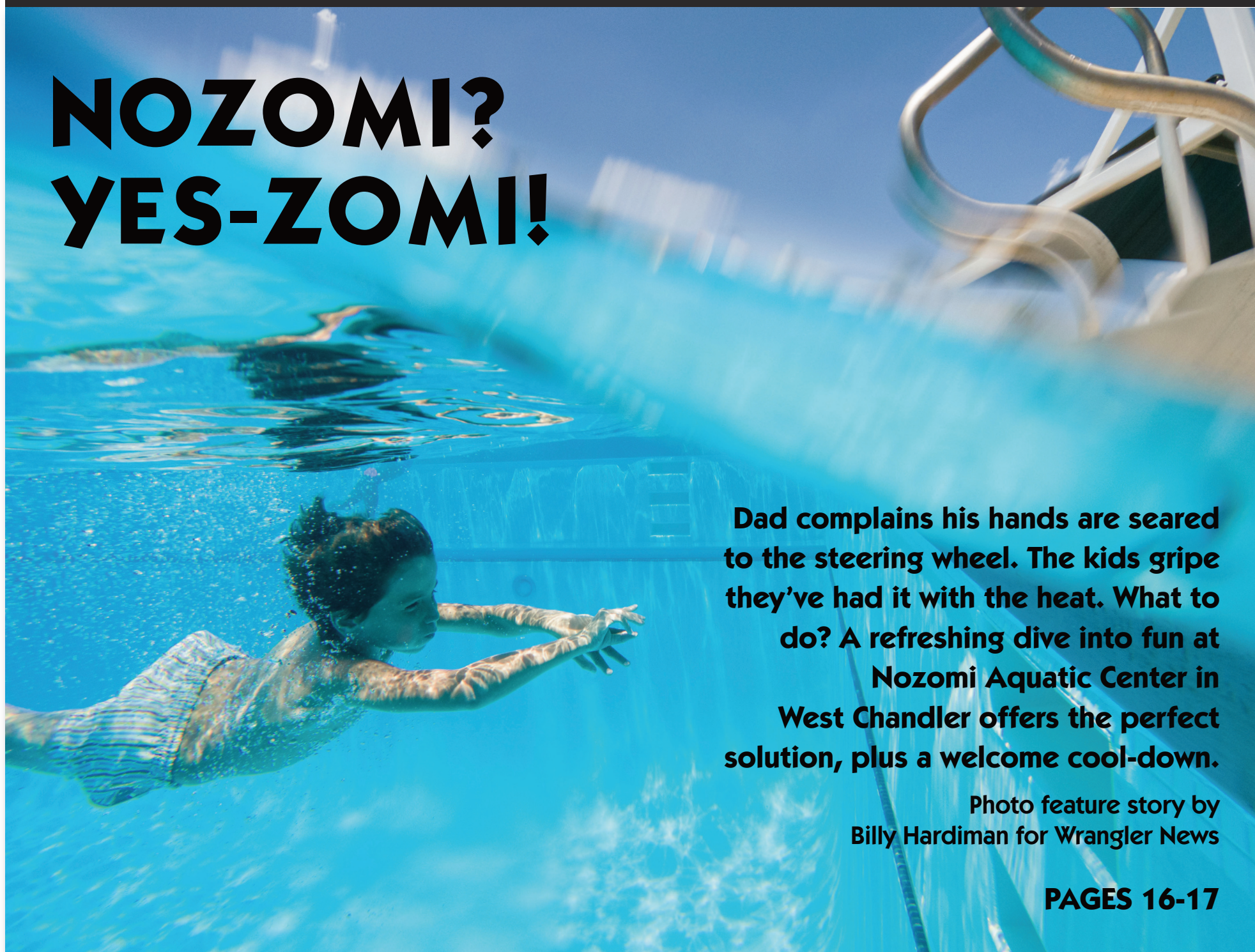


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Tempe El renames 3 schools after KKK ties to names uncovered

By Lee Shappell
Wrangler News Executive Editor

Students at three Tempe Elementary School District properties will return to familiar buildings in a few weeks, but while their surroundings will be the same, the names of their schools will not.

The Tempe Elementary Governing Board voted June 22 to change the names of Gililland Middle School, 1025 S. Beck Ave. in Tempe; Hudson Elementary, 1325 E. Malibu Drive in Tempe; and Laird School, 1500 N. Scovel St. in Tempe, after the Tempe History Museum uncovered evidence that those namesakes may have had ties to the Ku Klux Klan in the early 20th century.

The namesakes all were prominent residents of Tempe who played key roles in the city's and the school district's history for decades. Some Tempe streets and parks also are named after people with suspected Klan ties based on History Museum research. The city is in the process of changing those names.

And while there had been no issue expressed over those names for nearly a

century, that changed last year when the museum dug up information that might have linked those public figures to the Klan.

Gililland Middle School becomes Geneva Epps Mosley Middle School. Gililland was named for Clyde H. Gililland, a former Tempe mayor and City Council member for three decades. Mosley was employed in Tempe Elementary at various schools from 1960 to 1989. She is believed to be the first African American teacher at Gililland. She was a substitute teacher until age 80 and still lives in Tempe.

Hudson Elementary becomes Joseph Spracale Elementary School. Hudson initially was named for Estmer W. Hudson, who developed Pima cotton, which became a major crop in Arizona's economy. The school was built on property formerly owned by Hudson's family. Spracale held administrative roles in the school district for 34 years at several schools. He has been a member of Tempe Elementary Impacts Education Foundation since 1991 and is president of the foundation.

Laird School becomes Cecil Shamley School. Laird was named for Hugh E. Laird, who was mayor of Tempe for 14 years and a state Legislator. He owned a pharmacy in downtown Tempe. Sham-

— SCHOOLS, Page 6



Tempe Elementary Superintendent James Driscoll says renaming three schools comes after a long process. *Tempe Elementary School District photo*

Early voting starts for Chandler mayor, Council, home-rule

Ballots for the Chandler Aug. 2 primary election for mayor, three Council seats and a proposition regarding how the city can spend its money were mailed Wednesday, July 6, to voters who have signed up for the Active Early Voting List.

A runoff election would be Nov. 8, if necessary.

Mayor Kevin Hartke is seeking a second term, opposed by Ruth Jones. Hartke, 66 and a 37-year resident

of Chandler, is an associate pastor at Trinity Christian Fellowship. He joined the City Council in 2008 and served two full terms before being elected mayor in 2018.

Jones, 55, a mortgage loan officer, has lived in Chandler for two years.

Five candidates are vying for three Council seats. Council members Terry Roe and René Lopez, as two-term members, are termed-out and must

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Uneasiness arises as Tempe split into 2 County Supervisor districts

Tempe, traditionally fully represented in Maricopa County Board of Supervisors District 1, has been split in redistricting approved by the board last week.

The southern portion of the city, essentially south of University Drive, remains in District 1, where Jack Sellers is the supervisor.

The northern portion of the city moves into District 2, where Thomas Galvin is the supervisor.

It could be a double-edge sword for Tempe. On one hand, its interests are now divided in representation. On the other, it has two voices on the five-district board instead of one.

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Supervisors

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Tempe Mayor Corey Woods sent a letter to Sellers expressing his concern about the split. Sellers said he also has spoken to members of Tempe City Council who also are concerned about ramifications of the change.

"If we were back in the early days, where we had cities competing with one another for sales-tax initiatives and those kinds of things, I think it could be a problem," Sellers said. "But today, we all work together. I can see where it might be a problem if you had supervisors who thought they were competing between districts but that isn't the way we work. Even with the fact we have four Republicans and one Democrat on our board, we typically don't do anything that infringes on somebody else's work. We're all very supportive of one another."

Sellers pointed out that he and Galvin, a fellow Republican, share Gilbert and Queen Creek effectively in the current alignment before the new one becomes effective in Jan. 1, 2024.

Sellers said that after hearing from the mayor and Council of Tempe, he went back to the interactive maps to see "what we would have to do for me to keep all of Tempe."

"I really would like to do that. I love work-

ing with them. We have a great partnership there," Sellers said. "The bottom line, as we talked through these things it created other problems that we can't solve easily."

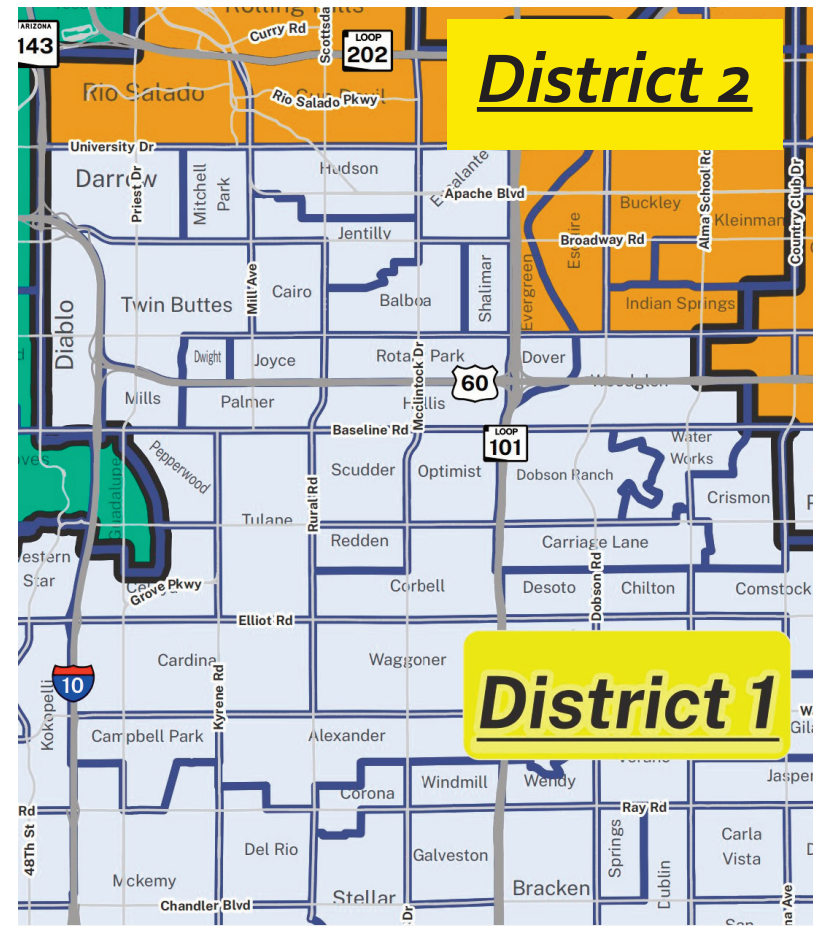
State law requires the Board of Supervisors to redistrict after each decennial census. Because supervisor district lines match Special Health Care and Community College Districts, changes made to supervisor boundaries impact those two districts, as well.

Supervisors approved district-boundary adjustments using a formula guided by federal and Arizona laws to account for population and demographic changes over the previous decade.

The county Elections Department and supervisors prepared seven draft redistricting maps for consideration.

"I think Tempe will be happy with Tom sharing Tempe with me," Sellers said. "I recognize that with him being an attorney he has strengths that I don't have, and me being the infrastructure guy I have strengths that he won't have. If anything comes up that I think he's better at, I talk to him about it, and if I think it's better for him to talk directly to the people than me, we'll have him talk to them."

District 5 Supervisor Steve Gallardo, the Board's only Democrat, was critical of the new map, calling it "a step backward for many communities of interest in Maricopa County, including Latino voters as a whole."



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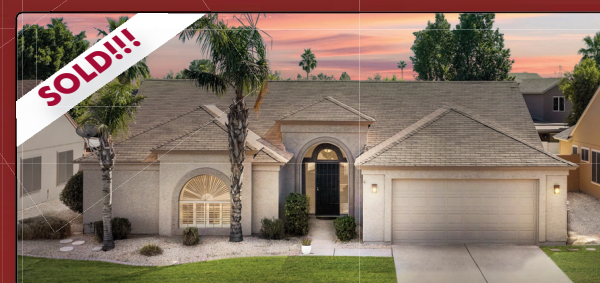
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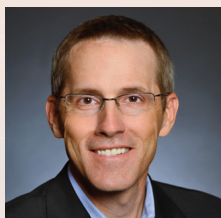
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Schools

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ley was a district employee for 22 years in administrative roles at several schools and was developer of the Kindergarten Readiness Program at Laird.

"Although the names will go into effect this upcoming 2022-23 school year, the process to change the names on signage, uniforms and other school-branded items will take place over a period of time," Tempe Elementary Superintendent James Driscoll wrote in a letter to district families and staff.

"Please note that awards, trophies and other symbols of the school's history will be maintained or preserved in some fashion, as they have important meaning and significance.

"I want to express my sincerest gratitude to our Tempe Elementary students, parents, staff, alumni and community members who have participated throughout this process. This process would have not been possible without your input. We hope that these new school names inspire and connect with students and staff for years to come."

When the History Museum uncovered information linking many prominent figures in Tempe's history to the Ku Klux Klan, that information was forwarded to Tempe City Council, which, in turn, alerted Tempe Elementary that some of its schools bore names of some of those figures.

Although the Klan more recently has been known to discriminate against Blacks, Jews and gays, in the early 1900s in Tempe it was reputed to have focused primarily on anti-Catholic activity, and specifically against Catholic teachers in public schools.

Tempe Elementary agreed in January to evaluate the information and look into possibly renaming the three schools. Informational meetings were conducted in February at the schools to receive public comment and feedback.

In May, the Tempe Elementary Governing Board unanimously voted to pro-



Laird School becomes Cecil Shamley School.

ceed with renaming the schools and began soliciting public input on proposed new names.

"At the January 19, 2022, Governing Board Meeting, Policy FF 'Naming Facilities' was presented to the Governing Board with a timeline proposed for the process of evaluating the Gililand, Hudson and Laird communities' sentiment regarding their school names," Driscoll wrote in his letter. "Since then, we have embarked on an inclusive process in which all stakeholders had the opportunity to contribute input regarding the renaming of facilities.

"We have received thousands of comments via our Policy FF survey and received hundreds of name suggestions via our name-recommendation input form. We have received emails, phone calls and in-person comments at our Governing Board meetings. In addition, we received comments collected at three separate informational meetings and committee meetings held at all three schools."

The name recommendations were presented to the Governing Board on June 8.

After two more weeks of public input, the board voted June 22 to make the changes, effective for the coming school year.

The Governing Board bypassed the two leaders in community response in its public solicitations for renaming: Joaquin Bustoz (185 responses in favor) and Adolfo Romo (119), both far ahead of third-place Shamley (89). Mosely ranked only fifth on the list (65) and Spracale ranked seventh (27).

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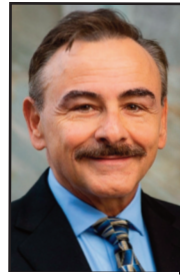




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Election

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leave office. Incumbent Matt Orlando is seeking re-election.

Orlando, 66 and a 38-year resident of the city, is challenged by Angel Encinas, Darla Gonzalez, Jane Poston and Farhana Shifa.

Encinas works with community members to provide legal status, employment opportunities, housing and community services.

Gonzalez, 56 and an 18-year Chandler resident, is self-

employed at Gonzalez Professional Services and is grassroots director For Az Free Enterprise Club.

Poston, 53 and a 13-year resident of the city, in owner/partner in J2 Media and is a former employee of Chandler's public-information office.

Shifa, 46 and a 16-year Chandler resident, owns The Joy of Fine Arts.

Proposition 470, the Alternative Expenditure Limitation-Home Rule Option, is being submitted to voters by City Council, asking for a four-year

continuation of a measure that voters first approved in 1982 that allows the Council to set the budget based on the city's specific needs in general government, public safety, public works and utilities, rather than being constrained by the state-imposed spending formula based on fiscal year 1979-80 set by the Arizona Legislature. It would not raise taxes nor permit Chandler to spend more than it collects in revenues.

Chandler voters have approved 10 consecutive times.

The last recommended day to mail back a ballot is Tuesday,

July 26. Ballots also may be dropped at voting centers or ballot-drop boxes until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

Chandler City Hall, 175 S. Arizona Ave., will serve as a voting center Friday, July 22, through Monday, Aug. 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

On Election Day, Aug. 2, voters may vote in-person or drop ballot 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Complete list of voting centers and ballot drop boxes: locations.maricopa.vote.

Independent voters or voters not registered with a political party can participate in

the primary election. They may select which ballot to receive: Democratic race, Republican race or Chandler issues-only ballot. City measures will appear on the ballot of both political parties.

Independent voters may call Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511 for information on how to request a ballot.

Information about Chandler Primary Election: chandleraz.gov/elections, City Clerk at 480-782-2181, or Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511.

Prop 470 YES OR NO



There's an election on Tuesday, Aug. 2, and Chandler voters will cast a ballot for Prop 470, asking voters to continue the Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation, also known as Home Rule.

The Home Rule Option allows a city to make its own decisions about how to spend its tax revenues. If it doesn't pass, the City would have to cut more than \$216 million from its budget impacting public safety, street maintenance, recreation programs and planned capital improvement projects.

Remember, Prop 470 is NOT a tax increase.

El martes 2 de agosto se llevará a cabo una elección, y los electores de Chandler emitirán su voto con respecto a la Proposición 470, la cual les pide a los electores que continúe la Alternativa Local al Límite de Gastos, también conocida como la Opción de la Regla de Autogobierno.

La Opción de la Regla de Autogobierno permite a una ciudad tomar sus propias decisiones con respecto a cómo gasta sus ingresos fiscales. Si no es aprobada, la Ciudad tendría que recortar más de \$216 millones de dólares de su presupuesto, impactando a la seguridad pública, el mantenimiento de calles, programas de recreación y proyectos planificados de mejoramiento capital.

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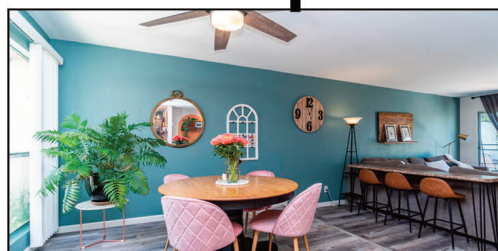
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OPINIONS

Overturing Roe v. Wade at odds with Jewish tradition, violates separation of church-state

By Rabbi Michael Beyo
and Fred Wabnik

The recent Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade will have a profound effect on our country and our state.

Families, with their doctors and religious advisers, will no longer be able to make independent decisions that suit them. In many cases, women's lives will be placed at greater risk.

When life begins is a deeply complex question that does not have consensus among philosophers or religious leaders.

The belief that life begins at conception is a Christian understanding that is at odds with the Jewish understanding.

Banning abortion is at odds with

Jewish tradition.

We believe that abortion, in certain circumstances, including a woman's health, is justified and in some cases is mandatory.

This Supreme Court decision places a hindrance to Jewish families following Jewish law about women's health and imposes a Christian concept about life. This is a forced imposition of Christian values which is in conflict with the separation of church and state and the constitutional rights to freedom of religion.

This is a dark day for millions of women, men and families whose rights have been taken away.

The East Valley Jewish Community Center will continue to stand for the rights of individual freedom and free-



The Overturn of Roe v. Wade is at odds with Jewish tradition, East Valley Jewish Community Center officials say.

dom of religion as enshrined in our Constitution.

We stand with members of our community and employees who will be most impacted by this decision and we will continue to be a source of counsel,

support and assistance.

Michael Beyo is CEO and rabbi of the East Valley Jewish Community Center. Fred Wabnik is Chairman of the Board of EVJCC.

Your vote does matter for mayor, Council in upcoming Chandler primary

By Christine Ellis

The 2022 Chandler Primary Election will take place on Aug. 2. On this important day, Chandler residents will help shape the future of our city by electing three councilmembers and a mayor. I strongly encourage everyone to take part in the process and cast your votes.

Chandler is the fourth-largest city in Arizona, yet we lead the way in so many areas. The city is one of the safest places to live in the state and our schools are top rated. Known as the Community of Innovation, Chandler attracts renowned companies, such as Intel, Waymo and Microchip. We are pioneers in water conservation, with a robust, forward-looking water portfolio. This is all due to stable, consistent governing and



Christine Ellis

great leaders who have Chandler's best interest at heart.

Over the years, I've come to see how important local government is, especially at the city level. This is where the real work is done. Local government is a place where you can directly impact change. It's where your city roads get improved, where first responders answer your call, where your parks get updated and where your drinking water is treated. City governments provide services to people in need, elevating underserved community members and giving them a chance to build a better life. All of these things happen because of good governance, which starts with a good City Council. That's why your vote is so important.

I often hear people say their votes don't count. I could not disagree more. Over the years, many elections have been decided by a handful of votes. In fact, just last year a Florida candidate won her primary election by *five votes*. Every individual voice matters. Every single voice makes a difference.

Chandler candidates run as non-partisans, which is a good thing for residents. Your vote can be truly issue-based. You can connect to a candidate based on their values and a shared love of Chandler. That love of community is something I can very much relate to.

I came to America from Haiti at age 17 and became a U.S. citizen in April 2000. I voted in my first election soon after and have voted in every election since. I will be first in line to cast my vote on Aug. 2. I can say from personal experience that I felt validated and more connected than ever to Chandler the day I was elected as the city's first Black Councilwoman. I look forward to working with the new elects to continue moving Chandler forward. It is our great responsibility, for today's community and for the future.

I invite you to get involved. Visit chandleraz.gov/elections to learn more about the candidates and the election process.

Christine Ellis is a member of Chandler City Council.

A call for moderates to be heard in the fight against extremism

By Mark Moorehead

It's high time moderates within our two political parties and independents stand up to be heard. These groups represent the salvation of our extremely polarized democracy. Unless the political pendulum swings back toward the middle, we may bear witness to America's descent into a rabbit hole of self-destruction.

A recent survey by the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics reveals that such a grim scenario can no longer be dismissed as unfounded cynicism. More than a quarter of Americans surveyed said it might soon be necessary to take up arms against the U.S. government.

In the same survey, 49 percent of Americans said they felt like strangers in their own country.

I'm one of them.

How did we get to this point? By extremists demonizing and purging moderates or centrists from within their two political parties. Political moderates and mavericks, such as Arizona senators John McCain and Congressman Jeff Flake, were relentlessly attacked, ridiculed, labeled as RINOs (Republican in name only) and pushed out by the radical elements of their own party.

Likewise, Arizona Democrats censured Senator Kyrsten Sinema over her pro-filibuster vote and skewered her in the media from deviating from the party line on other issues.

Derogatory labels and censoring are now the cowardly but expedient means by which political parties gang up on and force out vocal moderates who dare to question party talking points.

Elections have become a battle to the bottom.

Even more concerning is that political fighting is no longer limited to politicians or elections. It's become personal in every neighborhood in America.

I've been a registered Republican for more than 30 years. My parents were proud, active members of the Grand Old Party. My mother courageously ran for state office in 1966 when women were treated like second-class citizens.

Although I have not changed my conservative opinions in 30 years, I've been derisively labeled a RINO, verbally chastised and ostracized by radical Republicans—both in person and online—for what I believe are moderate, sensible, common-sense views once shared by many of my fellow Republicans.

Furthermore, one cannot escape being labeled a liberal or RINO these days.

For example, it used to be when you moved into a new neighborhood, neighbors greeted you with a plate of cookies or talked about things to do in the area. Instead, when my wife and I bought our new home last year, I was greeted by neighbors walking their dog who asked if I was escaping the libs from the city from where we moved.

The purpose of such questions is to immediately label you as a friend or foe. A similar exchange oc-

curred at a seemingly innocuous neighborhood garage sale. A man surveying the second-hand items told me I should buy the "Stop the Steal" T-shirt lying on the table. When I said, "no thanks," followed by "I'm a Republican, it was a fair election," he looked at me with shock and hostility, as though I was a heretic that needed to be shunned or silenced.

My experience is not unique. I've heard similar stories from family, friends and neighbors who believe in keeping a low profile and avoiding expressing their political opinion with hardliners at all cost, but, I'm stubborn.

In spite of the push back, bullying and name calling from other Republicans, I chose not to be silenced. Although I'm just one person in a party I hardly recognize anymore, I will continue to defend more moderate views and vote for the best candidate based on their character, not just their agenda.

Hopefully, others will join me in defending the right to disagree within the party.

I firmly believe and am keeping the faith that more Republicans will speak up and denounce anger, threats, name calling and hostility to all our fellow Americans and champion civility, dialogue, reason and compromise.

The alternative to embracing these virtues in any rational society is tyranny, repression or worse.

Mark Moorehead is a former longtime Tempe resident who now lives in Prescott.



Youth and Adult July Workshops

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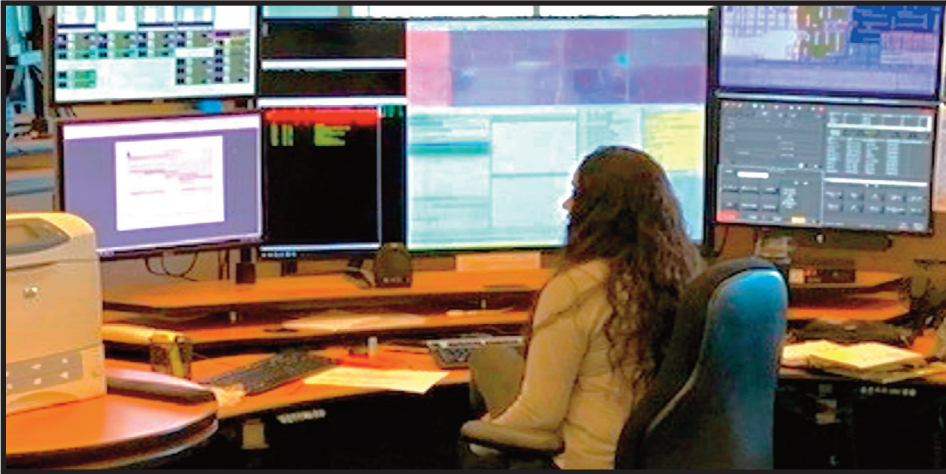
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Tempe 911 dispatchers now route some mental-health calls to Tempe-based Solari Crisis & Human Services. *Tempe photo*

New Tempe 911 response sends pros to mental-health crises in place of law enforcement

By Nicole Greason

Special for Wrangler News

More than 150 calls from Tempeans needing emergency help during mental-health crises have been handled differently since a partnership this year changed how the city responds to 911 calls.

City Council this year unanimously approved a contract with Tempe-based Solari Crisis & Human Services, which operates crisis hotlines in central and northern Arizona that receive about 22,000 calls each month.

Solari specialists began working alongside Tempe 911 dispatchers to respond to calls from non-violent, suicidal people. Callers immediately speak with Solari counselors with experience in psychology, social work and counseling.

According to the city, through June 2022, Solari responded to approx-

imately 152 calls, with assistance ranging from helping stabilize an individual in crisis over the phone to dispatching a mobile team to a person in need.

This marks a change in how the city responds to these calls. Instead of summarily sending Tempe police officers as in the past, dispatchers are now trained to screen calls, determine each caller's situation and – if the caller is non-violent and not an immediate threat to themselves or others – connect them to a Solari counselor without involving the Police Department, which previously responded to such calls.

The counselor takes over the call, does a quick risk assessment of the caller and determines what should be done, said Matthew Moody, Solari director of contact-center operations and clinical services.

"We focus on hearing the person, helping them feel validated and supported, identifying precipitating factors

that led them to this place and determining what's going on with them, how to help and next steps," Moody said.

If it is determined that a caller needs in-person assistance, Solari sends a crisis-response team. If an emergency call reveals a person in crisis is armed or violent, Tempe Police officers are dispatched.

Crisis-response teams from EMPACT, TERROS or Spectrum are available to send when needed, but in the future, the city plans to have mobile teams from its CARE 7 crisis-response unit in place to be the first choice to dispatch for in-person assistance.

CARE 7 has been Tempe's 24/7 crisis-response unit since 1997. Certified team members respond with police and Tempe Fire Medical Rescue personnel to help people experiencing trauma after events such as domestic violence, auto accidents, sexual or physical assaults, suicides, homicides, residential fires, drownings and other unexpected deaths. The team also offers counseling for youth, families and veterans.

Moody said most situations are resolved over the phone, with the caller being referred to supportive care, such as counseling.

Also, Solari counselors ask to follow up with each caller within three days to check on their status.

The program is a "big change from how in the past we've put crisis care and mental health onto the police," Moody said.

Tempe Mayor Corey Woods said Tempe was compelled to innovate its approaches to caring for people in crisis.

"Tempe will be the first city in Maricopa County, and possibly Arizona, to have its own team of mental-health counselors responding to in-person crisis calls," Woods said. "Eventually, it's hoped that Tempe and Solari will move to expand beyond calls related to suicide to also handle those that involve anxiety, substance abuse, family problems or other mental-health issues."

"Tempe is on the leading edge of creating new models for human services

and public safety. This new model will get the best response to the person in crisis and give our police officers more time to focus on fighting crime."

Police Chief Jeff Glover agreed that officers now can focus more on crime prevention and response. Tempe Police received more than 1,700 calls for service related to mental health in 2021.

"Tempe Police officers are the best at what they do to keep our community safe," Glover said.

"We are thrilled that this partnership will allow their true expertise to shine and give mental-health experts the opportunity to lend their skills to those in crisis."

According to Susie Steckner, a Tempe public-information officer, the city's approach to helping people in crisis will include the new mental-health response team, called MyHRT – pronounced My Heart – composed of a licensed social worker and other masters-level mental-health professionals. The city is nearing completion of hiring the team, which is scheduled to be in operation this year.

Steckner said community members will be better served in several ways in overall health and wellness.

On-scene crisis response will be a focus, but the team also will offer general mental-health assistance for individuals and families who are struggling but not in immediate crisis. Prevention services will be offered, as well.

Redirecting mental-health-related calls for service was a recommendation of the city's Public Safety Advisory Task Force, a group of community members appointed by Woods soon after he was sworn in two years ago to examine ways to increase community trust in policing.

The task force's work led to a comprehensive Community Safety Plan for Tempe that will be implemented over several years.

Need help? If you or someone you know is experiencing a behavioral-health crisis, call the Maricopa County crisis line 1-800-631-1314.

W. Chandler hospital takes lead in high-tech medicine

Genetic testing advances prevention of heart disease

By Cliff Summerhill
Special for Wrangler News

In the world of high-tech medicine, could genetic markers identify a person's risk for heart disease?

Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center in West Chandler is involved in a breakthrough study to see.

The program will last at least a decade, starting with the cardiology teams from Chandler Regional as well as Mercy Gilbert Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital collecting DNA samples from men and women ages 40 to 60 who have no known history of heart disease.

"This research study originated as a way to examine whether genetic testing can be used as a way to identify men and women at risk of heart disease based on the makeup of their DNA," Dr.

Robert Roberts, medical director of cardiovascular genomics for Dignity Health in Arizona, said.

This breakthrough study is the first of its kind in North America, according to Roberts. If the study proves successful, it could be used worldwide to help prevent heart disease.

"The use of genetic testing in medicine is not new," Roberts said. "However, Dignity Health in Arizona is the first in North America to use genetic testing in hopes of curbing heart disease, which is the number one killer in the world."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. with more than 650,000 casualties per year, which accounts for one in every four deaths.

"During the first two years, DNA

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Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center in West Chandler is involved in a breakthrough study to assess a person's risk for heart disease.

New program successful in treating advanced COVID



An ECMO machine similar to this is being used at Chandler Regional in the treatment of severe COVID-19 cases.

While COVID-19 seems to defy medical science's 2-year battle to bring the virus under control, an evolution of specialized technology quietly has been saving lives of patients right here in our own backyard.

Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center now offers one of the world's cutting edge treatments along with skilled technicians and a team of specialists that are available at few other hospitals in the U.S.

The equipment and treatments is known as ECMO, for extra corporeal membrane oxygenation, which is recognized as the life support of last resort for patients with severe heart and lung failure.

It is said to be particularly valuable in treating COVID-19 patients, including many cases involving teenagers and young adults.

Mark Slyter, Chandler Regional president and CEO, hailed the arrival of the specialized equipment and services, noting that the resources needed for such an initiative can make using ECMO difficult for hospitals with fewer trained staff.

ECMO is a life-support machine used for patients who are awaiting lung or heart transplants, or who have a severe and life-threatening illness that keeps their heart or lungs from working properly, such as severe lung damage from infection, heart attack and, most recently, COVID 19, according to Slyter.

The complex ECMO medical intervention gained nationwide attention during the height of the pandemic when medical teams began using it for the most-severe COVID-19 patients who meet very strict criteria.

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Heart

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samples collected from participants will be evaluated for their risk of developing heart disease," Roberts said.

"Throughout the remaining period, investigators will be following participants annually to check the status of their heart health, whether they made any lifestyle changes, and if they decided to adopt preventative treatment."

Roberts and his team hope to collect at least 2,000 samples over the course of the study and if the results are successful, the goal is to incorporate genetic testing as part of a patient's routine medical exams.

As with most diseases, early prevention can be the key to saving someone's life.

Currently, it's approximated that half of Americans will have a cardiac event in their lifetime. Today, heart disease prevention includes



Dr. Robert Roberts

drug therapy to lower cholesterol and being aware of high-risk factors, such as smoking and obesity.

This study hopes to start preventative measures early, even if the individual doesn't show any signs of heart disease.

"This should be the last century of heart disease," Roberts said.

"I am hopeful that through the results of this study we will be able to save even more lives in the future by implementing genetic testing for early prevention of coronary artery disease as routine clinical application."

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It is used only after all other conventional treatments have failed, and only a small percentage of patients qualify.



Mark Slyter

Chandler Regional's ECMO program is led by Dignity Health Medical Group intensivist Dr. Francis "Mike" Maguire in collaboration with surgeons from Dignity

Health Norton Thoracic Institute and other cardiothoracic and cardiology specialists.

The team includes five additional intensivists and 15 specially trained ECMO nurses and respiratory therapists.

"The earlier we can treat qualifying patients with ECMO, the higher the likelihood of quicker recovery times and the possibility of improved quality of life for the patient post-treatment," Maguire said.

"Treating these patients requires significant training, careful planning and true dedication, as the recovery process using this technology usually takes weeks and sometimes months."

The Chandler Regional quest to acquire and train for the ECMO program has been in progress for years and was made possible by a donation from the Gila River Indian Community, according to hospital officials.

Prior to opening the program, the Chandler Regional team worked closely with its sister hospital, Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, to become qualified to orchestrate delicate transfer cases for patients needing this specialized level of treatment.

Improved response times expected for W. Chandler with fire station rebuild

Residents of West Chandler can look forward to improved emergency-response times thanks to a vote by Chandler City Council approving \$5.8 million to rebuild Chandler Fire Station No. 282 near Alma School and Warner roads.

The project was proposed to deploy an additional unit to north Chandler and FOR calls from the 85226 ZIP code, which generates about 3,000 calls a year for service, according to Battalion Chief Carlos Vargas.

Chief Tom Dwiggins called it an ideal location that consistently handles the city's highest call volumes.

"These improvements will enable a second engine company to be relocated to the new station, improving our emergency-response capabilities in this area of Chandler," Dwiggins said.

The agreement enables new Station 282 to be built in stages on the site. The new station will have four fire-apparatus bays and capability to house two

four-person engine companies on-site. The second engine company would be relocated from an existing station due to the high call volume in this area.

Chandler Fire personnel will continue to work and respond to emergency calls from the site while the new station is built and the existing station is demolished. The current station was built in 1986 and has been undersize for the area's needs.

Core Construction Inc. was the winning bidder for the job, and a \$478,410 contract also was awarded to Kitchell CEM to perform construction-management services while the project is built.

The rebuild of Fire Station 282 is funded through a bond authorization approved by Chandler voters in November 2021. It marks the first project in a series of infrastructure and facility improvements to be implemented in the coming years through this authorization.

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DIVERSIONS

Tempe author weaves plot line around native Algerian customs in her new book

By Tony Gutiérrez

Special for Wrangler News

As Tempe resident Nouha Deliou searched for children's books for her kids, she looked for works by or about people of color or from different ethnicities or cultures.

Deliou, a native of Algeria, couldn't find children's books that highlighted Muslims — her faith tradition — or North African or Algerian culture. She recalled privately writing a short piece 13 years ago, before she was married, that could be spun into a children's book.

It became *Mona's Scrapbook Adventure*.

"I put the story away under my cabinet, and I didn't open it back up until just a few years ago, after I had my children," said Deliou, who is the mother of 5-year-old daughter Rahma and 3-year-old son Nabeel. "It was a big goal of mine once I had my children to publish this book because I wanted my children to see themselves in the books that they read."

The story features Mona, a young Algerian-American Muslim girl who lives in New York, who becomes excited when her older sister, Layla, is getting ready for her marriage. Mona then is saddened when she learns Layla will be moving to Arizona with her husband, both from Deliou's own life.

To make Mona feel better, Layla suggests her sister help with the wedding planning, and the two take pictures to turn into a scrapbook.

This also was inspired by Deliou's

life.

"As a gift, we used to give each other scrapbooks," she said. "When I got married, I was gifted scrapbooks by my friends in New York."



Tempe's Nouha Deliou, a native of Algeria, wrote a children's book reflecting her native culture.

Deliou wanted to highlight the unique cultural aspects of an Algerian wedding. This includes the dresses the bride changes into during the reception that represent the regions of Algeria, as well as making an Algerian cookie called "Arayech" and wearing "henna," a dye used to decorate hands during celebrations.

The book includes a glossary of Al-

gerian terms.

Deliou contracted local illustrator Kadhima Tung, a Muslim woman of Chinese descent, to bring her characters to life.

"She sent me a bunch of reference photos for what she wanted to interpret each dress," Tung said. "Some of the longest discussions were on that dress page."

Deliou also wanted to bring a religious aspect to the storyline. This includes the actual Islamic marriage before an imam that happens at the engagement but before the couple begins living together.

"I wanted to make sure I added a little bit of my faith in there because my faith is a big part of who I am," she said.

In theory, a wedding isn't required because the couple has met all of the requirements to be married under Islamic law. It's still customary to have the wedding, according to Deliou.

She likened it to a church ceremony in the morning with a reception in the evening.

"Except we don't do it

all in the same day,"

she said. "We do it months apart."

In 2021, Muslim Book Reviewers, a team on Instagram, highlighted the lack of stories within mainstream published books in North America by or about Muslims. In that year, there were no books by or about North African Muslims for any age group. This trend was true for East Asian or Latin American Muslims. Other groups of Muslims lacked representation in some chil-

dren's literature categories.

"I grew up seeing who knows how many images of Muslims portrayed so negatively in books, movies and TV," Deliou said. "We've always been portrayed negatively, and I absolutely want to change that for our children."

"Our children need to see themselves in books that have happy, beautiful moments."

Tung also endeavored to represent their shared faith in her illustrations.

"It's got a lot of subtle call-backs," said Tung, who grew up in Surprise. "None of these stories are super central to an Islamic experience, but there's a lot of cultural subtext. I love it any time I can contribute artistically back to the community."

Mona's Scrapbook Adventure is self-published through Ingram Spark. It premiered at a bazaar for small businesses to celebrate Eid al-Fitr — the end of Ramadan — at the Islamic Community Center of Tempe, one of the mosques Deliou attends with her family.

Deliou's husband, Faisal Halis, a Palestinian-Canadian, who is a mechanical engineer, said he was emotional upon reading the first draft because it brought to mind leaving his family. Halis helped Deliou with the business of getting the book published.

"The vision she had for quite some time is extraordinary in that she was able to create something inspirational to teach children who are Algerian or who are not Algerian," he said. "It was so great to see the final product that can relate to many different families and many different cultures."

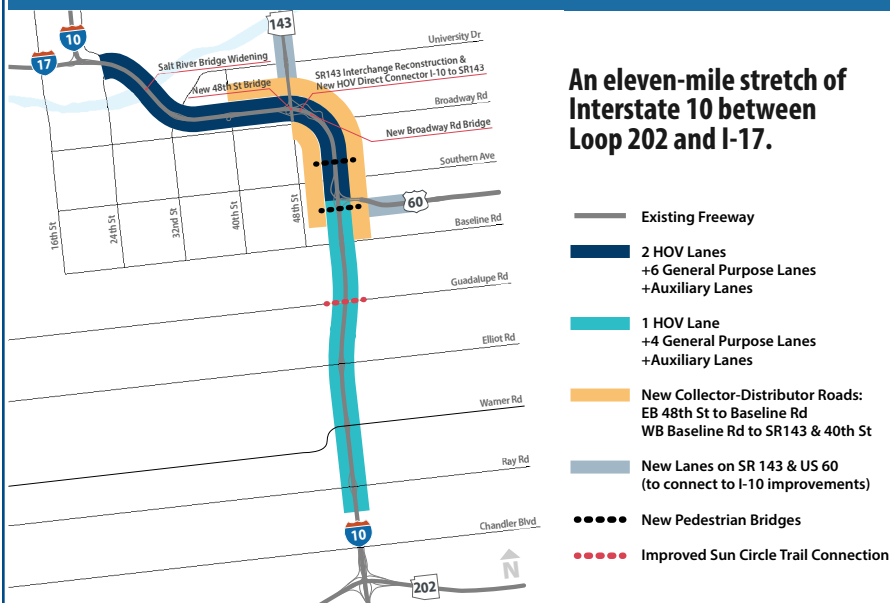
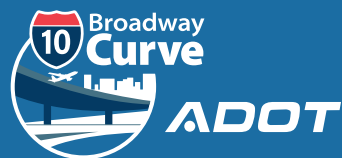
The premise is universal, she says, as all people can relate to a loved one moving away as well as finding ways to make memories. One woman — who is not of Algerian descent — bought a copy of *Mona's Scrapbook Adventure* and reached out to Deliou that she cried when she reached the end.

"We've all experienced people moving away or just creating fun memories with our siblings and being able to share that with each other," Deliou said. "I've had some people buy multiple books after because they wanted to give it away as gifts. So, it made me happy someone was able to be touched by my book and find themselves in it."

To purchase *Mona's Scrapbook Adventure*: nouhasbooks.com.

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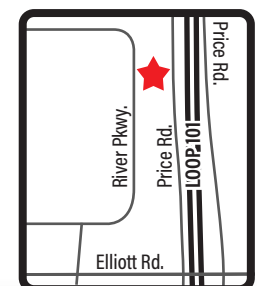
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Movie review

Latest 'Jurassic' offers more Mesozoic mayhem

By M.V. Moorhead

Before discussing *Jurassic World Dominion*, the supposed finale to the *Jurassic Park* series, I should offer my usual disclaimer: I'm a lifelong dinosaur geek. A movie with dinosaurs starts at as much of an advantage with me as, say, a movie about fighter jets does with a military aviation buff.

So take this into account when I tell you that I thoroughly enjoyed *Jurassic World Dominion*. Which I did.

The premise here is that dinosaurs have become a regular fact of contemporary life, usually as a danger or a pest.

The movie begins with an enormous mosasaur ruining the day of a commercial fishing boat, and from there director Colin Trevorrow, working from a script he co-wrote with Emily Carmichael, serves up one sequence after another of Mesozoic mayhem, as the revived reptiles cause traffic accidents, harass children, intrude on industrial sites and so forth.

The beasts are also, of course, poached, illegally bred and otherwise exploited by humans.

The plot mixes the characters from the recent chapters, like Chris Pratt's raptor whisperer and Bryce Dallas Howard's Jurassic Park administrator turned dinosaur-liberation activist, with the heroes from the first film, Laura Dern, Sam Neill and Jeff Goldblum.

Pratt and Howard are attempting to recover their adoptive daughter, the cloned child of a deceased JP scientist, as well as a young velociraptor, the offspring of Pratt's beloved Blue.

Both have been kidnapped by a bio-engineering firm headed by creepy CEO Campbell Scott, and spirited off to an isolated research facility and dinosaur preserve in the Italian Alps.

Meanwhile, Dern, startled by an invasion of locusts the size of baguettes that are decimating crops across the U.S., also suspects that the bio-firm is scheming, in the words of Simon Bar Sinister and Tears for Fears, to rule the world.

She recruits her old pal Neill to help her infiltrate the facility, where Goldblum is gadfly-in-residence, and get proof.

Eventually both sets of characters, along with an extremely glamorous pilot (DeWanda Wise) and a handful of other sympathetic parties, converge.

Along the way they are menaced by dinosaurs and other genetically-engineered perils.

Raptors stalk our heroes through the streets and over the rooftops of Malta-like assassins in a *Bourne* thriller.

Dimetrodons chase them through amber mines.

A giant flying Quetzalcoatlus attacks a plane in midair. Monstrous Giganotosaurus and sentimental favorite Tyrannosaurus Rex brawl like Japanese *kaiju*.

And that's aside from the worst outbreak of giant grasshoppers since 1957's *The Beginning of the End*.

Best of all, maybe, is an eerie, dreamlike sequence in which Therizinosaurs, a predator that resembles an enormous downy pheasant with claws like giant salad forks, towers over Howard as she lowers her pin-up-beauty face into a swampy green pool.

This scene is a good example of a strength that has benefitted the whole series but is particularly pronounced in *Dominion*: the superb sound effects. For all of the movie's visual-effects splendors, it's the *sounds* of the creatures, from the enveloping yet somehow muted bellow of the T-rex to all of the distinctive squawking and hissing and clucking and chittering of the others, that really make them scary.

On the downside, with as much objectivity as I can muster as a sucker for dinosaurs, I must note that the dialogue in *Dominion* seems flat and inexpressive.

Even Goldblum has to push his comically diffident delivery harder than usual to wring laughs out of his lines. And the story is so unnecessarily scattered that the movie loses momentum at times.

Trevorrow is an admirably free-wheeling talent. He made 2015's *Jurassic World* a wild ride. With a tighter, more streamlined rescue-mission plot, this one could have been similarly edge-of-the-seat.

On the other hand, if it was a tighter movie, it might have lost some of its eccentricity, and therefore some of its magic.

Jurassic World Dominion is rated PG-13 and plays at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Arizona Mills and Chandler Fashion 20 and Majestic Tempe 7.

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Summer of Safety

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Tempe is issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the program. To sign up, visit the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St. on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Or stop by on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition, students who attend Tempe, Marcos de Niza and McClintock high schools and live in Tempe can get their passes at school. Information and a registration form are at tempe.gov/YouthPass.



NEW-AGE FOURTH
It was a new kind of Fourth of July show—without fireworks—but it played well to a large crowd at Tempe Beach Park.
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Laura's Gourmet Granola and TCH awarded at Tempe Chamber Annual Luncheon

On Thursday, June 30th, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2022 Annual Luncheon, presented by Southwest Airlines at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix Tempe. The event highlighted accomplishments of the past year for the Tempe Chamber and provided an opportunity for President & CEO Colin Diaz, ACE, IOM to share a vision for the future. Members, valued partners and elected officials acknowledged the hard work of the outgoing board chair, Raveen Arora (The Dhaba), and welcomed incoming chair, Megan Martin (SRP). The luncheon also saw the announcement of the Spirit of Tempe Award, Volunteer of the Year Award, Tempe Leadership Outstanding Community Leader Award, as well as crowned the Small Business and Large Business Excellence Awards recipients.

The Spirit of Tempe Award which recognizes a chamber member's lifetime achievement of service, dedication and contribution to the community and honors hard work and strong commitment to improving the quality of life in Tempe, was awarded to Marni Anbar, of DISCOVERosity Zone. The Volunteer of the Year Award which is given to an individual who has gone above and beyond to help make the Chamber and its programs a success, was awarded to Paul Quinn, of R&K Professional Staffing Solutions. The Tempe Leadership Community Leader Award was presented to Tonya Gray of ASU Alumni, as selected by the Tempe Leadership council.

"The Tempe community and business stakeholders represent a passionate and dedicated group of leaders. The Annual Luncheon was a great opportunity to recognize many peoples' sacrifice, vision and commitment to the Chamber's work and success," said President & CEO Colin Diaz.

The Business Excellence Awards which culminated the event, recognized businesses that have a demonstrated record of business success and growth, community involvement, dedication to their employees, commitment to customer service, and participation in the Tempe Chamber of Commerce. The Small Business Excellence Award, recognizing employers with 25 employees or less, was presented to Laura's Gourmet Granola. Finalists for the award included Silverman Law Offices and Walker Bookstore. The Large Business Excellence Award, which recognizes businesses with 26 or more employees, was presented to The Centers for Habilitation. Finalists for the award included Carvana and Coleman Powersports.

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SPORTS

Ex-Corona star's surprising rise to NBA 1st round is a tribute to determination, spirit

By Lee Shappell, *Wrinkler News executive editor*

Nobody ever questioned Dalen Terry's flash and bravado. But almost everybody questioned whether the former Corona del Sol High wing, known for his flamboyant personality, pesky defense and high-flying dunks, was ready to make the leap to the pros after two seasons at the University of Arizona.

His statistics were not eye-popping (8 points, 4.8 rebounds, 3.9 assists, 1.2 steals a game) and he was regarded as an average shooter.

Even Terry hedged his bets, initially taking advantage of rules that allowed him to test the waters while retaining the option to return to college.

And Wildcats Coach Tommy Lloyd wasn't so sure, either.

"If you were to ask me a year ago at this time if Dalen would have been the 18th pick, I'd probably say, 'Don't bet on it,'" Lloyd told reporters at a draft-day function for Terry at LoLo's Chicken and

Waffles in Scottsdale after the Chicago Bulls selected Terry in the first round of the NBA draft.

"But this kid came so far in a year and it's a credit to his work," Lloyd said of Terry's climb into the first round. "He practiced his butt off every day. He comes to work with a smile on his face. I love his energy and I love his spirit."

The Bulls, who need help everywhere, see Terry as an athletic wing who can make his mark with defense. He fits their up-tempo style, scoring on breaks off recoveries.

The turn of events sat well with Terry, who moved on to Hillcrest Prep after two years as an Aztec.

"When I heard it was Chicago it was like, 'Yeah, perfect,'" Terry told reporters at LoLo's, where he'd signed a name-image-likeness contract last summer. "I feel like I could fit into their system just bringing energy. The way



Tempe native Dalen Terry, who played two years at Corona del Sol, was drafted 18th overall by the Chicago Bulls. *University of Arizona photo*

they play is right up my alley."

Terry, who turns 20 on July 12, passes the eye test. He was measured at the NBA Combine at 6-feet-7-inches, with a standing reach of 8-10 and a wingspan a fraction of an inch under 7-

1. He got on scouts' radar during UA's 33-4 season. And then, Terry's stock really took off as scouts saw him in camps and workouts after the college season. That cemented his decision to turn pro.

Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Corona del Sol well represented at All-City banquet

Twenty-two Corona del Sol High athletes were recognized by the Tempe All-City Association during its annual All-City spring sports banquet, where athletes from the six schools in Tempe Union High School District were honored in eight sports.

Corona softball players took six of the nine awards in the sport after they went into the 6A State Tournament as the No. 10 seed.

The Aztecs' **Emmalyn Brinka**, a senior, was honored at first base. Playing in all 30 games, Brinka had a fielding percentage of .990, making one error all season. She made two double plays.

Other Corona del Sol softball players honored included **Alani Beltran**, a senior. In 28 games at second base, she posted a .910 fielding percentage.

Playing third base in 29 games, senior **Megan Ireland** boasted a fielding percentage of .776.

Isabella Freund, a junior, was honored for her play at shortstop. Playing in 29 games, Freund led the team in double plays (five) while posting an .885 fielding percentage.

Outfielders **Isabella Cummins**, a senior, and **Gena Jackson**, a junior, had fielding percentages of .947 and .900, respectively.

In girls track and field, Corona junior **Sofia Wyatt**, senior **Kendyll Garcia** and junior **Ena McMahon** were named All City.

Wyatt set a personal best of 17 feet, 4 inches in the long jump in winning the Tempe All-City meet.

Garcia won the triple jump at the All-City and leaped a season best 37-10.75 for fourth place at the Division I State Track and Field Championships.

McMahon cleared 12-2 in winning the pole vault at the All-City.

In beach volleyball, Corona reached the state semi-

Sports

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finals powered by senior **Dominique Wofford** and junior **Kierstyn Barton**. They also played in the pairs state championship as the No. 7 seed.

The Aztecs baseball team posted an 8-2 record to take second place in 6A Central Region. Catcher **Landon Springmeyer** and junior outfielder **Justin Corless** were named All-City.

Corona had three athletes in seven events on the boys track and field team honored.

Alexander Lutz, a junior, was All-City in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles. He won both events at the Tempe All-City meet and then set personal records in both at state with 38.94 seconds for second place in the 300 and 14.89 in the 110.

Senior **Brett Wynn** was named All-City in the long

jump, high jump and triple jump.

Wynn took home first place in three events at the All-City meet and placed in the top five in all three at state. He set a personal record (6-8) in winning the high jump at state; had six first-place finishes in the long jump, including a season-best 22-8.25 at the All-City meet; as well as fourth place at state.

Wynn leaped a personal record 45-6.5 and placed fifth at state in the triple jump.

Shot putter **Jalen Walker**, a senior, won four of his final five meets, including the All-City meet. His personal-best put of 53-7 was good for second place at state.

Corona's boys volleyball team, which went 21-12 overall and took second place in the 6A Central, had three players named All-City: junior **Cade Banks**, junior **Tobias Lim** and senior **Connor O'Brien**.

Banks, the Aztecs' setter, played in all 96 sets, amassing 9.9 assists a set. He also had 60 kills, 62 service aces, 79 blocks and 193 digs.

Lim, recognized at middle blocker, led the Aztecs with 82 blocks but his main strength was attacking. He made 202 kills, an average of 2.4 a set, had 45 errors and a .405 hitting percentage.

O'Brien had 198 digs while playing in 59 sets, an average of 8.6 a match, as well as 17 aces and 22 kills.

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SCHOOLS

Tempe students among recipients of scholarships from Valley credit union

Desert Financial Foundation has awarded more than \$140,000 in college scholarships plus backpacks filled with school supplies, such as iPads and Air Pods to 55 Arizona high school seniors

and adult learners – including four from Tempe.

Among the recipients is Addison Olson, a 2022 Corona del Sol High graduate, who was awarded a \$2,500 community-service scholarship.

Other Tempe winners: Abby Baggenstoss, participating in an ASL interpreter preparation program, received a \$2,000 adult-learner scholarship; Susan McDowell Ontiveros, pursuing an associate's degree in nursing, received a \$2,000 adult-learner scholarship; and Alyssa Francia, pursuing an associate's degree in elementary education, re-



Desert Financial Foundation scholarship winners (from left): Addison Olson, Abby Baggenstoss, Alyssa Francia and Susan McDowell Ontiveros.

ceived a \$2,000 adult-learner scholarship.

Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Each recipient also was given a backpack full of gifts from the credit union to prepare them for their higher-education experience. Each backpack included an iPad, an iPad case, Air Pods and additional school supplies.

Twenty-five high school seniors Valley-wide were awarded community-service scholarships worth a combined \$77,500. More than 150 students applied. Recipients celebrated their awards during the 2022 Desert Financial Foundation Scholarship Ceremony at the Phoenix Zoo.

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Donors earn free gift

Tempe Elementary backpack donation drive underway; scheduled to continue through July 28

With the start of school now about a month away, Tempe Elementary School District has begun collecting backpacks for kids in need—accompanied by a reward for backpack donors.

The school district has set up a backpack-donation area at Arizona Mills, 5000 S. Arizona Mills Circle.

Several stores and shops in the mall sell backpacks, which donors can purchase and then drop off at the guest-services area near the food court through Thursday, July 28.

Those who donate, in turn, receive a free gift from the LEGOLAND Discovery Center in the mall. There is limit of one gift per family and the offer is good while supplies last.

Tempe Elementary said nearly 30 backpacks have been donated since the program began in June.

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BUSINESS

Chandler updates bilingual pay program in a nod to the city's growing diversity

Chandler has introduced its revised bilingual pay policy for employees that is designed to enhance customer service to its diverse residents and customers.

A previous bilingual pay policy, established in 2005, created a pool of Spanish-speaking employees, who were available to translate and assist customers.



Chandler city employees who are proficient in a second language may be eligible for additional pay in a new program.

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Bilingual

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That policy has been expanded to include American Sign Language, Chinese (all dialects), Hindi, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

These languages were determined based on Chandler's population demographics from the 2020 U.S. Census, which showed Chandler continues to be among the most diverse communities in Arizona.

Feedback also was received from staff in city departments, who were asked which languages are most commonly requested.

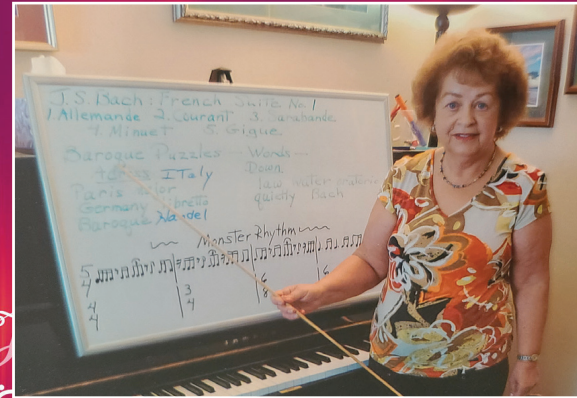
"The revamped policy recognizes the growth of languages commonly used in our community and the need

to serve residents and businesses in other languages," said City Manager Josh Wright. "We value these skills in our current employees and welcome applications from job seekers who bring these talents to our diverse community."

To be eligible for the new stipend, employees must test for both English and the other language in which they are applying. The pay is based on proficiency in both. Advanced bilingual or ASL Superior to Superior Plus will receive \$1,200 annually and intermediate Bilingual or ASL Intermediate to Advanced Plus will receive \$600 annually.

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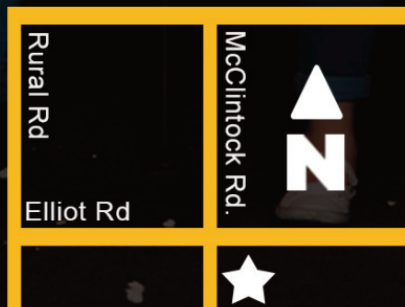
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