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Beth Mulcahy offers rules update.
— Wrangler News photo

Ruling hits HOA fines

By Joyce Coronel

Homeowners with unkempt front yards just caught a bit of a reprieve from the Arizona Court of Appeals. A recent decision by the court makes it more difficult for homeowners associations to levy fines.

Beth Mulcahy, an attorney whose practice is centered on representing community associations, explained the impact of the ruling to attendees at a recent HOA summit held by the city of Chandler.

New approach

The workshop draws residents who serve on HOA boards as well as many who do not. Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, alongside Chandler City Council members and Police Chief Sean Duggan, were on hand and addressed the crowd.

The typical complaint HOAs deal with is the neighbor who allows weeds to proliferate in the front yard. "In the past, what associations would do is first reach



SADDLE UP — Members of the Tempe Police Department's mounted patrol weren't horsing around when they provided a hands-on experience for kids at the 5th annual Tempe Adapted Adventure Day at Tempe High School. The free event was sponsored by The Suzy Foundation, Team Asa and Tempe Diablos Charities. Event was designed for individuals with different abilities and their families to give each child a chance to feel like a super hero. More photos on Page 17.

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Candidates for the Tempe city council race say some of their campaign signs have been vandalized or stolen. Top, a Genevieve Vega supporter posted a handmade sign after her campaign-issued version disappeared. Bottom: The metal posts left behind after a sign for Jennifer Adams was taken.

— Wrangler News photo by Joyce Coronel

Case of the missing signs Some say it's a normal cost of electioneering

Political signs posted by several Tempe City Council candidates appear to be disappearing, only to be sporadically replaced and then, in at least one case, removed again.

Police have said they'll keep an eye out, but so far only some boys who apparently had been drinking were caught defacing campaign materials. Theft of political signs can be prosecuted as a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Doreen Garlid, who with her husband and other volunteers have posted campaign signs around the city, came to Wrangler News with her complaint, saying that her candidate, Jennifer Adams, appears to be among those victimized by whomever is responsible.

So far, she said, about 30 of Adams' 4-by-4-foot signs and 200 yard signs have been taken, with combined first-printing and replacement costs of \$15,000 or more. Other than donations from family, friends and neighborhood residents attending informal open houses, Garlid says Adams has no large-scale fund-raising capability.

"It's sad," said Garlid. "I feel pretty

disillusioned." Adams, she said, has no large-scale fund-raising mechanism, which is "why placing those signs has been so important to Jennifer and to those of us working hard to get her elected to City Council."

In one case, Garlid said, a missing sign was replaced and removed again.

In another, when Garlid and a co-volunteer were placing signs on a weekend, they did find one of candidate Justin Stewart's campaign signs blown over, she said.

"We poked some new holes and put it back in the ground," she said. "It was just the right thing to do."

Following are the written comments from other City Council candidates who responded to an emailed question from Wrangler News about their campaign-sign experiences:

Sarah Kader —As with any campaign, my signs have been lost due to weather and vandalism.



My campaign has lost about five 4x4 street signs to date, as well as numerous yard signs, which is obviously costly,

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Representatives of homeowners associations and residents of Chandler neighborhoods gathered for an HOA summit held by the city to learn about new restrictions on the levying of fines. — Joyce Coronel

HOAs

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out to the owner. If that didn't work they would levy fines," Mulcahy said.

That has changed in recent months.

"It's become more and more difficult for associations to levy fines for violations. This case almost puts it on the brink of making it impossible."

Mulcahy was referring to the Turtle Rock HOA vs. Linda Fisher case heard in Phoenix and decided last October. The decision resulted in the reversal of a nearly \$4,000 fine the HOA imposed on Fisher and is binding on all HOAs in Arizona.

"When I first started in 1995, it was easy to levy fines," Mulcahy said. "We just had to give notice, and if the owner didn't pay the fines, we could put a lien on the property."

Under the new ruling, HOAs are required to adopt and publish a schedule of "appropriate" fines and make it available to homeowners. Fines imposed prior to the publication of the schedule are not enforceable. Mulcahy offered to provide a schedule of fines HOAs could adopt and cautioned that the schedule must be approved by the board at an open meeting.

Even if an HOA has a validly adopted list of fines, she said, the burden of proof is with the association to prove damages.

"If you can't show through testimony or affidavits, we can't collect," Mulcahy said. "When we provide photographs and affidavits from neighbors, that's sufficient to prove it to the judge."

An example of proving damages could be an affidavit from homeowners claiming that they couldn't get a good price when selling their house because a neighbor isn't maintaining his property. The HOA must prove that the offending homeowner is in violation

of the community's bylaws, and the offender must be notified and given an opportunity to respond prior to levying the fine.

"Reaching out to the owner should be the first line of defense," Mulcahy said. "Many times when you do that, you find out about extenuating circumstances such as an illness or an elderly person."

She pointed to community resources and non-profits that can address those circumstances. She also touched on the possibility of mediation, though "both sides have to agree to come to the table to talk."

And for those sticky situations where common areas are damaged, Mulcahy recommended reaching out to the offender/homeowner first. "If they refuse, you can put a lien on their property, but you need to have good documentation if you're going to go that route. One mistake I see is that associations don't take pictures before they fix the damage."

For the habitual stinker who leaves trash cans out, the first course of action should be to send a letter, Mulcahy said. "The key is to tell them up front what the charges are going to be if the violations continue and give them a way to be heard."

Associations that communicate well have the fewest problems, she told the crowd.

This isn't the first year Mulcahy has addressed Chandler's HOA summit. Last year she spoke about short-term rentals vis-a-vis HOAs.

Chandler City Council member Terry Roe, who said he once served on his HOA, urged attendees to be patient in their dealings with neighbors and all things HOA.

"Let's be decent. What do we all want? We want compliance, we want a nice community, we want to be able to be proud of our community," Roe said.

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As weather warms up, Chandler Aquatics is offering area residents family season passes with a 15 percent discount. The family-friendly Nozomi Aquatic Center in West Chandler is one of six city pool facilities.

— Photos by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

W. Chandler discount at Nozomi, other city pools

West Chandler residents can receive a 15 percent discount on a family season pass to Nozomi and the city's other five aquatic centers if they purchase a pass between March 10 and 25.

With the \$95 family pass, the holder may swim at any of the city's aquatic centers from March through November during published or posted public swim hours. Up to four family members can use the pass. Additional family members can be added for \$13 each (regularly \$15).

The discounted passes can be purchased online by visiting chandleraz.gov/registration and clicking on the "memberships" tab. Plastic key fobs, which are scanned at city pools for quick entry, will be issued to each family member with the purchase of a family pass.

"Customers may choose to use the key fob that can be picked up on their first visit to an aquatic center, or they can scan the barcode printed on their receipt into any bar code scanning app, like CardStar, and use a smart phone to check-in when they get to the pool," said Traci Tenkely, a recreation coordinator with the city's aquatics program.

Information: 480-782-2750.

Cancer network, victim's mom, get credit for 15-year fundraising success

By Kody Acevedo

Jeff Luttrell, simply stated, is an inspiration.

For most of his life, he's battled multiple forms of cancer. Yet, he continues to fight every day to live and be able to help others battling with him.

"I think what people need to know is no matter how rough it gets, there is always an out," Jeff said.

Diagnosed with leukemia in 1993 as a child, Jeff endured five years of chemo and three rounds of radiation. A bone-marrow transplant in 2000 gave him about nine healthy years before he was diagnosed with a secondary form of cancer in 2009. This time the cancer was in his mouth.

That fight lasted for about eight years, costing him part of his tongue, chin and jaw. But through the miracles of modern-day medicine, Jeff was given a new hope.

Doctors took part of his shoulder blade to recreate his chin and jaw.

"My surgeon kind of took me apart," Jeff said. "Then after eight hours in surgery, took everything out and put me back together again."

A year after surgery, you wouldn't be able to tell all of this by looking at him or by listening to his passion for life.

"It was rough there for a while, but I got through it."

Now, Jeff, along with his mother Patti, do all they can to help families with children battling cancer. Patti is the founder of Children's Cancer Network, a 501c3 supporting Arizona children and families throughout their cancer journey with programs and services designed to provide financial assistance, promote education, encourage healthy lifestyles and create an awareness of issues faced related to childhood cancer.

"What we do is kind of fill the gaps," Patti said. "Insurance is [on one side], the hospitals are [on the other side] and we kind of try to take care of all the little things that fall in the middle."

CCN was founded after Jeff's stints in the hospital. The Luttrell family noticed the struggles families faced both financially and mentally during such a trying time.

According to Patti, some families report paying up to \$10,000 annually for things like gas and extra child care just to get to and from the hospitals based on the needs of their child's



Participants celebrate at last year's Run to Fight Children's Cancer and Survivors Walk. The family-friendly event offers music, crafts, vendors and exercise with proceeds benefitting Children's Cancer Network and Phoenix Children's Hospital. — Photo courtesy Children's Cancer Network

care.

That's where CCN steps in.

"Last year we raised \$75,000 in food or gas cards alone," Patti said.

Over their 15-year existence, CCN has provided \$4.5 million for Arizona families through gas cards, food cards, support programs and scholarships.

Part of their fundraising efforts includes the annual Run to Fight Children's Cancer, hosted by Grand Canyon University.

After seven years as a sponsor, 2018 marks the first time the Chandler-based CCN will spearhead the event.

"The run has provided us an opportunity to really reach out, not in terms of a fundraiser, but in terms of advocacy," Patti said.

Patti said 87 percent of the 5k, 10k and cancer survivors walk revenue will go toward Arizona families.

And to add a personal touch, Jeff, who has a bachelor's degree in design, designed the medals the participants will receive when they cross the finish line.

"I think it's really special to have something that they go away with be designed by somebody who has been through it," Patti said.

The 8th Annual Run to Fight Children's Cancer is Saturday, March 10 with the 10k beginning at 7 a.m. at Grand Canyon University.

Information: runtofightcancer.com.



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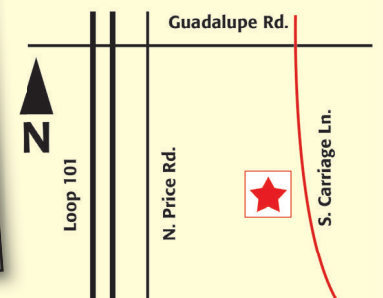
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20 years, thousands of trips later, Tempe vol remembers his first Call 7 response

By Susie Steckner

Bob Rose was out to lunch when his first CARE 7 call came in. A Tempe family had an emergency at home and Rose, a fire service veteran turned city volunteer, responded to the scene.

Newly launched at the time, the city's CARE 7 program was designed to provide crisis services to residents in need and as Rose walked through the door, he knew the needs would be great at this home. An elderly man had died unexpectedly.

A father, discovered by a daughter.

Two decades later, Rose still remembers the details clearly. Details that could easily get lost in the blur of volunteering for so long, in the countless calls made to residents in dire circumstances.

But Rose recalls the scene and what he did.

"One of the things you learn to do is listen a lot," he said. "You just kind of sound them out a little bit, see where they are and see what they need."

For the past 20 years, CARE 7 staff and volunteers have been doing just that. Rose, the longest serving volunteer, thinks of the program this way:

"What I always like to say is we're a little bridge," Rose said.

"A little bridge that takes the person from the most traumatic event of their life, where they are confused and need help, to the other side where they have information and direction and some resources available."

Meeting community needs

In 1997, the City of Tempe launched CARE 7 in partnership with the police and fire departments and what was then the social services division. The goal was to provide immediate crisis assistance to residents. So as first responders manage the scene of a car accident or assault, CARE 7 volunteers help provide guidance and comfort to those in need.

For a grieving parent, that might mean contacting a funeral home. For a domestic violence victim, it could mean finding shelter. For a distraught child, it may be offering a hug.

The program has grown dramatically in two decades. What started as a small all-volunteer operation with limited hours has grown into a vital 24/7 city program that last fiscal year provided more than 4,200 residents with on-scene assistance, more than 1,000 with victim assistance services, and



Bob Rose, an original CARE 7 volunteer, recently retired from the program after 20 years.

— Photo courtesy city of Tempe

hundreds more with counseling.

"We still have the same mission, but we're so much more connected with the community," said Kristen Scharlau, CARE 7 supervisor and one of the original program volunteers with Rose.

New horizons

Rose had spent 31 years with the San Francisco Fire Department, retiring as deputy chief, and wasn't necessarily looking for a new adventure when he learned about CARE 7. But Rose's wife cajoled a bit and the head of CARE 7 jumped at the chance to recruit him.

The day of his first call, Rose spent a fair amount of time with the daughter as she faced the grim realities of her father's death. She wondered what came next. Rose knew. It would be the medical examiner, removing the body.

"That's a traumatic event on top of everything she's already been through," Rose said. "So we decided that a walk was a good idea."

On another call, Rose headed into a home where a woman was threatening suicide. Reluctant to talk, she told him he had just 20 minutes.

"I said 'Well I don't wear a watch so I'm not going to be able to tell when 20 minutes is up,'" Rose recalled. "I stayed there for something like three hours."

Saying goodbye

These scenes played out again and again over the years. Through all the program's growth and change, Rose's gentle, knowing and objective approach stayed the same.

As CARE 7 marked its 20th anniversary late last year, Rose decided to retire. He's quick to shrug off praise for his long service.

"I don't think about me making a difference, but I think the CARE 7 program makes a tremendous difference in the community," he said.

For more information about the CARE 7 program, visit www.tempe.gov. To volunteer, email care7@tempe.gov or call 480-350-8004.

Susie Steckner is a veteran journalist who contributes to the city of Tempe's information outreach.

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Maria Plata, a teacher at Kyrene del Norte, says the Tower Garden has helped her first-grade students improve their behavior and come together to take care of something.

— Photo courtesy Amanda Schneider

Bok choy, Swiss chard — they're now among these kids' lunchtime favorites

By Diana Whittle

First-graders at Kyrene del Norte Elementary School have joined the national trend of growing farm-to-table produce.

By utilizing a unique, vertical gardening system, known as a “Tower Garden,” the Norte students planted the seeds for 20 different varieties, watched them grow and even sampled their harvest—which included lettuce, arugula, spinach, Bok Choy and Swiss chard—all within about four weeks.

Under the guidance of instructor Maria Plata, who teaches in the dual language program, the youngsters recently hosted a salad party to enjoy the bounty of vegetables grown in their classroom.

Plata says she notices a dramatic reduction in behavior issues since installing the garden in her class.

“The tower garden has helped my students come together to take care of something, watch what happens when we care for plants and enjoy celebrating healthy eating habits,” said Plata.

She also feels that the garden provides a calming effect on some students.

“Oftentimes, students will stand by the garden and listen to the water or look at the plants to take a break or if they're feeling frustrated.”

The water feature is one of the special characteristics which makes this growing system different because it uses 10 percent less water to grow plants than a traditional garden. In addition, it can be used indoors or outdoors—until, of course, the extreme Valley heat hits.

The tower is made of sturdy plastic and its compact size makes it manageable for one individual to move the container.

It also uses no soil; rather, it relies on a mixture of nutrients in the water. This process of growing is called aeroponics, an approach developed by NASA scientists who grew plants with this method in the EPCOT Center in Florida.

Their research concluded that aeroponic systems grow plants three times faster and produce 30 percent greater yields on average. This also means it's possible to enjoy abundant, nutritious harvests just weeks after planting either seeds or small seedling plants.

The tower garden for Norte was obtained through a grant made by the Arizona Sustainability Alliance and facilitated at Kyrene by a volunteer, Doelis Pankey, who also has installed another Tower Garden in the Tempe

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Corona's boys volleyball team is composed of experienced seniors and athletic younger players who are hoping to win volleyball matches this season. Front row, from left, Matthew Burgess, Yuki Yamada, Filip Nedelkov, Santiago Connolly. Middle row, Tin (Tyler) Lai, Zachary Lobeck, Nikolas Zeiner, Sebastian Burgos, Trey Kuyper. Top row, coach Geoffrey Horewitch, Christopher Davis, James Watson, Dallin Dayes, Preston Schoenhardt, Ryan Pike, Manager Abby Meyer, Manager Lexi Vlcek. Not pictured: assistant coach Brandon Lake.

— Photo courtesy Courtney Wiatt

Sports

Aztec team shines so far despite lack of seasoned players

By Alex Zener

After losing 13 seniors to graduation and only returning seven players from last season's team, it was assumed that this spring would most like be a rebuilding year for Corona's baseball program. Wait—not so fast.

The Aztecs' youthful and relatively inexperienced baseball team started the season going undefeated, 4-0, at the Adam Donnenfield Tournament 2018 and then won two out of the next three games to start the season with a 6-1 record.

The Aztecs defeated Marcos de Niza, Feb. 21, 10-0, North Canyon, Feb. 22, 14-3, Gila Ridge, Feb. 23, 11-0, and then Brophy College Prep, Feb. 23, 7-0 at the Adam Donnenfield. They then went on to defeat Dobson, 17-1 on March 1 and Copper Canyon, 23-0 on

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March 2 after losing to Red Mountain 4-1 on Feb. 28. Corona outscored their opponents over the first seven games, 86-5.

“We had a good season last spring with an experienced team who took us all the way to the 6A state semifinals,” said head coach **Dave Webb**. “We didn’t know quite what to expect after losing so many seniors, but I love the young and talented group of players who came out this spring.”

Out of the seven returning players, only four were starters last season: Senior **Matt Novis**, outfielder and pitcher; junior **Daniel Sotelo**, pitcher; and juniors **Wyatt Berry** and **Brian Kalmer**, both infielders.

“I am expecting these four returning starters, along with seniors **Erik Weidner**, **Teddy Ladley** and **Luke Eno**, to have a big impact on our young team not only by setting examples with their play during practice and games but by their leadership on and off the field,” said Webb.

“Matt Novis, Brian Kalmer and Wyatt Berry are some of our best batters along with junior outfielder **Matteo Baker**, sophomore center fielder **Cade Verducco** and sophomore shortstop **Hunter Haas**.”

“Baker is a great hitter in all fields while Verducco is speedy and super athletic hitting .600 on the

freshman team last year,” said Webb. “Verducco has already verbally committed to Grand Canyon University while Haas, who has already committed to Oregon State, is a slick fielding shortstop.”

Pitching and defense are the Aztecs main strengths as a team, according to Webb, and Corona has three starting pitchers who will play a big role in the team’s success this season.

“Daniel Sotelo and Matt Novis, who has verbally committed to Yavapai, both pitched for us last season,” said Webb. “We also have sophomore **Bryan Webb**, a solid left-handed pitcher, who set the freshman ERA record last year with a .90 ERA. Bryan will also start at first base.”

Sotelo started as pitcher in six games last season, as a sophomore, and is credited with winning four games according to the stat sheet. He pitched over 40 innings with an ERA of 2.54. Novis made nine appearances last year pitching over 13 innings.

Senior **Luke Eno**, a right-hand pitcher, is also a returning starter but is injured. He will hopefully be able to come back soon, according to Webb.

Berry, Haas and Webb are strong infield players who have helped with the Aztecs defense while Verducco and Novis provide strong outfield defense.

Junior **Jack Schobinger** shores up the defense from the catcher position.

“Jack is a catcher who can straight up throw the ball,” said Webb. “He is a great defensive player.”

The Aztecs were scheduled to play at home against Desert Ridge March 7 and Hamilton March 9 before playing at the 2018 Boras Classic in Lehi, UT, over spring break, March 14-17.

After the young team gains some valuable experience over the break, Corona will return to their regular season schedule on March 20 when they play two away games: at Mountain View, March 20, and then at Mountain Ridge on March 24.

“This year’s team is made up of lots of talented players and some super human beings that I love being around,” said Webb. “Experience is all that this team lacks.”

“If we grow up in a hurry, this season could be really fun. We’ll see what happens as the season progresses.”

Marcos de Niza Baseball

The Padres started the season playing in the Adam Donnenfield Tournament 2018 Feb. 21-24 against mainly 6A schools where they lost the first three games before coming back to defeat Gila Ridge 5-4 on Feb. 24.

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Since that tournament, Marcos has won two out of three games defeating Youngker 13-3 on Feb. 26 and St. Mary's 10-4 on March 2.

Junior pitcher **Elias Martinez** is credited with the wins against both Youngker and St. Mary's. He pitched five innings against the Roughriders allowing only two hits and three runs while striking out six batters.

Junior pitcher **Riley McDonnell** is credited with the 5-4 win against Gila Ridge.

Additional pitchers who have seen time on the pitching mound for the Padres so far this season are senior **Eric Oden** who has pitched 13 innings where he allowed only 10 hits against him while striking out 14 players.

Three freshman pitchers have played in this early part of the season: **Alex Denham, Rafael Armenta** and **Daniel Rodriguez**.

Playing outfield positions for the Padres are seniors **Kevin Dunnahoo, Michael Rosales** and **Oden**, sophomore **Nate Meyer** and freshman **Armenta** and **Rodriguez**

Senior **Nick Leach** plays shortstop and is joined in the infield by seniors **JP Patterson, Tyler Daraban, Max l'Heureux, Adam Sebastian**, juniors **AJ Montiel** and **Matt Bergevin** and sophomore **Ethan Galetti**.

Marcos was scheduled to play at Shadow Mountain March 6 and at Sunrise Mountain March 8. Over spring break the Padres are playing in the Highland Tournament March 12-15.

The first game scheduled at the Highland Tournament is against Desert Ridge on March 12 and then Williams Field on March 13.

The next regular season game will be March 16 at Saguaro, then the Padres are scheduled to play two home games: March 20 against Cortez and March 22 against Casa Grande.

Corona Volleyball

Corona's head boys volleyball coach **Geoff Horewitch** is optimistic about his team this season because of their athletic ability on defense and their versatility on offense.

"We have a good core of six returning players plus some new athletic players which should help us play better defensively," said Horewitch. "In addition, almost all of the players on this season's team can play multiple positions which should allow us to spread the ball around more to keep teams off balance thus making us better offensively."

The six returning players will each have an impact based on the position they play on the team.

"Senior **Chris Davis** has been on the varsity

team all four years and is probably now one of the top players in the state," said Horewitch. "He is, in my opinion, the number one setter in Arizona but has the ability to play anywhere on the court so he will possibly be switching positions to outside hitter to help the team."

"Chris had a brother who played outside hitter at Corona until he graduated in 2012," said Horewitch. "Chris may try to break his hitting record. Regardless, he is one of our captains and a tremendous team leader."

"Senior **Ryan Pike** is another player who has been on the team a number of years. He has been a starting outside hitter since his sophomore year and has gotten even stronger this winter," said Horewitch.

"Senior **Dallin Dayes** and junior **James Watson** return as our two middle blockers where they have grown and improved after gaining valuable experience playing club ball," said Horewitch. "Senior **Trey Kuyper** has improved and become more versatile as well. He can play on either the right or outside hitting positions."

"Currently, Chris Davis is one of our go-to hitters along with Ryan Pike and James Watson," said Horewitch. "That means we need a setter if we use Chris as a hitter."



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“Our last returning starter, junior **Niko Zeiner**, has grown as a setter and become a dominate person on the court. He is able to set the ball anywhere for our hitters,” said Horewitch. “He was top five in the state last year in aces and should be able to repeat that this year.”

In addition to setting, Zeiner is one of the strongest blockers on the team along with Davis and Dayes, according to Horewitch.

After losing four senior starters and two players who came in off the bench to graduation, the Aztecs needed to find some players who offered promise to replace these seniors.

Horewitch feels lucky to have found some help in a senior transfer and a talented freshman.

“Senior transfer **Preston Schoenhardt**, who will need to sit out half the season before he can play in a game, brings a wealth of volleyball knowledge to help our newer players,” said Horewitch. “Preston can also play several different positions which should really benefit our team’s overall success.”

“Then we have freshman **Tyler Lai** who brings a lot of athletic ability and a high

ceiling to our team,” said Horewitch.

Although Corona has the offensive hitters and front-line defensive positions lined up, Horewitch is a bit concerned about the back row defensive libero position.

“We graduated our starting libero last spring and what we did not have was a starting libero waiting in the wings as we have had in past seasons,” said Horewitch. “So far, our best diggers are Chris Davis and Preston Schoenhardt, who are needed at other positions. We will be analyzing back row players to hopefully determine a starting libero.”

Additional players who contribute to the team’s overall success on and off the court include seniors **Matthew Burgess** and **Filip Nedelkov**, juniors **Santiago Connolly** and **Yuki Yamada** and sophomore **Sebastian Burgos**.

The Aztecs were scheduled to play at Higley on March 8. The next regular season game is scheduled for March 20 at home against Mountain View, at Seton Catholic March 21 and at home against Chandler, March 22.



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Briefly

Chamber exec named to Public Radio board

Anne Gill, president and CEO of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, is among three new members of the board of directors of Friends of Public Radio Arizona, a 17-year-old community organization whose goals are to assure the future vitality and excellence of public radio and broaden its support.



Gill is a community and business advocate with expertise in strategic partnerships, marketing strategies, community outreach,

economic development, financial and event management.

She has been a member of the Tempe Leadership Board of Directors, Tempe Tourism Office Board of Directors, Rio Salado Foundation Board of Directors, Arizona Chamber Executives Board of Directors and Legislative chair, as well as the city of Tempe Sustainability Commission.

The board is made up of community leaders selected for their appreciation of the value of public radio who are committed to improving the quality and accessibility of public radio throughout the state.

FPRAZ Board members are elected to serve four two-year terms. John McDonald, retired vice president of corporate communications for US Airways and current FPRAZ board chair made the announcement.

Others named to the board are Bahar Schippel, a partner in the firm Snell & Wilmer, and Mike Young of The Lockton Companies.

Kyrene event aims at controlling screen time

Families and students grades 4-8 are being invited to attend a positive parenting event, Kids Under the Influence, to learn more about the often-hidden impact of screen time and social media on your child's wellness.

The event is scheduled 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 20.

Retired special agent and forensic computer expert Frank Griffiths and internet safety authority Katey McPherson will guide audience member through lessons on how to stay safe online, how to cultivate a responsible digital footprint and how to use and balance technology as a family. A light pizza dinner will be served (limited quantity). Admission is \$5 per family. The session will be held at Akimel A-al Middle School, 2720 E. Liberty Lane, Ahwatukee.

Garage sales March 24 at Warner Ranch

More than 40 Warner Ranch homes will hold garage sales 7-11 a.m. Saturday, March 24. Most of the sales will take place in the portion of the neighborhood that sits between Rural and Kyrene, north of Ray in Tempe and West Chandler. Follow the signs in the neighborhood and ask for maps provided at participating homes.

Following the garage sale, there's a donation drive for Corona del Sol High School's track and field team. The team makes money for every pound of gently used items donated. The drive runs 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Corona Del Sol High School, 1001 E. Knox Road, Tempe.

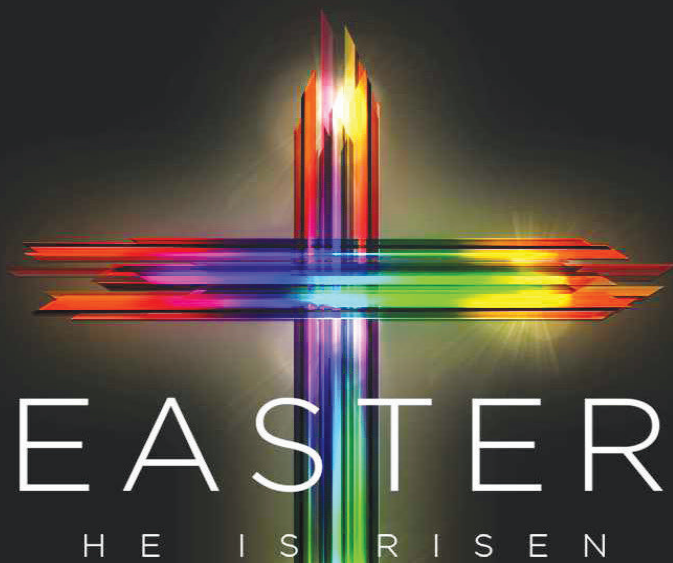
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Garden

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Boys and Girls Club for Head Start students.

Pankey sold the concept to Norte teachers, including Amanda Schneider, a former KMS teacher and a mother with kids who attend Waggoner Elementary. Schneider feels she is on a mission to educate kids, so hopes to see Tower Gardens installed in more Kyrene schools. She says they can be valuable teaching tools, so kids can understand that lettuce doesn't originate in a bag at the grocery store.

"While students witness firsthand how plants grow with the Tower Garden system, they also learn the importance of sustainability, healthy eating and giving back to the community as the excess produce will be donated to families," said Schneider.

"Now that the garden is up and running, it will be moved to share with other classrooms. Kyrene del Niños is also installing a Tower Garden in one of its first-grade classrooms as well."

Schneider has four Tower Gardens in her backyard and grows produce to use in cooking.

"A wide variety of vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers can be grown," said Schneider. "The Tower Garden will grow just about anything except root crops, grapevines, bushes and trees."

She explained that this method of gardening is also much less time consuming than the more traditional method. "Once the garden is installed, it's almost like a plug-and-play toy. Watering is controlled through timers and by adding the nutrients once a week. Grow lights can be used inside and, with no soil, there is much less mess to clean up."

Additionally, Norte teacher Plata says, her kids have experienced a calming effect with having the garden in their classroom. "Each day my students provide water and notice how much their plants have grown. I remember that, when we first started it, we read in a book about how plants grow, and they thought I was crazy because we weren't going to use soil."

While it's great to read things in books, if we, as educators, can provide an actual learning experience for our students that is even better."

More information about Tower Gardens can be found on-line at www.momonamission.towergarden.com.



Seeing red

Mary Contreras of Tempe-based Contreras State Farm Agency was among the real and make-believe redheads who celebrated recognition of Nancy Kinnard, front row, lower left, executive banker for National Bank of Arizona, as Scottsdale Woman of the Year. In observance of Kinnard's selection, a gathering of "Nancy Want-to-Be's" popped up throughout the ballroom to honor the choice. Kinnard is also a member of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, where she has worked with the Women in Business Council and Mentoring Program. The group also included former Women of Scottsdale Nancy McCutcheon of Virginia G Piper Honor Health; Paula Cullison of Arizona Women's Partnership; Cie Scott, PhD; Pam Gaber of Gabriel Angels; and Debbie Gaby of Debbie Gaby Charities.

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Members of the Kyrene Rotary Club helped pack 900 emergency boxes of food at the United Food Bank this month. The club supports numerous local charities with its annual Golf Classic Tournament.

— Photo courtesy Kyrene Rotary Club

Kyrene Rotarians aim to 'make a difference' at April golf classic

By Chelsea Flood

Since its now decade-old inception, Kyrene Rotary Club has been synonymous with community service, an organization whose purpose is to strengthen vulnerable areas in the surrounding community. In other words, the ultimate good guys (and ladies, as well).

In order to grow their mission of assisting those at risk, this past summer the club's members went into partnership with the globally centered Rotary Foundation, a charitable organization with worldwide recognition.

The foundation, which has become a centerpiece of the Kyrene club's philanthropic efforts, supports a wide range of community needs related to education and hunger, namely programs of the Boys and Girls Club of Guadalupe and dictionaries for the Roosevelt School District.

The group also contributes to United Food Bank, Kyrene Resource Center, The Centers for Habilitation, teacher awards at Corona del Sol High School, scholarships for needy students and funding for Rotary exchange students.

Once the local club decided to support the foundation's efforts, it took members only a few short months to conceptualize and execute planning for their first annual Kyrene Rotary Club Golf Classic.

"Our goal is to help the community by reaching all of the people and businesses within it, which is why public service is our first priority," said Kelly Alexander, a member of the organizing committee.

"We are focused on creating a great experience for everyone that attends, in order to grow the tournament annually," added Alexander.

The planning committee, in addition to Alexander, includes members Wally Stuebner and Ken Pollock. "We have the right resources...to really make a difference

through this tournament and provide for our community," Stuebner said.

"It's important to us to make this a first-class experience, and that's why we chose Whirlwind Golf Course for the venue." The objective, he added, is to seek like-minded neighbors and business owners looking to help make a difference.

"We want everyone to love the event, love the cause. The real support will follow suit," Stuebner said.

The club hopes to register 72 golfers for this year's event. Currently, there are 14 hole sponsors, including Someburros, US Egg, ReBath, PrixeMyAC.com, Laura Egan Design, State Farm Insurance Steven Sumwalt and Academy Mortgage Company to name a few.

"The biggest challenge so far has been gathering enough 4-some teams to play, although it's still very early on," Alexander said. "Surprisingly, the support through sponsorship has been much easier to gain, but we still have a ways to go."

Added Alexander: "We're just getting started here."

"We are very enthusiastic about this opportunity and we strongly believe it ties in with our strategic plan," committee member Pollock said.

Added Alexander: "At the end of the day, we just want people to know that we exist and that we want active members of the community to come be a part of it. Together we can make a difference."

The Golf Classic will take place on April 28 at 1:45 p.m. at Whirlwind Golf Course at Wild Horse Pass. Tickets are \$125 per person, which includes golf, cart, balls, dinner and drink tickets. An awards dinner and silent auction will follow. Registration and information can be found at www.kyrenegolf.com.

Signs

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but any campaign builds these losses into its budget and also knows not to solely rely on signs and name ID to win. I am proud to be running a campaign that has focused on substantive issues that actually affect Tempe families and community members, not distracting and irrelevant campaign drama.

Genevieve Vega — Yes, unfortunately many many signs have been vandalized, stolen, or damaged. All candidates' signs have been

removed along southbound Price Road and in several intersections. In most cases, stakes have gone missing as well.

Many signs became loose during our last storm with high winds and had to be repaired or they'll be removed if obstructing the sidewalk. Signs that block business signage are often removed. In these cases, sometimes signs are able to be found near a dumpster, or retrieved from a property manager.

Campaigns should expect to lose signs in every election. This is why I use stronger stakes instead of rebar and wire instead of plastic ties. It reduces the loss, though it costs more money. I'm fortunate to have supporters who report signs that are down or damaged, and volunteers who routinely maintain them. This is a LOT of work, but so important to maintain.

For yard signs, I've had a number of emails from supporters who have said my sign was stolen and in some cases, replaced with another candidate's sign without their permission. Again, loss of yard signs is expected, though replacement by another candidate is not.

Lauren Kuby — I have a volunteer sign crew to maintain my signs, but I've lost a considerable number of road signs (maybe 15-20) and an untold number of yard signs.

The 4 x 4 road signs cost about \$22 each (double sided; single-sided are cheaper).

In the 2014 race, I lost a total of 40 road signs (I know this because that is how many I could re-purposed in this race). It was frustrating.

Every campaign cycle, you'll hear candidates lash out and claim thievery, but from my experience (with road signs at least), it's often the business owner who does not realize that political signs are allowable (and legally protected...

first amendment speech) in the right-of-way. When my sign crew notices a downed sign, they usually look in the nearest waste bin and have re-claimed signs that way. We try to inform the business owner that it is a misdemeanor to remove the signs but if they resist, it isn't worth it to press (they will likely remove them anyway).

I've had a sign on SW corner of University and Rural (Tempe's busiest intersection) that is continually being taken down and there's no business there, so I don't know what to think.

With yard signs, it tends to be kids on their way home from school kicking the signs down. Genevieve Vega told me that a number of voters called her to report that their Kuby/Vega signs were removed and replaced by another candidate's. Not much we can do about that, except bring over new signs.

In any case, losing signs is the cost of doing business. This year I produced 10 or more as planned replacement signs.

Justin Stewart — I think we have had 3 large signs go missing in the course of the whole campaign (that we know of). We did not replace them, but just moved some other signs around.

One was at Baseline and Priest, which went missing about 3 weeks ago, and was snipped from its rebar, with the rebar left behind (we know it was snipped because we found the plastic zip-ties). One was over by the Marquee theater on Mill, but all of the candidates signs disappeared there, and we contributed it to just a large amount of people in that area exiting the Marquee Theater. Our Southern and Priest one also disappeared, but we moved one of our other signs back to that location. We found no indication of snipping the zip ties or anything, we suspect we might have been blocking the Circle K sign too much and they removed it. We had one at Baseline and McClintock that was snipped from its rebar and thrown in the big dirt lot there. We rescued the sign from the dirt lot and put it back up. It was snipped because we found the plastic zip-ties from the sign.

I cannot comment on how many small signs have gone missing or disappeared. I know there was one or two, but we just chalked that up to normal pedestrian traffic in our neighborhood.

Robin Arredondo-Savage — We haven't had any evidence of our signs being stolen.

Some of our signs have disappeared, but that's always the case during a campaign.

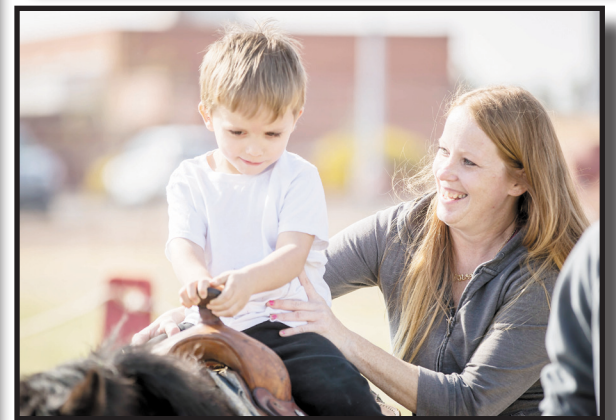




Inflatables, animals, heroes, oh my!

Despite everyday challenges, it's important to let kids be kids. Insert an activity-packed, family-friendly Saturday and there's a recipe for guaranteed success. The entertainment was in abundance for those that attended the 5th annual Tempe Adapted Adventure Day at Tempe High School. The free event, which is specifically designed for children with special needs and their families, was made possible thanks to the support of the Suzy Foundation, Team Asa, and Tempe Diablos. The day consisted of attendees meeting face to face with curious animals at the petting zoo, built and crafted alongside Home Depot employees. Participants also boogied away with the Dance 101 team, played ball with the Arizona Cardinals, watched in awe as the Tempe Police performed a K9 demonstration, and cooled off with the Tempe Fire Department.

— Photos by Billy Hardiman
for Wrangler News



Geeks Night Out: Where young explorers of today learn about being the scientists of tomorrow

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Photo essay by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News



A free, family-oriented event drew scores of potential future scientists and engineers to the Tempe Community Complex for the annual Geeks Night Out extravaganza. The outdoor science expo featured plenty of hands-on demonstrations that held these kids—and their parents—spellbound. More than 70 organizations participated in the evening that drew representatives from local elementary, middle and high schools as well as college and university students. Community partners and businesses were also part of the festival that merged fun and education, highlighting everything from robotics demonstrations to solar-powered race cars and science experiments and coding exercises. Live entertainment plus food vendors and bounce houses were also part of the mix.





From Nigeria to Tempe, with [lots of] love

By Joyce Coronel

Victor Jakpor was comfortable. A native of far-flung Nigeria, a country in which tens of millions of people struggle to earn less than a dollar a day, he was living the American dream in Tempe.

Jakpor came to America to study finance at Arizona State University in Tempe and graduated in 1992. By the early 2000s, he was married with two children and working in corporate America. A trip home, the first in 20 years, reacquainted him with the dire poverty that plagues the West African nation.

“I saw how desperate the situation is,” Jakpor said. His aunt sat him down for a talk. “The kids aren’t going to school,” she told him. “They’re out on the streets selling.”

“She challenged me,” Jakpor admitted. “But I felt I had nothing to contribute. The last thing I wanted was to go back.”

After returning to the U.S., he attended a conference about hunger at his church where one presenter asked participants to write down what they would do to make a difference if time



Victor Jakpor, founder of Mission Africa, said the organization assists Nigerians but also helps Americans grow in compassion and understanding.

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and money weren't an issue. Jakpor wrote about alleviating hunger in Africa. As it would happen, three other attendees wrote of a similar desire to help Africa, the presenter told him. "God was nudging me," Jakpor said.

And that's the short version of how Jakpor eventually founded Mission Africa in 2006, a faith-based, non-profit organization working to address extreme poverty in Nigeria.

"You see a 12-year-old child who looks like he's 8," Jakpour said. "It's malnourishment and it impacts their growth and their ability to learn." Mission Africa's goal is to help children become educated and villages to become self-sustaining.

A Saturday-afternoon gathering at the Synergy Team's Real Estate and More in Tempe offered area residents an opportunity to learn more about the efforts of Mission Africa. The South Tempe office opens its doors to provide a community hub where area residents, organizations and entrepreneurs can gather. Jakpor, a financial advisor, often partners with Jasson Delacroce and Ryan Dowell, real estate agents who founded the firm.

Tempe resident Kim Steele, president of the board of Mission Africa, traveled to Nigeria with the group last October. Witnessing first-hand the difficulties and deprivation of Nigerians, she said, changed the



way she saw Tempe and life in general. "The trip was such a blessing and I intend to go every year," Steele said, adding that she looked at life differently upon her return to the U.S. Her eyes filling with tears, she said she wishes more people could make such a journey. "We are such a people who take advantage of what we have. The people there are so appreciative for every single thing."

A 20-minute video at the Mission Africa reception explained that in spite of its vast oil wealth, Nigerians are, for the most part, poverty-stricken.

"Nigeria is sixth in the world for oil production, but not a drop of its riches has reached the overwhelming majority of Nigeria's citizens," the film's narrator explained. Jakpor appears in the video outside a dilapidated school building, empty because it's market day.

"They need a lot of help, that's for sure. There's no reason why we should allow kids to come to school in these kinds of conditions," Jakpor said. The basics, like electricity or text books for children, remain the stuff of dreams for many.

Little by little, Mission Africa is making inroads. Early on, they focused on getting schoolbooks for the children, working with three schools in Amukpe village. Now they're expanding their mission to improve the quality of the food. Without better nutrition, kids struggle to learn, Jakpour said. They've also set up a sewing program that employs village women to sew school uniforms and other garments so they can support their family.

"It's so easy to get content with life here in America," Jakpor said. Mission Africa helps him—and those who partner with the organization—to get out of their comfort zones and stretch to help villagers thousands of miles away in Nigeria. "I believe we are here in this world to make an impact," Jakpor said.

And the impoverished of Nigeria have a few lessons to impart to Americans, he added. "Yes, people struggle there, but there is joy," Jakpor said. "You see how happy they can be even when they struggle so much."

Information: missionafrica.org

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A message from Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell

I've written in the past about a bad bill that has been introduced at the Arizona Legislature—House Bill 2333. As written, this bill will have a devastating impact on our neighborhoods and we as a community need to reach out to the Arizona State Senate to STOP this bill today.

House Bill 2333 will be up for a vote in the Senate Commerce and Public Safety Committee on Monday, March 12, at 2 p.m.

HB2333 is a clear cut case of some state legislators overreaching into what should be local issues regarding the character of our neighborhoods. At first glance, HB2333 seems to give cities the right to regulate these home-based businesses, but it does not. The bill is misleading because cities already have this authority.

With vague language and undefined rules (despite being amended), HB 2333 will make it nearly impossible for cities and their residents to challenge and stand up for their neighborhoods. In other words, this bill would open your neighborhood for nearly any type of commercial and retail use. This bill has been called the “Massage in your Garage” bill, because it would literally allow this type of business transaction in YOUR neighborhood.

Cities can already allow for low-impact home-based businesses. But the ambiguous language in HB2333 opens the door for the operation of nearly ANY type of home-based business in our neighborhoods with an unlimited number of business clients on a residential property, which would ruin the character of what makes Tempe so special.

Tempe residents have been a driving force in stopping 2 other bills with similarly harmful aims (SB1002 and SB1175). Let's continue to stop this threat to the character of our neighborhoods by speaking out on the 3rd bill—HB2333.

We've worked hard to make our neighborhoods safe and clean places to live and raise a family and this bill is an immediate threat to our quality of life. Please forward this email to your neighbors and friends. We need to write your legislators and urge a no vote on HB2333.

Please help us STOP this bill TODAY.

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Water Conservation Specialist Deina Burns checks a residential water meter during a free water audit.
— Photo courtesy city of Chandler

Utility bills alert customers to spikes in water use

West Chandler and other city water customers with unusually high water use will begin seeing alerts on their water bills.

Any customer whose water use doubles from one month to the next will be alerted. The city had been notifying customers of such increases via a postcard, but this process led to delays in notification that will be remedied by including the alert on the water bill.

“Our customers may already have been aware of the water use increase and can explain it, but we want to bring the increase to their attention just in case,” said Deina Burns, a water conservation specialist with Chandler.

“If a customer is unable to account for the increase and wishes our help in finding the cause, we can visit their home and conduct a free water audit to identify the problem.”

The audit will evaluate a customer’s water use, check for leaks and verify the water meter is working properly.

Households that took advantage of the home water audit last year saved an average of 34,000 gallons of water.

Visit chandleraz.gov/water to schedule a free water audit, or call 480-782-3809.

Online resources to help determine the cause for high water use can be found at chandleraz.gov/water.

Potential reasons for increased water use include the filling of pools, seasonal adjustments to watering schedules, changes in the number of people living in a home, and leaks in plumbing or outside irrigation systems.

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Diversions

Clips from previous winners offered a tantalizing look at Oscars' heritage

By M.V. Moorhead

After last year's bungling of the Best Picture award, the focus at this year's Oscar show seemed, understandably, to be on having a disciplined, orderly presentation. And indeed, from a set of metallic crystals that looked like the interior of a giant geode, the 90th annual honors went reasonably smoothly last Sunday.

During a straightforward but funny opening monologue, the host, Jimmy Kimmel, offered an incentive to keep the show tight:

A jet ski was offered as a prize, game-show-style—with Helen Mirren impressively handling the Carol Merrill duties—to whoever gave the briefest acceptance speech. It was one of his funnier gags, compounded later when, needing to up the ante on the prize, he also offered a stay at Lake Havasu.

There was also a becoming focus on history.

My favorite aspects of this year's production were the clips that preceded each acting award—quick, dazzling montages of previous winners. They had the effect that such sequences do when they're well-done:



They made me want to shut off the show and watch those movies.

My favorite win of the night was Best Picture: Guillermo del Toro's romantic fantasy *The Shape of Water*. It's not every day that the top

award goes to a monster picture with a heroine (Sally Hawkins) who's a mute foundling orphan working as a janitor in the bowels of a sinister research facility, where she finds love, in the form of an elegantly segmented and finned "Amphibious Man" (Doug Jones).

Del Toro claims that as a child, he wanted to see

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the Creature of the Black Lagoon get the girl. This movie is the result, and it fulfilled that wish for me, too—I can also remember feeling a pang for the Creature’s romantic optimism.

No doubt this movie won’t be everybody’s cup of tea. But if it all sounds terribly self-consciously whimsical and twee and self-delighted, then I can only tell you that, with as much objectivity as I can muster, it doesn’t come off that way at all to me.

Del Toro earns his poetic passages by linking them with robust, gutsy storytelling. If it weren’t for some gore and sexual frankness, it might have made a great children’s movie.

It’s not a subtle film, admittedly; del Toro pushes his motifs, like the color green or the hydrophilic ubiquity of water, very hard.

And the characterizations, especially that of Michael Shannon’s furious reactionary G-man villain, are similarly broad-stroke. But the performances make them real people, and the story takes hold, as a romantic-erotic daydream merged with a period thriller merged with, in the most literal sense, a fish-out-of-water comedy.

Fair warning, though: This movie includes the fairly gruesome death of an animal. In the context of the story it makes perfect sense, and it helps to counteract the movie’s potential sentimentality, but for animal lovers sensitive to such things, it won’t make any difference.

Generous cook for homeless dishes up some worthy tin-can creativity

By M.V. Moorhead

This isn’t the sort of sign you see in a typical Tempe front yard. But then, the front yard of the house where Alexi Devilliers lives is far from typical.

Shining sharks, some with bloody maws, hang in midair. Giant praying mantises stand guard. An alligator leers down from the roof. And indeed, everywhere you look, standing near the front fence or reclining against the side walls, are robots, of all styles and heights.

“High school shop class,” explains Devilliers, as to where he learned the skills to create all these mechanical men and other whimsical metallic sculptures. “I took shop class in 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade. I used to make airplanes and helicopters out of metal.”

The aptitude may have run in his family: “My father was an aircraft mechanic for Eastern Airlines.”

The recurrence of the sharks and alligators as subject matter in his work may be a result of his childhood. A Bronx native, Devilliers grew up in Hialeah, Florida, which he describes as “a suburb of Cuba. My mom and dad are from Cuba, but they

came over before Fidel Castro took over.”

The countless robots, on the other hand, may be the result of the cylindrical shape, so conducive to the head or body of a robot, of metal cans, a favorite medium for Devilliers. And his fondness for cans may be the result of his overriding mission: Feeding the homeless.

Devilliers and his wife left south Florida after 9/11, and eventually landed here in the Valley. “I worked as a lead cook for a convalescent home and hospice adjacent to the Veteran’s Administration.” He and his wife began preparing the same sort of nutritious, satisfying meals he made at work and distributing them to the homeless people in a Tempe park not far from his house.

This work has since expanded to the point where he now distributes dozens of meals a week to the homeless, many through Just A Shelter, a day center for people 55 years and older. He estimates he’s prepared as many as 48,000 meals since 2010.

“I’ve been doing it for about eight years, about 120 to 125 meals a week,” he guesses. “It depends on how much money I have, and how expensive the meat is.”

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Feedback

In support of Arredondo-Savage

As the former Mayor of Tempe and a dedicated community advocate, we talk with Tempe residents on a regular basis. Our conversations reveal a common thread: Tempeans want leaders who put the community ahead of politics and lead by example. We need council members who prioritize the needs of the community and have demonstrated leadership and integrity.

We have that leader in Robin Arredondo-Savage.

Perhaps it's Robin's service in the U.S. Army that helped hone her integrity and leadership skills that continues to bring our community together to solve problems. Those qualities have unified our City Council to work collaboratively for the common good; like making Tempe home to veterans who have served our nation and now give back to our community.

Robin's character caused her to lead the way to address our community's opioid crises and create a Regional Opioid Action Plan long before it was "the popular" cause to address.

Robin is a life-long Tempe resident who lives the Army's motto, service over self, and we are glad

Robin is willing to bring her level-headed, common-sense approach to our community. We urge you to support her for Tempe City Council.

— Hugh Hallman and Andrew Wunder

In support of Lauren Kuby

As a resident of South Tempe and a small business owner, I am more than proud to be supporting Councilmember Lauren Kuby for re-election to Tempe City Council. I am concerned about the well-being and livelihoods of our children who do not plan to attend college, and Councilmember Kuby has stood up for Tempe's youth time and time again.

Arizona and the City of Tempe are in the midst of a significant shortage of skilled construction workers. Councilmember Kuby recognizes that this is a serious issue, and has fought for new projects that will keep skilled workers in Tempe.

Just recently, she fought for the Tempe Biomed campus that will bring high-paying construction jobs into Tempe, not to mention the economic burst that this high-tech development will bring to the city.

Councilmember Kuby has championed using skilled labor on new projects and cares deeply about our City's workers. She has consistently ensured that our young people in construction have jobs in

Tempe, enabling them to support their families and contribute to our local economy and infrastructure. Councilmember Kuby has rightfully earned the support of small businesses like mine, Tempe working families, Tempe seniors and local workers.

While on the City Council, she has done tremendous work on a variety of other important topics as well, including environmental issues, fighting for equal pay for women, animal advocacy and standing up for disadvantaged populations. She is a strong advocate for all of Tempe.

The residents of South Tempe deserve a City Council that stands up for the young people and working families in our community. Councilmember Kuby is a proven leader with a clear track record who deserves your vote.

—Israel Torres

Transparency and Prop 403

In this current election, in addition to being able to vote for three candidates running for City Council, residents have the opportunity to vote on Proposition 403, a ballot initiative that would amend Tempe's charter, requiring the disclosure of any and all dark money spent in our City elections.

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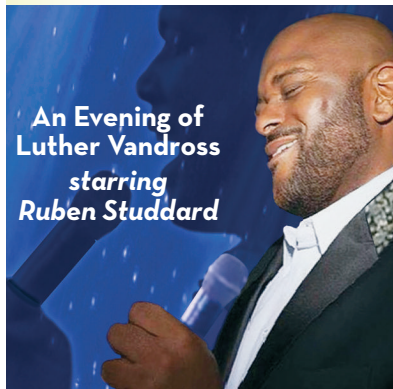
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How should Tempe spend your money?

The City of Tempe invites community members to participate in planning the city's operating and capital budgets for the 2018-19 fiscal year, which starts July 1.

You can offer input via an online survey (www.tempe.gov/forum) through March 31.

The Mayor and City Council would like your input on how we fund streets, community centers, pools, lighting, parks and more. The city's operating budget covers everyday expenses, while the capital projects budget includes equipment replacements and street improvements.

There are several public City Council meetings this spring at which the 2018-19 budget will be discussed and approved. For details and meeting dates, visit www.tempe.gov/budgetplan.

Water Awareness Month

Life in the desert would be impossible without secure and reliable sources of water.

In April, Tempe will celebrate Arizona Water Awareness Month. Residents can learn more about water resources and conservation by visiting the Tempe History Museum, Tempe Public Library, and www.tempe.gov/conservation.

• Water-Wise Landscape Photo Contest – Are you proud of your water-wise landscape? Submit a photo of it to conservation@tempe.gov and be entered to win a gift card to Changing Hands Bookstore. All submitted photos could be shared (with full photo credit) on Tempe websites, social media or print materials.

The best landscapes may also be chosen (with the homeowner's permission) to be featured in the upcoming update to the Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert publication.

• HOW much water do I use every day? – The Tempe History Museum will feature The Water Tower from April 3-22.

The 16-foot tower made of water jugs represents average water use per person per day

here in the Valley. Pick up free resources on how to better manage water and energy in your home.

While at the museum, stop by the "Surviving in the Desert" exhibit to learn about Tempe's water resources and how the Valley grew.

• Fun photo opp – The Tempe Public Library will display a life-size cardboard cut-out of Wayne Drop, the Water – Use It Wisely mascot, throughout April. Families who stop by can pick up free activity and coloring books about water conservation.

• Tempe's conservation webpage – This resource features daily tips and events to help you conserve water.

Visit www.tempe.gov/conservation for more information or sign up for water conservation email notifications at www.tempe.gov/enews.

• Free xeriscape workshops – These popular annual workshops are free and they highlight rainwater harvesting, landscape design and drip irrigation sprinkler conversions. The classes are offered on Saturdays at the Eisendrath House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting April 7.

Details are at www.tempe.gov/conservation.

Add \$1 and help your neighbors

Ever wondered what that \$1 donation on your monthly water bill goes to?

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people with disabilities. Meals for families, school clothes for kids, rides to the doctor's office and so much more are all possible thanks to the generosity of residents.

"This is such an easy way to help our neighbors," said Mayor Mark Mitchell. "Giving a little really does change a lot."

To be part of Together Tempe, add the \$1 voluntary donation to your water bill payment or visit www.togethertempe.org and use the donate button.

You can also call 480-858-2300 to donate any amount directly.



Tempe Bike Month will roll in soon

Tempe Bike Month is an annual celebration of bicycle-friendly events to showcase Tempe as a great city for biking. Celebrate with the city at these two events:

• Tour de Tempe – More than 1,000 riders are expected at this 22nd annual community bike ride on April 8 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. It starts at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All-America Way, in the west parking lot north of Guadalupe Road. This free, 12-mile bike ride is led by members of the City Council. You can register now through April 5 at www.tempe.gov/BikeMonth. Free T-shirts will be available to the first 850 riders. Breakfast snacks and coffee will be provided. For details and a list of partner businesses who are celebrating with us,

visit the website. Helmets are required and riders should bring water.

• Bike to Work Day – Bicycle riders can stop for free breakfast on their way to work on April 18 from 6:30 to 8 a.m. at this 26th annual celebration. Nine locations will have breakfast and free T-shirts for the first 350 total riders who stop by. At 7 a.m., riders can join City Councilmembers on a ride from Whole Foods Market to Ncounter in downtown Tempe.

For a list of locations and details, visit www.tempe.gov/BikeMonth.

New this year, as part of Bike Month, visit www.gridbikes.com and use promo code GRID2WORK2018 for a free seven-day pass courtesy of GRID, Tempe's bike share provider.

Dementia Friendly Tempe 3rd annual summit

Dementia Friendly Tempe, a city program to create a livable community for people with memory loss, will hold a free two-hour summit from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 7, at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E Southern Ave. The theme of building resiliency for caregivers is aimed at helping those who care for loved ones with Alzheimer's and dementia-related disease. Speakers and representatives of organizations and

agencies that support caregivers will take part in the summit. The event is not suitable for people with memory loss but there will be separate activities for them; please register so we can accommodate your loved ones.

To register, contact the Banner Alzheimer's Institute at 602-839-6850 or email BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com. For information about Dementia Friendly Tempe, go to www.tempe.gov/DFT.

Art

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An unavoidable byproduct of all this food preparation is, of course, empty tin cans.

“There’s so much metal left over with a number ten can,” he notes.

Ever the scrounger and recycler, Devilliers turns this scrap metal into his robots, both by using the cans as body parts and by selling them for scrap to purchase other supplies. Combined with other geegaws and thingamabobs he finds at junkyards and flea markets, and other found or donated scrap metal, Devilliers has what he needs to endow his creations with charmingly old-school life and personality in his tiny workspace in the shed beside his house.


“These are my only tools,” Devilliers says, holding up a power screwdriver and a pair of metal shears. He screws two shards of metal together, to demonstrate his low-tech approach. He then holds up a work in progress: A small robot with a reading lamp built into his head, and a Harley-Davidson logo on his torso.

Devilliers sells his robots and other sculptures at local art shows and other events, at prices ranging from \$20 for a small specimen to a couple hundred for one of his lawn pieces. He’s scheduled to peddle them at Chandler’s Great American BBQ and Beer Festival on Saturday, March 24th. The proceeds from his art, once expenses are covered, go back into feeding the homeless.

So, if he learned to build robots in shop class, did he learn to feed people in high school as well?

According to Devilliers, there’s a simpler explanation than that: “I’m a Cuban man, so I automatically know how to cook.”

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CRISIS READINESS A+ or C-? Are our schools prepared for the worst?

By Kody Acevedo
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IT HAPPENED AGAIN. WHEN THE GUNFIRE CEASED IN PARKLAND, FLORIDA, A SMALL COMMUNITY NORTH OF FORT LAUDERDALE, 17 PEOPLE WERE DEAD. FAMILIES WERE SHATTERED. STUDENTS WERE ROBBED OF THEIR INNOCENCE AND SENSE OF SECURITY.

It didn't take long for the debates about gun control and school safety regulations to begin.

Which raises yet another question: how ready are our schools for an attack of this magnitude?

School officials in Tempe say they are. Led by John Meza, a former Mesa police chief, the Tempe Union High School District's Safety Department is said to be constantly evaluating its safety measures and procedures.

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Marcos de Niza H.S. Security Officer John Felton

Pollack's generosity to shine once again

When one of the area's oldest and most respected philanthropies decided to launch plans for this year's spring fundraiser, it wanted to ensure not only a sure-to-delight theme but a couple of the Valley's best-known personalities to add a bit of extra star-power to the event.

That's how East Valley developer/entrepreneur Michael A. Pollack, plus Emmy Award-winning Journalist Krystle Henderson, were invited to oversee the Assistance League of the East Valley's Mardi Gras Night's festivities, coming to Oakwood Country Club at Iron Oaks on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The event, with registration starting at 5:30 p.m. and the ballroom opening at 6, will feature top entertainment, a bag, beads, gaming chips, a free drink and what planners say will be a memorable roast beef and turkey buffet dinner. Reservations are

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During her first term in office, Lauren has already made strong inroads to creating a more just city government, championing both campaign finance reform and government transparency. On this ballot, Tempe residents not only have the opportunity to create more transparent elections through a “Yes” vote on Prop 403, but also to Keep Kuby, a strong leader who is dedicated and has exceptional integrity.

Here are five examples where Lauren’s leadership has helped reduce the impact of money in local politics

Campaign Finance Reports: Lauren and her

Working Group created an easily searchable, online resource that displays every expenditure and contribution.

Campaign Contribution Limits: Lauren led a successful 2016 Tempe Ballot Initiative that limited individual campaign contributions to \$500 (it used to be \$6250 per person, imagine that!)

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Lobbyist Registry: Paid lobbyists doing business with the City of Tempe (City Council, Boards & Commissions/Hearing Officer) must now register with the City and report their spending.

Lobbyist Contributions: Because of Lauren’s leadership, Council candidates are now required to highlight donations that come from lobbyists.

And now, with Prop 403, Tempe voters will weigh in on the influence of dark money in their elections. As Lauren has said: “We candidates

disclose our donations, why shouldn’t Independent Expenditure groups be asked to disclose their donors as well?

As you can see, Councilmember Kuby has an unmatched track record for turning words into action. Her work in her first term in office inspires hope, and her re-election promises to advance principled, action-oriented leadership in Tempe. I’m proud to cast one of my three City Council votes to Keep Kuby on the Council.

— Ron Pies

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We are nearing the March 13 finish line and I need your vote to sprint to victory! Approximately 85,000 registered Tempe voters have a chance to guide Tempe's future. But in past City elections only about 20,000 residents or fewer have cast votes. You can make a difference in this Tempe City Council election! I ask for your vote.

What an education this campaign has been! I've learned that politics, even at the local level, is truly "blood sport!" And I must be doing something right because opponents have thrown mud at me, outspent me many times over and even threatened me with ultimatums when a local conservative blogger and Twitter host happened to "tag" me in a post! And while claiming to oppose "dark money" spending in Tempe elections, two candidates are benefiting from partisan independent expenditures to promote their bids for a seat on your non-partisan Council! But I keep my eye on the prize – your vote!

I have knocked on over 10,000 doors since August, and have consistently expressed that the City's budget and improving our infrastructure in a sustainable, fiscally responsible way, is my first priority. Truly, City staff will sometimes organize the budget for what the City Council dictates, even when staffers know of important needs. But, as a former City staffer myself, I understand that since the Recession, our road conditions have deteriorated, we've had major water-line breaks, broken sewer lines, and violations for poor water quality. Asking the right questions, and then prioritizing infrastructure needs FIRST is imperative. I'll need your vote to give voice to these concerns.

I've been involved in family-owned businesses my entire adult life. Further, the budget that I managed at Tempe before I retired was a combined \$12M annually; finance is my strength. I see local businesses as essential to enhancing Tempe's sense of community and connectedness. I am so proud to have Tempe Chamber of Commerce endorse me! Co-founder of Four Peaks and South Tempe resident, Jim Scussell, supports me for my budget and business acumen as well.

Giving our neighborhoods a greater voice in Tempe's decision-making PRIOR to implementing change is another of my priorities. Top-down decision-making is unfair and it can become expensive. At Council direction, \$1.5M was spent two years ago reducing traffic lanes on McClintock. But in response to public outcry, an additional \$3.5M is being spent now to restore these lanes. Other surprises, such as punitive tiered-water-rates, are wrong-headed and unnecessary, as there is presently no water shortage in Tempe. Do we want a "nanny council" coercing us to use less water and see our old-growth trees die? Or a "free" pre-K program funded by an unsustainable and controversial \$6M source, for the estimated 200 children (\$15K per child per year) who will benefit over the two-year pilot period? Full and robust community outreach and response must become standard procedure prior to financial decisions such as these.

During this election process, I've learned that in Tempe there are other agendas and other forces at work. My sole agenda is doing what is in Tempe residents' best interests. Sometimes there will be unpopular decisions, but if the community has been involved and informed, decisions can be crafted in a more inclusive process. Transparency, full-disclosure, financial and cost/benefit analyses...these are the hallmarks of good governance. I'll fight for this!

My campaign committee, composed of close friends and new friends, has been such a source of strength and inspiration to me. And the volunteers who canvass with me and who telephone voters on my behalf are simply amazing.

Thank you to all of them! And thanks to those voters I've met during my Walk/Knock/Talk tour! You've taught me so much and you've given me the energy I need to earn your vote. If we have yet to meet, I invite you to visit adamsfortempe.com to learn more. Please mail your ballot right away to make it count, because your polling place won't be open on March 13! And please help me give you a voice on your Tempe City Council. With your help I'll be "first to the tape" in this race!



"One of a city council member's most important responsibilities is oversight of public finances. Jennifer's financial experience at the City makes her uniquely positioned to serve Tempe stakeholders, especially since she states it as a goal. That gets my vote!"
 — Pam Goronkin,
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