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PAUL'S NOTE

The Arizona Daily Star ran a piece this week on low water levels at Lake Mead. The level dropped to 1,075 feet, a record low.

The headline can be misleading. It referred to the level as "symbolic." As explained in the article, the 1,075 mark is more than symbolic. It's the mark that water managers use to determine whether CAP water gets cut off to certain users.

It will not affect our water supply directly yet. For one thing, it has to reach that level on January 1st for low priority users to lose their allocation. For another, Tucson is considered among the "high priority" users. The level would have to go fair-

ly low for us to be directly hit.

Even as Tucson continues to get its share of water, we can still expect other consequences. Agricultural users that lose their supply will not be asked to conserve, instead they will be allowed to go back to pumping groundwater. This diminishes the aquifer for everyone and makes us less able to deal with losing CAP water when the time comes.

Also, the ongoing low levels at Lake Mead, whether they reach a certain mark on a certain day, make power generation at Hoover Dam less effective. This means that coal burning plants, like the Navajo Generating Station, will be using more fuel and gener-

ating more pollution to make up the difference.

There's a lot we can do as individual water users and our city needs to do more to reward responsible water use. I've been working on efforts to encourage more conservation in our community. We've had an array of programs for homeowners, and we are now extending rain water rebates to businesses. It's about time.

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On a lighter note, we are celebrating our country's birthday on Saturday. She'll be 239, but, I know, she doesn't look a day over 200.

Yes, we want rain (see above if you don't know why), but hopefully we'll get a

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Remember that the Ward 2 office will be closed on Friday, July 3.



PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

break on Saturday night. Tucson will be two fireworks displays.

The "A" Mountain Downtown fireworks are the official Tucson city show from "A" Mountain, just west of Downtown. Those who drive Downtown early can enjoy additional events, entertainment and vendors at the Tucson Convention Center (TCC), 260 S. Church. The free annual 2015 fireworks show can be seen from many parts of the city- just look to the west at about 9:15 pm.

Kino Sports Complex has fireworks and a soccer game against Albuquerque Sol FC on the Fourth of July. The FC Tucson soccer game starts at 7:30 pm. Arrive early. Tickets \$7 at eegee's and \$10 at the door. Children under 5 are free.

Here's to a great July 4th and a successful monsoon season.

PREGNANCY RESEARCH AT U OF A

Research participants needed from the following groups:

A.) Women ages 21 to 55 who live in any U.S. state who have had a pregnancy (regardless of carrying to full term or delivering) during the last 10 years (between 2005 and 2015) and have had reproductive genetic counseling: talked to a health care professional about their reproductive options including genetic testing, health risks, family history, etc. and was not a surrogate mother

If you meet this criteria, please follow the link below to take the 20-35 minute anonymous online survey, which will ask women about their background, behavior, opinions, and attitudes surrounding their reproductive genetics decision-making:

https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5p9NdA5CIdLbwfX

Health care professionals who provide reproductive genetic counseling (discuss reproductive options including genetic testing, health risks, family history, etc.) to parents before and/or during pregnancy for a minimum of 1 year and work in one of the following U.S. states: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Nevada AND fit one of the following criteria: Do not have an advanced and/or graduate degree in genetics or have an advanced and/or graduate degree(s) in

If you are interested in participating, contact Bekah Coskun at: bekahc@email.arizona.edu

An Institutional Review Board responsible for human subjects research at The University of Arizona reviewed this research project and found it to be acceptable.

BROADWAY UPDATE

The milling (removing asphalt) and repaving work on Broadway from Pantano Road to Camino Seco has begun. Crews from Southern Arizona Paving and Construction Co., under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), will work each day from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Crews will mill a section of roadway one day and repave that section of roadway the following day.

The milling and paving work is scheduled to be complete on Friday, July 10, 2015. At least two lanes of travel in each direction will be maintained during the work.

This pavement improvement project is part of the \$100 million, five-year street bond program – Road Recovery. The Road Recovery program is funded by voter-approved bonds.

Residential and business access will be maintained at all times during this project, except for when heavy equipment is directly in front of a driveway. Please obey all traffic control signs and watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work area. The schedule is subject to change due to equipment malfunction or inclement weather.

More information on the Road Recovery Program can be found at www.tucsonaz.gov/streetbonds or by calling (520) 837-6686.

EASTSIDE NEIGHBORS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Since 2004, Eastside Neighbors Volunteer Program (ENVP) has helped East Tucson Seniors remain in their homes by providing FREE services such as private transportation, performing errands, and helping with yard work. Through May of this year our fabulous volunteers have already driven 14,586 miles! Requests for our services continue to increase and we need additional help. Do you have a few hours a week, or a few hours a month to volunteer with us? If you can't donate time, YOU CAN STILL HELP our 501(c)(3) qualified organization with a tax deductible financial contribution. Our seniors are depending on all of us! Email the program at envp5scc@yahoo.com or give them a call at 245-4729.

Thank you!



PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring Swim Schedule: The Spring Swim schedule for Udall Park and Ft. Lowell Park started April 1st. Contact the Aquatics Division at 791-4245/791-5352 or visit <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/aquatics#hours> for pool locations and swim schedule.

Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog is available. The catalog can be picked-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. It can be viewed on-line at www.ezeereg.com Contact the Registration Office at 791-4877 for additional information.

Summer Road Races and Track and Field: Summer Track and Field events will be held at Roy Drachman Stadium near Plummer & 15th every Tuesday through July 15.

Summer Road Races will be held each Thursday thru July 16 at various parks around Tucson. For more information, call 791-4870.

Onsite registration for both events begins at 5:45 pm with the competition starting at 6:30 pm. Registration is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults. Ribbons will be given to the top finishers. For details, please call 791-4870.

Fall Softball Program: The Fall 2015 Softball season begins August 31. Registration for the program begins at 8:00 a.m. on August 3. A location for registration has not been determined. The information will be posted mid July. Please contact the Sports Unit at 791-4870 for questions.

Jennie Finch Softball Camp: The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, along with Visit Tucson and Pima Community College, is honored to host the Jennie Finch Softball Camp at the Lincoln Park Softball Complex, 8116 E. Escalante Road, for all girls third grade and up. Camp will be held Oct. 24-25, 2015. Join Jennie Finch and her Olympic and professional softball teammates for two full days of personal instruction covering all aspects of softball. Come and learn from the best softball players in the world and discover what it takes to be a champion on and off the field.

Advanced registration is required and participation is limited. The cost is \$195 per camper or register 10 or more girls together to receive a 10 percent team discount. Campers will receive lunch both days, official camp t-shirt, autographed photo of Jennie Finch, certificate of participation, and a photo taken with Jennie and her medals. There will be a question and answer time for campers, coaches and parents, Finch Windmill demonstration, pitching demonstration by Jennie, hitting demonstrations by professional coaches, and drawings for prizes. Participants can register now at www.JennieFinch.com.

Recreation Center Closures for Annual Cleaning:

Clements—Aug 17-22

Freedom—Not yet determined

Randolph— Aug 3-8

Udall—Aug 10-15

ARC—Aug 10-15

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

