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According to Maricopa County, only 1064 of the 3631 ballots mailed to our voters have been returned. If ever your vote has mattered in this town, it's this year. Please Vote.

“Important That You Read – Water, of course”

Editor Sara Vannucci

Today the Chronicle is sharing with you the most important information which we are ever likely to write.

Please read this summary, and if you are interested, the full longer information articles attached to our website. Other supporting documents will be linked with this longer summary.

As you know, the past year has been filled with news of water crises, largely due to the unusual storms, flooding and damage to citizens. We were lucky to have a new town engineer on board, who not only dealt with the unexpected, but was literally hip deep in mud and waste water sludge. In the course of that indoctrination, Town Engineer David Prinzhorn has discovered and disclosed the information below.

1. Most urgently, a two pronged issue became plain. Town residents have been complaining about brown water, and we now know that we have been dosing our water with the chemical Ferric Chloride in huge excess. More detail on that in the longer summary.
2. Secondly, it was discovered that 123 MILLION gallons of water have been wasted and lost. Briefly, the Town has provided water to the Rancho Manana golf course under contractual obligations entered into decades ago. A process for capturing Water Treatment Plant Backwash Water had been installed at the time the Water Plant was placed in service. It is called a “Backwash Recovery System”, designed to recover sludge and decanted water from the Plant backwash stream.

This system failed shortly after the plant was placed into service, and has been “out of service” for the past several years.

The net effect was that the circulation system of water to RM and returned back to the Water Plant was bypassed, and that treated water which the town had pumped uphill for 14 miles, was instead dumped into Galloway Wash, unused and never recovered. Everyone assumed that the wet spots in the wash in the hot summers resulted from some small spring under the Wash. Instead the wet spots were coming out of your pockets.

Estimated cost, including the APS cost to pump the unused water uphill, purchase the water from the Central Arizona Project, process the water through the Treatment Plant, and the cost of staff time to send it uphill initially: Over \$88,000 YEARLY.

This is as technical as we need to be in this summary, but the abundant backup material is stored on the Town Engineer’s link at: <http://www.cavecreek.org/index.aspx?nid=197> and is stored at the Chronicle’s link on our website...look for Water/WAC area. Start with the report named “DESERT GOLD”, Water & Wastewater Strategic Initiatives. It is a very readable PowerPoint. It is saved as a pdf so everyone can open it, but call me if you need help doing so.

**Editorial by John B Vannucci
The Fiscal Conservative Creeker**

More Nonsense from the Sorchych Asylum

The slings and arrows keep coming from the Sorchych Asylum. During the Tuesday, February 17 Council meeting, opposition candidate Mark Lipsky could not pass up another opportunity to take a few more shots at Adam Trenk. You know, his usual complaints are the ones we've heard many times over; Trenk missing a few council meetings, using council meetings to promote his website (as a member of the public and candidate), we have heard it all before. If this is all that Lipsky has to offer the Town, he needs to go back to making 'B' movies.

What was really interesting is how Lipsky attempted to distance himself from his master and mentor, Don Sorchych. It reminded me of the biblical story of St. Peter denying knowing Jesus, not once but three times to the Roman soldiers. (" I never met the man"). Lipsky claimed : 1.) He (Lipsky) is NOT a member of the Sorchych Slate, 2.) He is Independent of Sorchych's influence (His articles and pictures in the Sonoran News says otherwise), and best of all, 3.) He claims he never met Don Sorchych, are you kidding me!

" Don, please forgive him, for he knows not what he says". The Rapture for Cave Creek can't come soon enough.



**John Vannucci
The Fiscal Conservative Creeker
2-25-15**

THE 'WORLD'S GREATEST TOWN MANAGER' SAYS,
" IF WATCHDOG DON SAYS WERE NOT
A SLATE, IT MUST BE TRUE.



Letter to the Editor: Councilman Charles Spitzer – “A problem 6 years in the making”

No town council before this one, including the two Mr. LaMar served on, found it necessary to demand a maintenance plan for our critical infrastructure. Anyone owning a house or car knows routine maintenance is crucial for avoiding major expenses down the road. Well, “Down the road” is here.

A little history: The Rancho Manana wastewater treatment plant was dismantled in 2008 and 2 pumps were installed to send wastewater to the new Waste Water Treatment Plant on Carefree Highway. If properly maintained, these pumps have a lifespan of about 30 years with quarterly checkups and yearly bearing replacements. Under previous Town Councils, however, the maintenance plan was “Fix it if it’s broke.” In other words, no maintenance has been done on these pumps for 6.5 years.

At the 2/17/2015 Cave Creek Town Council meeting, it was announced there could be a possible spill of wastewater into the Ranch Manana community. This meeting can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/58945416>.

Because no maintenance was done, a pump burnt out a few weeks ago. The replacement cost of this pump is \$23,000 and refurbishment cost is \$12,000-16,000 (both costs are minus shipment and installation). The 2nd pump, probably in much the same condition, may fail too.

These pumps move about 200,000 gallons of wastewater/day. A single day of spillage will cost \$100,000/day in state fines plus cleanup costs. Pump trucks to move this wastewater will cost \$20,000/day.

As you can see, annual maintenance would have been far less expensive and kept the system working efficiently.

A few months ago, the current Town Council directed staff to prepare a maintenance plan for the water and wastewater infrastructure. Creation of that plan is now in progress. This current critical situation, however, points out the fact that a plan was needed from the start, when the town purchased the water system and built the wastewater treatment plant. Amazingly, no other Council prior to the current one felt this was necessary. Surprisingly, this didn’t occur to Mr. LaMar either.

Hopefully, he takes better care of his car.

Councilman Charles Spitzer- 2-25-15

“It’s Showtime...” Ray Stark

The recall election threatened by the Sonoran News is upon us. The decision about which way to go rests purely in the hands of the Cave Creek voter. But be prepared: If Don Sorchych doesn’t like your choice this time, he’ll likely call for another recall, costing you another \$30,000. He collected signatures twice. Why wouldn’t he do it a third time?

It almost seems like he doesn’t want you to have a vote. It’s as if you, the lowly “citizen” of Cave Creek don’t have the intelligence or innate brilliance that Don has. As one of his candidates said in an interview, “Let’s just go back to the *past*.” Really? I thought that is how the current slate got elected? YOU, the voter, REJECTED the past.

Honestly, I don't have much more than history and a few sound bites to go on because Don won't let his candidates see the light of day without controlling the event. The Recall Candidate Forum invited all eight of the candidates to town hall to discuss the issues in front of the voters.

All of his candidates no-showed.

But, Linda Bentley was there. Did she do an honest article about it in the Sonoran News? Of course she didn't. Several of the Sorchych supporters were there. But the first outing of his slate was to a private viewing of supporters!

The Sonoran News Slate debated the sitting council members running for re-election in a Ranch Manana homeowner's meeting where only Rancho Manana residents were allowed to attend. These are the same residents that have been lied to about the water being cut off to Rancho Manana by The Sonoran News. His team must be so weak they had to no-show a truly public forum attended by at least 200 citizens because it wasn't "controlled enough."

Sorry Don but, I have to wave the BS flag on you. Just doesn't look good.

It's as though Don Sorchych intentionally wanted the crowd his team shows for riled up. What would his motivation be for promoting a lie about a water cutoff the town mayor has already refuted? One word: POWER.

Don Sorchych has a very weak team assembled to take back power from the current council. They can only be stand up before a crowd riled up in support of them, all fueled by lies.

A quick look at the Sorchych candidates...

Susan Clancy sat on the school board and was cited by a retiring principal as the primary reason Cactus Shadows High School had gone through 15 principals in 16 years. Her record is one of dysfunction and discord. Do you think she is going to be easy to work with in resolving YOUR problems here in Cave Creek? So prepared is she for her role on the council, when asked what she would do in her role as councilperson, she said she would have to "ask the citizens." Huh? Thanks to the Sonoran News, many of our citizens don't understand the complex issues facing the town. Evidently, neither does she. Or, maybe she is waiting for Don Sorchych to *tell her* what to do.

Dick Esser was a previous councilman. He never spoke out against the town going into debt. He never spoke out against a town manager run amok. He just sat there, clutching onto his rubber stamp, as Cave Creek *went over the falls...* We cannot afford his type "leadership."

Steve Lamar served two terms as councilman. There is no record I have uncovered of Steve offering one agenda item or proposal of his own. He criticizes the current council for not securing open space though he never did himself during two terms. He was a vocal proponent for a property tax. He rubber-stamped deals that gave Don Sorchych right-of-way to his property that was under litigation. His entire current platform is nearly identical to the Trenk slate. Frequent "Guest Editoralist" for the Sonoran News. Lowest vote-getter of 11 candidates in 2013. Claims to be lifelong horseman but, reportedly has problems on a "stick" horse.

The Other Guy I spent ten minutes Googling the slate of people running against the sitting council members and couldn't find the name of the fourth candidate. Maybe they added him so Lamar won't finish last this time. One thing is certain, when you look at the other three candidates hand-picked by Sorchych, you can be sure their fourth offering will be another in the same mold. He has probably already been issued his *rubber stamp*.

A lot of people think, “Aww, my one vote isn’t going to make a difference.” Sorry but, that isn’t true. Especially, if you have another voting citizen in your home. And, if you discuss the issues facing the town with a couple of your neighbors and encourage a couple of them to vote to save our financial future, and our way of life. Suddenly, your one vote turns into three or six. That is how you make a difference through elections.

And, as a lot of local people have conveyed to me, if you really don’t appreciate the way Don Sorchych and Linda Bentley have been handing you only a few twisted facts in the Sonoran News, all to suit their political agenda, then take this golden opportunity created by none other than Don Sorchych himself, to tell the Sonoran News to either change their tune or sell the paper to someone who will present a fair and balanced message to our citizens. We are fed up with both of them and their dishonesty.



Happy Voting,
Ray Stark

Positive News on the Surrey Trail Dispute. Mayor Vincent Francia

The importance of community trails cannot be overestimated. Their importance to Cave Creek, how they come into being and as to why we become so emotionally attached to them, are all part of our intricate independent lifestyle.

Cave Creek currently has over 50 miles of trails; factor in the trail systems of the Cave Creek Regional Park, Maricopa County Trails and Spur Cross and over 75 miles of trails are available. And for the hardy of foot, the local network hooks up farther west to trails leading to Lake Pleasant or heading father north, to Seven Springs.

Some may say, that’s plenty of trails; no more are needed. Quite the contrary is true.

“Trails not only connect people to nature but to each other,” said Bambi Muller, the Town’s Trails’ Coordinator. “A trail provides that experience.”

Recently a brouhaha happened over Surrey Trail. A Surrey wildcat trail was forged which encroached onto private domains, causing tensions to flare between property owners and outdoor enthusiasts of all stripes. Both sides aired their positions at a packed session of Council. The good news is, Ms. Muller is close to resolution to re-open Surrey Trail, an important east-west connector.

That’s how important a trail is: It’s an emotional connection between us and the desert.

Thoreau said, “In the wildness is the preservation of the world.” Henry David should know since he spent a good deal of his life in the New England outback. Thoreau’s contemporary and fellow Harvard graduate and naturalist, Emerson, was equally immersed in all things wild.



Or as Ralph Waldo succinctly put it: “Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

Mayor Vincent Francia



**Arizona Archaeology Society – Desert
Foothills Chapter**

DFC-AAS: March 11th – David Doyel

**Lecture Opportunity: The Western
Papagueria**

The Western Papagueria in southwestern Arizona is one of the hottest and driest places in the United States. This portion of the Sonoran desert extends from the Gila River to the Gulf of California and Ajo Mountains to the

Colorado River. Nonetheless, thousands of archaeological sites are recorded and a long sequence of human occupation by multiple cultures is documented in this remote corner of Arizona.

Gila Bend probably represents the general boundary of western expansion by the Hohokam and is the traditional home of the O’odham people. Recent research provides new insights into adaptations to this arid environment and also provides information of interest to modern descendant communities that once dwelled there.

The presentation, History and Human Settlement in the Western Papagueria, Southwest Arizona, discusses human use of this desert landscape through time and space that extends back to the Archaic and Paleo-Indian Peoples.



Doctor David E. Doyel (Ph.D. University of Arizona) held positions in government agencies and private consulting firms in which he conducted extensive archaeological research across the American Southwest from the United States - Mexico International border north to the Colorado plateau, and from Chaco Canyon (NM) to the Phoenix Basin. Dr. Doyel has over 100 publications and is probably best known for his research in southern Arizona. His body of work was recognized by, among others, a

Lifetime Achievement Award from the Governor's Archaeological Advisory Commission, the Governor’s Heritage Preservation Honor Award, and the Professional Archaeologist of the Year Award from the Arizona Archaeological Society. He recently retired as archaeologist for the Barry M. Goldwater Range, East for the U.S. Air Force.

The general public may attend an Arizona Archaeology Society – Desert Foothills Chapter meeting at no charge, except for the holiday party in December. The AAS-



DFC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

There are refreshments available at 7:00 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM, usually ending prior to 9:00 PM. The meetings are held in the community building (Maitland Hall) at The Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 6502 East Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, AZ 85331 (near the Dairy Queen).

www.azarchsoc.org/desertfoothills

SCULLY LEARNING CENTER FOUNDATION

Inasmuch as this is a community with a big heart, I urge you to watch this video completed by Dr. Herbert Litchon, with assistance from Lyn, in support of the fine work that the Scully Learning Center Foundation does for mentally challenged young people. Please contact Lyn with any questions: LHitchon@aol.com.

[Scully Learning Center Foundation https://vimeo.com/120330469](https://vimeo.com/120330469)

The Gold Mine Thrift Shop

6502 Cave Creek Road

480-488-3721

Shopping and Donation Hours: Wednesday through Saturday,

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

<http://www.goodshepherdaz.org/gold-mine.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/gold.mine.5245?fref=ts>

We're tired of Winter. All winter clothing must go!

Wednesday March 4 through Saturday March 7

Clothing Bag Sale (we pack)

We're doing things a little different this year.

Bag prices are as follows:

Wednesday, March 4: \$8 per bag

Thursday, March 5: \$6 per bag

Friday, March 6: \$4 per bag

Saturday, March 7: \$2 per bag

For home décor, shoes, art, jewelry and any other items, check for the colored dots.

Many items will be discounted 50 percent or priced at \$1!

100% of net proceeds from the Gold Mine go to charity. Approximately 70% of that stays in our community.

For a list of the monetary donations we make, visit <http://www.goodshepherdaz.org/outreach.html>

*Thank you so much to all our customers and contributors for
supporting your community!*



2015 SkyRanch Air Fair Saturday February 28, 2015

9:00am to 3:00pm ("pilot speak" for 1600 to 2200 Zulu)



At the SkyRanch at Carefree Airport,
8305 E Cave Creek Road, Carefree Arizona

Come one, come all, it is Free to all who attend
Antique, homebuilt and modern airplanes

R/C (remote controlled) model airshow

Food service available through the
Cave Creek Smokehouse

Automobile displays

SkyRanchCarefree.com

BOB HUGHES, CAVE CREEK



We hope you will enjoy both the expanded news and our Art Journal of talented local artists.

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Please watch for our Chronicle Art Journal on alternate weeks, for current news on art and library events. Your art events & showings are welcome, at creekerlady@gmail.com.

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