

Kyrene Corridor Edition

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Neighbors near McClintock Fountains at Warner Road and McClintock Drive tried to prevent the center's owners from removing mature trees as part of a massive remodeling project. Although residents protested, and Tempe officials requested a delay, the work so far has proceeded on schedule.

McClintock Fountains tree removal ignites neighbors' protests

Major remodeling projected for center

Story by Mark Moorehead
Photo by David Stone

What owners of the once-upscale McClintock Fountains intended as a massive facelift has instead enraged residents of nearby neighborhoods and caused some businesses to rethink their support of the project.

West Valley Arizona, which operates the center, launched an extensive remodeling program, including removing a number of large, mature trees, after tenants suggested that their stores needed better visibility.

As the trees came down, neighbors responded with ferocity, saying they were shocked that the center's most

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Tana, 2, and Cody, 10, lined up to have their faces painted at Kiwanis Park. Details & more events, Page 25.

— David Stone/Wrangler News

Big-screen fright fest

Editor's note: As if mere day-to-day living weren't already a scary proposition, along comes our annual celebration of Halloween. And what better way to mark the occasion than with a visit to a nearby Harkins or AMC movie palace where, at least for this week, the dead come happily back to haunt us.

By M.V. Moorhead

Halloween is upon us, and if you have the nerve—the nerve, that is, to leave your house unattended at the mercy of treat-denied tricksters—you can celebrate it at the movies.

Here are some current big-screen selections that I've seen and found entertaining:

30 Days of Night — Adapted from a comic book, this shocker is ingeniously set in an Alaska town far above the Arctic Circle, where night lasts a month, and an invading pack of vampires are therefore free of their usual curfew.

This makes them less genteel in their manners than Count Dracula—these bloodsuckers, who speak some growly Euro-babble of their own, move with the speed

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Police sealed off the entrance to the Wells Fargo Bank branch to investigate a brazen kidnap-robbery that netted \$400,000. A \$100,000 reward has been offered for the suspects' capture.

— David Stone/Wrangler News

Bank staff still traumatized by brazen kidnap-robbery

Employees at the Wells Fargo Bank branch on McClintock Drive near Warner Road have not yet fully recovered from a spectacular kidnap-robbery which police suspect was the work of onetime members of the military or law enforcement.

Robbers in para-military gear held the manager and his family hostage in the bank overnight and were there when employees arrived for work the next day.

One worker said conversations with fellow workers who were there during the episode indicated many were still traumatized by the robbery. Some had not returned to work as of mid-week.

Police continued their nationwide manhunt last week for the three armed men who robbed the bank of an estimated

\$400,000. A \$100,000 reward has been posted for their capture.

Some two dozen Tempe police and FBI agents converged on the scene, and the bank remained closed throughout the day on Oct. 19. No injuries were reported.

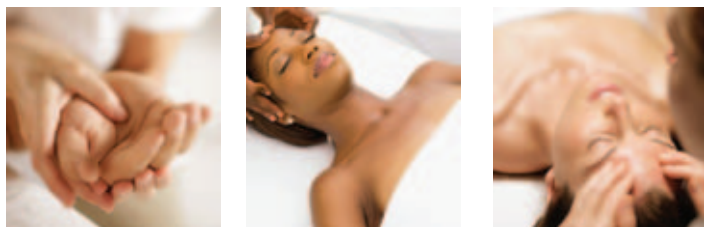
Fire House fun day

Kyrene school kids get regular trips to Phoenix's Hall of Flame Museum, so another visit will be on familiar ground.

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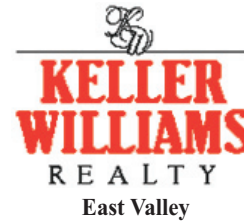
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JR Hamm ran for 113 yards and scored four touchdowns in the Aztecs' win over the Pride.

— Photo by Kris Cartwright

Aztecs impressive in back-to-back outings

Corona del Sol Aztecs 41, Mountain Pointe Pride 6

By Chris Kamper

Six in a row. After suffering two tough losses to highly ranked opponents in the first two games of the season, our Aztecs have reeled off six consecutive, impressive victories.

The Aztecs opened Central Region play with yet another dominating performance, putting a damper on Mountain Pointe's homecoming game with a 41-6 trouncing.

The Aztecs jumped to a quick 9-0 lead only three minutes into the game. Corona received the opening kickoff and drove quickly down the field behind an unstoppable rushing attack and a 39 yard pass play from QB Chase Cartwright to receiver Tanner Wear. JR Hamm plunged in from the one yard line to give the

Aztecs the lead, 7-0, at the 9:06 mark.

After receiving the Aztec kickoff, on their first play from scrimmage, the Pride hiked the ball over their quarterback's head into the end zone for a safety and a 9-0 Aztec lead at the 9:00 mark of the first quarter. Both teams played tough defense for the remainder of the opening quarter.

The second quarter opened with the Aztecs in possession of the ball and another efficient drive down the field, capped by Hamm's second TD of the evening on a two yard run to increase the Aztec lead to 15-0 at the 8:21 mark of the quarter.

The Pride received the Aztec kickoff and returned the kick to midfield. With good field position and threatening to score, cornerback Kirby Pellant intercepted a Pride pass at the Mountain Pointe 15 yard line and in a return fit for ESPN's highlights, took the ball 85 yards for an apparent Aztec TD.

Aztecs

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Due to an Aztec penalty after the reception, Pellant's TD was nullified, but the Aztecs took over with great field position at the Pride 35 yard line. Hamm rushed 11 yards for his third TD to increase the Aztec lead to 22-0 at the 3:52 mark.

Needing a touchdown to climb back into the game, the Pride scored on a 19 yard TD pass to close out the first half scoring with 1:32 remaining. The Aztecs had a 22-6 lead at the half.

The Pride received the kickoff to open the second half, but the tough Aztec defense forced a punt that was returned to the Mountain Pointe 10 yard line by kick returner **Michael Lange**.

Two plays later, the Aztecs were back in the end zone on a 7 yard TD pass from Cartwright to **Eric Benson** to increase the Aztec lead to 28-6 at the 8:13 mark of the third quarter.

The Aztecs then executed an outside kick to perfection to regain possession with excellent field position at the Pride 34 yard line. A few plays later, Hamm was back in the end zone on a four yard run. The Aztec lead was 35-6 at the 4:08 mark of the third quarter.

Wanting more, the Aztecs quickly regained possession deep in Pride territory on a fumble causing QB sack by **Wyatt Cahill** and

Kyle Schmella. Two plays later, the Aztecs were once again in the end zone on an 18 run by **Che Jumps**. The Aztecs had an insurmountable lead, 41-6 with 3:44 remaining in the third quarter.

The remainder of the second half was dominated by the Aztec defense. Highlights included a TD saving tackle by DE **Joey Kamper** and QB sacks by **Joe Pike** and **Travis Fulton**.

Final score—Aztecs 41, Pride 6. The Aztecs dominated on both sides of the ball. The defense continues to create turnovers and provide the offense with great field position. The offense continues to score frequently, efficiently and minimizes its turnovers.

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Kelsey McHugh, Ryan Koenig

Ryan Koenig and Kelsey McHugh

Ryan is a seventh grader at Kyrene Middle School who plays on the boys soccer team, and Kelsey is an eighth grader and proud member of the girls volleyball team.


Both students excel in the classroom as well as on the playing field. Ryan loves the speed and physicality of soccer while Kelsey enjoys the teamwork aspect of volleyball.

Both Ryan and Kelsey list math as their favorite subject. Ryan really likes his chorus class and Kelsey is quite interested in marine biology. So much so that she foresees a future career studying sharks and whales.

Ryan, on the other hand, would like to pursue a career in athletics.

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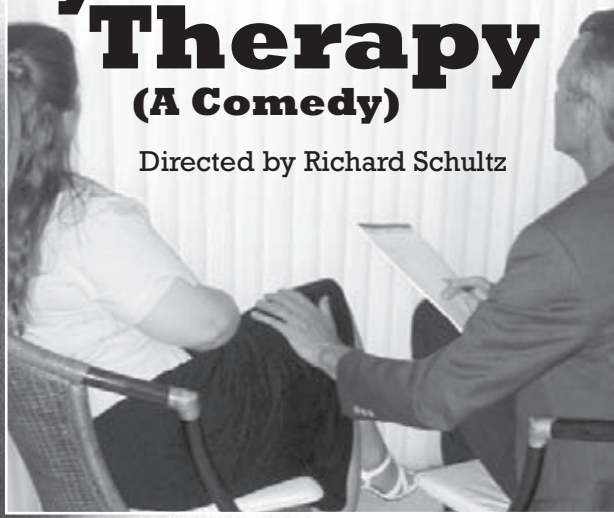
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Trees

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pleasing landscape asset was being sacrificed merely to increase visibility.

City of Tempe officials said they, too, were surprised at the extent of the cutting. After receiving complaints from irate neighbors, **Jeff Tamulevich**, senior planner and commercial code enforcer for Tempe, contacted the center's owners and asked that the cutting be stopped.

Although the company had agreed in its landscape plan to leave two large trees between each driveway, according to Tamulevich, work crews took out some of those, as well.

As controversy over the project mounted, a number of residents from nearby neighborhoods gathered at the property to communicate their disapproval of the tree cutting to the new owners.

Circle G Ranch resident **Penny Pease** said she was outraged at what she described as "the wholesale removal of large, beautiful, healthy trees."

Pease said part of the reason she moved to this part of Tempe was the lush mature trees along Warner Road.

"We all paid for old growth when we moved here, and all we want is for them (the property owners) to replace ash tree with ash tree, like kind for like kind," said Pease.

There were a few exceptions regarding the replacement of trees removed with like kind. For example, none of the neighbors protesting the removal of the large trees wanted the olive trees replaced, citing allergy concerns.

And, all seemed pleased to see the removal of dead trees from the small parking-lot islands.

While residents of adjacent neighborhoods were fuming, some center tenants supported the owner's

actions, at least in principle.

"I think it's great the landlord wants to upgrade the complex, but I wasn't aware we would be taking down so many trees," said **Jess Dechant**, an investment representative for Edward Jones, one of the center's tenants.

"I wish we weren't cutting down that many 30-year-old trees, especially with the afternoon sun in the parking lot.

"But his intentions are the best; he's trying to improve the business environment for all of us in the complex," she said.

Deschant said she attended a meeting called by the owners several weeks ago at which feedback was solicited from all the tenants.

"The overwhelming theme was that the visibility is really poor. (The owner's) efforts are in the right place. This is a 30-year-old complex. It's fair to say it needs to be updated," Dechant said.

Some other business owners indicated they would have preferred to see the updating-plan shelved if they had realized it would involve removing so much existing landscaping.

"I was heartbroken and in despair when they began cutting down those gorgeous trees," says **Dr. Pamela Rupprecht** of The Reading Clinic.

"I immediately went around tying green ribbons around the few remaining big trees hoping they would be spared," she said.

Despite a growing number of protests, the owners stuck to their plan. Within 24 hours, red ribbons had been placed on many of the same trees, presumably as a signal to work crews to proceed as scheduled.

Although he suggested that he, too, prefers to keep mature trees when possible, West Valley Arizona vice president **Steven Mariani** said the center was overdue for a makeover.

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Confessions of a Financial Advisor

by **Kevin A. Kaesberg**



Q ■ My employer is offering a 401(k) for retirement. They match the first 3% of my salary that I put in dollar for dollar. I have been putting in monthly deposits to my IRA. Should I stop my IRA deposits and enroll in the 401(k) or just continue funding my IRA? —T.K., Gilbert, AZ

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It is important to note that your income level to take a deduction for your IRA contributions is reduced when you participate in a qualified plan such as a 401(k). It may be best to start funding a Roth IRA in addition to your 401(k).

Q ■ We've all heard the mantra "Buy low and sell high." It always seems easier said than done, but is now the right time to start buying residential real estate? Are we near a bottom in housing prices? —E.W., Tempe, AZ

The residential real estate markets have been in the media for years. Unfortunately, the news lately has not been great. I am going to make the assumption you are asking about real estate for investment purposes and not for primary shelter purposes, so I will answer your question from an investment point of view.

There is an old rule of thumb that states a rental home is a good value if you can get 1% of the value of the home per month in rent (i.e. \$2,000 per month rent on a home valued at \$200,000). This has not been the case for as long as I have lived in Arizona, but current values are not even in the ball park using that rule of thumb.

Residential rentals in this area have not penciled well for years from a cash flow perspective. Yes, they worked out well earlier this decade, but the success was driven by speculative increases in prices as opposed to investment cash flow. They did not provide any cash flow to speak of, and were usually cash flow negative.

Nobody has consistently been able to call market tops and bottoms until after they have happened. What I can share with you is whether the risk is high or low. At this time, it is my opinion that residential real estate has more risk than you can reasonably expect to be compensated for and they still seem to require additional monthly cash to cover expenses.

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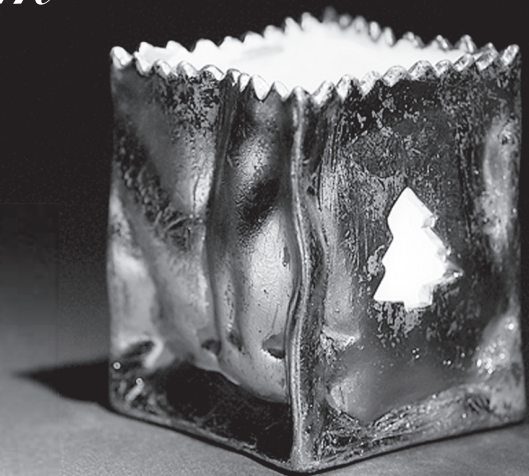
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Trees

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“The mall had not been properly maintained and the landscaping was

out of control,” he said.

Mariani conceded that the tree trimmers may have gone further than they should have, and not all of the trees cut down were scheduled for removal.

However, he pointed to

architectural renderings of the center’s upcoming makeover, emphasizing the comprehensive nature of the planned changes.

“In addition to re-working the landscaping, we’re adding a new stone finish, new updated light fixtures and new stucco corbels and parapet caps to the building,” he said.

A new architectural sign listing the names of tenant companies also will be installed.

Reworking the landscape design, said Mariani, includes plans to plant 130 new trees and 2,500 new shrubs and flowers.

The large ash and ficus trees that were removed will be replaced with smaller, low-water-usage trees such as palo verde, sweet acacia and date palm, he said.

New shrubs will include bougainvillea.

Mariani was quick to point out that the current bleak, empty landscape and untidy appearance of the building

are temporary and not unusual for the early stage of a remodeling project.

He urged neighbors to be patient until the project is completed before passing judgment.

McClintock Fountains was among the area’s premier centers in the early to mid-1990s.

Major tenants included a Safeway store, which moved to McClintock and Elliot, and a Walgreens, which relocated across the street.

It was also during those years that holidays at McClintock Fountains became occasions for special celebrations, including carriage rides at Christmas and other events planned by the then-management company.

With the original anchor tenants gone, the center seemed to decline while new, more upscale centers sprang up elsewhere in the area.

— Don Kirkland contributed to this article



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Aztecs

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In this one, the Aztec defense was led by Wyatt Cahill with 7 tackles, Kyle Benson with six tackles, Tyler Gionnonatti with five tackles, Kyle Schmella and Evan Altheide, each with four tackles, and Austin Cartwright and Eric Benson with two tackles each.

The Aztec offense racked up nearly 500 yards of total offense against the Pride defense. We rushed for nearly 400 yards, led by **JR Hamm's** 113 yards on 19 carries and 4 TDs, **Che Jump** had 86 yards on 10 carries and a TD, **Kyle Schmella** added 36 yards on six carries, **Kirby Pellant** had 4 carries for 24 yards, **Kareem Khalile** had 2 carries for 19 yards, **Zach Sitton** had 3 carries for 17 yards and **Michael**

Lange contributed 2 carries for 17 yards. **Chase Cartwright** completed six of his 13 passes for 104 yards and a TD. **Eric Benson** caught 3 passes for 32 yards and a TD.

The Aztecs have improved their season record to 6-2 with two tough region games remaining. The playoffs and a possible high playoff seeding are within reach.

Coach Gary Ventura and his staff have done a terrific job of developing and preparing his players.

The offense, defense and special teams seem to be improving with each passing week. The Aztecs will need to be at the top of their game as we play for region supremacy against the also improving Desert Vista Thunder who are coming off an equally impressive 31-14 victory over region rival Basha Bears.

With six wins in a row, our Aztecs have momentum and appear to more than ready for the Thunder.

Next game: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 7 pm at Desert Vista. Go Aztecs!

Signups under way for Lacrosse club's fall clinic for kids

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Movies

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of cheetahs, toy with their helpless human prey and howl exultantly when they've finished feeding.

They're a gruesome, repellent lot, and Danny Huston, who plays their joyless, slack-faced leader, is particularly odious.

The handful of townies who survive the initial attack are led by the asthmatic sheriff, played by Josh Hartnett, a sometimes annoying actor who is very good here, touching in his terror and uncertainty.

The tension slackens a little toward the end, but on the whole this is the best new vampire movie in quite some time.

Resident Evil: Extinction — The third film adapted from the popular video game is set in the Nevada desert after a zombie plague, as star Milla Jovovich, chic as ever—L'Oreal seems still to be in operation post-Apocalypse—and a small band of other survivors battle both the undead and a mad scientist in the ruins of Las Vegas.

This deranged combination of Dawn of the Dead, The Road Warrior and The Good, the Bad and the Ugly is poorly acted and really poorly written, but it's quite entertaining.

It's devoid of any real scares, though, as were the first two, and I think that has to do, to a considerable extent, with the heavy use of computer-generated special effects in the franchise. Zombie movies depend for much of their punch on goriness, either suggested or prosthetically faked.

Computer effects, for all their many uses, aren't visceral, and in horror movies they add a touch of sterility that relieves us of taking them seriously.

Dragon Wars: D-War — This Korean production, set and at least partly shot in the USA, is an instant so-bad-it's-good classic.

It involves a pair of star-crossed lovers (Jason Behr and Amanda Brooks) caught up in the return to Earth of an army of legendary Korean dragon-serpents, the Imugi, or "Imoogi" as they're spelled in the subtitles.

These crazy mixed-up kids soon learn that they're reincarnations of a pair of lovers from medieval Korea who also have a history with dragons.

The dialogue is eye-wideningly terrible, as is most of the acting by the largely American cast. My keenest sympathy was for that sterling actor Robert Forster (so sublime as Max Cherry in *Jackie Brown*), who plays a sage antique dealer and who has the unenviable task of delivering pages and pages of expository narration; he sounds like he'd rather be just about anywhere else on the planet.

The dragon sequences, however, are wonderful—the computer-generated special effects are strong, and the director, Hyung-rae Shim, has a flair for large-scale spectacle.

When the snaky, furious-faced beasts loom over tree lines or coil themselves around skyscrapers, or when flocks of leathery-winged monsters dogfight with helicopters, the movie generates a wild-and-wooly energy that Transformers, the summer's earlier attempt at a gargantuan fantasy, couldn't match.

The dragon designs have a mythic beauty to them, too; when a good dragon finally shows up to defend the lovers—"It's the good Imoogi!" our hero helpfully observes—it has the ornate elegance we want from an Asian specimen, and its clash with the "bad Imoogi" looks like a Molly Hatchet album cover come to life.

None of these movies is for younger kids, by the way, especially not the first two.

30 Days of Night and *Resident Evil* can be seen at all area Harkins theaters and at the AMC location in Ahwatukee. *Dragon Wars* is showing only at the Harkins location on Thomas Road in Phoenix.

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Chandler expands offerings for online 'InfoMap' search engine

Chandler officials have released a new version of their online InfoMap that lets visitors quickly locate information about their west Chandler neighborhood and other nearby areas.

This latest enhancement to the city website, www.chandleraz.gov, builds on an earlier version of InfoMap that included information about city facilities and amenities such as fire stations, police substations, landfills, airports, wells, parks, aquatic centers, libraries, schools and more.

The latest enhancement enables visitors to obtain parcel-ownership information and capture an image of their neighborhood. This image can be printed or e-mailed.

Using Geographic Information System technology, InfoMap provides residents with the ability to view any area of the city. A tutorial offers instructions on how to use the various

tools and functions.

Neighborhood associations formally registered with the city are able to pull up contact information for the code enforcement inspector and neighborhood programs administrator assigned to their area.

Neighborhood boundaries and association board meeting date and location information also is listed, if such information has been provided to the city.

InfoMap is considered a work in progress, and city staff will regularly update and add information as it becomes available.

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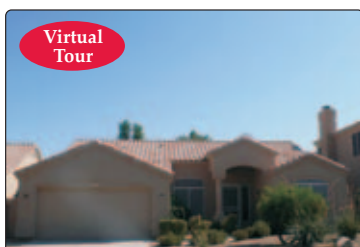
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Catching a rainbow

Corona del Sol cheerleaders Leanna Piroli and Karlee Robers weren’t expecting to find a pot of gold nearby, despite folklore to the contrary. The two were enjoying a break in the weather with during the Aztecs’ football game at Red Mountain High School.

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Fall sports programs are winding down at Corona del Sol High School, with young athletes on the swim, volleyball, freshman tennis and JV cross country teams celebrating a successful season. Among those contributing stellar performances were, clockwise from top left, **Adam Small**, **Trey McAlister** and **Danna Sheppard**. Members of the varsity volleyball team, right, observed the traditional singing of the national anthem before facing rival Mountain Pointe and, below, got fired up for the game, which resulted in a victory for CdS.



— Photos by Kris Cartwright for Wrangler News

Undeclared CdS tennis standout freshman Lauren Hacker.



CdS girls ran a split squad to accommodate the AIA rule of seniors not running in JV races. As a result, the girls brought home the team trophy to become city champs.

— Contributed by Chris Huch



Old haunt scares up some ghostly tales

By M.V. Moorhead

Over a plate of excellent fish n' chips, with the afternoon sun filtering in and baseball on the TV and the cheerful conversation of the regulars at the bar and good company across from me, I can't say I felt creeped out at Casey Moore's Oyster House.

The most haunting image in sight—poignantly haunting—is the autographed Pat Tillman jersey on the wall over our table.

But the fine old Tempe bar and eatery at 850 S. Ash has long had a reputation as a haunted house. A note in the menu claims that in “the wee hours of the morning, passers-by have seen a woman dressed in “turn-of-the-century” clothing dancing in our upstairs dining room.

Articles disappear, and suddenly show up in strange places. Neckties are “tugged” and objects become weightless.”

When I ask our server about it, she nods at once. “It's upstairs, where people have seen the ghosts,” she says. “It's not open right now, but I can take you up there if you want.”

Summoning all of our courage, my lunch companion and I agree to this proposition. If it was a movie, this would be the part where the audience starts yelling, “Don't go up there...don't go up there.”

The server leads us up a flight of stairs behind the bar to a dim hallway. She's not from these parts, and hasn't been working here too long, but she does her best to offer us some background.

“I guess this house used to be a brothel once,” she deadpans, “and I guess a girl got strangled up here.” She leads us into a small room full of tables and chairs, and points to a corner.

“That's where it's supposed to have happened. And then there's a fireplace, and somebody—the first governor of Arizona?—somebody like that, anyway, he's supposed to have dropped dead in front of the fireplace.”

She doesn't seem scared. Has she ever seen anything?

No, she says, but “I've only worked up here about twice.”

On a second visit, however, when I ask Tina, the bartender, if the place is haunted, her answer is emphatic: “Yeah.”

Has she ever seen anything personally?

“No, because I don't go upstairs, mostly.”

She pauses, then adds, “I avoid going upstairs.”

On yet a third visit, one of Casey Moore's co-owner/managers, David Arkules, tells me this: “I don't believe in ghosts, but something happened once, and I won't be here alone at night.” He prefers not to share the rest.

Time for the exposition scene:

I decide to see if I can find any historical support for the building's supposedly spooky past. James Burns, curator of history at Tempe Historical Museum, has pulled the records he had at hand, and invites me to peruse them.

“I was actually surprised at how little we had on that house,” says Burns, as he sets several thick file-folders, bulging with papers, in front of me.

After a painstaking, exhaustive search of these records that must have lasted...oh, let's say 20 whole minutes, I've learned that the house at 850 S. Ash was built in 1910, and was the residence of Dr. William A. Moeur from then until his death on Christmas Day, 1929.

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A rear window, above, gives perspective to the ghostly environs at Casey Moore's Oyster House in downtown Tempe, where the spirit of a turn-of-the-century inhabitant is said to reside. In an upstairs dining room, left, an erie painting serves as a reminder of the apparition that has been sighted in the popular watering hole more than 25 times over the years.

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Haunted

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Dr. Moeur, a Tennessee native, had lived in and around Tempe area since the early 1890s. He was a member of the first Phoenix Union High School board, and later served as the first state land commissioner, and as a justice of the peace in Tempe.

His brother, Benjamin Baker Moeur, was indeed the governor of Arizona—not the first, but an early one, serving from 1932-34 and again in 1936. But I find no mention of him dropping dead in front of the fireplace in his brother's Tempe

home.

OK, so the early history of the house hasn't turned up any obvious origin scenario for the Casey Moore's ghost. But according to co-owner/manager Gavin Rutledge, I'm looking back too far.

"A girl was killed here in 1966," Rutledge tells me. In those days, he claims, the place was a boarding house, and the girl was the victim of a jealous lover.

She's never left the house since, says Rutledge: "When we first put in the camera system, we saw the shape of a woman on the tape. I'd call it a wavy apparition. It's 44 seconds on the tape...She's been seen by 25 different people over the years, both customers and bartenders.

"Sometimes she looks around the corner, but we've had bartenders come face-to-face with her... very white face, very black hair."

Rutledge also says he's come to be aware of the ghost's moodiness, especially toward romance on her turf upstairs.

"Sometimes she throws a fork or a spoon against the wall in the upstairs dining room. I mean, forcibly. She doesn't like first kisses up here. She didn't like my first wife; I think she's a good judge of character.

"I feel a friendship with her," Rutledge admits. "I used to be terrified, but now I get kind of a warm feeling."



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Plenty of safe Halloween fun awaits KC families

by P.J. Standlee

Families will have plenty of spooky events to choose from as Halloween approaches across the Kyrene Corridor that will give parents safer alternatives to neighborhood trick-or-treating without sacrificing their kids' fun and candy booty.

Many families will be making their way to the 30th annual Family Halloween Carnival hosted by the city of Tempe and sponsored by Tempe Diablos along with a host of local organizations.

The carnival will kick off on Oct. 31

at 5:30 p.m. at Kiwanis Park along All American Way, and wrap up around 9 p.m.

Admission is free and open to the public. Tickets to participate in some rides or activities will cost 25 cents and the proceeds will be donated to local non-profit organizations.

The carnival first started as small event designed as a safe alternative to trick-or-treating. This year will be the biggest, attracting approximately 40 volunteer organizations with 60 booths. Activities will include games, face painting, a bounce house, food and entertainment.

"We get a lot of support from the local community," said **Jared Wilson**, event coordinator for the Tempe Parks and Recreation Department.

"If we didn't have them, we wouldn't have this event." Many of the volunteers, he emphasized, include local high school and Arizona State University students.

The carnival provides a safe atmosphere for kids to enjoy Halloween and also collect candy and play games. Parents like the event because the event gives kids a safe place to enjoy trick-or-treating

without having to worry about which houses or neighborhoods to stop at.

The open Halloween costume contest is another reason why parents enjoy coming to the carnival, Wilson said.

"Last year we had someone dress up as Jack Sparrow. He had the costume, the mannerisms—everything. If you want to win, you have to bring your A-game," Wilson said.

Prizes can include free t-shirts, a round of golf and sport merchandise.

For more information, visit Tempe

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Chandler's Halloween Spooktacular

For fun before Halloween, the city of Chandler and the Chandler Lions Club will be hosting the Halloween Spooktacular event at the city's community center, located at 125 E. Commonwealth Ave., on Oct. 27 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Admission costs \$3 for individuals and \$10 for families with four or more people. Parents and kids can join in games, face painting, arts and crafts and a costume contest.

"It's a good time and a great opportunity for kids to get some use of their costumes outside of Halloween," said **Erica Ramos-Guevara**, marketing assistant with the city of Chandler. "We'll have food, games, and a lot of fun activities."

Parents can also participate in the

games and the arts and crafts, Ramos-Guevara added. The costume contest will also be open to all ages.

"Above all, it's safe," Ramos-Guevara said. For more information, call (480) 782-2730.

Zinghoppers Costume Dance Party

The Sunset library in Chandler will be jumping when the Zinghoppers band during their Halloween Costume Dance Party for kids ages one to eight on Oct. 24 starting at 2 p.m.

The Zinghoppers, a band created by former early education teachers Jack and Kitty Norton, stars Penelope the Possum on the counter base, Coconuts the Kangaroo on guitar and drums and Olo the Donkey on violin and accordion will be hosting their Halloween dance party with costumes and songs to get kids moving and singing.

Norton said their shows try to create a positive message while educating children. "We encourage dancing and singing," Norton said.

"And this is a good opportunity for kids to put on their costumes twice."

The Nortons started their band in Minnesota and have performed more than 250 shows in the Midwest before moving to the Phoenix area. Many of their shows, he added, include parents who like to join in on the songs. "Sometimes it ends up being a third generating thing," Norton said. "Grandparents also like to sing along."

For more information, visit the city of Chandler Library's website at www.chandlerlibrary.org or the Zinghoppers website at www.zinghoppers.com.

Escalante's Family Halloween Adventure

Families who can't attend the city of Tempe's carnival on Oct. 31, can check out the Eighth Annual Escalante's Family Halloween Adventure and famed haunted house located at the Escalante community center on 2150 E. Orange Street in Tempe from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Last year the Halloween Adventure attracted over 900 people and special project coordinator for the city of Tempe, **Frieda Roben**, said she expects the same high turnout this

year, which is why the \$2 wristbands are being sold early at the center.

This event is also one of the most affordable Halloween events in the area, and the wristband includes the carnival, haunted house and food.

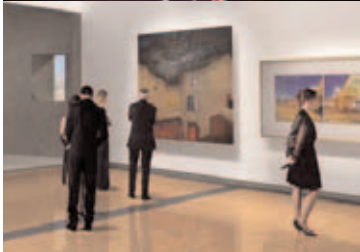
Activities include arts and crafts, carnival games and rides, face painting, food, candy and a notoriously scary haunted house.

"The haunted house is made of four rooms and hallways, and it's all out," warned Roben, who said planning for the haunted house lasts all year.

This year's haunted house will be thematic, following the guise of famous horror movies, such as *Texas Chain Saw Massacre* and *Saw*. It's recommended that children under 12 be accompanied by an adult.

Even though the haunted house tries to be low in gore, some people have a hard time making the whole way through the maze like structure with loaded with "scare actors" and harrowing rooms.

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“Patrons walk through all the rooms and hallways but can’t see the actors,” Roben said.

“Monsters are not separated from the people like other haunted houses, so there’s a lot of misdirection. Basically, we want to make patrons scared of staying where they are and move forward and out.”

For more information call (480) 350-5800 or visit www.tempe.gov/escalante.

AZ All-Starts Halloween Friday Fun Night

Parents who want to escape on the weekend before Halloween can drop their kids off at the AZ All-Stars Halloween Friday Fun Night located on 7425 Harl Ave. on Oct. 26.

Parents can drop off their kids between 6 to 6:30 p.m. and pick up from 9:30 to 10 p.m.

Admission is open to members and non-members ages four to 13. Attendees need a \$15 fee and a signed waiver, which can be found at www.azallstars.com, and should register by calling (480) 831-1105.

Kids can enjoy supervised gym activities, movies, and light snacks. Of course, there’s a Halloween costume contest so kids should also bring their costumes with a bottle of water to cool off.

“If you have an active child, this is the place to be,” said Vice President of the All Stars Booster Club **Nancy Dudenhoefer**.

“Children who have attended in the past beg to go back. It’s like a P.E., music and art class all mixed into one.”

The VanDerWerf Haunted House

For 16 years **Ed and Roxanne VanDerWerf** have been putting up their home made haunted house outside on their drive way in the Raintree neighborhood near S. College Ave. and E. Carver Road, which opens only for Halloween night.

Almost every year the haunted house gets bigger and bigger, but the VanDerWerf say they want their haunted house to remain a locals thing, so only locals are invited. However, passers by can get a glimpse of the haunted house, which began building only two weeks ago.

“We started small, but every year it gets bigger and bigger because of the response,” said Roxanne. “First my husband started getting into it, then the children, and then the family and finally the neighbors would come over and help us.”

The haunted house is built mostly of wood and takes up three-quarters of the driveway, Roxanne said, but one has to see it to believe it. The haunted house opens around dusk and usually wraps up after 9:30 p.m. Admission is free to local families, and many older kids volunteer to help scare the patrons.

“We like to scare everyone,” Roxanne said. “And sometimes the line goes down the street and we have to do some crowd control.”



Miss Arizona Teen

Ashley Stainton, 16, who attended Cielo Elementary and Aprende Middle schools has been named Miss Arizona Teen USA. The family lived in Estate La Colina before moving to Ahwatukee. Ashley will now go on into compete in the USA finals at a date yet to be announced.

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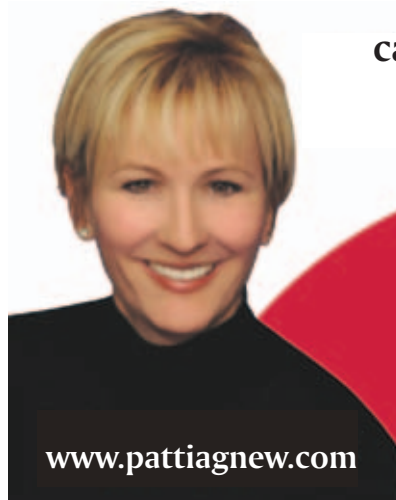
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