

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Patriotism, sports don't mix

Dan Bickley should be congratulated for trying to channel Rodney King's "can we all get along" mantra from 1991. His dream has about as much chance of happening as Donald and Hillary's going on a date.

Dan states the "national anthem ... should no longer command mandatory participation" and "we should acknowledge another person's right to think differently." Yeah, right. Sports fans cannot even acknowledge another fan's right to cheer for another team. Try attending a Cubs game with your team's gear or attend a Giants-Dodgers game.

The national anthem and sports should not be mixed, period. This isn't the Olympics, with your country's pride on the line. These are kids' games on steroids. Protest is great. Individual opinions are the foundation of the country.

Patriotism and professional sports don't mix. This isn't about protest; this is about a player trying to get another 15

minutes of fame. No one knows what they are protesting and no one knows what event will end the protest.

If you insist on playing the national anthem at professional sporting events, and there is no logical reason you should, play it five minutes after the game is over. Then the true patriots will participate.

— Ollie Byrne, Scottsdale

## Arpaio, Sheridan ran circus

Note to former Chief Deputy Jerry Sheridan: You were the circus. You don't have space to explain Joe Arpaio's tenure as sheriff, because you and Joe were always in court defending your poor leadership.

As a fiscal conservative, I do not want to spend my tax money defending the poor decisions that were made by our former sheriff. The faith in Arpaio and you disappeared when the majority of Maricopa County citizens chose Paul Penzone to take us in a new and more positive direction.

— Jack Piccola, Scottsdale

## Diaz also inconsistent

Elvia Diaz (Aug. 19) promulgated about President Donald Trump and Sheriff Joe Arpaio and their app disdained for the law while simultaneously professing that she is consistent. So are you willing to so brazenly insist millions of illegal immigrants have committed a crime and should be a disregard the laws of our country?

Ah, the mind of a liberal.

— Rich Warren, Scottsdale

## What will grandchildren think?

I moved to Scottsdale to be close young grandchildren. It has been one of the best decisions I've ever made. My granddaughter and grandson grew with enthusiasm every time we see each other. I have never known such unconditional love. Their welfare and safety become my top priority.

So, the outpouring of hate and

**NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona, will hold a public hearing on September 13, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Hall, 3000 N. Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale, Arizona, for the purpose of hearing all parties who wish to comment on the following:

**13-02-2017** Desert Community Center / Desert ESDS Request by the City of Scottsdale for the approval of a Modified Use Master Site Plan, for the Desert Community Center/Desert ESDS, within the Desert Community Center, with Single-Family Residential, Planned Community Development, Commercially General Land Use (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8, C-9, C-10, C-11, C-12, C-13, C-14, C-15, C-16, C-17, C-18, C-19, C-20, C-21, C-22, C-23, C-24, C-25, C-26, C-27, C-28, C-29, C-30, C-31, C-32, C-33, C-34, C-35, C-36, C-37, C-38, C-39, C-40, C-41, C-42, C-43, C-44, C-45, C-46, C-47, C-48, C-49, C-50, C-51, C-52, C-53, C-54, C-55, C-56, C-57, C-58, C-59, C-60, C-61, C-62, C-63, C-64, C-65, C-66, C-67, C-68, C-69, C-70, C-71, C-72, C-73, C-74, C-75, C-76, C-77, C-78, C-79, C-80, C-81, C-82, C-83, C-84, C-85, C-86, C-87, C-88, C-89, C-90, C-91, C-92, C-93, C-94, C-95, C-96, C-97, C-98, C-99, C-100, C-101, C-102, C-103, C-104, C-105, C-106, C-107, C-108, C-109, C-110, C-111, C-112, C-113, 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