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Neighbors irate over late notice on west Chandler casino plan

No time to react, residents complain

Story by Mark Moorehead / Photos by David Stone

Gambling that west Chandler residents would put up less of a fuss than their Gilbert counterparts over a planned \$60 million, 24-hour casino, the Gila River Indian Community has opted to build its new Lone Butte Casino at Kyrene Road and Loop 202.

And although some nearby residents aren't happy with the decision or the timing of notification they received to attend a public meeting, their concerns appeared to come

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Chandler Mayor Boyd Dunn, above, center, tried to calm west Chandler homeowners upset over the late notification they received about plans to build a gambling casino at Kyrene Road and Loop 202. A tribal spokeswoman, Letha Lamb, below, also was on hand to ease concerns over the project.



Does Padres' future hold a fine finish?

By Chris Kamper

Finish. In football, it's a basic equation. Finish the block. Finish the tackle. Finish the run. Finish the drive. Finish the game. Finish the season.

Having reached the 5A-II football state semi-finals last season, the Marcos de Niza Padres' motto this season is "Finish." Their goal is to finish this season with a state championship at University of Phoenix stadium in November.

This past Friday night, the Padres moved a step closer to meeting this

Full coverage of the Corona del Sol Aztecs' 42-0 victory over the once-dominant Trevor Browne Bruins, plus a preview of upcoming games — Page 4

goal, impressively beating previously undefeated, #1 ranked Pima Region rival, Pinnacle Pioneers, 43-29.

The high-powered Padre offense struck often and quickly, building what appeared to be an insurmountable first half 29-7 lead. The Padres scored first on a 17-yard TD pass from QB **David Viel** to TE **Jason Barkac** at the 3:20 mark of the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter **Barkac** returned a Pioneer fumble 28 yards for his second TD to increase the Padre lead to 15-0.

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'Band of Brothers'

Spirit, determination and the close-knit fabric of Marcos de Niza's Padre football team have resulted in its players referring to themselves as a 'band of brothers.' The team hopes to round out its season with a state championship in November.

— Wrangler News photos by David Stone



Discerning Diner

Wild about salmon? It's a taste almost too good to bear

By Elan Head

Last week, I had the amazing opportunity to spend a few days at Great Bear Nature Tours, a floating lodge in the Great Bear Rainforest of coastal British Columbia.

This is some of the most spectacular country on the planet, a maze of inlets through towering, near-vertical mountains, cloaked in a temperate jungle of hemlock, cedar and spruce.

It's also home to some of the most spectacular creatures on the planet: grizzly bears.

Most of our time was spent in bear-viewing blinds on the banks of the Nekite River, watching these awesome beasts work their way through a spawning salmon buffet.

(Here's something I didn't know about grizzly bears: they float. In high water, they'll kick back and ride the current downstream — from the

shore, all you see are their floating heads.)

This would have been an incredible experience even if I had been camping out, eating cold beans, but the bears weren't the only ones feasting on this trip. I ate pretty well, too.

The owners of Great Bear Nature Tours, Tom Rivest and Margaret Leehane, employ a chef during the peak months of summer, but at the end of the season, Leehane does the job herself.

She's a terrific cook — imagine spending a week with a food-minded friend whose sole mission in life is to fatten you up.

Not surprisingly, Rivest and Leehane have had a lot of requests for a Great Bear cookbook, and they do plan to put one together in the next year or so.

In the meantime, I begged a few recipes from them to share. If they tempt you to pay a visit to Great Bear

yourself, find more details online at www.greatbearstours.com or by calling (888) 221-8212.

Wild Salmon in a Maple-Mustard Marinade

1. Soak a cedar or alder plank in water (overnight if it is dry).
2. Cut a filet of wild salmon into serving-sized portions, all the way through the skin.
3. Whisk together one finely sliced onion, two minced garlic cloves, 1/4 cup maple syrup, 3/4 cup olive oil, three tablespoons mustard seeds, two tablespoons balsamic vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon chipotle pepper powder, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, and one teaspoon salt.
4. Marinate the salmon in this mixture for at least 30 minutes, or overnight.
5. Preheat grill to 400 degrees. Brush the plank with vegetable oil and arrange salmon on the plank. (Add

thinner portions after the rest has been cooking for 10 minutes.) Place on the grill and cook for 30 to 50 minutes, depending on thickness.

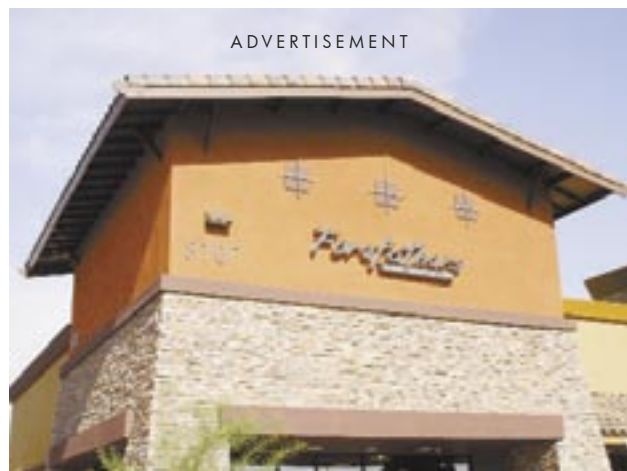
6. Serve on the plank with crusty bread, being the envy of every grizzly bear in the valley.

Here's a great, unusual combination of salad ingredients. You can find the candied salmon, and, frequently, edible flowers, at Whole Foods.

Rainforest Salad

1. To a large bowl of washed baby spinach, add chunked candied salmon; nasturtium petals (or other edible flowers); sliced bananas; crumbled goat cheese; toasted pine nuts; and sliced red pepper in proportions to suit your taste.
2. Toss these ingredients together, then toss again with raspberry vinaigrette.

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Padres

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Fullback **Edwin Traylor** burst in from the five yard line to put the Padres on top 22-0.

As the first half came to a close, **Harrison Evans** dove in from the one yard line, and the Padres were on top, 29-7, at the half.

In the second half, Pinnacle showed tremendous heart and deserving of its number-one ranking, storming back to tie the game 29-29 with 4:16 remaining in the game.

But the Padres answered with heart, too, as the lightning-quick Evans caught a Viel screen pass and sprinted 49 yards down the far sideline to put the Padres back on top to stay.

After a big Padre defensive stop, Viel connected with Barkac for Barkac's third TD of the night. Kicker **Paul Addair** added the final point with the PAT. Final score—Padres 43, Pioneers 29.

The victory keeps the Padre season record perfect at 6-0. The victory over top-ranked Pinnacle moves the Padres into the #1 spot in the all-important Power Point rankings.

This Padre team is special, led by a group of experienced, talented seniors—Tailback Evans, QB



A state championship for Padres 'Band of Brothers'?

— David Stone/Wrangler News

Viel, kicker Addair and tight end Barkac, along with running back **Donald Richardson**, corner backs **Jimmy Mamane** and **Drew Morris**, nose tackle **Ben Swanson**, receiver **Tony Knaperak**, safety **Quinton Baker** and QB **Mario Moreno**.

They're the heart of a determined, close-knit Padre squad that refer to themselves as "Band of Brothers."

So far this season, this Padre Band of Brothers is relentlessly marching toward the Glendale title game to "finish" its goal—a state championship.

Aztecs score impressive 4th straight win

Aztecs 42, Trevor Browne Bruins 0

Corona's Aztecs traveled to west Phoenix on a beautiful fall Friday evening for their first-ever meeting against the Trevor Browne Bruins.

It was not that long ago that Trevor Browne could claim one of the best football programs in the state. The Bruins have fallen a bit in recent years, however, and in this match-up they had to take on our hot Aztecs, winners of their past three games in dominant fashion.

The Bruins continued their slide at this outing, falling to our Aztecs, 42-0. It was the Aztecs' fourth straight impressive, dominant victory.

The Bruins received the opening kickoff and had one of their best offensive possessions of the night, taking the ball to midfield on consecutive first

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Aztecs

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downs. But the Bruin opening drive was stopped by a QB sack by **Kyle Benson**, and the Bruins were forced to punt.

The Aztecs took over at their own 28 yard line. Four consecutive rushes by **JR Hamm** took the Aztecs to midfield. QB **Chase Cartwright** threw a strike to TE **Joey Kamper** who streaked 48 yards for an Aztec TD at the 5:20 mark to put the Aztecs on top, 7-0.

After the Aztec defense forced a quick three-and-out, the Aztec offense took over at midfield and marched down the field for a TD with 30 seconds remaining in the opening quarter on a 3 yard run by **Hamm**. The first quarter came to a close with the Aztecs in the lead, 14-0.

The second quarter was dominated by the Aztecs. **Kamper** set up the Aztecs third TD of the night on a 37 yard pass reception to the Bruin 5 yard line. On the next play, **Cartwright** ran in from the 5 yard line. Aztecs 21, Bruins 0. With three minutes remaining in the quarter, **Cartwright**, playing his best game of the season, connected on two passes to receiver **Eric Benson**, taking the ball to the Bruin 27 yard line. From there, **Cartwright** connected with **Kirby Pellant** to increase the Aztec lead to 28-0 with 1:52 left in the first half. The Aztec offense quickly regained possession on a fumble recovery by **Lucas Starkey** at the Trevor Browne 30 yard line. Three snaps later, the Aztecs were back in the end zone on a 4 yard TD pass to **Pellant**. The first half came to a close with the Aztecs holding a comfortable lead, 35-0.

The Aztecs added to their lead midway through the third quarter. Behind the punishing running of **Michael Lange** and **Evan Altheide**, the Aztecs drove the ball to the Bruin 8 yard line. QB **Nick Aldini** found receiver **Brendon Tunstall** in the end zone at the 4:34 mark to finish the Aztec scoring for the night and increase the Aztec lead to 42-0.

The fourth quarter was dominated by the Aztec defense. The Bruins had their most effective drive of the night in the closing minutes of the game, taking the ball to the Aztec 13 yard line only to have the Aztec defense preserve their third shutout of the season.

There were 23 Aztecs who contributed to at least one tackle in a dominating defensive performance in which the Bruins were not able to penetrate into Aztec territory until the closing minutes of the game. Leading Aztec tacklers were **Skyler Fish** with 5 tackles, and **Kyle Benson**, **Ryan Nolan**, **Kyle Schmella** and **Michael Lange** each with 4 tackles. The following Aztecs contributed two or more tackles:

Tyler Giannonatti, **Wyatt Cahill**, **Tim Freet**, **Ryan Joseph**, **Altheide**, **Starkey** (including 2 QB sacks) and **Alec Tripp**.

On offense, the Aztecs were led by QB **Cartwright**, who completed 8 of 10 passes for 220 yards and 2 TDs. His leading receivers were **Pellant** with 4 receptions for 91 yards and 2 TDs, **Joey Kamper** with 2 receptions for 85 yards and a TD, and **Eric Benson** with 2 receptions for 44 yards. **Hamm** was the game's leading rusher with 87 yards on 13 carries and a TD. **Lange** rushed for 44 yards on 7 carries and **Altheide** had 17 yards on 3 carries.

This was the fourth straight impressive and dominating victory for our Aztecs who have improved their season record to 4-2.

However, we should be wary of overconfidence. These four impressive victories were against opponents with a combined season record of 5-14.

After our bye week, we next face Chandler, followed by tough region games against Mountain Pointe, Desert Vista and Basha.

Our next four opponents have a combined season record of 12-4. These games will be tougher, but our Aztecs, playing terrific on offense, defense and special teams, appear to be ready for any challenge.

Next game: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, vs. Chandler at Corona.

Confessions of a Financial Advisor

by **Kevin A. Kaesberg**



Q: After a couple of years of growth in my portfolio, with little downside, it seems the markets are showing signs of potential losses in the future. Should I move a portion or all of my assets to a cash fund like a money market fund? —*D.H., Tempe, AZ*

The markets can be scary at times, and we often get caught up in enjoying the rising statement values every quarter and forgetting the markets don't always go up.

The importance of appropriate diversification is revealed in times of market weakness. Many often think they are diversified because they have many different stocks and bonds or mutual funds, but this can be misleading. You want to make sure you have assets in different classes that are not correlated, thus having some of your portfolio potentially going down while others are going up.

Moving to cash is essentially "timing" the market. It can be difficult to time the market without a dedicated strategy providing guidelines when to get in and out, but it is possible to be successful.

I believe it is most important to revisit your personal plan for investing and understand the implications a drop in the market may have on your portfolio, both short and long term. Regular monthly deposits into your investments can provide a dollar cost averaging* effect, helping you in a falling market by reducing your average price per share.

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Most businesses deal with this situation as they grow. When they are smaller they can't afford or simply choose not to provide benefits to their employees. But as they get bigger, it becomes more important to gather and retain great employees, and provide business owners with avenues for asset accumulation outside of the business.

Often times a retirement plan is a great place to start, as insurance benefits, while important, can be rather costly. There are many opportunities available for businesses of different sizes, and at different points in their growth cycle. A SIMPLE IRA is usually the first step, but it is not unusual to see a stable business step up to a 401k/profit sharing plan. The most appropriate choice for each business is typically dictated by the needs and concerns of the business owners.

It is paramount that you find the right professionals to help you in these critical areas to help ensure your success. Advanced retirement, employee retention and business transition planning is an important part of your business that is often forgotten or ignored. The decisions you make, or don't make, can have a significant impact over the life of your business, potentially saving you as much as six or seven figures.

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Chandler General Plan update

Chandler is hosting two public forums to solicit ideas from the community on how to improve the quality of life in Chandler's older neighborhoods.

The effort is part of a larger General Plan update process that will address key issues the city will face as it approaches build-out.

One of the key issues will be a necessary shift in focus from growth and development to neighborhood preservation and maintenance.

The meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Galveston Elementary School, 661 E. Galveston St., and at 6:30 Thursday, Oct. 25, at ICAN, 201 S. Washington St.

General Plan update information will also be available at the Congress of Neighborhoods being held at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Chandler Community Center, 125 E. Commonwealth Avenue.

The congress will focus on setting priorities and identifying potential programs for the city's new Neighborhood Resources Division.

Comments regarding the General Plan update can also be made on-line at <http://chandleraz.gov/generalplanupdate>.

City staff anticipates presenting a final draft of the General Plan update to the Chandler City Council for approval in spring 2008, with voter ratification in fall of the same year.

The secret is out

Frank Warren, whose unusual nationwide project became the foundation for a book that tells some of people's most closely guarded secrets, will sign copies of the book at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at Changing Hands Bookstore in Tempe.

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Ghost ships to haunt Town Lake

Halloween will be scarier than ever this year: Innocent souls being preyed upon from the cold, dark depths of Tempe Town Lake.

The ghost ship Haunted Hayden sailing those roiling waters late at night, dooming all aboard any craft it encounters.

These and other spectres of the lake's dark, dangerous depths will be chillingly revealed by a sailor who grew up overhearing hair-raising chronicles recounted by seasoned mariners and whalers in the seedy saloons that populated Tempe's old waterfront long before the great Salt River was tamed by dams, a lake and modern development.

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seekers Saturday, Oct. 27, aboard the S.S. Night Fright to hear for yourself some of the many disturbing legends about the mysteries of Town Lake — real accounts they may not want you to know about.

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2. Stir together three cups flour, 1/4 teaspoons salt and one tablespoon baking powder.

3. In a separate bowl, lightly beat three eggs, then whisk in 2/3 cup olive oil and one cup milk.

4. Stir one package of thawed, chopped frozen spinach into the egg mixture.

5. Gently stir the egg mixture into the flour mixture.

6. Fold in 1/2 cup basil pesto and one cup grated mozzarella cheese.

7. Divide batter between muffin cups. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden, dry and springy to touch (like gazelles).

Editor's note: Longtime Wrangler News contributor Elan Head departs for Melbourne, Australia, early next month to become editor of the country's only helicopter magazine. Although she won't be visiting stateside haunts while she's away, we're guaranteed she'll continue to share some of her dining experiences from Down Under with Wrangler News readers.



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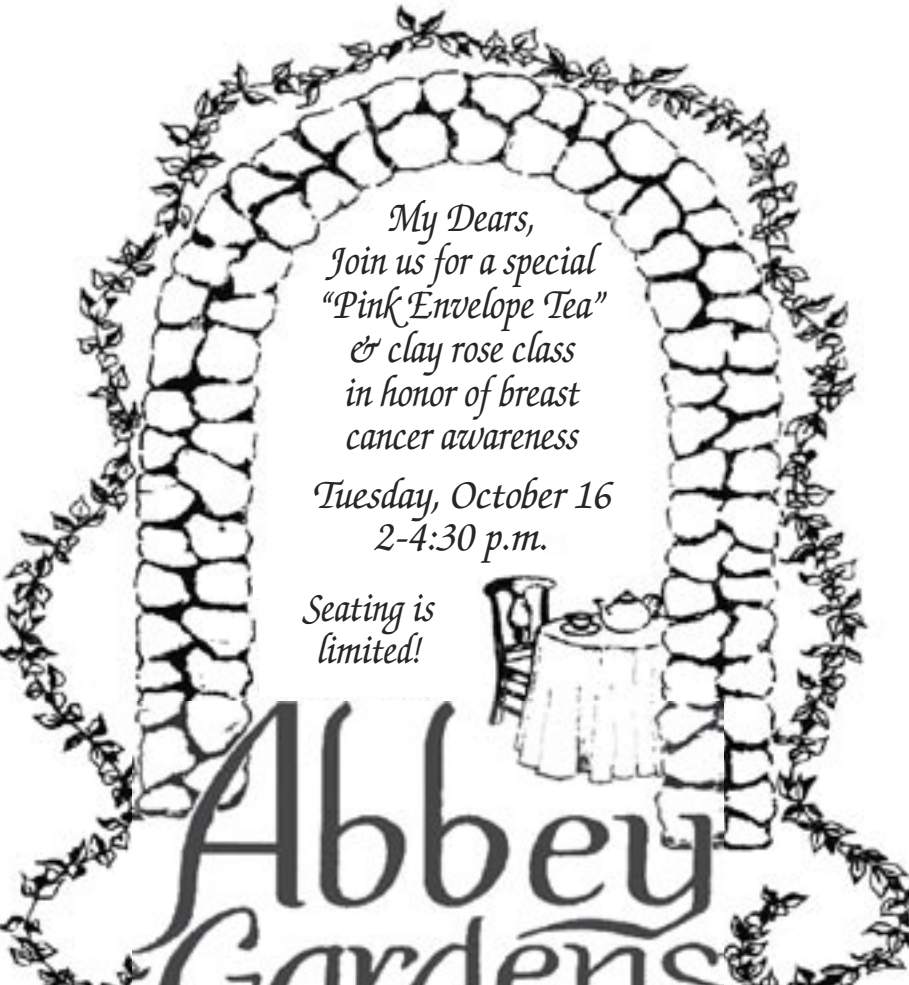
president and chief financial officer of Chandler Regional Medical Center.

The luncheon also will include an update from the city of Chandler Economic Development office.

Cost is \$18 for Chandler Chamber members, \$28 for non-members.

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Kyrene Corridor Diversions

At Changing Hands, a fitting celebration for Frida centennial

By Kirsten Schaefer

You say you didn't know Frida Kahlo would have been 100 years old this year? If it weren't for Changing Hands Bookstore and the Phoenix Fridas, the event might have come and gone without recognition.

Changing Hands is a champion for more than just books; events at the popular store feature history, art, music and a general emphasis on culture.

So in keeping with their mission, they hosted a 100th birthday party for Kahlo.

Kahlo, best known not only for her marriage to celebrated artist Diego Rivera but for her passionate and expressive artwork – often self-portraits or biographical in nature – is revered by many as an independent woman who overcame tremendous pain and tragedy to share her art with the world.

The party was attended by about 200 people and featured live music, hands-on craft projects, and books and art inspired by Kahlo were sold.

But what really took the Kahlo birthday bash beyond the normal bookstore happening was the presence of the Phoenix Fridas

– a collective of Phoenix-area female artists inspired by the spirit of Kahlo.

Phoenix Frida founder and crafting star Kathy Cano Murillo – known as Crafty Chica – shared a craft that everyone could try – glitter-embellished mini matchbox shrines of Kahlo that could be strung and worn as a necklace.

Carmen de Novais, a musician and founder of the Brazilian band Zum Zum Zum performed live and wrapped up the day with a lecture and slideshow about Kahlo's life.

Art and Kahlo-inspired crafts were sold by other members of Phoenix Fridas including Anita Mabante Leach, Lucia Madrid, Leticia de la Vara and Emily Costello.

Cano Murillo and a small group of her friends who loved art and wanted to create a female art consortium founded Phoenix Fridas.

Frida Kahlo was chosen as the group's namesake for her independent spirit, positive feminist stance and her tremendous artistic ability.

"When you think of all of the things she did in her era, she was such an independent woman and that inspires us," explains Phoenix Frida member Lucia Madrid, a former broadcaster who is now a real estate agent and artist.

What's next for the Phoenix Fridas? Cano Murillo is hard at work for her own line of crafting products for Duncan Crafts, a weekly newspaper craft column and a novel.

When the other Phoenix Fridas aren't busy with their day jobs, they too are creating art and getting ready for their next show.

Information: www.phoenixfridas.com, www.craftychica.com or www.changinghands.com.

Reach the reporter at foodwriterkirsten@gmail.com.



The unique stylizations of artist Frida Kahlo, who died in 1954, provide an inspiration to women to confront and overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles. The artist and her work were celebrated at a 100th birthday party at Changing Hands Bookstore.

Local run of 'Jersey Boys' not to be missed

By M.V. Moorhead

If you're reading this before Sunday, Oct. 14, you still have time to get down to Gammage Auditorium and see the Broadway tour of *Jersey Boys*, the 2006 Tony winner for Best Musical.

And you should. It's a rousing, exciting, fun show, even for me, and I'm not from Jersey—the Jersey people in the house seemed to be having even more fun.

It's a chronicle of the rise of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, packed with some (nowhere near all) of the group's countless hits.

I'd never been a particular fan of the lads, but the show gave me a new appreciation of them. The story of their evolution, even in tall-tale musical theatre form, is fascinating, the production is seamless and slick in the Broadway manner, and all of the actors are

energetic and likable.

Erich Bergen stands out, actually managing to convey some subtlety as songwriter Bob Gaudio. Two actors in the company share the vocally demanding role of Valli, and Rick Faugno, who played the part the evening I saw the show, sang so amazingly that I never wondered what the other guy sounded like. There's also no denying how inventive many of Gaudio's numbers were, and much of the fun of *Jersey Boys* comes from the backstory of the origin of these songs.

I'd always especially liked the hook of "December 1963 (Oh, What a Night)," one of their disco-era smashes, and I was in luck: Whoever put *Jersey Boys* together—maybe Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, who wrote the book; maybe composer Gaudio—liked it too.

The show opens with a French version of the tune, and proceeds dish it up in several reprises, then uses it as the exit music. Inevitably, it's been running through my head

ever since, but I figure I could do worse: the exit tune could have been "Sherry," after all.

Not that there's anything wrong with "Sherry," you understand, it just wears out its welcome faster than "Oh, What a Night."

Even if you miss *Jersey Boys*, there's still plenty left to look forward to on this year's touring-company schedule at Gammage.

Highlights include:

Lou Diamond Phillips in *Camelot* (Jan. 15-20); *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* (Nov. 23-Dec. 9); *Annie* (Dec. 26-30); *The Color Purple* (March 11-23); *Sweeney Todd* (April 15-20); the stage version of *The Wedding Singer* (May 20-25) and *My Fair Lady* (June 17-22).

Most intriguing to me, however, is the Roundabout Theater Company's production of *Twelve Angry Men*, which visits Gammage Feb. 19-24, with Richard Thomas treading in Henry Fonda's footsteps.

For details go to asugammage.com or call the Gammage box office at (480) 965-3434.

Life's Little Gems . . . with M.V. Moorhead

Belly up to some Jelly Bellies (PS: Don't tell your dentist about it)

The thing is, I love candy. I really love candy. I love all kinds of candy, from chocolate to toffee to nougat, Pixie Stix to spearmint leaves to Marshmallow Peeps to all the animals in the gummi zoology.

The only exception is hard candy, which I like rather than love, because, well, it's hard, isn't easily chewable, doesn't yield at once to the greedy attack of my mouth, and melt or crumble into sweetness therein.

My favorite general variety of sweet goodies, however — those that make my jaw tingle when I just look at them — is embarrassingly infantile: It's the jellies: the brightly-colored, tangy chews and taffies and fruit slices and licorices and Dots and Skittles and SweetTarts and...the jelly beans.

But there is one brand of jelly bean about which I can't work up any enthusiasm, about which I find I indeed must air a few complaints: Jelly Belly, "The Original Gourmet Jelly Bean."

For the last few weeks, I've been picking away at one of those big Kirkland jars of Jelly Bellies, the sort you get at Costco. If it were full of, say, gumdrops, they'd be long gone by now. But the Jelly

Bellies are less than half gone.

My dentist and my doctor (and my personal trainer, no doubt, if I had one) would tell me that this is a good thing, or at least a preferable thing, and rationally I would understand that they were right.

But candy isn't about rationality, after all. Candy is about instantaneous oral gratification. Why, I keep asking myself, don't Jelly Bellies give me that? After all, some Jelly Bellies are truly delicious—volatile little bombs of yumminess. But some of them...not so much.

Here is a list of the 49 flavors of Jelly Belly, posted on the side of the jar, each accompanied by a picture, on a chart that resembles the Periodic Table of the elements:

Berry Blue, Blueberry, Bubble Gum, Buttered Popcorn, Caffé Latte, Cantaloupe, Cappuccino, Caramel Apple, Caramel Corn, Chocolate Pudding, Cinnamon, Coconut, Cotton Candy, A and W Cream Soda, Crushed Pineapple, Dr. Pepper, French Vanilla, Grape Jelly, Green Apple, Island Punch, Juicy Pear, Kiwi, Lemon, Lemon Drop, Lemon-Lime, Licorice, Mango, Margarita, Orange Juice, Orange Sherbet, Peach, Peanut Butter, Pina Colada,

Pink Grapefruit, Plum, Raspberry, Red Apple, AandW Root Beer, Sizzling Cinnamon, Strawberry Cheesecake, Strawberry Daiquiri, Strawberry Jam, Tangerine, Toasted Marshmallow, Top Banana, Tutti-Frutti, Very Cherry, Watermelon, Wild Blackberry.

Now, I just reached into the jar and took out a handful of the tiny beans—probably about 20 of them in all. Let me put my glasses on and squint at the side of the jar to see if I can figure out what I'm eating.

First gripe: I got three of the ubiquitous Peanut Butters, probably the most revolting flavor in the line (don't get me wrong, I love peanut butter, but it's not what I'm looking for in a jelly bean).

Next came a dark-colored one that also tasted really gross—Cappuccino is my best guess, though if I were given something at Starbucks that tasted like this, I'd return it.

Next, two pale-colored ones that were also on the yucky side. Café latte? Caramel corn? Whatever. Ick. Then three orange ones, all tasty—but which

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ones? Orange Juice? Orange Sherbet? Tangerine? Anyway, they were good. Then two yellow ones, cloyingly rich. Lemon drop? I'm not sure. Not good, anyway.

Then Root Beer—tolerable—then two more in roughly the same brownish-maroon color that were pretty good, but the flavors of which I can't decide on. Plum, maybe, or Strawberry Jam. Then four variations on green, all good. I'm guessing Mango, Kiwi, Lemon and Juicy Pear.

You get the point, though, right? You'd need perfect eyesight, a jeweler's loupe and advanced training to tell the difference between many of

these beans. And even if you passionately loved each of these flavors, you wouldn't want them all in the same handful. They don't mix well. This is another of the many, many instances in modern Western culture where "infinite variety" does not enhance an experience.

I'll be told, perhaps, that the fault, to borrow again from Shakespeare, is not in my sweets, but in my self; that if I ate Jelly Bellies sensibly, a few at a time, carefully selecting the ones I like rather than flinging whole handfuls into my mouth like a sugar-crazed ape, I could enjoy them more (and I would have less of a jelly belly myself). And this point, of course, would be a fair one.

But if I started eating candy sensibly, I might as well not eat it at all.



Ride traverses bike-friendly Tempe

Tempe's 12th annual leisurely community bike ride, Tour de Tempe, is a non-competitive 12- to 14-mile ride on Sunday, Oct. 28, that weaves through diverse neighborhoods, downtown Tempe, public art projects and other Tempe sites.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the ride begins at 8:30. The ride starts and ends at Tempe's Kiwanis Park, in the parking lot at All-America Way just north of Guadalupe Road.

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Tastings: Pho DaLat

New name, same rare elegance

Review by Kirsten Schafer
Photo by David Stone

The Kyrene Corridor just got a new place for Vietnamese food, and as the Pho-addicts out there can already attest, it's worth a stop.

Pho DaLat opened as Pho Sapa to a frightening rush of hungry patrons this summer, and on at least one occasion actually ran out of certain menu items and turned away potential diners.

But those problems are long gone and the kitchen now runs smoothly, delivering quality items from spicy appetizers to comforting soups to stir-fried dishes.

As for the name, Pho Sapa was contacted by a restaurant owner in New York threatening legal action for ownership of the Sapa name, so owner **Chau Nguyen** opted to rename. Pho Sapa the name is gone, but all the

goodness in the kitchen remains at Pho DaLat.

Unlike many minimal-ambiance ethnic eateries, the décor at Pho DaLat is modern and elegant, and even could be described as upscale.

Small touches like a rock waterfall create a soothing environment to enjoy a sophisticated and well-executed blend of Northern and Southern regional Vietnamese specialties.

In another departure from many ethnic eateries, Pho DaLat makes an effort to clue in diners to the nuances of the cuisine. The menu is clear and easy to follow, with all items in English and Vietnamese and with ample descriptions in English for newcomers or the curious.

Starting things off are a variety of traditional appetizers. Each is quite good, but the Fresh Garden Rolls (\$3.50) with shrimp

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and tender and moist pork and filled with the traditional lettuce, mint, bean sprouts and thin rice noodles (vermicelli) and wrapped in thin rice paper are a fresh and healthy alternative to crisp-fried spring rolls (\$3.50) – although those are excellent here as well.

Another appetizer that stands out is the Chili Pork Wrap (\$7.95); a tangy, warm pork salad serves with crisp cabbage leaves. Roasted quails (\$6.95) are a more unique appetizer option.

The next section of the menu is to many the only part that matters – it's the Pho section. Pronounced roughly "Fuh?," this Vietnamese specialty is a top comfort food and is traditionally eaten for breakfast, lunch or dinner. If you haven't tried it, it can be generally summed up as what chicken noodle soup wants to be when it grows up.

Deeply fragrant, piping hot clear beef broth poured over a mound

of rice vermicelli (very thin long noodles) and finished with thinly-sliced onion and a choice of protein, you then get to doctor up your Pho with Hoisin sauce, sriracha (hot chili sauce), Thai basil leaves, bean sprouts, lime wedges, jalapeno slices and traditionally, sawleaf herb (tastes a bit like stronger cilantro).

With seven Pho options at Pho DaLat (\$7.95-\$8.95), you really can't err, but I always recommend newcomers start with Pho Tai. This Pho varietal is topped with thinly sliced rare lean beef that finishes cooking in the hot broth. Another slightly heartier choice is the meatball Pho – another Wrangler News reporter swears by it.

Moving deeper into the menu you'll find seven more soup choices, this time Hu Tieu/Mi, pork-based soups ranging from Wonton Noodle Soup (\$7.95) to Seafood Noodle Soup (\$9.50).

Beyond the comfort-food heaven of noodle soups, Pho DaLat's menu ventures into rice and rice noodles – aptly described on the menu as "a

creative avenue for the Vietnamese to enjoy the abundance of rice."

Bun (rice vermicelli again) options range from more soups to stir-fried dishes and all feature beef, pork or shrimp and vegetables – with choices like Crispy Spring Roll Vermicelli

(\$7.95) and Cured Pork Vermicelli (\$8.50). Com (rice) plates are also available with grilled meats, curry and several fried rice options (\$7.95-\$9.95).

Next is Mon Xao, a Vietnamese

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stir-fry, with a variety of crispy and soft noodles, rice, beef, pork, chicken, seafood and vegetables (\$7.95-\$9.95). Each of these is stellar, but a particular stand-out is Crazy Noodle (\$8.50). Ordered very hot or not-so-hot on Pho DaLat's 1-5 star spice level, Crazy Noodle is memorable.

A sweet sauce with serious notes of chili and

fragrant basil, this stir-fried dish features wide, soft rice noodles and your choice of beef or chicken. Trust me, do not eat here and not order this; it's that good.

Vegetarians are not forgotten: the menu offers a Mon Xao best-seller list of sorts (sans meat) with five choices featuring tofu and vegetables over rice and noodles (\$7.95-\$8.50).

Beverages include basics like tea, iced tea and soda, but also

include a sampling of Asian favorites like Boba (bubble tea), Thai iced tea and Vietnamese Iced Coffee. Pho DaLat has a liquor license, so beer and wine are also available.

Thankfully the mad rush to the now named Pho DaLat has died down in the three months since opening, replaced by a steady stream of newcomers and already-loyal patrons who, like me, are addicted to Pho.

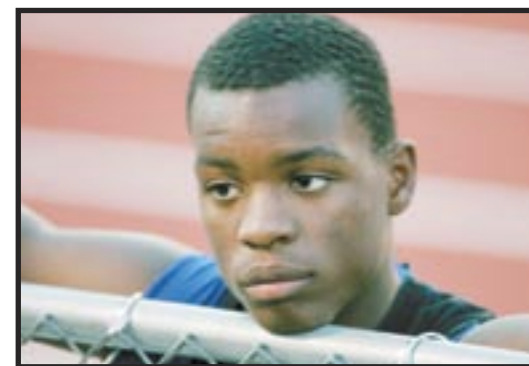
If nothing else, cold season will be upon us

soon, and I can't think of a better prescription than a steamy bowl of Pho.

Details: Pho DaLat, 7707 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe. Phone: (480) 755-SAPA.

Hours: Mon. - Thurs: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Fri. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Closed Sunday (for now). Average price for dinner for two: \$25 (excluding alcohol, tax and tip).

About the Reporter: Kirsten Schaefer is a communications professional, food writer and freelance reporter. When not reporting or trying restaurants for Wrangler News, she creates recipes and cooks at home. Her cooking adventures can be found at <http://homecookkirsten.blogspot.com>, or email her at foodwriterkirsten@gmail.com.



Dion Jordan at last year's Westwood Invationals.

Fund raiser for Dion

Corona's football game with Chandler High School on Friday, Oct. 12, will provide an opportunity for supporters of injured CHS player Dion Jordan to make a contribution to a fund established in his name. Jordan had surgery in the burn unit at Maricopa Medical Center on Oct. 10, after which doctors declared he has a long rehab ahead of him but should be able to play football again. Dion's sister Sherrelle, 12, runs cross country at Aprende Middle School. Information: (602) 620-7480.

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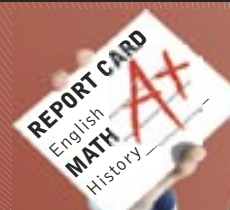
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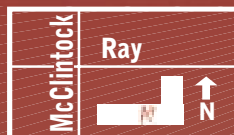
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Western theme at upcoming PBJ concert for kids

It's Western Day for children ages 3 to 5 years during the Peanut Butter and Jam Concert series at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15 in the Tempe Community Center courtyard, just east of Tempe Public Library.

Children are invited to dress in Western-themed clothing and march, dance and sing along with their favorite songs as presented by

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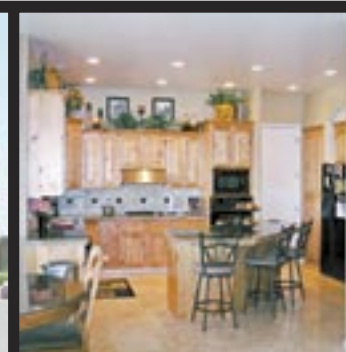
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Highlights include entertainment, food, face painting, carnival games and a 7:30 p.m. costume contest for goblins of all ages. Admission is free.

Carnival tickets are 25 cents each, and proceeds will benefit non-profit groups around the state.

More than 5,000 families are expected to attend this year's event.

For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/events or call the City of Tempe Parks and Recreation Office at 480-350-5200.

Text telephone/TDD is available at 480-350-5050.

Register to run or walk with Team Tempe

Whether you're a first-time marathon participant or a seasoned pro, you can register now to help Tempe charities as part of the first-ever Team Tempe at the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon on Sunday, Jan. 13, in Tempe, Phoenix and Scottsdale. Team Tempe is a community-wide effort to raise money for the Association

for Supportive Childcare, the Centers for Habilitation, the Tempe Family YMCA and the Tempe Community Foundation. It's also a chance to receive free training to finish the full or half marathon. For more information, contact 480-858-2302 or visit www.tempe.gov/tcc. For details on the marathon, visit www.rnraz.com.

Festive Nov. 12 tribute honors Tempe's veterans



Veterans will be honored Monday, Nov. 12, at the city's annual Veteran's Day Parade along Mill Avenue.

Beginning at 10 a.m., veterans, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, high school marching bands and other community members will join in this festive tribute to veterans.

The parade begins near ASU Gammage at Mill Avenue and Apache Boulevard, and ends at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway.

Following the parade, around 11:30 a.m., a short ceremony will take place at Tempe Beach Park.

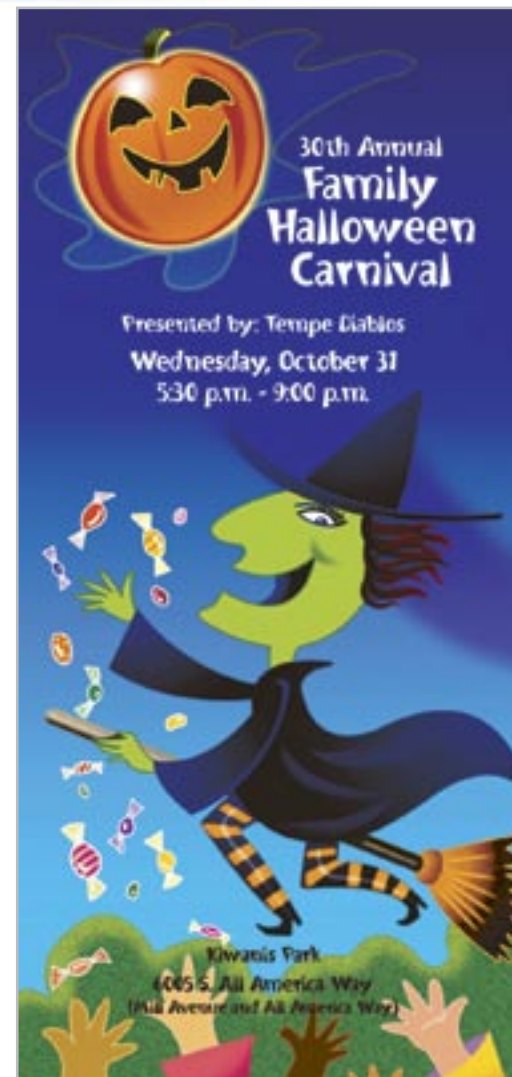
In addition, the newly opened Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, will host a free Veteran's Day performance of the Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

This 46-member group will perform a tribute concert on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m.

They will perform patriotic music such as "America the Beautiful," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and more.

Tickets are free and seating is open for this event.

For more information on the Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble, visit www.tswe.org.



G.A.I.N. Night Oct. 20

Participate in G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) Night on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 4-8 p.m., by spending the evening outdoors with your neighbors.

Every block watch, neighborhood association, apartment community and mobile home community in Tempe is invited to participate. G.A.I.N. Night is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthen community relations and send a message to criminals that neighbors are organized and fighting back.

Information/registration: Call 480-858-6333 or visit www.tempe.gov/cpu.



Tempe among 100 top U.S. cities for youth

Efforts by members of Tempe/Kyrene Communities in Schools, a collaboration of local school districts and non-profit organizations, have once again helped Tempe be recognized as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People.

It is the second year in a row the city has been so honored.

Communities in Schools Director **Lynette Stonefeld**, along with Tempe City Council members **Mark Mitchell** and **Onnie Shekerjian**, along with Tempe Community Council Executive Director **Kate Hanley**, accepted the award during the America's Promise Alliance National Forum on Youth Oct. 10-11 in Washington.

Hundreds of communities applied to win the designation, which honors commitments to provide healthy, safe and caring environments for young people.

Founded in 2005 by Gen. Colin Powell, America's Promise looks for communities that fulfill the organization's Five Promises:

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Healthy Start; Effective Education; and Opportunities to Help Others.

Tempe's application for the 2007 award was based in part on initiatives by the Communities in Schools program, which has opened nine family resource centers in high-poverty elementary schools, with the aim of supporting parents as they take part in their children's education.

Among a number of other programs and initiatives that helped Tempe win the distinction were the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission, which gives young people a voice in local government; the city's establishment of an adaptive recreation program to serve children with disabilities who wish to participate in Special Olympics; an advisory committee of local businesses that hire special education and at-risk students for after-school jobs; the Tempe Public Library's Experience Corps project, which pairs retirees with students for tutoring; and the first community health clinic serving low-income residents.

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Casino

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too late.

Tribal officials broke ground for the project on Oct. 8, just four days after an informational session that had been announced only 72 hours earlier.

Opening is scheduled late next year. In Gilbert, an outpouring of protests from homeowners near the proposed site at Gilbert Road and Hunt Highway persuaded tribal officials to consider an alternate location, in southwest Chandler.

A last-minute open house, arranged by Chandler Mayor **Boyd Dunn** on Oct. 4 and held at the Desert Breeze Police Substation just north of Chandler Boulevard, was intended to provide a forum for residents to ask questions.

The audience seemed more concerned, however, with the lack of notice and indications that the project appeared to be a done deal.

"I am extremely disappointed with

the city of Chandler," said Twelve Oaks resident **Luke Garner**. Garner claims residents in his neighborhood never received notice from Chandler of scheduled construction of a new casino complex, within walking distance of nearby Sundance Park, until just days earlier.

"My concern is a big casino means easy money, crime, alcohol served 24 hours a day, and more drunk drivers on our local streets.

"Last year my home was broken into and my wife's checks that were stolen were cashed at the local casino," said Garner. Neighbor **Cindy Cullins** concurred.

"I don't oppose casinos. But build it away from a neighborhood. Our children play baseball at our local park, which is less than a quarter mile from the proposed casino.

"I'm concerned about the increase in drunk drivers on Kyrene Road and the safety of children at the park."

Jenni Layton, also from Twelve Oaks, said she can't understand, when Arizona lawmakers drafted legislation legalizing gaming on

Indian reservations, they provided for the building of casinos next door to residential neighborhoods and elementary schools.

"When they voted to legalize casino gambling why (were) no rules written prohibiting the building of casinos next to parks, schools and neighborhoods?"

The mayor, however, had an altogether different view on the casino.

"I think it's a positive development," he said.

"The Gila River Community is transforming a heavy industrial area by moving a cement recycling plant and replacing it with a casino and high-end retail."

Audience member Garner countered that he'd rather have the cement plant.

Dunn reminded residents that Chandler has no influence over where the Gila River Community builds its casino since it is not within city limits.

After the public forum portion of the meeting ended, most who attended complained vehemently over

the lack of notice that was afforded them.

"I'm very upset the city of Chandler has not kept us informed. I just found out yesterday...that they were going to break ground on the casino at Kyrene and Loop 202 next week," said Warner Ranch resident **Shashi Karpur**.

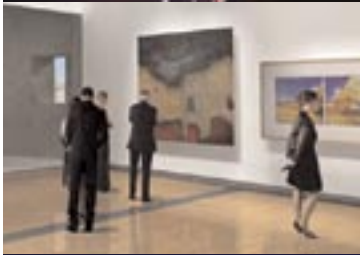
Karpur noted that such development is not compatible with neighborhoods with children.

"Casinos create a bad environment and increase the number of drunk drivers on our streets," she said.

Dale Enos, president of Gila River Gaming Enterprises, admitted the tribe's decision to locate the new Lone Butte Casino at Kyrene and Loop 202 was based on objections from residents in the Gilbert Road-Hunt Highway area and because it was a better site.

"We chose the new location for its accessibility and visibility from drivers on Loop 202 and I-10.

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Commentary

Erosion of powers seen as risk to homeowner groups

By Dale Douglas

Now that the state legislature has adjourned, homeowner associations are safe for another year from the relentless assault of a state government that seems intent on making HOAs meaningless.

For the past five years, some of the most harmful bills imaginable have been proposed that limit the ability of HOAs to enforce rules, collect

money and otherwise operate under the provisions of their governing documents. Fortunately, only a few such bills have been passed into law.

The latest example of an eroding of the rules is illustrated by the appearance of for sale signs in communities where they once were banned. This is the result of the passage of Senate Bill 1062 that prohibits an association from regulating such signs beyond the size and placement now permitted by

law. The new law allows a sign not exceeding 18 by 24 inches, along with a smaller sign below not larger than 6 by 24 inches.

Sounds simple, but there is additional language in the law that could make this interesting in the future.

Other new laws specify that children are allowed to play in the street under the control of an HOA if temporary cautionary signs are used (HB2503);

Telecommunications vehicles cannot be prohibited from parking on streets and driveways overnight (HB2254);

Solar energy devices cannot be prohibited as defined in ARS Sec.44-1761; and

Enclosed areas of HOAs are included in smoke-free regulations, as are areas within 20 feet of public entrances.

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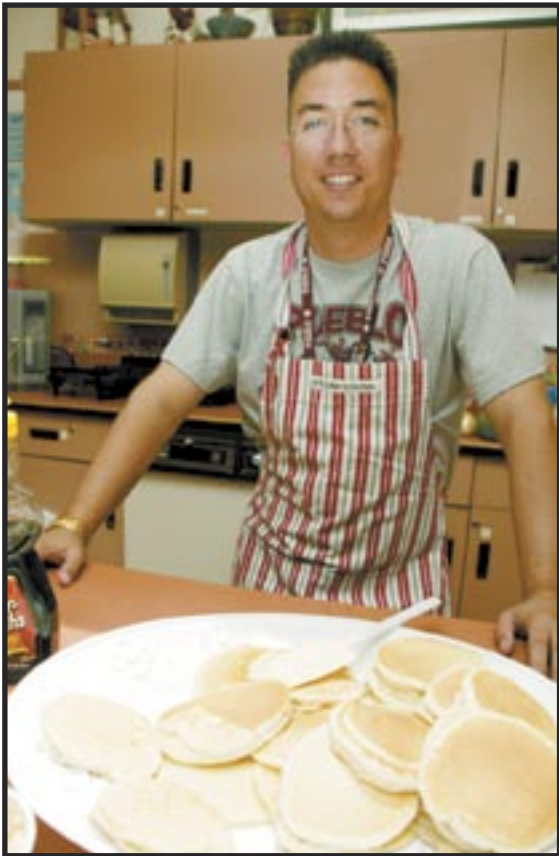
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— David Stone/
Wrangler News



HOAs

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Bills that were introduced but not passed also can be worrisome because they have a habit of coming back the following year.

Falling into this category are such proposals as:

A provision that would allow changes to existing CC&Rs by a vote of less than 75 percent of the association's members (HB2640);

Antennas would be allowed for amateur radio structures (HB2595);

Architectural reviews would have to be acted on within 60 days or the application is deemed approved (HB1238);

Assessment reduction would allow members to pay only their proportionate share of the association's amenities that are used by them (HB2769);

Although complex in language, a proposed fair market value bill would ostensibly take away the association's ability to foreclose its lien (SB1340);

Would increase to 50 days prior to election the time allowed for display of political signs (HB2502);

Associations would have no authority to regulate any easement or other area under the authority of a governmental entity (SB1360);

More restrictive rules affecting association meetings (SB1341);

Complex language dealing with attorneys' fees when members file actions against boards of directors (HB2722);

Association liens could not foreclose on the first \$150,000 equity in a home, which would essentially end the effectiveness of the association's lien. (This bill was passed by both the House and Senate by vetoed by the governor. SB1330).

Look at the list above and conclude that the concept of association doesn't have a large target on its back. Politicians never like anything over which they didn't have control, and homeowner associations, operating within the law, have a contract agreement with their members beyond politicians' reach.

Now that is changing unless we do our job in reminding the world of the value that a strong, professional, businesslike homeowner association brings to the community.

Dale Douglas has served as manager of several large homeowner associations for more than 25 years. He currently is executive director of The Lakes HOA in Tempe.



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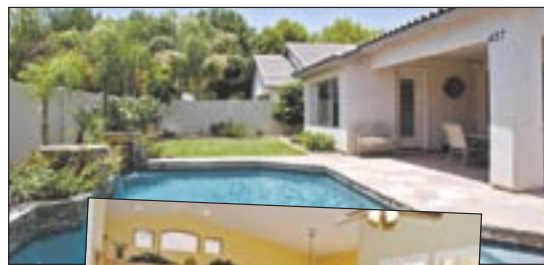


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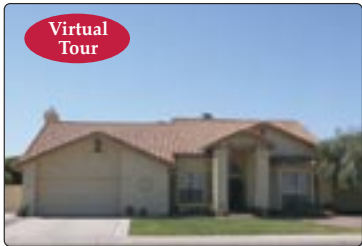


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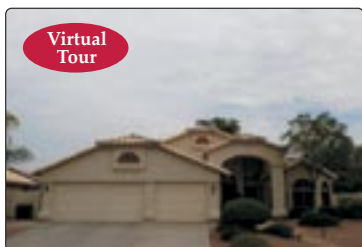
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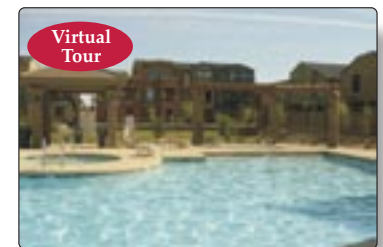
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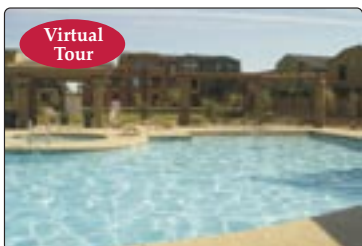
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