

Tucson

Keep infants out of the theater

At a performance of "The Lion King" one evening, the audience and performers were regaled several times with the crying of children and babies. Why would the management of the Tucson Music Hall or any responsible parent let a child under the age of 5 attend such an event? The award-winning musical was wonderful, but a huge apology is due to audience members and performers by rude parents and theater management.

Jeanne Herstad

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Group did not remain silent

Re: the Aug. 26 editorial "Group's attack on wiretap judge clearly selective."

The Star falsely accused Judicial Watch of "remaining silent" about a possible conflict of interest for Justice Antonin Scalia related to a 2004 duck-hunting trip taken with Vice President Dick Cheney who, at the time, was a defendant in Judicial Watch's Energy Task Force lawsuit before the Supreme Court. On Feb. 13, 2004, Judicial Watch issued a public statement that read, in part: "Judicial Watch encourages Justice Scalia to take this matter seriously and . . . make a full and complete disclosure of all facts concerning his hunting trip with the Vice President."

Judicial Watch publicly called on Justice Scalia to make a full disclosure then, just as we are now with Judge Anna Diggs Taylor, who did not disclose her financial ties to a plaintiff in a case before her court. We have been consistent on this point, and it is incorrect to suggest otherwise.

Brandon L. Millett

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Be considerate, avoid red tags

Re: the Aug. 27 article "Noisy off-campus parties may bring UA penalties."

I laughed aloud when I read that a couple of self-absorbed law students tried to challenge their red tag as unconstitutional, claiming "it's a tax on being under 30." Get over yourselves.

Fast-forward a few years when you have to get up for work in the morning and drunk UA students are partying outside long past midnight on a weeknight. You might see things a little differently. In the meantime, if all you are truly doing is "sipping beer on the back patio" you shouldn't run into problems with the police. Just be considerate of your neighbors. It's not too much to ask.

Allison Bradford

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Bush doesn't want paper trail

There is only one real reason the Bushites want warrantless eavesdropping. Obtaining a warrant leaves a paper trail, which some future congressional committee or administration might investigate. That would be anathema to these secretive neocons. They don't want us to know who has been bugged and what excuse they gave for it.

Clyde A. Wilkes

Bisbee

Thanks for help with stolen ape

Re: the Aug. 29 article "AWOL ape found lounging at Reid Park."

I am the lady who had her gorilla sculpture stolen. I want to thank the Star, KVOA Channel 4, KGUN Channel 9, 1290-AM The Source, and all Tucsonans for being part of getting Gordon back home. What a crazy week. I cannot believe how many people actually cared. Thank goodness for happy endings.

Joni Goode

Personal assistant, Tucson

Bigger problems than buffelgrass

I read the articles about iguana and buffelgrass published in the Star and thought they were very interesting. Since I am now confused about whether or not this grass is good or bad for our desert, maybe our city would consider spending all that money on improving our schools instead of removing these weeds. I know every time I pull one out, two more come back.

Joey Nearhouse

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Story belonged on front page

Re: the Aug. 28 letter to the editor "Front page is for hard news."

The letter writer might remind herself that it would only take her a second or two to turn the page for some "important state, local, national and international news