



Kwesi, the owner and manager of Jollof King, an ethnic specialty restaurant that just arrived in Tempe, explains the allure of his native West African cuisine.

— Noah Kutz for Wrangler News

Master of culinary arts A touch of Africa tempts Tempe palates

By M.V. Moorhead

Kwesi, mononym of the owner and manager of Jollof King, one of Tempe's newest dining experiences, is quick to explain that his educational background is definitely not in the field of culinary arts or restaurant management.

And yet, if a visit to the place offers evidence that years in college aren't the only qualification for serving up delicious and unusual repasts, Kwesi seems to hold a gastronomic master's degree.

"I was always the IT (information technology) guy," says the native of Accra, Ghana, who studied Management Information Systems at Cal State San Marcos and San Diego State after living for a time in New York.

He then came to ASU for graduate studies, and eventually ran a restaurant in Camp Verde, residing in Arizona for nearly a decade.

So how did he learn to cook? "I don't cook!" he says quickly. "But I can taste."

So Kwesi talked a relative who *can* cook into relocating to the Valley from Ohio, and launched his new venture Jollof King at Elliot and Kyrene.

This imported chef serves up bounteous portions of West African favorites, like stewed beef, goat and fish alongside traditional African starches like fufu and banku and yams, in Jollof King's sleek yet homey dining room.

His own favorite is the okra stew, loaded with meat and/or shrimp. He likes it served with mounds of hearty banku, a dough roughly the color and consistency of mashed potatoes, but with a subtly different flavor that combines hints of both sweet and sour.

Says Kwesi:

— AFRICA, Page 10

'Volunteens' survive pre-acceptance gauntlet as they pursue hopes of future medical careers

Signing up for the summer Volunteen program at Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center is easy. Getting accepted takes a bit of work: rigorous screening, letters of recommendation, interviews, two essays and a 3.5 grade-point average.

Even with those requirements, the hospital's Volunteer Services Department just launched its 12th year of the program by hiring 92 teens out of the 347 who applied.

In all, since starting in 2006, more than 1,360 teens have been accepted, all hoping to learn about hospitals and health care.

The Summer Volunteen program offers an in-depth learning and leadership opportunity for teens interested in the health care industry. Many teens say they find the experience invaluable and enjoy making a positive impact on patients, staff and visitors.

"We are dedicated to offering opportunities for these future leaders to serve," said Lori Mercer, supervisor of volunteer services at Chandler Regional. "We want to encourage them to learn about the variety of careers available in the medical field."

This summer, the program runs from June 4 through the end of July. The 200 teens spend their summer gaining hands-on experience in the medical field and spend at least one day a week at the hospital.

They have the opportunity to work on research and creative projects, escort patients, perform administrative duties, work alongside staff who mentor them and more.

The program is level-based, so the teens with more experience have first pick for available job areas in almost 100 departments.

— TEENS, Page 22



AN INSIDER'S LOOK — Chandler Regional Medical Center nurse Sarah Cobb demos the hospital's high-tech medical technology for Volunteen Megan Dye.

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Former Marcos, Corona, Tempe High School coach Frank Castro dies at 83

By Luke Ottinger

On Friday, July 13, high school football lost one of its cornerstones. Arizona High School Hall of Fame coach Frank Castro passed away after 60 years of coaching. Castro had stints at Marcos de Niza and Corona del Sol high schools in Tempe and Seton Catholic in West Chandler



Known simply as "Coach" by those who worked with and for him, Castro made his mark not just on Arizona high school football but locally as a leader, mentor and, to many, a friend.

Castro was inducted into the Arizona High School Athletic Association Coaches' Hall of Fame in 1994 as well as into the National Hispanic Hall of Fame for his service. He was the head football coach for eight seasons at Marcos in the '80s and became the offensive coordinator for Tim McBurney at Tempe High in the early 1990s after his head coaching career at Marcos de Niza ended.

He also coached three seasons at Bagdad High School, where he had played defensive end on the Sultans'

1952 championship football team.

Castro also had a brief stint at Parker, where he coached high school baseball, leading his team to an 18-0 season and earning recognition as the state runner-up.

"I first met Frank while he coached baseball at Parker and I played for Bagdad," said longtime friend Gary Dykman.

"I always admired his coaching, even as a young high school opponent.

I've never known anyone so dedicated to his coaching and his players as Coach Castro...so many lives have been touched by Frank; we all mourn his passing but are so thankful for his presence in our lives."

One of Frank's major priorities was his family.

I spoke with Castro's daughter Enedina, who recounted the impact her father had on Arizona high school football and, in particular, on his students and players.

"There are many past players and

students that have reached out to us since his passing, just to let us know how much my dad did for them during his time as their coach and teacher...He was loved by so many," Enedina said.

"He loved what he did and was proud to see his players and students succeed. We didn't have a lot, but we

always had each other. Friday night lights meant a lot to us kids.

"As the Arizona high school football season moves forward, former players, assistant coaches and athletic directors tend to look back at those who inspired them and mold them into

the players, coaches and leaders they always aspired to be."

Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell said he didn't know him personally but acknowledges the impact coaches like Castro have on young people.

"I appreciate all the coaches who inspire our youth. I was very fortunate to have had the best coaches when I played football and baseball at



McClintock," Mitchell said.

"I respect and admire how coaches influence our youth for years to come. I'm very fortunate to have had the best coaches in high school."

Frank Castro left a lasting, sizeable footprint on Arizona high school football, maybe even more so on the Tempe area. As both a player and as a coach, Castro's memory will live on through stories, memories and his achievements.

Our communities will dearly miss you, Frank Castro.

'We didn't have a lot, but we always had each other. Friday night lights meant a lot to us kids.'

— Castro daughter Enedina

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Chandler library introduces small-biz workshops, tips for entrepreneurs

No-cost programs relating to a variety of topics, especially in the small-business community, are now available to West Chandler residents from the Chandler Public Library and its economic development team via a collaborative new Build Your Business program.

During August, participants can attend four small business workshops, each focusing on topics designed to answer tough questions about starting or growing a business.

Staff has coordinated speakers knowledgeable in small business resources, including business plans, marketing efforts, financing, labor laws and ways to longterm success.

Representatives from local companies will share their story during the panel discussions.

City Council member Mark Stewart, who supports the Build Your Business program, notes that Chandler promotes its business climate through its partnerships with the Chandler Chamber of Commerce, Maricopa Small Business Development Center, East Valley Partnership and Greater Phoenix Service Corps of Retired Executives.

For its part, the Chandler library provides a resource center connecting patrons to a variety of databases, such as *Reference USA*, that can be useful for marketing and gathering demographic information, and *lyndaLibrary*, offering a selection of video tutorials covering software, business and creativity skills.

Whether visiting the Sunset branch on Ray Road in West Chandler or one of the other three public libraries in

person or on-line, resources are free with a library card. City staff is always available and willing to assist, says Stewart.

Another library benefit available at no cost is access to the Business Location Team, which consists of staff from such city departments as Development Services, Economic Development, Fire and Planning.

These staff members are available to help first-time entrepreneurs and experienced business owners navigate through the property development and permitting processes.

Starting a business can be overwhelming and at times scary, Stewart points out. "As an entrepreneur, I understand the challenges in creating and growing successful businesses," he says.

"Networking is another opportunity during these types of free events, (which serve) to connect people who can learn from one another..."

Adds Stewart:

"The mayor and City Council are champions for creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem, and that is why these services are supported by the city. I encourage those thinking of starting a business or who own a business to take advantage of the many opportunities offered through the city of Chandler."

Each workshop is stand-alone and will take place 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 1, 8, 15 and 22 the Downtown Chandler Library, 22 S. Delaware St. There is no cost, but registration is required.

Information: chandlerlibrary.org; click Downtown Library calendar.

Engineering opp for homeschoolers

Families that homeschool their children are being invited to explore the field of engineering at Homeschool Days, Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Environmental Education Center at Veteran's Oasis Park.

Homeschool Days is designed for families to learn together while exploring topics involving science, sustainability and the environment of the Sonoran Desert.

It will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m.

"Through lecture, experiments and projects, participants will explore the general field of engineering, which helps make our daily lives easier," said Ariane Francis, a recreation coordinator and manager of the EEC.

The session also will explore the civil, mechanical, medical and

environmental subdivisions of engineering, Francis noted.

The programs are designed for ages 5 to 17 and offer grade-specific activities that allow students to experience the adventure of learning through inquiry-based activities, investigations and technology.

The cost is \$6 for homeschooled children living in Chandler and \$9 for non-residents.

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Hometown news: Mostly fun, sometimes challenging, once in a while scary

By Don Kirkland

In case you think that we at Wrangler News live a life devoid of stress or even outright hazard once in a while, let us set the record straight. We don't. Despite the hometown-y flavor of our paper, and the fact that we have learned ways to navigate most minor trouble spots, we do occasionally hit a bump along the way.

One such detour in this otherwise predictable roadmap occurred during a visit from Ty Tabat, our go-to guy at Signature Offset, the longtime Tempe printing outfit where our paper rolls off the presses every couple of weeks.

Although Ty always (always!) manages to bring smiles to our faces when he drops by, even on days when we're racing to meet our deadline, one recent visit resulted in what was a not wholly unexpected surprise.

The cost of the paper on which you read every issue of Wrangler News has increased by almost 25 percent in the last few months, some of it due to recently imposed Canadian tariffs, some related to a drop in production because the big dailies are printing fewer pages these days, thus reducing overall demand.

So far, Ty told us, his company has managed to avoid passing on those increases by absorbing the biggest share of them.

But the small (again, so far) hike in what we pay for printing each month is causing us some concern, suggesting that, should more increases be lying in wait within the next couple of years, we will have to take a serious look at the number of papers we print and how those papers get delivered.

So here's where you come in: Should you want to get a head start (if you haven't already, that is) on familiarizing yourself with our online edition, at the same time enjoying its ease of PageFlip navigation, its clickable links to websites and its overall convenience of access—and, best of all, no annoying pop-ups—then please email editor@wranglernews.com and simply say in the subject line: "Sign me up."

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Now, going back to the beginning of this commentary, here's what we mean when we mention hazards.

In the last few months, two of our newspaper-distribution professionals have been seriously threatened, and in one case chased down the street, by people who don't want the paper delivered to their home. Non-delivery is a normal request and one that we understand and respect. Of the approximately 20,000 papers we print, we maintain a list of about

50 no-throw requests. There are many valid reasons for wishing to suspend delivery: Out of town a lot, on vacation until a certain date, preferring our online presentation instead of the print edition (see above).

All that anyone who DOES NOT WANT a Wrangler News delivered to their driveway has to do is to email editor@wranglernews.com or call 480-966-0845, option 3, any time 24 hours a day. There is no need to physically threaten our drivers, all of whom have been delivering newspapers to supplement their income for many years. It's a great job for families and one that helps build a work ethic and strengthen the bond of togetherness.

(Maybe we should suggest to those two people who chased our carriers that they might want to consider trying their own hand at newspaper delivery. We'd guess a couple of hours of early-morning solitude might help them relax just a bit).

Finally, please know this: Our drivers will not deliver papers to streets where hostile encounters have taken place. If you know who these people are, feel free to call us so we can follow up.

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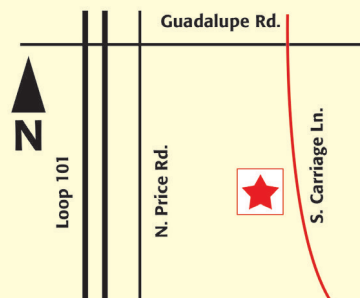
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Education movement continues to increase visibility of public school funding issues

New Analysis

By Diana Nelson

The #RedForEd movement is rolling along, despite the seasonal summer break. It's a lower profile, of course, compared with the large volume of teachers who participated in the walkout in April. Still, it's a positive to know that the issues brought to the public's attention continue to exude a lasting effect.

There are still those red T-shirts being worn out and about, and the occasional vehicle with the RedForEd message plastered across the back window in white letters. No, it may not be as loud, but it's still proud and the undercurrent of public momentum to support education can still be felt.

One strong example is those who agreed to sign a petition—because, even with teachers off from school and the state legislature adjourned from active session, leaders of the "Invest in Education Campaign" announced that more than 270,000 signatures—almost double the number needed—were gathered to qualify their measure for the Nov. 6 ballot.

According to *The Arizona Republic*, teachers spent the first few weeks of their summer holiday working to gather the signatures of registered voters in as many public places as possible. So, it wasn't too surprising that by July 5, 74 boxes of signed petitions were delivered to the Secretary of State's Office.

While the signatures have to be reviewed for authenticity, it's a pretty sure bet that at least the required number of signatures, 150,642 will be deemed valid. Officials with the Secretary of State's Office will review the signatures within 20 business days to determine how many are from valid Arizona voters, while counties have 15 business days to verify signatures.

So, it appears the ballot measure, which proposes to increase income taxes by 3.46 percentage points on wealthy households who earn more than \$500,000 or more than \$250,000 as individuals, will reach voters. Supporters say the tax would raise \$690 million in additional education funding.

Those against the proposal say it was written with no input from the business community and would severely impact small businesses. Still, it's the next goal in the grassroots effort to keep education front and center of public discussion. And, improved public discourse is good news to Joseph Garcia from the Morrison Institute for Public Policy, a part of ASU.

The organization serves as a research group and think tank for the state's policy makers at all levels of government. They have built their reputation as researchers who are dedicated to digging into thorny problems, like funding education and retaining teachers—issues that have a significant impact on all residents' quality of life, but for which there is no easy answer.

A recent study completed by Morrison looks at *Finding & Keeping Educators for Arizona's Classrooms* because, in addition to teacher pay, the public now needs to seek solutions to keep teachers in the profession.

The study was sponsored by Helios Education Foundation, among others, to look at the shortage of teachers, especially in rural areas of the state.

"...We're not really about offering solutions, but providing data for a non-partisan public discussion that can lead to resolving problems in new ways and creating better public policy," said Morrison's Garcia, director of communication for the institute.

"We provide the data to promote civil discourse, not to get everyone on the same page but to generate ideas,"



said Garcia.

“We like putting together people with different points of view.”

Data from the Morrison study tell a sobering story about teachers in the state: over one third of Arizona teachers have been in the classroom for four years or less because they leave their positions to enter other professions.

In addition to low pay, the workload has increased and the inability to attract and retain teachers will determine the state’s economic future.

“We tend to look at education as an expense rather than an investment,” said Garcia. “When I make presentations to the public, I always say that if you hate welfare you should love education! Through education we will create better members of society who contribute economically.”

Garcia, who also is director of Morrison’s Latino Public Policy Center, says that just 14 percent of Arizona teachers are Latino, compared with 44 percent of K-12 students in the state.

“We need to attract more Latinos into education to serve as role models for students and who understand the

unique challenges of the community,” said Garcia.

“Our research indicates that a strong relationship between teachers and Latino students results in a strong positive influence, not only on school behavior but overall satisfaction with school, and that leads to lower drop-out rates.”

On the positive side, the study found that the teachers interviewed for the study demonstrated great devotion to their students and teachers persevered under difficult conditions. As a result, Arizona is the only state to show significant gains in all areas of the National Assessment of Education Progress.

The teachers started the fire—so we as residents need to fan the flame. Be sure to vote in the Nov. 6 elections and to select pro-education legislators.

Currently the Invest In Ed measure has not received public support from state leaders—it may not be the right solution, but we need policy makers who will work to develop them.

For more information on Morrison Institute and their many public policy studies, go on-line to www.MorrisonInstitute.asu.edu.

Voting for Chandler mayor, councilmembers starts Aug. 1

Early voting for the Aug. 28 Chandler Primary Election begins on Wednesday, Aug. 1, and continues through Friday, Aug. 24.

In this election, Chandler voters will elect a mayor and three city councilmembers, and consider a home rule option, Proposition 408.

The Maricopa County Elections Department will automatically mail early ballots to Chandler residents who are registered voters on the Permanent Early Voting List during the week of Aug. 1. Voters who want to receive a ballot by mail may submit a request no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17. Early ballot request forms are available on the Maricopa County Elections website at recorder.maricopa.gov/elections.

Voters also can call 602-506-1511 to request an early ballot by mail.

Registered Independent voters are eligible to vote in the primary. Independent voters may select a Democrat ballot, a Republican ballot or a city-issues-only ballot. The city of Chandler measures will appear on each of the party ballots, so all Chandler voters will be able to vote on city issues with City Council candidates.

In-person early voting will be available for registered Chandler voters from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Wednesday, Aug. 22, and continuing

through Friday, Aug. 24, at Chandler City Hall, 175 S. Arizona Ave. An accessible voting device that permits voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available.

To vote at the polls, bring your Voter ID or one form of photo identification from the following list:

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For the location of your Primary Election Day polling place contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-1511, or visit its website at locations.maricopa.vote.

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Jollof King owner Kwesi hopes to introduce Tempe and West Chandler resident to new dishes they may not have encountered elsewhere. — Noah Kutz for Wrangler News

Africa

From Page 1

“My interest has always been to expose African culture to America.”

While Kwesi hopes that King Jollof’s menu will introduce American diners to a cuisine with which they may not be familiar, he also believes that there’s a customer base already in place for what’s he’s offering. “We have a diverse group of West Africans living here in the Valley.”

And Kwesi is well equipped to talk to a lot of them. “We have nine different dialects in Ghana,” he notes. “I speak five of them.”

As the place’s name would imply, the center of Jollof King’s menu is the jollof, rice boiled slowly in a stew of tomatoes with onions and spice. At Kwesi’s place this signature dish is available either in a vegetarian version or with meat, with the added endorsement that jollof is popular not only in his native Ghana but in Nigeria, Senegal and Cameroon.

“It’s very prominent in West Africa,” he says. “There’s many kinds of jollof, and every country says theirs is the best. I think, right now, the competition is between Ghanians and the Nigerians.”

Kwesi then mentions a funny internet video about this ongoing feud over jollof superiority, in which a Nigerian man is horrified when he chooses Ghanaian over Nigerian jollof.

A quick check of You Tube reveals a surprising number of online videos about this rivalry.

Kwesi’s opinion is unsurprising: “I think Ghanaian is the best.”

One of Kwesi’s servers mentioned to me that she is Nigerian. But I didn’t have a chance to ask her thoughts on the matter.

Jollof King is at 325 W. Elliot in Tempe, and is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Monday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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A Tempe City Charter amendment and a sales tax question will appear on the city's Nov. 6 Special Election ballot and residents have until Aug. 8 to submit publicity pamphlet arguments for or against the measures.

Proposition 417 proposes a new sales tax and use tax of one-tenth of one percent to be implemented when an existing one-tenth of one percent tax expires in 2020. The funds would be used for arts and culture in Tempe, as guided by the city's 2015 Arts and Culture Plan.

Proposition 418 is a proposed amendment to the City Charter to provide the Tempe City Council with parameters for considering the removal from office of a Councilmember. The election is being held in conjunction with the statewide and national elections on Nov. 8. These questions will appear on the same ballot.

Community members can now file arguments for or against either of the ballot measures. They will appear in the publicity pamphlet mailed to each household with a register voter during the week of Oct. 1.

Each argument must be 300 words or less. Pro/con statements must be signed and include a sworn statement from each sponsoring person and, along with the required \$100 deposit, must be received by the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8. Arguments must be submitted to clerk@tempe.gov.

If the argument is sponsored by an organization, the signed and sworn statements of two executive officers are required. If the argument is sponsored by a political action committee, the signed and sworn statement of the committee's chair or treasurer is required. Persons signing shall also identify themselves by giving their residence or post office address and a telephone number, which shall not appear in the pamphlet. The required deposit for each argument offsets a portion of the proportionate cost of paper and printing of the argument in the pamphlet.

For more about the Nov. 6 election, including voter registration information, visit www.tempe.gov/election or call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311

Sponsorships sought for 2018 Healing Field

The Healing Field, a signature event of the Exchange Club of Tempe, needs the community's help through sponsorships and newspaper ads.

The Exchange Club distributes informational newspapers at the annual event, providing the thousands of yearly visitors with details about the event. "This is a great opportunity for people and business owners to show their support and help us raise much needed funds," said Exchange Club official Doug Roysse.

Also available is a \$100 ribbon sponsorship, providing those contributors a chance to choose which flag will fly the ribbon bearing the name of one of the 9/11 victims.

The sponsor will be given both the ribbon and the flag after the event ends.

Information is available by contacting Exchange Club sponsorship chair Ryan Roysse at 602-751-3837.

Volunteers, who also are needed, can also help event organizers set up and stand down, according to an announcement from the group. Information is available by calling Judy Chasse at 480-309-1920.

'Stuff the Bus' launched by Tempe Elementary

Students in the Tempe Elementary School District are getting a boost from a "stuff the bus" campaign being conducted in collaboration with Arizona Mills.

School supplies can be dropped off through July 31 at the center's Guest Services desk, Rainforest Cafe, Sea Life Aquarium and Legoland Discovery Center.

Guests who bring their donations to the aquarium or Legoland will receive one free child admission with the purchase of a full-price adult ticket.

Needed are backpacks, lined paper, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, folders, highlighters and markers. Clothing items being collected include uniforms, socks (all sizes, children's and adult), undergarments (including white T-shirts) and athletic shoes (all sizes).

Downtown Chandler photo competition

All month long, the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership is challenging residents to show how they "Channel Their Chill."

Whether it's a late evening stroll with your pup through Dr. AJ Chandler park, sitting in your downtown office with the AC on high (or not), sipping brews, noshing on your favorite local fare, shopping, time-traveling through epic novels at the library, or slipping away to the pulse of the downtown music scene, the DCCP wants to see Chandler's hip and historic world come alive through locals' eyes, that is, their camera lens.

Like any contest, there are rules.

Photos have to be posted to Instagram and contestants need to tag Downtown Chandler using the hashtag #ChannelYourChill.

There will be a weekly winner announced every Monday morning and each winner will be featured on the DCCP's Instagram page plus receive a \$20 gift card to a Downtown Chandler spot.

A few words from our editor

Community news tends to quiet down during the summer months, so now's the time to send us ideas for stories you'd like to see covered in Wrangler News. We're doing our best to provide content that gives you better insight into your neighborhood, your schools, your city and the local businesses that serve you. Also, remember that the website addresses appearing in our ads are clickable for a direct online connection to a full range of details about those companies and organizations.

Finally, we hope you'll notice the bit of design creativity we've taken in our top-of-the-page date bar, thanks in this issue to a monsoon-season photo by photographer Billy Hardiman.

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ASU sophomore and NROTC midshipman Noah Kutz, clockwise, top left, aloft at Skydive San Diego, showing ASU pride with the forks-up signal; a ride in a T-34 trainer aircraft over San Diego (photo by Caleb Miller); women serving in the military, from left, future officers Mary Kate Schmidt, Julianna Snoeblen, Raquel Parker (also from ASU); Marines teach midshipmen how to shoot an M-240B automatic rifle; and legs dangling outside a Navy MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter just outside Coronado.

Our high-flying cub reporter goes to summer camp, US Navy style

By Noah Kutz

The thin fabric restraint tightened across my chest as the pilot maneuvered our helicopter into a sudden turn. With wide eyes and a rapid heartbeat, I leaned out of the open door. As I stared into the ocean just below my dangling feet, seawater misted the air while the pulse from the aircraft's rotors continuously thumped inside my chest.

Two weeks into summer "vacation" and things couldn't have been more

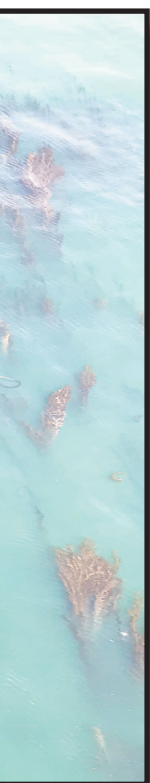
thrilling. For one month, midshipmen from NROTC units across the country came together in San Diego to receive an unforgettable introduction to the Naval Service entitled Career Orientation Training for Midshipmen, abbreviated by the recruits simply as CORTRAMID.

Riding along in helicopters was just one activity on the month's agenda for the 500 or so young men and women who had recently completed their first year at college.

Other experiences

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Sports

with Alex Zener

Sports awards again pay tribute to Arizona's best young athletes

Corona del Sol's **Brooke Nuneviller** was named the Girls Athlete of the Year at the Azcentral Sports Awards show held at ASU Gammage.

This represented the third year in a row where Arizona high school athletes were honored for their accomplishments in sports.

The awards show is an extension of the athletic accomplishments typically named in the past at the end of each high school sport season. Previously, these recognitions often were for big-school and then small-school athletes.

In a new format, eight high school athletes for high schools of all sizes are nominated into each of 24 different high school sports

categories during the fall, winter and spring seasons in Arizona.

The eight nominees are typically named at the end of each season and are then honored at the year-end awards show.

After these nominees from each category have been honored at the show, three finalists are chosen, from which the ultimate winner is awarded.

Nuneviller was nominated for indoor volleyball in the fall and for sand volleyball in the spring along with eight other athletes from different high schools in each of these categories.

She was also nominated for what is classified as a premier award: Girls Athlete of the Year, along

with Jai Gruenwald from Chandler High School and Marissa Schuld from Pinnacle High School.

Nuneviller, in addition to being chosen as the Girls Athlete of the Year, was named Volleyball Player of the Year and Beach Volleyball Player of the Year for the second year in a row.

Nuneviller, who played outside hitter for Corona during the fall, amassed 593 kills or an average of five kills a set.

Mady Noble was the only player on the Aztec team close to Nuneviller's kill total, and Noble had only 292 kills or a little more than half of Nuneviller's total.

In addition, Nuneviller was third on her team in aces with 49. **Abby Meyer**



Brooke Nuneviller's remarkable volleyball skills provided the foundation for her selection as top player in two of the sport's prize categories.

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led the team with 64 aces. Nuneviller did not let up when it came to blocking, either. She led the team in solo blocks with 16, and amassed a total of 43 blocks her senior season. Digging, however, is her best defensive skill.

Nuneviller, who has played libero on the USA Youth National Team for three summers now, is an excellent digger. Last fall she led her team in digs with 493 or 4.2 digs a set. The next closest player was **Becca Morse**, who played libero for Corona and was recorded with 359 digs.

In the spring, Nuneviller and Noble played together to win the first Division I State Beach Volleyball Championship Pairs title.

Nuneviller played club volleyball for Aspire VBC, where she was named an All-American in the 17 Open division. She is also two-time Gatorade Player of the Year and was recently named to the Under Armour first-team All-American team.

Nuneviller, who will be playing outside hitter for

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the University of Oregon Ducks this fall, was part of the USA Youth National Team that just won the NORCECA U20 Title, which qualified the team for the 2019 FIVB age-group World Championship.

Corona senior **Matt Novis** was one of the eight nominees in the baseball category. Novis was instrumental in Corona's 22-5 season with his offensive and defensive baseball skills.

Novis played in all 26 games, batting .462 and scoring 25 runs on 36 hits with 28 RBI's, two home runs and five stolen bases.

He started six games as a right-handed pitcher with a 1.33 ERA. He pitched 42 innings, allowing only eight hits and eight runs while striking out 61 batters.

Novis, when fielding the ball, put out 32 baserunners and assisted on three others out of 35 total chances with no errors.

Brennan Agnew, also from Corona, was one of the eight badminton players nominated for the awards show.

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Carlan Naisant was nominated for the Boys Track and Field category, mainly for his skill throwing the javelin, which this year was an Arizona Interscholastic Association field event.

Naisant won every javelin event he entered this past spring, with his longest throw coming at the 78th Nike Chandler Rotary meet in March where he was recorded throwing the javelin 204 feet.

He is the leading athlete in all divisions in the javelin event. The next longest throw was 193-1 feet by Lonnie Fairchild from Desert Vista at the Division I State Championships.

Naisant won the Division II Javelin Championship on in May with a throw of 201-09.

As a comparison, **Tristin King** from McClintock took fifth place at the Division II Championship meet with a throw of 158-01, which was a personal record for King.

Naisant also participated in the shot put, discus and triple jump events for the Padres.

He finished third with a 50-foot 6 1/4 inch shot put throw at the Division II championships.

Corona Boys Tennis

Corona's boys tennis team entered the Division I state championships as the No. 6 seed on April 25 at Paseo Racquet Center when they defeated No. 11 Desert Vista 2-5.

In May, the Aztecs were defeated by the No. 3 seeded Desert Mountain Wolves 2-5 Desert Mountain having moved through the brackets undefeated until they lost in the championship match.

Corona had two singles players qualify to play in the Singles Division I championships, **Vinay Pattalachinti** and **Denis Liu**. Neither player entered the tournament as one of the top eight seeded singles players.

Pattalachinti, who will be a senior this fall, defeated Brown from Centennial 7-6, 6-4 in the first round played April 20 at Indian School Park.

Pattalachinti lost to

Reynolds of Gilbert in a hard-fought second round 3-7, 6-4, 6-2 to get bumped from the tournament.

Liu, only a sophomore during the spring tennis season, defeated Daniels from Mesa Mountain View in the first round, 6-1, 6-0 before losing to Millennium's Lawlor 6-1, 6-1, in the second round.

Senior **Connor Richards** and junior **Alex Van Der Geest** qualified to play in the Division I Doubles state championship.

In the first round, Richards and Van Der Geest defeated Griffin and Negrete from KOFA, 6-0, 6-0 to move on to the second round where they defeated Tucson's Galvez and Gladney 6-0, 6-1.

Unfortunately, in the second round they faced the No. 6 seeded doubles team from Gilbert Perry, Cole McClure and Slade Yeager. It was a tight first set that resulted in a 7-6 tiebreaker won by Perry's team.

Richards and Van Der Geest fought hard in the second set but ultimately lost 6-4 and

were eliminated from the championship tournament.

The other players on Corona's varsity boys tennis team included freshman **Zac Stephensen**, **Connor Kippes**, and **Andrew Erting**; sophomores **Abdur Naveed**, **Caleb Skinner**, **Carson Clark**, **David Wu**, **Diego Mena** and **Luca Welch**; juniors **Sameer Vij**, **Logan Cromeens** and **Brett Berkram**; and seniors **Ariz Chang**, **Danoh Lee**, **Hung Nguyen** and **Sachinda Edirisooriya**.

Corona Girls Tennis

Corona's girls tennis team entered the Division I championships as the No. 11 seed which lined the Aztecs up to play No. 6 seeded Chaparral in the first round on April 24 at Chaparral High School.

Unfortunately, the Aztecs were eliminated in the first round after being defeated by Chaparral 5-0.

The girls team did qualify a player in the Division I Singles championships and two teams in the Division I

Doubles championships.

M. Muir defeated Patino of Tucson in the first round of the singles event, 6-1, 6-3 before losing to Cerrotti of Poston Butte in the second round 6-2, 6-2 on April 20 at Gene Autry Sports Complex.

M. Manaog and **P. Varra** teamed up to play in the first round of the Division I Doubles championship event on April 20 at the Gene Autry Sports Complex against a Chandler High School team.

Manaog and P. Varra defeated the Chandler team 6-4, 6-4, in the first round but ended up losing to the No. 5 seeded Pinnacle team of Vijan and Kester 6-1, 6-1, in the second round.

L. Garcia and **S. Varra** were the second doubles team from Corona to qualify for the state championships.

They defeated a Maryvale team, 6-1, 6-0, in the first round before losing to Gavino and Li from Rancon University 6-0, 6-0 in the second round.



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Keeping romance alive when your AC breaks down? No sweat.

By Joyce Coronel

“Is there an elbow in that box of parts there, amor?” My husband was up in the crawl space of our house, sweat pouring down his face. The air conditioning was out. Again. For desert dwellers in July, it seemed like bad news.

After cranking away for 25 years in our Warner Ranch home, our AC unit is now considered a bit of an antique. It’s not easy to find parts and we know that sooner or later, we’ll need to bite the bullet and buy a new system. But not yet.

My dearly beloved spouse of 32 years is a Mr. Fix-It kind of guy who loves nothing more than tinkering away on broken stuff—cars, sewing machines, computers, and yes, air conditioners—and finding a way to get them working again.

The son of a scrappy electrician, Pipó, a nickname bestowed upon him at an early age, grew up in Venezuela among nine siblings who knew that if something got broken, their parents wouldn’t be replacing it. Call a repairman? That wasn’t going to happen. So, taking things apart and figuring out how they worked became an act of necessity. Who needs toys when you’ve got a busted television?

When he first came to the U.S. in 1983, Pipó had a guitar, a pair of jeans and some T-shirts plus tuition money his father had sacrificed from his pension. Settling into the smallest room of a house rented by fellow students, my future husband had enough space for a mattress on the floor and a cardboard box of belongings. From those humble beginnings, he

ultimately earned a degree in engineering. We both graduated from Arizona State University in 1985 and, three months later, we were engaged.

So how does a native Arizonan, an Irish American girl whose family kept a well-used list of mechanics and repairmen, wind up married to an immigrant from Venezuela?

We were introduced by a mutual friend at ASU.

Let me clarify: We were introduced by an actual, living, breathing human person, not a Facebook friend.

We met at an actual location in space and time, the ASU Memorial Union. We bumped into each other on campus (not cyberspace—it existed back then, sort of) and he asked me for my phone number—a “landline,” which happened to be the only way to get in touch in 1984. Unless you sat down and wrote words on a piece of paper and mailed it, that is. In times past, you might have called it a love note.

In this era of dating apps and breaking up via text messaging, our story might seem cheesy. But you know what? It worked. And when I hear people complain that they can’t meet that special someone, that there’s no one left, I want to shout: “Put down that phone! Get out there and volunteer somewhere. Go to a party with friends. Find a cause you believe in and get involved. Take a walk in your neighborhood. That’s how people meet! That’s how they’ve been doing it for thousands of years.”

Want to find that kindred spirit? Be the best person you can be. Keep your wits about you and

love will bloom organically. For a generation fixated on all things natural, that last bit should be a selling point.

I will say this though: After a long day at work, there’s nothing I enjoy more than curling up with my Kindle and losing myself in a novel. Preferably British. But I won’t find love there—only escape. If I want to be loved, I sit down with my husband and clear my throat. He then closes his laptop and stares at me. (He was probably watching YouTube videos about how to fix antiquated air conditioners.)

We talk. We laugh. We commiserate. We rant and rave.

Last weekend had to be one of the best of our marriage. We didn’t go to any restaurants. We didn’t go to the movies. We didn’t take a trip to the beach. The indoor temperature in our house topped 90 degrees at one point, but we walked through it together. As I watched him climbing down the ladder from the attic, dressed in his beat-up jeans and ragged T-shirt, I’ve never loved him more.

And that’s my word of encouragement to those looking for love. Open yourself to love and goodness in the real world by acting with love and seeking goodness. Look for someone who breaks a sweat helping the less fortunate and strives to make a difference in the world. Keep it real and hang in there together through the good times and the bad times. Put away the technology and stare into each other’s eyes every day, at least for a few minutes.

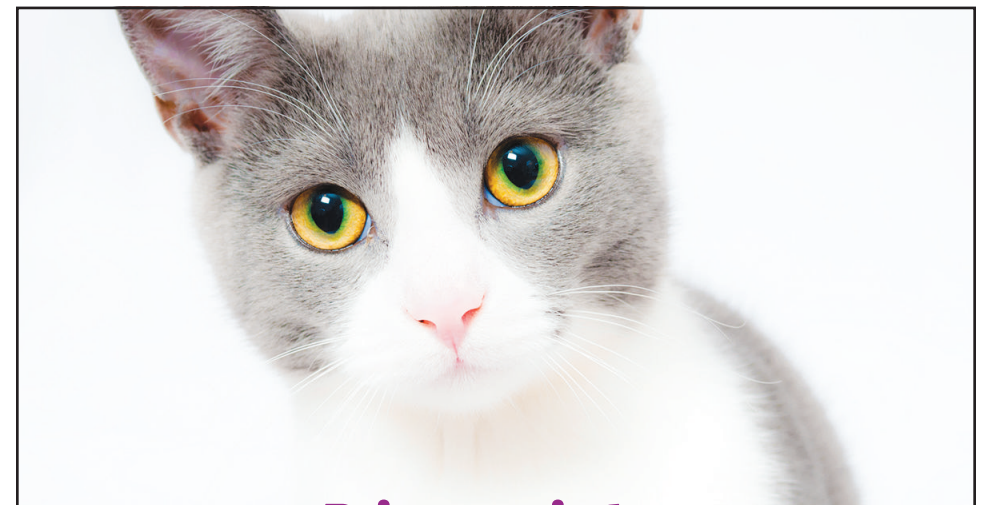
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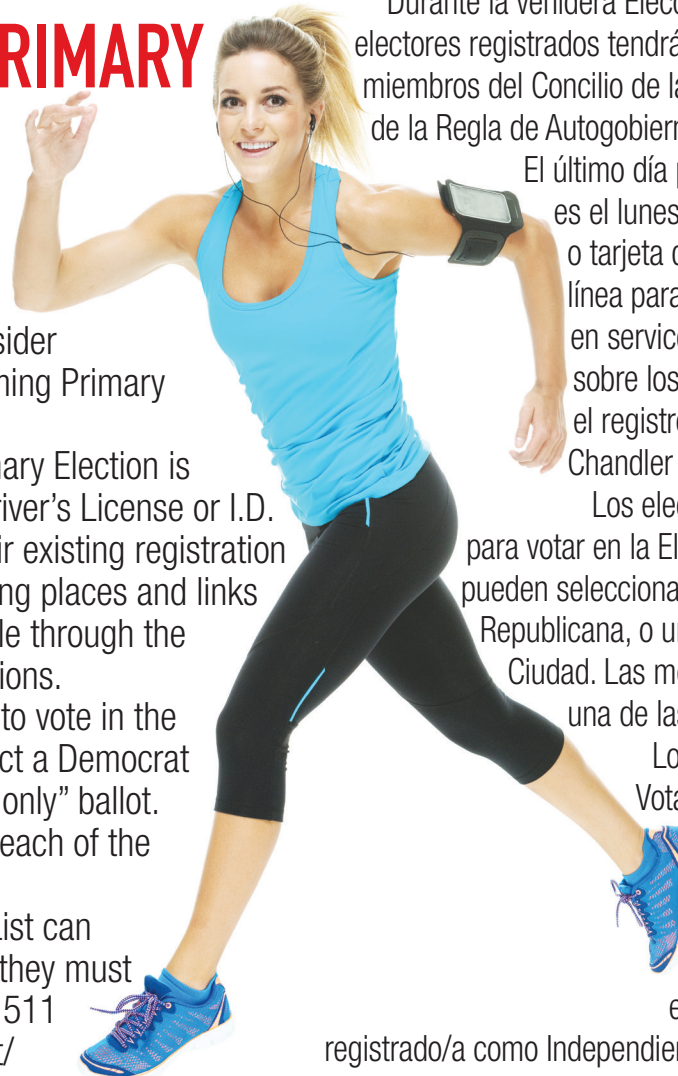
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Registered Independent voters are eligible to vote in the Primary Election. Independent voters may select a Democrat ballot, or a Republican ballot, or a City "issues only" ballot. The City of Chandler measures will appear on each of the party ballots.

Voters not on the Permanent Early Voting List can request an early ballot be mailed to them, but they must make this request by Aug. 17. Call 602-506-1511 or visit recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvotingballot/earlyvotingballotrequest.aspx. Be sure to choose a Democrat, Republican or a Chandler City "issues only" ballot be mailed to you if you're registered as an Independent.



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Durante la venidera Elección Primaria, los residentes de Chandler que sean electores registrados tendrán la oportunidad de elegir a un Alcalde, a tres miembros del Concilio de la Ciudad, y de considerar la Proposición 408 (Opción de la Regla de Autogobierno).

El último día para registrarse para votar en la Elección Primaria es el lunes 30 de julio. Los residentes con licencia de manejo o tarjeta de identificación de Arizona pueden registrarse en línea para votar o pueden actualizar su registro existente en servicearizona.com. También hay información disponible sobre los lugares de votación y enlaces a información sobre el registro electoral a través del sitio web de la Ciudad de Chandler chandleraz.gov/elections.

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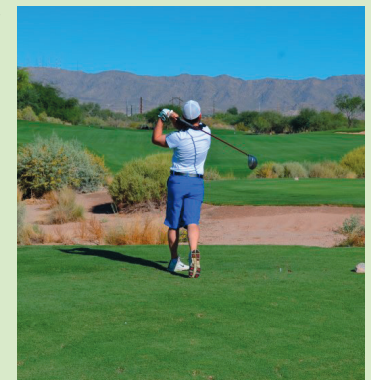
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Navy

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included an array of training exercises with Marines at Camp Pendleton, Calif. and flight training in simulators and T-34 jets, along with surface and sub-surface warfare training on ships and submarines.

The purpose of this training is to equip young midshipmen with the tools to decide the correct path to take in the Department of the Navy, and to give them exposure to likeminded individuals who they will likely see again someday in the fleet.

The month of CORTRAMID put more meaning to the words "once in a lifetime" than anything I had ever encountered before.

It wasn't simply the physical aspect of being able to pull the pin on a bomb and blow a five-foot hole into the ground, or getting underway on a nuclear submarine or even skydiving and surfing for the first time during liberty.

Ask any midshipman and you'll realize that the most meaningful, most unforgettable aspect of this kind of trip is the opportunity to meet great people along the way.

"Looking back at everything that I got to experience in such a short amount of time

makes me wish CORTRAMID never ended," said Mary Kate Schmidt, a friend and fellow midshipman who attends Marquette University. "I made lifelong friends and got to do things I will never be able to do again." Schmidt, who holds a Marine option, is currently pursuing a degree in nursing and plans to transfer to the Navy side before she commissions.

The month's training also introduced several new faces who call metro Phoenix their home, including Caleb Miller of Norwich University and James Winston of Virginia Military Institute.

Even our commanding officer, a 30-plus-year Navy veteran, spoke of the friends he made at his CORTRAMID all those years ago, and how he remains in touch with them to this day.

In these kinds of environments, new acquaintances become friends and friends become family, even in as little as a month.

Jumping out of an airplane with a complete stranger strapped to my back, or playing cards late at night somewhere below the surface on a nuclear submarine, constitute experiences that will never escape my memory. But it is the people I shared those adventures with that make those experiences worth remembering.

So if you ever find yourself in a helicopter, salty air whipping your face and adrenaline coursing through your veins, let's hope you took a friend along for the ride.

EMS award goes to Chandler Fire

Chandler Fire Department has received the American Heart Association's *Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Award* for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

According to Chandler Fire officials, more than 250,000 people a year experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction, the deadliest type of heart attack caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment.

To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

The *Mission: Lifeline* initiative provides tools, training and other resources to support heart attack care following protocols from the most recent evidence-based treatment guidelines.

Mission: Lifeline's EMS recognition program recognizes emergency medical services for their efforts in improving systems of care to rapidly identify suspected heart attack patients, promptly notify the medical center and trigger an early response from the awaiting hospital



personnel.

Said Chandler Fire Chief Tom Dwiggins:

"Chandler Fire is dedicated to providing optimal care for heart attack patients. We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care efforts through *Mission: Lifeline*."

"EMTs and paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks," said Tim Henry, M.D., chair of the *Mission: Lifeline* Acute Coronary Syndrome Subcommittee.

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Teens

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Upon successful completion of the program, the teens receive a certificate, letter of recommendation and automatic acceptance to the 2019 program.

LETTERS

This coming November Proposition (Prop) 305 ESA Vouchers will be on the ballot. Citizens will be protecting public education funding by voting NO on Prop 305!

When ESA voucher money leaves our state treasury, and is diverted to private schools it will not go to our public school teachers, support staff and school facilities - because 95 percent of Arizona's children don't even attend private schools.

Prop 305 is on the ballot is because when this big government giveaway was originally passed by the political hacks in the state legislature, as the Senate Bill (SB) 1431 ESA vouchers bill, many Arizona residents immediately recognized what an educational funding scam it was.

Arizona residents then mobilized into the Save Our Schools Arizona (SOS Arizona) referendum petition committee.

On August 7, 2017, when SOS Arizona delivered

111,540 anti-SB 1431 signatures to the Arizona Secretary of State Office, the SB 1431 ESA vouchers were on their way to the November ballot as Prop 305, so we can vote it down.

The NO on Prop 305 forces are your local neighbors, parents, teachers, business leader and many others.

In contrast to these groups, the main financial backers of Prop 305, do not even live in Arizona.

Two of these nonresident plutocrats, are the billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch, who fund the ESA Voucher support organization named the Americans for Prosperity.

Another such support organization is named the American Federation for Children, which was organized and financed by out-of-state billionaire Betsy DeVos.

Many of Arizona's citizens see through this dark money charade.

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From your Wrangler News staff

Having tried over the years to shape Wrangler News as a way for all of us to better know, understand and appreciate our neighbors, I have to admit it's a notion that seems to be turning into something of a lifetime pursuit.

Not that I'm hoping to keep this going for another 30 years, just that I have become increasingly aware of how a group of determined people and a little hometown newspaper can help reinforce the sense of neighborhood that brings so much to our quality of life.

Which also causes me to wonder how this effort of mine (ours, really, if you count all the people who have helped achieve it) can continue to thrive after I decide to retire on a beach in Tahiti or, possibly, I suppose, simply don't come in one day as a result of some other — unforeseen at this point—departure option.

Joyce and I have talked about this in terms of how we might ensure the future of Wrangler News without its founder emeritus at the helm, and it's a question for which no ready solution seems to be waiting. Short, of course, of selling the paper to some outside group with no demonstrable allegiance to our community and no real interest other than turning it into another profit center among a network of so-called "community" newspapers.

If this sounds like a familiar scenario, we're not surprised. It's what has happened, sadly, in more and more cities around the country. In a few cases it has worked; in many, however, it has failed and the publication that once provided a window to the community fades into

nothing more than memory.

At Wrangler News, we'd like to make sure that doesn't happen.

And, to move in the direction of—maybe it's what can be thought of as a "soft" transition to the future—we'd like to ask your help. Is there a role you might be interested in playing for and with us?

Can you picture yourself helping plan, and potentially create, the Wrangler News of tomorrow? Maybe even be among a few special advisers who collectively lend expertise to those of us whose think we've already thought of everything.

If this or any other ideas come to mind, we'd love to hear from you.

In the meantime, if you've joined that merry band of naysayers who believe print journalism is dead or dying, let us share one more of our thoughts with you.

The monoliths of newspapering are struggling. That's true. But the little hometown—please forgive me for throwing in this cliché—"hyperlocal" publications that still thrive in their communities, well, lots of them are doing just fine, thank you.

As are the people in those communities who still look forward to retrieving a newspaper from their driveway, thumbing through its pages, recognizing the names and faces and, by so doing, reinforcing the sense of neighborhood that brought them there in the first place.

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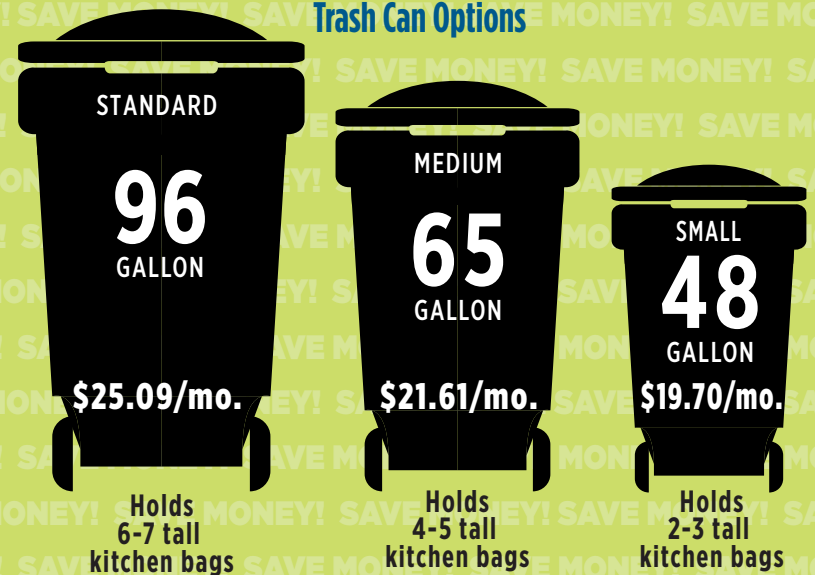
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